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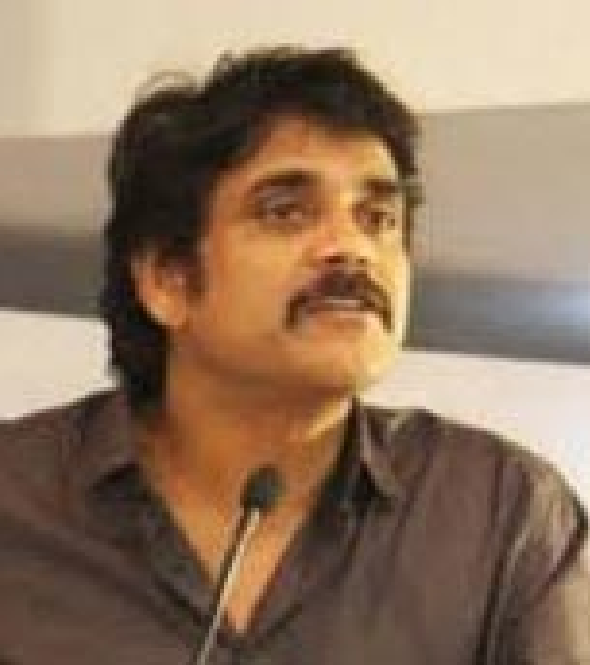


Hyderabad, August 14 : A cabinet meeting was held today (Friday) at the State Secretariat under the chairmanship of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. In this meeting, the CM directed the ministers on several key issues. The Council of Ministers took sev-

eral decisions in this meeting. The cabinet has decided to organize the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0. This summit will be held on December 7, 8 and 9. The Cabinet will form special committees to organize this conference. It has been decided to organize it on a

grander scale than last year. This time, the conference will be organized with the theme 'Invest Telangana'. The Future City Plan will be explained to the public. The conference will be organized to showcase the investment opportunities in various sectors including

defense, aerospace, and pharma in Telangana to the world. The ministers have decided to organize an exhibition of Telangana startups and industries in various sectors. New innovations in various sectors will be showcased.



airs. But., Nagarjuna said that he believed it was true when he called him directly. **They are going to cheat in Iran too..**

Also, Nagarjuna mentioned another incident that happened in Iran. 'When one of my relatives went to Iran for a shoot... we received a video call a few minutes after landing at the airport. We were told in the video call that we were the police... there were narcotic drugs in your luggage. Don't move from your room. But since I was aware of this cyber fraud... I immediately called the police,' Nagarjuna said.

I change all my passwords every 15 days..

Nagarjuna mentioned that he changes all his passwords once every 15 days. He said that he does not take a single photo on his phone. He said that he is very vigilant. He said that it is a great thing that Telangana is number one in the country in preventing cyber crime. He praised the greatness of Telangana Police. He said that Telangana DGP CV Anand and Hyderabad CP Sajjanar have done a lot of work in preventing piracy.

Why isn't Prime Minister Modi's photo on smart ration cards? MP Raghunandan Rao

Delhi: August 14 : BJP MP Raghunandan Rao has strongly objected to the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photo on the smart ration cards issued by the Telangana government. He demanded that Prime Minister Modi's photo be definitely included. Raghunandan Rao objected that the state government is not recognizing the rice provided by the Center under its share. The MP said that out of the six kilos of rice given by the Congress government, five kilos are being given by the Center. He questioned why the photos of three Congress leaders are being put

on the card while giving one kilo of rice. Raghunandan Rao objected to the issuance of smart ration cards with the photos of CM Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, and Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. He was angry over the absence of Modi's photo. On this occasion, he demanded that the government should provide clarity on the distribution of 1.06 crore ration cards in the state. He said that there are already about 90 lakh ration cards and the government should reveal how many new ones are being issued. The MP demanded that

the Congress government disclose the details of the printing costs and tenders for ration cards. He demanded that the details of who was given the contract to print the cards and how many crores were spent be disclosed. Similarly, he said that the Congress government should implement the promises made to ration dealers and pay them honorarium. He demanded that the increased commission of ration dealers be given immediately and that the complaints about high levels of starch in rice be resolved. On this occasion, he suggested that more essential com-



modities be provided to the poor in Telangana through ration cards. He said that lentil, oil, ragi, sugar and wheat should be provided on the lines of Karnataka. He said that alternative food grains should be provided to those who do not want

rice. He said that the Congress government should show sincerity towards the food security of the poor. Also, MP Raghunandan Rao demanded that the distribution of ration cards be reviewed and new cards should be printed with Modi's photo.

