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A man's quest for his missing wife gets praise from court

In today's episode, we're looking at the case of a man whose wife went missing three years ago and whose whereabouts he's still trying to ascertain.

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**NOT ON TOP OF INDIA'S WISHLIST BUT OFFICIALS TRACK ROLL OUT, GIVE PUSH TO SIMILAR VACCINE**

India's vaccine rollout has been slow, and the government is looking for ways to improve the supply and distribution of vaccines. The country has been working on introducing a new vaccine, the COVAXIN, which is being manufactured by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the Serum Institute of India (SII). The vaccine is expected to be effective against COVID-19 and is aimed at reducing the number of hospitalizations and deaths.

**THE UP GOVERNMENT IS READY TO LISTEN AND DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS**

The Uttar Pradesh government has expressed its willingness to listen to the farmers' concerns and discuss their problems. The government has also announced several measures to support the farmers, including providing them with irrigation facilities and improving the marketing infrastructure. The government has also promised to provide financial assistance to the farmers who have been affected by the recent waves of Covid-19.

**NOT SO FAST, SAIGON**

Saigon, a major city in Vietnam, is facing a new challenge as the city tries to contain the spread of Covid-19. The government has implemented strict lockdown measures and has imposed travel restrictions to limit the movement of people. However, the virus continues to spread, and the authorities are working to find a way to control the outbreak.

**NATIONAL PROJECTS UNDERWAY BUT CONCERNS REMAIN**

The government is working on several national projects, including the declaration of the capital city as a smart city, the construction of a new airport in Lucknow, and the development of a new railway line. However, some concerns have been raised about the projects, including the lack of proper planning and the potential for environmental damage.

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**UP'S FIRST 'LOVE JHAH' ARREST: MUSLIM WOMAN WITH HINDU LINGA CAN NOT BE CONVISS**

The Uttar Pradesh government has arrested a Muslim woman for allegedly wearing a linga, a Hindu symbol, on her head. The woman was arrested under Section 143 of the Indian Penal Code for causing public nuisance. The government has stated that the arrest was made in response to protests by Hindu groups. The arrest has sparked a controversy, with many criticizing the government's decision.

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**Rahul Gandhi's resurfaced statement from 2020 reverberates in UP election campaign**

The recent statement by Rahul Gandhi, Congress's president, has resurfaced and has been used by party leaders to target the incumbent government and the ruling party in the upcoming elections. The statement, which was made in 2020, criticized the government for not addressing the issues of farmers and workers. The statement has been used by the Congress party to highlight their concerns and to create a sense of distrust among voters.
Shouvik Chakraborty gets bail in gun case

Shouvik Chakraborty was arrested on 30th September.

NCB appeals to revoke bail of comedian Bharti, husband

Mumbai: The NCB has approached the sessions court, seeking the bail of a 46-year-old Delhi-based comedian and his wife arrested in Mumbai in a drug case last month.

Shouvik’s lawyers told the court that the accused has already lost half of his business due to lockdown restrictions. They stated that they are working on the ‘conversion of the proceedings into an appeal against conviction or acquittal’.

The court on Wednesday granted bail to Shouvik, who is also a television actor, and his co-accused wife after the NCB submitted that there were no grounds to seek their remand.

NCB clears Shaikh, but has trumped charges

Mumbai: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Tuesday cleared actor Zeeshan Ayyub Shaikh of all the charges levelled against him in a drugs case. However, the NCB has booked the actor under another act for his alleged attempts to protect the main accused in the case.

A 45-year-old Oriya man and two other drug peddlers were arrested by the NCB in Mumbai on the night of September 17. The NCB alleged that Zeeshan Ayyub Shaikh, 39, who was produced before the special court in September and subsequently granted bail by the High Court in October, had ingeniously tried to shield himself from the allegations of his involvement in the drug racket.

Court denies bail to producer arrested for ‘stabling actor’

Mumbai: Express News Service

The pan-Indian sessions court on Wednesday refused bail to a choreographer-producer arrested in October for allegedly ‘stabbing’ and bribing an actor to arrest him in a case of an ‘existential crisis’.

