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Stalin will be signing several MoUs with industries during his stay CM LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE, JAPAN TO ATTRACT INVESTORS

CHENNAI MAY 23

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Tuesday said that new business agreements would be signed during the Singapore trip.

The state government has been giving immense importance to industrial development and has decided to conduct a global investors meet in January, 2024 in the city.

To woo both the investors and investments to the state, Chief Minister Stalin has taken a nine-day-long trip to Singapore and Japan.

He left for Singapore from the Chennai international airport at 11:25 am on Tuesday.

After spending two days in Singapore, he would leave for Japan on May 25 where he would spend seven days before returning to the city on May 31.

A statement released by the DIPR said, "The state government has been working towards achieving one trillion dollar economy by 2030-31.

To achieve the goal, the state should attract Rs 23 lakh crore investments and create employment opportunities for 46 lakh people.



Chief Minister Stalin would be travelling to Singapore and Japan to invite investments to the state and to invite investors to participate in the global investors meet that has been scheduled to take place in Chennai in January 2024."

Industries minister TRB Raaja and senior officials accompanied the Chief Minister.

On Tuesday, Stalin

would be meeting S Iswaran, Singapore Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, K Shanmugam SC, Minister for Home Affairs and Law, and CEOs of key industrial houses in Singapore - Temasek, Sembcorp, and CapitaLand Investment.

Later that evening, Guidance Tamil Nadu, State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT), FameTN, Tamil

Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM), and Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation would take part in an investors conference taking place in Singapore and sign MoUs with Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore India Partnership Office, and Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

After this, Stalin would participate in a cultural event organized by Singapore

Tamils.

On May 25, Stalin would be travelling to Japan where he would meet industrial leaders from the next day and invite them to the global investors meet.

He would also attend a conference that was aimed at encouraging Japanese industries to make investments in the state.

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his stay.

He would visit Osaka and hold talks with CEOs of various firms.

Stalin would also take part in an investors conference that would be organized in association with the Japan External Trade Organisation. He would also attend a reception hosted by the Indian community.

During his visit to Tokyo, Stalin would meet Yasutoshi Nishimura, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, and Ishiguro Norihiko, Chairman of JETRO.

He would sign MoUs

with two renowned industrial houses including Omron in Japan. Stalin would also visit the industrial centre there.

Stalin's visit would strengthen the relationship between the countries.

Earlier on Tuesday, Stalin paid a tribute at the memorials of former Chief Ministers Annadurai and Karunanidhi located at Marina beach in the city. Ministers, MPs, city mayor and senior officials wished him for the success of the visits.

Speaking to reporters, Stalin said, "I am travelling to Singapore and Japan to invite investors to participate in the global investors meet that is scheduled to take place in January 2024. I am staying there for nine days to meet investors and sign MoUs with them.

The visit will be successful and investors will invest in the state. We have created about 15,000 employment opportunities in six companies through Rs 6,100 crore investment that was obtained as a result of my Dubai visit.

We have ensured Rs 2.95 lakh crore investments and created 4.12 lakh employment opportunities in the last two years."

Actor Sarath Babu passes away, Rajinikanth pays tribute

CHENNAI MAY 23

Veteran actor Rajinikanth paid tribute to the body of late actor Sarath Babu at his house near T Nagar in the city on Tuesday.

The actors had acted together in several films including Muthu, Annamalai, Netrikann and Mullum Malarum, and remained friends in their real life. Sarath Babu was undergoing treatment at AGG hospital in Hyderabad for illness.

He died without responding to treatment on Monday. His demise has saddened the film fraternity.

His body was brought to his house near T Nagar in the



city from Hyderabad during the morning hours.

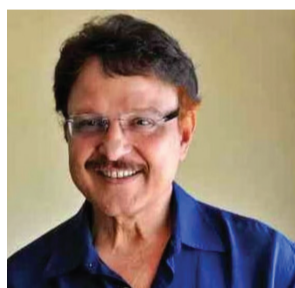
Several celebrities, his friends and families paid tribute to his body. Final rites were likely to take place post-afternoon.

Actor Rajinikanth paid tribute to his body. Speaking to reporters, Rajini said, "I

knew Sarath Babu even before I became an actor.

We had been good friends and he was a wonderful person. He would always have a smile on his face and I had never seen him with anger.

