



3rd Youth Boxing Nationals 180 women boxers and 248 men boxers from 32 states are participating

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The 3rd edition of the Youth Men's National Boxing championship started off in Rudrapur, Uttarakhand with an overwhelming participation of over 400 boxers. The national level tournament, which plays a clinical role in identifying and propelling young talents will see the representation of 32 teams.

In the men's category, youth world bronze medalist in 2018, Bhavesh of (SSCB) ensured a total whitewash to show Bhumit Patel the exit. Bhumit found himself in the receiving end of a flurry of punches as the youth worlds medalist cruised to a comfortable victory to secure his pre-quarters berth in the 52kg. Following his footsteps was Aman in the +91 kg category. Aman, who is a Youth Asian Bronze medalist last year continued the fine run in the

tournament to set up his pre-quarters clash against Delhi's Sunny Dabas. The highlight in the women's category was the match between Arpita Kushwaha of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh's Deepika in 60kg. The Himachal pugilist went all out with her combination punches to send her opponent almost to the ropes as the referee had to stop the contest with a few seconds still on the clock in Round 2. In the 64kg women's bout, Saksham Singh got the better

of Goa's Chotukumar Singh in an intense battle. Saksham, who hails from Uttar Pradesh followed suit to seal the bout with a dominating performance to eke out her Goan rival with a unanimous 5:0 verdict. The second day witnessed a dozen bouts resulting in RSC verdicts and dominance of performance by the pugilists. A total of 180 women boxers and 248 men boxers will battle it out in the six-day long tournament with the finals being played on June 13.

'Rape of minor is rape, but rape of married woman...': UP minister's shocker

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Water Resources, Forest and Environment Minister Upendra Tiwari on Sunday came out with a new classification of the heinous crime - rape, saying that "rape has its nature and rape of a married woman is different." When asked to comment on the incidents of rape in the state, Tiwari, while talking to media persons here, said: "Rape has got its nature. Rape of a minor is rape, but when you come across an incident where a

middle-aged woman is raped, it is different." The minister's comment comes at a time when Uttar Pradesh is reeling under a spate of rape incidents, including the killing of two and a half years old girl in Aligarh over some financial dispute. The main accused, Zahid, has been arrested by the police. Referring to the recent arrest of a journalist for allegedly making 'objectionable' statements against Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Tiwari said: "The journalists are responsible for what they

disseminate in the form of news." "Every media person should check the facts before publishing anything on social media. If the woman has any facts to prove her claims, let her show those proofs," he said. A freelance journalist, Prashant Kanojia, was arrested by Uttar Pradesh Police on Saturday for making certain 'objectionable comments' against Chief Minister Adityanath on social media and for 'spreading rumours.' He had allegedly uploaded

a video on Twitter in which a woman is heard making some claims about Adityanath. Kanojia had posted a comment with the video, that says "Ishq Chhupta Nahi Chhupane Se Yogi ji." Kanojia has been booked Sections 500 (defamation), 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act (publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form).

'Situation under control': Bengal replies to Centre's advisory on violence

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Stating that there were a few "stray post-poll clashes" in West Bengal, the Mamata Banerjee government Sunday clarified that situation in the state was "under control" in a letter to the Centre, which had issued an advisory after four people died in violence between workers of the Trinamool Congress and the BJP. State Chief Secretary Malay Kumar De wrote that "firm and appropriate actions" were initiated in all cases of violence without any delay. "There have been a few stray post-poll clashes in the state perpetrated by some anti-social elements, the law enforcement authorities have been taking firm and

appropriate actions in all such cases without any delay." De wrote in the letter to the Union Home Ministry. "In the instant case under Nazaf Police Station in North 24 Parganas district too, police case has been registered and investigation has been initiated, even while the maintenance of peace in the area has kept the police contingents busy on the roads and in the neighbourhood," the letter read. "There has been no delinquency in discharge of functions by public officials yet, strict vigil has been kept on the evolved affairs," it added. The chief secretary said the situation is under control and it may not be construed under any circumstance to be a

