

India, ISA Signs Agreement of UDS 2 Million for Solar Projects in Indo-Pacific Countries

RNS | New Delhi: India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) signed a Project Implementation Agreement (PIA) with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on Tuesday to fund solar projects worth USD 2 million in Fiji, Comoros, Madagascar, and Seychelles.



According to the statement released by the MEA, the ISA will act as the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) and will provide programmatic assistance to these countries, with financial support from India. The agreement is part of India's ongoing efforts to support clean energy transitions in the Indo-Pacific region. The solar projects are designed to address energy challenges in these countries, including unreliable electricity supply in health centers, issues related to the perishability of agricultural products, and the lack of grid power in remote ar-

reas. Solar solutions such as cold storage facilities, solar-powered healthcare centers, and solar water pumping systems are under consideration for implementation. The successful completion of these projects is expected to improve energy access, create local employment, and ensure reliable power supply in the target coun-

tries. This initiative aligns with India's commitment to climate action and its role in advancing the Quad's clean energy goals. MEA spokesperson Randhr Jaiswal highlighted the significance of the agreement on X, saying, "New chapter in Quad Climate Initiatives. A Project Implementation Agreement was signed be-

tween Ministry of External Affairs and International Solar Alliance to operationalise solar projects in Comoros, Fiji, Madagascar, and Seychelles." This collaboration underscores India's leadership in fostering renewable energy solutions and advancing climate resilience across the Indo-Pacific region.

Two Minor Ragpickers Injured in Explosion at Junk Site in Gaya

by Suresh Pd Nikhar

Gaya: Two minor ragpickers, aged 12 and 10, were injured in an explosion near Telbigha Dak Asthan, within the jurisdiction of the Kotwali police station, on Wednesday morning. The boys, identified as Badal and Lakshman, residents of Telbigha, were initially treated at Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital before being referred to Anugrah Narayan Magadh Medical College and Hospital. According to SSP Ashish Bharti, their condition is stable and they are out of danger. Police have initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the blast, suspected to have occurred within a pile of garbage the children were collecting. Authorities are looking into whether the explosion was caused by a bomb or an electronic device. A bomb disposal squad has been called to the scene. The boys had gone out to collect garbage in the morning and were heading to a junk shop in Dak Asthan locality to

sell their finds, which included plastic and various boxes. As they were unloading the items from their bags, a sudden explosion occurred. The boys' mother recounted, "We received a call about the explosion. The garbage they brought had a loud sound, and both children were injured." The blast caused panic in the area, and a crowd quickly gathered at the site. Kotwali police station in-charge Ashish Mishra confirmed that no gunpowder-related material has been found at the site in the initial investigation. The bomb squad's expert assessment is expected to provide further clarity. This incident follows a similar explosion earlier this month at a junk shop in Tilha Dhamshala, under the Civil Line police station, where a shopkeeper was severely injured in a similar blast. The investigation is ongoing, and authorities are working to determine the full details of the incident.

Bajrang Punia Banned for Four Years Over Anti-Doping Rule Violation



New Delhi: Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia has been handed a four-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for violating anti-doping regulations. The decision follows Punia's refusal to provide a urine sample during a selection trial for the national wrestling team in March 2024. Initially, NADA imposed a provisional suspension on Punia, which was later lifted by the Anti-Disciplinary Doping Panel (ADDP) in May after Punia appealed the decision. However, following two hearings in September and October, the ADPP decided to impose a four-year ban, effective from April 23, 2024. Punia explained that his refusal to provide the sample stemmed from a lack of trust in the NADA process. He clarified that he was not outright refusing but wanted clarity on the use of expired testing kits before submitting his sample. "The athlete was always willing to provide his sample provided that he first received a response from NADA concerning the use of expired kits," Punia stated in an interview with India Today. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist also expressed concerns about being unfairly treated, linking the issue to his active role in protests against former Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who has faced allegations of sexual harassment. Additionally, Punia had joined the Congress party ahead of the 2024 Haryana Assembly elections. Punia's ban will have significant implications for his career, as he is one of India's most prominent wrestlers on the international stage.

No bribery charges against Gautam Adani and his nephew in US indictment, claims Adani Green



Mumbai: Adani Green Energy Limited has refuted media reports claiming that billionaire Gautam Adani, his nephew Sagar Adani, and senior Adani Group executive Vneet Jain are facing bribery charges in a recent US indictment. The company issued a statement on Wednesday clarifying that these claims are "incorrect."

According to the statement, Gautam Adani, Sagar Adani, and Vneet Jain have not been charged with any violations related to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) in the criminal indictment issued by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) or the civil complaint from the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The statement further clarified that the three individuals are facing charges on three counts in the criminal indictment, which include: (i) alleged securities fraud conspiracy, (ii) alleged wire fraud conspiracy, and (iii) alleged securities fraud.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing the Adani Group, also pointed out that the chargesheet does not specify any details regarding bribery or who may have been allegedly bribed.

The controversy follows an announcement by Gautam Adani on November 13, in which he revealed plans to invest \$10 billion in US energy security and infrastructure projects. The statement on social media congratulated US President-elect Donald Trump and highlighted the Adani Group's commitment to investing in projects that could create up to 15,000 jobs in the United States.

The ongoing legal issues have added to the scrutiny surrounding the Adani Group, but the company continues to maintain its position regarding the charges.

DPS Chas Tops at CBSE Science Exhibition, Qualifies for Nationals



Bokaro: Students from DPS Chas, Bokaro, have made their mark at the CBSE Science Exhibition 2024, securing the first position in the senior category (Classes IX to XI) and earning a spot in the National Level competition. Harsh Kumar of Class XI-B and Chinmay Jain of Class IX-B showcased their innovative project on "Drought Management," which addressed the critical issue of drought and water scarcity. Their project, featuring preventive and adaptive strategies based on scientific methods and sustainable practices, impressed the judges at the exhibition held at DPS Ranchi.

The event, organized by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), saw participation from 32 schools in the Patna zone, with students presenting creative scientific solutions to various challenges. DPS Chas, Bokaro's exemplary performance has qualified them for the National Level Science Exhibition in Delhi, where they will represent the Patna zone and compete with top institutions from across India. Chief Mentor Dr. Hemlata S. Mohan and Director Dr. Manisha Tiwari congratulated the students for their achievement. Dr. Mohan praised their hard work and encouraged them to continue pursuing excellence as they prepare for the national stage.