Hyderabad, August 14 : Popular actor Akkineni Nagarjuna has commented that he is also a victim of cyber crime. He mentioned that he was a victim of cyber fraud four years ago. Nagarjuna attended the Suraksha Ka Tiranga Cyber ??Awareness program organized by the Telangana Cyber ??Security Bureau today (Friday) as the chief guest. A special cyber awareness campaign was launched to celebrate Inde-

pendence Day. Nagarjuna spoke on the occasion. He said that he had previously received a call in the name of a bank officer. Do you believe that call is real?" Nagarjuna garu.. I heard that you are very smart in business.. so why are you not investing? That person deceived me by saying that this is a scheme that will give very big profits," he said. He said that usually his manager takes care of all his financial af-

Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy's clarification on those comments

Yadadri, August 14 : Munugode MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy commented that he only said that the influence of leaders from outside has increased in the Congress. He once again clarified the media on these comments made yesterday. Today (Friday), Rajgopal Reddy participated in the oath-taking ceremony of the ruling body of Choutuppal Seetharamachandraswamy



temple in Yadadri district. He spoke on the occasion. He made it clear that he will remain in the Congress under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi. The activists should be

recognized. Rajgopal Reddy clarified that he has never criticized Congress leaders and will not criticize them. He said that he reminded them that real Congress leaders are being suppressed. He suggested that activists should be recognized as part of the Congress government's public administration. He asked the Telangana Congress not to run the government under the patronage of

Seemandhra rulers and Seemandhra media. He suggested that public administration means working for the poor. He said that Seemandhra is not for investors and contractors, not for leaders. He mentioned that the Congress party gave and brought Telangana. MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy stated that the development of Telangana is also possible only with the Congress.

Relief for Rahul Gandhi.. Supreme Court dismisses defamation case



Internet Desk: 14.august; Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has got a fresh relief in the Supreme Court. The

Supreme Court has recently quashed the criminal defamation case regarding his comments on Savarkar. The

court has quashed the summons issued by the Lucknow magistrate in this case. It has been stated that the state government has not issued prior permission in this case. It is known that the comments made by MP Rahul Gandhi during the Bharat Jodo Yatra were controversial at the time. Nripendra Pandey tried to file a case objecting to Rahul's remarks. He approached the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate for registration of a case under Section 153A. However, the ACJM dismissed this petition. The petitioner challenged this judgment in the Sessions Court, which transferred the case back to the magistrate. In this order, the Lucknow Magistrate issued summons to Rahul Gandhi. Challenging the summons,

Rahul Gandhi approached the High Court. He requested that the criminal proceedings against him be quashed. However, the Allahabad High Court ruled that it could not interfere at this stage. It advised Rahul Gandhi to file a revision petition in the Sessions Court. In this context, Rahul Gandhi, who approached the Supreme Court, has got a fresh relief. It has been stated that the case filed against Rahul is being quashed as there was no prior permission from the Central or State governments to take action under Section 153A. However, the Supreme Court has also made it clear to Rahul Gandhi not to make such comments about freedom fighters in the future

Stop misleading people with false propaganda, protect farmers' interests and Telangana's water rights: Harish Rao



Hyderabad: August 14 : BRSLP deputy leader T Harish Rao accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of trying to rewrite Telangana's irrigation history with half-truths, lies and fabricated narratives. He urged the Chief Minister to stop misleading people and

demand immediate action to protect the State's water rights. Politics. He warned of a major agitation if the Congress government failed to convince GRMB to drop Andhra Pradesh's proposals against Telangana projects in its upcoming meeting on August 18. Reacting to Revanth Reddy's claim that the Kaleshwaram project had no role in Telangana's record paddy production, Harish Rao asked then why the Chief Minister was directing officials to maximise Godavari water lifting from Yellampalli, Devadula and

Sitarama Lift Irrigation projects, which directly or indirectly benefited from the Kaleshwaram project. "You cannot change history by covering the truth," he said. Geographic Reference. Revanth Reddy recently attributed the record paddy production to good monsoons, 15 lakh new borewells and farmer-centric measures such as Rythu Bharosa, Rythu Bima, crop-loan waiver and 24-hour free power. Harish Rao countered him, stating that completion of Yellampalli, Mid Manair, Devadula and Sitarama projects during the previous

