## Jupiter to set on June 10, affecting marriage Muhurats: Mahant Rohit Shastri

and

(Shukra) are visible in the

sky (Tara Uday). Their set-

ting periods are considered

inauspicious, though

exceptions exist-engage-

ments or betrothals may

still be performed if a prop-

er muhurat is followed.

Venus

JAMMU: Renowned astrologer Mahant Rohit Shastri, Jvotishacharva and President of Shri Kailakh Jyotish Avim Vedic Sansthan Trust, has issued an important astrological advisory ahead of World Environment Day, regarding the setting (Tara Ast) of the planet Jupiter (Guru). According to him, Jupiter will set on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:29 PM and will rise again on Monday, July 7, 2025, at

As per Vedic astrology, major life events such as



marriages, housewarming ceremonies Prayesh), tonsure (Mundan), sacred thread ceremonies (Yajnopavit), oath-taking, and foundation stone laying must only be conducted during peri-

Mahant Rohit Shastri clarified that while Jupiter and Venus are not classified as stars in astronomy, they are referred to as Tara in Indian astrology due to their critical influence on auspicious timing and life

decisions. Activities prohibited dur-

the elderly). However, the setting periods do not affect certain events such as remarriages, entry into renovated houses, and specific rituals during national emer-

ing Guru & Shukra Ast Periods: Marriages, Griha

Prayesh (Housewarming),

Mundan and Yajnopavit,

Oath-taking and Bhoomi

(return of a newlywed

bride), Spiritual rituals

such as Mantra Diksha

(excluding for children and

Pujan,

Dwiragaman

Shastri also informed that Venus (Shukra) will be in Asth from December 12, 2025, to January 30, 2026. During this phase, rituals like Vashikaran (attraction spells) are said to be more effective. However, starting a journev when Venus appears in front or to the right is considered inauspicious.

Dates After July 7, 2025: July: 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 28, 29, 31; August: 01, 03, 06, 07, 08, 09, 13, 17, 18, 24, 25, 28, 29; September: 01 to 05, 22, 26, 27, 29; October: 01 to 03, 07, 11, 22, 24, 26 to 31; November: 02, 03, 07, 08, 12, 13, 22 to 27, 29, 30; December: 04, 05, 06.

These dates are applicable until Devshayani Ekadashi, after which Chaturmas begins-a spiritually significant period during which marriages and other major functions are traditionally avoided.

Mahant Rohit Shastri concluded by emphasizing the importance of consulting the Panchang and a qualified astrologer before fixing any major event. Aligning such decisions with cosmic timing ensures spiritual harmony and

# MLA Marh meets deputations of people from different villages of constituency

JAMMU: MLA Surinder Kumar of Marh Assembly constituency met with deputations of people from various villages of the Marh Assembly area on Sunday.

The meeting provided a valuable opportunity for the MLA to listen to the concerns and suggestions of the people, fostering a sense of community and cooperation. MLA Surinder Kumar

engaged with people from different villages, demonstrating his commitment to understanding their needs and concerns. The meeting provided valuable insights into the issues affecting the community, allowing the MLA to better understand the needs of his constituents. MLA Surinder Kumar reaffirmed his commitment to working together with the community for

the progress and betterment of the Marh Assembly area.

By meeting with deputations of people, MLA Surinder Kumar demonstrated his willingness to listen to their concerns and suggestions. The meeting highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts between the government and the community in driving progress and development. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has public service as one of its core priorities, aiming to address

the needs and concerns of

citizens effectively. As a rep-

resentative of the people,

BJP leaders and elected

officials strive to work

towards the betterment of

their constituencies, added

MLA. MLA reiterated that BJP prioritizes resolving public issues promptly, ensuring

manner.BJP leaders aim to understand and represent the aspirations of their constituents, working towards fulfilling their expectations and promises.

that the needs of the com-

munity are met in a timely

BJP's public service initiatives focus on driving development and progress in constituencies, improving the quality of life for citizens. The party emphasizes governance, responsive ensuring that the voices of citizens are heard and their concerns are addressed.

As the MLA of Marh constituency, Surinder Kumar is committed to working tirelessly to address the needs and concerns of his constituents. He prioritizes public service, striving to make a positive impact in the lives of the people he

### Impressive Shobha Yatra held on 627th Parkash Divas of Sadguru Kabir Ji Maharaj

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JAMMU: A grand Shobha Yatra was organized this morning by Sadguru Kabir Dham Headquarters, All J&K Megh Sabha, Old Rehari, Jammu, to mark the 627th Parkash Divas of Sadguru Kabir Ji Maharaj. The procession was flagged off by Narinder Datt. President of the Sabha from the Rehari Sabha premises.