Historic Ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah Enters Effect

RNS | Lebanon: A historic ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah officially came into effect at 7:30 AM IST today, marking a potential turning point in the 14-month-long conflict that has claimed thousands of lives. The agreement, brokered with significant U.S. involvement, follows months of intense fighting and comes after the heaviest Israeli airstrikes on Beirut since the escalation in late September, including unprecedented attacks in the city center.



By 10:30 AM IST, no violations of the ceasefire had been reported, with only celebratory gunfire heard in Beirut's southern suburbs. However, despite warnings from the Israeli military about civilian movement, many displaced residents attempted to return to their homes, leading to heavy traffic on Lebanese roads leading south. The ceasefire is based on UN Resolution 1701, which

calls for the withdrawal of Hezbollah fighters north of the Litani River, approximately 18 miles from the Israel-Lebanon border, and the complete withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territory. The Lebanese army has expressed readiness to deploy across the south but has advised residents to delay their return until Israeli troops have fully withdrawn. Currently, Israeli forces re-

main stationed about four miles inside Lebanese territory. Following the approval of the ceasefire by Israel's security cabinet, U.S. President Joe Biden announced a 60-day plan for the phased withdrawal of Israeli forces, with the Lebanese army gradually taking control of the border areas. A key objective of the plan is to prevent Hezbollah from re-establishing its military presence in southern Lebanon.

CCL Signs MoU with Bokaro Dist. Admin. for Rs. 111 Cr. Welfare Fund

RNS | Ranchi: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between Shri Ranjay Sinha, General Manager of Dhori Area, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), and Shri Shakti Kumar, the District Disaster Management Officer and Nodal Officer for CSR, Bokaro, in the presence of senior officials from both organizations. The agreement formalizes a significant financial commitment of Rs. 111 crore, which will be allocated under the Damage Remedy Plan (DRP) and the Natural and Community Resource Augmentation Plan (NCRAP). The funds will be directed towards



various community welfare schemes in Bokaro district, aimed at improving the living standards of local residents and fostering sustainable development. These initiatives are expected to bring lasting benefits to the community, reflecting CCL's ongoing commitment to the welfare of its stake-

holders and the broader public in its command area.

On the occasion, Shailesh Prasad, Project Officer at SDOC M, and Achyutananda Kumar, Nodal Officer (Forest and Environment), SDOC M, also attended the event from CCL's side, underscoring the company's dedication to corporate social responsibility. This MoU is seen as a key milestone in the continued collaboration between CCL and the Bokaro district administration, paving the way for impactful welfare projects aimed at community upliftment and environmental sustainability.

Cabinet Approves PAN 2.0 Project to Streamline Taxpayer Services

RNS | New Delhi: The Indian government's Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Income Tax Department's PAN 2.0 Project, aimed at modernizing and streamlining the process of issuing and managing Permanent Account Numbers (PAN) and Tax Deduction and Collection Account Numbers (TAN). The move is designed to enhance the efficiency and user experience for taxpayers, consolidating multiple platforms into a unified system.



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According to the Ministry of Finance, with the existing PAN database of 78 crore PANs and 73.28 lakh TANs, the PAN 2.0 Project will address the growing demands of taxpayers by consolidating services from the current three separate portals—

the e-Filing Portal, UTI-TISL Portal, and Protean e-Gov Portal—into one integrated platform. The new platform will handle all matters related to PAN and TAN, including applications, updates, corrections, Aadhaar-PAN linking, re-issuance requests, and online PAN validation. By centralizing these services, the government aims to simplify processes, reduce delays, and improve grievance redressal mechanisms, making the

entire process more user-friendly. Importantly, existing PAN cardholders will not need to apply for a new PAN under the upgraded system. The current PAN cards will remain fully valid unless the holder requests an update or correction. Industry experts believe that the implementation of PAN 2.0 will also benefit fintech companies by reducing operational costs. The Ministry of Finance has emphasized

that the initiative, which incorporates advanced e-governance features, will bring the taxpayer registration system in line with global standards, ensuring seamless digital processes and robust data security. Additionally, the PAN 2.0 Project will provide free e-PAN services and simplified updates, further enhancing convenience for taxpayers. The integration of all services into a single platform is expected to reduce paperwork, making the entire process paperless and more efficient. In summary, the PAN 2.0 Project marks a significant step towards modernizing India's taxation infrastructure, with an emphasis on ease of use, digital integration, and enhanced data security.

New Parliament Formed at GTTC

Ranchi: The Parliament for the 2024-2026 batch of trainees at the Government Teacher Training College Institute of Advanced Studies in Education, Jharkhand, was formed today. The election, supervised by Dr. Mazharul Haq, with Dr. Om Prakash as the supervisor, Dr. Ritesh Kumar Mahato as the presiding officer, and Prof. Sameer Chaudhary as the impartial polling officer, resulted in Chaman Mistry being elected Prime Minister.

The new Cabinet includes— Deputy Prime Minister: Vishal Mahato; Education Minister: Vikas Kumar Mahato; Finance Minister: Rakesh Kumar Gupta; Sports Minister: Lenin Mahato; Health Minister: Ayush Kumar Dwivedi; Art & Culture Minister: Ashish Kumar Yadav; Discipline Minister: Ram Oraon, and others.

The Principal-in-charge, Dr. Raman Kumar Jha, and faculty members congratulated the newly elected officials, wishing them success in their responsibilities.

Free Legal Service Unit for Children Established in Dhanbad

Ranchi: A Free Legal Service Unit has been launched in Dhanbad to provide specialized legal assistance to children, in line with the Supreme Court's directive through the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). The unit was inaugurated on Wednesday during a two-day workshop organized by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA).

Under the guidance of Principal District and Sessions Judge Virendra Kumar Tiwari, the unit aims to assist children in need of care and protection, as well as those in conflict with the law. Rakesh Roshan, the DLSA Secretary and Sub-Judge, will chair the committee, which also includes retired judicial officer Piyush Kumar, Chairman of the Permanent Lok Adalat, and several other key members.

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Eknath Shinde won't accept Deputy Chief Minister's post: Sena's message to BJP

Mumbai. Amid the continuing suspense over a new Maharashtra Chief Minister, the Shiv Sena on Wednesday said that Eknath Shinde will never accept the post of Deputy Chief Minister. A Shiv Sena leader said the ruling Mahayuti's thumping win in the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly polls was only because of Eknath Shinde. "The Assembly elections were fought in the name of Eknath Shinde. He deserves to return as the Chief Minister. He will not accept the position of the Deputy Chief Minister," Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Shirsat told.



