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Disciplinary committee will look into Konda Surekha issue: CM Revanth

Hyderabad, August 24: Telangana CM Revanth Reddy has made it clear that the disciplinary committee will look into the matter of Minister Konda Surekha. He said that everyone must accept that decision. CM Revanth Reddy spoke at a press meet in Hyderabad on Monday. On this occasion, he responded to the Konda Surekha issue. He said that everyone must abide by the decision of the high

command. CM Revanth Reddy said that he will not speak on internal affairs. CM Revanth Reddy also said that he will not respond to speculative stories. In this meeting, he reacted strongly to the Center not giving permission for his visit to America. He said that the Center rejected his visit to America with malicious intent. On the other hand, on the occasion of Minis-



ter Konda Surekha's birth-day, her fans organized cel- ebrations in Geesukonda. Konda Surekha's daughter

Sushmita Patel attended the event as the chief guest. On this occasion, she made key comments. These comments led to strong protests within the Congress party ranks. The disciplinary committee also responded to this. Konda Surekha wrote two letters to the committee in a row. In this context, CM Revanth Reddy stated that the disciplinary committee will look into this matter.

Blocking my visit is an insult to the people of Telangana: CM Revanth Reddy

Hyderabad, August 24: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that Telangana Rising 2047 has been announced as part of Vikasit Bharat 2047. Speaking at a media conference today (Monday), he clarified that a trillion dollar economy is the goal of his government. He said that his plan is to move towards economic progress of Telangana by attracting foreign investment. He explained that he had decided to go on a foreign tour to pursue investment. However, he accused the Center of maliciously rejecting his visit to the US. He said that the spirit of the federation is for the Center to cooperate with the states. The center was misled. The CM was furious that the TBJP leaders were making personal allegations. He was furious that the government had lost its discretion and that the BJP leaders were talking as they pleased about his official visits. He commented that he did not want to make allegations against the BJP leaders because they did not have that level. He explained that he had gone on foreign trips in the past to pursue investments. He accused some BJP leaders in Delhi of misleading the Center. He

was furious that the Center had been told lies about his official visit.

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secret tour..The CM criticized Modi for still acting like the Chief Minister of Gujarat. He said that Gujarat leaders are obstructing the development of Telangana. He said that this is proof of Gujarat's dominance. Do



Konda Surekha Issue.. Decision will be taken after receiving the report: Mahesh Goud

Medak, August 24: The way Minister Konda Surekha responded to Konda Sushmita's comments on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has become a topic of discussion in the Congress party. The party leaders are insisting on taking action against Konda Surekha. In this context, TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud responded to the Surekha issue. Speaking at the joint Medak district PAC meeting held at the Vinayaka Function Hall of the Medak Housing Board today (Monday), the TPCC

chief said that the disciplinary committee is examining the Konda Surekha issue. The preliminary report has already been submitted to the AICC and PCC. It was revealed that the AICC leaders will take a decision on the issue after receiving the detailed report. Mahesh said that since Congress is a big party, there is more freedom to speak. He said that if freedom crosses the limits, disciplinary action is inevitable. It is better if everyone, including himself, stays within limits. He said that just like every family

has problems, there are also problems in the Congress



family. 'Justice will be done to the Congress worker who has suffered.. This is the CM's word, my word, Meenakshi Natarajan's

word. No one can be given 100 percent justice.. I will

leaders. Minister Sitakka gave posts to old leaders in Mulugu,' he said. Mahesh was furious that BRS and BJP parties are spreading bad news against the Congress party on social media. He said that KTR has pinned his hopes on social media. He said that social media will destroy KTR as if he were saying that he who draws a sword will die by the sword. He said that people have not forgotten the loot, land scam and anarchy committed by BRS for ten years. He said that people have not forgotten how many people ,

speak the facts. The high command has promised that 70 percent of the posts will go to old Congress

