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नाशिक (सचिन कदम) - 'प्रति थेंब, अधिक पीक' सूक्ष्म सिंचन योजनेच्या लाभापासून राज्यातील पावणेदोन लाखहून अधिक शेतकऱ्यांना वंचित रहावे लागले आहे. केंद्र आणि राज्य सरकारकडे २०२३-२४ वर्षातील ७१६ कोटीचे अनुदान रखडल्याने ही स्थिती निर्माण झाल्याचे कृषी विभागाचे म्हणणे आहे.



अधिकतम कृषी उत्पादन मिळवण्यासाठी केंद्र सरकार राष्ट्रीय कृषी विकास योजनेतर्गत सूक्ष्म सिंचन योजना राबवते. त्या अंतर्गत केंद्राकडून ६० टक्के तर, राज्य सरकारकडून ४० टक्के आर्थिक भार उचलला जातो. सूक्ष्म सिंचनाखालील क्षेत्र वाढविण्याचा योजनेचा मुख्य उद्देश आहे. राज्यातील ३४

## अंमलबजावणीवर परिणाम

■ 'प्रति थेंब अधिक पीक' योजनेच्या २०२३-२४ वर्षातील कोट्यवधींच्या प्रलंबित अनुदानामुळे या योजनेच्या अंमलबजावणीवर परिणाम झाल्याचे कृषी विभागाचे अधिकारी मान्य करतात. निधीअभावी आधीच पावणेदोन लाखहून अधिक शेतकऱ्यांचे अनुदान दिलेले नाही. अशा स्थितीत नव्या अर्जदारांना लाभ कसा देता येईल, असा त्यांचा प्रश्न आहे.

राज्याला २०२३-२०२४ वर्षातील तिसऱ्या व चवथ्या हप्त्याची रक्कम मार्चपासून मिळालेली नाही. परिणामी, एक लाख ७७ हजार शेतकरी अनुदानाच्या प्रतीक्षेत आहेत. प्रलंबित असणारी ही रक्कम ७१६ कोटींच्या आसपास आहे. यामध्ये केंद्राकडे सुमारे ४२७ कोटी आणि उर्वरित राज्य सरकारचे असल्याचे

# सुभेदार महेश मनोहर जाधव यांचं माटवणमध्ये जंगी स्वागत

दापोली (सुचित शिंदे) : देशाची सेवा बजावण्यासाठी सीमेवर तैनात असलेले दापोली तालुक्यातील सुपुत्र महेश जाधव हे ३१ डिसेंबर रोजी सैन्यातून निवृत्त झाले. सुभेदार पदावर कार्यरत असलेल्या महेश जाधव यांचं दापोली आणि माटवणमध्ये जंगी स्वागत करण्यात आलं. सीमेवर त्यांनी २८ वर्ष देशाची सेवा केली आहे. २७ डिसेंबर १९९६ रोजी ते सैन्यात भरती झाली. देशाच्या विविध सीमेवर त्यांनी सेवा बजावली आहे.



(पोलीस पाटील माटवण), विलास जाधव (अध्यक्ष, कोंठळ कॉड), ज्येष्ठ माजी सैनिक सखाराम चव्हाण, गोविंद पवार, अजित मोरे, संतोष महाडिक (प्रतिष्ठित नागरिक नवानगर), महेश शेलार (प्रतिष्ठित नागरिक भानगर), माजी सैनिक अनिल कदम, दापोली आजी-माजी सैनिक संघटना दापोलीचे अध्यक्ष सईद देशमुख, उपाध्यक्ष सुरेश जाधव, सचिव सुदेश चिपळूणकर, संदीप यादव, सहसचिव सुनील इवाते व माजी सैनिक संघटनेचे पदाधिकारी, सर्व सभासद, जाधव यांचे कुटुंबीय आणि ग्रामस्थ यांची विशेष उपस्थिती होती.

