

1st Semifinal: India Beat New Zealand By 70 Runs

Mumbai, (KCN): It was a Virat Kohli and Shreyas Iyer show with the bat as India posted a massive 397 for 4 in 50 overs in the first semi-final of the Cricket World Cup 2023. Earlier, India won the toss vs New Zealand and opted to bat first in what will be a repeat of the 2019 World Cup semifinal on Wednesday (November 15) at the iconic Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. Later on, Mohammed Shami took seven wickets to get India the win by 70 runs.

Rohit Sharma provided the best start to the team, hitting almost every ball on the day. He got out and Shubman Gill took the baton and struck sixes and fours. He got retired hurt soon as he faced issues with the cramps.

But Iyer came in and started connecting the big sixes. Kohli completed his 50th ODI ton, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's record of most hundreds in the ODIs. It will be interesting to see how New Zealand chase it down. It will all depend on how well openers Devon Conway and Rachin Ravindra bat in the chase of 398 runs.



Dharmendra Pradhan Requests CM Naveen For PM Shri Scheme Implementation In Odisha



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Wednesday urged Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to direct concerned officers to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) for opening of schools in the state under

PM Shri scheme. The Union Minister, in a letter, said the PM Shri Scheme was launched on September 7, 2022, with an aim to establish 14,500 schools across the country. The schools will display all components of the National Education Policy 2020. He said the schools will provide high-quality education in an equitable inclusive

and joyful school environment. Pradhan said all states and Union territories were asked to sign an MoU with DoSEL to implement the scheme. Until now, most states and Union territories have signed the MoU and the first phase selection of schools has been completed.

The first phase of installment has been released for the scheme's implementation and the second phase selection of schools is in progress. But despite several letters written to Odisha in this regard, the state is yet to sign the MoU, he said and requested Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to direct the officials to sign the MoU.

Ama Hospital will ensure quality healthcare, amiable atmosphere: Odisha Health Director

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Adyay after the state Cabinet

hospitals along with quality healthcare



approved the Ama Hospital Yojana, Health director, Dr Bijay Kumar Mohapatra termed it a special scheme of the state government, saying that quality healthcare services will be provided to patients in the government-run hospitals under the scheme while all basic amenities for patients and other services will be streamlined, along with hospital upgradation.

"Amiable atmosphere will be ensured in all

services to patients on a priority basis. Besides, the upgradation of infrastructure will be carried out in primary health centres, community health centres, district headquarters hospitals, and the medical colleges," Mohapatra added.

He also stated that the main aim of the scheme is to provide patients with quality service delivery. "The scheme will enable the

hospitals to provide quality healthcare so that more of them would obtain quality certification like Kayakalp and ASO etc," Mohapatra said, adding that recovery from the disease matters as much for patients as

their feeling of satisfaction. Besides, patients and attendants will not have to stand and wait for long hours at hospitals and they will have facilities like LED screens for entertainment and information purposes, apart from hot water and food.

He added that in the first phase, 149 hospitals in Odisha have been included in Ama Hospital Yojana and the remaining ones will be included in the Yojana in a phased manner.

Odisha Chief Secy Reviews Preparations Ahead Of President Droupadi Murmu's Visit

Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

In view of the forthcoming visit of President Droupadi Murmu to Odisha to attend various programmes, a high-level preparatory meeting was held at the administrative level under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena. The Chief Secretary has emphasized making the President's visit programme flawless. Mr Jena has directed the concerned District Collectors and departmental officials to supervise all the preparations before the President's visit in the meeting held at Lok Seva Bhawan conference hall. President Murmu will visit Mayurbhanj, Jharsuguda and



Sambalpur districts for 3 days in the first phase from November 20 to 22 this month to attend various programmes, while in the second phase, she will reach Bhubaneswar on November 26 in the afternoon and will join the Boita Bandana festival in Paradip on

November 27. Priyadarshini, Bhubaneswar DCP Prateek Singh, Principal Secretaries of concerned departments of the state administration, senior officers, Intelligence Department and other officials in charge of security were present in the meeting. Mr Saumendra

Home Department

Special Secretary Santosh Bala gave detailed information regarding the visit of the Hon'ble President of India.

All the programs including accommodation, security arrangements, responsibilities of program coordination officers, carcade arrangements, barricading arrangements on the roads during the visit, transportation arrangements, food inspection, road maintenance, medical care, sanitation, drinking water supply, stage preparation, audience seating arrangements, barricading arrangements, required number of passes etc were thoroughly discussed in the meeting.

"Congress Corrupt, Has Turned 'Ram Bhakt' For Votes: JP Nadda

Raipur, (KCN): BJP president JP Nadda on Wednesday attacked the Congress and said the party had once called Lord Ram a "fictional character", but was now seeking votes in his name.

The Congress is synonymous with "scams, embezzlement, loot and cheating", while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stands for development, empowerment of women, farmer welfare and protection of rights of deprived classes, said Mr Nadda.

He was addressing a rally in the Arang constituency of Raipur district on the last day of campaigning for the second and final phase of Chhattisgarh assembly elections on November 17.

"The Congress changes its face from time to time. Nowadays they

have become fond of Lord Ram. Some people have become 'janeudhari' (one who wears Brahminical thread). They don't even know how it is worn. Who are these people who used to say Lord Ram in Valmiki's Ramayana is a fictional (character). The Congress-led UPA government had given an affidavit in the court, saying Ram is fictional and there is no scientific and historical basis of his existence," the BJP leader asserted.

The same party is now seeking votes in the name of the Hindu deity, he said.

"Nowadays they are going from temple to temple as they have understood that this country is of Ram Bhakts and to seek votes they have to take the name of Ram. They are new Ram Bhakts, but don't even know Ram went to exile



for how many years, 13 or 14," Mr Nadda said. The national party used to taunt the BJP, asking it to reveal the date for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, he said.

"Now we say to them 'Mandir wahi banayenge, 22 tarikh ko aap bhi ayenge' (referring to the date of consecration ceremony at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024)," he said.

Further hitting out at the country's oldest political

coal scam?" To this, people attending the gathering replied in the affirmative.

"The Congress neither spared the sky nor sea or land (referring to alleged scams during its rule). There is no corruption which it has not committed," he added.

The BJP president attacked the Bhupesh Baghel-led Congress government over the Mahadev betting app row, liquor scam and alleged irregularities in state public service commission recruitments and cow dung procurement. Of the 90 assembly constituencies in the state, the second phase of voting on Friday will be held in 70 of them spread across 22 districts. The first phase of voting on November 7 had covered 20 seats, most of them located in Naxalite-affected areas.

Flight of innocence

(Shibangi Dhara) Bandana Sahoo

Let's go
Take a new flight
Far away from anger and silence
Lived this childhood innocently.

Make ourselves like raw clay
We are the future of this country
Holding a new light in our hands
And painting ourselves
In the colors of the rainbow
Let's create a new world.

Read, write and make ourselves
We will live our childhood to the fullest
By surrendering ourselves
at the feet of our parents
A new world will also be visible through their eyes.

