

COVID bursts IPL bubble KKR-RCB match postponed CSK non-playing staff also caught up

■ AGENCY
NEW DELHI: A COVID-19 outbreak left the star-sprinkled IPL on tenterhooks as Kolkata Knight Riders' Varun Chakravarthi and Sandeep Warrier tested positive for the dreaded virus, forcing postponement of their game against Royal Challengers Bangalore, while cases also came to light in the Chennai Super Kings camp.

The match, which was to be held in Ahmedabad this evening, will be rescheduled some time later during the tournament, which will conclude on May 30.

"Varun Chakravarthi and Sandeep Warrier were found to be positive in the third round of testing in the last four days. All other team members have tested negative for COVID-19," the league, which features the biggest names in international



cricket, said in a press release.

Apart from this, Chennai Super Kings CEO Kasi Viswanathan, bowling coach L Balaji and a bus cleaner with the contingent tested positive on Sunday. A top BCCI official, after declaring all three cases to be "false positives", later clarified that Balaji along with the unnamed cleaner had come out positive even in the repeat test.

"Three members of CSK

contingent, CEO Kasi, bowling coach L Balaji and a bus driver had tested positive in the morning followed by negative Rapid Antigen test report," the source said.

"However second RT-PCR report found Balaji and bus driver positive again. The others in the team especially playing members have tested negative," he added.

CSK, currently based in Delhi, suspended their training for the day and are scheduled to face Rajasthan

Royals on May 5. The team had been hit by COVID cases even in the 2020 edition which was held in the UAE.

There was cause of concern in Delhi too as a few groundsmen at the Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium, which is due to host Mumbai Indians vs SunRisers Hyderabad on Tuesday, have also tested positive for the virus.

However, Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) chief Rohan Jaitley asserted that "none of the groundsmen on duty" are among them.

The BCCI continued to insist that the league will go on but Monday's developments have definitely cast a shadow on how the COVID-19 threat would be managed for an event being staged across six venues -- two at one time.

Leg-spinner Chakravarthi and pacer Warrier, both 30, have been isolated and the rest of the KKR contingent has returned negative reports for now. Of the two, Warrier has not yet made the playing XI in any of the seven matches KKR have played.

"The Medical Team is in continuous touch with the duo and are monitoring their health. Meanwhile, the Kolkata Knight Riders have now moved towards a daily testing routine to identify any other possible cases and treat them at the earliest," the IPL stated.

"The Medical Team is also determining the close and casual contacts of the two positive cases during the 48 hours prior to collection of the sample that returned the positive test results," it added.

Contract for 650-bedded Army Hospital: DB dismisses appeal challenging termination of tender

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: In a LPA filed by M/s Vijeta Projects & Infrastructure Ltd against judgment of Writ Court whereby the Court has dismissed petition of petitioner challenging cancellation of contract of construction of a 650-bedded hospital at Northern Command. A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir High Court comprising Chief Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Rajnesh Oswal, while dismissing appeal, observed that as contract in the case at hand was purely of a civil nature between a private individual and the State was not acting in any statutory capacity, the writ court rightly held that it was not having any public law character and was not in domain of public law. There is no dispute to the fact that the agreement vide Clause 70 provided for Oresolution of disputes through arbitration.

During the course of hearing, Sr Adv Pinaki Misra submitted that aforesaid clause is illusory in nature as it limits invocation of the same only after the contract work is completed through some other agency. DB after hearing Sr. Adv Pinaki Misra for appellant whereas ASGI Vishal Sharma for the Union of India, observed that agreement does provide for an alternative remedy of arbitration and complete reading of the arbitration clause reveals that aforesaid remedy can be invoked as soon as respondents award a fresh contract for purposes of completing the balance work and appellant need not to wait till completion of the contract for invoking the arbitration. The

appellant having waited since March 2019 can certainly wait for some more time to get the matter adjudicated through arbitration, as the respondents very fairly submitted that they would be finalizing the contract for the remaining work without wasting any time at the earliest which could not be done earlier due to this litigation. Moreover, arbitration happens to be a complete remedy for redressal of all grievances of the parties which can be settled or adjudicated on the basis of evidence including that of summary proceedings.

