

Ray of hope: Vaishnavi's performances are a shot in the arm for Indian women's tennis.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Vaishnavi keen to build on her impressive run

The excellent results in the W100 ITF tournament earn her 65 ranking points; the 21-year-old is currently India's No. 2 behind Sahaja

TENNIS

Nihit Sachdeva
CHENNAI

Vaishnavi Adkar may have been on the receiving end of a 6-0, 6-1 loss to Belgium's Hanne Vandewinkel, World No. 124, in just 56 minutes in the W100 ITF Bengaluru final on Sunday but her mere presence had ended a 17-year wait for Indian women's tennis.

No Indian woman had reached the summit clash of a tournament at a W100 or higher level since Sania Mirza's runner-up finish at the Pattaya Open, a WTA 250 event, in 2009. With a series of stunning performances on the KSLTA courts, the 21-year-old Vaishnavi, who hails from Pune, added her name to the mix as the country's search for a new female singles star.

Ranked 690 in the world, Vaishnavi needed a wildcard to enter the tournament. In the opening round, she took down fellow wildcard and 19-year-old Shruti Ahlawat. What followed was a streak of career-best wins over Japan's Mai Hontama (World No. 220), Australia's Taylah Preston (148) and Thailand's Lanlana Tararudee (126).

Her run in the Garden City came courtesy of a steady improvement in her first-serve percentage with every round and some fearless ball-striking, especially from the backhand wing.

"Serve is something that I've been working on a lot because I don't really have a big serve, but it has gotten better. It's helped me in getting more points. Backhand is something that comes very naturally to me since I started playing tennis. It is one of my favourite shots," said the 5'6" tall Vaishnavi, who recently joined the Rohan Bopanna Tennis Academy after training under Kedar Shah in Pune from 2014 to 2025.

World University Games bronze medallist Vaishnavi gained 65 ranking points, rising to 466 in the WTA Rankings and becoming India's No. 2 behind Sahaja Yamalapalli (397).

It also puts the reigning National Champion in contention for a spot in the Indian team for the Billie Jean King Cup Asia-Oceania tournament set to be held in April in New Delhi.

Mohun Bagan eases past Chennaiyin

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Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan Super Giant continued its winning run in the Indian Super League with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Chennaiyin FC at the Salt Lake Stadium on Monday. Australian striker Jamie Maclaren opened the scoring late in the first half, while compatriot Dimitri Petratos sealed the win midway through the second period.

Mohun Bagan gradually built up momentum, consistently attacking through the flanks, with Liston Colaco and Brazilian Robson Robinho delivering repeated crosses into the Chennaiyin box. Despite sustained pressure, the visitors' defence held firm and denied any clear chances to Petratos and Maclaren.

The breakthrough came when Anirudh Thapa delivered a precise through-pass that split the CFC defence and found Maclaren, who calmly slotted the ball past substitute goalkeeper Samik Mitra. Chennaiyin had earlier been forced into a change after first-choice 'keeper Mohammad Nawaz was injured in a goalmouth collision around the half-hour mark.

After the restart, the home team pressed for a second goal to secure the contest. The insurance strike arrived in the 65th minute. Left-back Subhasish Bose whipped in a pinpoint cross to the far post, where Petratos met it with a powerful volley. Although Mitra managed to get a hand to the ball, he could not prevent it from bulging the net.

The result marked Mohun Bagan's second consecutive win of the campaign, which took its tally to six points from two outings. Chennaiyin suffered its second successive loss.

The result: Mohun Bagan Super Giant 2 (Jamie Maclaren 45+3, Dimitri Petratos 65) bt Chennaiyin FC 0.



On the prowl: Petratos' second-half goal sealed Bagan's win.
DEBASISH BHADURI

Gill, Abhishek, Nain, Rishabh and Samrat in the fray

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Taking on the leadership challenge head-on, Shubman Gill displayed the best of his batting ability during the Test series in England, and has also assumed charge of India's ODI team ahead of the next World Cup cycle. Gill's opening partner for Punjab, Abhishek Sharma, took the T20 world by storm, adding a new gear at the top of the order with his belligerent batting.

