

Cheteshwar Pujara bats for more sporting tracks in India

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■ New Delhi

Former cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara has called for more bowler-friendly pitches in India as he believes playing on flat decks at home is adversely impacting the Indian batters' ability to adapt to seaming conditions in countries like England. Indian batters struggled against bounce and movement, losing a T20I series to England 0-4 after being whitewashed 0-2 by lower-ranked Ireland in Belfast. The Indian batters were not lacking in form, having landed in the UK after an IPL season dominated by high-scoring matches, but struggled to adapt to a change of conditions. Pujara believes it can be avoided by simply ensuring a better balance between bat and ball in the pitches on offer here. "Even in the IPL, you don't want matches where teams can easily chase 260. There has to be something for the bowlers,"



Pujara said on 'JioStar'. "In T20 cricket, the margin for error is already very small, especially on flat pitches with short boundaries, while batters continue to get stronger and more innovative.

"That's why it's important to have pitches that offer bowlers a little assistance, whether through some turn or a bit of movement in the first two or three overs." Pujara also pointed out that

the Indian T20 batting group has very little white-ball experience in English conditions despite their IPL exploits.



Changes to WC formats make sense but associate teams need more: Ashwin



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Indian spin great R Ashwin on Thursday said the structural changes made to the ODI and T20 World Cup formats to include more teams make sense but for the game to become truly global, the ICC needs to add the lower rung sides into every bilateral series. Following the revamp announced by the ICC on Wednesday, the 2027 ODI World Cup will be a three-stage competition and the 2028 T20 World Cup's Super 8 phase will be expanded to accommodate 10 teams to achieve "greater context and consequence". Ashwin said the world body is planning in the right direction but needs to do more. "The ICC's changes to the fixture format for the 2027 ODI World Cup and 2028 T20 World Cup make sense from a competitiveness standpoint. But if the final goal is to grow the game, there needs to be a stronger pathway for emerging nations," Ashwin posted on 'X'. "Teams like the Netherlands, Scotland, Nepal, USA and Ireland need more meaningful matches (FOR EXAMPLE: getting added as the third team into every bilateral series), not just qualification tournaments. "Let's not forget, that collective growth will make this sport a spectacle at the

Olympics," he added. His views align with the demand for more meaningful games by teams like Nepal and Scotland who showed spark in the T20 World Cup earlier this year. The 2027 ODI World Cup in South Africa will feature 14 teams as planned before, up from the 10 in the previous edition, but the governing body has added a Super Series round prior to the 'Group round' and a Super 7 stage before the semifinals in its bid to spice up the competition. The teams that would qualify 12th to 14th for the tournament will play the Super Series round and the top finisher will progress to round two of the competition that will see six teams divided into two groups. Top three teams from each group plus the next highest placed team across both groups will qualify for the Super 7 stage instead of the Super 6 planned earlier. Four best-placed teams from the Super 7 stage will then progress to the semifinals. For the T20 showpiece in Australia and New Zealand in 2028, the ICC has decided to try Super 10 instead of Super 8 after the Group stage. Five groups of four teams will be created and the top two from each will enter the Super 10. Instead of top two teams from each Super 8 group making the semifinals in the last edition, only the one that tops the table in each group enters the last four.

Sindhu stuns Han Ye to enter Japan Open quarterfinals



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Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu produced one of her best performances of the season to outclass world Number 5 Han Yue of China in straight games and storm into the quarterfinals of the Japan Open Super 750 badminton tournament on Thursday. The world Number 10 Indian needed just 35 minutes to register a com-

manding 21-16, 21-14 win over the higher-ranked Chinese shuttler in their second-round contest. After a sluggish start, the unseeded Sindhu found her rhythm midway through the opening game, striking the shuttle cleanly and dictating the rallies to take the lead. The former world champion then completely dominated the second game, racing to an 8-0 advantage before comfortably sealing the contest. With the

victory, Sindhu improved her head-to-head record against Han to 8-1. The 31-year-old will next face familiar rival Nozomi Okuhara of Japan, who received a walkover after top seed An Se-young of South Korea withdrew from their second-round match. Sindhu is now India's lone survivor in the tournament after the mixed doubles pair of Tanisha Crasto and Dhruv Kapila bowed out in the pre-quarterfinals.

