

Vodafone Idea inches closer to 5G launches, partners with Motorola for the same



Vodafone Idea (Vi) today announced a partnership with Motorola India. As a part of this partnership, the two companies are working together over deployment of Vodafone Idea's 5G network in India. The telecom giant today said that it has successfully tested its 5G network over Motorola's portfolio of 5G smartphones. The company also said that this testing happened in New Delhi over 3350 to 3400 MHz spectrum bands on Vi

5G network. Also Read - OnePlus launch event tomorrow: OnePlus 11 5G, OnePlus 11R 5G, OnePlus Pad and more expected. The two companies also shared a list of all of the Motorola's 5G smartphones that support Vi's 5G smartphone. The list includes — Motorola Edge 30 Ultra, Motorola Edge 30 Fusion, Moto G62 5G, Motorola Edge 30, Moto G82 5G, Motorola Edge 30 Pro, Moto G71 5G, Moto G51 5G, Motorola Edge 20, Mo-

torola Edge 20 Pro, and Motorola Edge 20 Fusion smartphones. Also Read - How to lock incognito tabs in Chrome on Android and iOS "We are happy to partner with Motorola in one more step towards our 5G roll out. We believe that the partnership will help develop the 5G device ecosystem, helping more Vi customers upgrade to a superior 5G ready smartphone in time for service roll out," Vodafone Idea CMO, Avneesh Khosla, said on the occasion. Also Read - Dell reportedly fires 6,650 employees in latest job cuts. This announcement indicates that Vodafone Idea is inching closer to the roll out of its 5G services in India. However, the company is yet to announce the date of roll out of its 5G services in the country yet. 5G in India For the unversed, Prime Min-

Chandrayaan-3 Live Updates: Countdown to Soft Landing

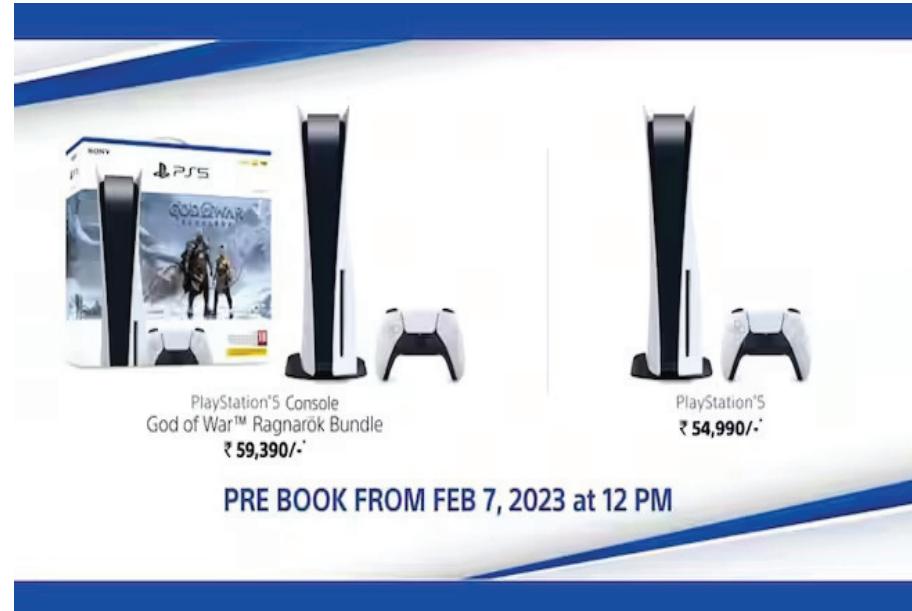
ISRO Releases New Pictures of the Moon From 70km Altitude ISRO has released some more pictures of the Moon captured by the camera attached to the Vikram Lander Module. In its latest update on Chandrayaan-3's planned soft landing on the Moon's South Pole, ISRO meanwhile said the mission is on schedule and systems are undergoing regular checks. Read the full story here.