Forward Abhishek Nain shone brightest as Indian hockey had a subdued 2025, banging in goals in the FIH Pro League and the Asia Cup. Joining him in the shortlist is compound archer Rishabh Yadav, who enjoyed a breakthrough year, winning medals in the World Archery Championships. Samrat Rana became the first Indian pistol shooter to win a senior World Championships title in an Olympic discipline.

All these performers have been nominated for the coveted Sportstar of the Year (Male) honour in the eighth edition of the *Sportstar* Aces Awards. Vote for your favourite star by scanning the QR code until February 28.

Additionally, there are 19 Jury Awards, which will be deliberated on by an elite panel headed by legendary Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar.

Olympic gold medallist Abhinav Bindra, former India hockey captain M. M. Somaya, chess great Viswanathan Anand, and Olympians Anjali Bhagwat and Aparna Popat complete the jury.

There will also be a separate Chairperson's Award for Sports for Social Good, which will honour individuals or organisations that have used the power of sports to make our world a better place.

Bindra's tenure as IOC athletes' commission vice-chair ends

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian shooting legend Abhinav Bindra on Monday announced the end of his eight-year tenure as the vice-chair of the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) athletes' commission.

The 43-year-old Bindra, who became India's first individual Olympic gold medallist at the 2008 Beijing Games, has been replaced by Kenyan rugby player Humphrey Kayange in the panel that was rejigged at the Winter Olympics in Italy.

"Serving athletes from across the world has been one of the most meaningful chapters of my journey in sport. To be entrusted with their voices, their concerns, their hopes and their dreams is a responsibility I have never taken lightly," Bindra wrote on social media.



Bindra. FILE PHOTO

"Every conversation, every decision, every moment at the table was guided by one simple belief that athletes must always remain at the centre of the Olympic Movement."

Describing his colleagues as extraordinary, Bindra said that each one of them tried to strengthen athlete representation and ensured their voices were heard and respected.

"I leave this role with deep pride in what we have built and with optimism for what lies ahead. The future of athlete representation is strong because it is driven by courageous, thoughtful and passionate individuals who believe in something larger than themselves," Bindra said.

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Sd/- K.KANNA BABU, I.A.S, Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada.

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[See Proviso to Rule 9(1)] of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under SARFAESI Act 2002

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SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED



Aravinda Model School celebrated Sports Day for SRP, LKG, and UKG students with joyful participation. Chief Guests Dr. Vinukonda Jyothsna and Dr. Rachapudi Chaitanya addressed parents on nutrition, physical activity, eye care, and reduced screen use, appreciating the school's morning routines. Former students Mr. Adnan and Ms. Afrin shared fond memories, while Mrs. Indrani spoke on sports and holistic development. The event featured a march-past, drills, exercises, and games for children and parents. PT Mr. Suresh and PT Ms. Sujatha were appreciated for their support.

STUDENTS GAIN LEGISLATIVE EXPOSURE



Vidya Parishad High School, Idupulapadu students received an opportunity to witness State Assembly budget sessions, supported by Parchur MLA Sri Eluru Sambasiva Rao. Thirty students and four teachers attended the sessions and were later congratulated by State Social Welfare Minister Sri Dola Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy, Parchur MLA Sri Eluru Sambasiva Rao, and Chirala MLA M. Kondaiah. The visit offered firsthand understanding of legislative procedures, discussions on bills, and responsible public representation, enriching the civics curriculum. Principal Pidaparthi Peri Reddy, Social Science teacher Pendyala Radhika, Physical Education teacher Vasantha Raghubabu, and K. Narsayya accompanied the students.

KINDERGARTEN CONVOCATION HELD

Next Gen CBSE School, Tulasi Nagar organised their kindergarten convocation with dignity and enthusiasm across two sessions for smooth participation of students and parents. The ceremony was inaugurated by Dr. B. Karthik Reddy, in the presence of Chairman Shri Veeramachineni Vamsi Krishna, Director Veeramachineni Santhi Garu, CEO T. Gowthami Krishna Garu, Principal K. Vasanthi Garu, and Vice Principal P. Akhila Garu. The programme began with a welcome address, prayer song, and lamp lighting. The Principal and Vice Principal highlighted value-based early education, while Dr. Reddy emphasised holistic child development. Convocation ceremonies were held for K2 sections, marking a memorable milestone.

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