DB further observed that the other point, which arose for consideration before the writ court was whether the termination of contract vide order dated March 18, 2019 is illegal or unjustified.

The court has categorically concluded that the contract had been terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement and that there was no arbitrariness in such termination. The slow pace of work or the delay in completing construction work, which is one of the main factor for terminating the contract, was more or the less attributable to appellant as the appellant in various meetings, admitted the same. The alleged deviations were within the four corners of the agreement and were not the major ones. The issue whether the deviations exceeded the permissible limit of 10 per cent to classify them as major deviations, is certainly a question of fact dependent upon the evidence which could not have been looked into and adjudicated upon by writ court in exercise of its extra ordinary

power.

DB observed that thus, in overall facts and circumstances, there is no error or illegality on part of the writ court in refusing to entertain the writ petition both on the ground that it is not a case which warrants exercise of extraordinary jurisdiction and that there is no ex-facie illegality in the termination of contract leaving it to be adjudicated upon by appropriate forum on the basis of evidence without prejudice to any observations or finding recorded by the High Court in the writ petition or in this Letters Patent Appeal.

Briefly stated, the facts necessary for the disposal of the instant appeal are that the appellant was awarded a contract for construction of a 650-bedded hospital along with OTM ACCN, Lift, Central AC Plant, Hot Water Supply, Fire Hydrant, Sprinkler System, Fire Alarm System and External Service for a Command Hospital, Northern Command, Udhampur and Contract Agreement No. CEUZ/UDH/09/2010-11 dated January 27, 2011 was executed. Time period for the execution of the work was 27 months commencing from February 10, 2011. It is the case of the appellant that after the site was handed over to the appellant on February 10, 2011, the appellant started the construction work of the hospital and during the course of execution of the work, due to number of changes in the scope of work as well as in the goods to be consumed by the appellant, the pace of the execution of the work was severely affected.

Indian Archer Talukdar admitted to ICU after testing positive for COVID-19

■ AGENCY
GUWAHATI: Former Olympian and World Cup gold medalist Jayanta Talukdar was being treated in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for low oxygen count a week after he was diagnosed with COVID-19, his father Ranjan Talukdar said.

"His oxygen level had started plummeting to 92-mark so was shifted to ICU yesterday. He is doing fine with an oxygen cylinder but the level drops the moment it's removed," Talukdar senior told PTL.

He was hospitalised to the Kalapahar Covid Care Hospital on May 27, his father added.

The 35-year-old product of Tata Archery Academy had returned to his hometown about a month ago after he failed to make the cut for the Olympic-bound India team and possibly contracted the virus from his doctor wife.

"His wife first got the infection but she has now recovered. Possibly from her Jayanta got the infection," the senior Talukdar said.

He further said they live in a faraway place and they were doing fine after taking the first jab of COVID-19 vaccine.

The 2012 London Olympian had achieved his career best world number two ranking after winning back to back individual World Cup gold medals in the stage one (Porec) and stage two (Croatia) of the World Cup in 2006.

He also won an individual bronze medal at the New Delhi Commonwealth Games 2010 and was a key member of the Indian side with Rahul Banerjee, Tarundeep Rai and Mangal Singh Champia who had become world number one in the build up to the London Olympics.

Varun Warrier doing fine KKR on course for their next IPL match Mysore

■ AGENCY
AHMEDABAD: Kolkata Knight Riders duo of Varun Chakravarthi and Sandeep Warrier are doing "fine" and the team is hopeful of returning to action for their next IPL game once the quarantine phase is over, said CEO and MD Venky Mysore.

About seven hours before the start, the IPL match between KKR and Royal Challengers Bangalore had to postponed on Monday after the KKR duo tested positive.

"Difficult times, but I'm happy to report that both Varun and Sandeep are doing well," Mysore told host broadcasters Star Sports.

"We have taken all the precautions that are necessary and have been advised by the medical teams of IPL and KKR and also getting appropriate advice from outside on what the right thing to do is.

"Sandeep, in particular, is

doing fine. No temperature, no other symptoms, and he is feeling good. Varun is still a little under the weather, but better than yesterday and both of them are in good spirits."