God is here
Where else will we find it
This is God's blessings too
Greater than one's action
Then where is the virtue?

He is our God
We are their children
Under their shadow
Let's look at this future.



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I have to Go Back

Subhanarayyan Swain

I may not return here again
I will go back to search the missing
moon and mountain

Now
here I am closing the line
with a full stop!
Now words are in hurry in crowd
tried and now
they need some rest



That's why
I am closing the line by
putting a full stop
Yet, I have to start
a new line
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Quotation of the Day

"Be there for
others, but never leave
yourself behind."

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Romanticizing Diwali

Titiksha Meher

I was contemplating so much about decorating my place for Diwali or not as I live alone, what's the use but then hey it's my favourite festival why should I not decorate. Even though we may be far from home, the essence of home resides within us. Despite being away, it's important to embrace the spirit of Diwali and get ready to celebrate. Preparations for Diwali can be a heartwarming experience, as it allows us to connect with our roots and keep our traditions alive. Whether it's decorating our living spaces with colourful lights and diyas, or indulging in delicious sweets and treats, Diwali brings a sense of belonging and nostalgia. While I can't go home and even though I don't have the company of friends or classmates, still I have found ways to make this festive season special in my own unique way. When I find myself alone in my room, I take the opportunity to clean and organize everything. I clean my room, dust the books, wash clothes, wrap a new bedsheet, sweep and mop the floor, and clean all the boxes. Its peaceful and satisfying task that helps me create a clean and beautiful environment around me. And I can take a fresh start. I take this opportunity to adorn my hands with beautiful henna designs, embracing the intricate patterns and the fragrance of mehndi. It's way for me to connect with the cultural roots of this festival and feel a sense of beauty and elegance. While shopping during festivals may seem different, I just

love offline shopping. I have a delightful experience while I am doing shopping at Bilaspur Gol bazar market. The hustle and bustle of enthusiastic shoppers. As I explore the market, I find an array of exquisite jhumkas, traditional oil for diyas, intricately designed diyas and vibrant rangoli colours, the fragrance of fresh flowers, rustling of leaves and the sweet aroma of traditional sweets. The sight of people dressed in beautiful ethnic outfits adds to the festive spirit. After doing shopping I came back to my room.



Create a mesmerizing rangoli all by myself during the enchanting festival of Diwali was truly magical experience. It's a traditional art form that adds colour and vibrancy to any celebration. I take my time to carefully design intricate patterns, with each delicate stroke. I poured my heart and soul into the intricate patterns, infusing them with vibrant colours and divine energy. To capture this ephemeral beauty, I set a timer and recorded a video, immortalizing the artistry and solitude of the moment. Decorating my room with aesthetic lights is one of the highlights of my Diwali celebrations. To complete the look, I

decided to decorate my space at the last minute. I instantly felt better after doing so. The soft glows of the pink lights create a warm and cozy ambiance, making my living space feel magical. As I switch on those twinkling lights, transporting me to a world of magic and wonder. It's amazing how a simple change in lighting can uplift my spirits and make me feel at peace. It's a simple yet effective way to bring the spirit of Diwali into my surroundings and create a joyful atmosphere. As I brought some beautifully designed diyas and all the

applied kajal, lip gloss and a bindi and with a touch of makeup. Adding a touch of sparkle, I adorned myself with jhumkas and a dazzling ring. While there may not be someone to click my pictures, I make use of my phone to capture these moments, with a selfie and a mirror selfie. While I may not have the traditional Diwali experience surrounded by loved ones, I have learned to find joy and contentment in my own company. I reached out to my loved ones through heartfelt messages and

calls. So let your inner light shine bright and joy wherever you are. It is important to recognize that not everyone has the opportunity to celebrate Diwali surrounded by family and friends. I hope to inspire others to embrace the spirit of Diwali, even if they find themselves alone. In a world that often emphasizes the importance of togetherness during festivals, it is crucial to acknowledge and celebrate the strength of individuals who chose to celebrate alone. Their experiences and stories deserve to be shared and celebrated.

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Quran & Science: A symbiotic connection

Hafsa Javaid



A well-known and esteemed columnist of Kashmir, Aubaid Akhoon, aptly asserts, "The Quran melts hard hearts and mends broken ones. The crying of humankind is unique, distinct from others; it is a cry of fear of the Almighty and a plea for His satisfaction. People weep in grief, sorrow for demands and hopes, and some shed tears of lies and deception. Among them are those who weep with heartbreak, and some express non-beneficial remorse. The Quran praises the cry of fear of Allah from previous nations and instructs the sons of the Islamic nation to follow suit.

The divine book, the Holy Quran, encompasses all the principles and branches of religion, serving as a comprehensive guide and the ultimate answer to the world of humanity. It is a book of speech, constituting a complete law. The Quran is a prescription for healing, an enlightened leader, a precise balance, a strong preacher, an informed and insightful guide, a guiding light in darkness, a powerful speaker, and eloquent. It is a mercy to the world and a book that distinguishes truth from falsehood.

Additionally, it is a compilation of historical, political, military, educational, jurisprudential, ethical, doctrinal, natural, hygienic, industrial, philosophical, literary, mathematical, and other sciences and subjects." Aubaid Akhoon

The Quran, the holy book of Muslims, constitutes the fundamental guide for leading a modest life in accordance with the Hadith and Sunnah of our beloved Prophet PBUH. This divine book is bestowed upon the Muslim community, serving as a basic and essential need without which a devout Muslim or Muslimah cannot expect to navigate their lives successfully. Our belief hinges on upholding the Quran by heart for true success.

In today's world, science is an indispensable tool for technological and societal development. People have become so immersed in the modern tactics of science that it helps them overcome every hurdle in life. The fast-paced progress of science enables us even to trace the direction of a spark of light. While some perceive science and the Quran as separate entities, they are, in fact, intricately connected. Science is seen as the Quran in a different form, suggesting a parallelism between the two. The Quran has long ago articulated the facts that science is currently proving. Unfortunately, many fail to focus on extracting scientific knowledge from the Quran, partly due to the

The Quran even mentions black holes or collapsed stars as an invisible passage, covering concepts from the theory of relativity, quantum physics, mechanics, embryology, geology, and thermodynamics.

The world of technology is advancing with the guidance of the Quran, attempting to find resolutions to various matters collectively with science. Unfortunately, many Muslims are unaware of these facts, and there is a contrastive situation where non-Muslims are utilizing the benefits more.

When we consider the importance of the Quran, we find that every creature around us is full of scientific backgrounds and theories mentioned in the Quran. The Holy Quran, with over 6000 Ayat speaking about science, is not merely a book of science but a book of signs pointing to major scientific concepts. While the Quran and science have distinct ideologies, they are not alienated from each other. As science advances, scientists are increasingly moving towards accepting Islam, showcasing the legacy of the Quran.

Observing day-to-day life post-modernization, there is a drastic change in society as people have advanced their mindsets and altered their mode of rationalizing and evaluating things with the progress in science and technology.