14:41 (IST) ISRO Releases New Images of the Moon We have fresh visuals of the Moon, captured by the Lander Imager Camera 4 on August 20, 2023. 14:18:53 (IST) What Do We Know About the Presence of Frozen Water on the Moon? ISRO is attempting to land its Chandrayaan-3 space craft on the Moon's south pole, a mission that could advance India's space ambitions and expand knowledge of lunar water ice, potentially one of the moon's most valuable resources. Here's what's known about the presence of frozen water on the moon - and why space agencies and pri-



vate companies see it as a key to a moon colony, lunar mining and potential missions to Mars. Read the full explainer here. 13:36 (IST) Chandrayaan-3 Is on Schedule, ISRO Confirms The ISRO has tweeted that the Moon mission is smooth sailing and systems are undergoing regular checks. The space agency has also released some new visuals of the Moon captured by the Lander Position Detection Camera (LPDC) from an altitude of about 70 km. 13:01:12 (IST) Race for Moon Resources Has Begun While ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 is on course to make a soft landing on the lunar South Pole, Russia's Luna-25 Moon mission encountered problems over the weekend and crashed on the Moon's surface, thus ending the nation's first Moon mission in 47 years in failure. Now, after the Luna-25 crash, the head of Russia's space agency Roscosmos has said that the race to explore and

Sony PlayStation 5, God of War Ragnarok Bundle pre-booking starts



It's February and today (February 7) is the first Sony PS5 restock of the month. This PlayStation 5 restock is different since the price of the console has been hiked and also, there's the God of War Ragnarok bundle going up for pre-booking. Also Read - PlayStation 5 God of War Ragnarok Bundle to go up for pre-booking on February 7 Sony PlayStation 5 restock, God of War Ragnarok Bundle pre-booking The Sony PlayStation 5 will be available in the disc version priced at Rs 54,990. On the other hand, the Sony PS5 God of War Ragnarok bundle costs Rs 59,390. Also Read - PlayStation Plus Collection will not be accessible from May 8. This time around the price

has been increased and it also affects the bundle. For instance, last time the Horizon Forbidden West bundle was priced under Rs 55,000. But for the GOW Ragnarok bundle, buyers have to shell out more, almost closer to

the Rs 60,000 mark. For the unversed, the price of the PS5 console was increased back in November last year. Nonetheless, if you are interested in pre-booking the console or GOW Ragnarok bundle, buyers have to shell out more, almost closer to

ShopATSC, Amazon.in, e2zStore, and other authorized online stores at 12 PM. What's in the GOW Ragnarok Bundle? Buyers who are getting the PS5 console for the first time could go with a bundle since it comes

How to lock incognito tabs in Chrome on Android and iOS

Google Chrome, unlike some other browsers, comes with several security features. It has features such as a password manager, safe browsing, and safety check. Also Read - How to make Google Chrome your default web browser on Windows PC, Mac, Android phone, iPhone. Sometime back, Google also updated the app to make the Incognito experience better on smartphones. It introduced fingerprint/facial locking for Incognito tabs on the Chrome browser. With the help of fingerprint/facial lock, you can secure your private searches. Although this feature was accessible for some time, not many know about it. That said, in this article, we'll show how you can lock incognito tabs on Google Chrome on Android and iOS. How to fingerprint/facial lock Google Chrome's Incognito tabs Before we get started make sure you are on the latest



version of Google Chrome. You can check if the app is updated on PlayStore/ App Store. Once you are on the latest version of the app, follow the steps below. Step 1: Open Google Chrome on your Android device Step 2: Head to the flags page by entering the following URL - chrome://flags Step 3: Search Reauthenticaton for incognito in the search bar Step 4: Once you follow the third step, you should see 'Enable device reauthenti-

WhatsApp: How to use the proxy feature to access it



WhatsApp has announced a new proxy feature that will allow users to get access to the messaging app even if their connection is blocked. WhatsApp aims to provide a secure connection for users during internet shutdowns, or for people residing in WhatsApp-banned countries like Iran. Also Read - WhatsApp announces new proxy support feature to allow users to access it even during internet shutdowns. As per a statement by WhatsApp, "Our wish for 2023 is that these internet shutdowns never happen. Such blockades, as we have seen in Iran over

the past several months, violate people's human rights and prevent them from getting immediate help." Also Read - WhatsApp removes NY live stream, after minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar objects. WhatsApp has rolled out proxy support on the app for all users. Also Read - WhatsApp update: WhatsApp working on feature to let users select chats on Desktop beta. Here's a step-by-step guide on how you can set up the WhatsApp proxy feature on your smartphones. How to use WhatsApp proxy on Android, iOS. Notably, to get access to this feature, you