All the movies in which we worked together, including Muthu, Annamalai, Velaikaran



and Mullum Malarum were successful.

He loved me dearly. He had been advising me to stop smoking.

If he ever sees me with a cigarette, he would immediately snatch it away. I had never smoked in front of him."

Four new judges sworn-in at Madras High Court

CHENNAI MAY 23

Four judges assumed charge as additional judges of Madras High Court in the city on Tuesday.

The acting Chief Justice T Raja administered the oath of office to the judges - Ramasamy Sakthivel, P Dhanabal, Chinmasamy Kumarappan and Kandasamy Rajasekar.

The judges, who were working at district Courts, were promoted as the additional judges of the Madras High Court in March.

The advocate general R Shanmugasundaram introduced the newly-appointed additional judges to the gathering.

With the induction of four judges, the working strength of the Court has increased to 64 which includes 48 permanent judges and 16 additional judges.

Justice Dhanabal was a native of Thoranakalpatti in Karuu district. He was born to Pappusammy and



Pallaniammal couple.

He completed his studies in Karur and completed his law at Trichy law college.

Justice Sakthivel was born to Ramasamy and Veppayi in 1973 in Karur district.

He completed his studies in Karur and completed his law at Trichy law college in 1997.

Justice Kumarappan was born to Chinmasamy and Thilagam in Sivaganga district.

He finished his law studies at Coimbatore law college in 1996.

Justice Rajasekar was born in 1973. After completing his law studies in 1998, he worked as an advocate with Tamil Nadu bar

council and then became a Judge in 2011 through direct examination.

He worked as a Judge with labour court and then as principal judge at Tirunelveli court.

He then worked as a member secretary for Tamil state law commission and as principal judge at Coimbatore court.

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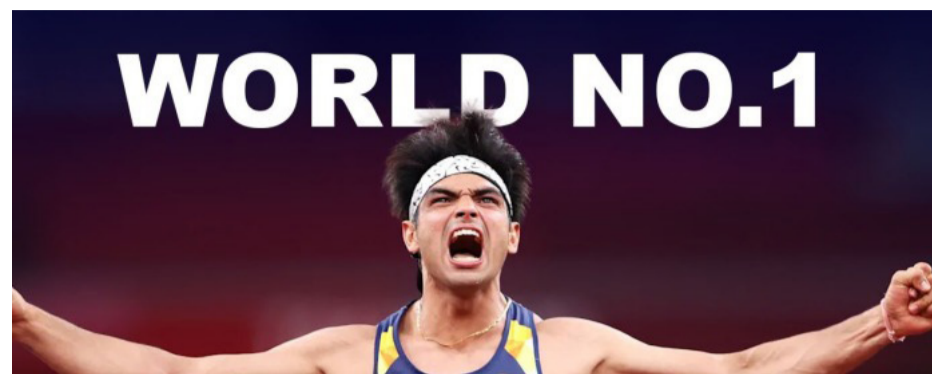
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Sports News



Neeraj Chopra number one in World Athletics men's javelin ranking



NEW DELHI, MAY 23 (PTI)
 Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra became the world number one for the first time in his career in the latest men's javelin throw rankings issued by the World Athletics.

Chopra topped the charts with 1455 points, 22 ahead of Grenada's reigning world champion Anderson Peters (1433).

Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Jakob Vadlejch of Czech Republic was third with 1416 points.

The 25-year-old Chopra rose to world number two on August 30 last year but was stuck behind Peters since then.

In September last year, Neeraj Chopra won the Diamond League 2022 finals in Zurich, becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious trophy.

He won the title at the season-opening Doha Diamond League on May 5 with a throw of 88.67m.

He will next compete at the FBK Games on June 4 in the Netherlands, followed by the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, on June 13.

Kevin Pietersen suggests Kohli must move to Delhi Capitals

BENGALURU, MAY 23 (PTI)
 Former England captain Kevin Pietersen has suggested that Virat Kohli change his IPL franchise and move to Delhi Capitals, a day after Royal Challengers Bangalore endured yet another premature exit in the cash-rich league.

In his team's must-win last league stage match, Kohli rose to the occasion and struck a fine hundred to lift RCB to 197 for five, a total which proved insufficient as Gujarat Titans rode on Shubman Gill's unbeaten century to notch a six-wicket win and end the home team's campaign.

"Time for VIRAT to make the move to the capital city!" Pietersen tweeted.

