

EU leaders open emergency summit on defence and Ukraine aid

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Facing the prospect that the United States might cut them adrift under President Donald Trump, European Union leaders launched a day of emergency talks Thursday in a bid to beef up their own security and ensure that Ukraine will still be properly protected.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets French President Emmanuel Macron on the sidelines of the European Council to discuss continued support for Ukraine and European defense, in Brussels on Thursday.

Friedrich Merz, the likely next chancellor of Germany, and summit chairman Antonio Costa discussed over breakfast in Brussels ways to fortify Europe's defences on a short deadline.

Merz pushed plans this week to loosen the nation's rules on running up debt to allow for higher defence spending. Meanwhile, the 27-nation bloc was waking up to news that French President Emmanuel Macron would confer with EU leaders about the possibility of using France's nuclear deterrent to protect the continent from Russian threats.

Her proposal is underpinned by 150 billion euros (\$162 billion) worth of loans to buy priority military equipment. Most of the increased defense spending would have to come from national budgets at a time when many countries are already overburdened with debt.

Five other countries using the euro currency have debt levels over 100% of GDP: Belgium, Greece, Spain, Italy and Portugal. Europe's largest economy, Germany, has more room to borrow, with a debt level of 62% of GDP.

The volunteers included Ukrainian, American and British nationals, but it wasn't clear whether those people were among the 31 injured. Early this week, Trump ordered a pause to US military supplies to Ukraine as he sought to press Zelenskyy to engage in negotiations to end the war with Russia, bringing fresh urgency to Thursday's summit.

France steps in to provide military intel to Ukraine as US freezes vital information

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France is providing military intelligence to Ukraine after Washington announced it was freezing the sharing of information with Kyiv, French defence Minister Sebastien Lecornu said Thursday.

Administration officials have said that positive talks between Washington and Kyiv mean it may only be a short suspension. American intelligence is vital for Ukraine to track Russian troop movements and select targets.

The US decision to suspend all military aid to Ukraine, French President Emmanuel Macron asked him to "accelerate the various French aid packages" to make up for the lack of American assistance.

Macron offers French nuclear deterrence to protect Europe

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French President Emmanuel Macron said Wednesday he will discuss with European allies the possibility of using France's nuclear deterrent to protect the continent from Russian threats, amid concerns over potential US disengagement.

France. EU leaders are set to address the issue of nuclear deterrence, among other topics, during the Thursday summit in Brussels focusing on support for Ukraine and European defense.

support for the Ukrainian army" and possibly deploying European forces, he said. Those forces "would not fight on the front line, but they would be there, on the contrary, once peace has been signed, to guarantee that it is fully respected," Macron detailed.

S Korean fighter jets accidentally drop bombs, injuring 8 people

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Two South Korean fighter jets accidentally dropped eight bombs on a civilian area during a joint live-fire exercise with the US military on Thursday, injuring eight people, officials said.

The MK-82 bombs released by the KF-16 fighter jets fell outside a firing range, the air force said in a statement. It apologised and expressed hopes for a speedy recovery of the injured and said it would offer compensation and take other necessary steps.

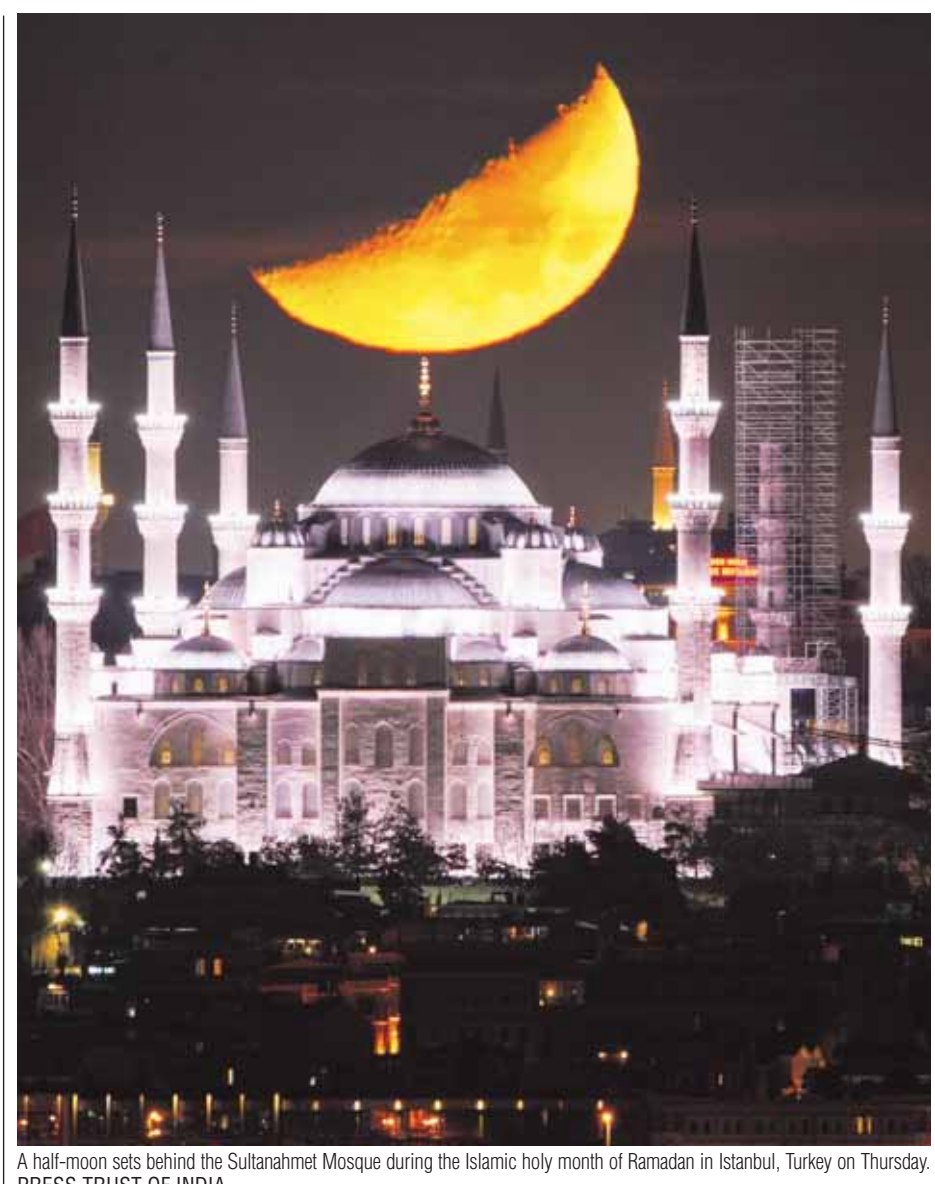
Mayor Paek Young Hyeun called the bombings "awful" and urged the military to halt drills in the city until it formulates reliable steps that can prevent a recurrence.

The military said later Thursday it has decided to suspend all live-fire drills across South Korea.

Russian missile kills 4 in Zelenskyy's hometown hotel

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In Ukraine, a Russian ballistic missile killed four people staying at a hotel in President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown during the night.