"If the BJP fulfils our demand (to make Shinde the Chief Minister), a good message will go out to the people. Future elections will prove to be beneficial for us if Shinde is the Chief Minister," he added. The Mahayuti coalition, comprising the Shiv Sena, BJP and Ajit Pawar-led NCP, retained power in Maharashtra by winning a whopping 230 of the 288 Assembly seats in the high-stakes polls. The BJP won 132 seats, Shiv Sena 57 and NCP 41. The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) finished with just 46 seats, with the Shiv Sena (UBT) getting 20, Congress 10 and Sharad Pawar-led NCP 10. After the results, the BJP battled for

number of seats. But irrespective of the number of seats allotted to the Mahayuti constituent parties, Shinde would continue to be Chief Minister if the coalition secured a majority," they added. Also weighing in on the issue, BJP leader Sudhir Mungantiwar said, "We have a clear majority. We are taking time to formulate the plan in detail." "This is not the first time that a government formation is taking time. In Karnataka also, the Congress took time to name a Chief Minister," he said, adding that the final decision lies with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The latest addition to the brewing suspense came a day after Eknath Shinde resigned as Chief Minister. This was necessitated as the term of the Maharashtra Assembly ended on Tuesday. Governor CP Radhakrishnan asked Shinde to continue as the caretaker Chief Minister until a new government is formed. Earlier this week, Shinde Sena MP Naresh Mhaske urged the BJP to replicate the 'Bihar model' to make Eknath Shinde the Chief Minister again. "Nitish Kumar was made the Chief Minister of Bihar even though his party didn't have the majority," Mhaske said.

PM Modi: I worked within Constitutional boundaries, did not overstep limits

New Delhi. Calling the Constitution of India a guide to the present and the future, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said he has tried to work within the limits set by it. Addressing a gathering at the Supreme Court on the occasion of Constitution Day celebrations, the Prime Minister said, "I have tried to remain within the limits of the work that the Constitution entrusted to me. I have not made any attempt to encroach. I did the work that the Constitution asked me to do and I have expressed my views while maintaining my limits..." Also present on the stage were Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, Union Minister of State (independent charge) for Law Arjun Ram Meghwal, Supreme Court judges Justices B R Gavai and Surya Kant, Attorney General R Venkataramani, Supreme Court Bar Association president Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal and Bar Council of India president Senior Advocate Manan Kumar Mishra.

democracy." He said the Constitution has now been "fully implemented" in Jammu and Kashmir, and that Constitution Day was celebrated there for the first time. Modi pointed out that November 26 is also the anniversary of the 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai. Paying tribute to those who lost their lives in the attack, the PM said he



wanted to "reiterate the country's resolve that every terrorist organisation that challenges the security of India will be given a befitting reply". Harking back to the debates in the Constituent Assembly, Modi said serious discussions had been held at the time regarding the democratic future of India. "B R Ambedkar had then said that the Constitution is not a mere lawyer's document and that its spirit is always the spirit of the age. The spirit he was referring to is very important. Our Constitution's makers gave us the provision to interpret the Constitution from time to time, depending on the situation of the country."

With a smile, the PM added, "Only hints are needed here and one need not say much... Modi said it was a matter of immense pride for the country that the Constitution has entered its 75th year. He said the Constitution was a "guide to our present and our future", and that "whatever challenges the country has faced in the last 75 years, our Constitution has shown the right path to solve every one of those challenges. In this period, there has also been a time like the Emergency, and our Constitution faced this challenge to

"500 Years Of 'Sanskar'...": RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat On India's Life Force

Mr Bhagwat said the life force appeared on January 22, in a veiled reference to the consecration of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

New Delhi: India has its own 'pran shakti' but it is not visible to many due to 500 years of 'sanskar' deeply embedded in their consciousness, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Tuesday. Addressing an event here, he said it is the 'pran shakti' (life force) of India which makes it "rush" to extend its help if there is a crisis in any part of the world, without considering whether the country, facing such a situation, is hostile or friendly. "India also has a 'pran shakti' which is in front of our eyes but it is not visible because 500 years of 'sanskar' is deeply embedded in us," he said as he exhorted people to follow the Indian spiritual practices to realise their 'pran shakti' and that of the country.



India's 'pran shakti' "appears in the common man and in small things. It appeared surprisingly on January 22," he said in a veiled reference to the Ram Temple consecration in Ayodhya that took place on January 22 this year. The event was organised on the premises of

the Delhi University to launch a book 'Banayein Jivan Pranvaan', authored by a senior RSS functionary Mukul Kanitkar. According to the organiser of the event, the book takes the readers on a journey to unravel the scientific and philosophical underpinnings of Bharatiya traditions. It highlights the profound interconnectedness of life, thought and action, emphasizing the significance of understanding "pran" — the life force that forms the foundation of all physical, mental and emotional phenomena. Appreciating the book's publication, Mr Bhagwat said there is no conflict between spirituality and science.

Urban Middle Class 'Shrinking', When Will PM Modi Recognise This Reality: Congress

Congress has been attacking the government over its handling of the economy and raising concerns over "increasing" unemployment and price rise.

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Wednesday flagged major economic challenges that have affected consumption patterns and pointed to a "shrinking" urban middle class, asking when will Prime Minister Narendra Modi recognise this reality. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that in the last few weeks, multiple leading lights from India Inc have flagged the tremendous slowdown in household private consumption, even in the previously red-hot FMCG sector. "Now, a new report by the well-regarded Marcellus Investment Managers reveals three major economic challenges that have affected consumption patterns," he said. Flagging the issue of deteriorating household balance sheets, Ramesh said according to the RBI's own data, net household savings as a percentage of GDP are at their lowest level in nearly 50 years.



Mounting unsecured loans have pushed net savings into the red, leaving families with less disposable income, he said. He also pointed to a cyclical economic downturn and said India's post-Covid recovery has sputtered out. Corporate earnings in Q2 FY25 recorded the steepest slump in two decades, apart from crises like the 2008 financial crash, Ramesh said. Pointing to technological disruptions, Ramesh said routine and repetitive jobs that once formed the backbone of middle-class employment are increasingly being replaced by cost-cutting measures like automation and outsourcing. "The urban middle class has been disproportionately affected and is 'shrinking.' When will the PM recognise this reality?" the Congress leader said. The Congress has been attacking the government over its handling of the economy and raising concerns over "increasing" unemployment and price rise.

