

Shastri reveals KL Rahul's technical tweak that has led to run streak



London, (UNI) Former India head coach Ravi Shastri foresees Indian opener KL Rahul scoring more tons in the longest format. Among the key contributors with the bat for India in the ongoing ICC World Test Championship series against England has been opener KL Rahul. With 375 runs from three Tests, which includes two centuries and a half-century, Rahul is the fourth-highest run-getter in the series so far. Rahul's recent exploits have earned him plaudits from the former India head coach Ravi Shastri. Speaking to the in the latest edition of The ICC Review, Shastri

backed the experienced opener to continue delivering. "I think there was not one person in the world who denied his potential and said that he [Rahul] was not talented," Shastri said. "What annoyed people was, with that kind of talent, he was not delivering. And in this series, you're seeing the best of Rahul," he said. Shastri went on to point out a technical tweak Rahul had done to enable this form. "What I am seeing is a slight adjustment he's made with his front foot, in his stance and while defending," Shastri said. "It just opened up a bit, which allows his back to come through cleanly. Even when he's hitting it

towards mid-wicket, it's the full face of the blade," Shastri said. "He doesn't need to close the face of the blade, and fall over and get into trouble like he used to in the past. He would get out leg before, would get out bowled, he would get across too far and then be out leg before as well," Shastri said. "He is sound technically, he has been as good as anyone. Especially, it's not moved a lot in the series, but when it's moved, he has had the game to look after that movement," the former head coach said. KL Rahul's recent form has seen him amass the joint second-highest tons for India in Tests in England (four) after Rahul Dravid (six). At 33, Shastri believes the seasoned campaigner is hitting his peak in red-ball cricket, marking the beginning of what can be an extended period of dominance with the bat. "He's at his prime. He has got to make these next three, four years count," Shastri said. "And I see him getting a lot of hundreds because he's playing a lot of cricket in India as well. So whatever that average is, he should be close to 50," he added. Rahul currently has 3632 runs, averaging 35.3, with 10 hundreds and 18 half-centuries. The fourth Test between England and India will begin at Old Trafford, Manchester on July 23.

Pune teenagers, Arjun Chheda, Sai Shiva Sankaran tops, Arjun Balu, Joel Joseph, Kesara Godage notch wins

Coimbatore, (UNI): Pune teenagers Arjun Chheda and Sai Shiva Sankaran notched brilliant victories in the MRF Formula 2000 and F1600 categories, respectively, as the first round of the MRF MM-SC-FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025 commenced at the windswept and slippery Kari Motor Speedway, amidst intermittent drizzle, today. In between, Coimbatore veteran and former champion Arjun Balu (Race Concepts), returning to the championship after a year's break, powered his way to a fine win in the Indian Touring Cars category, while behind him team-mate from Bengaluru Ritwik Thomas (Indian Junior Touring Cars) and Sri Lankan Kesara Godage (Super Stock) topped their respective categories in a 12-lap race that saw a combined grid of all three classes. Meanwhile, 18-year-old Joel Joseph from Ernakulam led a 1-2-3 finish for DTS Racing in the Formula LGB 1300 race (Open) ahead of Lokithingesh Ravi (Pollachi) and Bengaluru's Prathik Ashok. The trio was classified in same positions in the Junior class also. Aman Nagdev (Buzzing Hornet) from Noida emerged victorious in the Volkswagen Polo Cup race that brought the curtains down on the day's proceedings. Arjun Chheda, the 16-year-old from Pune, made the best of a poor start by pole-sitter Ishaan Madesh (Bengaluru) who stalled his car to drop to sixth but the multiple National Karting champion made ground to eventually finish second on debut.

Hyd: Southern command team wins Army inter-command volleyball championship



Hyderabad, (UNI) Army Inter-Command Volleyball Championship 2025-26 concluded with a spectacular closing ceremony here today. 1 EME Centre, being the Volleyball Node for the Indian Army, hosted the event from July 14 to 19, which brought together teams from all six Army Commands. The Championship, conducted under the aegis of HQ Southern Command, aimed to inculcate competitive spirit and sportsmanship amongst Army personnel and to select players for the Indian Army volleyball team for the upcoming Services Volleyball Championship. The Championship witnessed intense and thrilling matches over the past five days, showcasing the exceptional skills of the players. The final saw an exciting game between the Southern Command team and Western Command team, with the Southern Command team clinching the Championship title for the year 2025-26 after a hard-fought battle. The final scores were 25-16, 25-20, 23-25 & 25-20. Brigadier Prashant Bajpai, Commandant, 1 EME Centre, Chief Guest of the event, congratulated the players for their outstanding performances, dedication and competitive spirit. The Chief Guest handed over the silver medals to the runner-up team while the winning team was awarded with gold medals and the 'Championship Trophy'.