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Shah Rukh Khan, Thalapathy Vijay To Team Up For Jawan Director Atlee's Next?

Director Atlee made his stunning Bollywood debut with Shah Rukh Khan starrer 'Jawan' this year. The film, also starring Nayanthara and Vijay Sethupathi in key roles, went on to become one of the biggest blockbusters of the year. As the film was about to release in theatres on September 7, a buzz had started doing the rounds that Thalapathy Vijay would also be a part of the film. While the reports turned out to be just a rumour, Atlee has now confirmed his next upcoming project will be with Shah Rukh and Vijay.

ATOI report stated that Atlee was speaking to popular YouTuber

Gopinath when he mentioned his conversation with Shah Rukh and Vijay. The report stated that Atlee had invited the two superstars Vijay and Shah Rukh to his birthday bash. The filmmaker said, "I called Vijay Anna and invited him to the party, and he said he would make it for sure. So, when he came, Shah Rukh sir and Anna discussed



between themselves and called me. Shah Rukh sir told me if I ever have plans of directing a dual hero film, they both are ready for it. Vijay Anna

also said, 'Ama pa'. So, I am working on it. It could be my next film."

The report added that Shah Rukh told the 'Jawan' director that if he is ever planning to make a film with two male leads, they are ready to work on it. Atlee then confirmed at the interview that he is working on the

ambitious plan and it could be his next film. The director said, "I am working very hard to come up with a script for it. Let's see." Meanwhile, apart from this, Atlee also has a movie from a big banner in the pipeline. Before 'Jawan', he has several hit films like 'Bigil', 'Mersal', and 'Theri' to his credit. Talking about 'Jawan', the movie also marked the Bollywood debut of south actress Nayanthara. Vijay Sethupathi was seen as the main antagonist in the film. The movie had a cameo role by Deepika Padukone which also received a lot of love.

Prime Video's Maitri: Female First Collective Hosts Its First Session In Chennai



Prime Video released the latest session of 'Maitri: Female First Collective', hosting its maiden discussion in Chennai. Launched last year, the collective is an endeavour to create a safe space where women from the Indian media and entertainment industry can come together to discuss their experiences, challenges and successes, and offer their perspective on bringing about a positive shift.

The session featured 8 eminent women from India's various entertainment industries, ranging from award-winning prolific actors who have worked across languages like Malavika Mohanan, Aishwarya Rajesh and Madhoo, to women who have left an indelible mark behind the camera, like creator, writer, showrunner & producer Reshma Ghatala, writer & director Swathi

Raghuraaman, and cinematographer Yamini Yagnamurthy, in addition to Aparna Purohit, creator – Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video, and Smriti Kiran, creator and curator of Maitri & founder, Polka Dots LightBox. Sharing personal anecdotes, the participants discussed the existing gender dynamics in the film industry, the challenges faced by female professionals, including ageism, and much more. Surprisingly, the women noted how the issues were similar irrespective of whether they worked in front of the camera or behind it, or whether they worked in production or corporate roles. The core discussion also touched upon the true essence of feminism and empowerment, what gender-equality really means for the trailblazers gathered in the room. An interesting insight that was shared by all was

that true equality can be achieved when the industry stops tagging a particular role, a narrative or a job as woman-oriented or male-oriented. The group as a whole agreed that age-old conditioning often restricts the personal and professional growth potential of women, and can be changed only if it is internalized in one's home and social environment. The interaction also highlighted the critical role that streaming was

playing in improving female representation, creating new opportunities for actors, regardless of their age, body size, or skin colour, and for creators to tell all kinds of unique stories. "Equal representation opens up a new world for young girls to draw inspiration from, making it all the more important to have women in positions of influence, where they can provide a platform for newer voices and open up doors for more women," said Aparna Purohit, creator – Maitri & head of India Originals, Prime Video. "However, we know that change is a gradual process. It is, therefore, important for us to continue having these discussions across the country, and we are thrilled to have hosted our first session in Chennai. Even though it is only a year old, Maitri has managed to drive change in the right direction. It is heartening to see people

having a conversation about diversity, equity and inclusion when writing or planning their projects."

Speaking about the need to have such conversations frequently, Smriti Kiran, creator & curator of Maitri and founder, Polka Dots LightBox said, "There is an undeniable need for spaces where women can voice their stories without any fear. Creating an environment that allows women to share their experiences without judgement is the first step in enabling any change, whether it is in the industry or society. This is precisely why we have to keep the conversation going relentlessly. Thrilled that Maitri is in Chennai today, tomorrow it will be in another part of India. We will continue to connect women across sections and states through conversation and collaboration."

Prabhas, Deepika Padukone's Project K To Create History, To Be First Indian Film To Debut At San Diego Comic-Con



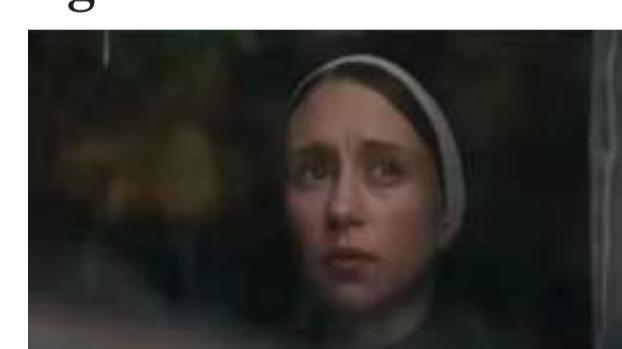
There's good news for Bollywood lovers who have been waiting for a long time to get an update on Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan and Prabhas-starrer 'Project K'. According to Variety, The hugely-anticipated Indian big-budget sci-fi film will unveil exclusive footage in the presence of talent at the San Diego Comic-Con (SDCC). Kicking off the SDCC celebration, Vyjayanthi Movies will offer fans a look at the film as part of an opening night party on July 19. On July 20, the film's

team will host a panel titled "This is Project K: First Glimpse of India's Mytho-Sci-fi Epic" with Deepika, Prabhas and Haasan during which the film's full title, teaser trailer and release date will be revealed, Variety reported. Interestingly, the stars will also feature in a performance on SDCC's largest stage. "This exclusive event will transport guests into India's most ambitious cinematic universe yet with their captivating storytelling, futuristic setting, and 'Spice Punk' aesthetic inspired by the film," the producers said in a statement.

Director Ashwin also expressed excitement. He said, "We are thrilled to present 'Project K's' debut at San Diego Comic-Con. India's storytelling tradition has ancient roots, with its epics serving as the origins for many civilizations worldwide. A world as big as this needs a platform as big to introduce it to the people. Comic-Con felt like the perfect place, where the honesty and enthusiasm needed for 'Project K' will be found."

The makers of 'The Nun' are all set to come up with the film's sequel. On Thursday, they unveiled the film's trailer and it has definitely left fans excited. The sequel, which is headlined by Taissa Farmiga, is set to be out on September 8.