Big Tech Firms Not Doing Enough to Remove Fake News, Comply With EU Online Content Rules: NGO Avaaz

"Overall, just 22 percent of disinformation content we analysed was either labelled or removed by the six major platforms," Avaaz said. It said the companies did not do enough to tackle disinformation in languages other than English. "Despite explicit platform commitments in the code to improve their services in all EU languages - Italian, German, Hungarian, Danish, Spanish and Estonian - no platform took any action against violating posts," Avaaz said. Google Announces ChatGPT Rival Bard, Releases AI Service to Early Testers "This study suggests that most of the major platforms are failing to comply with their

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New Delhi, Dec 13 The opposition's move to seek the impeachment of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar led to pandemonium in the Rajya Sabha on Friday. With opposition and treasury benches clashing and the Chairman wading into the issue, the proceedings of the House, which have been marred because of the issue and the Adani controversy, were adjourned in the first hour itself. Before the adjournments, Dhankhar said he was a farmer's son and he would not 'show weakness'. "Day in and day out there is only a campaign against the Chairman....it's a campaign not against me; it's a campaign against category to which I belong," he asserted. The Chairman, before adjourning the proceedings at around 11.45 am till Monday, appealed to Leader of the Opposition in the House Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the House JP Nadda to come to his chamber to find a way out to end the logjam. "I appeal to you, Khargeji, please spare time, accept my prayer, and see me in my chamber



today. The same request I am making to the Leader of the House also... I will try to navigate things so that we are able to work as members of the House. I would expect Kharge Ji to respond. Let us meet in my chamber and find a way out," Dhankhar said. To this, a visibly angry Kharge retorted, "How can I respect you?

You are insulting me". As he was speaking, the Chair adjourned the proceedings till Monday. Trouble arose after BJP's Radha Mohan Das Agrawal raised a point of order and narrated the procedure related to the no-confidence motion against the Vice President of India, who is an ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha.

Over 350 attendees from 36 countries engaged in transformative discussions on innovation, sustainability, and societal impact

New Delhi, 13 December : Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (IOE), Delhi-NCR, successfully hosted the Innovation and Impact Summit 2024 in collaboration with the Times Higher Education (THE), a leading global platform for higher education data and insights.

The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Professor Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of National Educational Technology Forum (NETF); Chairman of the Executive Committee of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and Chairman, National Bureau of Accreditation (NBA), India. The inauguration ceremony featured Phil Baty, Chief Global Affairs Officer of THE and Shikhar Malhotra, Chancellor of Shiv Nadar IOE.

The event saw the participation of 380 attendees from diverse sectors, including academia, industry, and government. Over three days, the event explored various critical topics such as AI, space, neuroscience, health innovations, clean energy, sustainability, and many more. Professor Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of the National Educational Technology Forum and Chairman of EC National Assessment and Accreditation Council, said, "I am delighted to be a part of this prestigious event celebrating India's remarkable progress in innovation and education."

India, moving from 81st to 39th position on the Global Innovation Index in just nine years, reflects the power of blending our rich intellectual heritage with modern innovation. Initiatives like the Atal Innovation Mission and the National Education Policy 2020 transform classrooms into creativity hubs, preparing our youth to tackle global challenges with confidence and ingenuity. Reflecting on the summit's success, Shikhar Malhotra, Chancellor, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi –



NCR, said, "The Impact and Innovation Summit 2024 marks a great moment for Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR. We thank Times Higher Education to host this prestigious event in India for the first time."

With participation from 36 countries and discussions spanning domains such as space technology, philanthropy, education and entrepreneurship, these three days were testament to the power of collaboration and diverse perspectives. Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR, as the largest initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, stands firmly rooted in our founder's vision of giving back to society through education and innovation. Events like these reaffirm our commitment to driving meaningful progress, addressing pressing global challenges

in higher education, and advancing collective solutions through visionary thinking and cross-sector engagement."

Adding to the sentiment, Phil Baty, Chief Global Affairs Officer, Times Higher Education (THE), stated, "I would like to thank Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi - NCR for providing inspiration, demonstrating the innovation and ensuring the impact of this event by hosting us all here this week."