BRS regime, coupled with restoration of tanks, improved groundwater levels and 24-hour quality power, had together contributed to increased cultivation. He reminded that Yellampalli and Mid Manair were integral to the Kaleshwaram project, which also helped stabilise the full ayacut of Sri Ram Sagar Project (SRSP) and Nizam Sagar. Harish Rao accused the Congress government of neglecting irrigation and risking Telangana's water rights. He demanded immediate measures for removal of Andhra Pradesh'

Telangana police rank last in training on new criminal laws

Hyderabad: Desk: 14.august; Telangana police may have recently topped the country in tackling cybercrime, but it has also achieved a 'rare distinction' in training its officers on the new criminal laws. More than two years have passed since the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) came into force throughout the country, yet 47.76 percent of Telangana police officers are yet to be trained in the provisions of these new laws. As per the information released by the Ministry of Home Affairs, only 27,747 (52.23 percent) out of 53,115 Telangana police officers have been trained in the new laws, leaving the

State last in the country. The neighbouring Andhra Pradesh State police conducted capacity-building programmes for 96.46 percent of its 54,764 officers. Uttar Pradesh, which has the highest number of police officers, 2,33,969, in the country, has imparted knowledge about these new laws to 94 percent of its personnel. A total of 16 States, including Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Assam, Haryana and Maharashtra, conducted capacity-building programmes on the new laws for all their police personnel. Five States achieved more than 90 percent police personnel training. The training among Telangana prison officers is



no better, as 38 percent of the 1,110 personnel remained untrained. However, all prosecutors, judicial officers and forensic experts in the State received training. Overall, 15,72,863 police officers, 50,588 prison staff, 13,446 prosecutors, 20,825 judicial officers and 3,406 forensic experts across the country were trained in the provisions of the new laws. The Ministry recently released this data in response to a query raised by Rajya

Sabha Leader of Opposition Mallikarjuna Kharge. He sought to know the implementation status of the BNS, BNSS and BSA in the country, besides training sessions, workshops or capacity-building programmes conducted for police, judicial officers and other enforcement personnel. The Ministry said the Bureau of Police Research and Development trained 83,740 officers, including 5,290 police officers from Hyderabad, and stakeholders from the five pillars of the criminal justice system, including master trainers. The master trainers have also been utilised by State training institutions to conduct further training programmes within the respective States.

Telangana leaves four categories out of new Cheyutha pension enrolment

Hyderabad: August 14 : Amid the Congress government's campaign to extend new pensions to different categories from August 15, senior citizens, HIV patients and two other categories have been denied the opportunity to enrol for financial assistance. City &

Local Guides. Nearly 41 lakh people are currently receiving pensions under the Cheyutha scheme in the State. The scheme covers 11 categories, including senior citizens, widows, persons with disabilities, toddy tappers, weavers, HIV patients, filaria patients, dialysis pa-

tients, beedi workers, single women and beedi thekadars. Officials are expecting three lakh applications to be filed in the current phase. However, applications for new pensions are currently being accepted in only seven categories. Senior citizens, HIV patients, beedi workers and beedi

thekadars have been left out of the enrolment process. The BRS government had reduced the eligibility age for old-age pensions from 65 years in 2014 to 57 years in 2022. It also increased the monthly pension from Rs.1,000 in 2014 to Rs.2,016 in 2022. Politics