As per Variety, the film begins in 1956 after a priest is viciously murdered in France. According to the film's official logline, 'The Nun 2' follows Sister Irene (Farmiga) as she once again comes face to face with the demon Valak. Farmiga returns alongside Bonnie Aarons and Jonas Bloquet who will reprise their roles as Valak and Maurice "Frenchie," respectively. "The Nun 2" will introduce new additions to the "Conjuring" universe, including Katelyn Rose Downey as Sophie, Anna Popplewell as Marcella and Storm Reid as an unknown new character. The USD 2 billion franchise began in 2013, with the original "The Conjuring" film, starring Patrick Wilson and Taissa Farmiga's older sister, Vera Farmiga. The original film was inspired by paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren's nonfiction book, "The Amityville Horror." "The Conjuring's" first spinoff, "Annabelle" premiered in 2014. Soon after, "The Conjuring 2" was released in 2016, "Annabelle: Creation" in 2017 and then the second



spinoff, "The Nun" in 2018. Since "The Nun," the "Conjuring" universe has released "The Curse of La Llorona," "Annabelle Comes Home" and "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It." Directed by "The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It's" Michael Chaves, "The Nun 2" was written by "M3GAN" screenwriter Akela Cooper and "Fear the Walking Dead" screenwriters Ian Goldberg and Richard Naing.

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Honey has antibacterial and wound-healing properties that make it

one of the safest natural ingredients to apply on the skin. There are different ways we can make honey a part of our beauty routine and one easy way is doing a honey facial at home. This one isn't just effective but pocket-friendly too, way cheaper than a facial treatment at a salon.

1---Honey Turmeric Face Pack----

Turmeric is known for its antioxidant properties and ability to combat ageing skin. It brightens the complexion and reduces dark blemishes

Mix a tablespoon of honey with a pinch of turmeric powder in a bowl and apply the paste on your face. Avoid applying the mixture on the eyebrows or eyelids.

Gently massage and leave it on for a minimum of 10 minutes then wash it off with lukewarm water and a face wash. This is great for an instant glow and to help heal and soothe acne.

Alternatively Mix 1/2 tablespoon of honey, 1/2 tablespoon of turmeric and 1/2 tablespoon of bicarbonate in a bowl until you get a smooth paste. Apply to your face and leave for 10 - 15 minutes.

Remove it using light, circular movements as this will gently exfoliate your skin. Rinse off with lukewarm water.

Mix 1 tablespoon of honey, 1 tablespoon of milk, 1/2 teaspoon of turmeric powder, 1/2 tablespoon of lemon juice in a bowl and make a paste. Apply the paste on the face and leave it for 10-15 minutes. Wash off with plain water

You can use it twice a week to get glowing skin

2--Honey and Aloe Vera Face Pack----

Aloe vera has been known to have therapeutic benefits for the skin since ages. Aloe vera comes with anti-inflammatory benefits that help to soothe dry, irritated skin quickly, and give relief from the

irritation and itching of the skin, that comes with dryness.

Aloe vera contains a high amount of water, which helps to moisturize and hydrate the skin without making it oily. This moisturizing benefits of aloe vera helps to repair our skin texture

resultant mixture all over the face as well as neck and massage gently with your finger tips for few minutes. Keep it on face for 20 minutes and wash off with cold water.

Reapply this DIY face mask with honey and aloe vera twice or thrice in a week to get

moisturizes the skin. Soak almonds in milk overnight and use chilled milk in the morning to mash the soaked almonds and make a paste. Combine a tablespoon of honey with 2 tablespoons of freshly made almond paste and spread it

honey face mask for clear glowing skin. This face pack gives a healthy nourished glow to the skin and is suitable for dry, normal, combination, and ageing skin.

Smash one small piece of Banana and add 1 tbsp raw Honey and 1 tbsp raw milk in it.

Grind two pieces of strawberries and add 1 tablespoon of raw honey and 1 tablespoon of yogurt in it. Blend well and apply over the cleansed face with the help of your fingers. Allow this mask to sit on your face for 20 minutes and rinse off using normal water. You can use this two to three times a week before going to sleep for better results.

Alternatively, Mash a ripe banana and add a teaspoon of honey to it to form a paste. Add half a teaspoon of sugar granules and apply them to the skin before the granules melt. Leave the pack on for 10-15 minutes. Massage the pack on the skin in gentle circular motions. Rinse thoroughly with warm water.

The author is international fame beauty expert and is called herbal queen of India



and makes the skin soft, smooth and glowing.

Mix 2 tablespoons of fresh aloe vera gel with 1-2 tablespoons of raw honey in a glass jar and apply the mixture on the face. Apply the

naturally glowing skin.

3---Honey Almonds Face Pack:

This is a good face pack for dry and normal skin types. Almond nourishes the skin and honey hydrates

evenly over your facial skin. Rinse it off after 20 minutes to see glowing and soft skin.

You can also replace fresh almond paste with almond oil in this

4----Strawberry and

Banana is well

The nature of Atman : The soul is glorious

Dr. Raj Kishore Mishra



unlike the body, is devoid of the six types of transformations: existence in the womb, birth, growth, procreation, diminution, and death.

The nature of Atman cannot be comprehended by indriyas, the senses, because as the Kathopanishad argues, 'Beyond the senses are the objects of the senses; subtler than the objects of the senses is the mind. Beyond the mind is the intellect; and subtler than the intellect is the soul.'

According to Adi Shankara, this aphorism dispels the false knowledge of the embodied self. In the embodied self, it is the body that is subject to change, not the Self. In his commentary on the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, Adi Shankara sums up the meaning of Atman thus: 'That great birthless Self is the vast, infinite, and great Brahman. Whoever realises that the Self is the fearless Brahman, indeed becomes the fearless Brahman, that is, Sat Chit Ananda – pure existence, pure consciousness and pure bliss. This realisation, Adi Shankara upholds, is the objective of all Upanishads.'

In its earliest form, the doctrine of the Self is found in two major pre-Buddhist Upanishads: the Brihadaranyaka and the Chhandogya. According to the former, 'The soul is glorious, unborn, deathless, free from old age, immortal, and fearless' (4:4:25) and according to the latter, the Atman is

immortal and imperishable. It is free from three kinds of changes – birth, old age and death – and the effects of kama, desire; karma, action; and maya, delusion; krodh, anger, which are causes of death. Since the Atman is free from death and consequent cessation, it is fearless.

Fear is a product of avidya, nescience. Once the conditions of change as well as fear are negated, nescience too is nullified. The fearless self which is devoid of avidya is the vast, infinite, and great Brahman. Whoever realises that the Self is the fearless Brahman, indeed becomes the fearless Brahman, that is, Sat Chit Ananda – pure existence, pure consciousness and pure bliss. This realisation, Adi Shankara upholds, is the objective of all Upanishads.'