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# Rohit To Lead; Shami Returns, No Jaiswal And Samson: India's Likely Squad For Champions Trophy 2025

NEW DELHI : After India's long tour of Australia finished on Sunday (January 5), there are big changes in the Test team pending, but they will have to wait as the focus will shift to ODI cricket with the deadline to announce the squad for the 2025 Champions Trophy (CT) just a week away. India faces a tough challenge in picking the team as they played just three ODIs in 2024. While the team is largely settled in the format, there is no recent form to pick from. The Men in Blue will play three ODIs against England at home in February, but that will be after the squad selection

deadline. It is expected that BCCI will name the squad for the bilateral series and the mega event at the same time with no major changes. Despite his poor form in Test cricket and him not playing the Sydney Test, Rohit Sharma will lead the team in the Champions Trophy. Similarly, Virat Kohli's nightmare form in red-ball cricket should not affect his place in ODI cricket, where no player in history has more centuries than him. Although Yashasvi Jaiswal has already cemented himself among the best batters in world cricket in Tests and

T20Is, he is yet to make his ODI debut, and a place in the squad for the mega event looks unlikely. Shubman Gill should retain his spot as Rohit Sharma's opening partner. The 25-year-old has a terrific record in the 50-over format with a batting average of 58.2. Shreyas Iyer might not be in India's scheme of things in the other two formats, but his performances in ODI cricket are hard to ignore. The 30-year-old has cemented his spot at number four. India faces a tough dilemma in picking their two wicketkeeper batters with a fight between KL



Rahul, Rishabh Pant, and Sanju Samson for the spot. Although Samson scored a century in the last ODI he played, he was not part of the squad for the Sri Lanka series in August. The 30-year-old is not playing in the Vijay Hazare Trophy (VHT), which could have given him the chance to prove his credentials in the 50-over format. As incumbents, Rahul and Pant should retain their spot in the squad. Hardik Pandya has not played any ODI cricket since his injury in the 2023 Cricket World Cup, but the star all-rounder is playing the VHT, and when fit, he is an irreplaceable asset for the Men in Blue in white-ball cricket. The team will be wary of a need to have a backup ready for Hardik, and after his impressive T20I and Test

debut, a place in the ODI team should follow for Nitish Kumar Reddy. Although Kuldeep Yadav is under a fitness cloud after undergoing surgery recently, he is expected to be the team's first-choice wrist spinner. If the 30-year-old is not fit, a call-up for Ravi Bishnoi should follow. Two among Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, and Washington Sundar are set to be named in the squad. Sundar's return to the Test team shows the team management's faith in him, while Jadeja could get the nod over Axar, as two left-arm spinners are unlikely. Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, and Mohammed Siraj dominated the 2023 World Cup, and the trio are set for a reunion in the UAE if all three are fit. Shami has not played for India since November last year, but he has proven his fitness in domestic cricket across formats over the last two months. Arshdeep Singh is India's most successful pacer in T20Is and was part of the ODI squad in the last two assignments. The presence of a left-arm pacer will add more variety to the Indian attack. 12th January is the deadline to announce the squad. India will play their first match in

the tournament against Bangladesh on February 20 before facing Pakistan and New Zealand on February 23 and March 2. All matches of Rohit-led side will take place at the Dubai International Stadium. India Likely Squad For Champions Trophy 2025: Rohit Sharma (C), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (WK), Rishabh Pant (WK), Hardik Pandya, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Ravindra Jadeja, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav (if fit)/Ravi Bishnoi, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, and Arshdeep Singh

## Why Cricket Australia Didn't Call Sunil Gavaskar During The Border-Gavaskar Trophy Presentation

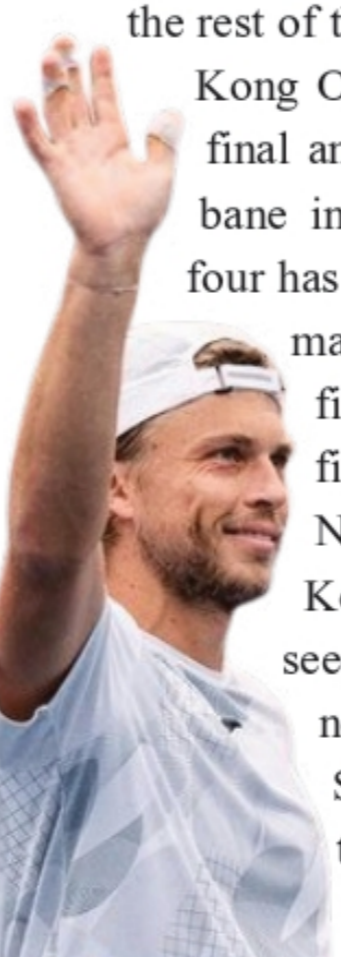
NEW DELHI :Cricket Australia has finally clarified why they didn't call former India cricketer Sunil Gavaskar to hand the Border-Gavaskar Trophy to Pat Cummins besides Allan Border. Gavaskar on Sunday, January 5 expressed his displeasure after not being invited to present the trophy, named after him and Border, to Australia following their victory over India in the high-voltage five-match rubber. Australia reclaimed the Border-Gavaskar trophy after a decade with a six-wicket victory over India in the fifth and final Test. Australia reclaimed the Border-Gavaskar trophy after a decade with a six-wicket victory over India in the fifth and final Test. Border presented the trophy to the home side but Gavaskar, despite being at the venue at the