Disciplinary committee prepares report on Minister Konda Surekha affair

Hyderabad, August 24 : The Congress disciplinary committee has prepared a report on the Telangana Minister Konda Surekha's affair. The committee will submit this report to Telangana Congress affairs in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud. It is reported that the stage is set for action against Konda Surekha in this context. It seems that the disciplinary committee has recommended a strict decision on the case of Konda Surekha



and two others. Mahesh Goud will send this report to the AICC today (Monday) evening. It is reported that the disciplinary committee was not satisfied with her explanation. The disciplinary committee has recommended action against Konda Surekha. The com-

mittee is of the opinion that if her daughter Sushmita had made allegations against CM Revanth Reddy, Surekha should have been condemned as per the principle of natural justice, but she did not do so. The committee has made it clear that action must be taken against anyone who speaks false words against CM Revanth Reddy, the government and the party. It is known that Mahesh Goud recently made it clear that he had protected Konda Surekha in the past and that he would not

do anything now. **Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka meets CM Revanth Reddy** It is against this backdrop that Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The two leaders are discussing the latest developments in the state in this meeting. Recently, Disciplinary Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi met Bhatti. It is reported that CM Revanth and Bhatti Vikramarka will discuss the Konda Surekha issue.

Opposition parties are fearing people by weaving new stories on 22A: Minister Ponguleti



Hyderabad, August 24: Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has hit out at the opposition parties for spreading lies on 22A in Hyderabad. Speaking in Hyderabad on Monday, he lashed out at the parties for making up new stories on 22A and scaring the people. He said that clearance has been given to those that

were relaxed in the past. He said that 98 percent of them have been registered as genuine. He explained that he has decided that what cannot be done cannot be done. However, Minister Ponguleti refuted the opposition's claim that the toll-free number is not working. He said that there is no truth in it. He said that so far, 1,162 calls have been received on this toll-free number. If repeated calls are excluded, 980 have been received. He explained that 547 of them are related to agriculture and 433 are non-agricultural calls. He said that no one needs to worry about not being registered.

He expressed his impatience that some people are pressuring for registration by bringing fake JVOs and memos. He warned that cases will be filed against such people. Minister Ponguleti broke the silence by saying that it is not possible to register with fake JVOs by increasing pressure on the government. He reminded that there have been controversies over CS7 and CS14 for decades. He said that they are putting common people in front of the screen and implementing their agenda behind it. He stated that many people are looking to register disputed lands. He criti-

cized the previous government for registering CS7 and CS14 lands by buying expensive cars. He explained that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy got into a controversy after raising the issue. Are you ready for an inquiry into those 811 acres of lands? He directly questioned the opposition. He said that CM Revanth Reddy's residence will be in survey number 403. He said that out of 1,288 acres in that survey, only two plots are on the prohibited list. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy explained that if the entire survey went on the prohibited list due to a mistake made by the officials, it has been corrected.

LaunchPadX hackathon draws 1,034 students in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: August 24 ;LaunchPadX, a two-day National Innovation Hackathon 2026 was conducted by Department of Computer Science and En-

gineering, Sreenidhi Institute of Science and Technology (SNIST), Hyderabad. Designed to encourage creativity, innovation, technical excellence,

and entrepreneurial thinking among students, the hackathon was conducted as a 36-hour innovation event during which participating students worked in teams to identify real-world challenges and develop innovative technology-driven solutions within a challenging and collaborative environment. A major attraction of the LaunchPadX was the Rs.1,00,000 cash prize for the winning teams. The event was attended by Rruve Manta, Global Chief

Operating Officer, President & Board Member, Sai Eshwar, Founder & CEO – Stud Lyf, Principal Dr. C.H. Shiva Reddy, HOD Dr. Sirisha, Associate HOD Dr. Ramachandra, Associate HOD Dr. Mamatha, Dr. Dhamodhar, and Dr. Madhukar. A total of 231 teams with 1034 students participated and the winners were Rudra Team members – Varshith Reddy Bokka, Harshith Varma P, Amith Bhanbhu, Seelam Srush Reddy and Victor Issac Chintha from ACE Engineering College.



effort to avoid damage to adjacent structures.

