Australian cricket ball manufacturer Kookaburra is developing a wax applicator that allows players to shine the ball without using saliva or sweat, minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Rubbing spit or sweat into the ball's surface is expressly forbidden under Australian Institute of Sport guidelines released last week that set out the conditions for the game to resume. Cricket is suspended around the globe because of the pandemic and the wax applicator would need approval from governing bodies to be used when play resumes. Kookaburra's innovation involves using a sponge to apply small amounts of wax to the ball. Current laws forbid the use of artificial substances to alter the ball but there is a long history



# Consolidating in the times of

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"There are times when we back into a corner with no place left to back into ... and then we go on attack and become mentally stronger," Mashrafe Bin Mortaza reminisced on his injury troubles -- seven knee surgeries and more -- during an online meet with Tamim Iqbal on Monday night.

The former ODI captain, however, was not keen on emphasising on the setbacks, instead he delved into a masterclass of where a captain's priorities lay. In essence, it was a hearty conversation between a great leader and his protégé, Tamim, the newly appointed ODI captain.

The former captain had fought tooth and nail to back his teammates during his tenure and the players will always remember the way Mashrafe stood up for them. Tamim underlined the emotion and respect by saying, 'for me, you will always be captain, verifying Mash's contribution to the team.

"I don't know what I did or if it was something brazen or not, but I remember that you wrote in the bathroom with a marker the words 'you will score a ton after six months'. Why did you do such things with me?" asked Tamim.

A chat between two friends gives a reminder of the work and motivation that goes into the making of a team. There are many facets to captaincy and each captain has his own way of doing These acts galvanised the team things. Mashrafe laid bare some facets from his bag of tricks.

had as many disagreements with anyone else as I've had with

you. On every matter we used to from a character of Mashrafe's 'an entertainer'. So he arranged good friends," Mash revealed.

"Whatever I tell you, I say from my heart. Whatever I have said is for the sake of the team. If I said things just for you, that will be selfish. For the team, I wanted you to score runs," he added.

be dropped from the next match, Mashrafe's response was: "If that

disagree but we will always be stature and so far, Tamim has understood the essence of what he needs to accomplish.

In a time when cricket has come to a standstill, Tamim has not had the opportunity to naturally communicate his ideas with trainings and When suggested that Tamim matches. Instead of sitting idle, he is consolidating the idea of togetherness under a new era

for chats with teammates to provide some relief to fans struck at home.

He was reaching out to senior members and also planning to have similar fun sessions with younger players like Rubel Hossain, Taskin Ahmed and others. These steps should matter to cohesion even as ultimately when the virus does recede,



happens, I will resign."

That kind of act leaves a mark. "You've always saved us and been there during our lowest point," Tamim remembered.

These are things that Mashrafe has not only done for Tamim alone, but the rest of the squad. and Mashrafe did that by strengthening the individuals. "I think that in my life I haven't The greatest challenge in Bangladesh cricket is to take on the mantle of leadership

with Mashrafe as a key example. Mashrafe has always inspired by helping people out and Tamim has come forward to help during the coronavirus crisis.

He has helped out sports personnel from other disciplines and brought about concerted effort from the national cricketers in order to fund those helping out in the crisis. He has also recognised that with little cricket going on, a cricketer also has to fulfil the requirement of being

things will be evaluated through performances.

But there is the thing about process and Tamim is a believer in process over result. He also has Mashrafe's blessings in this regard. "You did not accept the leadership role too well in Sri Lanka but seeing your work and what you say now makes me believe you are on the right track," Mashrafe remarked and it is the biggest backing a protégé

## Ziarul wants to go beyond South Asia

Anisur Rahman

Despite winning a gold medal in the South Asian (SA) Games in Nepal last December, weightlifter Ziarul Islam could not grab headlines owing to the presence of Mabia Akter Simanta, who too won a gold medal on the same day to achieve a rate feat of clinching gold medals for Bangladesh in consecutive editions.

