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**Sen. Ron Johnson says US** must let Israel 'destroy' Hamas, keep Palestinian children 'bottled up' in Gaza



The International Press: Senator Ron Johnson blasted President Joe Biden's plan to accept Palestinian refugees amidst the ongoing Israel-Hamas war. Why would you add to that clear and present danger by bringing in Palestinians, who, let's face it, they view us as infidels. They not only hate Jews, they hate us," Johnson remarked. Earlier this week, 34 senators in a letter to White House demanded that the government stop making plans to accept refugees from Gaza unless they addressed their concerns and directed their attention on achieving the release of American hostages held by Hamas. "We must ensure Gazans with terrorist ties or sympathies are denied admission into the United States no easy feat, given the fact that the Gazans were the ones who voted Hamas into power in 2006," the Senators wrote. Israel's war against Hamas has killed nearly 35,000 Palestinians, including women and children, as per the health ministry. The Wisconsin Senator was among the 34 Senate Republicans who raised their voice against the Biden administration's potential strategy to allow Palestinians

residing in the US

bring their family

members over as

the plan a "national security risk." Speaking with Fox News host Kayleigh McEnany on Friday, he stressed Palestinian children should not be granted asylum in the United States, adding that they are "indoctrinated to hate" and must be "bottled up" in Gaza. Reflecting on the pro-Palestine protests that have rocked US college campuses, Johnson said: "Kayleigh, there's a reason that the Arab nations have not accepted Palestinian refugees for decades. Had they done that, we wouldn't have this problem today." "But they don't do it because, it's awful the way young children in Palestine are indoctrinated to hate not only Jews, but all infidels," he continued.The Senator further called them "dangerous people" and said this is the reason why "they try and keep them bottled up in Gaza and the West Bank, and, so, this continues to spill over into these horrific incidences." Emphasising the need to keep Palestinians "bottled up", he said: "We need to let Israel destroy Hamas and then try and live in peace with Palestinians who are willing to do so.' Earlier, Johnson had said that "military-age men" from the rival nations were already being allowed in the country via the southern border of the United States.



## Powerful voices of amazing women leaders resonated at the United Nations Headquarters

The International Press : May 3, 2024, marked a momentous occasion as the powerful voices of women representatives resonated within the hallowed halls of the United Nations Headquarters. Elected women representatives (EWRs) from India's Panchayati Raj Institutions took centre-stage at the CPD57 Side Event titled "Localizing the SDGs: Women in Local Governance in India Lead the Way", captivating the audience with their inspiring stories and transformative initiatives. Three iconic women Panchayat leaders - Smt. Supriya Das Datta, Smt. Kunuku Hema Kumari and Smt. Neeru Yadav - inspired with their ground-breaking work empowering women and girls through initiatives ranging from combating child marriage, promoting education, financial inclusion, livelihood opportunities, environmental sustainability, and sports. Their stories exemplified the tenacity and impact of women's leadership in realizing the SDGs. The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj jointly organized the Side Event in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on 3rd May, 2024 at the UN Headquarters Secretariat Building in New York. The Side Event was organized as a part of the fty-seventh session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development (CPD57) Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj set the tone for the event, highlighting India's unique Panchayati Raj system as a beacon of decentralized power and direct democracy. Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj set the context by highlighting India's unique system of decentralized rural local selfgovernment through Panchayati Raj as a sterling example of direct democracy that facilitates active people's participation. With more than 1.4 million Elected Women Representatives (EWRs). India's journey with Panchayati Raj system is a narrative of empowerment, inclusion and progress particularly highlighting the strides made in women's leadership. Ambassador Kamboj emphasized the meticulous alignment of local planning processes with the

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Institutions took centrestage at the CPD57 Side **Event titled "Localizing** the SDGs: focus on addressing women's issues. Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, while shedding light on the robust democratic system in India and rich and old tradition of rural local self-government making India as 'mother of democracy', emphasized India's commitment to empowering women in local governance, with over 46% of elected representatives being women; and how Gram Panchayats are localizing the SDGs through thematic annual plans backed by resources and technological interventions like geo-tagging, Audit Online for transparency and initiatives like Panchavat Development Index to assess the overall holistic development, performance and progress of Panchavats. Empowering women at the grassroots level is pivotal for the advancement, vibrancy, and deepening of democracy and accelerating progress on the SDGs, added Shri Bharadwaj. He highlighted the innovative approaches taken by Panchayati Raj Institutions in leveraging technology for development and policy interventions to ensure economic empowerment, citing examples like "Drone Didi" and "Lakhpati Didi" initiatives of the Central Government. The event featured impactful interactive presentations by three iconic women Elected Representatives namely Smt. Supriya Das Datta from Tripura, Smt. Kunuku Hema Kumari from Andhra Pradesh and Smt. Neeru Yaday from Raiasthan, who shared their experiences and innovations in local governance and advancing the Localization of SDGs in many thematic areas. From combating child marriages to promoting health, education, livelihood opportunities, and environmental sustainability, these women exemplified the transformative power of grassroots leadership. They articulated the challenges and struggles they faced and overcome in their journey of leadership. Smt. Supriya Das Datta highlighted initiatives aimed at empowering women and

girls, including the

construction of separate

restrooms in government

offices and the exponential

growth of Self-Help Groups

(SHGs) from 600 to almost

6,000 under her leadership.

aimed at amplifying women's

voices and ensuring that their

issues are not only heard but

also acted upon, highlighting

the impactful initiative - 'Your

Smt. Kunuku Hema Kumari

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Story Must Be Told'.

importance of initiatives

Smt. Neeru Yadav showcased initiatives promoting environmental sustainability, including the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and efforts to curb plastic usage, demonstrating the critical role of women in building a cleaner and greener future. She mentioned her efforts and successes in inculcating sporting sprit among the girls and nurturing leadership in

The event witnessed keynote speakers including Deputy Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Ambassador Mr. Andreas Lovold, and representatives from UNFPA, including Mr. Pio Smith, UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Director, Ms. Diene Keita, Deputy **Executive Director** (Programme), UNFPA and Ms. Andrea M. Wojnar, UNFPA India Representative. who commended India's efforts in advancing gender equality and localizing the SDGs.