Brar handed warning, demerit point for breaching ICC Code of Conduct

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA ■ Dubai

India pacer Gurnoor Brar has been handed a warning and a demerit point for throwing the ball in an "inappropriate and dangerous" manner during the first ODI against England in Birmingham. Gurnoor Brar was found guilty of breaching Article 2.9 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which is a Level 1 offence. "In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to Brar's disciplinary record, for whom it was a first offence in a 24-month period," an ICC statement read. The incident occurred in the eighth over of England's innings, when Brar picked up the ball while fielding and threw it towards the batter in an "inappropriate and dangerous manner." India won the match by six wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. Brar admitted the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by match referee, Richie Richardson of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees and, as such, there was no need for a formal hearing. On-field umpires Kumar Dharmasena and Mike Burns, third umpire Sam Nogajski, and fourth official Russell Warren levelled the charge.



Level 1 breaches carry a minimum penalty of an official reprimand, a maximum penalty of 50 per cent of a player's match fee, and one or two demerit points.

WC glory needs collective effort: Sardar

HIMANK NEGI ■ New Delhi

Former India captain Sardar Singh believes the national men's hockey team has gained confidence at just the right time but success at next month's World Cup and the Asian Games after that will depend on consistent team effort instead of individual brilliance. India head into the World Cup, beginning August 14, after an encouraging finish in the FIH Pro League, which was otherwise shaping up to be quite disappointing.



Craig Fulton's side recovered from a poor start to beat reigning world champions Germany and Olympic champions the Netherlands during the European leg before stretching England in closely-fought contests, prompting the coach to declare that India can beat any team if they stick to their game plan.

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नगर सं.-50-S/LP/2026 Dated 16.07.2026
Senior Divisional Materials Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad-244001 for and behalf of the president of India, Invites Bids through E- procurement system for the supply of the below item.

S. Bid N. No.	Description	Qty. (in Meter)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Estimated Value (in Rs.)	Due Date
1. GEM/2026 /B/7699987	ISI marked 4 core 70 sqmm LT cable with Aluminium EC grade conductor, XLPE Insulated PVC outer sheathed, Galvanized steel strip armoured, Suitable for Voltage 1100 V conforming to IS 7098 Part -1 or latest. Detailed specification as per attached Annexure A.	=21700 Meter	1.69,000	84,49,980/- Rs.	06.08.2026 11:00 AM
Total Qty		21700 Meter			

NOTE :- Above Bid with detailed description are upload on Gerni website i.e www.gem.gov.in. The firm who desires to participate against E-Bid are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which they would require to have a Class III digital signature certificate from certifying agencies authorized under IT Act 2000 by Govt. of India. Manual offers against E-Bid shall not be accepted. 2458/26

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Tender No. Date	114-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026	115-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026	123-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026	124-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026
Name of work	Zone work General annual works at repair works at staff quarters from km 1186 to 1235 including wood and road work for 2026-27 in the section of SSE/W/RAC under ADEN/SPN.	Zone work General annual works at service building from km 1186 to 1235 including wood and road work for 2026-27 in the section of SSE/W/RAC under ADEN/SPN.	Zone work from km 1235-1284 (SPN-TSA Stations) for General work in residential buildings for year 2026-2027 in the section of SSE/W/SPN under ADEN/SPN	Zone work from km 1235-1284 (SPN-TSA Stations) for General work in service buildings for year 2026-2027 in the section of SSE/W/SPN under ADEN/SPN
Tender Closing Date Time	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs
Advertised Value (Rs.)	99,99,978.28	79,99,839.28	1,34,96,766.51	1,09,99,145.44
Earnest Money (Rs.)	2,00,000.00	1,60,000.00	2,70,000.00	2,20,000.00
Bidding Start Date	27.07.2026	27.07.2026	27.07.2026	27.07.2026
Validity of Offer (Days)	60 Days	60 Days	60 Days	60 Days
Period of Completion	12 Months	12 Months	12 Months	12 Months

