# Gill, Prasidh lead India's measured Test build-up



London, (UNI)

In a blend of experience, intensity and calm, India's red-ball squad kicked off its preparations for the Test season with clarity of purpose and a relaxed yet focused mindset. As skipper Shubman Gill and fast bowler Prasidh Krishna spoke about the group during their ongoing warm-up fixture, the tone was one of measured intensity and self-awareness, knowing exactly when to switch on. Prasidh, reflecting on the mood in the camp, struck the most inspiring chord when he said: "I think all of us are experi-

enced enough to know when it's time to focus and when to relax. That awareness is what keeps us sharp and ready."

As players gathered after weeks of playing in different formats and teams, Krishna noted the value of match exposure and the challenge of adjusting to redball rhythms. "It's really important for all of us to get this game time. Some guys are coming off the A match, so just getting time on your feet is key. That's what today has been about as well," he said. He praised the playing conditions and competitive spirit

within the group. "It's a nice, hard pitch and the bowlers have been in the game throughout. We've seen some really good spells, and it's great to see people showing character. When you're competing against your own teammates, it lifts everyone's level."

On the camaraderie and dressing room atmosphere, Prasidh added, "We're all coming together after a while. A lot of us have shared cricket and memories before, so we're keeping things light. You can't be locked in all the time, especially when you're not in the middle. So, we're making sure to enjoy the company of fun people, but stay ready to switch on when needed." Captain Gill, speaking earlier, echoed the emphasis on team clarity and discipline.

"Let's maintain our intensity," he told the squad. "When we're building as a group, let's make sure we focus on the key areas — whether it's as a bowling unit or batting unit." Both voices underscored the message that India's red-ball ambitions will be shaped not just by skills, but by mindset — one that values preparation, embraces competition, and knows how to stay grounded amid the grind.



#### Rugby Premier League Season 1 begins on June 15 Mumbai, (UNI): The countdown

for the inaugural edition of the GMR Rugby Premier League (RPL) - the world's first franchise-based Rugby 7s league – has begun.

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While the six franchises gear up for what promises to be a riveting tournament, the Rugby Premier League, organised by Rugby India in collaboration with GMR Sports, will unveil the official schedule for Season 1. GMR RPL Season 1 commences on June 15, providing India's finest rugby players with a platform to rub shoulders with the world's best rugby players.

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The league will feature 34 matches, including four days when three games will be played, while the remainder of the tournament will have two games on each day. The grand finale is scheduled on June 29. All the matches will take place in Mumbai at the Shahaji Raje Bhosale Sports Complex (Andheri Sports Complex). The founding franchises are Bengaluru Bravehearts, Chennai Bulls, Delhi Redz, Hyderabad Heroes, Kalinga Black Tigers, and the Mumbai Dreamers. The GMR RPL will welcome 30 marquee international players from powerhouse Rugby 7s nations, including New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Fiji, Argentina, Great Britain, Ireland, USA, and Spain.

## Bridge too far, admits Cummins as SA lift WTC crown

London (IINI

Australia's hopes of defending their World Test Championship (WTC) crown ended in heartbreak at Lord's on Saturday, as skipper Pat Cummins summed up the defeat with a telling admission: "This was a bridge too far."

Outclassed by a resolute South African outfit that held their nerve in the final moments, Cummins' men fell short by five wickets in a contest that never quite tilted decisively their way, despite early control. The result handed South Africa their first-ever WTC title and their first ICC men's trophy in 27 years.

In a post-match reflection, Cummins acknowledged the margins and moments that slipped away from Australia despite a promising position in the game. "Things can change pretty quickly ... There's always a few things — we had a decent first innings lead and tried to bat them out, but it just did not happen."

Australia began the match on a strong footing, gaining a vital 67-run lead in the first innings. But their second innings collapse left the door open, and the Proteas charged through with a clinical fourth-day chase, led by Aiden Markram's measured brilliance.