June. Canadian news site CBC News said in its report that the three men are likely linked to the crime The Deputy Permanent syndicate of gangster Representative of Norway to Lawrence Bishnoi, the United Nations who is currently Ambassador Mr. Andreas imprisoned in Lovold highlighted the importance of women's India.Hardeep Singh leadership in local Nijjar, who was governance as a catalyst for designated a terrorist development, particularly in by the NIA in 2020, economic development. He was shot dead by emphasized Norway's experience with women's armed men as he leadership in local governing came out of a bodies and the positive Gurdwara in Surrey, impact and results it has British Columbia on yielded. Also, he praised India's women-led June 18, 2023. The development as an inspiration attack was described to the global community. as 'highly coordinated' UNFPA Regional Director Mr. and involved six men Pio Smith commended India's and two vehicles.In its robust progress in reducing report, the CBC inequalities through claimed that the transformative women's leadership at all levels. Noting "arrested men could this is both a moral imperative be part of an alleged and strategic necessity, he hit squad tasked by emphasized UNFPA's role in the government of promoting gender-sensitive India." However, this policies and capacity building of women leaders. Ms charge has been Andrea M. Wojnar, UNFPA repeatedly denied by India Representative the Indian highlighted that India's government. success is crucial for the world's success in achieving The arrested men the SDGs, stating that If India Karan Brar. succeeds, then the world Kamalpreet Singh and succeeds in achieving the Karanpreet Singh SDGs. She also commended reportedly arrived in the brochure on the Canada on a Panchayat Development Index brought out by the temporary visa in Ministry of Panchayati Raj. 2021. The media Shri Alok Prem Nagar, Joint report further claimed secretary, Ministry of that the arrested men Panchayati Raj underlined are said to be alleged that the fervor, zeal, and commitment of elected associates of gangster women representatives of Lawrence Bishnoi. Panchayats serve as a Notably, the National beacon, inspiring and Investigation Agency (NIA) in India influencing others to speed up action on the SDGs The CPD57 Side Event previously established underlined the invaluable links between contributions of women in Lawrence Bishnoi's local governance towards gang and proachieving the SDGs. It Khalistani groups that sparked a global demand for exporting India's Panchayati operate on foreign soil. Raj model as an effective Bishnoi is also system of local governance, accused of plotting the inviting interested foreign killing of popular singer delegations to witness the Sidhu Moose Wala in brilliance and innovation of India's Panchayati Raj system May 2022. This further and Panchayati Raj points to the possibility Institutions firsthand. The that the killing of CPD57 Side Event created Hardeep Singh Nijjar global demand to learn from can be the result of and institutionalize the successful Panchavati Rai inter-gang rivalry model of local governance led between Khalistani by women. As Ambassador outfits and the Kamboj stated, this system Lawrence Bishnoi has revolutionized development with women at the forefront across health. The three arrested in

## Men arrested in Hardeep Nijjar's killing may be members of Lawrence Bishnoi gang, claims Canadian media



Press: The Canadian

arrested three Indian

Hardeep Singh Nijjar,

police on Friday

men linked to the

Khalistani leader

who was gunned

down last year in

killing of pro-



count of first degree murder and a count of conspiracy to commit murder. The media report said that Canadian police are investigating the links between the alleged shooters and three additional killings in Canada.

The CBC reported that all three arrested in the case are in their 20s, and are Indian citizens who have been residing in Edmonton. The three were identified by Canadian authorities months ago and were being closely monitored. Canadian media reports suggest that investigative agencies are exploring the involvement of the Indian government in Nijjar's killing. In September 2023, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had said that the Indian government had told Canada that it was not Government of India policy to engage in such acts like the killing of

Hardeep Nijjar.

## What is a blue-corner notice CBI is likely to issue against **Prajwal Revanna?**



In the sex scandal involving

Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) may issue a blue corner notice, Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah said on Saturday attributing the information to the SIT team. The Special Investigation Team has sent a request to the CBI seeking a blue corner notice against Prajwal Revanna. Once it is issued, the SIT hopes to get information about Prajwal's whereabouts, news agency PTI reported. Prajwal left India before the government ordered an SIT probe and went to Germany after his constituency went to the polls on April 26. It was reported that from Germany, he went to Dubai. The ministry of external affairs said no political clearance was sought for Prajwal's Germany visit and he went there using his diplomatic passport requiring no visa. Siddaramaiah wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking cancellation of Prajwal's diplomatic visa. CBI is the nodal body for Interpol matters in India. There are seven types of notices used by Interpol: Red, yellow, blue, black, green, orange and purple A blue corner notice is used to share information

Red notices are issued for fugitives wanted either for prosecution or to serve a sentence. A yellow notice is a global police alert for a missing person. The Karnataka government so far issued two lookout notices against Prajwal Revanna accused of a major sex scandal which in the past week snowballed into a major political controversy. Several videos surfaced in which women have been assaulted, raped and filmed by Prai former househelp of the family filed an FIR against Prajwal and his father HD Revanna for sexually assaulting her. While the Karnataka government charged Prajwal with rape, his father has been accused of kidnapping after a 20-year-old man complained to the police

that his mother -- who was

videos -- was kidnapped by

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## Taiwan detects 26 Chinese aircraft, five ships around island



The International Press : Taiwan's defence ministry said Friday it had detected 26 Chinese aircraft and five naval vessels around the selfruled island in the previous 24 hours. The sorties come weeks before the May 20 inauguration of new Taiwan president Lai Ching-te, who China regards as a dangerous separatist. A statement from the defence ministry said 17 of the aircraft "crossed

the median line and

and central ADIZ (air

defence identification

zone).

entered Taiwan's northern

Beijing, which does not recognise the line, claims democratic Taiwan as part of its territory and has never renounced the use of force to bring the island under its control. Under the administration of Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, tensions between Beijing and Taipei have ramped up,

The line bisects the

Taiwan Strait, a narrow

180-kilometre (110-mile)

waterway separating the

island from mainland

China.