The vibrant procession passed through prominent parts of the city, including Rehari Chungi, Kabir Chowk (KC Chowk), Jewel Chowk, and after taking a U-turn, proceeded via Amphalla Chowk, Panjtirthi, Kacchi Chowni, and Exchange Road, finally culminating back at the Rehari Sabha. The Yatra witnessed an overwhelming response, with thousands of devotees from across Jammu and adjoining areas such as Dogra Hall, Rehari, Paharian Mohalla, Rajpura, Janipur, Patoli,

### **BVP** Trikuta Nagar Branch celebrates World Environment Day with enthusiasm

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

JAMMU: Bharat Vikas Parishad (BVP), Trikuta Nagar Branch, organized a special event to mark World Environment Day at Trikuta Nagar Park, located behind Wonder World School. The program witnessed active participation from members of the Parishad and local residents. The event began with an awareness session focusing on this year's environmental theme, followed by a collective oath to reduce plastic usage, conserve water, and protect biodiversity-a step towards promoting eco-conscious behavior in daily life.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks and an inspiring message from Branch President. Vanita, who emphasized, "Every small action counts when it comes to saving our planet."

World Environment Day served as a powerful reminder that the Earth belongs to all, and it is everyone's responsibility to protect and preserve it. The enthusiasm and dedication of attendees turned the event into a memorable and meaningful

Ban Talab, Talab Tillo, and Kabir Basti participating.

The procession featured over 100 cars, 100 motorcycles, 10 matadors, autos, and beautifully decorated Jhankis (tableaux). Devotees raised spirited slogans of "Jai Kabir - Dhan Kabir", adding to the devotional atmosphere of the celebration.

Speaking to the media, Narinder Datt, President of All J&K Megh Sabha, stated that the procession was deliberately held in the morning hours to beat the high temperatures and to spread awareness about the upcom-State-level 627th Parkash Divas celebration. The main function is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Sabha premises in Rehari, Jammu.

He extended an open invitation to all social and religious organizations that follow the teachings and philosMaharaj to participate in the grand celebration. The spiritual discourse during the event will be delivered by Mahant Ajay Dass from Tata

Bhagat Kant Krishan, Partap Bhagat, Sanjay Bhagat, and others.

The Yatra concluded with spiritual fervor and deep devotion, setting the tone for the upcoming state-level cele-

Nagar, Jharkhand. Prominent participants in

the Shobha Yatra included Ram Lal Bhagat (Chairman Advisory Board), Rajinder (Vice-President), Amarnath Bhagat (Cashier), (State Coordinator), Ashok Kumar (President Kaink Unit), Ajay Kumar, Paramveer Bhagat President), Vinod Kumar (President Chinore). Vishal Bhagat (President Chak-Gho Manhasan), Promila Devi, Veena Devi, Sheelo Devi, Anu, Narinder Singh, Bal

MUNICH: Paris Olympics Asian Games champion bronze medallist Swapnil Palak in the women's air pistol also makes it back to the Kusale will lead the Indian squad along with comeback team. There will be a few shooter Elavenil Valarivan at World Cup debuts like newlythe season's third ISSF crowned women's air rifle World Cup which will feature national champion Ananya of a galaxy of international

stars, beginning here from There will be two new faces in the men's air pistol --Kusale fought his way back Aditva Malra and Nishant to the men's 50m rifle 3 posi-Rawat -- as India explore their depth in the two discitions (3P) event on the back of a good show on the domesplines ahead of bigger challenges later in the year.

> A total of 695 athletes, including Olympic and World champions and legends of the sport from 78 countries, will participate in the World

The season began with a

double-header in South America where Indian rifle and pistol shooters picked up 15 medals including six gold, helping the team finish a creditable second and third respectively on the stand-

Kusale, Elavenil back in side to lead India in Munich World Cup

The Munich leg will however present a much tougher challenge given the much wider presence of the world's best shooters.