A half-moon sets behind the Sultanahmet Mosque during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan in Istanbul, Turkey on Thursday.

NZ diplomat in London loses his job over Trump remarks

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND)

New Zealand's most senior envoy to the United Kingdom has lost his job over remarks he made about US President Donald Trump at an event in London this week, New Zealand's foreign minister said Thursday.

by former British wartime leader Winston Churchill from 1938, when Churchill was a lawmaker in the government of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

Churchill "has made very timeless remarks," according to video of the event published by New Zealand news outlets.

Peters said in a written statement. Goff has been New Zealand's envoy to the UK since January 2023. He did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

'Bear with me', Trump says as both farmers, consumers brace for tariff effects

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Farmers and meat producers across the US can expect the new tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China and the retaliatory action from those countries to hurt their bottom lines by billions of dollars if they stay in place a while, and consumers could quickly see higher prices for produce and ground beef.

Tuesday night, Trump argued that agricultural imports hurt American farmers and asked them to "bear with me again" as he seeks to protect them. He didn't mention any additional aid.

omist at Kansas State University. The situation has some farmers stocking up on equipment and supplies in preparation for prices to go up, but it's not like they can easily buy all their fertilizer ahead of time.

their fields last fall and may not have to pay the higher fertilizer bills until later. What about meat prices?: The United States imports a lot of lean beef to mix with fattier beef produced at American plants to make hamburger, and that imported beef will get more expensive because nearly half of it comes from Canada and Mexico.

uct. For instance, demand for steaks and bacon may remain relatively steady because little of that is exported, but the price of hams could drop in the US because Mexico is a major buyer of those.

soon as Trump started talking about tariffs she bought everything she thought would see a price hike in the coming months. Kuiper hopes that the impacts of tariffs can be mitigated and eventually lead to a more level playing field that benefits farmers.

dem. But Janzen notes that Trump is working to drastically slash spending across the federal government. Walz, who lost his bid to become vice president last fall, said the tariffs will hurt trading relationships and prompt buyers in China, Mexico and Canada to look elsewhere.

"It is going to do nothing to help with the food inflation in the US," said Timothy Wise, author of "Eating Tomorrow" and expert on agricultural trade between Mexico and the US "I don't see it as sustainable. I don't find it plausible that corporate folks who surround Trump are going to sit back and allow him to destroy their foreign markets."

China's premier & American president: Two leaders, two speeches, two differing world visions

AP ■ BEIJING

Their words came just an hour apart this week — two major speeches by two of the world's most powerful leaders, delivered on opposite sides of the planet. Together, they illustrate the very different approaches the world's 21st-century powers are taking to achieve their respective national ambitions.

government's performance last year and its plans for 2025. He spoke from the stage of a grand, theatre-like chamber in the Great Hall of the People, a monumental, communist-era edifice on Beijing's renowned Tiananmen Square. China's top leader, Xi Jinping, sat on the dais behind him. The thousands of delegates arrayed before them politely applauded at the appropriate junctures.

in the cheerleading way of American politicians pumping up support for their policies. He promised steps — including cutting energy costs — to defeat inflation, a pain point for many Americans. And he pledged to put more tariffs on imports, a move he claimed would boost US industries but threatens to upset the global trade order and inflict pain on China and its export-dependent economy.



Xi Jinping, China's premier



Donald Trump, US President

will continue to expand our globally oriented network of high-standard free trade areas." In a statement that no doubt referred in large part to the United States, he cautioned that "an increasingly complex and severe external environment may exert a greater impact on China in areas such as trade, science and technology"

our auto workers and companies from economic destruction." Beijing, on the contrary, is betting on a greener economy. Li said it would be a priority to accelerate "green transition" for "all areas of economic and social development".

with impacts on both the economic and military rivalry between the two. Trump made no mention of technology except to say that it would help build "a golden dome" missile defense shield over the U.S. He declared his focus as commander-in-chief to be "building the most powerful military of the future."

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GST Council reconstitutes GoM on GST revenue analysis

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The GST Council has reconstituted the Group of Ministers on GST revenue analysis which will suggest sector-specific issues that need policy intervention, and the feasibility of a unified enforcement platform to check tax evasion. The GST Council, in its 55th meeting on December 21, 2024, had decided to reconstitute the Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST revenue analysis with a revised ToR. The GoM was first set up in 2019. The reconstituted GoM on 'Analysis of Revenue from GST' under Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, would have nine members including from the states of Bihar (Samrat Chaudhary),

Chhattisgarh (O P Choudhary), Gujarat (Kanubhai Desai), Andhra Pradesh (P Keshav), Maharashtra (Ajit Pawar), Punjab (Harpal Singh Cheema), Tamil Nadu (Thangam Thennarasu) and Telangana (M B Vikramarka). As per the expanded ToR, the GoM would analyse the state-wise revenue collection trend, including the identification of revenue patterns across sectors and regions. It would also review details of revenue from the inter-state outward supply. It would also conduct a review of sector-wise analysis and identify sector-specific issues that need policy intervention or enforcement measures. The GoM would also analyse the effect of macroeconomic policy changes and geographical factors on GST

revenues, challenges faced by states suffering high revenue shortfall. The expanded ToR of the GoM comes at a time when another GoM, under Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, is already working on rationalisation of GST rates and slabs. Besides, there is another GoM, under Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to decide on the fate of compensation cess and taxation proposal to replace it once it ends on March 31, 2026. Gross GST collections from April-February this fiscal has grown 9.4 per cent to about ₹20.13 Lakh Crore. After adjusting for refunds, the collections grew 8.6 per cent to ₹17.79 Lakh Crore on net basis between April-February.

Ashwini Vaishnaw launches IndiaAI compute portal, dataset platform AIKosha

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Marking a year of the IndiaAI Mission, Union IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Thursday launched the IndiaAI compute portal and dataset platform AIKosha, among a slew of other initiatives under the IndiaAI Mission, aimed at improving access to AI and fostering innovation. The compute portal will provide access to compute more than 18,000 GPUs, cloud storage and other AI services to students, startups, researchers, academia, and government departments. The platform aims to streamline access to high-quality non-personal datasets for AI innovation. The Minister for Electronics and IT also launched AIKosha — an all-in-one dataset platform providing resources, tools, and expert mentorship

to help transform potential ideas into industry solutions. Datasets will be available for model builders and developers to work with and launch India-specific AI models. The compute portal will be used to develop India's own foundational model, Vaishnaw said, adding that the preparedness for India's own foundation model is progressing well and as many as 67 applications have been received. Citing India's mission to the moon, he said the mission was conducted at a fraction of the cost of other countries' moon missions and the same model will be followed for the foundational model and India will build it at a fraction of cost of what other countries are doing it. In 3-4 years, India should have its own GPUs competing at the global stage, Vaishnaw said, adding that the cost of

using these GPUs is historically low at less than ₹100/hour. MeitY Secretary S Krishnan said the launch of the compute portal will enhance the way AI gets rolled out and implemented across the country. "The AI Compute Portal is the largest component of the India AI mission. Almost about 45 per cent of funds (of India AI Mission) are earmarked for that particular area," Krishnan said. Technology, specially AI, can be an enabling factor in achieving the 2047 Visions Bharat dream, he added. Further, MeitY launched a competency framework for AI and public sector officials, and the India AI Startups Global Acceleration Programme. The ministry also awarded students under the India AI Fellowship programme, and recognised 30 selected AI applications.