as she and her government reject China's claim to the

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### KEEL LAYING OF THE FIRST NEXT GENERATION OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL (ex-GSL) ON 03 MAY 24 AT GOA SHIPYARD LTD

Keel laying ceremony of the first NGOPV (ex-GSL) was held at M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd, Goa on 03 May 24. The ceremony was presided by VAdm B Siva Kumar, Controller Warship Production & Acquisition in presence of Shri B K Upadhyay, Chairman &



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## Editorial

#### GoC-in-C, Western Command Lt Gen MK Katiyar releases its Special Postal Cover minimal sedation for

The Army Dental Centre of Research & Referral (ADC R&R) celebrated 25 years of establishment on 01 May 2024. General Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Command Lieutenant General MK Katiyar visited the Dental Centre on the occasion and released a Special Postal

**Director General Dental** Services Lt. Gen Vineet Sharma, and former Commandants of the Centre were also present during the ceremony. Brigadier SS Chopra, Commandant ADC R&R apprised all the achievements and initiatives of ADC R&R to becoming a leading education, research, and patient care.

The ADC R&R is the largest dental establishment of Armed Forces providing post graduate training in five specialties of dentistry, namely Oral and maxillofacial surgery, Prosthodontics and crown & bridge, Periodontics and oral implantology, Conservative dentistry and and dentofacial

endodontics, Orthodontics orthopaedics. The dentists of the facility have achieved great feats in dentistry by performing various specialist procedures like Cranioplasty; a surgical procedure that involves repairing or replacing a bone flap in the skull, often performed to correct defects in the skull caused by trauma, previous surgeries, or congenital abnormalities, TMJ arthroscopy; a minimally invasive procedure used to diagnose and treat issues with the temporomandibular ioint (TMJ), which connects jaw tò skull, and other

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It has also pioneered use of

complex surgeries.

#### **Taiwan detects** 26 Chinese aircraft, five ships around island

Her deputy, Vice President Lai, won the island's January presidential election despite warnings from Beijing that he would cause "war and decline" for Taiwan.

The latest sorties come a day after Manila summoned a senior Chinese envoy to protest against a water cannon incident that damaged two Philippine vessels during a patrol in the South China Sea.

another government boat were damaged in the April 30 incident near the disputed Scarborough Shoal, according to the Philippines' foreign ministry.

A coast guard vessel and

Manila and Beijing have a long history of territorial disputes in the South China Sea, and the neighbours have been involved in several maritime incidents in recent months as they assert their rival claims in the strategic waterway. The row comes as the United States and the Philippines conduct joint military exercises, including near the potential flashpoints of the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait. The joint drills involve a simulation of retaking enemy-occupied islands

in areas facing Taiwan.

# 16" STAKEHOLDERS' INTERACTION MEET 4" May, 2024

## **CMD** emphasizes Ease of Doing Business and Digitisation; borrowers commend IREDA for Navratna Status and streamlined Loan Process

The International Press: Indian Renewable Energy **Development Agency Limited** (IREDA) organized its 16th Stakeholders' Interaction Meet at the India International Centre in New Delhi today, May 4, 2024. The Stakeholders' Meet witnessed enthusiastic participation from business partners spanning the renewable energy spectrum, including Solar, Wind, Hydro, Bio Energy, and New & Emerging technologies. Notably, this was the second in-person meeting out of 16, with 14 meetings having been conducted virtually. The event featured a presentation highlighting IREDA's recent achievements, emphasizing its historic annual performance in FY 2023-24. The discussion covered major initiatives undertaken for

renewable energy

development, execution of suggestions from previous interaction meets, and future plans aligned with the targets set by the Government of

A group of people sitting at a tableDescription automatically generated A person speaking into a microphone in front of a group of peopleDescription automatically generated The meet highlighted notable financial achievements, with IREDA's Tier-1 Capital reaching Rs. 8,265.20 crores as of March 31, 2024. This substantial capital base enables larger exposure in project financing, with the company capable of financing up to Rs. 2,480 crores to a single borrower and Rs. 4,133 crores to a group of borrowers. IREDA's net worth has witnessed significant growth from Rs. 2,995 crores in FY 2020-21 to Rs. 8,559

crores in FY 2023-24. demonstrating its financial strength and stability. Borrowers congratulated IREDA for its streamlined loan sanction process and faceless transactions, underscoring the agency's commitment to facilitating Ease of Doing Business. Stakeholders also commended IREDA for achieving "Navratna" status recently and for being the first NBFC to publish audited financial results in a period of just 19 days. Addressing the stakeholders, Chairperson & Managing Director of IREDA, Shri Pradip Kumar Das

underscored the importance of facilitating Ease of Doing Business and optimizing IT Infrastructure. The CMD reaffirmed IREDA's commitment to sustainable corporate governance, transparency, and emphasized the company's

Maldives, Papua New

take part in the event.

Members from the

Guinea and Namibia will

International Foundation for

dedication to tailoring financial products to sector requirements and its readiness to introduce new products based on partners feedback. Aligning with the vision outlined at COP26 by the Govt. of India, IREDA aims to play a pivotal role in achieving the ambitious target of 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030, he

The meet had an interactive session where stakeholders got to engage directly with the CMD and team. Director (Finance), Dr. Bijay Kumar Mohanty and other senior officials of IREDA also attended the interaction. One of the most memorable parts of the event was the Hasya Kavi Sammelan, where renowned poet and satirist Shri Surender Sharma, along with Shri Ved Prakash Ved, Smt. Manisha Shukla, and Shri Govind Rathi, delivered moments of joy and laughter to the

audience.

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ships to be constructed by Lead Shipyard M/s GSL and four ships by Follow Shipyard M/s GRSE. The NGOPVs will be utilised for performing

missions such as Anti-Piracy, Coastal Defence & Surveillance, Search & Rescue and Protection of Offshore Assets. These ships will enable Indian Navy to

maintain its combat capability to protect the economic and geopolitical interests of the nation in the Indian Ocean Region. This is yet another significant milestone in Indian Navy's pursuit towards indigenous

shipbuilding and is in consonance with 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' initiatives of the nation.