The choreographer-producer, Vaibhav Shah, had allegedly stabbed an actor’s brother in September, had taken his mobile phone and bribed him to arrest his brother in the case, and had since been in jail.

The court noted that the accused had submitted that the accused had told the actor’s brother that he would return the money after bail was granted, but the choreographer-producer, despite this, had not furnished any bond or security to ensure his timely appearance.

The court has ordered the accused to remain in custody until November 10.

Taxi driver falls while chasing man who stole mobile phone, dies

Mumbai: Express News Service

Taxi driver Sanjay Raut was admitted to the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Bandra on Monday night after he fell from the vehicle while chasing a man who allegedly stole his mobile phone.

A taxi driver in Mumbai’s Sion was injured after he fell from his taxi while chasing a man who allegedly stole his mobile phone.

Actor-writer booked for cheating

Mumbai: Express News Service

Actor-writer Zeeshan Ayyub Shaikh was arrested on Monday for allegedly cheating a financier of Rs 1.5 crores. According to a complaint registered by the financier, the share sale contract during the year 2013-14 was made on the basis of the personal guarantees of Shaikh.

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The BEST bus transporting BEST employees and was headed to the nearby Chincholi BEST bus depot in Malad. A BEST bus driver, Milind Bansode, alleged an incident between a biker and the bus depot in Malad, however, said the study said. The incident took place Sunday morning when the vehicles were on route to the depot, reached Chincholi Naka in Malad. At the road signal there, BEST driver Milan Barode had stopped his vehicle. A biker had arrived to collect a bag from that vehicle, and the driver had refused, police said. The incident was reported to the police.

The BMB’s coastal road project involves creating 100 feet wide two-lane lines from the Princep Street Flyover at Sassoon Dock to Worli. The BMC is constructing a 10-kilometer coastal road project at a cost of Rs 2,172.53 crore. At least 1,500 houses are likely to be affected.

According to the application made by the BMC to Maharashtra Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) for seeking permission on October 13, 2017, the BMC has already reclaimed 0.3 hectares near Prayatn and 0.56 hectares near Prayatn IDA and WRL, the BMC’s representation stated. The representation stated that it will seek required permissions for the rest of the area for getting increased the distance between the BMC. The BMC has made changes done for Worli peninsula, but one aspect is that the coastal road project will be affected. The BMC also approached the Marine Liner to the Worli, the BMC’s representation stated. The BMC’s representation stated the BMC will do the required compensation for the area.

In authorizing the BMC, the Bombay High Court gave the final verdict in the case of the coastal road project, asking the BMC to present the official report. The BMC has approached the Marine Liner to the Worli for the execution of the coastal road project. The BMC has approached the Marine Liner to the Worli for the execution of the coastal road project. The BMC has approached the Marine Liner to the Worli for the execution of the coastal road project.

Seven arrested for assault on BEST employees, damage to depot in Malad

Before it hears frivolous PIL on exaggerated Covid numbers, HC asks petitioner to deposit Rs 1 lakh

Attacked by creditors, rice trader dies by suicide

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday dismissed a PIL seeking the setting aside and scaling down of the measures taken by the BMC to create a road on the Worli Peninsula. The PIL was moved by a group of rice traders who alleged that the BMC was trying to create a road on the Worli Peninsula and also tried to make a separate depot for the rice traders to store their crops.

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Despite the pandemic, Maharashtra stays ahead in industry, investments and employment creation.

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- Investment proposals worth Rs. 66,595 crore
- Unified D.C.R. in the entire State for cluster development, S.R.A. and other redevelopment schemes
- ‘Maahi Vasundhara’ initiative for environment protection and conservation
- 808-acre land in Aarey Milk Colony declared as reserved forests
- Industry status to ‘Hospitality’ to promote tourism. Number of licences reduced from 70 to 10
- ‘Mahajobs’ Portal to bridge the gap between industries and employment
- Major relief for repairs and restructuring of Cess buildings in Mumbai
- 40,000 acres of land bank reserved for new industries
- Agro-Tourism Policy – to give stimulus to the rural economy by creating Agro-based business opportunities
MUMBAI, DECEMBER 2

One agency intervening in another’s probe foreign to criminal law”, says court

MACHHILA RAJADHYAKSHA

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday said that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) can’t directly investigate the charges of sexual assault on a woman under the POCSO Act.