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Olfactory Reference Syndrome

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psychosocial impact of ORS, many patients do not receive appropriate treatment, and there is no empirical research on treatment-seeking behavior in ORS. Olfactory reference syndrome is characterised

day, with a distressing or impairing belief that they emit one or more foul or offensive body odors, which are not perceived by others or are actually only slight. A smell disorder can be an early sign of Parkinson's disease,

Olfactory reference syndrome Ms. Suresh, a 21-year-old teacher, recalled always having been "sensitive," but when she started her first job at age 19 she began to believe that she emitted an offensive odor. She experienced thoughts that she passed offensive flatulence, her breath had a fecal odor, and people noticed and were offended. Gradually Ms. Suresh became more convinced of these distressing beliefs and began to think that she permeated fecal odor through her skin. She also became sure that colleagues were talking about her and that they complained about her "disgusting" smell.

Patients with olfactory reference syndrome falsely believe they emit an offensive body odor. Prominent referential thinking—believing that other people perceive the odor—also is common. To introduce you to ORS, we discuss its clinical diagnosis and treatment based on our review of

Olfactory reference syndrome is characterized by a preoccupation that one is emitting a foul or offensive odor. Despite the profound

by the erroneous belief that one emits an unpleasant body odor. This results in significant distress and is often accompanied by repetitive behavior such as frequent showering in an attempt to camouflage the perceived odor.

In olfactory reference syndrome, patients exhibit a preoccupation with a perceived foul or offensive odor that they emit, which leads to significant distress and functional impairment. It has been reclassified in the "other specified" category under obsessive-compulsive and related disorder of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5). Patients with olfactory reference disorder are preoccupied, usually for many hours a

Alzheimer's disease, or multiple sclerosis. It can also be related to other medical conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and malnutrition. If you are experiencing a smell disorder, talk with your doctor.

A variety of diagnostic terms have been used to describe smell and taste disorders. Standard classification terms for olfactory disorders are anosmia (absence of smell), hyposmia (diminished sensitivity of smell), and dysosmia (distortion of normal smell).

If the smells really bother you, you might have a smell sensitivity—also called fragrance sensitivity. For people with smell

sensitivities, fragrances can trigger a range of symptoms from migraines to difficulties with breathing. It is classified as quantitative and qualitative olfactory disorders. The former includes hyposmia and anosmia and the latter includes dysosmia, olfactory blindness, hyperosmia and so on. Noniatrogenic causes of

olfactory nerve injury include diseases of the nose and paranasal sinuses, recent upper respiratory tract infection, and head trauma. Anatomic or inflammatory disorders of the nose or paranasal sinuses ultimately obstruct odors from reaching the olfactory receptor cells.

Olfactory reference syndrome is considered a representative symptom in the borderline area of OCD. Effective treatments include cognitive behavioral therapy, tricyclic antidepressants, and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors.

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The Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla in a group photograph with trainee officers of the Indian Police Service at the Parliament House complex, in New Delhi

Total Farm Fire Incidents In Punjab Cross 30,000 Mark Since September 15

Chandigarh(KCN): Stubble burning incidents crossed the 30,000 mark in two months in Punjab which reported 2,544 fresh farm fires on Wednesday, while air quality turned "severe" again in Delhi and was in 'very poor' category in neighbouring Haryana.

Punjab had reported 67,020 and 45,464 stubble burning incidents in the corresponding period (September 15 to November 15) of 2021 and 2022 respectively.

The crop residue burning incidents are on the upswing for the past few days.

Punjab had reported 639 such cases on November 9, six on November 10, 104 on November 11, 987 on November 12, 1,624 on November 13 and 1,776 on November 14.

Paddy straw burning in Punjab and Haryana is considered one of the reasons behind the alarming spike in air pollution levels in the

national capital in October and November. Punjab on Wednesday reported 2,544 farm fires, taking the total number of such cases to 30,661 this season. Of these 2,544 farm fires, Bathinda witnessed maximum such cases at 356, followed by 318 in Moga, 264 in Barnala, 262 in Sangrur, 253 in Ferozepur, and 225 in Faridkot, according to Ludhiana-based Punjab Remote Sensing Centre data.

On the same day in 2021 and 2022, the state had seen 1,761 and 141 farm fires respectively.

The national capital's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI), recorded at 4 pm every day, stood at 401. It was 397 on Tuesday, 358 on Monday and 218 on Sunday and 220 on Saturday.

A system developed by the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology to identify the contribution of different pollution

sources showed stubble-burning accounted for 23 per cent of the air pollution in the capital on Wednesday.

Neighbouring Ghaziabad (378), Gurugram (297), Greater Noida (338), Noida (360) and Faridabad (390) also recorded very poor air quality.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered 'good', 51 and 100 'satisfactory', 101 and 200 'moderate', 201 and 300 'poor', 301 and 400 'very poor', 401 and 450 'severe' and above 450 'severe plus'.

Haryana's Narnaul reported an air quality index (AQI) of 416 and Hisar 375.

In Punjab, Bathinda reported AQI at 361, followed by 280 in Mandi Gobindgarh, 238 in Patiala, 222 in Jalandhar, 163 in Amritsar, 162 in Ludhiana, 161 in Khanna and 153 in Rupnagar.

Union Territory Chandigarh, the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana, saw an AQI of 167.

Considering Rs 5 lakh Compensation For Dog Bite Deaths: Karnataka To Court

Bengaluru(KCN): The Karnataka government on Wednesday submitted before the High Court that a meeting of stakeholders called by the Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department discussed payment of compensation of ₹5 lakh to families of people who die due to dog bites. It also discussed ₹5,000 as compensation for those who suffer injuries.

The high court directed that another meeting be held within four weeks to come up with a comprehensive plan. Hearing a public interest litigation regarding seeking implementation of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules, 2001, the high court directed the government to give wide publicity to the guidelines issued with regard to feeding of street animals and conflict resolution.

"There cannot be a dispute on the aspect that unless steps are taken to



make the public at large...made aware of guidelines, there shall be no effective implementation of guidelines and, to achieve this purpose, the state can certainly give wide publicity to these guidelines in the official websites of the state government," the division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Krishna S Dixit said.

The court also suggested that the state can

circulate pamphlets, make announcements on

TV and in cinema halls if necessary. It said that these were mere suggestions and the government could explore all possible ways to get across the message to the public. The PIL was filed by Tumakuru-based advocate Ramesh Naik L.

During the earlier

hearing on October 5, the court had directed the state to submit the measures taken to

address issues of stray dogs and how the Animal Welfare Board

of India's (AWBI) guidelines to be followed by people who feed stray dogs was being implemented. While the guidelines permit feeding of street animals in specific places, the high court had noted that people fed animals even at the gates of 'Vidhana Soudha' and Cubbon Park and places where such acts put school children in danger.

On Wednesday, the government advocate informed the court that

after its direction on

October 5, a meeting was held with stakeholders on October 6 regarding the implementation of the guidelines.

The high court granted the state four more weeks to conduct another meeting with the stakeholders and adjourned the case by six weeks.

The AWBI Guidelines on Pet and Street/Stray Dogs were issued in 2015.