Gachibowli: After a few hours of pause Hydraa begin demolition activity at Anjaiah Nagar

Hyderabad: August 24 The DRF teams of Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (Hydraa) began demolition activity at Anjaiah Nagar in Gachibowli on Monday, after a few hours of pause. Geographic Reference Hydraa and

CMC officials took a decision after a joint inspection of the adjacent apartments. They noticed another seven-storeyed apartment had also been impacted and partially damaged after an illegal apartment collapsed on it, and decided to demolish it on Sunday

itself. However, keeping in view the poor night visibility and the disturbance to residents of neighbouring apartments, the demolition was postponed to Monday. Hydraa deployed a high-reach hydraulic machine 'Bahubali, to demolish the high-rise structure in an

Niranjan Reddy accuses Congress govt of using El Nino as excuse to deny irrigation water

Hyderabad:: August 24 Former Minister S Niranjan Reddy accused the Congress government of using El Nino as an excuse to deny irrigation water to farmers in Telangana. He demanded that the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS), Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation (KLI) and Jurla project pumps be operated continuously to make optimum use of available water.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Niranjan Reddy criticised the Congress government for discouraging farmers from cultivating crops by creating fears over water availability. He said about half of the farmers refrained from cultivation because of the government's repeated warnings, spreading panic. Geographic Reference He said around 5,000 cusecs of regenerated

water was reaching Jurla project daily from Almati and Narayanapur reservoirs even without floods. He alleged that the government was using El Nino as an excuse only to prevent farmers from cultivation, avoid crop procurement and b o n u s payments. Government

The senior BRS leader said the PRLIS, taken up during the BRS government with State funds, could have supplied water across the Palamuru region even under the current conditions if the Congress government spent Rs 600-700 crore to fill its reservoirs. He pointed out that the Srisaillam reservoir currently had around 170 TMCft of water and said the BRS government had provided irrigation for two crops even when the reservoir had only 100 TMCft. Niranjan Reddy said Andhra Pradesh was drawing around 12 TMCft of



water a day and accused the Congress government of failing to protect Telangana's interests. He demanded that the State government take up the alleged water diversion before the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). He also asked the State government to stop Andhra Pradesh from advancing works on the Velugodu project and Nallamala Sagar without requisite

clearances. Andhra Pradesh News The former Minister said the government should explain why irrigation projects and lift schemes were not being completed and operationalised. "If the government cannot provide water, it should tell the people so openly and step down," he said. He warned that failure to stop the alleged diversion of Telangana's share of Krishna water would leave the Congress .

EDITORIAL

When Will the CPS Be Abolished?

A person with a disability overcame his physical limitations, cleared competitive examinations and was selected as a government teacher. He rendered dedicated service for more than 14 years in the noble teaching profession of enlightening society. At the time of his retirement on July 31, 2025, his basic salary was Rs.58,850 and his gross salary was Rs.89,720. But do you know how much monthly pension he received after retirement? Just Rs.4,013! This is where the absurdity and social injustice in the system become evident. Had he not taken up any job and simply stayed at home, he would have been eligible for the government's Cheyutha disability pension of Rs.4,016 per month. In other words, after contributing 10 per cent of his salary every month to the pension fund for more than 14 years of government service, this is the return he received. It is shocking that the service pension of a retired government employee is lower than the pension given to a person who has never been employed. This humiliating situation faced by Secondary Grade Teacher Donikala Veerabhadrayya, who retired from Kothuru School in Kesamudram mandal, is not an isolated case. It is a direct indication of the future awaiting nearly 2.60 lakh CPS employees and teachers across Telangana. Pension given to retired employees is not charity; it is their rightful entitlement for their lifetime of service. How can a family survive on a pension of just Rs.4,000 a month amid rising prices and increasing medical expenses associated with old age? During the campaign for the previous Assembly elections, one of the major promises made by the Congress party to employees was the abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS). The promise was clearly included in the party manifesto. Moreover, the assurances given by the then leaders, who are today's rulers, at election rallies and meetings created confidence among employees and teachers. However, nearly three years after the Congress government came to power in Telangana, not even a single step has been taken on this issue, causing serious disappointment. Whenever representatives of employee and teacher unions meet ministers, Congress MPs and MLAs, they are assured that the government remains committed to abolishing CPS. If everyone is of the same view and there is a clear promise in the manifesto, then what is preventing its implementation? The role of employees is crucial in providing effective governance and taking government welfare schemes to the people. It is the minimum responsibility of governments to ensure financial security for employees who have dedicated their entire working lives to public service after retirement. The CPS system, which depends on market fluctuations, is pushing the lives of retired employees into uncertainty. Thousands of retirees are suffering mental distress because the pension they receive after retirement is insufficient for their livelihood. In a democracy, strength and public acceptance of governments depend largely on the implementation of the promises.

