

Sports news

1. Rohit Sharma named new T20I captain; Kohli, Bumrah rested for New Zealand series, Hardik axed



NEW DELHI: Rohit Sharma was on Tuesday officially anointed India's new T20 captain replacing Virat Kohli, who has been rested from the three-match series against New Zealand starting November 17 in Jaipur.

The new-look team also has IL's highest run-getter Ruturaj Gaikwad and top wicket-taker Harshal Patel in the squad of 16 along with Venkatesh Iyer, who is seen as a potential all-round replacement for the injury-ravaged Hardik Pandya. Pandya has been dropped from the squad after failing to make an impact during the T20 World Cup. Ruturaj has already played for India in the Sri Lanka series.

2. Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs to clinch fourth IPL title



DUBAI: Mahendra Singh Dhoni played his part to perfection in an extraordinary script as he led [Chennai Super Kings](#) to their fourth Indian Premier League title, outwitting [Kolkata Knight Riders](#) by 27 runs in a one-sided final on Friday. As the final delivery was bowled, the old 'Band Master' had that lingering smile at the far corner of his lips having orchestrated his 'Men', who knows maybe one last time.

3. Cristiano Ronaldo saves Manchester United again as Bayern Munich, Juventus reach Champions League knockout



PARIS: Cristiano Ronaldo scored another late goal to rescue Manchester United in the Champions League on Tuesday, as his former club Juventus and Bayern Munich both secured qualification for the last 16 with two group games to spare. Ronaldo fired in from the edge of the box a minute into injury time to snatch United a 2-2 draw with Atalanta in Italy and keep them on course to qualify from Group F. The competition's all-time top scorer had earlier cancelled out Josip Ilicic's opener to equalise at the end of a slick team move in first-half stoppage time. However, having lost Raphael Varane to injury before that, United went behind again in the 56th minute when Duvan Zapata ran through, evading Harry Maguire before slotting in. The goal was initially disallowed for offside before being given after a VAR review, but Ronaldo thwarted the hosts again with his ninth goal in 11 appearances since returning to Old Trafford and his record-extending 139th goal in the competition.

Political news

1. Rahul Gandhi urges Congress workers to help rain-hit people in Kerala



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday asked Congress workers to help the people affected by heavy rains in Kerala. Gandhi, who is Lok Sabha MP from Wayanad in Kerala, also asked those affected to follow safety guidelines.

"Our brothers and sisters in Kerala are braving heavy rains. I appeal to Congress workers to help in every way possible. Please take care and follow all safety guidelines," he said on Twitter.

Heavy rains continue to lash parts of Kerala on Monday affecting Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Kottayam districts the most, resulting in the death of three people and widespread damage to property. The India Meteorological Department has issued an alert for the districts of Ernakulam, Idukki, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasarago.

2. Ex-Goa CM Faleiro is AITC candidate for Rajya Sabha seat bypoll in Bengal



The Trinamool Congress will field Luizinho Faleiro, the former Goa chief minister who joined the party a month and half ago, as its candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha bypoll in Bengal.

Faleiro will also be Trinamool's face in the Goa assembly elections next year, party leaders said.

Bengal's ruling party is trying to get a foothold in the coastal state. Trinamool supremo Mamata Banerjee has appointed MP Mahua Moitra as the party's state in charge of Goa.

Faleiro, a former Congress leader, is likely to file his nomination for the Rajya Sabha poll at the Bengal state assembly by Tuesday, the last date for filing nomination. Voting is scheduled for November 29.

Faleiro joined the Trinamool Congress on September 29, along with nine other leaders in Kolkata, and was appointed the party's national vice-president on October 22.

World/International news

1. Covid: Austria introduces lockdown for unvaccinated



About two million people who have not been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 have been placed in lockdown in Austria as the country faces a surge in cases. "We are not taking this step lightly, but unfortunately it is necessary," Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg said.

Unvaccinated people will only be allowed to leave home for limited reasons, like working or buying food.

About 65% of Austria's population is fully vaccinated - one of the lowest rates in Western Europe.

Meanwhile, the seven-day infection rate is more than 800 cases per 100,000 people, which is one of the highest in the region.

Overall, Europe has again become the area most seriously affected by the pandemic and several countries are introducing restrictions and warning of rising cases.

However, the UK, which has one of the highest Covid infection rates, has yet to reintroduce restrictions, despite health leaders calling for rules like mandatory face coverings in crowded and enclosed spaces to be brought back to avoid a winter crisis.

The measures introduced in Austria on Monday, which come amid growing pressure on the nation's hospitals, will initially last for 10 days.

Children under the age of 12 and people who have recently recovered from the virus will be exempt.

2.Kabul airport attack kills 60 Afghans, 13 US troops



KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two suicide bombers and gunmen attacked crowds of Afghans flocking to Kabul's airport Thursday, transforming a scene of desperation into one of horror in the waning days of an airlift for those fleeing the Taliban takeover. The attacks killed at least 60 Afghans and 13 U.S. troops, Afghan and U.S. officials said.

The U.S. general overseeing the evacuation said the attacks would not stop the United States from evacuating Americans and others, and flights out were continuing. Gen. Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command, said there was a large amount of security at the airport, and alternate routes were being used to get evacuees in. About 5,000 people were awaiting flights on the airfield, McKenzie said.

The blasts came hours after Western officials warned of a major attack, urging people to leave the airport. But that advice went largely unheeded by Afghans desperate to escape the country in the last few days of an American-led evacuation before the U.S. officially ends its 20-year presence on Aug. 31.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the killings on its Amaq news channel. The IS affiliate in Afghanistan is far more radical than the Taliban, who recently took control of the country in a lightning blitz. The Taliban were not believed to have been involved in the attacks and condemned the blasts.