Former India captain Kohli has been with the RCB since the inaugural edition of the league in 2008 and has led them for a major part of his stay in the franchise, relinquishing the role after the 2021 edition.

While RCB were eliminated here on Sunday, Gujarat topped the league with 20 points and will take on second-place Chennai Super Kings in the first playoff on Tuesday with the winner advancing directly to next Sunday's final.

RCB's loss meant Mumbai Indians sealed the final playoff spot, having beaten Sunrisers Hyderabad in the day's first game.

Mumbai Indians will meet third-place Lucknow Super Giants in the second playoff game on Wednesday. The loser of the first playoff will get another chance for a place in the final when it takes on the winner of the second playoff on Friday.

Vinicius Junior gains more support as Spanish soccer again embroiled in racism

MADRID, MAY 23 (AP)
 Spanish soccer is again embroiled in racism, with the support for Vinicius Junior growing rapidly after yet another case of abuse against the Brazil forward this weekend.

Officials, players and former players showed solidarity with Vinicius, who on Sunday considered leaving the field after being insulted by fans during Real Madrid's 1-0 loss at Valencia in the Spanish league.



“Another case of racism against Vinicius in the Spanish league,” said former Brazil striker Ronaldo, who spent five seasons playing for Real Madrid in the 2000s. “Until when? As long as there is impunity, there will be racism.”

Real Madrid asked authorities to investigate the abusive behavior, saying the club believed the incident to be a hate crime.

“Full solidarity to Vinicius,” FIFA president Gianni Infantino said. “There is no place for racism in football or in society and FIFA stands by all players who have found themselves in such a situation. Events during the match between Valencia and Real Madrid show that this needs to be the case.”

“forcefully,” Valencia said in a statement, adding it is working with police to identify more culprits.

Vinicius isn't the only player in Spain, or in European soccer, to face racist abuse. But the Brazilian has been the focus of much of the hate in recent years, particularly this season. In January, an effigy of the player was hung off a highway bridge in Madrid.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and several of his cabinet ministers backed Vinicius and were critical of Spanish soccer.

“It is not fair that a poor boy who is winning in his life, becoming one of the best in the world, certainly the best at Real Madrid, is insulted in every stadium he goes to,” Lula said.

Many were calling for solutions after the repeated racist attacks against Vinicius.

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against Vinicius in the Spanish league,” said former Brazil striker Ronaldo, who spent five seasons playing for Real Madrid in the 2000s. “Until when? As long as there is impunity, there will be racism.”

Real Madrid said it “strongly” condemned the abuse against Vinicius.

“These events represent a direct attack on the social and democratic model of coexistence of our State based on the rule of law,” the club said.

The Spanish league has made nine similar formal complaints for racist abuse against Vinicius over the last two seasons, but most of the cases have been shelved by prosecutors. Another complaint was expected to be made after an investigation into what happened in Valencia was completed.

Fans have been fined and

banned from stadiums for their abuse, but so far only a Mallorca fan may end up going on trial for allegedly racially insulting the Brazilian during a game.

“It wasn't the first time, or the second or the third. Racism is normal in LaLiga. The competition thinks it's normal, as does the federation, and the opponents encourage it,” Vinicius said on Instagram and Twitter on Sunday. “The league that once belonged to Ronaldinho, Ronaldo, Cristiano (Ronaldo) and (Lionel) Messi now belongs to racists ... But I'm strong and I will fight until the end against the racists. Even if far from here.”

Spanish league president Javier Tebas criticized Vinicius for attacking the league, saying the player didn't show up for talks on the subject of racism that he had requested himself.

The league claims it only has authority to denounce cases, and that it's up to local authorities to take action against the perpetrators and the soccer federation to punish clubs and referees. But the Spanish league does have control over the sporting sanctions in its own competitions. FIFA, the sport's governing body, updated its own disciplinary code in 2013 with options for point deductions and mandatory relegation for teams in the most serious cases and asked competition organizers worldwide to follow.

Vinicius wasn't happy with Tebas' stance.

“Instead of criticizing racists, the league president shows up on social media to attack me,” Vinicius said. “Although you may say otherwise or pretend not to notice, the image of your championship is shaken. Omitting yourself only makes you equal to the racists. I'm not your friend to talk about racism with you. I want actions and punishment.”

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said he was “curious to see what happens” now, but didn't expect much.