Longstaff joins Leeds from Newcastle in £12m move



London, (UNI) Newly promoted Leeds United have signed midfielder Sean Longstaff from Newcastle for £12m plus potential add-ons. The 27-year-old, who had one year left on his contract at St James' Park, has signed a four-year deal. The move ends an 18-year association with Newcastle, having come through the ranks at the club. "I think from the first time I spoke to Leeds, I got a feeling that they really wanted me," Longstaff told LUTV. "It just fills you full of confidence and it just makes you want to repay those people. It is a massive, mas-

sive football club - similar to Newcastle in a lot of ways. "It was going to take a lot for me to leave Newcastle to be honest and I wasn't just going to leave to go anywhere so it had to be the right place for me and my family and I think this is a perfect place. "Every time I came to play at Leeds the atmosphere was amazing, it was always bouncing and a really tough place to play, and I'm just looking forward to having that on my side rather than having to play against." He made 214 senior appearances for the Magpies, but played only 787 minutes for Eddie Howe's side in the Premier League last season - mostly as a substitute. Longstaff also made five appearances in the Carabao Cup last season, but was an unused substitute as Newcastle defeated Liverpool 2-1 in the final to win their domestic trophy in 70 years, according to a BBC news. Leeds had already agreed personal terms with the English midfielder but had an offer of £10m rejected by Newcastle earlier this week. Longstaff is Leeds' fifth signing this summer following the arrivals of defenders Sebastiaan Bornauw, Jaka Bijol and Gabriel Gudmundsson as well as German forward Lukas Nmecha. Daniel Farke's side will begin their Premier League campaign at home to Everton on August 18. They play Manchester United in a pre-season friendly in Stockholm on Saturday, before further friendlies against Villarreal and AC Milan in August.

UEFA Women's Euro: Spain see off stubborn Switzerland to reach semis

Bern (Switzerland), (UNI) Spain continued their quest for a first European Championship crown by scoring two second-half goals to knock out hosts Switzerland and reach the semi-finals. The world champions were made to work hard for the victory in Bern as they struggled to break down a stubborn Swiss defence in the opening half on Friday. Spain twice failed from the penalty spot, but goals from Athenea del Castillo and Claudia Pina ensured they reached their first Euro semi-final since 1997. After being brought down in the box by Nadine Riesen, Mariona Caldentey spurned the chance to put Spain ahead in the ninth minute when she



dragged her spot-kick wide. Alexia Putellas later sent her penalty straight at Swiss goalkeeper Livia Peng when Spain had a two-goal cushion. Peng had made two smart saves in the first half, while Olga Carmona and Aitana Bon-

mati sent frustrated efforts over the bar as the Swiss backline remained resolute during the opening 45 minutes. Del Castillo made an instant impact for Spain - scoring three minutes and 24 seconds after being brought on as a substitute with a cool slotted finish. Pina added a second with a sublime curling strike in the 71st minute to set up a semi-final encounter with either France or Germany on Wednesday, according to a BBC news. "We were calm, we were confident.

BUSINESS

Jharkhand officials meet JICA, JETRO, NEC representatives in Delhi on Investment

Ranchi, (UNI) Jharkhand Industry Secretary Arwa Rajkamal and Jharkhand Industrial Area Development Authority (JIADA) Managing Director Varun Ranjan held separate meetings with representatives of JICA, JETRO, and NEC Corporation in Delhi to discuss investment, industrial development, and technology collaboration. The meetings were held under the directive of Chief Minister Hemant Soren to review potential partnerships with international agencies for industrial growth, health infrastructure, and skill training in the state. JICA reviewed the proposals and discussed possible areas for cooperation. The delegation also met Suzuki Takashi, Chief Director General of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), who conveyed readiness to support investor engagement



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Sund Fin hosts Customer Round Table in Salem