This summit was truly a place to forge new friendships, collaborations, a platform for action, and a call to reassert the role of higher education as a worldwide force of good. The summit provided a unique opportunity to highlight the critical challenges and innovative solutions that will ultimately shape the future of both technology and society.

Bachpan se yahi dekha hai, Rajnath Singh's dig at Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi, Dec 13 In a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said it was natural for some Opposition leaders to roam around with copies of the Indian Constitution in their pockets.

"Today many leaders of the Opposition roam around with the copies of the Constitution in their pockets. Inhona backpan se yahi dekha hai... This is what they have learnt from their childhood days. For generations they have seen their family members keep the Constitution in their pockets only," Singh said as he opened the debate on the 75th anniversary of the adoption of Indian Constitution in Lok Sabha on Friday.

Rahul Gandhi and several Congress leaders have been flaunting red covered copies of the Constitution while on campaign trails in a series of recent elections, especially 2024 Lok Sabha polls, where they accused the BJP-led NDA of



seeking 400 seats to change the Constitution.

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Pay attention to Bangladesh, act to end Hindus' misery: Uddhav Thackeray to PM Modi

Mumbai, Dec 13 Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray has called upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take note of the severe atrocities being perpetrated on the Hindus in Bangladesh and immediately intervene in the matter.

"Why is the government silent on the atrocities on the plight of Hindus in Bangladesh? The Opposition has been raising the issue in Parliament for the past few days on the injustice being meted out to the minority Hindus there, but nothing is being done by India," Thackeray said on Friday.

Speaking to mediapersons, he said a couple of months ago when the Bangladesh cricket team had come to India (September-October), Aditya Thackeray had demanded that we should not play with them, but the government

kept mum and did nothing about it. "We want to know why the PM is not saying anything on this. Hindus are being targeted daily, the ISKCON Temple was burnt, their leaders were arrested and subjected to action, but we are silent," Thackeray said. Taking a jibe, Thackeray said that "on behalf of all the Hindus in the country", he was appealing to the PM that just as he had taken action in the Ukraine crisis, he should do the same in Bangladesh to ensure that the attacks on Hindus stop there. "There is no point in making slogans like 'batenge to katenge, fatenge, marenge,' etc.

PM Modi pays tributes to Parliament attack victims



New Delhi, Dec 13 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday paid tributes to those killed in the terrorist attack on Parliament in 2001. He said that the country remains eternally grateful for their courage and dedication.

Modi paid tribute to them at a commemoration event held in Parliament complex. Eight security personnel had made the supreme sacrifice in the

attack carried out by Pakistan-based terrorist organisations. A gardener was also killed.

Security forces killed all five terrorists involved in the attack. Modi on X posted, "Paid homage to those martyred in the 2001 Parliament attack. Their sacrifice will forever inspire our nation. We remain eternally grateful for their courage and dedication."

Target to produce 20 gigawatts of green power by 2030 : Bhatti



Hyderabad, Dec 13 Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the State government is formulating a special plan to produce 20 gigawatts of green power by 2030 and as part of its endeavour, it is working with determination for achieving the goal in the energy sector.

As part of the National Energy Conservation Week to be held from December 14 to 20, 2024, the electricity conservation celebrations will be held in Telangana on a grand scale. On the occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka unveiled the electricity

conservation calendar for the year 2025 prepared by the officials of the Telangana State Renewable Energy Development Corporation (TGREDCO) at Pragathi Bhavan here on Friday.

Addressing the programme, the Deputy Chief Minister revealed that the government will formulate a special action plan with the aim of establishing 20GW of renewable energy by 2030 and 40GW by 2035. He stated that technology-based measures are being taken in all sectors to achieve energy conservation and energy efficiency in Telangana.



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Shubman Gill toasts old Gabba memories as he prepares to make new ones

► The India batter has looked good in his two innings this series but will want a few more runs to show for it

Brisbane, Dec 13 It didn't take long for the memories to come flooding back for Shubman Gill. People forget he played a big part at the Gabba in 2021. Only 21 years old, playing his third Test match, he walked out into perhaps the most intimidating stage Australia had to offer - their captain Tim Paine had made a point to remind them of that when they were able to salvage a draw in Sydney earlier - and looked like he belonged. Gill at his best is comes with a volume warning, because when he hits the ball, it just reverberates around the ground. Sometimes you feel like you could pick out his shots with your eyes closed because the connection is so crisp. Early in India's chase of 329,

he hit Mitchell Starc off the back foot all along the ground through cover and on commentary former England cricketer Isa Guha exclaimed, "Crunched! Sound off the bat. Shubman Gill. Wow!" It is unmissable. The 91 he made at the top of the order set India up for the miracle that followed.