“Nothing will happen, because this has already taken place several times in other stadiums and nothing has been done. Nothing,” Ancelotti said. “We have to evaluate this situation, because it is very serious.”

No debt ceiling agreement in White House meeting, though Biden and McCarthy call talks productive

WASHINGTON, MAY 23 (AP)
 President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy both said they had a productive debt ceiling discussion late Monday at the White House, but there was no agreement as negotiators strained to raise the nation's borrowing limit in time to avert a potentially chaotic federal default.

It's a crucial moment for the Democratic president and the Republican speaker, just 10 days before a looming deadline to raise the debt limit.

As soon as June 1, Treasury Secretary Janel Yellen said in a letter to Congress, “it is highly likely” the government will be unable to pay all the nation's bills. Such an unprecedented default would be financially damaging for many Americans and others around the world relying on US stability, sending shockwaves through the global economy.

Each side praised the other's seriousness, but basic differences remained. They are at odds over how to trim annual budget deficits. Republicans are determined to cut spending while Biden's team offered to hold spending levels flat. Biden wants to increase some taxes on the wealthiest Americans and some big companies, but McCarthy said early on that that is out of the question.

“The time of spending, just spending more money in America and government is wrong,” McCarthy said after the Oval Office meeting.

In a brief post-meeting statement, Biden called the session productive but merely added that he, McCarthy and



their lead negotiators “will continue to discuss the path forward.” Upbeat, McCarthy said their teams would work “through the night.”

Biden said all agreed that “default is not really on the table.”

Though there is no agreement on basic issues, the contours of a deal seem within reach. A budget deal would unlock a separate vote to lift the debt ceiling, now 31 trillion, to allow more borrowing.

Negotiations are focused on finding compromise over a 2024 budget year cap that would be key to resolving the standoff. Republicans insisted next year's spending be less than it is now, but the White House instead offered to hold spending flat at current 2023 numbers.

Republicans initially sought to roll back next year's spending to 2022 levels, and impose 1% caps on spending growth for 10 years, though a later proposal narrowed that to about six years. The White House wants a two-year budget deal, keeping 2024 spending flat. They proposed a 1% cap on spending growth for 2025, according to a person familiar with the talks and granted anonymity to discuss them.

A compromise on those top-line spending levels would enable McCarthy to deliver

solely, solely, on their partisan terms.”

“Now it's time for the other side to move from their extreme position,” he said.

The call between the two revived talks, and negotiators met for 2 1/2 hours at the Capitol late Sunday evening, saying little as they left. Negotiators were back at it again for nearly three hours Monday morning ahead of the session at the White House. They returned late Monday night.

But McCarthy continued to blame Biden for having refused to engage earlier on the debt ceiling, an issue that is often linked to the federal budget.

GOP lawmakers have been holding tight to demands for sharper spending cuts with caps on future spending, rejecting the alternatives proposed by the White House that call for reducing deficits in part with new revenue from taxes.

McCarthy has insisted personally in his conversations with Biden that tax hikes are off the table.

Republicans also want work requirements on the Medicaid health care program, though the Biden administration has countered that millions of people could lose coverage. The GOP additionally introduced new cuts to food aid by restricting states' ability to waive work requirements in places with high joblessness. But Democrats have said any changes to work requirements for government aid recipients are nonstarters.

GOP lawmakers are also seeking cuts in IRS funding

and, by sparing defense and veterans accounts from reductions, would shift the bulk of spending reductions to other federal programs.

The White House has countered by keeping defense and nondefense spending flat next year, which would save 90 billion in the 2024 budget year and 1 trillion over 10 years.

All sides have been eyeing the potential for the package to include a framework to ease federal regulations and speed energy project developments. They are all but certain to claw back some 30 billion in unspent COVID-19 funds now that the pandemic emergency has officially lifted.

For months, Biden had refused to engage in talks over the debt limit, contending that Republicans in Congress were trying to use the borrowing limit vote as leverage to extract administration concessions on other policy priorities.

But with June nearing and Republicans putting their own spending legislation on the table, the White House launched talks on a budget deal that could accompany an increase in the debt limit.

McCarthy faces a hard-right flank that is likely to reject any deal, which has led some Democrats encouraging Biden to resist any compromise with the Republicans and simply raise the debt ceiling on his own to avoid default.