Legendary Chinese marksman Li Yuehong, the reigning Olympic champion and three-time Olympic medallist in the 25m rapid-fire pistol (RFP), and 20-year-old Sheng Lihao, the reigning Olympic, world and Asian champion and world-record holder, will compete in the China, winners of the first

two legs, are bringing their men's air pistol Olympic champion Xie Yu, in what is a 22-member squad. Hosts Germany have fielded a strong 27-member con-

tingent led by their pistol legend and former Olympic champion and world Christian Reitz. Janssen,

women's air rifle qualification world record holder, would also be starting on home soil.

Another RFP legend Jean Quiquampoix, part of a 16-

member French squad, will help complete the troika of legends who have completely dominated the event over the last decade or so.

The Koreans will also be there in full force with 19 shooters, including two of their three reigning women Olympic champions Yang Jiin (25m pistol) and Oh Yejin (10m air pistol).

Several Paris Olympic medallists like the USA's Sagen Maddalena, Italy's Paolo Monna and Danilo Sollazzo and Alexandra Le of Kazakhstan are also set to start in Munich.

franchise

Knicks is valued at USD 7 billion while top football clubs Real Madrid and Manchester United have drawn a valuation of USD 6 billion.

Compared to the existing eight-week IPL, the much longer windows of Premier League (August to May), NBA (seven months) and NFL (4.5 months) also push their valuations

# IPL needs a 12-16 week window to match the likes of NFL: Mohit Burman

Elavenil will be seen in inter-

national action for the first

time since Paris, although

she did make the trip to

Buenos Aires and Lima as

an RPO (Ranking Points

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tic circuit.

Two-time

**STATE TIMES NEWS** 

NEW DELHI: The Indian Premier League needs a 12-16 week operating window to match the brand value of top sporting leagues in the world including the NFL, NBA and Premier League, reckons Punjab Kings co-owner Mohit Burman. At USD 16.8 million, the IPL is only behind NFL (USD 36.8 million) in terms of per-match value but needs to catch up with its global rivals like NFL and leading European football leagues when it comes to the overall brand value pecking

According to leading investment bank Houlihan Lokey, the IPL is valued at roughly USD 16 billion while one Dallas Cowboys alone is worth USD 9 billion, followed by New York Yankees at USD 7.1 bil-

NBA franchise New York

Burman spoke to PTI about the road ahead of the IPL and

world when it comes to permatch value, just behind the But overall brand That's a different value? game. I think we need a 12-16-week window to get there," said Burman, who is also the chairman of Dabur India.

sistency and depth.

world cricket is undisputed but to maintain that envious position, nothing can be taken for granted, said Burman.

"The IPL is already the biggest cricket product in the world, but staving there means not taking anything for granted. Player availability is crucial. We need a clean window where the best in the

TAIPEI CITY: The Indian contingent won

as many as six gold medals, including double

podium finishes in women's 800m final and

long jump competition, on the second and

final day of Taiwan Open international ath-

Three-time national champion Vithya

Ramraj, Rohit Yadav, Pooja, Krishan Kumar

and Annu Rani won the gold medal in their

respective events in an impressive outing by

Also winning gold was the team of Santosh

T, Vishal TK, Dharamveer Chaudhary, and

Manu TS, the quartet finishing on top of the

podium in the men's 4x400m event with a

championship record of 3:05.58s to sign off

the country's successful campaign on a posi-

Yashas Palaksha rallied to win silver in the

men's 400m hurdles with a personal best tim-

ing of 42.22s, the result giving a big boost to

his confidence after missing out on the 2025

Vithya clocked 56.53s to strike gold in the

women's 400m hurdles event, her third best

time of the year helping the athlete to gain

some useful ranking points for the upcoming

The athlete from Tamil Nadu competes in

400 metres hurdles, 400 metres and  $4\times400$ 

Before this, she had clocked 56.04s in the

letics championship here on Sunday.

the Indian contingent.

Asian Championships.

World Championships.

metres relay.

world can play without restrictions," said the 56-yearold businessman. "The fan experience must

world.'

including SA20 The Hundred.

IPL brand to the world.

move. A lot of teams are now building a common core - with shared vision, systems, and values - across multiple leagues. That's what makes it sustainable and scalable," he said when asked about the trend of IPL teams expanding overseas.

"For us, the goal is clear: build the Kings ecosystem

across geographies and formats. Whether it's IPL or CPL, we want to run our teams with the same purpose - high performance, strong culture, and deeper fan connection. We're not just creating teams - we're building a brand that travels. And this is just the beginning," he said.