"Definitely very nostalgic when I came here," Gill said on the eve of this year's Gabba Test against Australia. "The whole team was coming and just walking to the stadium again after 2021 win, felt very nostalgic." Apart from that natural gift, he seems very well attuned to the vagaries of batting. He understands how things can go wrong and spends ages in the nets trying to fix them. He also understands how

things can go right. Former India coach Ravi Shastri recently spoke about how Gill had gone up to Rishabh Pant at tea on the final day of the 2021 Gabba Test and pointed out that Australia might resort to Marnus Labuschagne's legspin to tide them through to the second new ball and that was a time to cash in. (Labuschagne bowled only one over though)

"When you are out there one of the challenges is can you play the game how you want to play the game irrespective of what's happening on the other end or what's happening on the scorecard and I think I faltered in the first innings around because of that," Gill said, "Because what happened on the other end I kind of took that on me."



At 18, Gukesh conquers chess world

New Delhi, Dec 13 At 18 years, six months and two weeks, Indian grandmaster Gukesh Dammaraju became the youngest world chess champion defeating reigning champion Ding Liren of China in game 14 of the world title match in Singapore on Thursday.

He will be crowned the chess champion at a ceremony on Friday. For Gukesh, dethroning Ding in the last game of the hard-fought 14-round classical format matchup by 7.5 points against his rival's 6.5, was the culmination of a childhood dream of bringing back the coveted title to India.

As a seven-year-old chess enthusiast in 2013, Gukesh had seen first Indian world chess champion Viswanathan Anand lose his title to Norwegian Magnus Carlsen in the match played in the customary sound-proof glass box room at Chennai.

Ever since, the son of an ENT doctor and a microbiologist mother nurtured the dream of competing in that glass box — also called the fishtank by the chess grandmasters where outsiders can see you but you can't see them. He finally did so and came up trumps. "In 2013...

I watched Vishy sir lose. I was young but that vision has stayed in my memory. The title was taken away from India.

I wanted to be in the same glass box and bring back the title. That has been my dream for the past 10 years or so to be in the glass box.



And my best moment, before this, was when I entered the glass box for the first game," he shared after winning the title. It was a befitting birthday gift for Anand, who turned 55 yesterday.

Gukesh replaces Russian grandmaster Garry Kasparov as the youngest world champion. Kasparov was 22 when he won the title. Gukesh is also the 18th world champion — Wilhelm Steinitz was the first to win the crown in 1886.

This is Gukesh's record third world tournament victory in a calendar year. He won the Candidates tournaments, making him eligible to challenge Ding, and later was part of the Indian team that won the gold at the Chess Olympiad. This is also perhaps India's biggest win against

China at the world stage where both countries compete on an equal footing — unlike athletics that is dominated by China and hockey that is balanced towards India.

Gukesh showed a remarkable display of aggression and novelty throughout the championship. He kept pressing for a win in a rook-bishop pawn endgame theoretically drawn at the grandmaster level.

Playing with white, Ding had opened with reverse Grunfeld opening — where his light coloured bishop is fianchettoed to control the h1-a8 diagonal. This control had proved decisive in game 12 when he beat Gukesh. But not today. Gukesh produced a surprise sixth move by placing his kingside knight on e7 to support the queenside which was left weak in game 12.

ICC to finalise hybrid model for Champions Trophy with PCB chief on Saturday



New Delhi, Dec 13 The ICC top brass is likely to finalise the hybrid model modalities for the Champions Trophy during a virtual meeting with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday, it has been learnt. It has been agreed in principle that neither India nor Pakistan will travel to each other's country for ICC events. Hence, India and Pakistan will play in Dubai during the 2025 Champions Trophy which will

be held from February 19 to March 9. The tournament will feature eight teams, divided into two groups. The top two teams from each group will advance to the semifinals. The PCB had said that it was willing to accept the hybrid model only if the same arrangement would be made for all ICC events, awarded to India and Pakistan. It means that when India will host the 2025 Women's ODI World Cup, Pakistan will not travel to the neighbouring nation and play against them at a neutral venue. During the 2026 men's T20 World Cup, to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, India will not be able to play the marquee clash against Pakistan at home and instead travel to Colombo for the high-voltage clash. "There's a virtual meeting tomorrow which ICC chairman Jay Shah will join from Brisbane. It is expected that ICC will make an official announcement after that," an ICC official told.