Karnataka Govt To Stop Guarantee Schemes? Dy CM DK Shivakumar's BIG Remark After Congress MLA Sparks Buzz

Congress MLA from Vijayanagar, HR Gaviyappa said that the poll guarantee schemes were straining the government's finances.



ration for Antyodaya card holders and BPL card holders under Anna Bhagya yojana, free bus travel for women under Shakti scheme and unemployment allowance to youth under Yuvanidhi. Recently, Congress MLA from Vijayanagar, HR Gaviyappa said that the poll guarantee schemes were straining the government's finances. "Due to Guarantee schemes, it is becoming tough to give

houses; we are also requesting CM to at least let go of two schemes like the Shakti scheme and give houses, let's see what CM decides; we'll stand with CM whatever may be the decision. CM is also trying to mobilise the funds; we'll also stand with CM," he said. Now, reacting to his statement, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that all five guarantees will continue and the Congress will issue a show-cause notice to Gaviyappa. Shivakumar said, "I don't believe that he has stated this. In case he has, we will issue a show-cause notice seeking an explanation. We have given a word to the people of the state on the guarantees and we will stand by it at any cost. No MLA of the Congress party should question the guarantee schemes, we will initiate action if anyone does so." Last month, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge cautioned party leaders and office bearers of states to avoid making promises that do not go well with the respective state's finances.

Still Fuming After Maharashtra Loss, Maha Aghadi To Launch Anti-EVM Protest

The Mahayuti cruised to victory in last week's Maharashtra Assembly election winning 235 of 288 Assembly seats; the BJP won a record 132 on its own.

Mumbai. The Maha Vikas Aghadi - thumped last week in the Maharashtra election - is planning a national protest against the credibility of EVMs, or electronic voting machines, which it blames for its defeat. The MVA - fronted by the Congress and the Shiv Sena and NCP factions led by Uddhav Thackeray and Sharad Pawar - also plans to move the court to return to ballot papers. Mr Thackeray and Mr Pawar met defeated MVA candidates Wednesday to form legal teams, at the state and national levels, to address the longstanding concern for opposition parties. The MVA has loudly protested the result of the Maharashtra election that was won by the Mahayuti alliance of the BJP and the Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar factions of the Sena and NCP. The Mahayuti cruised to victory, winning 235 of 288 Assembly seats. The BJP won 132 - its best-ever score in a Maharashtra election - on its own and is expected to lead the next



Thackeray Sena got 20, the Congress 16, and Sharad Pawar's NCP group just 10 to record the veteran leader's worst ever electoral performance. Mr Pawar's party had contested 86 seats, and he has urged his losing candidates to request an analysis of the VVPAT, or Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail, to confirm the voting numbers. Senior NCP leaders, including grandnephew Rohit Pawar, have alleged fraud while vote-counting. Like the NCP, the Congress is also furious over its low strike rate; the party contested 101 seats and

fielded 95 candidates but won just 20 seats. The opposition bloc - which has protested against EVMs earlier too, including after a surprise defeat in the Haryana Assembly election last month - has been indignant since; Congress boss Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday demanded a return to ballot papers, like the United States. Nana Patole, the ex-chief of the Congress' state unit, Nana Patole, who quit after the results were announced, similarly denounced EVMs, insisting it is not being taken seriously. These complaints come after the Supreme Court - which gave EVMs a thumbs-up in April, when the Lok Sabha election was being held - dismissed a petitioner's plea to return to ballot papers. The court pointed out faulty EVMs are not flagged when the opposition wins an election. That reasoning has also been flagged by the BJP. Senior Maharashtra BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis, who is widely expected to be named the next Chief Minister, responded sharply to

Congress had won the Jharkhand election. "JMM (and Congress) won in Jharkhand... The election there was 'fair'... but if we get a huge victory in Maharashtra, then the Election Commission is 'biased' and EVMs were 'hacked'?" The Congress has also been criticised, obliquely, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Speaking before the Winter Session of Parliament. He slammed his rivals for being "rejected by the people 80-90 times" and, in a pre-emptive strike, accused them of already disrupting the House. The row over EVMs rears its head after every major election, with the opposition accusing the BJP of engineering victories by hacking the machines. The BJP has steadily refuted the claims. The Election Commission, meanwhile, has hit back at the Congress. After the Haryana election results were questioned the EC criticised the party for making "baseless allegations... when faced with inconvenient electoral outcomes", and warned it, and others, against "unfounded and sensational

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भगवान के अवतार के तीन कारण होते हैं- पहला अनुग्रह अथवा साधुपरित्राण, दूसरा निग्रह अथवा दुष्कृतकारियों का विनाश और तीसरा धर्मसंस्थापन। जिस प्रकार कोई सम्राट अपने साम्राज्य में सज्जनों को पुरस्कार द्वारा प्रोत्साहित करके और दुर्जनों को तिरस्कार द्वारा निरुत्साहित करके प्रजा में अभ्युदयशील सामंजस्य स्थापित करता है, उसी प्रकार श्रीभगवान भी यथासमय अवतीर्ण होकर यथायोग्य निग्रहानुग्रह प्रदर्शित करते हुए अपनी सृष्टि में धर्म की स्थापना किया करते हैं। समस्त धर्मों का पर्यवसान श्रीभगवत् साक्षात्कार में ही है। भगवत् साक्षात्कार तभी हो सकता है, जब भगवान में निष्ठा हो। निष्ठा तभी होती है जब अनुराग हो, अनुराग उसी में होता है, जिसकी ओर आकर्षण होगा। अतएव जीवजात को अपनी ओर आकृष्ट करने के लिए ही भगवान अवतार रूप में ऐसी-ऐसी मनमोहिनी क्रीड़ाएं करते हैं कि जिन्हें सुनकर श्रोताओं का मन उनमें बलात् आसक्त हो जाता है।

बालक, युवक और वृद्ध, पंडित और मूर्ख, राजा और प्रजा, स्त्री और पुरुष, विषयी और विरागी, सभी का भगवद्गीता श्रवण से उधर आकर्षण होता है, जो परिणाम में प्रपंचातीत परमात्मा तक पहुंचा देता है। ज्ञान-विज्ञान विनाशन काम को गीता में आचार्य रामानुज के अनुसार बुद्धि से भी बलवत्तर बताया गया है। उसी महापाप, महावैरी, दुष्कृत काम को भक्तजन अनयास जीत सकें, इसलिए भगवान अपने अवतार चरित्रों द्वारा मदन-दमन लीलाएं करते हैं। उदाहरण के लिए कोटि-कन्दर्पदहना श्रीकृष्ण की योगमाया द्वारा प्रसाधित रासलीला का दर्शन करके उस समय अनेक देवादि भी भगवन्निर्रह होकर कुतूहल हो गये और अब भी उस परम उज्वल लीला का श्रद्धापूर्वक अध्ययन करने वालों के मदनरूपी हृदय रोग का स्वयमेव शमन हो जाता है।