The court held that the ED can only conduct investigations in respect of its own case number. It also said that even if the ED opposes the complainant’s move in a court, it can’t file an application for the case registration in any other court.

The ED had contended that it was not a third party as it had preferred an application before the court. The court, however, said that it did not agree with the ED’s submission.

“Such an opposition is not acceptable as the ED is not in a position to file an application in another court,” the court said.

The court also informed that it would be passing a similar order in another matter also.

Amit Chakravarty, ED of the Enforcement Directorate, had approached the court seeking permission to investigate sexual assault charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

ED had contended that the complainant, a woman, had moved the ED for investigation under the POCSO Act but the ED couldn’t intervene as it did not have jurisdiction.

In this matter, it is understood that separate investigations are being conducted by the ED and the Mumbai Police.

High drama in Congress meet, Nitin Raut targets Thorat

SANDEEP ASHAR

The SC leader also accused Thackeray of “cooking up” the controversy of the Maharashtra cabinet expansion. The SC leader said that Thackeray was preparing to expand the cabinet only after the Governor has given the nod.

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As per the SC lawyer, if an action is foreseen by the ED, the action should also be taken in the court. The court, however, said that it did not agree with the ED’s submission.

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Sheetal Amte case: Probe to see if death was by suicide or accident

Jalylt Shivar caused massive ecological damage, says expert

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#### 'Liquidity, one-time payment of FRP may pose issues'

**VIVEK DESPANDE**

NAGPUR: December 2

For many years, sugar mills were waiting for the one-time payment of the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) and thereby suffering from financial difficulties. As per the Fair and Remunerative Price (Amendment) Act 2017, the mills had been given an option to pay the farmers of the earlier crop season (2011-12) the FRP within the stipulated period itself or pay the amount would be paid later.

However, the mills have been facing financial problems due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has affected the sugar market.
five ministers in JK district polls: 'can't wait definitely'

Improving women representation in judiciary, justices' AG to SC

The nationalistic approach to the representation of women in the judiciary has been criticised.

The government has decided to introduce a new bill in the Lok Sabha to increase the representation of women in the judiciary.

The bill aims to increase the number of women judges in the high courts to 10% by 2022 and in the Supreme Court to 7% by 2023.

The bill also provides for the appointment of women as judges on a priority basis and for the creation of new judicial positions to accommodate the increase in the number of women judges.

The bill is expected to be discussed in the Lok Sabha in the near future.

The move comes in response to growing concerns about the under-representation of women in the judiciary.

According to a recent study by the Supreme Court's Women Judges Committee, the number of women judges in the high courts has remained stagnant at around 6% for the past decade.

The study also found that women were under-represented in senior positions such as chief justices and judges on the bench.

The government has been under pressure to take action to address these issues and to ensure that women are fairly represented in the judiciary.

The introduction of the new bill is a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done to ensure that women are given equal opportunities to enter the legal profession and to advance through the ranks in the judiciary.

The bill is expected to be introduced in the Lok Sabha in the coming days and will be debated in the House in the near future.
State governments have issued orders mandating the suspension of cinepolicies in the state's 117 districts. After the government announced the suspension of cinema halls, officials from various departments and the Film Federation, which represents the film industry, have been discussing the situation. Officials from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Culture have also been consulted.

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Forced to flee by Naxals, kind of cops ask: Will we ever return?

The village that they wouldn't be able to return to even after studying and getting a job under the government.

One day, during one of the many night raids, the 45-year-old man was taken away. His wife, who was present, was shocked on hearing the news. When the news reached her, she was filled with pride.

Some distance away stands the hill station of Danewada. A small village of about 700 residents, it is known for its beautiful natural scenery.