Salem, (UNI) In a rare and heartfelt gathering that transcended conventional industry events, Sundaram Finance hosted a special Customer Round Table here today. The event brought together a select group of its most longstanding customers — along with the next generation of their families — for an evening of reflection, learning, and emotional connection. Curated with care, this one-of-its-kind initiative was not about business pitches or product showcases. It was about people. About relationships built over decades — some even generations — rooted in mutual respect, shared values, and a deeply personal sense of trust. The Round Table served as an intimate platform to welcome the next generation of customer families into the Sundaram fold, helping them understand not just financial fundamentals, but the spirit of partnership that defines the Sundaram experience. The session was inaugurated by Mr. Kulkarni M J, National Head, Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicles - Sundaram Finance, who set the tone for the

event by reflecting on the company's legacy of walking alongside its customers through changing times. He emphasized that Sundaram's real strength lies not in numbers, but in the depth of its relationships — relationships that are nurtured quietly, consistently, and with sincerity. "We are here not just to do business, but to stand by our customers — to understand, to guide, and above all, to care. This event is a celebration of the unquestionable loyalty between Sundaram Finance and our customers — a bond that cannot be bought, only built over time with care and integrity", a company release said. In an industry where interactions are often transactional, this kind of event is virtually unheard of. What made it even more powerful was its resonance with the company's core — Sundaram was born out of the desire to serve the underserved, to offer dignity in finance to those often overlooked. Many of the families present at the Round Table began their journey with Sundaram decades ago as first-generation entrepreneurs.

OnePlus Pad 3 will make its India debut in September

New Delhi, (UNI) In a major tech move, OnePlus, a Chinese consumer electronics manufacturer headquartered in Shenzhen, announced that its OnePlus Pad 3 (latest Android Tablet) will go on sale in India from September. The OnePlus Pad 3 features the latest functionalities, including the Snapdragon 8 Elite Chipset, with a capacity of up to 16 GB of RAM (Random Access Memory). This device offers 52GB of storage, seamless charging support, and high



battery efficiency, the company said in a release. This device has an advanced design with vertically shaped camera islands compared to the circular rear camera module of its predecessors. OnePlus Pad 3 has a Qualcomm Snapdragon 8 Elite Processor paired with the capacity of LPDDR5T. LPDDR5T or Low Power Double Data Rate 5 Turbo refers

to the latest generation of low-power memory for mobile devices. It provides a noticeable boost in your gadget's performance, the press release said. Moreover, the Pad 3 model has a 13MP rear camera with LED flash capabilities. Users can also experience an 8MP front-facing shooter for video calls and occasional selfies, it said. Similar to its predecessor, Pad 2, this model also has a suite of multi-tasking features, including open canvas, multi-device connectivity, and others.

ED summons Google & Meta officials for questioning under PMLA Act

New Delhi, (UNI): The ED or Enforcement Directorate issued a legal notice to tech giants Google and Meta in an illegal betting probe. ED summoned representatives from both companies to appear at its Delhi headquarters on July 21 2025. The Enforcement Directorate is a law enforcement agency of the Government of India. It is a watchdog of economic laws and combat financial crimes. The Enforcement Directorate alleged that both Google and Meta platforms played an important role in promoting the betting apps, which are under observation for financial crimes. The Enforcement Directorate is going to question these two tech giants due to the accusation of hawala transactions and violations of the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering) Act.

Reliance Industries Ltd Posts Q1 FY26 Consolidated Profit Of Rs 26,994 Crore

Mumbai, (UNI) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) officially announced that it has posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 26,994 crore for the first quarter which ended in June 2025 (Q1) of the financial year 2026 (FY26), marking a sharp 78.3% rise from Rs 15,138 crore in the same period last year. Sequentially, the company's profit grew 39.1% from Rs 19,407 crore in Q4 FY25. Consolidated revenue from operations for the conglomerate stood at Rs 2,73,252 crore for the quarter, which is 6% more compared to Rs 2,57,823 crore year-on-year (Y-o-Y), according to a company statement today. Reliance Industries Limited Chairman & Managing Director Mukesh Ambani said, "Reliance has begun FY26 with a robust, all-round operational and financial performance. Consolidated EBITDA for Q1 FY26 improved strongly from a year-ago period, despite significant volatility in global macros.



During the quarter, energy markets encountered heightened uncertainty, with sharp fluctuations in crude prices. Performance was supported by improvement in fuel and downstream product margins. Natural decline in natural gas production from Krishna-Godavari D6 resulted in marginally lower EBITDA for the oil and gas segment," Mukesh Ambani said. "The company's retail business customer base expanded to 358 million and the focus is on strengthening its portfolio of our own FM-CG brands.