The IPL and its franchises are in the pink of financial health considering the phenomenal growth of the competition introduced in 2008. Considering that, is the onfield performance of a franchise heavily linked to its commercial success?

"They go hand in hand. Strong on-field performances drive commercial growth that's the reality Brands want to be part of winning stories. We've seen that this year - we're up 25% year-onyear commercially.

"More fan engagement stronger sponsor interest, and better value across the board. This season proves that when your on-field and off-field stories align - that's where the real magic happens," he said. Punjab Kings made their

second final this season and first since 2014 after topping the league standings. It was a massive change of fortunes for a team that under-performed over the years. Ponting and Shreyas Iyer have been given a lot of credit for scripting the turnaround.

"The real turning point came when we took a step back to think the direction of the franchise. Getting Ricky Ponting on board was the first step in our revamp. His arrival transformed the energy - and the mindset," said Burman.

"Then came the auction, where we made strategic choice on balance, clarity, and intent. Backing Shrevas as captain was another big moment - he brought composure, vision, and a sense of Unity.

Kings as a franchise. They saw it as a project with potential. There's no hierarchy here - just one team, moving toward one goal. That's a powerful thing.

"Off the field, we rewired everything - from marketing and storytelling to fan engagement. Commercially, we've seen strong growth. But what I'm most proud of is the culture - one rooted in belief. joy, and accountability. That's been the true foundation of the success," he added.

UP: Cricketer Rinku Singh gets engaged to

SP MP Priva Saroj in Lucknow recently concluded 2025 edition of the Indian

STATE TIMES NEWS LUCKNOW: Indian crick-

eter Rinku Singh and Samajwadi Party MP Priya Saroj got engaged on Sunday in a grand ceremony graced by a host of prominent political figures. The engagement, held at a

hotel in the capital city, was attended by top SP leaders, including party president and former chief minister Akhilesh Yadav and his wife, MP Dimple Yadav. Other notable attendees

included senior politicians Rajeev Shukla, Bachchan, Shivpal Yadav, Ramgopal Yadav, and cricketer Bhuvnesh Kumar.

Speaking to the media after the event, SP MP Awadhesh Prasad extended his warm wishes to the counle. "I have come to give my wishes to the couple. I hope that they have a happy future," he said.

Tufani Saroj, Saroj's father and SP MLA from Kerakat assembly constituency, said the celebrations began on Saturday night. According to family sources, the engagement had an exclusively vegetarian menu.

Rinku Singh, a popular figure in Indian cricket, played for the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the Premier League (IPL). Priva Saroi is a first-time

Member of Parliament, hav-

ing won the Machhlishahr seat on a Samajwadi Party ticket in the 2024 general elections. A native of Karkhiaon village in Varanasi, Priya

Saroj has been actively involved with the SP for several years. She first gained public attention during her father's campaign for the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

The parliamentarian holds an arts degree from Delhi University and a law degree from Amity University in

Rinku Singh, born on October 12, 1997, in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh, became an overnight sensation in IPL 2023 when he hit five sixes in a single over, securing a victory for the KKR -a team he has been a part of since 2018. He earned a spot in the Indian cricket team the same year.

He has played two One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Twenty20 Internationals. In firstcricket, he has  $_{
m class}$ amassed 3,336 runs in 50 matches, including seven centuries.

# Anirban Lahiri leads by two, in sight of maiden LIV win

GAINESVILLE (USA): Anirban Lahiri, who has never won on the LIV league and is also searching for his first world-wide win since 2015, put himself in the position once again as he shot 7-under 64 to move to 11-under and one shot ahead of the field in Virginia.

The 37-year-old Indian who plays for Crushers, which is led by Bryson DeChambeau has shot 67-64 in the two rounds so far.

Lahiri has four runner-up finishes without a win on LIV Golf but now is in sight of a maiden win. He made seven birdies without a bogey. Lahiri made a

39-foot par putt on the 16th hole to salvage his momentum and converted another superb par save on the 18th. A trio of veterans, Graeme McDowell, Bubba Watson and Martin Kaymer, also made their presence felt on the

leaderboard heading into the final round. At 9-under par, they find themselves just two shots behind Lahiri.

McDowell has never finished better than T5 in any LIV Golf event. Like Lahiri, McDowell, 47, and Watson, 48, and Kaymer, 40, will all have a great opportunity to chal-

lenge for their first-ever LIV Golf win. Smash GC had an excellent day, tying the team lead (20 under) with the Lahiri-led Crushers. LIV Golf's top three in the individual standings:

Joaquin Niemann, DeChambeau and Jon Rahm all are within striking distance.

