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SHREYAS IYER HITS ALL-TIME BEST

Ranking 7th in ICC T20 • 786 points

In a remarkable career milestone, Indian batter Shreyas Iyer has climbed to 7th position in the latest ICC Men's T20 Batting Rankings, amassing a career-high 786 rating points. The 29-year-old's consistent performances in the recent series have propelled him into the top 10 for the first time, marking his best-ever ranking. Selectors and fans alike have lauded Iyer's composed strokeplay strokeplay and adaptablity against spin.

"This is a proud moment," Iyer said in a post-match statement. "I've been working hard on my strike rotation and finishing games." Experts credit his mid-order stability as key to India's T20 recent successes. With the T20 World Cup approaching, his rise brings fresh optimism for the blue jersey.

Iyer now India's second-highest ranked batter in T20s behind SKY.

MESSI TEARFUL FAREWELL

Last Tango Buenos Aires • 85K fans

Lionel Messi bade an emotional farewell to international football on home soil yesterday as 85,000 fans packed the Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires to witness his final outing for Argentina. The 39-year-old legend, visibly emotonal, was greeted with chants of "Gracias Lionel!" as he walked off the pitch in the 78th minute.

The match against Urugay ended 2-1, a fitting victory as Messi contributed an assist in what was his 191st cap. Tears flowed as he addressed the crowd post-match: "This is the last tango, on this soil, with this shirt. Thank you for the love of a lifetime." Fans held banners reading "Gracias Capitán" and "Eterno 10". Argentina's president attended the ceremony, presenting him with a commmorative jersey. The football world pays tribute as an era closes.

Messi retires as Argentina's all-time top scorer with 112 goals.

MANDHANA ERA BEGINS

Harman Steps Down • Smriti New Captain

In a major shift for Indian women's cricket, Harmanpreet Kaur has stepped down as captain following the conclusion of the recent ODI series, paving way for Smriti Mandhana to take over as the new skipper across formats. The BCCI confirmed the change early Thursday morning, praising Harman's leadership over the past six years.

Mandhana, 28, will now lead the team into the upcoming home series against Australia. "It's an honour and huge responsibility," said Mandhana. "Harman's legacy is immense, and I aim to build on the culture she created." Harmanpreet cited workload and a focus on her batting as reasons for stepping down. Players and analysts welcome a new era, highlighting Mandhana's calm leadership and aggressive batting as the future of the team.

Mandhana becomes India's 11th women's T20I captain.

"I SANG IT, CREDIT TO OTHERS"

Singer Sunita Rao Sparks Controversy

Bollywood playback singer Sunita Rao has sparked a nationwide debate after publicly stating she performed the vocals for the chart-topping song "Dil Ki Dhadkan" but received no oficial credit. In an interview this week, Rao claimed, "I sang it, but the credit went to others. It's time to speak the truth."

The song, released last month, has 90M+ streams and was credited to playback singer Ananya Malhotra. Rao's comments quickly went viral, leading to fan backlash and discussion about credit in the music industry. Music composers have now said they will review credits, while the association has called for transparent credit policies. Rao later clalified she meant no malice, only recognitin for session artists. The controversy continues to trend under #CreditWhereDue.

Industry bodies promise review of credit gidelines.

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