During the earlier hearing in October, the court had said that these guidelines "certainly take into consideration a bonafide object of a citizen that the activity shall not cause any disturbance, hindrance or health hazard to his fellow citizen." Referring to the instances of children being bitten by dogs, the court had directed the state to respond with "appropriate remedial measures".

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra begins in West Bengal Programme aims at Ensuring Saturation of Flagship Government Schemes

Kolkata(KCN): The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) started today with due honour in West Bengal. The initiative aims at reaching the unreach and ensuring effective outreach of government schemes. The focus of the Yatra will be on reaching out to people and creating awareness and providing benefits of welfare schemes like sanitation facilities, essential financial services, electricity connections, access to LPG cylinders, housing for the poor, food security, proper nutrition, reliable healthcare, clean drinking water, etc. Enrolment of potential beneficiaries will be done through details ascertained during the Yatra.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today launched the VBSY, a nation wide programme aimed at reaching out to citizens who are eligible for various central schemes but have not benefited so far. He flagged off five specially designed IEC (Information, Education and Communication) vans from Khunti to mark the launch of the Yatra. Similar vans were flagged off from other districts across the country having significant tribal populations.

In West Bengal, a programme was organised at Binpur II block at Jhargram and

Datan I block of Midnapur district of the State, as a mark of launching of the Yatra, where Senior Economic Advisor of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting Shri R K Jena was present.

The venue at Binpur II was Kakon and that of Datan I was Manoharpur. The programme was



NABARD Agricultural Development Centre, bank, Gas Company, National Fertilizers Company Limited and Jhargram Krishak Producer Company. Several beneficiaries thronged the venue and they were provided services regarding various developmental projects of the Union Government. Besides, the use of pesticides was demonstrated live with the help of drones by National Fertilizers Limited.

Among the dignitaries present were DDM, NABARD, West Midnapur, Shri

Akash Sharma, the Head of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jhargram, Dr Akash Maity and others.

Besides, a similar programme was organised in North Bengal also at Alipurduar district.

It is to be mentioned that the campaign to reach out to the beneficiaries of the Centre's flagship programmes both in rural and urban areas will culminate on January 25, 2024. The yatra will cover 2.7 lakh gram panchayats and around 15,000 urban locations in the country where ground-level activities will take place using these automated IEC vans.

Bus Stands @ Blocks

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

With the objective to strengthen the transportation ecosystem in the State, Commerce and Transport Department has come up with a new scheme for construction and maintenance of Block level bus stands in the State.

As per a notification recently issued by the department, the scheme has been titled as 'Construction / Renovation and Maintenance of Block Level Bus Stands'. Under the Scheme, 55 number of State-of-the-Art Bus Stands are proposed to be developed across 23 Districts.

Of which, the development work of 23 new bus stands has been completed and the same were inaugurated by Chief Minister and the remaining bus stands are in the finishing stage.

Furthermore, to maintain these assets and to improve public convenience, the district administration would engage suitable and professional Facility Management Services (FMS) organisations and Mission Shakti Self Help Groups (SHGs) to ensure the facilities that should be maintained and kept in good condition, ensuring passenger safety and comfort.

Besides, maintenance of new bus stands that were already built by the State Government at Balangir, Jeypore, Athagarh, and Motu will also be done under the scheme.

The total project cost is estimated to be approximately Rs 373.13 crore, of which, capital outlay is Rs 304.08 crore while remaining Rs 69 crore earmarked as optional cost.

The Detail Project Report (DPR) has been developed in



consultation with Revenue and Disaster Management Department (R&DM), Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Department, Housing and Urban Development Department, Works Department, Finance Department and Odisha State Police Housing & Welfare Corporation Ltd (OSPH & WC).

Furthermore, the identification of suitable land for construction of

Block level Bus Stands has been finalized on recommendation of the respective District Administration. District Administration has involved Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) and Block functionaries at the Sub-district levels. Since public transport is an essential demand in almost all areas of the State, the Government strives to maintain accessibility and succeeding in achieving

affordable State of the art services, sources said. The scheme would not only strengthen the public transport ecosystem but would also act as an economic centre for development of socio-economic profile of the Blocks. For effective monitoring and enforcement, the State-level Steering Committee.

Construction of bus stands in every Block is

Committee and State-level Executive Committee have been established, they said.

As well, the District-level Nodal Committee, Sub-divisional level Committee and Block-level Committee have been recognized and empowered for on-ground monitoring, operation and management of the assets.

This scheme will put special emphasis on building eco-friendly bus stands across the State to deliver comprehensive bus operation services in accordance with the policy framework based on a laid down procedure as decided by the Steering Committee.

Construction of bus stands in every Block is

a strategic and transformational initiative that would yield a multitude of benefits that includes promoting social cohesiveness, economic growth and environmental sustainability.

The magnitude of these advantages, however, is influenced by numerous variables, including the infrastructure, quality and overall development in the area.

Odisha is rich in natural and cultural attractions.

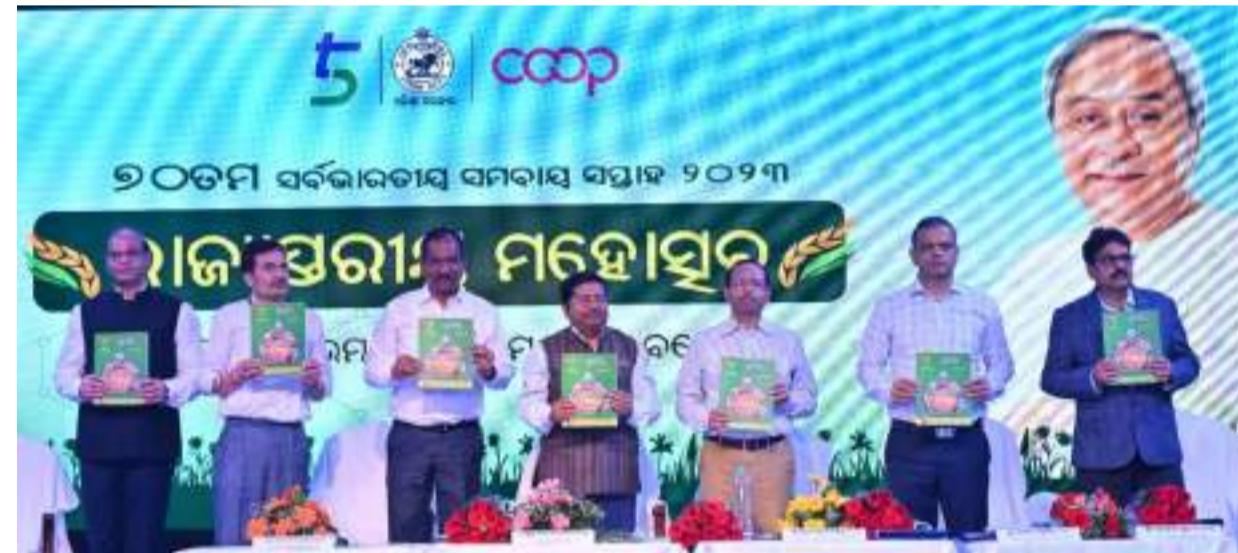
Ensuring that every Block has a bus stand makes it simpler for tourists to explore the State's diverse offerings. This can boost tourism, create jobs, and stimulate economic growth, particularly in less-

visited areas. Bus Stands can become hubs for cultural exchange as people from different areas interact while traveling.