EDITORIAL

Inappropriate indifference
to floods

Assam is once again reeling under floods. People in upper Assam, which has been hit by a natural disaster, say they have never seen such devastation in their lifetime. This cannot be dismissed as just another ordinary monsoon season. This is a warning that the flood problem in Assam has entered a more dangerous phase. However, the intensity of the floods this year, the level of destruction and the anger expressed by the people are different from the past. As of August 10, according to official figures, the death toll due to the floods has reached 100. Nearly 1.4 lakh people have been affected in seven districts. At the same time, several rivers are flowing in high water and the Meteorological Department has predicted more rain. However, these figures alone do not fully convey the severity of the people's suffering. Villages in upper Assam have been submerged. Roads have been cut off, bringing traffic to a standstill. Agricultural lands have been destroyed. Families have been deprived of their homes and livelihoods. Assam has been living with floods for generations. This indicates that the situation here is becoming different and more severe than the normal floods. So the real question now is not just why floods happen every year in Assam. It is why they are becoming more and more destructive. Why are we allowing these floods to become a permanent problem in people's lives? There is no doubt that the current disaster is due to the unusually heavy rains. Climate change is also changing the pattern of rainfall. However, the rains alone cannot be blamed for this disaster. The Brahmaputra River and its tributaries naturally carry huge amounts of water and sand. The geographical conditions of Assam also make the state extremely sensitive. However, due to human interference, nature's ability to absorb water and safely flow is gradually decreasing. Destruction of hills and forests, indiscriminate construction, encroachment on wetlands, gradual disappearance of natural water channels, poorly maintained embankments, and large-scale mining activities... All these are exacerbating the problem of floods. Several recent reports have focused specifically on the coal, stone, and sand mining taking place in the Assam-Nagaland border areas. Environmental organizations and local communities have alleged that uncontrolled mining, tree felling, and changes in natural water flow paths are increasing the intensity of floods in Upper Assam. There have also been concerns that abandoned coal mine pits and riverbed mining are altering natural watercourses. These allegations need to be dismissed for political reasons, and a transparent scientific investigation needs to be conducted. If mining activities change the shape of watersheds, increase surface water flow, destabilize hill slopes, or introduce large amounts of sand and silt into rivers, the impact will inevitably be felt downstream. The development of hydroelectric projects in the Eastern Himalayas also raises another critical question. The northeastern states have immense hydroelectric potential.

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Affordable Ticket Prices Make All The Difference!



The last two months have been highly encouraging for the Telugu film industry. Every weekend, theaters have been witnessing strong occupancy, with many evening shows running housefull even on week-days. One major reason is the standard affordable ticket prices across AP and Telangana. Except for Ram

Charan's Peddi, most releases have stuck to regular pricing. This worked big time as audiences have preferred this approach, and the recent box office numbers are proof. Films like Korean Kanakaraju, Chennai Love Story, Lenin, and Maa Inti Bangaram emerged as successful ventures with these ticket rates.

One can clearly see that affordable ticket rates have played a key role in this trend, especially in Andhra Pradesh, where multiplex tickets are priced at around Rs.177. Ever since this has happened, trade experts recommend producers to pay close attention to this trend. When ticket prices remain

affordable, moviegoers will surely watch two or three films instead of just one, and this benefits the entire industry. In the coming days, upcoming films Vishwanath & Sons, Makutam, Agada, and Palalburusu could also gain from this strategy if the current pricing structure continues. Let's see what happens.

King100: Can Nag's Birthday Glimpse Match the Hype?

For the last few months, King100, the landmark 100th film of Nagarjuna Akkineni, has been progressing steadily with its shoot. However, despite the excitement surrounding the project, the makers have remained completely silent, leaving Akkineni fans in tension. Now, the wait is finally coming to an end as the team will unveil the film's title and a special glimpse on August 29, marking Nagarjuna's birthday. The update is expected to kick-start the film's promotional campaign grandly. Interestingly, not a single official look from the film has been released so far. This secrecy has only increased curiosity among Akkineni fans.



Since the project marks a major milestone in Nagarjuna's career, expectations are naturally sky-high, and every aspect of the film will be closely monitored. Another aspect that has caught everyone's attention is the selection of Tamil director Ra Karthik. He was chosen ahead of several Telugu directors, and fans are eager to see what unique vision he has brought to Nagarjuna's landmark movie. With the shoot nearing completion, all eyes are now firmly on the birthday glimpse as it needs to make a strong impact and justify the immense anticipation and hype created by the team.

Can Toxic's 3-Hour-Plus Bloodshed Keep Audiences Hooked?

Yash's *Toxic* is shaping up to be one of the biggest releases in recent times. With a massive budget, top-notch production values, and a star-studded cast, the film is all set to hit the screens on August 26, 2026. However, one big question remains: can its three-hour-plus runtime filled with bloodshed keep audiences engaged? The film is said to be packed with action sequences from start to finish. While action lovers may enjoy the biggie, family audiences could stay away as the movie carries an A certificate. In today's times, audiences have already witnessed all kinds of action films, making it essential for *Toxic* to offer something fresh.