The three are tied for fifth at 7 under and just four off the lead.

remarkable turnaround of Punjab Kings who reached the final after 11 years. "We're already second in the

"That gives us space to tell better stories, build rivalries, and create more value for everyone - fans, sponsors, broadcasters. But it's not just about length. It's about what we do in that time - the kind of content we push out, how we engage fans year-round. how we build the league beyond the season. IPL has the scale. Now it's about con-

The IPL's dominance in

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keep evolving. It's not just

about cricket anymore - its sport, entertainment, culture all rolled into one. We don't need to take the IPL abroad what we do need is to build global relevance. Content, players, and stories that connect with fans across the

Besides Punjab Kings, Burman and other team's coowners have also invested in the Saint Lucia franchise of the Caribbean Premier League. Their IPL rivals too have expanded their ownership in multiple leagues MLC, CPL and most recently

Burman is all for taking the

"It's a smart and strategic

India win six gold on day two to dominate Taiwan Open athletics

> Federation Cup final and 56.46s in the Asian Championship final. Rohit could not breach the 75m mark in the men's javelin throw competition but a best throw of 74.42m was enough for him to claim

Taipei's Huang Shih-Feng won silver with a throw of 74.04m, while his compatriot Cheng Chao-Tsun was third with an effort of

Pooja won the women's 800m final with a championship record time of 2:02.79s to edge past compatriot Twinkle Chaudhary, who clocked 2:06.96s to clinch silver. Krishan Kumar then came back from behind to win the top prize in the men's 800m final with a time of 1:48.46s, which is also a new championship record.

In the women's javelin final later in the day, Annu Rani struck gold after she threw the spear at a distance of 56.82m.

The Indian could not improve on her season's best performance but the sub-57 metre throw was enough for her to finish ahead of silver winner Hatarabage Lekamalage (56.82m) of Sri Lanka and Taipei's Pin-Hsun Chu (53.03m).

In the women's long jump event, India's Shaili Singh (6.41m) and Ancy Sojan (6.39m) then won the silver and bronze medals respectively, finishing behind Australia's Delta Amidzovski (6.49m), who won the gold medal.

# Pro League: India need to avoid conceding late goals against Netherlands

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AMSTELVEEN: The Indian men's hockey team will have to shed the habit of conceding late goals if it wishes to bounce back against The Netherlands and stay in contention for top spot in the FIH Pro League here Monday. India have dropped to the fourth position in the Pro League standings after the  $1-\overline{2}$  loss against

Netherlands on Saturday. Netherlands are atop the leader-board with 17 points from nine games, followed by England (16 points from eight games), Belgium (16 points from eight games) and India (15 points from nine

games). The European leg of the Pro League holds greater significance for India. A top-place finish will help India directly qualify for next year's World Cup to be co-hosted by Belgium and Netherlands.

If they fail, India will have another chance through the Asia Cup to be held in Rajgir, Bihar from September 5 to

Against Netherlands on Saturday, India squandered a

one goal lead to lose to Olympic champions Netherlands. The Indian side showed

promise in the early phases of

the first half, with captain

Harmanpreet Singh converting a penalty corner to give his side the lead. The Dutch, however, made a strong comeback and ultimately emerged victorious courtesy a brace from Thijs

van Dam, which included the

winning goal in the 58th

minute. The Indian defence was upto the task against Netherlands' fierce attacks but some lapse in concentration and man-marking cost them dearly with two minutes

remaining. Having said that, the Indian forwards will have to be assertive and create more chance from field opportunities, an area which was found

wanting on Saturday. Also, what needs to be

worked upon is more co-ordination between the midfield and forwardline, a vital area which creates goal scoring

opportunities. We did well in the first half but the third quarter wasn't as good. In the fourth quarter we did well again and were winning the ball, but we weren't getting any shots on goal

"It was unfortunate to lose like that because I thought we could push for a draw. We want to push ourselves as hard as we can, especially against a team like the Netherlands," India head coach Craig Fulton said after Saturday's match.

With next year's World Cup spot up for grabs, India will aim to do well in the remaining matches and gain maximum points against challenging opponents.

India played the home leg of the Pro League in Bhubaneswar earlier this year, when they amassed 15 points with five wins in eight games.