नित्यविभूति से लीलाविभूति में श्रीराम, श्रीकृष्ण आदि रूपों में श्रीभगवान का अवतार आगम ग्रंथों में विभक्त कहलाता है। श्रीमत्स्य, कूर्म, वराह, नृसिंह, वामन, राम (जामदग्न्य), राम (दाशरथि), कृष्ण, बुद्ध और कल्कि, ये दस अवतार प्रसिद्ध हैं। श्रीवराह, सनकादि, नारद, नर-नारायण, कपिल, दत्तात्रेय, यज्ञ, ऋषभ, पृथु, मत्स्य, कूर्म, धन्वन्तरि, मोहिनी, नृसिंह, वामन, परशुराम, वेदव्यास, राम, बलराम, कृष्ण, बुद्ध, कल्कि- ये 22 अवतार कहलाते हैं। हंस और ह्यग्रीव की संख्या मिलाने से यह 24 होते हैं। आगम ग्रंथों में अन्यान्य अवतारों के भी नाम उपलब्ध होते हैं।

विभक्त के दो भेद हैं- स्वरूपावतार और आवेशावतार। जब श्रीभगवान स्वरूप में अर्थात् स्वयं ही अवतीर्ण होते हैं, तब उनका वह रूप स्वरूपावतार कहलाता है, जैसे दाशरथि श्रीराम, किंतु जब किसी जीव विशेष में परमात्मा की शक्ति का आवेश होता है, तब उसे आवेशावतार कहते हैं, जैसे जामदग्न्य राम। जिस रूप में परब्रह्म परमात्मा अपने समग्र ऐश्वर्य माधुर्य को लिये हुए ही अवतीर्ण होते हैं, उसे पूर्णावतार कहते हैं। किंतु जिस रूप में आवश्यकतानुसार वे अपने प्रभाव का आंशिक प्राकट्य ही दिखलाते हैं, उसको अंशावतार कहते हैं। अंश के तुरीय भाग को कला कहते हैं। अतएव अंशावतार का अवान्तर भेद होने से कलावतार को उसी के अन्तर्गत समझना चाहिए।



बृहस्पति जी को देवगुरु पद किसने प्रदान किया

पुराणों के अनुसार ब्रह्मा जी के मानस पुत्र अंगिरा ऋषि का विवाह स्मृति से हुआ। जिनसे सिनीवाली, कृह, राका, अनुमति नाम कि कन्याएं एवं उतथ्य व जीव नामक पुत्र हुए। जीव बचपन से ही शांत एवम जितेंद्रिय प्रकृति के थे। वे समस्त शास्त्रों तथा नीति के ज्ञाता हुए। अंगिरा नंदन जीव ने प्रभास क्षेत्र में शिवलिंग कि स्थापना कि तथा शिव को प्रसन्न करने के लिए घोर तप किया। महादेव ने उनकी आराधना एवं तपस्या से प्रसन्न हो कर उन्हें साक्षात् दर्शन दिए और कहा, हे द्विज श्रेष्ठ ! तुमने बहुत तप किया है। अतः तुम बृहस्पति नाम से प्रसिद्ध हो कर देवताओं के गुरु बनो और उनका धर्म व नीति के अनुसार मार्गदर्शन करो। इस प्रकार महादेव ने बृहस्पति को देवगुरु पद और नवग्रह मंडल में स्थान प्रदान किया। तभी से जीव, बृहस्पति और गुरु के नाम से विख्यात हुए। देवगुरु कि शुभा,तारा और ममता तीन पत्नियां है। उनकी तीसरी पत्नी ममता से भरद्वाज एवं कच नामक दो पुत्र हुए। बृहस्पति ग्रह सब ग्रहों में सबसे अधिक वजनी और पृथ्वी से बहुत नजदीक 37 करोड़ मील से भी कम दूरी पर है। इस ग्रह पर वायु नहीं है इसके धरातल पर हमेशा लावा फूटता रहता है इसलिए जो हमारे गुरुजन है उनके अन्दर जो ज्ञान रूपी लावा है वो हमारे कल्याण के लिए निरंतर बहता रहता है।

गणेश मंत्र करेगा सभी कामनाओं की पूर्ति

गणपति जी का बीज मंत्र गं है। इनसे युक्त मंत्र- ॐ गं गणपतये नमः का जप करने से सभी कामनाओं की पूर्ति होती है।

- बुद्धि का विकास करना चाहते हैं तो श्री गणेश जी के मंत्र ॐ गं गणपतये नमः का एक माला जप करें और 11 मोदक या लड्डू का भोग लगाएं।
- बच्चे का मन पढ़ाई में न लग रहा हो तो प्रत्येक बुधवार ॐ गं गणपतये नमः

- मंत्र के साथ 11 दूर्वा 6 हरी घास 8 गणेश जी को अर्पित करें।
- व्यवसाय न चल रहा हो या घाटे पड़ रहे हो तो प्रत्येक बुधवार 11 दूर्वा ॐ गं गणपतये नमः मंत्र के साथ चढ़ावे तथा 21 लड्डू का भोग लगा कर ग्राहकों में बाँटे।
- चूहों से परेशान हैं तो एक कटोरी में जल लेकर ॐ गं गणपतये नमः मंत्र को पढ़कर कटोरी को रात भर जमीन पर रख दें सुबह जल पौधों में डाल दें। चूहे भाग जाएंगे।
- अगर आपका व्यवसाय बन्द होने के कगार पर है तो 108 लड्डू 108 दूर्वा के साथ गणेश जी का अभिषेक कराए।

इस मंत्र जाप के अतिरिक्त गणपति अथर्वशीर्ष, संकटनाशक गणेश स्तोत्र, गणेशकवच, सतान गणपति स्तोत्र, ऋग्वेदीय गणपति स्तोत्र, मयूरेश स्तोत्र, गणेश चालीसा का पाठ करने से गणेश जी की कृपा शीघ्र प्राप्त होती है।

जिस प्रकार कोई सम्राट अपने साम्राज्य में सज्जनों को पुरस्कार द्वारा प्रोत्साहित करके और दुर्जनों को तिरस्कार द्वारा निरुत्साहित करके प्रजा में अभ्युदयशील सामंजस्य स्थापित करता है, उसी प्रकार श्रीभगवान भी यथासमय अवतीर्ण होकर यथायोग्य निग्रहानुग्रह प्रदर्शित करते हुए अपनी सृष्टि में धर्म की स्थापना किया करते हैं। समस्त धर्मों का पर्यवसान श्रीभगवत् साक्षात्कार में ही है।



