

Stokes slams 141 as Eng rattle India at lunch



Manchester, (UNI) England produced a dominant batting display on Day 4 of the fourth Test at Old Trafford, declaring their authority with a massive total of 669 in 157.1 overs, thanks to Ben Stokes' heroic 141 and Brydon Carse's entertaining 47. India, in their second innings, suffered a double blow before lunch, reaching a precarious 1/2 in just 3 overs.

Resuming at 544/7, England raced past the 550-mark in the 137th over as Stokes began the

long-on, reverse sweeps, and back-foot punches, displaying brute power and finesse in equal measure. He smashed 11 fours and 3 sixes in his 198-ball knock before falling to Ravindra Jadeja, caught by Sai Sudharsan at long-on while attempting another big hit.

Brydon Carse added crucial lower-order runs, clobbering two sixes and three fours in his entertaining 47 off 54 balls. His intent was clear—charging down to smash Washington Sundar and Jadeja over the ropes. His innings ended when he miscued a slog-sweep off Jadeja, with Siraj holding a comfortable catch at deep backward square.

Jadeja cleaned up the tail with key wickets, finishing with figures that reflected his persistence through the innings. Jasprit Bumrah too chipped in, dismissing Liam Dawson with a sharp delivery that stayed low and knocked back off stump.

India's response was nightmarish. Opener Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sai Sudarshan were both dismissed for ducks, leaving the visitors at 1/2 in just 3 overs. KL Rahul (1*) and Shubman Gill (0*) were at the crease at lunch, with the massive English total looming over them like a mountain.

With a deficit of 353 runs and eight wickets in hand, India face a herculean task to save this match. India heads code 358 in their first innings.

morning session with aggressive intent. The England skipper registered his 14th Test hundred off 164 balls, playing a captain's knock just a day after claiming a five-wicket haul—an all-round feat not seen from him in nearly three years. His century was brought up with a stylish leg glance, followed by a helmet-off tribute to his late father, drawing emotional applause from spectators.

Stokes then unleashed a flurry of strokes: sixes over long-off and

Domestic tournaments are as competitive as international contests now: Boxer Minakshi



New Delhi, (UNI) India's 48 kg category woman boxer Minakshi feels that competition within the country has become so intense that even trials seem as good as international tournaments.

Speaking exclusively to UNI on the sidelines of the felicitation function of the Indian boxing contingent that participated in the World Boxing Cup Brazil 2025 and World Boxing Cup Astana, Kazakhstan 2025, she said: "In India, even within Haryana the pool of talent is very large. There are so many international medal winners competing that it feels like playing an international tournament."

Minakshi won a silver medal at the World Boxing Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan earlier this month. She narrowly missed the gold, going down to Kazakhstan's Nazym Kyzaiabay in a close game.

India won six medals at the World Boxing Cup, Brazil, and 11 medals at the World Boxing Cup Astana, Kazakhstan.

Minakshi, who bagged a silver at the 2022 Asian Championships and finished with a gold at the Elorda Cup in Astana in May 2024, characterised her style of boxing as long distance and counterattacking, and said there are certain aspects that she is aiming to improve.

"My approach is basically long distance based and counter attacking. My counter attack is pretty good. I want to now focus on attack."

Minakshi explained how in rural areas the attitudes towards girls is changing through sports.

"Our village has a lot of boxing culture. When I started, my mother, a housewife, and my father, an auto driver, and my coach Vijay Hooda were always supportive of my boxing aspirations.

"But in the village, there are some restrictions for girls. However, since many of us like Shiksha Narwal, Jyoti Gulia, Monica, all have won medals internationally, people are much more open minded about girls pursuing their sporting ambitious," she said.

BUSINESS

India's Power Sector Set for a INR 65–70 Tn Investment Surge to Electrify 2035 Vision

India is set to experience an unprecedented wave of investment in its power sector, with capital requirements projected between INR 65 to 70 trillion by 2035, according to a new report by Omniscience Research, the research division of Omniscience Capital Advisors Pvt. Ltd. The report, titled "Capex and Currents: INR 65 Trillion Capex to Electrify India-2035", outlines a comprehensive roadmap for India's transition to a sustainable, future-ready, and digitally integrated power infrastructure.

Dr Vikas V Gupta, Principal Officer of Omniscience Investment Adviser, says "As electricity demand is expected to triple to over 4,000 terawatt-



hours (TWh) by 2035, the report emphasizes the need for India to add nearly 850–900 gigawatts (GW) of new power generation capacity, bringing the total to between 1,300 and 1,400 GW. A significant portion of this growth will be driven by renewable energy sources, with solar and wind expected to contribute more than 60% of the nation's power capacity."