A major attraction is Yash, who will be seen in three different shades. His star power is expected to be a key strength of the film. At the same time, action alone may not be enough. For the film to connect with a wider audience, the emotional thread should also click. That is where director Geetu Mohandas faces her biggest challenge. She needs to engage the audience with intense drama and good twists. The film's success could depend on how well it balances emotion, storytelling, and action. With huge money invested and expectations soaring, *Toxic* needs to click at any cost. Let's see what happens.

Wamiqa Gabbi – A New Star in the Making!



Wamiqa Gabbi is all over the news with her new film DC. While the film marks Lokesh Kanagaraj's much-talked-about acting debut, a section of the audience feels that Wamiqa has stolen the spotlight with her powerful portrayal of Chandra. Early reviews and social media reactions are filled with praise, with many calling her the emotional backbone of the film. Known for taking up unconventional and bold roles, Wamiqa has always

been regarded as a performer. However, DC seems to have taken that reputation to another level. Wamiqa plays an emotionally layered character who carries immense weight throughout the narrative with immense Versatility. Critics have particularly appreciated the way she balances different shades, making Chandra a memorable character.

The general opinion is that whenever Wamiqa appears on screen, she adds emotional in-

tensity, and her chemistry with Lokesh Kanagaraj has also emerged as top-notch. Many viewers have remarked that Lokesh and Wamiqa bring life to the film whenever they are together. Not many know that Wamiqa has struggled a lot in Hindi and Tamil cinema and has been around for a very long time before she found success. Well, DC could well become another landmark in Wamiqa Gabbi's career and take her to new heights.

Manasa Varanasi Poses Pretty By The Lake



It's been a quiet year on the film front for Manasa Varanasi, with Vanaveera failing to click at the box office, but her style updates continue to keep her fans hooked as they await her next announcement. Coming to her look, Manasa Varanasi turned up the charm in a colour-blocked dress featuring a fiery orange-red bustier bodice paired with a flowy pink skirt. The strappy silhouette added a chic, summery touch, while her loose curls, delicate gold jewellery, and radiant smile rounded off the look effortlessly. Shot against a scenic lakeside backdrop, the outfit's vibrant hues made for a striking contrast, giving the look a fresh, vacation-ready vibe.

Sarfraz Khan vs Dhruv Jurel Debate Settled, Murali Kartik Names His Clear Pick For Sri Lanka Tests



Sarfraz Khan's return to the Indian Test team has triggered a debate over playing XI selection for the first Test against Sri Lanka at Galle. Sarfraz, who comes into the team as a replacement for the injured B Sai Sudharsan, is being backed by many for the No. 6 role in the team. However, there's a section that feels Dhruv Jurel deserves to be played over him. Former Indian spinner Murali Kartik has offered a clear,

player-centric perspective on how team management should approach the playing XI. Addressing the competing claims between Sarfraz and Jurel, Kartik emphasised that decisions must balance individual merit with long-term squad stability and clear communication. "Sarfraz has done nothing wrong. He is coming into the team as a replacement player. The messaging is important, the players should feel secure about

their places. Dhruv Jurel is also an important wicket-keeper. For me he should be in the playing XI over Sarfraz Khan," Kartik said in a roundtable with journalists, as an expert for the Sony Sports Network. Kartik's perspective highlights a crucial aspect of team dynamics in the Indian team, that has been present for a while now. Sarfraz's entry into the squad came as cover for an injured teammate rather than an immediate restructuring of the baseline middle order. While Sarfraz has consistently demonstrated his ability to dominate spin and deliver heavy runs in red-ball cricket, stepping in as a replacement does not automatically guarantee a spot in the primary XI. Dropping a player who was already part of the tactical roadmap whenever a replacement enters might not fit well with the culture head

coach Gautam Gambhir and skipper Shubman Gill are trying to build. Kartik argues that clear communication is vital so players feel confident in their designated roles within the set-up. As for the battle between Jurel and Sarfraz, it's also important to know that the former brings a dual-skill set that offers vital tactical flexibility to the Indian team. While Rishabh Pant is expected to be the man behind the stumps for the Indian team, Jurel's presence does give India an option to try a different pair of hands. Jurel's recent performances in red-ball conditions have reinforced the management's faith in his temperament. While Sarfraz remains a potent option, particularly on turning tracks where his sweep shots and footwork against spin excel, Kartik believes maintaining continuity with Jurel serves both squad morale and balance far better.