## On ECI's invitation, 75 International visitors from EMBs of 23 countries arrive to watch the world's largest elections unfold



The International Press: As a beacon of electoral integrity and transparency, the Election Commission of India exemplifies its commitment to conduct general elections of the highest standards, offering a golden bridge for global Election Management Bodies (EMBs) to witness democratic excellence first-

hand. The Election Commission of India continues fostering international cooperation by organising the Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP) during the ongoing Lok Sabha Elections 2024. The event will be a first in terms of the scale and magnitude of participation. 75 delegates representing

various EMBs and organisations from 23 countries namely - Bhutan, Mongolia, Australia, Madagascar, Fiji, Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Moldova, Tunisia, Seychelles, Cambodia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Chile, Uzbekistan,

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Electoral Systems (IFES), and media teams from Bhutan and Israel will also participate. Beginning on the 4th of May, the program seeks to familiarise foreign Election Management Bodies (EMBs) with the nuances of India's electoral system as well as the best practices used by the largest democracy in the world. Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar, Election Commissioner Shri Gyanesh Kumar and Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu will address the delegates on the 5th of May 2024. Thereafter, the delegates will embark on visits to six states—Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh—in small groups to observe polls and related preparedness in various constituencies. The programme will end on the 9th of May, 2024.

#### No Bailouts for Campus': Will Joe Biden block anti-Israel protesters from getting student loan forgiveness? taxpayers money isn't

concluded on 30 Mar

23 between MoD and

M/s Goa Shipyard Ltd

(GSL), Goa and M/s

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Engineers (GRSE),

The International Press: As anti-Israel protesters across US campuses promise to continue despite the crackdown, Senator Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) has introduced a legislation to prohibit anyone convicted of a state or federal crime related to a school protest from receiving any federal student loan relief. One of the bill's co-sponsors, Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), stated in a statement that those who sympathises with Hamas and indulges in criminal behavior on college campuses "should be ineligible for student loan bailouts." She stressed that there is a need to hold these criminals accountable and make sure

used to settle their

debt. The legislation is being led in the House of Representatives by Representative Brandon Williams (R-NY), who said it is "absurd" that the violent protestors on campuses want respect, amnesty, and food. "Our bicameral bill ensures that not one student protestor convicted of criminal offenses is bailed out by student loan forgiveness. Not one dime of taxpayer money will fund these criminals," he said in a statement.In a statement, Arkansas Republican said: "Americans who never went to college or responsibly paid off

their debts shouldn't have to pay off other people's student loans."

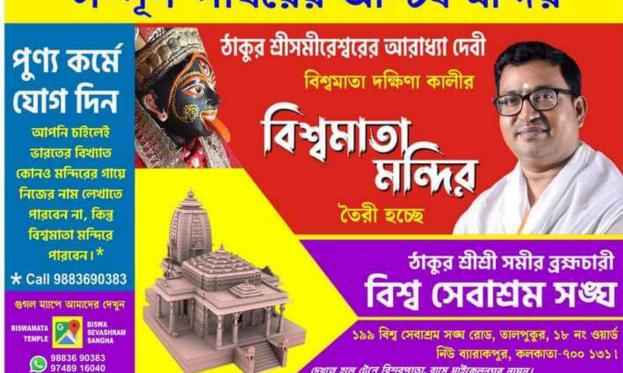
shouldn't have to pay

"They especially

off the loans of Hamas sympathisers shutting down and defacing campuses," he continued. Earlier in a post on X, Cotton shared a video of a girl who was taken into custody from the campus. "The little Gazas on cesspools of anti-

college campuses are Semitism and have no place in America. Their presence is solely due to the inaction of left wing administrators and politicians," he wrote, along with a clip of his interview with Fox News.







Australia is an important trading partner of India in Oceania region with merchandise trade between India and Australia reaching around 24 billion USD in 2023-24, signaling significant potential for further growth. The Joint Committee



### Aamir says he was completely naked while shooting for PK's radio scene

recalled how he struggled to give the perfect shot during the opening scene in PK. The film also starred Anushka Sharma.

Aamir Khan is always candid when it comes to speaking about his professional experiences.



India and Australia to work closely for collaborative projects. timely resolve market access issues, deepen people to people contacts, create institutional mechanism for sharing of preferential import data and work on innovative areas for result oriented successful completion of ongoing CECA negotiations



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technology. An Indian delegation led by Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal had a very constructive and productive discussions on various trade and prospective investment related issues with the Australian delegation led by Depute Secretary Shri George Mina from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in Canberra as well as the businesses in Sydney and Melbourne for deepening the existing economic relations between the two democracies, taking advantage of the trade complementarities and expertise and unexplored potential both economies

In the first Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) under India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA), both the sides while acknowledging the sooth implementation of the ECTA, briefly elaborated on ECTA implementation issues including MRAs on organic products, market access issues related to products like okra, pomegranate, grapes, cottage cheese macadamia nuts, lentils and avocado. TRQ administration. pharmaceutical pricing control in Australia particularly on Generics. progress made by the working group on Whisky and Wine aiming to address regulatory challenges and promote trade of these products, outcomes of the ECTA subcommittee meetings and need for their regular meetings for timely resolution, areas of mutual interest including coastal tourism, critical mineral and collaboration for establishing Disease-Free Zones for shrimps and prawns in India. JCM also adopted the Rules of Procedure for the Joint Committee and established an institutional mechanism, first of its kind for FTAs, for regular exchange of preferential import data on monthly basis. It also briefly deliberated on integrated approach for the

investments, in particular on Start-ups. The JCM meeting also addressed certain critical services issues, including the consideration of India's request for facilitation of cross border e-payments and mutual recognition agreements in professions like nursing and dentistry.