failure on the part of the law enforcement machinery of the state to maintain the rule of law and instil confidence among the people. Earlier in the day, the Centre expressed "deep concern" over continuing violence in the state, saying the "unabated violence" even after the Lok Sabha polls appears to be a failure on part of the state government. In the advisory, the Home Ministry asked the state government to maintain law and order, peace and public tranquillity. "The unabated violence over the past weeks appears to be a failure on the part of the law enforcement machinery of the state to maintain the rule of law and inspire confidence among people," the advisory said. Trinamool Congress secretary

general Partha Chatterjee described the Centre sending the advisory as a conspiracy against the state government. "West Bengal is the most peaceful state in the country and there has been no incident of any political bloodshed here. And you are floating a conspiracy theory by sending us this advisory note," Chatterjee told reporters. Chatterjee questioned why there was no advisory note sent to the Uttar Pradesh government when incidents of violence were reported from there. "You are using the home ministry in an undemocratic manner to issue this advisory to the state government. This is nothing but a political conspiracy," he said.

Family of five convicted under MCOCA convict latest Tihar jailbirds

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A family of five is the latest addition to the 2,500 convicted inmates in Tihar Jail. What makes the five unique is the fact that they will be among the only five convicted families in the prison; and that theirs is only the second case in which the police have managed to get conviction under the stringent MCOCA Act in the last 18 years. Since 2001, when Delhi police started invoking MCOCA Act to fight organized crime, they have registered 101 cases under the law but got conviction in only two cases. Police officers, who investigated the case, say that convicts Vipin Sharma, his wife Honey Sharma, Sharma's brother Sachin and Honey's two siblings Aman Alam and Harshad Alam had together duped over 200 job seekers. On May 30, a court convicted the five along with their accomplice and sent them all to 12 years rigorous imprisonment. According to the court order, all five convicts also have to pay a fine ranging from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 lakh for the victims who were promised jobs abroad but lost their money. Retired Delhi police's deputy commissioner of police LN Rao, who was the investigating officer, says the case was transferred to the special cell — anti-terror unit of city police — after senior police officers received complaints about the local police not acting against the family. "From their ill-gotten wealth,

they had also bought a house worth over Rs 4 crore in Defence Colony. They had hired a security guard whose job was to tell every visitor that the house was sealed by the bank. The bungalow had two entry points. They had themselves sealed the front gate and used the rear entrance to get in. Through our informers, we learned that they were living in the so-called sealed house and were running their operation from there," Rao said. Rao, who started practising law after his retirement in 2014, said the family released advertisements in local dailies in Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana, promising jobs abroad. They would charge applicants fee and promised them visa," he said. "To win over the confidence

of the job seekers, they would take the money in instalments. After receiving a certain sum, they would print fake visas on the passport of the victims with the help of their accomplice, Bhupender," Rao said. "Assuming the visas to be genuine, the victims would pay the money only to realise later that they had been duped," he said. According to the case papers, each family member had a case of cheating against them. The kingpin, Vipin, had 23 cases, his brother Sachin had 6 cases, Vipin's wife Honey was involved in 11 cases, while her brothers Arshad Alam and Aman Alam had eight and seven cases against them respectively. Papers show Honey was involved in managing the finances of the family. In 2009, when police

busted the racket, they had unearthed five bank accounts. The accounts showed a total transaction of 1.83 crore in nine months. "This was a gang that moved as an upper-middle-class family in an Audi A 4 but were the most remorseless of the cons. Most victims in Punjab and Haryana had sold their property to pay them for a job. They duped such people. It is important that such frauds are convicted. Justice may be slow but it is certain," Rao said. "Special public prosecutor Ravinder Khandelwal was instrumental in helping us get a conviction in a case under a section in which there has only been two convictions in the last 18 years," Rao said.

84 hours and counting: Toddler from Punjab's Sunam still stuck in borewell

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The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Sangrur administration have failed to rescue a toddler who has been stuck in a 150-foot-deep borewell in Sunam subdivision since Thursday afternoon. His family, who were awaiting a miracle a day before his birthday, are fast losing hope. The boy turns two on Monday. Throughout the day, the administration kept assuring people gathered at the spot in Bhagwanpura village that the toddler, Fatehveer Singh,

would be rescued within an hour, but the rescue teams even failed to trace him till late night. To retrieve the boy, a parallel borewell has been dug by installing reinforced concrete (RCC) pipes of nearly 36 inches in diameter. However, as rescuers were close to reaching the child, they were facing some technical issues. Having reached a depth of 120 feet, they have to dig horizontally for about two to three feet, where the boy is suspected to be stuck. Meanwhile, amid shortage of experts, the NDRF team had to call two locals, who are engaged by villagers to dig