The house on the outskirts of the village was built four months ago. It was designed by the same architect who designed the house for the couple.

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In UK, examining world’s first ‘foul air death’

Illness and death

The first death, Ella Adoo-Kissi-Debrah, was recorded in 2013. She died of an asthma attack at the age of five. Her death sparked a public health crisis and led to a criminal case against the government for negligence.

The second inquest

An inquest is set for Monday which will continue for approximately 10 weeks, and will consider whether an asthma attack or contributed to her death, and how pollution levels were measured.

Outcome and implications

The inquest is expected to report on the cause of Ella’s death on December 7, and could potentially lead to legal action against the government. The findings could also have implications for future air quality regulations and policies.

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In examining world’s first ‘foul air death’, the UK’s criminal justice system is putting the burden of proof on the government.

The importance of Suvedan Adhikari — to the TMC and to the BJP

ADHIKARI, 50, was TMC’s crucial leader in the 2011 elections, when he switched to the party from the BJP. He was a key figure in Nandigram agitation.

Nandigram and after

1996: Adhikari’s brother Sisir Adhikari was elected to the state Assembly in Tollygunge constituency.

2004: Adhikari won Tollygunge Assembly seat in the state Assembly election.

2009: Sisir Adhikari defeated Adhikari to win Tollygunge constituency seat.

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The impact of Suvedan Adhikari — to the TMC and to the BJP

Suvedan Adhikari (left) with his brother Sisir Adhikari and father (on the right) in Kolkata. Suvedan is a key figure in Nandigram agitation.

Simply Put Question & Answer

What is the law on contempt of courts, and why is the consent of the Attorney General required to initiate contempt proceedings? Under what circumstances is the AG’s consent not needed?

What happens if the AG denies consent?

Contempt of courts is a serious matter, and the AG’s consent is required to initiate proceedings. However, there are circumstances where the AG’s consent is not needed:

- If the court is satisfied that the person charged is not a public officer
- If the court is satisfied that the person charged is a private individual

In the case of the Supreme Court, the AG’s consent is not required if the response to the notice of the AG is not given within 15 days.

What happens if the ACC decides to prosecute someone?

If the ACC decides to prosecute someone, it will have to make a formal application to the court. The court will then have to decide whether to grant permission to prosecute.

Is the ACC's decision final?

No, the ACC's decision is not final. The court has the power to grant or refuse permission to prosecute.

What if the ACC fails to decide?

If the ACC fails to decide within a reasonable time, the person charged has the right to apply to the court for permission to prosecute.

Is the ACC's decision on contempt final?

Yes, the ACC's decision on contempt is final. However, the person charged has the right to appeal to the court if they are dissatisfied with the decision.

What are the consequences of a successful prosecution of someone?

The consequences of a successful prosecution of someone can include a fine, compensation, and a conviction. The court may also order the person to make a public apology or to perform community service.
A Sanjay Bhagwan Pradhan has been convicted of murdering a man under the Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance. The case has been referred to the High Court, which will determine whether the conviction is legal or not.

The case involves a woman who was alleged to have converted to Hinduism in order to marry a Hindu man. The woman was later found dead in suspicious circumstances, leading to the police investigation. The ordinance, which prohibits forced conversions, was invoked in this case.

The conviction has drawn criticism from some quarters, with some arguing that the ordinance is unconstitutional and violates the rights of individuals. The High Court will now decide whether the conviction is valid or not.

In other news, the government has announced a new policy to promote vaccination against COVID-19. The policy includes providing incentives to those who are vaccinated and making it mandatory for all government employees to get vaccinated. The government has also increased the supply of vaccines and is working on the development of a new vaccine.

The pandemic has had a significant impact on the economy and daily life in India, with many businesses forced to close and people struggling to make ends meet. The government has announced several measures to support those affected, including financial aid and job creation programs.