Furthermore, the

forthcoming CEO forum

event for promoting

commitment to remove the ENT/LMT requirement in line with the UK-Australia Free Trade Agreement was reiterated, alongside discussions focusing on facilitating the mobility of healthcare workers between the two nations. promoting tele-medicines. Overall, the JCM reaffirmed the commitment of both India and Australia to foster a robust and mutually beneficial economic relationship, paving the way for enhanced cooperation and prosperity for both nations. Discussions were also held at the chief negotiators level between Additional Secretary Shri Rajesh Aggarwal from DoC and Assistant Secretary Shri Ravi Kewalram from DFAT under India-Australia CECA negotiations to review the progress made after nine rounds and the way forward for its completion with a view to reaching at a balanced outcome, building on the achievements of Ind-Aus ECTA, keeping in mind the sensitivities on both the sides. It also explored areas of effective cooperation in various sectors, going beyond the traditional approach to FTAs for a deeper integration of the

Meeting also touched upon the WTO issues wherein both the sides appreciated the Commerce Secertary made it ample clear on the importance of support of Australia for early resolution of the long pending issue of permanent solution to public stock holding (PSH) Australia sought support of India for the plurilateral arrangement for domestic support for services. Both the sides agreed to discuss these matters intersessionally, if required.

economies.

Meetings with the businesses and business associations including Australia India Business Council and Chambers of Commerce in Sydney and Melbourne as well as CII explored areas of mutual interest. It was evident that aiven the existina potential, businesses are eager to work together including capacity building and vocational training, hiring of skilled professional and caretakes such as healthcare workers, nurses etc. through skill gap mapping exercise, need for mutual recognition of standards. collaboration on critical minerals, digital connectivity including cross border payment system, finance, education, Agri, dairy & food processing, transport and storage, sports,

so forth. Overall, these meetings revealed the extreme eagerness of the businesses and governments of both the sides to work hard and bring new synergy to take the strategic partnership to a new level, bringing in significant benefit to businesses and citizens.

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## Tata Memorial Centre Publishes first-of-its-kind Study on the **Economic Loss due to Premature Death from Oral Cancer in India**

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cancer is the second leading cause of death globally, with approximately 70% occurring in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (LMIC). India's cancer scenario is burdened with oral cavity cancer being the most common among men. In fact, India accounts for almost a third of the global incidence and mortality related to oral cancer.

While significant advances have been made in diagnosing and managing oral cancers, the increasing treatment costs have created a financial strain on healthcare providers and patients alike. The direct and indirect expenditures not only affect individuals but also their families and supporters, pushing the economically disadvantaged further into a debt-cycle and poverty. Moreover, these cancers are becoming increasinglycommon among the younger age groups, in contrast to the western world, which can put a significant strain on the productivity of the economy. Tata Memorial Centre's efforts can

now provide in-depth information on the productivity loss resulting from premature mortality of oral cancer that can assist policy makers in planning disbursements more effectively. In a country where the affordability gap is wide, these results are important to deliver a disease-driven, objective strategy for oral cancer care. To tackle these issues, Dr. Pankaj Chaturvedi, Director, ACTREC, and his team set out to conduct research that determine the economic lost due to premature mortality related to oral cancer in India based on a long follow up.
This is the first such study in India and among a handful globally, whose estimates were calculated utilizing real time patient data that was collected prospectively for up to 3 years. This enormous data collection has resulted in determining the the total lost productivity due to premature mortality related to oral cancer, i.e. per patient loss to society due to

non-participation directly

attributable to oral cancer Dr Arjun Singh, Assistant Professor at Tata Memorial Hospital and the lead author of the study said that the 671 years were lost to early the 671 years were lost to early (29.8%) and advanced cancers (70.2%). Considering the retirement age in India being 62 years, 91% of the deaths or uncurable recurrence of caners were in the premature age groups, with a median age of 41.5 years. Both early (70%) and advanced (86%) stage cancers, were from a middle-class socioeconomic middle-class socioeconomic status, with 53% requiring some form of insurance schemes or financial support in order to complete treatment. The productivity lost due to premature mortality was calculated using a method known as human capital approach. In most economic studies, assumptions are considered for market wages and other indicators during calculations. This is one of the few studies where individual patient data (including market and non-

level, etc.) was gathered prospectively and over a long time period. Their results were in line with the national labor force participation (48%) and unemployment rates (7%) as reported by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), India. Productivity lost due to premature mortality among females and males was 57,22,803 INR and 71,83,917 INR, respectively per

The loss of productivity to society was 31,29,092 INR/per early-stage and 71,72,566 INR/per advancedstage cancer. Based on the death rates in the population, these results show that the total cost of lost productivity due to premature oral cancer mortality in India in 2022 was \$5.6 billion, representing 0.18% of the combined gross domestic product. These results underestimate the impact of variability in treatments and its access that exists across the country. While population data has been derived from an internationally validated registry, the GLOBOCAN, the true burden might be much more as the population coverage in low- and middle-income countries is estimated to represent less than ten percent of the actual

Due to the vounger age of initiation of tobacco and areca nut usage in India, oral cancers tends to develop in younger individuals as well. This leads to devastating consequences for individuals, families, society and the economy. Tailored prevention policies that target this young age group are needed to be implemented.

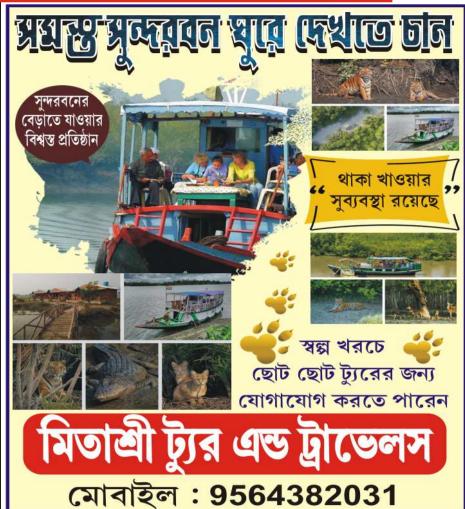
population.