India Semicon Mission-2 in the works: IT Secretary

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ GANDHINAGAR

The government is ready with an outline of next phase of India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and discussions are on internally for its rollout, a senior government official said on Thursday. Speaking at IESA Vision Summit, Ministry of Electronics and IT Secretary S Krishnan said the government is also mulling supporting ambitious chip design projects in the country as well as semiconductor packaging designs. "The next stage of ISM is in the works. We have had discussions, discussions with many of the stakeholders, including many amongst you, as to how to design the programme. The design and the outline is ready, and there's undergoing detailed discussions internally in the government," he said. Krishnan in his virtual speech said that the second phase of ISM proposes to provide support for gases and other elements that are required for semiconductor production. He said that the first phase of ISM had a total outlay of ₹76,000 Crore comprising ₹65,000 Crore for chip manufacturing and ₹11,000 Crore for modernising semiconductor lab at Mohali and ₹1,000 Crore for the design-linked incentive scheme. "We have committed more than ₹60,000 Crore to the five major units which are currently under construction. In addition, we have a few more projects which are under evaluation and are expected to be awarded quickly," Krishnan said. He said there is a need to provide more support to make the fabless ecosystem work more efficiently.

CitiCorp Investment Bank settle FPI rules violation case with SEBI

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CitiCorp Investment Bank (Singapore) Ltd on Thursday settled with SEBI a case relating to issuance of offshore derivative instruments to Symmetry Master Fund Ltd without completing the KYC norms, on payment of ₹36 Lakh. This came after CitiCorp filed a suo motu settlement application with SEBI proposing to settle the alleged violation of FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) rules, "by neither admitting nor denying the findings of fact and conclusions of law" under settlement rules. Acknowledging the settlement, the markets regulator in its order on Thursday said "any proceedings that may be initiated for the violations ...

Are settled in respect of the applicant". It was alleged that the applicant issued an offshore derivative instrument (ODI) to Symmetry Master Fund Ltd on December 19, 2023 without complying with the Know Your Client (KYC) norms as required under the FPI Regulations. The applicant mentioned that the onboarding and KYC checks with respect to the ODI subscriber —SMFL— was completed on January 10, 2024. There was also an alleged delay on the part of the applicant in depositing the regulatory fee collected from the subscriber of the ODI. The regulatory fee of \$800 corresponding to the ODI issued to SMFL on December 19, 2023 should have been deposited immediately with SEBI by the applicant. Instead, it was deposited with SEBI on February 26, 2024 with a delay of 69 days. These findings pointed to violations of FPI regulations. As per another separate settlement order, BCL Industries and its promoter and MD Rajinder Mittal settled with SEBI a case of violation of regulatory norms on payment of settlement amount. BCL Industries and Mittal remitted ₹14.30 Lakh and ₹28.6 Lakh respectively. The two entities allegedly failed to disclose Manoj Finvest Private Ltd (MFPL) as part of the promoter group in terms of Sebi ICDR (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) rule. Also, Mittal allegedly failed to cover MFPL under code of conduct of BCL to regulate, monitor and report trading by the designated persons and their immediate relatives under insider trading rules.

Sensex rallies 610 points to reclaim the 74,000 mark

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Benchmark Sensex rallied nearly 610 points to reclaim the 74,000 mark while Nifty closed above 22,500 on Thursday following heavy buying in Reliance on easing crude oil prices and firm global trends after US President Donald Trump softened stand on tariffs. Recovering from early losses, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 609.86 points or 0.83 per cent to settle at 74,340.09, marking its second straight day of gains. During the day, it surged 660.57 points or 0.89 per cent to hit a high of 74,390.80. The broader Nifty of NSE advanced 207.40 points or 0.93 per cent to close at 22,544.70. In the session, the 50-share barometer jumped 219.15 points or 0.98 per cent to hit an intraday high of 22,556.45. From the Sensex pack, Asian Paints, NTPC, Reliance Industries, Tata Steel, Bajaj



Finserv, Hindustan Unilever, Sun Pharmaceuticals, Adani Ports and SEZ, Axis Bank, Tata Consultancy Services, Titan and Bajaj Finance were the major gainers. Tech Mahindra, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Zomato, Tata Motors, and IndusInd Bank were the laggards. "The Indian indices exhibited resilience, owing to positive global cues following Trump's

softened tariff stance on automakers from Canada and Mexico amidst the weakening dollar index," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services said. A correction in crude oil prices, influenced by a slowdown in demand and further economic stimulus from China, ignited optimism in the energy and metals sectors, Nair added. Broader markets also closed

higher with the BSE smallcap gauge climbing 1.63 per cent and midcap index advancing 0.65 per cent. Among the BSE sectoral indices, Energy, metal, Oil and Gas, Commodities, Utilities, Services, Power, healthcare, FMCG and Industrials were the gainers. Telecommunication and Realty were the laggards. As many as 3,007 stocks advanced while 989 declined and 107 remained unchanged on the BSE. The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms climbed by ₹4,53,808.84 Crore to ₹3,97,57,850.59 Crore (\$457 Trillion). "The benchmark indices continued their positive momentum. Among sectors, the Oil and Gas and Metal indices rallied over 2 per cent, whereas intraday profit booking was observed in IT and Realty stocks," Shrikant Chouhan, Head Equity Research at Kotak Securities, said.

Rupee falls six paise against US dollar

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The rupee snapped its three-day rally and settled with a loss of six paise at 87.12 against the US dollar on Thursday amid uncertainty over trade tariffs and persistent foreign fund outflows. Forex traders said the depreciation in the Indian rupee was influenced by several factors, including the weakening of regional currencies, selling pressure from foreign investors, and a recovery in global commodity prices, all of which put downward pressure on the local currency. While a positive equity market, weakness of the American currency in the overseas market and easing crude oil prices contained the losses for the local unit. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened stronger at 86.96 and touched the high of 86.88 against the greenback during the day. The unit later turned volatile and hit the day's low of 87.16



before ending the session at 87.12 against the dollar, 6 paise lower from its previous closing level. On Wednesday, the rupee settled 13 paise higher at 87.06 against the US dollar, registering the third straight day of gain. In the preceding two sessions, the unit had gained 18 paise. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee lost initial gains and fell against the US dollar on selling pressure by FIIs, while the American currency fell to a

four-month low as the US decided to delay implementing higher tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico. Choudhary further said the rupee is expected to trade with a slight positive bias on positive domestic markets and weakness in the US dollar. However, FII outflows may cap sharp gains in the local unit. "Uncertainty over the trade tariff issue may also weigh on the rupee. Traders may take cues from weekly unemployment claims data from the US and ECB monetary policy decision. \$-₹ spot price is expected to trade in a range of 86.80 to 87.25," he added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.31 per cent at 103.95. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.17 per cent but stayed at six-month low levels of \$69.42 per barrel in futures trade.