While the duo tested positive, the rest of the KKR contingent has returned negative.

Now as per protocol, the entire team and the hotel staff are being quarantined for five days with a daily testing schedule ahead of their next match against Delhi Capitals here on May 8.

"The target completion date of this five-day with this daily testing is May 6," said Mysore when asked if KKR will be eligible to be back in action as soon as the quarantine phase is over.

"We should be able to get the results sometime later in the day on May 6 which means that potentially we could even get out that evening for a practice subject to what the

coaches want to do and then get ready for 7th and 8th depending on when the rescheduled games would potentially take place."

Mysore said they found out approximately 24 hours ago about Varun testing positive and later in the night they got Warrier's result.

He said the duo was soon isolated on a different floor with different AC ducts to "make sure others are protected."

KKR owner Shah Rukh Khan also caught up on a video call to take stock of how everyone was feeling within the camp. With five defeats from seven matches, KKR are staring at an early elimination for a third season in row but Mysore was optimistic and drew a parallel with their 2014 triumphant season under their two-time IPL winning skipper Gautam Gambhir.

Not letting us get back home is a disgrace, commentator Slater lambasts Aus PM Morrison

■ AGENCY
NEW DELHI: Cricketer-turned-commentator Michael Slater, who is currently doing commentary in the IPL here, has launched a scathing attack on his country's Prime Minister Scott Morrison for not allowing its citizens to return from COVID-19 hit India, calling the travel ban a "disgrace".

Australia has shut its borders and not allowing any commercial flights from India because of the massive COVID-19 surge here which has led to all the players, support staff and commentators, who might have wanted to leave the IPL in a fix.

The government has made it clear that Australians who are engaged in the IPL will have to make their own arrangements.

"If our Government cared for the safety of Aussies they would allow us to get home. It's a disgrace!! Blood on your hands PM. How dare you treat us like this. How about you sort out quarantine system. I had government permission to work on the IPL but I now have government neglect," Slater tweeted.

Threatening a five-year jail term or hefty fine, the Australian government temporarily barred its citizens from entering the country if they happened to be in India within 14 days of their intended arrival.

The decision was announced after a meeting of the National Cabinet last Friday and came into force from Monday.

The move aims at keeping the COVID-19 spread in check in Australia as India is facing a surge in cases.

No charter flight for Australia players at this moment, CA Chief Hockley

■ AGENCY
MELBOURNE: Cricket Australia currently has no plans to arrange a charter flight to bring its players back home from COVID-19-ravaged India once the IPL gets over, its chief Nick Hockley said on Monday.

Hockley insisted that Australian players are feeling safe and secure in the IPL bio-bubble but his comments came before it emerged that two KKR players have tested positive for the dreaded virus, leading to the postponement of the franchise's game against RCB on Monday.

Australian pacer Pat Cummins' Kolkata Knight Riders teammates -- Varun Chakravarthi and Sandeep Warrier -- have returned positive tests.

Mumbai Indians batsman Chris Lynn had recently requested Cricket Australia to

arrange for a charter flight for Australia players after the tournament concludes on May 30.

"There's no suggestion at the moment of any charter flight," Hockley told Melbourne radio station SEN.

"We're working closely and talking closely with the Australian Cricketers' Association, with the players and with the BCCI to make sure everyone's okay and the people have got full information.

"We've been in touch with the players there and they are generally in good spirits. The work the BCCI has done around the (bio-secure) bubble means they are feeling safe and secure, and those we've talked to are generally planning to complete their playing commitments."

The Cricket Australia boss

said they are monitoring the situation and a decision will be made but not immediately.

"The BCCI have come out and said they understand and want to support the players in making sure they get home safely at the end.

"The tournament doesn't finish until the 30th of May, so for the moment it's monitor the situation and as we get closer to the end of the tournament we'll need to see where the situation is at," he said. The Australian government recently banned its citizens from travelling back from India, which is battling a severe second wave of the pandemic that causing thousands of daily deaths.

Australia's Adam Zampa, Andrew Tye and Kane Richardson were also part of the IPL but they flew out of India before the ban was announced.