The president, though, said he was ruling out the possibility, for now, of invoking the 14th Amendment as a solution, saying it's an “unresolved” legal question that would become tied up in the courts.



PM Modi meets prominent Australian business leaders in Sydney; invites investments in India

SYDNEY, MAY 23 (PTI)
 Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday met business leaders of top Australian companies here and called for enhancing cooperation with the Indian industry in areas such as technology, skilling, and clean energy.

Modi arrived in Sydney on Monday for the third and final leg of his three-nation tour during which he will hold talks with his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese and attend a community event to celebrate the country's dynamic, diverse Indian diaspora.

He is visiting Australia as a guest of the Australian Government.

Modi held bilateral meetings with Hancock Prospecting Executive Chairman Gina Rinehart, Fortescue Future Industry Executive Chairman Andrew Forrest, and AustraliaSuper CEO Paul Schroder.

During his meeting with Rinehart, the prime minister highlighted the reforms and initiatives being undertaken in India and invited her to partner in technology, investment and skilling in the mining and minerals sector, a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi said.

In a meeting with Schroder, he said that India is one of the most preferred major economies for foreign investments in the world and invited AustraliaSuper to partner with India, it said.

AustraliaSuper is an Australian superannuation fund headquartered in Melbourne.

Similarly, during his meeting with Forrest, he



welcomed the Group's plans to work with Indian companies in the field of Green Hydrogen.

“Emphasising India's ambitious renewable energy plans, the Prime Minister highlighted the transformative reforms and initiatives being taken by India, such as the Green Hydrogen Mission,” it added.

Forrest briefed the Prime Minister on Fortescue Future Industries' plans and projects in India.

After the meeting, Schroder said that Australian super does invest in India and in particular in the National Indian Infrastructure Fund.

“We have had a very good experience in investing in India,” he said.

Forrest said that he and the prime minister acknowledged that the fossil fuel sector has only limited time to run and it must be replaced with a fuel which causes no harm but can do everything which oil and gas can do.

Rinehart said that there are huge business opportunities between India and Australia.

The Indian economy is growing at a healthy pace and reached about USD 3.5 trillion and there are plans to take it to USD 32 trillion in the next 25 years.

“Growth in the future is going to be huge Australia really needs to work harder to develop its relations with India,” she said, adding India has taken several steps to attract foreign investments by cutting approvals and regulations.

During April 2000 and December 2022, India received USD 1.07 billion in investments from Australia, according to government data.

Both countries have already implemented an interim free trade agreement on December 29 last year. The two nations are now engaged in widening the scope of that agreement into a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).

Australia is the 13th largest trading partner of India in 2022-23. While exports stood at USD 6.95 billion, imports from that country in the last fiscal aggregated at USD 19 billion.

India is Australia's largest export market for gold and chickpeas, the second-largest market for coal and copper ores and the third-largest market for lead and wool.

Key products of imports from Australia include coal, copper ores and concentrates and petroleum.

Space station welcomes 2 Saudi visitors, including kingdom's 1st female astronaut

CAPE CANAVERAL, MAY 23 (AP)
 The International Space Station rolled out the welcome mat Monday for two Saudi visitors, including the kingdom's first female astronaut.

SpaceX's chartered flight arrived at the orbiting lab less than 16 hours after blasting off from Florida.

The four guests will spend just over a week there, before returning to Earth in their capsule.

The 270-mile-high (430-kilometer-high) docking puts the space station population at 11, representing not only Saudi Arabia and the U.S., but the United Arab Emirates and Russia. “This shows how space brings everyone together,” said

Saudi Arabia's first female astronaut, Rayyanah Barnawi, a stem cell researcher. “I'm going to live this experience to the max.”

Saudi fighter pilot Ali al-Qarni dedicated the visit to everyone back home.

“This mission is not just for me and Rayyanah. This mission is also for the people with ambition and dreams.”

The Saudi government is picking up the multi-million-dollar tab for both of them.

John Shoffner, a Knoxville, Tennessee, businessman who started a sports car racing team, is paying his own way.

Retired NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson is their chaperone. She now works for Axiom Space, the Houston

company that organised the 10-day trip, its second to the space station. The company cited ticket prices of 55 million each for last year's private trip by three businessmen, but won't say how much the latest seats cost.

Only one other Saudi has flown before in space, a prince who rode on NASA's shuttle Discovery in 1985.