NITI Aayog, India SME Forum launch 'A Million Women Arise' initiative

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Government think tank NITI Aayog and the India SME Forum on Thursday launched a joint initiative, A Million Women Arise, to empower women entrepreneurs across India. Addressing the launch event here, Anika Pandey, Director, Ministry of MSME, said that women-owned enterprises make up 35 per cent of India's six crore registered MSMEs, yet they face unique challenges, including gender bias and limited access to markets. "The Ministry of MSME is committed to addressing these gaps through initiatives that enhance formalisation, mentorship, capacity-building, and e-commerce integration," she shared. Anna Roy, Principal Economic Advisor, NITI Aayog and Mission Director, WEP emphasised, "The Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) is a public-private partnership, bringing together key ministries, including MSME, to support women entrepreneurs. By integrating existing programmes, we aim

to create a cohesive support system through access to finance, markets, compliance support, skilling, mentorship, and networking." Vinod Kumar, President India SME Forum said, "Through this collaboration with NITI Aayog, we aim to extend WEP's initiatives to Millions of aspiring women entrepreneurs, providing them with the knowledge and support needed to build successful businesses". Besides, India SME Forum also formalised a strategic partnership with IndiGo, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the event for providing MSMEs with improved travel solutions, reinforcing their growth and mobility. "The partnership will offer the Forum members exclusive travel benefits, customised allowances, and seamless connectivity to support their business expansion. Through this initiative, IndiGo will introduce tailored travel solutions that will enhance accessibility, reduce costs, and foster growth opportunities for SMEs across India," a statement said.

Mitalee Agrawal honoured with Grand Queen 2025

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ HYDERABAD

Mitalee Agrawal, a distinguished leader in corporate communication and strategic management, has been honoured with the prestigious Grand Queen 2025 — Corporate Communication Leader award by the Young Lions Club. This accolade recognises her exemplary contributions to the field, spanning academia, corporate leadership, and community engagement. "Every woman is born a princess ready to take charge of a Queen. Anyone who celebrates is a Celebrity," Mitalee remarked on her achievement. With nearly 15 years of expertise, Agrawal has spearheaded strategic and operational initiatives at four premier institutions of national importance including University of Hyderabad, Central University of Andhra Pradesh, IIT Hyderabad, and



IIIT Raichur. She has also led techno-commercial operations for a USA-based multinational packaging company, overseeing the publication of over 500 Safety, Installation, Maintenance, and Operational (SIMO) manuals and 300+ operation videos. Currently, she leads Business Development, MarCom, and Community Engagement at the Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence (CCoE) Hyderabad, an initiative of NASSCOM and the Government of Telangana.

Agrawal's remarkable journey has been recognised with multiple accolades, including the Chanakya Award by PRCI (twice) for Social Media and Relations Management, e4m 40 Under 40 Award for PR and Corporate Communication and the Dynamic Women Leadership Award in Communication. Further solidifying her stature as a multifaceted leader, she was recently crowned Mrs India Telangana 2025, adding to her legacy of excellence across diverse domains.

Adani Foundation felicitates over 1,000 'Lakhpati Didis' ahead of International Women's Day

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ MUNDRA (GUJARAT)

Ahead of the upcoming International Women's Day on March 08, 2025, the Adani Foundation felicitated more than 1,000 'Lakhpati Didis' at an event in Mundra in Kutch, Gujarat. The Foundation has been working tirelessly in Kutch and beyond to empower women and make them self-reliant. By providing them with necessary support and guidance and facilitating their skill development and entrepreneurship opportunities, the Foundation is committed to enhancing their socio-economic conditions and promoting their financial independence. Reiterating its commitment towards creating a gender-inclusive workforce and society, the Foundation also celebrated the collective resilience of over 614 women working at Adani

Solar on the occasion. The Foundation has played an instrumental role in mobilising, encouraging and counselling the women to join Adani Solar across an array of job roles, including technical associates, engineering positions in Human Resources (HR), manufacturing and production departments. Moreover, the Foundation has also supported over 850 women become self-reliant by enhancing their entrepreneurial skills. Ms Manisha Chandra (IAS), Commissioner of Rural Development and Secretary to Government of Gujarat, sent her wishes on the occasion. In a recorded video message, she applauded the Foundation's commitment towards creating an inclusive workforce, saying, "It's a matter of great pride to witness women shattering stereotypes and become financially independent. Such initiatives uplift women at the grassroots and inspire



generations to come." Ms Ami Shah, Director, Adani Public School, Mundra, also graced the event among other distinguished guests. On the occasion, Ms Pankti Shah,

CSR Head, Gujarat, Adani Foundation, emphasized the collective responsibility of society towards promoting gender equality. "For women to truly progress, the support of family,

community, and the corporate sector is essential. When women are empowered to balance their professional and personal lives, they not only excel in their careers but also drive a positive change within their families and society," she said. At its business unit, Adani Solar boasts of dedicated facilities for women employees, showcasing its commitment of promoting gender inclusivity at workplaces. These include the availability of locker rooms, canteens and pink toilets, as well as transportation facilities with security personnel, thereby ensuring women's comfort and safety in the workplace. Sharing her journey, Ms Gadhavi Sonal Ram, a Technical Associate at Adani Solar, says, "Today, I am financially independent and able to support my family, which is nothing short of a dream come true for me. Earlier, it was unimaginable for girls in my

community to step out for work due to the unavailability of safe transportation. But with the Adani Solar's dedicated transport facility, I commute to my workplace comfortably, with my family assured about my safety." For nearly three decades, the Adani Foundation has been dedicated to empowering women across the country through a series of targeted interventions, as part of its Butterfly Effect framework. This unique framework has been specifically designed to address the evolving needs of women throughout their lives, right from infancy to old age. With a sharp focus on enabling economic activity, the Foundation is catalysing transformation for women in the core areas of education, healthcare, sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurship, and community development initiatives that empower them to make meaningful choices for

themselves and their families. Through its dedicated initiatives, the Foundation has positively transformed the lives of over two million girls and women across the country. Since 1996, the Adani Foundation, social welfare and development arm of the Adani Group, has remained agile and deeply committed to making strategic social investments for sustainable outcomes across India. It is empowering and enriching the lives of children, women, youth, and marginalised communities in the core areas of education, health and nutrition, sustainable livelihoods, climate action, and community development. The strategies of the Foundation are integrated in national priorities and global Sustainable Development Goals. The Adani Foundation is currently operating in 6,769 villages across 19 states, positively impacting 9.1 Million lives.

VOICES THAT SHAPED THE WORLD

For centuries, women writers have challenged norms, reshaped narratives and transformed literature with their powerful voices, says SAKSHI PRIYA



THE ROAD AHEAD
 TODAY, WOMEN WRITERS DOMINATE BESTSELLER LISTS, WIN PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AND CONTINUE TO REDEFINE LITERATURE. MARGARET ATWOOD'S *THE HANDMAID'S TALE* REMAINS RELEVANT IN DISCUSSIONS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS. BERNARDINE EVARISTO BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO WIN THE BOOKER PRIZE, PROVING THAT DIVERSE VOICES CAN NO LONGER BE SIDELINED. IN INDIA, WRITERS LIKE MEENA KANDASAMY, AVNI DOSHI AND JANICE PARIAT ARE PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF STORYTELLING; ENSURING WOMEN'S NARRATIVES REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF LITERARY DISCOURSE.