The report estimates that INR 54 trillion will be required solely for generation capacity expansion. Solar power is projected to lead with an estimated INR 23 trillion in investment, reaching 564 GW in capacity and producing approximately 988 billion units of electricity annually by 2035. Wind energy is expected to grow to 280 GW, generating around 615 billion units annually with an investment of INR 11.5 trillion. While coal's share in the overall capacity is forecast to drop to 24%, it will still account for 46% of electricity generation, indicating its continued relevance in ensuring base-load power stability.

In addition to generation,

India's transmission infrastructure will require a capital infusion of INR 13 trillion, enabling the expansion of the network to 2.3 lakh circuit kilometers to efficiently distribute the increased electricity supply. Furthermore, the rollout of smart meters to 30 crore households is projected to need an additional INR 1.3 trillion, facilitating real-time monitoring and greater distribution efficiency across the power ecosystem.

A key technological advancement highlighted in the report is the India Energy Stack—an ambitious digital infrastructure initiative that aims to unify the power sector through secure, interoperable platforms.

Integrated Industries Limited Delivers Strong Financial Results for Q4 and FY25

Integrated Industries Limited (BSE: 531889) is a fast growing company engaged in the business of organic and inorganic food products , bakery products and other processed food items. Recently , the company has announced strong results for the fourth quarter of FY20 and FY25 and provided an update on the company's business performance. For FY25 (merger) , the Company reported Total Income of ?769.35 crore , a growth of 132.25% YoY . EBITDA stood at ?72.28 crore , witnessing a YoY growth of 145.52%. Net Profit stood at ? 67.82 crore , showing a YoY growth of 171.93% . The Company's Total Income in Q4 FY25 stood at ?242.64 crore , a growth of 21.70% as against ?199.37 crore in Q3 FY25 . This growth is due to strong demand for products and products designed keeping in mind consumer preferences. The consistent growth in the top-line is a testimony to the Company's ability to deliver sustainable growth in a dynamic market environment. EBITDA for the quarter stood

at ?24.67 crore , up 38.52% from ?17.81 crore in the previous quarter . EBITDA margin improved by 124 basis points to 10.17 % from 8.93% in the previous quarter . This improvement was driven by improved operating leverage , cost optimization measures and improvements in product portfolio. The Company's net profit in Q4 FY25 stood at ?22.61 crore , up 27.45% from ?17.74 crore in Q3 FY25 . Net profit margin improved by 42 basis points to 9.32 % from 8.90% in the previous quarter . This improvement reflects the Company's continued commitment to delivering value to shareholders through profitable growth. The company further added , "We are pleased to announce that we are expanding our biscuit manufacturing capacity by setting up a second production unit in Secunderabad, Uttar Pradesh . This decision is in line with our long-term strategy to strengthen our market presence , enhance supply chain efficiency and meet the growing demand in South and Central India.

Nippon Paint makes a bold statement to expand the market

New Delhi: Nippon Paint, Asia Pacific's No. 1 paint company by revenue today unveiled its latest innovation – Paint Protection Films in New Delhi. Under the n-SHIELD brand, Nippon Paint aims to develop and expand the market for paint protection films and other films in India and other markets around the world.

Vehicle paint protection is a growing need of the market which is highly unorganized today. Nippon Paint has been working on developing its film-based products for the past 4 years and is now uniquely positioned



to offer both paint as well as paint protection films to its customers, through its large network of sales & technical teams, technology experts, distributors, car dealer partners and detailing centre associates. Nippon Paint India also announced the start of its association

with the India Champions cricket team, together with its brand launch.

This partnership brings together a trusted innovation led Japanese brand and a legendary cricket team in India, reflecting shared values of protection, performance and durability

– qualities that are as crucial on the field as they are in protecting automotive surfaces. Speaking on the occasion, Sharad Malhotra, Director of Nippon Paint India, said "At Nippon Paint, when we decided to enter films, we leveraged our paint experience to develop the best film products. Our films cover all categories in the market, not just the premium.

And we plan to ultimately manufacture these products in India, in line with our Make in India philosophy, mirroring the government's efforts to bring international manufacturing to India."

Swift Action by THINK Gas Restores Gas Supply After Unauthorized Excavations in Bhopal

In Bhopal, two incidents of damage to MDPE pipelines supplying natural gas were reported, one near Pushpanjali Hospital, Bawadia Kalan, and the other near Shri Ram Campus, close to Tanatan Dhaba on Ayodhya Bypass. Upon reaching the sites, the THINK Gas teams found that the damages had occurred during excavation work carried out using JCBs for house construction by the property owner and water line repair work by society respectively. The THINK Gas team immediately acted and rectified the damaged pipelines, restoring supply. These incidents would have been averted if the information of this excavation was informed to THINK Gas. Such damages not only disrupt the gas supply to customers but also possess threats to life and property.