Resurgent Mumbai Indians favourites against SunRisers Hyderabad

■ AGENCY
NEW DELHI: Back in the groove after two consecutive wins, defending champions Mumbai Indians will be firm favourites to put it past the turbulence-hit and bottom-placed SunRisers Hyderabad in an IPL game here on Tuesday.

Mumbai will enter the game after their four-wicket win over in-form Chennai Super Kings courtesy Kieron Pollard's blitzkrieg.

SunRisers, in contrast, suffered a humiliating 55-run loss to Rajasthan Royals, their sixth in seven games this season. They are also battling a transitional phase in which Kane Williamson has taken over captaincy from an out of form David Warner, leaving him disappointed.

Mumbai openers Rohit Sharma (250 runs) and Quinton De Kock (155 runs) would be itching to give the five-time champions another strong platform and also convert their starts into big scores.

Mumbai's hard-hitting middle-order has clicked in the last two games, which would be



quite pleasing for the team management. Pollard (168 runs), who blazed his way to a match-winning 87 off 34 balls in the last game, would be keen to continue from where he left.

The likes of Krunal Pandya (100 runs), Hardik Pandya (52 runs) and the flamboyant Suryakumar Yadav (173 runs) can be destructive on their day and the trio would be aiming to fire in union.

Also, it remains to be seen if Mumbai plays Ishan Kishan or Jayant Yadav in place of all-round James Neesham, who neither scored big nor was able to pick up wickets.

However, the Mumbai bowlers would need to forget

the hammering received at the hands of the CSK batsmen and start afresh.

The pace duo of Jasprit Bumrah (6 wickets) and Trent Boult (8 wickets) have been exceptional at the death and would pose a big threat to the SRH batting unit, which has been inconsistent at best.

Leg-spinner Rahul Chahar (11 wickets) has been the MI's main wicket-taker, but he would need support from Krunal, who has just three scalps.

The duo would need to keep things tight to contain the SRH batters.

Pollard, also picked up two important wickets in the last game and can fill in the role of

fifth or sixth bowler.

However, there are problems aplenty for SRH.

They are over-reliant on their top-order, especially Jonny Bairstow (248 runs), but their middle-order has faltered most often.

Against RR, they dropped Warner and opened with Manish Pandey and Jonny Bairstow, with Williamson coming in at three. If they persist with the same line-up, the three need to fire on all cylinders.

Also, the likes of Vijay Shankar (58 runs), Kedar Jadhav (40 runs), Abdul Samad (36 runs) and Mohammed Nabi (31 runs), if he plays, will have to get some runs for the side to have any chance of building a momentum.

On the bowling front, star leg-spinner Rashid Khan has been the pick of the bowlers with 10 wickets but pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar (3 wickets) and Khaleel Ahmed (4 wickets) would need to find their form too.

It remains to be seen if Sandeep Sharma plays again or

makes way for Siddharth Kaul.

Teams (From): Mumbai Indians: Rohit Sharma (C), Adam Milne, Aditya Tare, Anmolpreet Singh, Anukul Roy, Arjun Tendulkar, Chris Lynn, Dhawal Kulkarni, Hardik Pandya, Ishan Kishan, James Neesham, Jasprit Bumrah, Jayant Yadav, Kieron Pollard, Krunal Pandya, Marco Jansen, Mohsin Khan, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Piyush Chawla, Quinton De Kock (wk), Rahul Chahar, Saurabh Tiwary, Suryakumar Yadav, Trent Boult, Yuvraj Singh.

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Kane Williamson (C), David Warner, Jonny Bairstow (capt), Manish Pandey, Sreevats Goswami, Wriddhiman Saha, Priyam Gang, Vijay Shankar, Abhishek Sharma, Abdul Samad, Virat Singh, Jason Holder, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Shabbaz Nadeem, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Sandeep Sharma, Khaleel Ahmed, Siddarth Kaul, Basli Thampi, Jagadeesha Suchith, Kedar Jadhav, Muejeer-Rahman.

Match starts at 7.30 PM.