WHY WOMEN'S STORIES MATTER
 WOMEN'S LITERATURE IS NOT A NICHE; IT IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR COLLECTIVE HUMAN EXPERIENCE. IT CHALLENGES STEREOTYPES AND DEEPENS EMPATHY. EVERY BOOK WRITTEN BY A WOMAN CARRIES WITHIN IT THE STRUGGLES, DREAMS AND HISTORIES OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE HER.

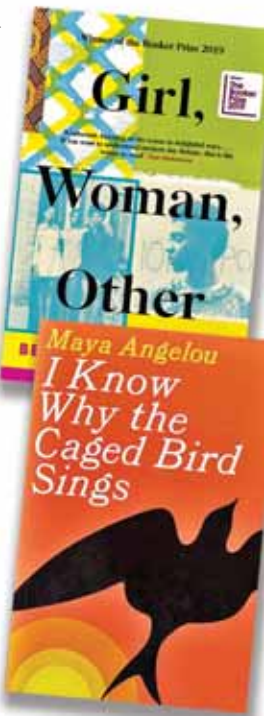
For centuries, women have used literature as a means of resistance, self-expression and transformation. Yet, history has often overlooked their contributions, celebrating male writers while marginalising women's voices. From medieval poets to contemporary literary powerhouses, women writers have not only broken barriers but also redefined storytelling, shaping cultural and social narratives across the world.

The Struggle for Recognition

In earlier times, societal norms denied women access to education, making it difficult for them to enter the literary world. Many resorted to pseudonyms to get published. *Mary Ann Evans* wrote as *George Eliot*, while the *Brontë sisters* first published under the names *Currer*, *Ellis* and *Acton Bell*. Even *Jane Austen's* early works were signed "By a Lady." Despite these challenges, their narratives carried immense depth, challenging gender roles, class structures and moral dilemmas in ways that few male writers dared to explore.

In India, the struggle was even more pronounced. For centuries, women's stories remained within the oral tradition, passed down through generations but rarely written. It was only in the 19th century that writers like *Toru Dutt* and *Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain* began breaking societal constraints. *Hossain's Sultana's Dream*, published in 1905, imagined a world where women ruled and men were confined to their homes, questioning patriarchal norms in a way that was revolutionary for its time.

The 20th century marked a turning point globally and in India. Women writers not only published under their real names but also dictated literary trends. *Virginia Woolf's A Room of One's Own* questioned the systemic suppression of women's voices in literature.



Nobel laureate *Toni Morrison* chronicled the Black female experience in America with unmatched brilliance. Meanwhile, *Amrita Pritam* became a literary icon with her evocative poetry on *love and Partition*, particularly *Ajj Akhaan Waris Shah Nu*. *Mahasweta Devi's* writings on tribal communities and marginalised women forced society to confront uncomfortable truths.

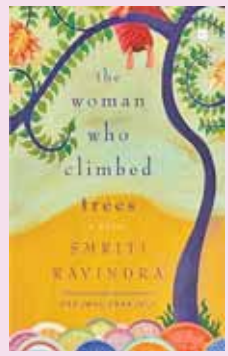
Literature as Change

Women's literature has never been just about storytelling, it has also been a tool for activism. *Simone de Beauvoir's The Second Sex* laid the foundation for feminist thought. *Maya Angelou's I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* exposed racism and misogyny with raw honesty. In India, *Ismat Chughtai's Lihaaf* challenged conservative mindsets with its bold depiction of female desire. *Kamala Das's* poetry and autobiographical works fearlessly explored themes of identity, love and rebellion, inspiring generations of women to embrace their truths.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's We Should All Be Feminists reframed gender discussions for a new generation. In contemporary Indian literature, writers like *Arunadhari Roy*, *Jhumpa Lahiri* and *Perumal Murugan* continue to challenge social norms, bringing stories of the unheard into mainstream cultural consciousness and discourse.

THIS WOMEN'S DAY, LET US NOT ONLY CELEBRATE WOMEN WRITERS BUT ALSO READ THEM, AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES AND RECOGNISE THEIR ROLE IN SHAPING OUR WORLD, ONE STORY AT A TIME

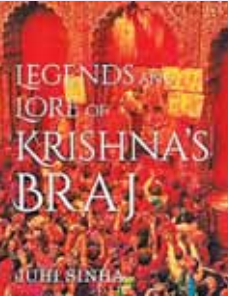
MARCH READS



Book: Woman Who Climbed Trees
 Author: Smriti Ravindra
 Publisher: HarperCollins
 Price: ₹599



Book: Everything the light touches
 Author: Janice Pariat
 Publisher: HarperCollins
 Price: ₹599



Book: Legends and lore of Krishna's Braj
 Author: Juhi Sinha
 Publisher: Niyogi Books
 Price: ₹1750



Book: The Artistry of Handwork
 Author: Jaya Jaitly
 Publisher: Niyogi Books
 Price: ₹395

Strength, Sisterhood & Survival

Fearless & Unstoppable
 For the trailblazers, risk-takers and rule-breakers who refuse to conform. **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus - A brilliant scientist-turned-TV-star shakes up the male-dominated world of the 1960s. **Great Circle** by Maggie Shipstead - A daring female pilot battles societal constraints to chase her dream of flying.

With Women's Day approaching, we celebrate the resilience, strength and complexity of women through literature. From fearless heroines to deep explorations of sisterhood, identity and psychological suspense, these books capture the essence of being bold, unapologetic and true to oneself.

Stronger Together
 Because the women who stand by us, our friends, sisters and chosen family, shape who we become. **Everything I Know About Love** by Dolly Alderton - A raw, witty memoir on friendship, heartbreak and growing up.

Unapologetically Herself
 For those embracing every part of who they are. **Open When** by Julie Smith - A heartfelt guide to self-care, resilience and mental well-being. **The Path to Self-Love** by Ruby Dhal - A warm, empowering roadmap to putting yourself first. **The Book You Want Everyone You Love to Read** by Philippa Perry - A witty and wise take on relationships, self-discovery and emotional well-being.

Women on the Edge
 Complex heroines, unsettling twists and gripping suspense that will keep you hooked. **Strange Sally Diamond** by Liz Nugent - A woman with a traumatic past unearths chilling family secrets. **None of This Is True** by Lisa Jewell - A journalist's chance meeting with a mysterious woman spirals into a terrifying nightmare. **The Crash** by Freida McFadden - Trapped in a snowstorm, a pregnant woman realises her safe haven isn't what it seems. **The Wrong Sister** by Claire Douglas - A dark, twisted tale of sisterhood gone terribly wrong.