"It was looking like the wicket flattened out, but it can change here – and unfortunately it didn't," Cummins remarked. "Lyono (Nathan Lyon) looked threatening, but he didn't get a wicket.



Aiden was fantastic. South Africa were deserved champions."

Though Australia have enjoyed a dominant run in the WTC cycle — including an Ashes retention and multiple overseas wins — Cummins said it simply didn't come together at Lord's. "It has been a wonderful two years, but maybe it was a bit of both – execution and conditions – that didn't click in this game."

He praised South Africa's ability to stay in the contest and capitalise on moments. "They kept themselves in the game and pounced on the opportunity," he said, summing up the Proteas' spirited performance. Despite the defeat, Cummins reiterated his admiration for the longest format of the game.

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"I love Test cricket – it is the pinnacle. It is a fantastic kind of spectacle," he said, reaffirming his commitment to the format even as Australia begin regrouping for the next cycle. South Africa's win marked their first senior men's ICC title in 27 years and served as a cathartic moment for a generation of Proteas players and fans still haunted by past near-misses.

### Robbie Williams confirmed as FIFA Music Ambassador



Geneva, (UNI)

Internationally acclaimed and multi-award-winning artist Robbie Williams has been confirmed as the FIFA Music Ambassador ahead of the FIFA Club World Cup

In his first engagement, announced during a video call with FIFA President Gianni Infantino, the global singer-songwriter confirmed that he has written and recorded a new Official FIFA anthem, entitled 'Desire'. The official track – which was written alongside long-time collaborators Karl Brazil and Owen Parker, with Erik Jan Grob – will debut in full ahead of the FIFA Club World Cup's opening match on Saturday, before being used in all FIFA tournaments going forward, including the FIFA World Cup 26 and beyond.

'Desire', accompanied by a brand-new video, will be featured on the jumbotron screens at Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, where Egypt's Al Ahly FC will face local heroes Inter Miami CF in the tournament opener. For the first time ever, the new anthem will be played before each FIFA tournament game, as the two teams walk onto the pitch to line up, at all FIFA matches worldwide.

Fusing emotional charge with stadium-ready power, the track captures the intensity, pride and unity that defines football at its highest level. As FIFA's Music Ambassador, Robbie Williams has invited the famed Italian artist, Laura Pausini, to feature on the new song. "Our FIFA Music Ambassador, Robbie Williams, has created what is a fantastic, incredible, emotional and brilliant Official FIFA anthem, and to feature Laura Pausini is wonderful," said FIFA President Gianni Infantino.

"Involving two incredible musicians, this great song 'Desire' is the world's football song and having it as part of the opening ceremony of the opening match will set exactly the right tone at the beginning of the first-ever FIFA Club World Cup. This is going to be truly epic," he said. One of the most decorated and successful music artists in the world, his appointment signals a new era in FIFA's cultural evolution - harnessing the global influence of music to deepen fan connection and elevate the raw emotion of the game.

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One of the most decorated music artists in the world, known across the globe for his spectacular showman-ship and incredible catalogue of anthemic tracks, Robbie Williams brings a unique creative lens to football's biggest moments.

### Late collapse costs India in 3-2 defeat to Australia

Antwerp, (UNI)

Another European heartbreak struck the Indian Men's Hockey Team as they let slip a two-goal cushion to go down 2-3 against Australia in their FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25 match here on Saturday.

Playing without regular skipper Harmanpreet Singh, the Indians looked on course to snap their four-match losing streak after Abhishek (8', 35') netted twice in a fine individual performance. But Australia mounted a fierce final-quarter comeback with goals from Nathan Ephraums (42'), Joel Rintala (56') and Tom Craig (60') to turn the game on its head.

India struck early in

the opening quarter with Abhishek finishing off a clever midfield pass from veteran Manpreet Singh,



corner battery.

The second quarter saw India holding firm in defence while threatening on the counter. Man-

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Suraj Karkera stood tall

against Australia's penalty

deep Singh came close to assisting Manpreet for India's second, but the opportunity went begging. India's persistence

India's persistence paid off in the 35th minute when Sukhjeet Singh's quick thinking set up Abhishek for his second goal, giving India a 2-0 cushion.