In an emotional speech from the White House, U.S. President Joe Biden said the latest bloodshed would not drive the U.S. out of Afghanistan earlier than scheduled, and that he had instructed the U.S. military to develop plans to strike IS.

“We will not forgive. We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay,” Biden said.

U.S. officials initially said 11 Marines and one Navy medic were among those who died. Another service member died hours later. Eighteen service members were wounded and officials warned the toll could grow. More than 140 Afghans were wounded, an Afghan official said.

Entertainment

1. KBC 13 promo: Amitabh Bachchan puts students on the spot as he asks questions worth 1 cr



It is the Students Special week of [Kaun Banega Crorepati 13](#) and host [Amitabh Bachchan](#) will quiz young children. In the promo, we see an aspiring future entrepreneur and technopreneur, among other determined students. Two kids state their ambition and the change they want to bring to humanity.

One child, who aspires to become a technopreneur, says, “I want to innovate for humanity.” Another girl says, “Next Aryabhat moment. If I can do it, I will.” Throughout the promo Big B says, “They’re ahead of time and thinking. India’s future lies in the hands of those who can create a storm in the country with their skills and craft.” At the end of the promo, Bachchan is seen quizzing the children, for 1 crore points, while they rack their brains.

The official [Sony](#) TV account shared the video with the caption, “Bachpan se milinge Mr Bachchan #KaunBanegaCrorepati ke Student’s Special week mein, Kal raat, 15 nov. se raat baje, sirf Sony par.”

2. Special Ops 1.5, Family Man, Bard of Blood: All spy dramas ranked, from worst to best



For years and years, we were starved of [good spy thrillers](#) on the big screen. If the West had the glamorous Bond and his gadgets and gritty Jason Bourne and his rather fantastic espionage dramas, what India had were cheap clones at best. What started as a trickle on the

big screen in the last decade or so (here's looking at Agent Vinod, Baby, Naam Shabana and more) turned into a deluge once streaming platforms came in.

Now, most of the spies that we see on OTT are less Bond-esque and more the brains behind the scene who are not afraid to get their hands dirty once in a while. To use the dialogue of Richard Burton's agent Alec Leamas from the 1965 film *The Spy Who Came In From The Cold*, "What the hell do you think spies are? Model philosophers measuring everything they do against the word of God or Karl Marx? They're not. They're just a bunch of seedy, squalid b*stards like me, civil servants playing cowboys and Indians to brighten up their rotten little lives."

As Kay Kay Menon's Himmat Singh — cast in the same mould — takes over our screens again in **Special Ops 1.5**, here's a ranking of all spy dramas, from worst to best, that we have seen on streaming platforms.

Weather Forecast

1. Cyclone Jawad May Form Over Bay of Bengal Coming Week! Models Vary; Andhra Pradesh, Odisha Under Alert



Last month, back to back cyclones—Gulab and Shaheen—swept through the North Indian Ocean, drenching the subcontinent with bountiful rains. Over the past one

week, two post-monsoon low-pressure systems formed over the Bay of Bengal and resulted in incessant heavy rainfall across Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala.

Now, yet another low-pressure system has emerged near the central Andaman Sea. As per the forecasts, the system will concentrate into a depression by Wednesday (November 17) and intensify further. The question is, will it intensify into the **fifth cyclone of the year** or not?

Alert for Andhra Pradesh and Odisha

On Saturday morning, a fresh low-pressure area formed over the south Andaman Sea and adjoining Thailand coast. The system will likely move west-northwestwards and concentrate into a well-marked low-pressure over the north Andaman Sea and adjoining the southeast Bay of Bengal, says India Meteorological Department (IMD) bulletin. It is expected to continue in the same direction, intensify further into a depression, and reach the Andhra Pradesh coast by Thursday, November 18.

Under its influence, **very heavy rains** are expected along Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coasts on Thursday and Friday. Particularly, the coastal districts of East and West Godavari, Visakhapatnam, Srikakulam, Ganjam and Gajapati could start witnessing strong winds and heavy rains from November 17 onwards.

Squally wind with speed 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph is likely over the central Bay of Bengal during November 16 to 18 and commence, along and off Andhra Pradesh and south Odisha coasts from November 17, Meteorological Centre, Bhubaneswar said in a bulletin. The regional met centre advised fishers not to venture into deep-sea areas of the west-central Bay of Bengal from November 16 to 18 and along and off south Odisha coasts on November 17 and 18.

3. Chennai: No heavy rain for next four days, says IMD; CM Stalin takes stock of affected areas



Chennai, Tamil Nadu News: After nearly five days of rainfall battered the city, which according to meteorologists was five times more than normal, residents can now breathe a sigh of relief as the intensity of rain is likely to be less for the next four days.

However, Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli districts of Tamil Nadu are likely to receive heavy rainfall today and tomorrow (November 14 and 15).

Mayiladutharai, Nagapattinam, Karaika, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai and Salem are likely to receive isolated heavy rainfalls on Sunday.

On Saturday, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin visited rain-affected regions for the seventh consecutive day to provide relief measures. The CM commenced his assessment from Kurunjipadi Panchayat Union in Cuddalore district and later visited Adoor Agaram as well as the tsunami residential colony in Tharangampadi and Kesavanpalayam. He distributed rice, blankets and essentials to the affected people and also house-site pattas worth Rs 5.22 lakh to 18 Adi Dravidar families, PTI reported. Meanwhile, a 65-year-old man, who runs a children's home in Tamil Nadu's Cuddalore district, **has been arrested** on charges of sexually harassing minor children, Aladi police said. The accused, identified as Jesudass Raja, also serves as the correspondent of a private school at Virudachalam in the district.