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Buzz in Nizam, A Confidence Booster For Ameer Log



Awwal Number Productions is introducing its maiden production venture, Ameer Log. The film, produced by Madhavi Reddy Soma, has Ramana Reddy Soma at the

helm as director. Manohar Reddy Manchuri serves as co-producer. The movie stars MC Hari, Manoj, Sashidhar & Vedha Jalandhar in the lead. Spirit Media, the banner asso-

ciated with Rana Daggubati, is bringing the film to theatres across Telugu markets. Director Ramana Reddy Soma says the entire team was certain that they had made a successful

film. He described Ameer Log as an unprecedented attempt and said he had invested considerable effort in creating something fresh. The director also pointed to the response generated by the premieres as a major confidence booster. He felt that the reactions from viewers indicated that the film had achieved the objective with which it was made.

Ramana Reddy Soma believes the Telugu film industry is entering a new phase where Hyderabad can become a centre for distinctive and unconventional storytelling. Referring to the popularity of Malayalam cinema for its unique narratives, he said the time has come for Hyderabad to produce films that generate a similar conversation. He confidently stated that the buzz created by Ameer Log in Nizam on August 21 would not remain confined to one region and would eventually resonate across the other Telugu territories. Ameer Log is now ready to put that promise to the test as it reaches theatres on August 21.

Is Venky Atluri’s Project With Megastar Still On?

Director Venky Atluri has earned a strong reputation as one of the promising filmmakers in Telugu cinema. With back-to-back blockbusters and family dramas packed with entertainment and meaningful dialogues, Venky has carved a unique space for himself among the new generation of directors. Humbled by these complements and comparison with Trivikram, Venky responds, “These are very big compliments. Trivikram Srinivas garu is a legend. I always looked up to him and his films even before I entered the film industry. I watched Nuvvu Naaku Nachav in 2001, and that film inspired me. It made me admire him and his work. He has a great mark on me.” Talking about the terrific response to Vishwanath And Sons in theatres, Venky shared that he is overwhelmed by the massive success, which he admits is a first in his career. He said he is enjoying the success of VAS.



Has Trivikram suggested any changes during the film’s editing? Venky shared, “Director Trivikram garu is officially part of the film’s production through Fortune Four Cinemas. So, he gets to watch all my movies well before their release. For my past films, he had suggested some changes on the editing table, but for Vishwanath And Sons,

Trivikram sir didn’t suggest any changes. This shows how much he had liked the film beforehand.” Responding to Trivikram’s first reaction after the film’s release, Venky said, “Trivikram garu watched it after the release. He said he loved it completely.” What is Venky’s next film? He shared, “For a few more days, I’ll be promoting

Vishwanath And Sons. After that, I’ll work on my next.” When asked about his proposed film with Megastar Chiranjeevi, Venky admitted, “Yes, a film with Chiranjeevi garu is on. I’m yet to narrate a story to Megastar garu.” On whether his next film will also be with Sithara Entertainments, he quipped, “Yes.”