Books That Uplift and Inspire Women

BY TEAM VIVA
 Here's a specially curated list of books from Rupa and Aleph, celebrating the strength, resilience and brilliance of women.

She Storms the Norms - Anisha Motwani & Priyadarshini Narendra
 A powerful sequel to *Storm the Norm*, this book shares inspiring stories of women who have shattered societal barriers and self-doubt to redefine success. A must-read for those who dare to challenge the status quo.

About the Authors
 Anisha Motwani is a business leader, speaker and author of the bestselling *Storm the Norm*. She serves as an independent director on various boards and has been recognised among the '50 Most Powerful Women in Indian Business' by Business Today. Priyadarshini Narendra is a marketing and strategy expert with decades of experience in advertising, consumer research and consulting. She has authored fiction books and contributes to discussions on women in the workplace.



1700 in 70: A Walk for a Cause - Gita Balakrishnan
 Follow architect *Gita Balakrishnan's* extraordinary 1,700-km journey across India on foot, exploring design's impact on life and culture. A story of endurance, discovery and the power of walking with purpose.

About the Author
Gita Balakrishnan is an architect and founder of the *Ethos Foundation*, which promotes design awareness. An avid marathon runner, she has embarked on multiple walking expeditions, advocating for the role of design in everyday life.

Beyond the Bell: Preparing Students for Life - Chitra Prasad
 A transformative guide on holistic education, this book goes beyond academics, focusing on life skills,



values and personal growth to help students thrive in a rapidly changing world.

About the Author
Chitra Prasad is an educationist with three decades of experience and head of the NSN Group of Schools. With a strong focus on values-based learning, she integrates spirituality into education to shape well-rounded individuals.

A Stitch in Time: The Biba Story - Meena Bindra
 The inspiring journey of *Meena Bindra*, who built *Biba* from a home-based venture into a fashion empire. A compelling story of passion, perseverance and the rise of India's fashion industry.

About the Author
Meena Bindra, a pioneer in Indian fashion, founded *Biba*, transforming the salwar kameez into a modern style statement. From a small home-run business to a leading brand, her journey is a testament to innovation and determination.

These books offer wisdom, courage and motivation, perfect for Women's Day and beyond.



A Story of True Friendship

A touching story celebrating the strength, trust and support found in women friendships across generations, says TEAM VIVA

As International Women's Day approaches, there is no better time to celebrate the power of friendship, resilience and support. *The Wall Friends Club* by *Varsha Seshan* beautifully captures the essence of human connection, showing how even the most unexpected friendships can shape our lives in meaningful ways. Told through an epistolary format, the novel follows two young protagonists, Anandi and Sriya, who form an unlikely bond through letters slipped into a hidden gap in a wall. Despite never meeting, their relationship grows into something deeply special, proving that true friendship goes beyond physical presence.

Varsha Seshan, speaking about the book, shares, "I love letters, old-fashioned letters, not just emails. I also had several pen pals as a child, which made me wonder ... could two children who never meet grow to be the best of friends? An epistolary novel has always seemed an exciting genre to explore, so here is my first one: *The Wall Friends Club*."

At its core, the story is about breaking barriers, embracing differences and finding comfort in the written word. Anandi and Sriya start as strangers, hesitant yet curious, unsure of who will find their letters. But as their exchanges continue, their letters become a refuge, a place where they can share their dreams, fears and small moments of joy. Their honest and heartfelt conversations reflect the beauty of friendships where trust and support come naturally, unburdened by the complexities of adulthood.

The Wall Friends Club truly special is its timeless message about women's friendships. It reminds readers, especially girls, of the importance of lifting each other up rather than competing or tearing each other down. The characters, though young, face real struggles, doubts, insecurities and moments of self-reflection. Their journey resonates with anyone who has ever felt unsure about their place in the world or struggled to find their voice.

Since *International Women's Day* is around the corner, this book is a perfect fit as it carries a powerful message about kindness, connection and the importance of supporting one another.

ABOUT THE BOOK
 Book: The Wall Friends Club
 Edited by: Varsha Seshan
 Publisher: HarperCollins
 Price: ₹175



We will play according to situation: Ravindra

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ LAHORE
Dashing New Zealand opener Ravindra feels adapting to the conditions will be key to succeed on an “unknown” Dubai surface in the Champions Trophy (CT) final against India on Sunday. Except the group match against India in Dubai, New Zealand have played all their games in Pakistan. The Kiwis had also played two games in Lahore during the preceding tri-series involving Pakistan and South Africa. India, on the other, have played all their matches in Dubai and are familiar with the conditions. “We do not quite know what the Dubai pitch is. We saw in our (group) game against India the ball turning but the other day didn’t turn so much. We found ourselves adapting and playing according to situations, which we will need to do on Sunday again. “We will see in the next couple of days and hopefully it’s a good cricket wicket,” said



Ravindra after an emphatic 50-run win over South Africa in the semifinal here on Wednesday. Ravindra scored only six against India in the group, falling to Hardik Pandya while going for an upper cut, but the left-hander hopes for a better outing in the final. “You get out pretty much every time you bat. Hopefully I can bat for a longer period of

time and continue to play well for my team,” he said. He is also aware about the expectations from the side in any big ICC event. “Whenever you approach a tournament, you expect hopefully to be among the top four teams and lucky enough we have been consistently good over a period of time. “We are happy with our preparation, coming here

early, we can see we are cooking reasonably well. Trust and ability around the group is great.” Ravindra (108) smashed his second century of the tournament on Wednesday and together with Kane Williamson (102) starred in New Zealand’s win. Senior middle-order batter Daryl Mitchell, who made 49 off 37 balls in the semifinal,

said the loss to India in the group stage is a thing of the past not and the final will be a new day. “The final is a new day and really excited to stuck into that challenge and adapt to whatever conditions and surfaces we get on the day and find ways to win moments throughout that game. “Hopefully, we can put some pressure on them and walk away with white jacket,” he said. Mitchell is not interested in poking his nose in the talks surrounding an unfair advantage to India because of playing all their matches at one venue. “Just really happy with winning the game today and moving onto the final, it’s an exciting opportunity,” Mitchell said. “That’s the nature of international cricket. We do a lot of travelling and we are used to that. It’s not for me to decided how the tournament should be planned. I am just excited to be in an ICC final and looking forward to play in a few days time.”

300 women boxers to compete in national championship

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ NEW DELHI



As many as 300 pugilists will compete for glory at the 8th Elite Women’s National Boxing Championship in Greater Noida from March 21-27. Organised in association with the UP Boxing Association, the tournament returns to the venue that hosted its last edition in 2023. Held under the World Boxing and Boxing Federation of India (BFI) competition guidelines, the championship is open to boxers born between January 1, 1984, and December 31, 2005. Each state unit can field a maximum of 10 boxers, with entries by numbers closing on March 10 and final name confirmation due by March 15. The action officially begins on March 20 with the arrivals, draw, and technical meeting. The opening rounds will take place from March 21 to 24, followed by the quarter-finals

on March 25 and the semi-finals on March 26, leading up to the finals on March 27. The tournament will follow a three-round format, with each bout consisting of three-minute rounds with a one-minute rest period. The ten-point must-scoring system will be in place, and all matches will adhere to World Boxing Technical & Competition Rules. Boxers will also be required to undergo a daily weigh-in throughout the competition. Beyond the 300 competing boxers, the championship will

also bring together over 100 coaches and support staff, along with 60 technical officials, ensuring a top-tier spectacle. Defending champions Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) will be looking to retain their title after a dominant performance in the previous edition, where they clinched five gold medals, one silver, and two bronzes. RSPB nudged Haryana by eight points, the latter finishing second with seven medals, including three golds, three silvers, and a bronze.