Having bus stands in every Block creates a network of infrastructure that can be used at the time of emergencies such as for quick evacuation, emergency medical transport, and the distribution of relief supplies during catastrophes like natural disasters or medical crises.

Bus stands can serve as catalysts for local economic activities. They create opportunities for businesses such as shops, restaurants, and transportation-related services, which can stimulate economic development at the Block level.

Co-op Week Celebration Begins



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha organized celebrations of 70th All India Co-op Week 2023 with great enthusiasm on 14 November.

The Inauguration marked with a walkathon conducted early in the morning from Master Canteen Square to Odisha State Co-operative Bank Head Office.

Minister Co-operation Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Secretary Co-operation, Aravind Agarwal, OSCB President T Prasad Rao Dora and other graced the occasion.

Later Shri Nayak, Minister Co-operation, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare and Higher Education, inaugurated the State level ceremony at Utkal

Mandap and addressed the august audience. Ananta Narayan Jena, M.L.A., Bhubaneswar (Central), Pradeep Kumar Jena, Chief Secretary, Sudhashu K.K. Mishra, CGM, NABARD, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and Umakanta Dash Director IRH Anand graced the occasion and addressed.

Function has been held at Utkal Mandap, Bhubaneswar in the evening which has been presided over by Aravind Agarwal, Secretary, Co-operation followed by colorful cultural programs.

Minister Shri Nayak and other guests visited the stalls displayed on achievements of cooperatives.

On this occasion, the

Minister drew attention to the role of cooperatives in the rural economy. He highlighted how the implementation of various schemes of the government can be communicated to the people through cooperation.

Minister called for interest free agriculture loan scheme, free crop insurance registration and successful marketing of agricultural produce through co-operatives.

The keynote speaker, Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena, in his speech spoke about how the active and transparent involvement of cooperatives in the agricultural economy is important. The state government is providing

financial support through various schemes to make the cooperatives more effective.

Co-operation Secretary, Shri Agrawal informed that about 32 lakh farmers in the state are being provided interest-free agricultural loans through cooperatives. On this occasion, he called upon the cooperatives to be more open, active and people-oriented.

Later Chief Guest awarded certificates and rewards to the successful contestants in various competitions and to the cooperative organizations that have performed well in the field of co-operatives.

Santosh Kumar Das, Special Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

SJTA Bans Paan, Gutkha

Puri(KCN): Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has decided to ban paan and gutka consumption in the premises of Lord Jagannath Temple from 1 January, 2024. The ban order is applied on servitors, devotees, police officials and temple employees.

In August 2019, the SJTA had prohibited such tobacco items inside the premises of the 12th-century shrine and imposed a fine of Rs 500 as a penalty.

The SJTA has written a



letter to the Chhatisha Nijog in this regard, mentioning about the prevailing provision of penalty on consumption/ use of tobacco-related products inside the 12th-century shrine.

The SJTA stated that the norms were not being strictly enforced and empty gutkha packets, paan spits and other polythene were found lying on the premises, which was against the sanctity of the temple. The temple administration has also urged its staff, servitors of the temple and devotees not to consume pan and gutkha inside the temple. "Though there is a provision of penalty for consumption of pan and gutkha on the temple premises, no one was obeying the rule. Our objective is to improve the sanitation of the temple. The violators will be fined up to Rs 500.", Said Ranjan Das, Chief Administrator, SJTA, Puri.



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Temba Bavuma and the misconceptions of his irrational detractors

New Delhi: Elvis Presley killed JFK, and now runs a hotel with Jim Morrison in Morocco, from where the Illuminati, the Freemasons and Bill Gates rule the world with the help of a powerful global cabal, who cooked up Covid-19 to seize control of everything forever. And Temba Bavuma is undroppable because he is black. All of the above conspiracy theories, and others, are available in a social media cesspool near you. The last of them, fuelled by racism, has been particularly in vogue during the men's World Cup in India. So, Rob Walter was asked on Tuesday, was Bavuma subject to the pressure all players are under to keep their places?

"Absolutely he is," Walter said. "Temba hasn't come into the conversation about being dropped because he has been one of our best batters for the entire year. From my point of view, he hasn't scored the runs he would have wanted to

in the World Cup. But in every training he looks like he's close, and in every game he looks like he's close. A good score from him is just round the corner. As far as being undroppable, no-one's bigger than the team. The same goes for Temba."

Bavuma was South Africa's highest runscorer in ODIs in 2023 leading into the World Cup - 637 at an average of 79.62, also the highest, and a strike rate of 104.08, seventh on that list. At the tournament he has made 145 runs - fewer than six of his teammates - in seven innings. Eight of South Africa's players average higher than his 20.71, and 11 have a better strike rate than his 75.12.

What the haters won't want highlighted is that those numbers put Bavuma, who is in line to lead his team in the final in Ahmedabad on Sunday if South Africa get past Australia in their semifinal at Eden Gardens on Thursday, in

excellent company. Eoin Morgan was fifth among England's runscorers and sixth in the averages and the strike rates in 2019. In 2015 Michael Clarke was fifth, seventh and fifth by the same measures. MS Dhoni came in at sixth, fourth and ninth in 2011. Ricky Ponting led Australia to two World Cup triumphs, but he had a better tournament than all of his Aussie peers just once and in one sense only: in 2003 when he topped the runscoring charts with 415 in 10 innings. Yet calls for their heads during those tournaments weren't heard - maybe because, like Bavuma, they were worth their weight in leadership.

How many times in all the dozen World Cups yet played has the captain of the winning team led his side in all three of those metrics? Once, in 1983, when none of India's other players could match the 303 runs Kapil Dev scored at 60.60 and a

strike rate of 108.99. The only other leading performances by the captains of World Cup champion teams in any of the three categories are Clive Lloyd's strike rate of 104.63 and 81.45 in 1975 and 1979, Arjuna Ranatunga's average of 120.50 in 1996, Steve Waugh's run aggregate of 398 in 1999, and Ricky Ponting's run aggregate of 415 in 2003. The leaders of the winning teams have come out ahead in just 13.89% of the key batting

departments. Besides currently, the anti-Bavuma brigade were at their noisiest after the T20 World Cup in Australia in November, when he captained the side who crashed out of the running for the knockouts in an ignominious loss to the Netherlands. Bavuma scored 70 runs in five innings at a strike rate of 112.90 in that tournament, and Cricbuzz has learnt that he survived the

selectorial axe on a three-person panel by one vote. Being the captain and black thus did not protect him from coming under the scrutiny applied to other players. The decision to retain Bavuma at the T20 World Cup was unfair on Reeza Hendricks, who rode the bench throughout despite going to the tournament having scored from 53 to 74 in four of his previous five innings in the format. Bavuma resigned the leadership in February and has played in just

three of South Africa's half-dozen T20Is this year, and then probably only because Quinton de Kock, Heinrich Klaasen and David Miller were rested for a series against Australia in August. The clamour for Hendricks to replace Bavuma is rising again. And especially in light of Hendricks making 85 off 75 when he stepped in at short notice after Bavuma withdrew, because of a stomach problem, from the game against England at the Wankhede on October 21.