Can Yash’s Toxic Win Over English Audiences?

Rocking Star Yash’s Toxic is gearing up for release, but one interesting question is whether the film can make a strong impact among English-speaking audiences. Going by the visuals and promos, Toxic has plenty of violence, mature content and grand visuals. These elements could appeal to English audiences. However, the buzz for the English version is currently only moderate. The trailer created some interest, but it may not be enough, especially since Toxic has been shot in both Kannada and English. The English version is very important for the film to reach a wider international audience. With its grand visuals and stylish presentation, strong word-of-mouth will be crucial. If the film gets a positive response after release, Toxic could slowly pick up and connect with English audiences. The response in the English market will be an important factor in deciding how far Toxic can travel internationally.



Nora Fatehi Sails Through Morocco In Florals

Nora Fatehi is leaving no stone unturned when it comes to flaunting her love for Morocco. The actress-dancer, who has been globally in the spotlight for her music contributions to football’s biggest stage, recently performed the official anthem “Siir Siir” alongside Sanjoy and Vegedream at the opening events of the 2026 FIFA World Cup in Toronto. Riding high on that global moment, Nora is now back exploring her home country, and her latest pictures capture her in flowy printed dresses against palm-lined pathways, the coastline, and even the deck of a ship, radiating pure joy and pride. Her candid, sun-soaked snapshots show her twirling through gardens and soaking in the Moroccan coastline, proving her connection to her roots runs deep beyond just her global fame. On the work front, Nora continues to stay busy with back-to-back music videos, while fans are eagerly awaiting her next big screen appearance in Kanchana 4, expected to mark another exciting chapter in her career.



Nidhhi Agerwal Is Hyderabad’s Own Pearl Queen



Nidhhi Agerwal is currently embodying the very essence of Hyderabad, pearls, and she’s doing it with sheer grace. The actress was recently clicked in a stunning pearl-embellished ivory sari paired with a sleeveless blouse, the kind of look usually reserved for Cannes red carpets, yet she pulled it off effortlessly right here in the City of Pearls. When a pearl wears pearls, it’s only fitting. She completed the look with matching pearl earrings and a simple, side-swept hairdo, posing gracefully on the floor amid scattered pearl strings. The whole aesthetic instantly brought back memories of her regal look from Hari Hara Veera Mallu, and it seems Nidhhi isn’t quite ready to let go of that princess-like charm just yet. On the work front, though Hari Hara Veera Mallu didn’t perform as expected at the box office, Nidhhi currently has no major announcements lined up in either Tollywood or Bollywood. But given that she patiently waited three years for both Hari Hara Veera Mallu and Raja Saab, waiting a little longer for the right project clearly isn’t going to faze her.



India Cricketer, Who Played 10 ODIs, Acquitted In 22-Year-Old Criminal Case



Former Indian cricketer and Vadodara resident Jacob Martin has been acquitted of all charges by the Patiala House Court in a 22-year-old criminal case which stemmed from a 2004 FIR involving charges under Sections 420, 468, 471, and 120B of the IPC, as well as Section 12 of the Passport Act. Allegations against Jacob regarding a forged UK immigration stamp, travel arrangements, and financial transactions could not be proven. The court observed that there was

no credible evidence regarding financial transactions or his ownership or control of the Ajwa Sports Club. Several witnesses also failed to substantiate the allegations. Consequently, Jacob Martin was acquitted and subsequently presented his side to the media. Speaking to the media, Martin said the case arose after a member of his 2004 team overstayed his UK visa and returned to India after obtaining a fake immigration stamp. He said his name was

later added during the investigation despite not being mentioned in the original FIR, which he attributed to his profile as an international cricketer. Martin said the 22-year-old case caused him significant stress, including the loss of his railway job, and added that his acquittal has brought a major sense of relief and marked a turning point in his life. "In 2004 a team of mine had gone, which had gone to the UK to play. That team which went to play in England in 2004, everyone