We are still evolving as a team: Rob Walter

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ LAHORE
Yet another knockout stage heartbreak at yet another ICC event. But perennial bridesmaid South Africa remains on the right track two years before the ODI World Cup at home, feels the team’s head coach Rob Walter after its semifinal exit from the Champions Trophy here. Having topped their group, South Africa came up short in the second semifinal against New Zealand here on Wednesday night and went down by 50 runs in a chase of 362. Walter said there are enough positives to take back home notwithstanding a tough loss. “You know, in the wins, we managed to put some significant partnerships together. We had guys contributing significantly with the bat. From a bowling point of view, I think our biggest development was our accuracy. We were able to be very accurate as a seam unit,” said Walter in the post-match press conference. “And that’s something that we have been working really hard on. Every game we play is a learning opportunity. We just keep trying to take the little lessons. Today is a hard lesson, you feel it a little bit more, because it’s the end of a campaign. “But we certainly continue to keep learning from things, little bits here and there, that we can do better. We’re still evolving as a team; there’s no doubt in my mind. Two and a half years to 2027 and that’s

the eyes on the prize,” he added. The 2027 ODI World Cup will co-hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. Walter was expectedly asked about South Africa going down in a knockout game of another global event. Last year, the Proteas lost the T20 World Cup final to India from a commanding position. “I don’t think it was any one particular thing that resulted in the loss, probably a couple. We could have handled the last 10 overs (while bowling) a little bit better. They got away from us a little bit. “There was a period sort of in the middle of the innings where Kane (Williamson) and Rachin (Ravindra) started to up their rates a bit. And we missed a few opportunities there,” he explained. “...When we were batting, we were just starting to get going and that partnership got broken and really slowed us down in the middle and obviously we saw Dave (Miller) play unbelievably well in the end to get a hundred... You know you’re just one partnership away from doing something special,” said Walter. With Williamson and Ravindra easily manipulating the bowlers, it seemed South Africa ran out of ideas. However, Walter did not agree to that. “No, I don’t think that’s entirely accurate. We certainly tried to change it up, we tried to change the pace. I think the ball wasn’t really gripping at that stage in the early phases, so the ball kept sliding on.”



PSG lose to Liverpool in Champions League

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain’s (PSG) wasteful finishing came back to haunt the French team in a 1-0 loss to Liverpool in the first leg of the Champions League round of 16. Harvey Elliott’s late goal on Wednesday punished PSG at Parc des Princes. It was only Liverpool’s second attempt on target compared to a whopping 28 for PSG. Wasted chances galore hampered PSG during the group stage — where it lost to Arsenal, Atletico Madrid and Bayern Munich, scoring just one goal in those three games. But coach Luis Enrique’s side had turned the corner in fine style with 40 goals scored in 10 straight wins before this game. PSG had 12 attempts on goal in the first half alone where Liverpool could not cope with PSG’s pace, movement and constant positional switches on a night where Liverpool’s 30-goal top scorer Mohamed Salah was kept quiet. Luckily goalkeeper Alisson was at his defiant best, however, making nine saves overall. The imposing Brazilian twice denied Kvaratskhelia and kept out attempts from Bradley Barcola and Ousmane Dembélé. There were also bad misses from Barcola and midfielder João Neves, who both shot over from good positions. Kvaratskhelia thought he had

scored with a brilliant curling shot from the right of the penalty area in the 20th minute but the Georgia star’s effort was ruled out for a razor-thin offside following a video review. VAR went in Liverpool’s favour a second time minutes later, when referee Davide Massa checked for a red card to see whether Ibrahim Konaté had pushed Barcola in the back. But no foul was given. Kvaratskhelia went close with a free kick early in the second half and had another low shot saved. Former England captain David Beckham was among the crowd at Parc des Princes. He played half a season for PSG after joining in 2013 during the start of the club’s Galactico era and then retired. It was turning into a night of frustration for this PSG side. A corner almost went in, until Liverpool midfielder Dominik Szoboszlai stuck a leg out on the line. Then, with the clock ticking, Alisson made the save of the night when he somehow got both hands at full stretch to substitute Désiré Doué’s bending shot from 20 meters. Luis Enrique said before the game that Liverpool were Europe’s counterattack specialists and he was proved right. The return leg is on next Tuesday at Anfield and the winner faces either Aston Villa or Club Brugge in the quarterfinals.

Gujarat Giants eye on WPL playoffs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ LUCKNOW

With two consecutive wins firming up their bid for a spot in the Women’s Premier League (WPL) playoffs, Gujarat Giants will look to carry forward the momentum in their top-of-the-table clash against Delhi Capitals here on Friday. Gujarat Giants were languishing at the bottom of the WPL points table but two big wins — by six wickets over Royal Challengers Bengaluru and by 81 runs against UP Warriorz — have propelled them to the second position in the five-team points table.



On Friday, the second-ranked Giants, with six points in as many games, will have the perfect opportunity to put their recent ascent to test against a formidable Delhi Capitals, who sit atop the table with 10 points. Delhi Capitals, who have already booked a place in the playoffs, would be keen to record a win and take their tally to 12 points and, in the process, also better their net run rate to seal their spot in the final. It seems like things are falling in place at last for the Giants, who showed determination against all odds to beat RCB in a low-scoring thriller, with skipper Ashleigh Gardner (58 not out) and Phoebe Litchfield (30 not out) taking the side over the line. The Giants then demolished UP Warriorz by 81 runs in their previous outing, riding on Beth Mooney’s stunning 96 not out and a collective show from their bowlers to restricted the opponents to a mere 105 in pursuit of 187. The huge win not only lifted the Giants from the last spot but also improved their NRR to 0.357 from -0.450, better than the third-placed Mumbai Indians (0.166) with whom they are tied on six points. Additionally, with MI having three more games left, the Giants will be keen to keep their fate in their hands and not depend on the outcomes of other games.

Giants’ pacers, in particular, exploited the new ball and conditions to good effect, blowing away UP Warriorz’s batting after Mooney missed recording the first-ever ton by any player in this WPL. Their recent performances would surely fuel their fire but the Giants will have to be wary of the all-round strength of the Delhi Capitals, who too would be keen for a win, for it would help them finish at the top and qualify directly for the final.