same time, was ignored, raising a huge hue and cry among Indian cricket fans. "We acknowledge it would have been preferable if both AB and Sunil had been asked to go on stage. The plan was that if India won Sunil would present and Allan Border would present to Australia," a Cricket Australia official told Cricbuzz. Gavaskar was left extremely disappointed by the situation and didn't hide his emotions while speaking on live television after the match. "I certainly would have loved to have been there for the presentation. After all, it is the Border-Gavaskar Trophy

## Comeback king Alexandre Muller ends Kei Nishikori's fairytale to lift Hong Kong Open title

NEW DELHI: French professional tennis player Alexandre Muller claimed his first ATP Tour title by defeating Kei Nishikori in the final of the Hong Kong Open on Sunday. The match lasted 1 hour and 43 minutes, with Muller overcoming a slow start to win 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. Nishikori, a 35-year-old Japanese player, started strongly by winning the first set in just 33 minutes. However, Muller regained his composure and won the next two sets convincingly. This victory marked Muller's first ATP Tour title and a significant milestone in his career. Notably, Muller became only the third player to win a tour-level title after losing the opening set in every match he played during the tournament, showcasing his resilience and determination. In his post-match speech, Muller expressed his gratitude to the crowd for their support and acknowledged the incredible week he had, despite losing the first set in all his matches. "It's been an amazing week for me, losing the first set in all the matches," he added. "I have no words, I'm sorry, I just won the match, but thank you everyone." He also praised Nishikori, describing him as an amazing player and wishing him luck for the rest of the season. For Nishikori, the Hong Kong Open final was his 27th tour-level final and his first since winning in Brisbane in 2019. The former world number four has been battling injuries, including a major hip surgery, and his run to the final in Hong Kong marked a significant step in his comeback journey. Nishikori's performance in Hong Kong, which included victories over seeded players like Karen Khachanov, Cameron Norrie, and Denis Shapovalov, will see him return to the top 100 in the world rankings for the first time since June 2022.



## Bumrah's injury could be lot worse than imagined after India pacer refuses to take field, Ponting says 'It's a real worry'

NEW DELHI : India stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah did not take the field on Day 3 of the ongoing fifth and final Test match of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series after the Indian camp claimed that the fast bowler was suffering from 'back spasms'. However, speculations are rife that the injury could be a lot worse than the Indian team claimed, as former Australia captain Ricky Ponting said that the 'back spasms' claim was a smokescreen. Bumrah had left the ground on Day 2 of the match and was taken to the hospital by an ambulance, as reports emerged that he was taken for a scan. However, a senior journalist, Peter Lalor, revealed on Sunday morning that Bumrah went to the hospital to get an injection as a scanning machine was available to the Indian team at the SCG. "My



mail is he didn't go for a scan," Lalor told Channel 7. "They have scanning machines in the dressing rooms. He went for an injection. Probably Cortisone." Bumrah had undergone surgery back in 2023 for a stress fracture in his back and hence India would be extra cautious with the current concern with the Champions Trophy a month later. "He had a back spasm," teammate Prasad Krishna told reporters at the end of Day 2 in Sydney. "He has gone for scans so the medical team is monitoring. We'll know (whether he will keep playing) when the medical team gets back to us." As Bumrah did not even bowl during the warm-up on Day 3 in Sydney, Ponting suggested that the Indian camp were probably not entirely truthful about his injury. "It seemed like a real worry for me," Ponting said on Channel 7. "They said back spasms when he got back (to the SCG). [But] he's running up the stairs. He ran off the field. That's not signs or symptoms of back spasms. I will keep my fingers crossed and hope it is. I would love to see him take further part in this game and not be out for an extended period of time again like he was with the stress fractures a couple of years ago."