Screening and early detection strategies among high-risk groups need to be prioritized. Such programs have been difficult to implement in many countries due to a lack of infrastructure and resources, including the availability of treatment for those identified with any suspicious lesions. These differences in access to treatment result in productivity losses. Dr Sudeep Gupta, Director, Tata Memorial Centre said "As per the latest GLOBOCAN statistics, the

proportion of deaths from oral cancer were 55% of the oral cancers diagnosed, making it a real public health crisis. The gross lack of awareness, fear, and misconceptions surrounding oral cancer lead to a large number of cases being diagnosed at a latestage, contributing to the high mortality rates. Even those who receive timely treatment in these advanced stages often face complex surgeries and reduced quality of life, impacting their ability to contribute to society." With oral cancer being the most common cancer among males in the country, accounting for one-third of the global burden, the impact on individuals, families, and the economy is staggering. Dr R. A. Badwe, senior author and

Ex-Director, Tata Memorial Centre, added that "Very few studies have focused on productivity losses of cancer in low resource settings and in particular in India to understand the broader economic impact. In order to inform policy-makers decisions around resource allocation we undertook at study and extrapolation to estimate the overall economic costs of oral cancer in India due to premature

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## CINEMA

## Ranbir Kapoor's look as Lord Ram LEAKED online and fans aren't all that impressed

pictures of Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi as Lord Ram and Sita have been leaked. The actors, dressed as Hindu Gods, were seen during a shooting sequence for Nitesh Tiwari's upcoming directorial, Ramayana. Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi had been shooting for the epic for a while now and this is the first time the looks

market contribution,

have been revealed. Ranbir Kapoor's look as Lord Ram LEAKED online and fans aren't all that impressed

Naturally, once the pictures went viral, there were many on social media who shared their two cents on the actors' portrayal of Hindu gods. Reacting to the leaked pictures of the movie, an X user said, "Got a feeling that this film is gonna make Adipurush look like Shawshank Redemption in comparison.

the filmmaker Nitesh Tiwari's choice of Sita saying, "Sai Pallavi is the worst choice for the role of Ma Sita." Many commented on Ranbir's acting 'range' on how the renowned star, however, one user jumped in to say that the casting is "divine Ranbir Kapoor's look as Lord Ram LEAKED online and fans aren't all

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"They matched the level of perfection of Al posters. The chemistry between Ranbir & Sai Pallavi is extremely good. Ranbir is truly into the role of ShreeRam Devine's presence & Sai looks gorgeous leaks creating enough buzz. This casting for the epic

Ramayana truly pleasure for the eves." one user said. "Greatest Bollywood film in the making. #Ramayana," another user said. Resounding a similar emotion.

and the whole Twitter burnt like Lanka Dahan," "I'm 100% sure this movie will create a Tsunami at the box office," another added. Ranbir Kapoor's look as Lord Ram LEAKED online and fans aren't all

that impressed One user shared that South Indian star, Ram Charan, might have been a better fit for the role. "Maybe it's iust me, but Ram Charan probably would have been a better choice for Ramayana in this modern storytelling. His Shri Ram looks and actions in RRR were already impressive and praised by

everybody," a user said. According to a PinkVilla report, the actors had to undergo several look tests, tech rehearsals, and previsualizations for nearly two months. The VFX-heavy movie will likely be released on a Diwali Ranbir Kapoor's look as Lord Ram LEAKED online and fans aren't all

that impressed As for how much the actors have charged to essay Hindu Gods in Ramayana, rumor has it that Ranbir will take home a whopping sum of INR225 crores while Sai Pallavi will be paid a measly sum of INR20

Actor Sunny Deol is essaying the portrayal of Lord Hanuman in Ramayana. "Sunny Deol is all charged up to have gotten once in a lifetime opportunity to play Lord Hanuman. It's a casting made in heaven, as Lord Hanuman stands for Strength, and who better than Sunny Deol in the present times to play the part with utmost conviction," a source told

It added, "While Ramayana: Part

deliver the character in any way

possible. The movie shows

. Tapsee as a housewife who

married into a higher-middle-

class family. All was going well

until one day her husband took his

frustration out on her. Tapsee was

left speechless when she realized

that she had nothing to do with he

husband not getting promoted

The slap ignites a fire within her

someone who will back down or

Synopsis: Thappad is the story of

Amrita, whose seemingly perfect

life is shattered when her

husband slaps her once at a party.

But is one slap enough to

question what a relationship

let go of this incident.

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One features Sunny Deol in a quest appearance, the second and third part of the epic trilogy will have his complete presence.

The makers are confident that after Dara Singh, it's Sunny Deol who would be synonymous with Lord Hanuman in modern times.

### 4 Movie roles of Taapsee Pannu that prove she's a force to be reckoned with!

The International Press Directed by Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, it was Taapsee Pannu's iconic performance, that made her known in the movie. Her acting skills were challenged opposite to those of her co-star Amitabh Bachchan. In the movie, Taapsee plays Meenal, who is one of the lead characters of the story. Meenal, along with her three against a powerful politician's son. The movie portrays all the challenges and thoughts that go

through Meenal's mind.

Furthermore, it also shows obstacles that are forcefully put forward to shut her up. It all starts with Meenal and her friends enjoying their girls day out, which unfortunately turns into a nightmare. The drama begins after Meenal takes a stand for herself by smashing the bottle on the antagonist's head to defend herself. In a society where the first blame goes to the victim, will their lawyer, Amitabh Bachchan, save their dignity and prove them right? Synopsis:A lawyer with wild mood swings helps three women sue the men who attacked them in order to implicated in a crime

2. Badla 5 Movie roles of Taapsee Pannu that prove she's a force to be reckoned with!



the iconic duo of Amitabh Bachchan and Taapsee Pannu, who delivered stellar performances once again. Badla is inspired by Oriol Paulo's Spanish film, The Invisible Guests.

The actress plavs a businesswoman who is extremely successful. The knife dangling on her head means that she is the prime suspect in the murder of Tony. Tony is Taapsee Pannu's lover in the film. Bachchan once again happens to be her lawyer, but to gain trust, she has to tell the truth. Synopsis: A young married entrepreneur finds herself in a locked hotel room next to the body of her dead lover. Hoping to find answers, she hires a prestigious lawyer to help solve the mystery of what really happened.