2 factions in golf body set to hold separate elections

New Delhi, Dec 13 The Indian Golf Union (IGU) is mired in faction fights. The falling out between IGU president Brijinder Singh and secretary general Harish Shetty has meant that both factions will end up holding elections with different electoral rolls and returning officers. The Shetty group, in fact, has already finished holding its election — Shetty was elected as president alongside Basant Kumar Repswal as

secretary general on Wednesday. The Singh-led group will hold the election on December 15 after the Delhi High Court refused to intervene in a petition filed by the Bengal Golf Association challenging its removal from the electoral roll and the changing of returning officer Justice (retd) OP Garg at the last moment. Singh changed Justice Garg after first removing BGA and four other units that were likely to side with Shetty in the elec-



tions. He appointed Justice Permod Kohli and then finally Justice (Retd.) Rameshwar Singh Malik for the elections. The Delhi High Court refused to interfere with the election process as elections are to be held within days. "Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, IGU, and the Union of India, I am of the view that it is inappropriate at this stage to interfere with the election process. The poll is scheduled to be held

in five days, and any controversy can be raised in challenge to the election results, rather than during the process," Justice Prateek Jalan said in his order.

Treesa-Gayatri keep semis hopes alive

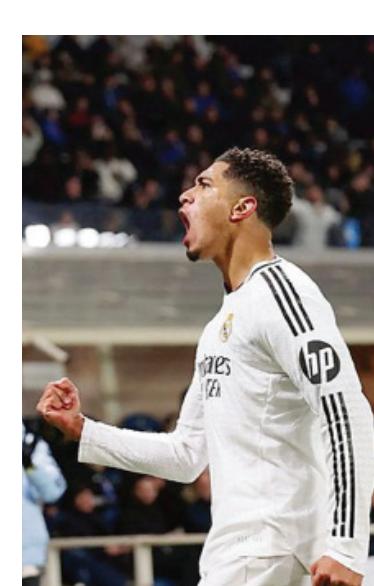


Hangzhou, Dec 13 The Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand defeated the Malaysian combination of Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muraltharan in straight games in their second Group A tie to keep alive

Mbappe, Vinicius on target as Real Madrid beat Atalanta 3-2

Madrid, Dec 13 Real Madrid's big stars turned on the style to revive the Spanish giant's faltering Champions League title defense. Galacticos Kylian Mbappe, Vinicius Junior and Jude Bellingham all scored in a thrilling 3-2 win at Italian league leader Atalanta. But Madrid still had to ride its luck as Mateo Retegui fired over from in front of goal in stoppage time when handed a golden chance to level the game. It was only Madrid's third win in the competition's revamped league phase and leaves the 15-time champion in the

unseeded playoff positions in 18th place. "It's a very important win. Not everyone wins here. We suffered and competed. In the Champions League, you have to suffer," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said. "It's still difficult to finish in the top eight, but we have two games left to earn points." Six-time champion Liverpool leads the way after maintaining its perfect record in Europe this season with a 1-0 win against Girona. Like Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain also picked up a much-needed win, beating Salzburg 3-0 to sit in the



last playoff spot in 24th place. Bayer Leverkusen is second after a 1-0 win over Inter Milan, while Aston Villa beat Leipzig 3-2 and is third. The top eight teams advance directly to the round of 16. Positions nine to 24 face a playoff to reach the next phase.

Real response After three losses in its opening five games of the league phase, the pressure was mounting on Madrid. Questions were also being asked of Mbappe after his uncertain start since his offseason move from PSG. But he produced a moment of class

to fire Madrid 1-0 up after 10 minutes at Gewiss Stadium — controlling the ball with his left foot.

their semifinal hopes at the BWF World Tour Finals. Treesa and Gayatri, the only Indians to have qualified for the season-ending tournament, beat their opponents 21-19 21-19 in just 46 minutes to stay afloat in the competition.