Can't Play Forever": Matthew Hayden Makes Big Verdict On Rohit Sharma's Commitment, Sends Warning



"As Rohit Sharma's 2027 World Cup future has become a talking point again, former Australian veteran opener Matthew Hayden feels Sharma's retirement decision will ultimately depend on whether he still has the hunger, energy and desire to cope with the demands of top-level cricket. With Rohit already retired from Test cricket and T20, Hayden believes only the veteran batter can decide how long he wants to continue, with the Indian Premier League (IPL) and international cricket both demanding a significant commitment.

Now an exclusively ODI player, Sharma enjoyed a productive series with the bat against England in July, despite India going down 2-1 in the three-match ODI series.

"Look, when you get to the age Rohit is at, you start facing those questions. Before him, it was Virat, and before that, it was Gautam Gambhir. It just goes on and on. You can't play this beautiful game forever. When you reach that stage of your career, you're inevitably asked

whether it will be the IPL or international cricket that goes first. Rohit has already retired from Test cricket, so ultimately, only he can know whether he still fights a lion to keep charging through what is an incredibly demanding schedule. You need a young man's energy to compete at the very highest level. So, in the end, it will be entirely his call," Hayden told ANI. Despite persistent questions over whether 39-year-old Rohit Sharma can feature in the 2027 World Cup because of his age, he continued to silence critics with strong performances. During the tour to England, it was speculated ahead of the third ODI at Lord's that the series decider at the iconic venue would be his last international match for India, having already retired from T20Is and Tests. However, with a brutal 138 in a run-chase of 388 runs, the 'Hitman' shook off all the rust from the past few outings and proved to the world that he is not the one to be written off. Sharma ended the England ODIs with 175 runs in

three matches at an average of 58.33 and a strike rate of 98.31, with a century, a blistering 138 in 110 balls with 17 fours and five sixes during a 388-run chase in the series decider, which India lost by 27 runs.

Despite India's series loss by 2-1, a masterclass from 'the Hitman' and his century stand with long-time batting partner Virat Kohli (74 in 60 balls, with four boundaries and three sixes) enthralled the fans in attendance.

With 11,895 runs in 288 matches and 280 innings at an average of 48.95 and a strike rate of 93.04, including 34 centuries, 62 fifties and a best score of 264, Rohit is one of the world's greatest ODI batters ever, ranked seventh in all-time run-scoring lists and India's third-highest run-getter in the format behind Virat Kohli (14,941) and Sachin Tendulkar (18,426 runs).

In nine ODIs this year, Rohit has scored 379 runs in nine innings at an average of 42.11, with a century and a fifty each, and a best score of 138.

Hardik Pandya Wants Gujarat Titans Return, His 'Condition' Turns Deal-Breaker: Report

Another twist has emerged in the tale of Hardik Pandya's Indian Premier League (IPL) future. The all-rounder, who is keen to move on from the Mumbai Indians, has reportedly held talks with the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) and the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) over a trade ahead of the 2027 season. However, it has now been reported that Hardik also offered himself to the Gujarat Titans, the franchise with whom he spent a couple of years before returning to MI. While GT were said to be open to welcoming him back to the team, his condition of being given the franchise's captaincy has turned into a deal-breaker. In a report by the Indian Express, the Gujarat Titans even discussed the prospect of bringing Hardik back to the franchise with skipper Shubman Gill, who also gave his green light. But, as soon as Hardik put forth the condition for his return - being named the captain - every single person involved in the decision-making process said "No". "The franchise was fine with him making a return. They had even discussed the same with their cap-



tain Shubman Gill, and he, too, had agreed that the franchise could trade him back. But when his condition of captaincy was put up, everyone said no to it," the paper quoted a source as saying. When Hardik's spokesperson was contacted for a comment on the matter, it was clarified that the player himself didn't hold talks with any franchise directly. The communication, so far, has only been directed through the Mumbai Indians. "Hardik Pandya had no direct conversation with any franchise

whatsoever regarding a transfer, trade, or otherwise. If any approach has been made to him, that has been directed to the MI franchise," Pandya's spokesperson said. Hardik famously led the Gujarat Titans to the IPL title in 2022. He also captained the franchise to the final in the next season. The following campaign, he returned to the Mumbai Indians. Hardik struggled to get the sort of acceptance among MI fans that he enjoyed at GT, as he replaced the Mumbai franchise's poster

boy, Rohit Sharma, as the captain right after his arrival. It has also been said that Hardik doesn't hold the same stature in the MI dressing room that his predecessor Rohit did as the captain. Mumbai Indians, on the other hand, are looking to rebuild their squad after the coaching staff called many senior players "uncoachable" following the conclusion of the IPL 2026 season. Ahead of this year's auction, MI are expected to let go of many senior players, including skipper Hardik.