5 Movie roles of Taapsee Pannu that prove she's a force to be reckoned with! Thappad means "slap" in Hindi. which is what the movie revolved around. Director Anubhav Sinha

possible was to cast Tapsee

Pannu. He knew Taapsee would

5 Movie roles of Taapsee Pannu that prove she's a force to be reckoned with! 3. Thappad

Lastly, adding another successful hit to her list of movies, Taapsee took part in a movie that addressed Islamophobia in India. In the movie, the actress plays a Hindu wyer who defends her client, who is not just a Muslim but also her father-in-law. Rish Kapoor, as her father-in-law, gave an outstanding performance and pointed out a made sure his message for the serious topic throughout the movie was heard from miles movie. away, and one way to make that

Synopsis: One family member tries to help her family, who are trapped in a dark controversy.

## Aamir says he was completely naked while shooting for PK's radio scene



The International Press Aamir Khan recently recalled how he struggled to give the perfect shot during the opening scene in PK. The film also starred Anushka Sharma.

Aamir Khan is always candid when it comes to speaking about his professional experiences. He is known for one of his best performances in Raikumar Hirani's PK. Aamir, in his recent interview on The Great Indian Kapil Show recalled the challenges he faced while filming the radio scene. (Also read: Aamir Khan talks about 'power of namaste': As a Muslim I am not used to folding

my hands...') Aamir told Kapil that Rajkumar Hirani had assured him of a pair of shorts which would be like an abdominal guard with minimum crew members on the set. The actor said, "On the shooting day,

I wore those shorts. I came out with the radio. Raju had said no phones on the set. He hid everyone's phone. I had to run in that scene. Till the time I was walking, it was okay, but when I had to run. When I would run, the shorts would come of because it was fixed by tape. faced a lot of difficulty in that shot. I had to run fast, but I couldn't. After one or two attempts, I told Raju, 'Hatta yaar (Let's remove it).' I wanted to give the perfect shot. So I chucked it aside. I told everyone to go far behind the camera, and He further added. "I used to

think that it would be really weird to walk naked on the set. We are not used to it. I used to feel anxious about how I would do it. Everyone would be watching. I was feeling very embarrassed. I swear, when came on the set. I just wanted to work, and my shot was getting messed up. So I told Raiu, 'These are unimportant things. What's the big deal if you see me naked? We need to get the shot.' I didn't feel embarrassed at that time. I was also shocked that I did it.'

# Sports News

**Brazil great Ronaldo selling stake** in boyhood club Cruzeiro

Brazil great Ronaldo has agreed to sell his majority stake in Cruzeiro, the club where he made his senior debut, the Brazilian Serie A team announced on Monday. Ronaldo, 47, agreed



#### My goal is to unite the Pakistan team: Gary Kirsten

Pakistan have named new head coaches for their men's white-ball and red-ball teams Gary Kirsten, the head coach of the Indian team that won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2011, will assume the role of white-ball head coach



## Kohli slams strike-rate talk and pundits 'from the box'

The International Press: India's Virat Kohli on Sunday hit back at critics taking aim at his hitting prowess in T20 cricket after he slammed a matchwinning unbeaten 70 off 44 balls in the **Indian Premier** League.

The in-form Kohli set up Royal Challengers Bengaluru's chase of 201 before his younger partner Will Jacks blew away Gujarat Titans with his 41-ball 100 in Ahmedabad. Kohli, who has now passed 500 runs in this edition, and England batsman Jacks put on an unbeaten stand of 166 to see Bengaluru home by nine wickets with four overs to spare.

But despite Kohli's flowing form ahead of the T20 World Cup in June, pundits have raised concerns over his strike-rate as compared to a new breed of T20 batters, who deal in sixes. "All the people who talk about strike rates and me not playing spin well are the ones talking about this stuff," Kohli said in response to looking at



his season stats. "For me. it's about winning the games for the team and there's a reason why you've done it for 15 years. You've done this day in and day out, you've won games for your teams, I'm not quite sure that if you haven't been in that situation yourself, to sit and talk about the game from the box." Called "King Kohli" for his prolific runscoring, the star batter has a strike rate of 147.49 in 10

IPL innings. In contrast, Australia's up and coming batter in Jake Fraser-McGurk has made 247 runs at a strikerate of 237.50 for Delhi Capitals. Kohli's 51 in the previous match came in 43 balls, a contrast to teammate Rajat Patidar's 20-ball 50 and former India quick RP Singh said the veteran batter was "slow". "For me, people can talk about their assumptions day in

and day out, but those who have done it day in and day out, they know what's happening and it's a kind of muscle memory for me now," said the 35-year-old Kohli. Kohli struck the first century -- his eighth in the IPL -- of this edition earlier this month in 67 balls but the knock ended in a losing cause after Rajasthan Royals Jos Buttler hit 100 in 58

"I don't want to be over-aggressive, want to keep the bowler guessing. They want me to go hard and get me out," Kohli said after the knock on April 6. "It's just experience and maturity. I play the conditions and have the game ready.' Bengaluru, who

remain bottom of the 10-team table with just three wins in 10 matches, and Kohli still await their first IPL

## **Brazil great Ronaldo selling stake** in boyhood club Cruzeiro



The International Press: Brazil great Ronaldo has agreed to sell his majority stake in Cruzeiro, the club where he made his senior debut, the Brazilian Serie A team announced on Monday. Ronaldo, 47, agreed with BPW Sports company to sell the 90% stake he acquired in 2021 for \$70 million through his company Tara Sports

No details were given on how much BPW Sports are paying for the stake. The former Barcelona, Inter Milan and Real Madrid forward helped clear the club's \$195 million debt and led their return to the domestic top flight in 2022 after three seasons in Serie

However, a recent run of poor results sparked criticism and led to some fans to call for his departure. "Ronaldo and BPW Sports signed an agreement to acquire all the shares of Tara Sports Brasil, the company

that owns 90% of Cruzeiro SAF," the club said in a statement "(Ronaldo) led an administration that brought a new perspective to the club. implementing professional management and a governance structure in line with international best

"Cruzeiro's credibility was restored, attracting important partners and sponsors, with contracts that set record figures for the club. Ronaldo, who won the World Cup with Brazil in 1994 and 2002, will continue to serve as a member of Cruzeiro's board of directors upon approval of the deal by Brazil's Administrative Council for Economic Defense, the club added. Ronaldo made his professional debut with Cruzeiro as a 16-year-old in 1993 before going on to become one of the best strikers in world football. "A mix of feelings hit me today, but above all, the feeling of fulfilment," he told a news conference. "It's impossible not to remember when I took on the great challenge of buying Cruzeiro. 'We've faced many challenges, the majority of which we've overcome. We've stumbled along the way, but today I can say that I'm handing Cruzeiro over with a sense of having done

precarious.