borewells. The child fell into the unused borewell in a field when he was playing near his house around 4pm on Thursday. The seven-inch-wide borewell was covered with a cloth and the boy accidentally stepped on it. His mother tried to rescue him, but failed. "We are quite close to reaching the child. We were hoping to complete the operation during the day, but we are facing some technical issues and hopefully these will be overcome," Sangrur deputy commissioner Ganshyam Thori said in the evening.

ICC World Cup: India beat Australia by 36 runs at Oval

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In the ICC Cricket World Cup, India recorded a stunning 36-run win over defending champions Australia at the Kennington Oval in London last night. It was the Men in Blue's second consecutive win of the tournament. They are third in the 10-team table but have played a game less than leaders New Zealand and second placed England. AIR correspondent reports that team India produced an exceptional all-round performance to pip five-time

champions Australia against whom the Men in Blue had won just one of their last seven World Cup matches before last night's game at the Kennington Oval. Opting to bat, the Men in Blue rode on man of the match Shikhar Dhawan's 117 and his 127-run opening wicket stand with Rohit Sharma. India post 352 for 5, the highest total by any side against the Aussies in World Cups. Dhawan's century was India's 27th ton, most by any team in World Cup history. Rohit, who scored 57, became the fastest Indian to make 2,000 runs against the Kangaroos in ODIs.

Skipper Virat Kohli made 82, which was his 50th half century in one dayers. Defending 353, India then dismissed Australia for 316 to record their second consecutive victory after an opening win over South Africa. India will next play New Zealand on Thursday. Today, South Africa will take on the West Indies at Southampton. The match will begin at 3PM (Indian Standard Time). All India Radio will broadcast live commentary alternately in Hindi and English. It can be heard on DTH (Hindi) and additional frequencies from 2:30 PM onwards.

French Open: Rafael Nadal lifts Men's Singles title for 12th time

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In Tennis, world number two Rafael Nadal has lifted the French Open Men's Singles title for the 12th time. In the summit clash played at Paris last night, the Spaniard defeated Austrian fourth seed Dominic Thiem, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1,

6-1 to win at the Roland Garros for the third straight year. The 33-year-old became the first player to win 12 Singles titles at the same Grand Slam and has now won 18 majors overall. Nadal is now just two titles behind Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 majors and is three ahead of world number

one Novak Djokovic. Nadal also took his Paris record to an astonishing 93 wins and just two losses. The win also gave Nadal an 82nd career title and 950th match win. 25-year old Thiem suffered his second Grand Slam final defeat after he lost to Nadal in three sets in last year's title clash.

Virat Kohli asks crowd not to boo Steve Smith, apologises for behaviour - Watch

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Indian captain Virat Kohli expressed his sympathy for Steven Smith and apologised on behalf of the crowd after the former Australia captain was heckled and booed by the Oval crowd which was dominated by the Indian contingent. The Indian captain walked towards the crowd and asked them to stop booing the former Australian skipper and also gestured towards them to applaud good cricket instead. He later walked towards Smith and shook hands. Both Smith and fellow Australia batsman David Warner have been on the

receiving end of jeers from opposition fans at the World Cup following their return to the international arena after serving year-long bans for their respective roles during a ball-tampering scandal in South Africa. After India completed a 36-run win over the reigning champions, Kohli told reporters he had apologised to Smith for the chants of "cheater" directed from the stands towards the former Australia captain. Kohli in fact had tried to stop the taunts on the field by urging India supporters — who dominated a capacity crowd at the Oval — to clap, rather than boo Smith when the Australian was fielding on

the boundary. "Look I think what's happened has happened, long back. The guy is trying to play well for his side. It's not good to see someone down like that to be honest," Kohli said. "We've had a few issues in the past, a few arguments on the field, but you don't want to see a guy feeling that every time he goes out to play." Kohli had once stopped short of calling Smith a cheater after a Test match in Bangalore in 2017 when the then skipper looked up towards the dressing room for help during an umpire review — something not permitted under the rules — and called it a "brain fade".