But Australia hit back

soon after through Ephraums, whose deft finish off Tom Craig's assist sparked a resurgence. The final quarter saw relentless pressure from the Kookaburras, and although Karkera made a string of saves, Joel Rintala equalised off a penalty corner in the 56th

### BUSINESS

# TOYO, MODEC inaugurate Global Capability Centre in Bengaluru

Bengaluru, (UNI

Toyo Engineering Corporation (Toyo Japan) and MODEC, Inc (MODEC) on Friday announced the inauguration of their joint Global Capability Centre (GCC), TOYO MODEC OFS India Private Limited (OFS India) here, marking a key milestone in their global expansion and innovation strategy. OFS India is a joint venture between Toyo Engineering India Private Limited (Toyo India), a subsidiary of Toyo Japan, and Offshore Frontier Solutions Pte. Ltd. (OFS), part of the MODEC Group. The newly inaugurated GCC is located in Godrej Centre and will focus on engineéring and procurement services for Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) projects. "This joint venture is a reflection of our belief in the power of collaboration and the possibilities that arise when we



combine our strengths," said Eiji Hosoi, President & CEO of Toyo Japan. He added that the venture aims to deliver innovation and value to global customers. Strategically located in Bengaluru, often dubbed India's Silicon Valley, the centre spans approximately 100,000 sq ft and currently employs around 200 Indian professionals, with plans to scale up to 750 over the next three years.

"By establishing a presence here,

we are embracing an environment that encourages innovation and agility, critical for the complexity of our FPSO projects," said Hirohiko Miyata, President & CEO, MODEC. The inauguration ceremony was graced by His Excellency Nakane Tsutomu, Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, who lauded the investment as a symbol of the deepening economic ties between Japan and India. "Bengaluru stands as a symbol of India's technological strength and global orientation. The establishment of OFS India strengthens Indo-Japanese cooperation in the niche domain of offsĥore oil production," he said. The GCC is expected to create numerous high-value job opportunities and contribute to the growth of local industries by supporting offshore energy projects with advanced technological solutions.

### Beat the heat this summer with top deals on popular ACs and Refrigerators on Amazon.in

Bengaluru: Stay comfortable and cool this Summer with a wide range of summer essentials on Amazon.in. From high-performance ACs to energy-efficient refrigerators, explore top picks from popular brands such as Carrier, Godrej , Haier, Samsung and more. Customers can enjoy up to INR 20,000 instant bank discount, coupon discounts of up to INR 3,000, and up to 18 months No Cost EMI on HDFC, Axis, Yes Bank, Bank of Baroda, RBL, HSBC and Federal Bank credit card EMI transactions. \* Exciting offers from leading partner banksAvail up to INR 20,000 instant bank discount and up to 18 months No Cost EMI on HDFC, Axis, Yes Bank, Bank of Baroda, RBL, HSBC and Federal Bank credit card EMI

### Rapido Launches Affordable Airport Pick-up and Drop Services at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal

Bhopal: Rapido, India's largest ridesharing platform, today announced the launch of its affordable airport pick-up and drop services at Raja

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Bhoj Airport, Bhopal. This aims to offer passengers a seamless, cost-effective, and reliable travel option, catering to the growing demand for convenient transportation in the region.

The official launch was held at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal, and was presided over by the Airport Director, Shri Ramjee Awasthi. Rapido has committed to providing round-the-clock services from the airport through a dedicated fleet.

With dedicated pick-up at the terminal exits, travellers can now conveniently book Rapido cabs via the app, ensuring a hassle-free

airport transfer experience. Leveraging technology to optimize fares, Rapido remains committed to making mobility more accessible and eco-

nomical for passengers. Passengers can easily track their rides in real time, giving them confidence and control as they travel. Additionally, the app's user-friendly interface enhances the overall experience, allowing users to quickly arrange their transportation needs with just a few taps.