Valladolid

Ronaldo now looks set to sell

his 51% stake in Spanish

"Valladolid is next," he told

second-tier side Real

my duty, given that the club's situation was very

My goal is to unite the Pakistan team: **Gary Kirsten** 



The International Press: Pakistan have named new head coaches for their men's white-ball and red-ball teams.

Gary Kirsten, the head coach of the Indian team that won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2011, will assume the role of white-ball head coach of Pakistan heading into the upcoming T20 World Cup, the PCB announced in their press conference on Sunday.

Former Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie has been roped in as the head coach for Tests. Azhar Mahmood, who recently acted as the head coach during the T20I series against New Zealand, will continue to be a part of the setup as an allformat assistant coach. All three appointments have been made for a two-year period, the PCB confirmed in their press release. Gary Kirsten, currently fulfilling duties as the batting coach and mentor for the Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League (IPL), is set to join the Pakistan team

following the completion of the tournament.

His first big test will be the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in the



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The International **Press**: Liverpool expect Mohamed Salah to at least see out of the final year of his contract at Anfield, according to reports on Monday. Sky Sports and The Athletic reported Salah, 31, has given no indication that he wishes to leave and Liverpool are not planning to sell. The Egyptian was involved in a public spat with Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp on the touchline as he prepared to come on as a substitute in Saturday's 2-2 draw at West Ham. Speaking after the match, Salah said:

"There's going to

speak." Liverpool rejected advances from the Saudi Pro League at the beginning of the season, including a reported £150 million (\$188 million) bid from Al Ittihad. However, Klopp will leave the club at the end of the season, sparking speculation over what the future holds for some of his senior players. Backed by the Saudi sovereign wealth fund, the Gulf Kingdom is expected to be a major player in the summer transfer market to lure more

star names to a

league that already £18 million a year.

boasts the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo, Neymar and Sadio Mane. Salah has scored 24 goals this season, but his form has tailed off since he was injured at the Africa Cup of Nations in January. As Salah's goals have dried up, Liverpool's season has unravelled. The Reds have fallen out of the running for the **Premier League** title and been eliminated from the Europa League and FA Cup. Salah has just over 12 months to run on a three-year deal signed in 2022 worth a reported

## Liverpool expect Salah to stay despite Saudi interest: Reports in 'European Clasico'



The International Press: Real Madrid have their sights set on a Liga and Champions League double, but to lift the latter they must find a way past Bayern Munich, their "bestia negra" -- "black beast". Carlo Ancelotti's side travel to Bavaria for the semi-final first leg clash on Tuesday, in a fixture dubbed the 'European Clasico', the most repeated in the competition's history. Despite Madrid's forbidding nickname for Bayern, they have shaded the Bundesliga side across their 26 encounters, with 12 wins to Bayern's 11. In the last decade Madrid clearly have the edge on the German giants. The record 14-time winners knocked out Bayern in each of their three most recent tangles,

in the semi-finals in 2014

and 2018, and the quarter-

finals in 2017. Real went on to win the Champions League every time. Ancelotti was on the receiving end in 2017, when Cristiano Ronaldo's hat-trick knocked his Bayern side out in extratime at the Santiago Bernabeu. It was another example of Madrid somehow finding a

way to win in Europe from tricky situations. Bayern, six-time Champions League winners, have only lifted the trophy once since their 2013 triumph over Borussia Dortmund at Wembley. By contrast, Los Blancos have won it five times in that period. Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez said last week Madrid's success breeds more success, after they showed steel to overcome champions Manchester City on penalties in the

calm, less desperation, more confidence," said the Barcelona coach. Aside from the longstanding rivalry between the two European giants, the Munich clash pits two England superstars -Jude Bellingham and Harry Kane -- against each other, less than two months out from Euro 2024 kicking off in the same venue. In the pre-match press conference, Bayern coach Thomas Tuchel said Bellingham was "a key player in a very offensive position" for the Spanish giants, having stepped into Karim Benzema's shoes as Madrid's top scorer, delivering on the big occasions this season. "Jude is extraordinary.

He was fantastic here in the Bundesliga... Everyone who plays for Madrid plays with the pressure of the shirt. He plays with the pressure to

play with this club and all the expectations," Tuchel said yesterday. Bellingham stands in the way of his compatriot Harry Kane from claiming a first career trophy. Kane, who has been the only light to consistently shine in a faltering Bayern side this season, hopes for Bellingham to have a night off on Tuesday. "Of course, he's had an amazing season himself. But from my point of view, I hope he's quiet in the next two games," Kane told reporters after scoring a brace in Saturday's 2-1 home win

over Eintracht Frankfurt. Bellingham was injured and did not play on the final day last season as Dortmund lost out to Bayern in the German title race and the England international would love to get one over his former rivals in the 'European Clasico'.

**USA** and West Indies after which he is expected to be in charge of the team heading into ICC **Champions Trophy** 2025 in Pakistan, T20 Asia Cup 2025 and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 in India and Sri Lanka. Speaking on his appointment, Gary Kirsten said: "It's a tremendous honour to be entrusted with the responsibility of coaching the Pakistan men's national team in white-ball cricket and to rejoin the international cricket arena after some time. I eagerly anticipate this opportunity and aim to contribute positively to the Pakistan men's national team in limited-overs cricket. "One of the beautiful aspects of cricket is its universality. Across cultures, there's a shared understanding when we discuss the game. My goal is to unite the Pakistan men's white-ball team, harnessing their considerable talents

towards a common

achieving success

together on the field."

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much, you play with more