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#### **Despite T20 World Cup** loss, India wins hearts

Vandana Nampoothiri

**The much-hyped India** Pakistan match played in Dubai on Sunday gained attention post-match with Indian captain Virat displaying sportsmanship by hugging Pakistan captain Babar Azam player Mohammed Rizwan. The gesture was appreciated by people as the latest match was deemed as a "war" between the teams, because of the political conflict between the two countries.

On their Instagram page, the cricket Pakistan team described the moment shared between the captains as the "spirit of cricket." M.S. Dhoni was soon seen speaking to Pakistan players. Kohli's gesture was praised as "true sportsmanship" by many Twitteratis.

"Really loved the scenes at the end between Virat, Rizwan, and Babar and thereafter between some of the younger Pakistan players and Dhoni. Beyond the hype and posturing, this is the true story of sport," tweeted Bhogle, cricket Harsha commentator.

Nizammudin Bhat tweeted, "Indo - Pak leaders can well emulate captains of their respective cricket teams, Virat and Babar in building sportsmanship in politics and diplomacy."

## BBMP pays bills worth 64cr despite no work done

Suhas S Kashyap

BENGALURU: Bengaluru South District President of BJP, N R Ramesh, has alleged that the BBMP has cleared the bills worth crores to reconstruct the storm water drains (SWD) even before the work has commenced. He said that a bill amounting to ₹62.86 crores has been cleared. BBMP under the JNNURM scheme had allotted ₹496.90 crores in 15 packages reconstruction and renovation of the Primary Drains (Rajakaaluve) of four valleys: Challaghatta, Vrushabhavati, Koramangala, and Hebbal.

An audit report by the per Comptroller and Auditor reconstruction General (CAG) of India on storm water drains and on the drains



NR Ramesh briefing the press

Bangalore mentions details about the scam. As report, works

Rajarajeshwari Bommanahalli, Byatarayanapura Zones, which totals upto ₹62.86 crores were paid to the contratctors even before the

Nagar, work began. Ms. Preeti Quad Consultants, Consultants, and others received ₹62.86 in 2014-16. The Prinicpal Accountant General learned about this

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during a personal visit to Hulimavu Lake Madiwala Lake witnessed that lakes were filled with sewage water, he added.

Quoting from the CAG report he criticised the Chief Engineer of SWD for reporting that documents about awarding the tender, and bills paid to the contractor for the 14 works were missing. NR Ramesh claimed that the Chief Engineer, SWD, approved a payment of ₹94.94 lakhs based on fake documents.

He also added that no efforts have been carried out to find the lost documents. recommended government to initiate disiplinary action against the offenders.

## Pak breaks the glass ceiling?

Abhimanyu Sharma

BENGALURU: It was a historic day for Pakistani men's cricket on October 24th as they won their first match in an ICC World Cup tournament against India. In this victory, their most important accomplishment was to deliver a near-perfect show and stake their claim to the World Cup title.

After 46 years of struggle and a 10 wicket win over India, the almost perfect performance was as close as we could possibly come to a

Pakistan played like a unit that was possesed and finally managed to shatter the infamous reputation of being "unpredictable" with their performance. There was no fumble, no miscoordination, no misfields; it was flawless.

The young Pakistan team under the capable leadership of Babar Azam has the potential of breaking through the glass ceiling that had limited and held their team back since the very first World Cup in 1975. They have the potential to bring in

fairytale ending for the team. a new wave of cricketers and pave the way for the new generation of elite Pakistani players who could perhaps : once again take Pakistan cricket back to the glory they had. They might even surpass it and with sensational bowlers like Shaheen Afridi with whom you can't help but draw comparisons to great left-arm pacers of the past like Wasim Akram, the future of Pakistan seems bright. Pakistan will be playing against New Zealand in their next match which is on

### BCCI to add 2 new IPL teams from 2022 season

Pranav Shriram

**BENGALURU:** The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) held the auction for 2 new franchises that are set to join the race for the trophy from the next season of the Indian Premier League (IPL). After the official IPL Twitter page announced the final bid submissions, the speculation Barclays Premier League team Manchester United owners, the Glazer Family & the Adani Group will end up as the front runners.

Speculations were made on social media around the city franchises that these groups own. Lucknow's franchise was rumored to be owned by the Glazers.

In a report by CricBuzz Manchester United's owners the tournament but did not were among those who put in confirm his return to the bids for IPL franchises in

Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Cuttack, Dharamsala, Guwahati, and Indore.

On October 13, the BCCI announced the release of a tender for the ownership and operation of said teams, following which a large number of parties approached the BCCI to purchase the Invitation to Tender (ITT). This has been extended to October 20th.

The IPL has also issued retention policies for the participating teams for the upcoming season, which would include the debut of the new teams.

During the post match presentation of IPL 2021 finals, against Kolkata Knight Riders, Chennai Super Kings skipper, Mahendra Singh Dhoni assured his return to same franchise.

## FRIENDS actor James M. Tyler dies at 59

Riya Joseph, Nandita Narayanan

Sunday, James Micheal Tyler, best known for his role in the sitcom 'Friends,' passed away from cancer at the age of 59. Fans and co-stars of the actor took to social media to pay their tributes.

Rachel Green, played by Jennifer Aniston, said, "Friends' wouldn't be the same without you." Thank you for the laughter you brought to the show and to all of our lives. You will be so missed.

#JamesMichaelTyler"



James Michael Tyler

"The size of gratitude you brought into the room and showed every day on set is

Instagram/friends

the size of the gratitude I hold for having known you. Rest in peace James," said

Monica on the show. The actress who played Phoebe Buffay, Lisa Kudrow,

Courtney Cox who played

shared her condolences on Instagram. "James Micheal Tyler, we will miss you." She wrote. Thank you for being there for us all. #jamesmichealtyler

Matt Leblanc also shared a tribute. He said "We had a lot of laughs buddy. You will be missed. RIP my friend."

Tyler was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2018, after which he began advocating for cancer awareness and raised funds for the same.



BCCI officials at the auction

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