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Dated: 29-04-2021

Corrigendum 1

Subject:Extension of Critical dates of E-Tender Notice No: ENIT-01 OF 2021-22dated 06-04-2021 INVITED FOR RETREADING OF TYRES

In view of poor response ofENIT-01 OF 2021-22dated 06-04-2021 INVITED FOR RETREADING OF TYRES,the last date is here by extended upto 10-05-2021. The critical dates of the said E-NITare rescheduled as under:-

Critical Dates			
S.No	Activity	Date	Re-Scheduled Date
1.	Date of issue of tender notice	06-04-2021	----
2.	Period of downloading of tender	From 07-04-2021 at 10:00 AM to 28-04-2021 (up to 04:00 PM)	10-05-2021 (upto 4.00 P.M)
3.	Period of uploading of tender/bid	From 07-04-2021 at 10:00 AM to 28-04-2021 (up to 04:00 PM)	10-05-2021 (upto 4.00 P.M)
4	Date of deposition of Hard copy of technical bid	29-04-2021 up to 04:00 PM	10-05-2021 (upto 2.00 P.M)
5	Date and time of opening of technical bid	04-05-2021 at 02:00PM	12-05-2021 (4.00 P.M)

For any further clarification may please contact office of General Manager (P&S) JKRTC, Srinagar on phone no; 9419008181

DIP/J-496-P/21
Dated:- 03/05/2021

Sd/
Dy.General Manager (P&S),
JKRTC, Srinagar

Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer (PHE) Jai Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. 15 of 2021-22

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For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, Executive Engineer, (PHE) Jai Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu, invites tenders by e-tendering mode from the reputed/registered firms for the below mentioned work:-

S. No.	Name of work	Name of Division	Cost of document/ tender fee (In Rs.)	Bid Securing Declaration	Validity of Rates	Bid validity
1.	Repair / replacement of components of 50,000 GHP x 122m head HC pumping unit No. 02 installed at CPS Samadhian.	PHE Jai Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu	200/-	Bid Securing Declaration form as per Annexure "A".	180 days	180 days

Date of Publishing : 29-04-2021 02.00 pm.
1. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **29-04-2021 (02.00 pm).**
2. The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in> from **29-04-2021 (02.00 pm)** to **07-05-2021 (02.00 pm).**
3. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.
4. The Technical bids received shall be opened online on **08-05-2021 (02.00 pm)** or any other subsequent date in the office of Executive Engineer Jai Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu.
5. The Financial bid of the bidders shall be opened online after scrutinizing the technical bid in the office of the Executive Engineer Jai Shakti PHE Mech. Division North Jammu in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
6. Bids must be uploaded along with scanned copy of cost of tender document in the shape of e-challan / copy of receipt from treasury favouring Executive Engineer PHE Jai Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu indicating name of work by crediting the requisite charges to MH:0215 (Revenue). The original instruments in respect of cost of document, EMD in the shape of Bank Guarantee and other relevant document of L₁ bidder will be required to be submitted to the Executive Engineer PHE Jai Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu within 03 days after opening of financial bids on line. No separate intimation about opening of financial bids will be sent by this office / by the tender opening authority. In case the original documents are not submitted by the L₁ bidder within 03 days after opening of financial bid, the tender will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
7. The date and time of opening of financial bids will be notified on website <http://jktenders.gov.in> and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address.
8. The original documents when submitted by L₁ bidder for the cost of tender documents, specified in the tender document should be same as uploaded on line (Scanned copies) otherwise allotment will not be issued, the tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to participate in any further / future tendering process in the division for a period of one year.
9. Bid security of successful tenderer will have to be in form of Bank Guarantee of any scheduled bank and shall have to be valid for 180 days after last date of receipt of Bid.
10. Only such firms should submit tender, who have requisite infrastructure and workshop facility for carrying out similar type of job which may be inspected by the competent authority before awarding the job contract so as to access the working capacity of the tenderer. The workmanship and material used should be of high quality and as per the specifications of the job order / tender.

PHENM/273-75
Dated: 29-04-2021
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Dated:- 03/05/2021

Sd/
Executive Engineer
(PHE) Jai Shakti Mech. Division North Jammu