सरल उपाय अपनाएं शर्तियां वास्तुदोष भगाएं

- घर का मुख्य द्वार सदैव पूर्व या उत्तर में ही होना चाहिए किंतु यदि ऐसा न हो पा रहा हो तो घर के मुख्य द्वार पर 'स्वास्तिक' की प्राण प्रतिष्ठा करवाकर लगाने से नकारात्मक ऊर्जा का नाश और सकारात्मक ऊर्जा का विकास होने लगता है। घर की स्थिति अनुकूल होने लगती है।
- घर के मुख्य द्वार पर तुलसी का पौधा रखें। सुबह उसमें जल अर्पित करें तथा शाम को दीपक जलाएं। पूर्व या उत्तर दिशा में तुलसी का पौधा लगाने से घर के सदस्यों में आत्मविश्वास बढ़ता है। घर की छत पर तुलसी का पौधा रखने से घर पर बिजली गिरने का भय नहीं रहता। घर में किसी प्रकार के वास्तु दोष से बचने के लिए घर में पांच तुलसी के पौधे लगाएं तथा उनकी नियमित सेवा करें।
- ध्यान रहे कि घर में खिड़की दरवाजों की संख्या सम हो जैसे (2, 4, 6, 8, 10) तथा दरवाजे खिड़कियां अंदर की तरफ ही खुलें। द्वार खोलते-बंद होते समय किसी भी प्रकार की कर्कश ध्वनि नहीं आनी चाहिए। ये अशुभ सूचक होता है।
- यदि किसी भिक्षुक को भिक्षा देनी हो तो घर से बाहर आकर ही दें अन्यथा अनहोनी होने की संभावना रहती है।
- इस बात का ध्यान रहे कि घर में कभी भी फालतू सामान, टूटे-फूटे फर्नीचर, कूड़ा कबाड़ तथा बिजली का सामान इकट्ठा न होने पाए। अन्यथा घर में बेवजह



का तनाव बना रहेगा।

- घर के किसी भी कोने में सीलन नहीं होनी चाहिए और न ही घर के किसी कोने में रात को अंधेरा रहना चाहिए। शाम को कम से कम 15 मिनट पूरे घर की लाइट अवश्य जलानी चाहिए। बिजली के स्विच, मोटर, मेन मीटर, टी.वी., कम्प्यूटर आदि आगनेय कोण में ही होने चाहिए इससे आर्थिक लाभ सुगमता से होता है।
- घर में पुस्तकें रखने का स्थान उत्तर या पूर्व में ही होना चाहिए तथा पुस्तकों को बंद अलमारी में ही रखना चाहिए।
- घर में कभी भी मकड़ी के जाले नहीं लगने चाहिए नहीं तो राहु खराब होता है तथा राहु के बुरे फल भोगने पड़ते हैं।
- संध्या के समय घर में एक दीपक अवश्य जलाएं तथा ईश्वर से अपने द्वारा किए गए पापों के लिए क्षमा याचना करें।

शनि देव लंगड़े एवं शनेश्वर क्यों कहलाते हैं?

सूर्यदेव की पत्नी संज्ञा उनका तेज सहन न कर पाने से अपनी प्रतिमूर्ति छाया को प्रकट कर और उन्हें अपने परिवार की जिम्मेदारी सौंप तपस्या करने चली गई। छाया संज्ञा का प्रतिरूप बन सूर्यदेव के साथ सुखी दांपत्य जीवन व्यतित करने लगी। इस दौरान छाया और सूर्यदेव के पांच पुत्र हुए। जब उसके स्वयं के बच्चे हो गए तो उसका मन उनमें ही रम गया और संज्ञा के बच्चों के प्रति उसका विमाता सा व्यवहार हो गया। एक दिन छाया अपने बच्चों को खाना परोसे रही थी। शनिदेव भूख से व्याकुल होकर छाया के पास आए और उनसे भोजन परोसने को कहने लगे पर छाया ने उनकी तरफ ध्यान न दिया। अपने बच्चों को प्रेमपूर्वक भोजन कराती रही। छाया के व्यवहार से शनिदेव को बहुत क्रोध आया और उन्होंने छाया को मारने के लिए अपनी टांग उठायी। तभी छाया ने शनिदेव को श्राप देते हुए कहा कि, तेरी यह टांग अभी टूट जाए। उसी समय शनिदेव लंगड़े हो गए। ज्योतिष शास्त्र के अनुसार शनि देव को कृ ग्रह माना जाता है। मान्यता है की जिसकी कुण्डली में शनि नकारात्मक भाव में हो उसे बहुत सी मुसिबतों का सामना करना पड़ता है। वह नौ ग्रहों में सबसे धीमे ग्रह है क्योंकि ज्योतिष की दृष्टि से शनि लंगड़ा है और एक राशि में करीब ढाई वर्ष तक रुकता है। इसी वजह से इन्हें शनेश्वर भी कहा जाता है क्योंकि ये शने: शने: चलते हैं।



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Jasprit Bumrah enjoys the responsibility of captaincy: Ravi Shastri

New Delhi. Ravi Shastri reckoned that Jasprit Bumrah laid the foundation for India in the Perth Test with devastating spells that put Australia under pressure in the series opener of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Bumrah became the Player of the Match after India took a 1-0 lead in the series with a thumping 295-run win at the Optus Stadium. After India were bowled out for 150 in their first innings, Bumrah's five-wicket haul gave India a small yet crucial lead of 46 runs. Bumrah stepped up in the second innings as well, picking up three wickets, one of which was of the dangerous Travis Head, who scored a quick-fire 89. Shastri also said that Bumrah enjoys the responsibility of captaincy. "The Test match was decided by Bumrah's spell with the new ball in both innings. He enjoys the responsibility and is a very competitive and ambitious cricketer. He wants it and believes that he can do it," Shastri told the



broadcasters after the match. The legendary Wasim Akram also heaped praise on Bumrah for taking the responsibility of captaincy and introducing himself into the attack when the opposition batters dictated terms. "Whenever a partnership was developing, he brought himself into the attack. He picked up two wickets late on Day 3, and it started the downfall of Australian batting. Even today, he dismissed Travis Head when that partnership was building. That shows how much he wants it," Akram said. Bumrah took eight wickets in the game as India became the first team to beat Australia at the Perth Stadium. Back in 2018, India had lost at the same venue despite Virat Kohli's century, but this time around, they made a stupendous turnaround. Bumrah is also nearing the landmark of becoming India's top wicket-taker in Tests on Australian soil. Bumrah and India will be looking for a 2-0 series lead when they face the Aussies in the pink-ball Test, starting December 6 at the Adelaide Oval.