came back except one boy who stayed back in the UK. Because the visa had a validity of 6 months, he could stay for 6 months, but he overstayed for more than 6 months, so what happened was that he got fake stamping done there through someone. After getting fake stamping done, when he came back to India, he was deported from the UK, so he was caught at the IGI airport, and then he was questioned," Martin said. "My name was not even in the FIR, but when the investigation took place, I was involved in this case because the name was big and I was an international cricketer, because of that. And after the case ended, this... now, after 22 years... during these 22 years, I was not getting any answers from the BCCI either; I lost my job in the railways. So I had a lot of stress because of this, but this judgment that has come now- I have got a clean chit; it will be a big settlement for my life and very... after 22 years, this... appeal I have received is a very big U-turn for my life," he added. Jacob Martin, a right-handed batter, played 10 ODIs for India, scoring 158 runs at an average of 22.57.

Tamim Iqbal's Bombshell Update Leaves India's Bangladesh Tour In Limbo

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Tamim Iqbal has hinted that India's scheduled tour of Bangladesh could be postponed again, saying the BCB and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) are currently in discussions over the series, according to Cricinfo. India were originally scheduled to tour Bangladesh in August last year, but the series was later deferred to September 2026. The BCB announced in January that India would play three ODIs and three T20Is in Dhaka and Chattogram. However, the BCCI has not made any official announcement regarding the tour. With the first ODI scheduled for September 3, just two weeks away, uncertainty continues over whether the series will go ahead as planned, according to the report. At a press conference in Dhaka, Tamim announced the Game Development Trophy, an age-group tournament, and the BCB released its schedule, with all matches set to be played at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium from August 28 to Sep-



tember 9. When asked whether the tournament schedule indicated that India would not be touring Bangladesh, Tamim said there could be a "slight change" in the schedule, hinting at a possible revision of India's tour dates. "Both boards remain in discussions about the India series," he said, as quoted by Cricinfo. "The dates may be shifted here or there. This tournament is be-

ing held in Mirpur, but it can be shifted to the Basundhara Ground in two minutes. If the India series is locked in and confirmed, we will schedule it accordingly." Following the BCB's announcement of the tour in January, relations between the two cricket boards reportedly deteriorated further after Kolkata Knight Riders withdrew Bangladesh all-rounder Mustafizur Rahman

from the IPL. Subsequently, the Aminul Islam-led BCB decided against sending its team to the T20 World Cup, which was co-hosted by India. However, ties between the two boards began to improve after Tamim, who recently took charge as BCB president, visited India earlier this month. He reportedly toured the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru during his visit.

British Singer Takes 6 Months Urdu Class To Sing Pakistan Anthem, Has This To Say About 'Jana Gana Mana'



A different rendition of the Pakistan national anthem took place ahead of their first Test against England at Headingley, as it was sung in Urdu by English singer Laura Wright. While the rendition split opinions online, Wright

revealed the incredible effort she had put in to master the pronunciation of the Pakistan anthem. In a recent interview, Wright shared that she had been learning Urdu - Pakistan's national language - for six months. Wright had

also sung the Indian national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' in Bengali during India's Test series against England in 2025. Wright, who has gained fame for singing national anthems at various global events, revealed the work she had put in to learn Urdu and Bengali. "It's such an honour to be asked to sing any anthem, and I'd never take it for granted. The Indian and Pakistan ones are real challenges, and when I'm asked I really do think about it before I say yes because I have to be sure I can get it right," Wright said, in an interview with the Athletic. "I need to know I've got enough time to learn it and I've been working on Urdu for the last six months. This is not someone saying: 'Can you come in and sing Jerusalem'. It's much bigger than that, but

this will be a huge privilege for me and I just hope to do it justice," the mezzo-soprano said, on the opportunity to be able to sing the Pakistan national anthem. Wright also revealed that she had been nervous before singing the Indian national anthem. "Singing the Indian anthem for the first time was probably the most nervous I've ever been. When you study classical music you're given a basic understanding of Italian and German, but when you do anthems you come across so many different languages. "I spent so long listening to the Indian anthem and time with two or three people speaking it so I could listen to the pronunciation, the phrasing and understand what the words meant. That's part of this career that people don't see," she elaborated.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi In, Big Names Dropped From India's 2027 World Cup Team? Ex-CSK Star Drops "Bomb Squad"