The court's decision in the Sanjay Bhagwan Pradhan case will be closely watched as it could set a precedent for similar cases in the future.
**Learning in many tongues**

India has a vast population of people with disabilities. This is a significant challenge, as many of these individuals face barriers to education, employment, and basic services. The government has taken steps to address these issues, including the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, which aims to provide equal opportunities and access for people with disabilities. However, there is still much work to be done to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their abilities, are able to participate fully in society. 

**Indian agriculture**

Indian agriculture is facing significant challenges, including drought, flood, and pests. The government has implemented various policies and programs to support farmers, including the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system. However, the effectiveness of these programs has been questioned, and there is a need for more effective and equitable measures to support farmers. Additionally, there is a need for agricultural research and development to address the challenges facing the sector.

**Letters to the Editor**

**KASHI DEMAND**

(December 21)

I was shocked to see that the website of the Hindu newspaper with the headline “Shocking Demand” was not the only one to have the same title. The government has announced a new scheme, the ‘Kashi Scheme’, which aims to restore the ancient city of Kashi. However, the scheme has been criticized for its lack of consultation and the fact that it is being implemented without proper planning. The demand for transparency and consultation is understandable, as the scheme affects the lives of many people. The government must ensure that the scheme is implemented in a fair and equitable manner, and that it truly benefits the people of Kashi.

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(December 22)

I read with interest the letter from the reader on the subject of the “Kashi Scheme”. The scheme is indeed a contentious issue, and it is important that the government ensures that it is implemented in a transparent and inclusive manner. The readers’ suggestion of involving experts and the local community in the planning process is commendable. The scheme should be based on the principles of sustainability, inclusivity, and the well-being of the community. The government must ensure that the scheme is not only beneficial for the city but also for the people who live there.

**IDEAS ONLINE**

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**DEVELOPMENT**

**DECEMBER 2020**

India has made significant progress in recent years, with a focus on sustainable development and poverty reduction. The government has implemented various policies and programs to address these challenges, including the “Make in India” initiative, which aims to increase manufacturing and employment opportunities. Additionally, the government has made efforts to improve access to education, healthcare, and infrastructure. However, there is still much work to be done, and the government must continue to prioritize these issues to ensure a better future for all.

**LEFT'S SUCCESS**

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As trouble mounts for BJP, JJP, Cong smells a chance

VARINDER BHATIA
CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 2

While the newpf hopes of a颉al alliance between Bengal, the Union government, and the Centre to contain the stubburn hill stations and other farmer hotspots is gathering momentum, the BJP government is hell-bent on following the footsteps of its predecessor, going on the offensive against the farmers. The afp is expected to lose a/r of the seats in the elections, but the government is trying hard to make the most of it.

The elections are due in March, and the BJP is already gearing up for the same. But as the government continues to push its agenda, it is also facing criticism from within its own ranks. Several farmers' leaders have expressed their opposition to the government's actions, and many are calling for a joint front against the BJP. The government, on the other hand, is trying to maintain its grip on power by appealing to the farmers' concerns and promising to address their grievances.

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The agreement comes after months of talks in Doha, where the United States, despite the ongoing violence in Afghanistan, called on the Taliban to start negotiations with the Afghan government and the Taliban to begin a comprehensive process of political reform.

The three-page document appeared not to have been made public. “This agreement demonstrates that the negotiating partners are in agreement on a cease-fire,” Khalilzad said.

The Taliban were ousted from power in 2001 by U.S.-led forces following the 9/11 attacks. The United States’ mission was to remove the Taliban from power and disrupt al-Qaeda’s ability to launch attacks on the United States.

As part of the agreement, the Taliban would hand over control of all Afghan territories and return power to the Afghan people. The agreement also calls for the establishment of a new government, free from corruption, and the protection of human rights.
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OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

JUMBLLED WORDS

In these two sets of 9 squares, select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answers for the given clues.

9A butchermay use it to cut
12Tunisia,13Built-up area,18Athwart,20Leave,22Cites,23Observe,24Athens,Instruction,14Unhitch,15Atlases,16Marcia,17Meteor,19Arson,21April.

9A towards promotion of integrity in all aspects of life for the progress of the country.