This launch marks a significant milestone in Rapido's mission to redefine affordable transportation in India. Beyond providing a smooth airport commute, the initiative also generates new job opportunities for local drivers, reinforcing Rapido's role as a key player in India's gig economy.

# IFL Enterprises Limited receives approval to raise Rs. 49.14 crore from Rights Issue

Ahmedabad: The Rs. 49.14 crore Rights Issue of IFL Enterprises Limited (BŠE -540377), engaged in the agri commodity business including import, export and trading of agri commodities, will open for subscription on June 19, 2025 and remain open till June 30, 2025. The Rights Issue is attractively priced at Rs. 1 per share, offering existing shareholders an opportunity to increase their equity in the company. Board of directors in the meeting held on June 9 2025 considered and approved the rights issue. Earlier, Board of directors of the company on 30th December, 2024 and Draft Letter of Offer dated 07th March, 2025 submitted for obtaining 'In Principle Approval' for proposed Right Issue of up to Rs. 50.00 Crores (Rupees Fifty Crores) and 'In Principle Approval' received from BSE Limited vide its letter bearing No. LOD/RIGHT/KS/FIP/213/2025-26 dated May 19th, 2025. Shareholders holding equity shares as on the Record Date -June 13, 2025, will be eligible to apply for

the rights shares in the ratio of 60 Rights Equity Shares for every 91 fully paid-up equity shares held. The last date for On-Market Renunciation of REs is June 24, 2025. The Rights Issue comprises 49,14,76,620 fully paid-up Equity Shares of face value Rs. 1 each, aggregating to Rs. 49.14 crore. Proceeds from the issue will be used to strengthen the company's financial position and support general corporate purposes.

This capital raise follows the company's strategic direction under newly appointed Managing Director Mr. Abhishek Pratapkumar Thakkar, aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and expanding service capabilities.

For the financial year that ended March 2025, company achieved revenue from operations of Rs. 120.60 crore, over 13 fold rise as compared to the revenue of Rs. 8.24 crore in the FY 2023-24. Net profit also rose to Rs. 2.99 crores for the FY25, compared to Rs. 84.5 lakh in FY24, a 254% Y-o-Y growth.

### Celebrating every gentle touch — Himalaya BabyCare launches the #GentleAsDad campaign

Bengaluru: Himalaya Baby-Care, India's No. 1 doctor recommended baby care brand, has launched a heartwarming digital film (DVC) on the occasion of Father's Day. Inspired by the popular Kannada song "I Love You Appa", the campaign titled #GentleAsDad beautifully depicts the emotional bond between a father and his daughter as she grows from a newborn to a young woman. To connect deeper with the regional audience, the beloved song has been translated into six languages ??-Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali, ensuring regional resonance and

a deep emotional connect.

### Axis Bank unites citizens to promote sustainable practices in Bhopal

Bhopal: As part of the continued efforts to engage communities on environmental awareness, Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, organized 'Open for the Planet' Best-out-of-Waste workshops across Bhopal. The initiative, organized in collaboration with Bhopal Nagar Nigam and the NĞO Maan, empowered residential communities to adopt effective waste management practices and foster sustainable habits.

The workshop witnessed participation from over 200 citizens who were keen to learn the art of repurposing plastic and other non-



biodegradable waste.
These sessions not only
encouraged sustainable
thinking, but also reinforced the United Nations' World Environ-

ment Day 2025 theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution' by showcasing practical ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle everyday materials.

Applauding the initiative, Mr. Reynold D' Souza, President & Head- Branch Banking (North & East) & TASC Axis Bank said,?''At Axis Bank, environmental consciousness is the cornerstone of our sustainability efforts. Our initiatives exemplify our ongoing endeavour to well-being and encour aging environmental preservation. It is truly remarkable to see the citizens of Bhopal come together with such enthusiasm to learn about planet-positive practices. Their dedication and active participation reflect a strong commitment to preserving our environment.