But the strong case

Hendricks had for playing at the T20 World Cup is not neatly transferred to this tournament. He appeared in only three ODIs this year before coming to India, scoring 52, 29 and 28 for an average of 39.66 and a strike rate of 85.00. Three days after his enterprising innings against England he was clean-bowled for 12 by Shoriful Islam, also in

Mumbai. So the argument for Hendricks being preferred to Bavuma is significantly less compelling than it was last year.

Typical of the sad logic of Bavuma's more irrational detractors is their widely expressed hope that he will not play in Thursday's semifinal because of the hamstring strain he suffered while fielding against Afghanistan in Ahmedabad on Friday. But their wish would have been rocked by Bavuma coming through a training session at Eden Gardens on Monday in one piece.

"Yesterday was a step in the process of declaring him fit," Walter, himself a fitness expert in a previous life in cricket, said. "We didn't do any high-speed running, we didn't do any fielding, we didn't do any running between wickets. You would still have to factor those into the preparation, and check him out in the more high-speed zones.

CSK set to release Ben Stokes; KKR may leave out Ferguson

New Delhi: Ben Stokes is set to be released by Chennai Super Kings. The decision, albeit reluctant, is based on his likely unavailability for IPL 2024. The England all-rounder, acquired by CSK for Rs 16.25 crore in the last mini-auction in Kochi, participated in only two games throughout the season. It is established that Stokes will undergo surgery on his left knee and the procedure necessitates close to two months for recovery. However, the Chennai Super Kings management is unwilling to take a chance on his availability for the league, scheduled for March-May 2024.

Sources suggest that CSK management has had discussions with Stokes, who indicated



focusing on the IPL only after the World Cup. Despite England's World Cup campaign concluding, CSK officials are yet to contact him directly. Conversations with his manager have also been inconclusive regarding his availability for the upcoming season.

A CSK official stated, "We would not consider releasing Stokes if he could be available because he is a big match player, and we hold him in the highest regard. But if he can't make it to the

season, we will have blocked Rs 16 crore with which we could acquire some quality players." Meanwhile, another potential release is Lockie Ferguson. Initially bought by Gujarat Titans in 2022 for Rs 10 crore, he was later traded to Kolkata Knight Riders in 2023. Given his injury history, the KKR management is reportedly contemplating his release.

There is also speculation about a trade between Knight Riders and Royal Challengers Bangalore involving Shardul Thakur and Harshal Patel. However, it is confirmed that no such trade will take place.

Cricbuzz has learnt about intense discussion over some high-profile trades among the franchises and it could be known by November 19, the last day for the trade to be completed. The franchises have to announce the lists of retentions and releases by November 26. The auction is scheduled to be held at the Coca Cola Arena in Dubai on December 19.

The apology came after Razzaq posted a video of the apology on Samaa TV, claiming that he didn't want to 'hurt anyone's sentiment'. Razzaq appeared on Samaa TV to address the situation. He stated, "Yesterday, we were talking about cricket coaching and intentions. I had a slip of tongue and mistakenly took Aishwarya Rai's name. I apologise to her personally. I did not intend to hurt anyone's sentiment."

several of Razzaq's teammates including Shoaib Akhtar and Shahid Afridi condemned the remarks by the former cricketer. "I would never have good and pious kids if I marry Aishwarya Rai," Razzaq had said in a press conference also attended by Shahid Afridi.

The remark, widely considered inappropriate, has garnered criticism from fans and fellow cricketers alike. Shahid Afridi, who faced backlash for seemingly endorsing Razzaq's comments by laughing and clapping, clarified his stance. Afridi stated that he was unaware of Razzaq's statement during the press conference and only learned about it after watching the clip at home. Despite not knowing the content of the remark, Afridi acknowledged the mistake, expressing, "I saw the clip when I went home and realized that Abdul Razzaq made a wrong statement. I knew he had a mike in his hand and will say something. He has a habit of getting beaten by shoes. I will just text him to apologize for what he said as it was wrong." Former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar also blasted Razzaq for his comments on Aishwarya Rai. "I highly condemn the inappropriate joke/comparison made by Razzaq. No woman should be disrespected like this."

Mohammed Siraj Replaced As Number 1 ODI Bowler By Keshav Maharaj

New Delhi: Mohammed Siraj Replaced As Number 1 ODI Bowler By Keshav Maharaj Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj's reign as the world's number one bowler in ODIs lasted barely a week as he was on Tuesday replaced by South African spinner Keshav Maharaj. Press Trust of India Updated: November 14, 2023 08:48 PM IST Read Time: 2 min Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj's reign as the world's number one bowler in ODIs lasted barely a week as he was on Tuesday replaced by South African spinner Keshav Maharaj.

While the Indian had reclaimed the number one position in place of Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi on November 8, the updated rankings on Tuesday showed the South African spinner as the top-ranked bowler. Since November 1, Maharaj has taken seven wickets in three matches in the World Cup, including a four-for versus New Zealand in Pune. However, the difference between the two players is marginal, as they are separated by just three rating points. Siraj is India's fifth-highest wicket-taker in the

tournament so far, claiming 12 in nine fixtures, with best figures of three for 16. Pacer Jasprit Bumrah and spinner Kuldeep Yadav are ranked fourth and fifth, respectively. Bumrah is the highest wicket-taker for India in the competition, bagging 17 in nine games, with best figures of four for 39. While seamer Mohammad Shami is at the 12th spot in the latest rankings, spinner Ravindra Jadeja is at 19th. Shubman Gill maintains top spot among batters. As for batting, Indian

opener Shubman Gill held on to the top spot. He had displaced Pakistan captain Babar Azam, who continues to be ranked second and is separated by eight rating points. So far, Gill is the sixth-highest run-scorer for the Men in Blue at this event, scoring 270 in seven matches, including a best of 92 versus Sri Lanka. On the other hand, star batter Virat Kohli also maintains his fourth spot, being the highest run-scorer for the side in this tournament, collecting 594 in nine outings, including two hundreds and five

fifties. Kohli is followed by skipper Rohit Sharma in the fifth place, Shreyas Iyer is ranked 13th, followed by KL Rahul, who is jointly placed at 17th alongside Steven Smith of Australia. Jadeja 10th among all-rounders in the all-rounders' list, Ravindra Jadeja is placed 10th, while the top spot continues to be held by Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan. Meanwhile, Hardik Pandya has dropped to 16th after being ruled out of the competition following an ankle injury against Bangladesh.