Jasprit Bumrah will finish as one of the greatest fast bowlers: Glenn Maxwell

New Delhi. Australia's star all-rounder Glenn Maxwell said that Jasprit Bumrah would finish as one of the greatest fast bowlers. Maxwell was in awe of Bumrah's accuracy and explained how difficult it is to face him. Having faced Bumrah quite a lot in his cricketing career, Maxwell said that it is really difficult to pick and differentiate whether he would bowl a length ball or a bouncer. He also praised India's rising star Yashasvi Jaiswal and made a bold prediction about his career in Test cricket. "It almost feels like his bouncer and his length ball are very similar to where his release point is, and it's really hard to pick up the difference between those and ball always feels like it's coming back into you and he's got the ability to take the ball away, which just makes it extremely difficult. Bumrah is going to go down as potentially the best fast bowler of all time, maybe not with the amount of wickets he takes in every format. But for the guys that have played against him, it is just so difficult,



so difficult. He's just got such unique action, unique ability with the ball. He seems like a complete package," Maxwell said on the Grade Cricketer Podcast. Bumrah captained India in the 1st Test vs Australia of the Border Gavaskar Trophy series. He won the player of the match award for taking 8 wickets in the contest, including a five-wicket haul in the 1st innings. India became the 1st team to beat Australia at the Optus Stadium in Perth. India beat Australia by 295 runs to register their biggest-ever win on Australian soil.

Maxwell predicted Jaiswal to score 40 Test hundreds and break many records on his way to glory. "Jaiswal as well, doesn't seem to have many weaknesses, plays a short ball well, drives well, plays spin unbelievably well and can absorb pressure for periods of time. He's a guy that's probably gonna get more than 40 test hundreds and re write some different records as well," he added. Jaiswal scored a scintillating hundred in the opening Test as he scored 161 in 2nd innings to lay the foundation for India's win.

Shubman Gill Doubtful For Pink Ball Test In Adelaide: Report

Shubman Gill is dealing with a thumb injury that he suffered while fielding in the slips during India's match simulation in the buildup to the first Test in Perth.



New Delhi. Star Indian batter Shubman Gill, who missed the first Test of the ongoing five-match series between India and Australia at Optus Stadium in Perth due to a thumb injury, is likely to miss the second Test as well. The second Test between India and Australia will be a day-night game and will be played with a pink ball from December 6 to 10 at Adelaide Oval. According to a report in the Times of India on Wednesday (November 27), the 25-year-old right-handed batter, who made his Test debut for India on December 26, 2020, against Australia in Melbourne, is doubtful for the match in Adelaide. He is all set to miss the two-day pink ball warm-up match in

Canberra from November 30. "Gill was advised a 10-14 day rest by the medical specialist after suffering that injury. He won't play in the practice match on the weekend and is doubtful at the moment for the second Test too. Let's see how much his injury has healed and how his finger feels. Even after it has healed, he'll need some quality practice before playing a Test match," a source was quoted as saying. Gill suffered the injury while fielding in the slips during the match simulation in the build-up to the first Test. Recently, former Mumbai and India selector Jatin Paranjape had said that Gill could end up missing "two to three Tests" due to the injury. "I know from past experience that finger injuries, especially like the one he has

suffered to the thumb, take two to four weeks to heal, so don't be surprised if he misses two to three Test matches," Paranjape had said. Devdutt Padikkal batted at No. 3 for India in the series opener, but with the return of Rohit Sharma to the side, the left-handed batter from Karnataka is set

New Delhi. to lose his place in the playing XI. In all likelihood, Rohit will open the innings for India in Adelaide along with Yashasvi Jaiswal, and KL Rahul, who scored a half-century in the second inning of the Perth Test, will come out to bat at No. 3 in

Is Jasprit Bumrah the greatest ever Indian fast bowler

New Delhi. The numbers at this stage of his career would suggest so, but nothing would have been possible without the great Kapil Dev, the fast-bowling flagbearer who played lone ranger. The other day, as Jasprit Bumrah was wreaking havoc in Perth, Sunil Gavaskar couldn't help going back to that February morning in 1981 in Melbourne. On that day, an injured Kapil Dev won India an incredible Test match, taking 5-28 against a top Australian lineup, which folded for 83 in the second innings as India defended 143 to level the series. "This generation sometimes forgets that there were Indian teams before 2000 which also fought and won," Gavaskar said on air. The original Little Master's comment becomes pertinent in the context of the social-media wave hailing Bumrah as the greatest Indian

pace bowler. There's no denying the fact that with an average of 20.06 and a strike-rate of 43.6 after 41 Tests, Bumrah's numbers are suggesting that he is way ahead of the pack, including the great Kapil, who finished with a career-average of 29.64 and a strike-rate of 63.9. It's Bumrah's ability to rip open batting lineups on any surface that has made him the best pacesetter in the eyes of this generation. As the world swoons over Bumrah, and justifiably so, there's a worrying tendency to forget spells like Kapil's 9-83 in Ahmedabad against West Indies, in which he dismissed Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Viv Richards and Clive Lloyd. Former India opener WV Raman, who played with and against Kapil, feels the greatness of the 434-wicket man was.

Jacob Bethell has got something very special: Stokes praises England Test debutant

New Delhi. Ben Stokes backed Jacob Bethell's selection for England's opening Test against New Zealand, starting November 28 at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch. Earlier, the Three Lions named their playing XI and handed Bethell his maiden Test cap. Bethell also became the first English batter since Mike Gatting in 1978 to make his Test debut without a first-class hundred to his name. Stokes said that England picked Bethell in their playing XI, keeping in mind the skills he has. The skipper mentioned that including the left-hander in the team wasn't a shot in the dark and rather a decision that the English team management took after taking into account all factors. "I mean, you can totally understand it. But you've got to be true to yourself when you get given the opportunity to be able to make decisions. We've always done what we feel is right for the team. It's gone in our favour quite a lot. So, I think we do know what we're doing. There is thought and there is process towards it, even if it does raise a few



eyebrows. We're not picking people just to wind people up," Stokes said. Bethell made his international debut in the T20I series on the tour of England, after which he also played in the ODIs. In 15 matches for the Three Lions thus far, Bethell has scored three half-centuries with a top score of 62 not out. "He's an incredibly talented kid. I think when you look at someone like Jacob, you can just see the ceiling that he has. I remember watching the one-day series. I think it was [Josh] Hazlewood; he bowled

NZ vs ENG: England skipper Ben Stokes backed Jacob Bethell's selection saying that the Three Lions picked him after taking into account all factors. Bethell will make his Test debut at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch.

him a full ball and got smacked off the front foot, and then he got tested out, like right there, and then whacked it," he said. "Just those tiny little things where you see that there is something very special there. I'm looking forward to him getting going this week." Stokes added. Bethell has a reasonable first-class record, having scored 738 runs from 20 games at an average of 25.44 with five fifties and a top score of 93.