Gujarat Titans Asked Shubman Gill If He Is OK With Hardik Pandya's Return. His Reply



Hardik Pandya's return to the Mumbai Indians after two consecutive finals with the Gujarat Titans - one of which he won - became the subject of a big talking point in 2024. The fact that the MI management decided to name him the captain, demoting Rohit Sharma in the process, left fans infuriated. Three years since his return to the franchise, Hardik reportedly held talks with the Titans, asking if he could make another U-turn. While the franchise was open to the move, it was important for the bosses to discuss the same with skipper Shubman Gill. Gill played under Hardik after joining the franchise in 2022. As Hardik returned to the Mumbai Indians ahead of the 2024 IPL season,

Gill was succeeded by him as the captain. Despite the fact that GT did so well last season, finishing as the runners-up, Gill opened the door for Hardik as the franchise bosses sought his approval for the all-rounder's return after a controversial spell with MI. However, the situation took a dramatic turn when the GT management and Gill came to know that Hardik also wants the captain's role back. This was when the Gujarat Titans bosses and Gill put their foot down, informing Hardik that such a condition cannot be fulfilled. "The franchise was fine with him making a return. They had even discussed the same with its captain Shubman Gill, and he, too, had agreed that the franchise could trade him back. But when his condition of captaincy

was put up, everyone said no to it," Indian Express quoted a source as saying. With the Mumbai Indians and Hardik Pandya reportedly looking to part ways over multiple issues, the all-rounder is still in search of a new franchise. In the past few weeks, Hardik has been linked with a move to the Kolkata Knight Riders and the Chennai Super Kings. However, none of the moves have matured so far. If Hardik is to fulfil his ambitions of leading a franchise, the Knight Riders might be the best franchise for him. With Ajinkya Rahane retiring from all forms of the game, KKR are in search of a new captain. In Hardik, the Shah Rukh Khan co-owned franchise could find the perfect solution.

Rahul Dravid's 3 Untouchable Records : Even Sachin Tendulkar Finished Behind The Wall



Rahul Dravid is simply one of the greatest batters India ever produced. What made him different was his supreme technical discipline, tough mentality, and a rare ability to perform under pressure. Fondly referred to as "The Wall", the batting legend represented the nation in 500 plus matches across formats. He is still India's second-highest run-getter in Tests and

fifth-highest overall. However, his contribution to Indian cricket goes beyond numbers. While Dravid set multiple records during his days as an India batter, here are three of them that might never be broken:

1. Most Balls Faced in Test Cricket (31,258 Balls)

Dravid, who excelled in Tests with his incredible technique and grit, was literally a wall for India.

He faced 31,258 balls during his red-ball career at the highest level. The closest player to him on the list of most deliveries faced is the 'God of Cricket', Sachin Tendulkar. Even Tendulkar's tally ended at around 29,437 balls.

2. Most Time Spent at the Crease in Test Cricket (44,152 Minutes)

The batting great also holds

the record for spending the most time at the crease in Test cricket. He tops the list with a record 44,152 minutes across 286 innings. Once again, Tendulkar follows him with 41,304 minutes in 329 innings.

3. Most Century Partnerships in Test History

Dravid was involved in a staggering 88 partnerships in which he added 100 or more runs with his batting partner. Once again, he tops the list, with Sachin Tendulkar right behind him with 86. The duo stitched 20 century partnerships in Test cricket, the most by any pair. In 164 Test matches, Dravid scored 13,288 runs at an average of 52.31. He scored 36 centuries and 63 fifties in the longest format, with a best score of 270. In 344 ODIs, Dravid scored 10,889 runs at an average of 39.16. He hit 12 centuries and 83 fifties in the format, with a best score of 153. From anchoring the batting line-up during challenging overseas tours to guiding the next generation as head coach, Dravid's influence on Indian cricket has been immense.