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Tender No. Date	110-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026	113-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026	117-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026	118-DRM-MB-26-27 DATE 16.07.2026
Name of Work	Zone No. 3 from Km 1327 to 1381 (DAN to MPH Stations) for General Work in Service Buildings for year 2026-27 under ADEN/BE.	Zone No. 4 from Km 1327 to 1381 (DAN to MPH Stations) for General Work in Residential Buildings for year 2026-27 under ADEN/BE.	Zone No. 1 from Km 1284 to 1327 (PMR to BTO Stations) for General Work in Service Buildings for year 2026-27 under ADEN/BE.	Zone No. 2 from Km 1284 to 1327 (PMR to BTO Stations) for General Work in Residential Buildings for year 2026-27 under ADEN/BE.
Tender Closing Date Time	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs.	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs.	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs.	10.08.2026 at 16:00 Hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	89,99,513.84	89,99,812.61	1,09,99,706.25	1,09,99,927.84
Earnest Money (Rs.)	1,80,000.00	1,80,000.00	2,20,000.00	2,20,000.00
Bidding Start Date	27.07.2026	27.07.2026	27.07.2026	27.07.2026
Validity of Offer (Days)	60 Days	60 Days	60 Days	60 Days
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SALE OF SECURED IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER SARFAESI ACT

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the "Act") read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Mortgagor(s)/Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to Grihumb Housing Finance Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Secured Creditor" as per the Act), the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the Act read with Rules 8 and 9 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rule pursuant to notice under section 13(2) of the Act.

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PROPOSAL NO. CUSTOMER NAME (A)	DEMAND NOTICE DATE AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT (B)	NATURE OF POSSE- SION (C)	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (D)	RESERVE PRICE (E)	EMD (10% OF RF) (F)	END SUBMISSION DATE (G)	INCREMENTAL BID (H)	PROPERTY INSPECTION DATE/TIME (I)	DATE AND TIME OF AUCTION (J)	KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES/CASES IF ANY (K)
LOAN NO. LAP017320000000 5042834 & LAP017320000000 5022416 PRAVINORA KUMAR (BORROWER) RENU W O PRAVINORA KUMAR (CO BORROWER)	Notice date: 11-11-2025 Total Dues:-Rs. 12,25,991.00/- (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One Only) which includes Outstanding of 39,76,36.00/- in LAP0173200000005042834 & 82,83,55.00/- in LAP0173200000005022416- (I) payable as on 11-11-2025 along with interest @18.35 % & 18.35% p.a. till the realization.	Physical	All The Piece And Parcel Of Part Of Plot No. 5, Kharsa Number: 22 With Measurements As Follows: East: 18 Feet, West: 18 Feet, North: 35 Feet, South: 35 Feet, And Total Area 630 Square Feet (I.E., 58.55 Square Meters). Located in Village Sultanpur Najri, Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil And District. Handwar To The East: 20-Foot Wide Road, To The West: Plot No. 6, To The North: Remaining Part Of Plot No. 5, To The South: Plot No. 7.	Rs. 1323000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Twenty Three Thousand Only)	Rs. 132300/- (Rupees One Lacs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred Only)	17-08-2026 Before 5 PM	10,000/-	10-08-2026 (11 AM 4 PM)	18-08-2026 (11 AM 2 PM)	NIL
LOAN NO. HL00691100000005 952877 VIRENDRA SINGH (BORROWER) USHA DEVI (CO BORROWER)	Notice date: 09-03-2026 Total Dues:-Rs. 2,22,165/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Five Only) payable as on 09-03-2026 along with interest @14.1% p.a. till the realization.	Physical	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Land Situated At Village Himmatpur Andheriya, Pargana (Bhawan Chetiyal) Tehsil Ramnagar Dist. Nainital Having Its Kharsa No.19/1mm, Admeasuring Area In East-45ft, In West-45ft & North-17ft, In South-17ft Total Area 765.Sq.Ft. Boundary On East By:- Land Of Deventi Devi On West By:- Land Of Ramesh Arora On North By:- Rasta 5ft Wide On South By:- Rasta 22ft Wide	Rs. 2047500/- (Rupees Twenty Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 204750/- (Rupees Two Lacs Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)	17-08-2026 Before 5 PM	10,000/-	10-08-2026 (11 AM 4 PM)	18-08-2026 (11 AM 2 PM)	NIL

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