Phil Salt eager to play with Virat Kohli: RCB have always had fiery personalities

New Delhi. England's Phil Salt sounded excited to rub shoulders with Virat Kohli at the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. Salt was picked up by RCB at a price of INR 11.50 crore after a bidding war with the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR). After his stints with the Delhi Capitals (DC) and the Knights, Salt is set for his stint with RCB. Salt talked about his healthy camaraderie with Kohli, who has been with the Bengaluru franchise since the inaugural edition back in 2008. Salt also praised RCB for playing an attacking brand of cricket and recalled the times when he used to watch their matches diligently. "I've got a tremendous amount of respect for Virat. I've always had a bit of chat with him - and a laugh and a joke - when I've played against him in the past, so I'm looking forward to playing alongside him," Salt told ESPNcricinfo. "They've got a very clear way of playing the game which is to go out and attack. They've always had the fiery



personalities and their batting line-ups have been world-class. "They're one of a few teams who, when I was watching IPL years ago, if they were playing, I'd turn the TV on. Obviously they've got Andy there and Mo Bobat [as director of cricket], and I'm really looking forward to playing under them. Having been around them a little bit, I know that we're quite similar thinkers on the game in some ways - and their track record speaks for itself," Salt added. Salt has had an impressive career in the IPL, having notched 653 runs from 21 games at an average of 34.36 and a strike-rate of 173.53. Last year, it was his opening stands with Sunil Narine that laid the platform for KKR in their title-winning run.

63 not out: Remembering Phil Hughes on 10th death anniversary

New Delhi. November 27 marks the 10-year anniversary of the untimely death of Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes, a moment that shook the cricketing world to its core. Hughes, a tale so old when he passed away after being struck by a bouncer during a domestic Sheffield Shield match on November 25, 2014. Playing for South Australia against New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground, Hughes was on 63 runs when a short-pitched delivery from Sean Abbott hit him on the neck. The impact caused a rare vertebral artery dissection, leading to a brain haemorrhage. He collapsed on the field and was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he underwent emergency surgery. Tragically, despite the best medical efforts, Hughes succumbed to his injuries two days later. The cricketing fraternity was left in shock and grief. Tributes poured in from across the globe, with players, fans, and officials mourning the loss of a bright young talent. What changed after Hughes' death



protective gear in cricket. In response, helmet designs were improved to offer greater neck protection, and more focus was placed on concussion protocols to prevent such incidents in the future. The aftermath of Hughes' death also highlighted the spirit of unity in cricket. His funeral in Macksville, New South Wales, saw cricketers, fans, and dignitaries come together to celebrate his life. The hashtag #PutOutYourBats became a global symbol of respect, with fans posting images of cricket bats placed outside their homes as a tribute.

The impact of Hughes' death was especially profound on the Australian team, who were preparing for a highly anticipated Test series against India. The series, initially scheduled to begin on December 4, was delayed as the team and the nation mourned their fallen teammate. Cricket Australia prioritised the players' mental well-being, recognising the emotional toll Hughes' passing away had taken. In an unprecedented show of respect, the first Test in Adelaide began on December 9, with players and fans paying tribute to Hughes. Australia wore black armbands, and a minute's silence was observed before play. The iconic "63 not out," Hughes' score at the time of the incident, became a rallying cry for strength and unity. David Warner, Michael Clarke, and Steve Smith, visibly emotional, played inspired cricket, dedicating their performances to Hughes. Clarke's stirring eulogy at Hughes' funeral and his gritty century in Adelaide remained reminders of the grief and resolve that defined the series

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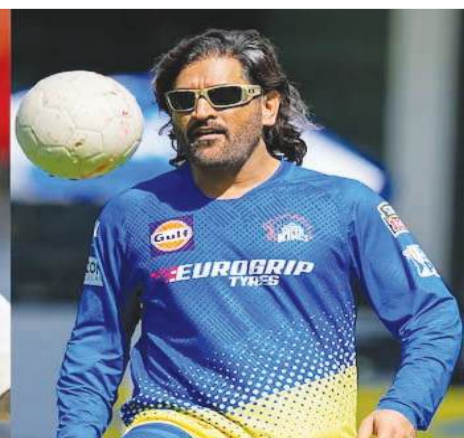
Cricketers are bigger than Bollywood stars in the brand market

Virat Kohli, MS Dhoni, and Sachin Tendulkar have ranked higher than popular Bollywood actors, including Shah Rukh Khan and Amitabh Bachchan, in a latest Brand Endorser Report 2024 by Hansa Research.

UPDATED: Cricket's immense popularity in India and the players' performances on the global stage make them relatable and aspirational figures. In contrast, Bollywood actors, while still significant, are increasingly sharing the spotlight with cricketers. But in a latest research, cricketers have emerged as the more popular celebrities than the



Bollywood stars. According to the Brand Endorser Report 2024 by Hansa Research, cricketers have surpassed Bollywood actors as leading brand ambassadors in India. Athletes like Virat Kohli, MS Dhoni, and



Sachin Tendulkar rank among the top choices for endorsements due to their wide appeal, trustworthiness, and immense fan following. Ashish Karnad, the Executive Vice President at Hansa Research, explained

how the cricketers have the ability to connect with their fans. What sets cricketers apart from other celebrities is their unique ability to connect with audiences on both emotional and aspirational levels. Whether it's the nostalgia tied to legends like Sachin Tendulkar or the electrifying energy of stars like Virat Kohli and M.S. Dhoni, their hard work and perseverance have earned them admiration," Ashish Karnad said. "Seen as real-life heroes who have risen from humble backgrounds to make their country proud, they have emerged as dominant brand endorsers, highly preferred by brands to communicate their messages and inspire trust among diverse audiences," he added. The research was conducted through online questionnaires to 4000 respondents across 36 cities in India. Their overall appeal was adjudged on the basis of 29 sub categories within broader industry categories. Kohli is currently in Australia where he is taking part in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