Should Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Sanju Samson be in India's 2027 ODI World Cup squad? According to former India cricketer Robin Uthappa, the answer is yes. Uthappa named his ideal 15-man squad for India's World Cup campaign in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia, and did not hesitate to make some bold calls. Calling it a "bomb squad", Uthappa dropped some mainstays of India's current ODI team. In their place, he handed a call-up to 15-year-old sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, among others. Among batters, Uthappa stuck with the current regulars of skipper Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul. He also went with Rohit Sharma, whose future has come under

question numerous times of late. Uthappa did not include Yashasvi Jaiswal in his squad, instead going with his much younger Rajasthan Royals (RR) teammate Sooryavanshi as the backup opener. The 2007 T20 World Cup-winner also recalled some experienced heads in the form of all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja and pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar. Bhuvneshwar, who enjoyed a superb IPL with 28 wickets, last played an ODI for India nearly five years ago. In accommodating them, he left out the likes of Washington Sundar and Harshit Rana, who have been mainstays in the white-ball setup in recent times. He also picked Sanju Samson over Ishan Kishan as his backup wicket-keeper batter, stating that Samson has the ability to play at the top and also as a

finisher. Uthappa went with Hardik Pandya in his 15-man team, but did not pick another fast-bowling all-rounder as a backup, instead choosing four frontline pacers in Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar, Mohammed Siraj and Arshdeep Singh. "This is my World Cup team for 2027 in South Africa. Granted, we have a year to go, but I think if these 15 play over the next one year, it will be perfect prep. And this, I feel, is a bomb squad," Uthappa stated. Robin Uthappa's 15-man India squad for 2027 World Cup: Shubman Gill, Rohit Sharma, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Sanju Samson, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh.

IPL Winner, Who Now Plays For Portugal, Slams Century In T20 WC Qualifier



Former Australia international cricketer Moises Henriques' decision to represent Portugal has brought incredible results already. The 39-year-old smashed a sensational T20I century in just his third outing for Portugal, against Czech Republic on Thursday. Coming in to bat at No. 3, Henriques hammered 12 fours and seven sixes, ending with a score of 111 off just 51 balls. The knock is also Henriques' first international century and first century in the shortest format of the game. Clips of the innings went viral on the internet. A veteran who has represented Australia 47 times across three formats, Henriques' presence was always going to be a major boost

for Portugal. But the impact has been instant, and improved Portugal's chances of qualifying for the next T20 World Cup in 2028. On Thursday, Henriques' powerful knock propelled Portugal to a score of 211/6 in 20 overs. With the ball, Czech Republic were tottering at 24/5 in 8.5 overs, after which the match had to be paused due to rain. Portugal ended up winning by 91 runs, via the DLS method. Henriques slammed an unbeaten 66 on his Portugal debut. Born in the city of Madeira - the same birthplace as Portuguese football icon Cristiano Ronaldo - Henriques' family moved to Australia when he was an infant. How can Portugal qualify for T20 World Cup 2026? The victory sees Portu-

gal sit top of Group B in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub Regional Europe Qualifier C 2026, ahead of nations like Germany, Israel, Czech Republic and Greece. Portugal will next face Spain in the Qualifier C final. If they win, they will progress to the Europe regional final, where they will need to finish in top-two in a group featuring Scotland, Denmark and Jersey. If they do so, they will advance to the T20 World Cup 2028 Global Qualifier, where they will have to battle many nations to secure a spot in the 20-team main event. The United States, Canada, Italy, Nepal and Netherlands are among the nations already placed in the Global Qualifier.