SOM Group of Companies Launches Mahavat Whisky in the Mid- Premium Segment

Bhopal: SOM Group of Companies, one of India's fastest-growing alcohol beverage companies, announces its entry into the regular (mid-premium) whisky segment with the launch of Mahavat Whisky - a bold, flavour-forward expression crafted to deliver the spirit of royalty in every sip. Priced in the ?1000-1100 segment, Mahavat is positioned to compete with some of the top leading regular whisky brands, while redefining expectations through its premium taste and compelling narrative.

Inspired by the legacy of strength and leadership, Mahavat is a whisky for those who live life on their own terms- adventurous, bold, and unafraid to break convention. It isn't just a drink; it is a reflection of personality and purpose. As the name suggests, 'Mahavat' refers to the one who commands, a figure of power, discipline, and respect. This sentiment is captured not just in the brand ethos, but also in every element of the whisky's profile and presentation.



Crafted with a taste profile that blends royal fruit pairings like pear, a delectable touch of smoke, and a candied sweetness that leaves behind a bold, lingering finish of woody richness and subtle cocoa, Mahavat isn't just another whisky - it's a statement. Aged and blended with precision, the golden liquid delivers a taste experience that reflects regal indulgence with every pour.

"Mahavat Whisky is more than just a new product - it's a disruptive move into India's most competitive alcohol beverage segment. It embodies courage, royalty, and individuality, and we believe it will strike a strong chord with the modern Indian consumer who values both boldness and authenticity," said Mr. J.K. Arora, Chairman & Managing Director, SOM Group of Companies, "With Mahavat, we're setting a new benchmark in this segment & it's one of the most anticipated product launch from our group of companies, and this launch marks one of the most ambitious rollouts in our portfolio to date."

Badminton Asia Jr Individual Champ's: Tanvi and Vennala clinch bronze

Solo, (UNI): India's impressive campaign at the Badminton Asia Junior Individual Championships 2025 concluded with Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla securing bronze medals in the women's singles category, a historic first for India, with two women's singles shuttlers finishing on the podium in the same edition of the event.

In a gripping semifinal, Vennala Kalagotla fought valiantly against China's Liu Si Ya.

Down 15-20 in the second game, the young Indian saved three match points to make it 18-20, but a crucial late error allowed Liu to close out the contest 21-15, 21-18.

On the other court, second seed Tanvi Sharma faced eighth seed Yin Yi Qing of China.

After dropping the first game 13-21, Tanvi staged a spirited fightback in the second, racing to a 6-1 lead.

However, Yin clawed her way back to level at 8-8, before pulling ahead to secure a 21-13, 21-14 win, leaving Tanvi with a well-earned bronze.

This event marks a landmark achievement that reflects the rapid progress of the country's junior shuttlers.

Barcelona squad departs late for Japan, South Korea



Madrid, (UNI)

Barcelona's squad has traveled to Asia for a three-match tour of Japan and South Korea with a 24-hour delay after resolving contract problems with the tour promoters.

A conflict over the contract for Barca's first game against Japanese side Vissel Kobe saw the squad postpone its planned departure on Thursday, and the trip looked to be in danger of being canceled.

However, the problems have now been resolved and the players were able to depart today.

Coach Hansi Flick has named a 30-player traveling squad, which includes new signings Marcus Rashford and goalkeeper Joan Garcia.

Several members of Barca's B-team also form part of the squad for the trip in which Barca will also face South Korean sides Seoul FC and Daegu FC.

Tour de France: Thymen Arensman wins Stage 19

Paris, (UNI)

The human held out against the aliens – that was how Dutchman Thymen Arensman (Ineos Grenadiers) described the finale of the sodden and shortened Stage 19 of the Tour de France as the plucky Arensman held on for a second mountaintop win of the race by just two seconds over his extraterrestrial pursuers.

With yellow jersey Tadej Pogacar (UAE Team Emirates-XRG) and the polka dot jersey Jonas Vingegaard (Visma-Lease a Bike) closing in after a series of attacks from the white jersey of Florian Lipowitz (Red Bull-Bora Hansgrohe), Arensman had just enough left in the tank to add an Alpine win at La Plagne to his Pyrenean success at Superbag-



neres last weekend.

For the first time in the 112th edition of the Tour, Denmark's Vingegaard finally got the better of his big rival Pogacar as he crossed the line for second place with the Slovenian race leader on his back wheel. Bonus seconds sees the

two-time champion cut his deficit to a still considerable 4'24" ahead of Saturday's lumpy penultimate stage in the Jura hills.

"Everyone knows that Tadej and Jonas are the strongest in the world – they're almost like aliens. And just as a hu-

man, I still want to try to beat them," an exhausted but content Arensman said after his victory.

"I just can't believe that I did beat them today. I tried to not look behind and go as fast as I could – and it was just enough. It's crazy."