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Indian players celebrate with the trophy after beating South Africa by 7 runs in the ICC Mens T20 World Cup 2024 final match at Kensington Oval in Barbados on Saturday.

After 17 years, India revel in T20 Cricket World Cup win

Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli announce retirements from T20 Internationals

DUBAI

BY SHYAM A. KRISHNA
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India regained the T20 Cricket World Cup 17 years after triumphing in the inaugural tournament. The country of 1.4 billion heaved a sigh of relief and partied into Saturday night and yesterday morning after the seven-run victory over South Africa in the final in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Ecstasy soon gave way to sadness as two Indian stalwarts

announced their retirements from Twenty20 Internationals. Virat Kohli announced his decision while receiving the Player of the Match award. Less than an hour later, Rohit Sharma, who had led India adroitly, told a press conference that he no longer will sport the India colours in T20 International fixtures.

The two retirements came in the wake of coach Rahul Dravid's decision to step down from his role at the end of the tour-

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nament. That had prompted the Indian team to launch a "Do it for Dravid" campaign, which the coach, predictably, dismissed. The World Cup is there to be won, he insisted.

India became the only unbeaten team in the competition — a first in the tournament's history — after a final of fluctuating fortunes. Kohli's caution and Axar Patel's adventurism helped rein in the early South African dominance before Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya stalled South Africa's spirited chase.

Suryakumar Yadav's incredible catch on the boundary snuffed out South Africa's hopes, setting off celebrations among Indians worldwide.

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Emirates staff set for bigger pay cheques

Benefits include 4% bump in base pay and extended leave for new parents

DUBAI

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Emirates Airline staff can expect a bigger pay cheque at the end of this month as the UAE flag carrier extended a series of perks effective today.

The new package includes a 4 per cent increase in base salary, transportation allowances, UAE national allowances, and flight crew working hours from July 1. Additionally, subsistence and accommodation allowances will be boosted by 10 to 15 per cent.

Emirates is also expanding its family leave policies.

Paid maternity leave will be extended from 60 to 90 days, and nursing breaks for new mothers will be doubled from one to two hours per day. Paternity leave will also be increased from five to 10 working days. The education support allowance will see a 10 per cent increase, effective September 1, 2024.

Record year

These changes come after a record year for Emirates that led to a bonus equivalent of 20 weeks' salary employees received earlier this year.

Emirates has also been actively expanding its workforce. In the past year, the company has added over 10,000 new employees from around the world. This is a significant rise from 102,379 employees to 112,406 employees at the end of the previous fiscal year.

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Dubai earmarks Dh25b to meet 10-year FDI goal

MOVE TO HELP EMIRATE DRAW DH650B IN FOREIGN INVESTMENTS BY 2033

DUBAI

The Dubai Executive Council yesterday approved its Foreign Direct Investment Development Programme to allocate Dh25 billion over 10 years, with the goal of attracting Dh650 billion in investments to Dubai.

Shaikh Maktoum Bin Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and First Deputy Ruler of Dubai, who chaired the council's meeting, said the new initiatives are designed to support the emirate's ambitious economic agenda and make it one of the world's top three urban economies by 2033.

"Dubai has built an integrated, unique, and inspiring economic model, featuring advanced enablers and tools to enhance decision-making, create a broad array of promising opportunities, and attract top talents and global investment," said Shaikh Maktoum.

"Dubai continues to lead in urban planning and sustainable urban mobility with residents able to access all key services through convenient, efficient and sus-

tainable transport systems. Consequently, Dubai has become one of the best places in the world to live and work."

More Metro stations

The Executive Council of Dubai also approved a plan for developing areas around Metro stations with the aim of enriching economic opportunities. The scope of the Metro station area development plan will expand from 64 stations now to 96 stations by 2030, aiming 140 stations by 2040.

Additionally, the Council approved the 'Manbar' programme, which aims to double the number of citizens working in mosques. The programme provides citizens with all the training they need, in addition to opportunities to sponsor and train students for permanent appointments.

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The council also approved the 'Ghras Al Khair' programme, which will empower content creators to promote tolerance and cultural values.



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