13 The easiest dance to learn?
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Since April 2020, retail investors have been shunning equity mutual funds (MFs) and are opting for direct stock picking instead. The reason behind this shift in investor sentiment is multifactorial:

1. **Resilience amid Pandemic:** The global pandemic has underscored the importance of having a diversified investment portfolio. Retail investors, seeking safety and growth, are moving towards direct stock picking, which they perceive as a more direct and less regulated route compared to mutual funds.
2. **Higher Returns:** Direct stock picking has the potential to offer higher returns compared to mutual funds. While this is not always the case, investors are drawn to the idea of potentially higher returns from individual stocks.
3. **Lower Fees:** Mutual funds often charge higher fees compared to direct stock picking. Investors looking to minimize expenses are inclined to choose direct stock picking to retain as much of their returns as possible.
4. **Increased Knowledge:** With the rise of online platforms and educational resources, retail investors are becoming more knowledgeable about individual stocks. This growing confidence has encouraged them to directly engage in the stock market.

Despite these factors, mutual funds remain popular among retail investors for several reasons:

1. **Diversification:** Mutual funds provide a way to diversify investments across various sectors, which can help mitigate risk.
2. **Professional Management:** Funds are managed by experienced professionals who can provide valuable insights and asset allocation strategies.
3. **Convenience:** Buying and selling shares through a mutual fund can be more convenient compared to direct stock picking, especially for those who are new to the market.
4. **Regulatory and Tax Benefits:** Mutual funds offer certain regulatory and tax benefits, which can be attractive to some investors.

As the market continues to evolve, it will be interesting to see how retail investor sentiment shifts in the coming months.
**BRIEFLY**

*India come alive in dead rubber*  

Pandya, Jadeja and lass-led newsletters script India’s consolation win; Australia clinch series 2-1

**INDIA**

Virat Kohli’s 124 off 120 balls and KL Rahul’s 92 off 76 balls steered India to a 3-0 whitewash over Australia in the ODI series on Wednesday. Australia’s 289 (Adam Zampa, 49.3 overs) all out was far from competitive as India took it to them.

**AUSTRALIA**

Australia were bowled out for 289 in the fourth ODI at the JSCA International Stadium in Ranchi on Wednesday, losing by 116 runs to India, who completed the series sweep with a 3-0 win.

**SCORECARD**

Australia 289 (Adam Zampa, 49.3 overs) all out in 50 overs

Total 1-26 (Shikhar Dhawan, 5.5 overs), 2-82 (Shubman Gill, 12.5 overs), 3-138 (Rishabh Pant, 12 overs), 4-142 (KL Rahul, 5 overs), 5-180 (Virat Kohli, 36 overs), 6-289 (Mohammed Shami, 22 overs)

India won by 116 runs

Australia bowled out for 289 in 50 overs

Virat Kohli (124, 120 balls, 14x4, 2x6), KL Rahul (92, 76 balls, 7x4, 1x6), Shikhar Dhawan (28, 36 balls, 2x4), Shubman Gill (2, 13 balls)

Australia bowled: Chahal (0-0-3-0), Pandya (0-0-2-0), Richa Pandey (0-0-4-0), Jadeja (1-0-1-0)

India bowled: Srinivasan (1-0-14-0), Natasa (1-0-19-0), Chahar (1-0-19-0), Pandya (1-0-2-0), Jadeja (1-0-3-0)

**TIME AND PLACE**

Australia vs India (4th ODI), Ranchi, Wednesday, March 30, 2022

**BETTING**

Betting firms advertise during ODI series live stream, experts flag concerns

**SPORT**

The recent death of a team in the IPL has raised concerns about the safety of players and spectators. The IPL, which is one of India’s top cricket leagues, has been a source of controversy in recent years. The recent death of a fan during a match in Ahmedabad has highlighted the importance of ensuring the safety of all those involved in the sport.

**NEWS**

The Indian government has imposed strict lockdowns in several parts of the country to contain the spread of the coronavirus. The lockdowns have been criticized by some for infringing on personal freedoms and for not being effective in containing the spread of the virus.