SALE PROCLAMATION

FORM NO. 22 [See Regulation 37(1)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
RECOVERY PROCEEDING NO. 87 OF 2019 IN CASE NO. O.A. Case No. 286 OF 2018
PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 1993
Union Bank of India, Mango Branch, Jamshedpur Vs. M/s Rishita Enterprises & Others

To,
1. M/s Rishita Enterprises, Proprietor - Riya Sen Gupta, Unit at - Flat No. 4/1, 1st Floor, Basanti Apartment, Tank Road, Uliyan, Kadma, P.O. & P.S. - Kadma, Jamshedpur, Distt. East Singhbhum, PIN - 831005
Also at - 13, Tank Road, Uliyan, Kadma, Jamshedpur, Distt. East Singhbhum, PIN - 831005
2. Riya Sen Gupta, D/o Tushar Kanti Roy, R/o Flat No. 4/1, 1st Floor, Basanti Apartment, Tank Road, Uliyan, Kadma, P.O. & P.S. - Kadma, Jamshedpur, Distt. East Singhbhum, PIN - 831005
3. Tushar Kanti Roy, Flat No. 4/1, 1st Floor, Basanti Apartment, Tank Road, Uliyan, Kadma, P.O. & P.S. - Kadma, Jamshedpur, Distt. East Singhbhum, PIN - 831005
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1. Whereas you have failed to pay the sum of Rs. 37,64,731.70 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One and Paise Seventy Only) payable by you in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. Case No. 286 of 2018 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ranchi along with the interest and costs payable, as per the certificate.
2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the attached property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate.
3. And whereas as on the 29.01.2025 there will be due there under a sum of Rs. 37,64,731.70 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One and Paise Seventy Only) along with pendente lite and future interest @ 10% per annum simple from 18.03.2018 till full and final realization of the claim besides cost of Rs. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand Only), as per the certificate.
4. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://drtauctiontiger.net of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger), on 17.04.2025 between 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with extension of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon if required.
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4.1 The sale will be of the property of the certificate debtors above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.
4.2 The property will be put up for sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also is stopped, if before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the Officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.
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4.4 The particulars specified, in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
5. (a) The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is as per details

Details of Properties		
The mortgage over the Property vide Sale deed No. 3346 dated 17.07.2013, being a residential Flat No. 4/1, 1st Floor, at Basanti Apartment, Phase III at Tank Road, Kadma Jamshedpur, consisting of Two bed rooms, Dining Hall, One Kitchen, Bath Room, Open Balcony, structure thereon. Land having super built up area of 680 sq.ft., including one scooter parking space with undivided proportionate share of Land measuring an Area of 100 sq.ft., or 0.229 decimals situated in Mouza - Uliyan, P.S. Kadma, Thana No. 1158, Ward No. 2, JNAC, recorded under R.S. Khata No. 2, R.S. Plot No. 1091, corresponding to current survey settlement under New Khata No. 851, New Plot No. 130, District - Sub Registry Office - Jamshedpur, District - East Singhbhum alongwith all advantages and facilities of common right of common space. Butted and bounded as follows : North - Passage then Stair case, South - House of Other, East - Open to Sky, West - House of Other	Reserve Price Rs. 21,47,000/-	EMD Rs. 21,47,000/-

6. The interested bidders are required to deposit EMD along with documents PAN Card, Identity Proof, Address Proof etc. and in the case of company, copy of resolution passes by the Board Members of the Company or any other documents claiming representation/ attorney of the company also, latest by 15.04.2025 before 4:00 PM in the office of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi and thereafter they shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 17.04.2025. In case, bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
7. The intending bidders shall pay the EMD amount in the account of Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi through RTGS/ NEFT/EFT to Current Account No. 334705500309, IFSC Code : ICIC0003347, ICICI Bank, Kantatoli Branch, Ranchi.
8. The receipt of EMD along with bid form shall be deposited before the Office of the Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, 5th Floor, RRDA Building, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi.
9. The amount by which the bidders are to be increased shall be Rs. 50,000/- in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.
10. The unsuccessful bidder shall take EMD directly from the Office of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceeds.
11. The successful/ highest bidder shall have to pay for 25% of the bid/sale amount after adjusting the EMD amount in the account of "Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi through RTGS/ NEFT/EFT to Current Account No. 334705500309, IFSC Code : ICIC0003347, ICICI Bank, Kantatoli Branch, Ranchi, by next bank working day i.e. by 04:00 PM with this Tribunal failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.
12. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit in the account of "Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi" through RTGS/ NEFT/EFT to Current Account No. 334705500309, IFSC Code : ICIC0003347, ICICI Bank, Kantatoli Branch, Ranchi" the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property exclusive of such day or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day along with poundage @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000/- and @1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1,000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT, Ranchi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post, the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).
13. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh Proclamation of Sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeited all claims to the property of to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
14. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less than the Reserve Price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline/ acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.
15. The property is sold on as is and where is /on what it is/ no complaint basis. Bidders are advised/cautioned to verify with the SRO as well as the Revenue Records and shall satisfy themselves regarding the nature, description, condition, encumbrance, lien, charge, statutory dues, etc. over the property before submitting their bids. Statutory dues/liabilities etc. due to the Government/Local Body, if any, shown in the sale notice/tender document shall be borne by the purchaser(s).
16. Delivery of Possession : All expenses and incidental charges thereto shall be borne by the auction purchaser. Request for appropriation of sale proceeds by the Certificate Holder Bank/Financial Institution will be considered only upon the auction purchaser filing a memo of having received the title deeds and delivered possession of the property.
17. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at anytime without assigning any reason.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Ranchi on this 29th day of January, 2025. RECOVERY OFFICER-II

Aravindh defeats Giri in Prague Masters

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Grandmaster Aravindh Cheethambaram crashed through the defenses of super-solid Anish Giri to jump in to sole lead after the end of the seventh round of Prague Masters chess tournament now underway here. It was Aravindh all the way while R Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with Wei Yi, Sam Shankland of United States defeated Quang Leim Le of Vietnam. Interestingly, both Quang Leim and Giri had drawn the first six games and the axe fell on them at the same time.

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In the other decisive game 16-years old Gurel Ediz of Turkey scored over local Nguyen Thai Dai Van to reach a fifty percent score while David Navara of Czech Republic played out a draw with Vincent Keymer of Germany.

Aravindh on five and Pragg on 4.5 are now followed by Wei Yi, Ediz, Keymer and Shankland on 3.5 points each and these four are a half point adrift of the trio of Giri, Navara and Le.Dai Van is alone at the bottom now with 2.5 points in his kitty. The battle lines are drawn between the two Indians only. Aravindh is a cool customer in normal positions with a deep eye for tactical complexities and a rare chance against Giri provided him to dismantle the king side and enter record books. There are as many as five Indians in top 15 live world rankings and Viswanathan Anand stands at number 15.

Aravindh at 14, entered the top fifteen for the first time ever. It was a Queen’s gambit declined wherein Giri overestimated his chances and pushed his king side pawns in trying to secure a space advantage. Aravindh came up with a shocker on his 24th turn when he put his knight in front of a pawn and it was a one-way tide thereon. Black’s attack was soon impossible to handle and Aravindh won in 39 moves. Praggnanandhaa started with the English opening against Wei Yi and the game took shape in a Tarrasch defense wherein the Chinese was under some pressure but never really out of the game.