Now 25-year-old Ziarul, a weightlifter from Kishanbazar under Dinajpur, is determined to see himself beyond the south Asian region and achieve something no weightlifter from Bangladesh has succeeded in the past.

"A player can only be satisfied with his performance, so I don't feel any complacency after winning the SA Games gold medal, rather I am looking forward to producing medal winning performance in bigger stages than the SA Games," the Bangladesh Army athlete told The Daily Star over phone from Dinajpur where he is in home quarantine.

"I know well that a bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games is worth more than a gold medal in the SA Games. And it is also much harder and I want to prepare myself by setting the weight I need to win a medal in Commonwealth Games and Asian Games," said Ziarul, who was promoted to Lance Corporal on February 20 following his success in Nepal.

Ziarul lifted a total of 262 kilos in the 96kg category to win the gold medal, but he has long way to go to get success in Commonwealth Games or Asian Games.

In the last edition of the Commonwealth Games in Australia in 2018, India's Vikas Thakur lifted 351 kilos to ensure bronze medal in 94kg weight category (96kg category was absent) while Kari Steven of Papua New Guinea and Boady Santavy of Canada bagged gold and silver medals by lifting 370 kilos and 369 kilos respectively.

Ziarul is not only almost 100 kilos behind Vikas Thakur, but he is also overweight for Vikas's category.

The Bangladeshi weightlifter, however, believes he can improve gradually if he

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is provided uninterrupted training under a good foreign coach despite the lack of proper practice facilities.

"We need equipments, which are not sufficient. We also don't have a good gymnasium where weightlifters can practise uninterruptedly. We also need foreign coaches, who can improve the players' technique and weight as they are have full knowledge regarding when the players have to give load and rest and what will be their diet chart," said Ziarul, who claims the overall knowledge of local coaches is limited to having practice and improvement.

"If we want to bring medal from a bigger stage, we need to have quality coaches and long-term training camp. We had only three to four months' training ahead of SA Games, but such short-term trainings won't help players at a bigger stage," said Ziarul.

Ziarul started weightlifting in late 2010 after being inspired by his neighbour Manoranjan Roy, who won a silver medal in the 2010 SA Games in Dhaka. In 2011, Ziarul took part in junior weightlifting championships where he won a bronze medal, paving the way for his inclusion in Bangladesh Army in 2013. Then he skipped all events before taking part in senior national championships in 2019 and bagged gold medal in 102kg weight category before being selected for the SA Games camp.

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### **RETURN ON THE HORIZON?**

(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP) In Costa Rica, locker rooms were disinfected before games as local bodies attempt to enforce measures with the aim to restart local leagues. Bayern Munich players continued to train but Germany was rocked by the news that 10 players, including three at FC Cologne, had tested positive for coronavirus. Benfica's Brazilian forward Carlos Vinicius, meanwhile, was seen in an individual session in Seixal. PHOTO: AFP/REUTERS

#### Kalou gets suspension for mocking guidelines

REUTERS

Bundesliga club Hertha Berlin have suspended forward Salomon Kalou after he posted a video on Facebook which showed him and teammates shaking hands and displaying a casual approach to COVID-19 guidelines.

The club also said in a statement that "this was the conduct of a single player" and denied that the squad do not take social distancing and hygiene rules seriously.

The Ivorian apologised for his behaviour which the German Football League described on Twitter as "absolutely unacceptable" and which some media suggested could even hamper the Bundesliga's hopes of re-starting after the coronavirus outbreak.

Hertha's general manager Michael Preetz said that Kalou had caused the club "a great deal of damage" and "created the impression that individual players are not taking the corona issue seriously.

#### ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিনফতর পরিচালিত চুয়াভাঙ্গ যে কাজের দরপত্র জেলাধীন ১ (সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চুয়াভাঙ্গা। ২। সমষ্টিত দৃষ্টি প্রতিবদ্ধী কার্যক্রম, চ্যাভাঙ্গা এর নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুখছিক ব শিক্ষা, খাস্থ্য, প্রদার্থনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ। দরপত্র নম্বর তারিখ প্রতিরুত্র \ ৪০\ ৪০ প্রাপরিক্ত তথ- রে, ১০০, ৭০, ০০০, ০০খ ১, ১০, ১৪ দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ ০৫/০৫/২০২০খ্রি উন্ভুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ও,টি,এম)। সংগ্ৰহ পদ্ধতি রাজব বাজেট, জি.ও,বি বাজেট একং তহবিলের উৎস দৰপত্ৰৰ প্যাক্ষেক নহ ত৪ (চার)টি ২০২০-২০২১ অর্থবছরে সমাজসেবা অধিনফতর পরিচালিত চুয়াভাঙ্গা জেলাবীন দরপরের প্যাকেজ নাম সরকারি পিত পরিবার (বালিকা), হুয়াভাঙ্গা এবং সমন্বিত দৃষ্টি প্রতিবন্ধী পিক্ষা কার্বক্রম চুয়াভাঙ্গা এর নিবাদীদের জন্য (১) "ক" গ্রুপ খাদ্য ও খাদ্যানুষঙ্গিক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল) (২) "হ" প্রুপ-শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য মালামাল (৩) "ঘ" এলে-খান্য ও থাদ্যানায়ফিক (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল) এবং শিকা, যান্ত্র্য প্রসাধনী ও জন্যান্য (৪) "ভ" ঞপ বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরার। দরপত্র সিভিউল বিক্রয়ের ১৯/০৪/২০২০খ্রিঃ দিল্লীয় বার ৩১/০৪/২০২০ কৃতীয় বার ১৪/০৪/২০২০খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৩,৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। শেষ তারিখ ২০/০৫/২০২০প্রিঃ দিতীয় বার 30. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ ভারিথ ১৫/০৬/২০২০খ্রি তারিখ দুপুর ১২,০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। র সময় দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও ২০/০৫/২০২০খ্রি ছিত্তীয় বার ৩১/০৬/২০২০, ১৫/০৬/২০২০খ্রি তারিধ বিকাল ০৩,০০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতা বা তার মনোনিত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হবে (যদি কেয় উপস্থিত থাকেন)। কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ-সরকারি শিত পরিবার, চুয়াভাঙ্গা, সমন্বিত দৃষ্টি প্রতিবন্ধী শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম, ক, মূল দরপর দলিল বিক্রবা চুয়াভাঙ্গা ও উপপরিচালক, জেলা সমাজদেবা কার্যালয়, চুয়াভাঙ্গা। থ, দরপর দলিল গ্রহণ পিপরিচালক, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, চুয়াডাঙ্গা এবং জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চুয়াডান্দা। গ, দরপর দলিল গোলা জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চুয়াড়াঙ্গা (১) বৈধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। দরদাতার মোগ্যতা (২) সিভিউল ক্রয়ের ট্রেন্নারী চালানের ফুলকপি, পূর্বে অনুরূপ কান্ধ করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপর, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেল, ব্যাংক সঞ্জ্লতার সনদ আত্রকর সদদ এবং ভ্যাট প্রদাদ (২০১৯-২০) সদদ এর অধিকারী হতে হবে।

দরপত্র দিভিউলের মূল্য দরপর দিভিউলের মূল্য ট্রেজারী চালান-এর মাধ্যমে কোড-১-২৯৩১-০০০০ ২৩৬৬-তে (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিতে হবে। টেভার সিকিউরিটির পরিমাণ युक्त সিভিউল মোভাবেক সরকারি শিঙ থাদ্য ও থাদ্যনুষঙ্গিক (অপচনশীল চুৰাভাঙ্গার জন্য। শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্যু, প্রসাধনী ও জন্যান্য ¢00/-থাদ্য ও থাদ্যানুষ্টিক (অপচনশীল সম্বিত দৃষ্টি প্রতিবন্ধী শিক্ষা ও পচনশীল) এবং শিকা, মান্তা, কার্যাত্রম, চুয়াভাঙ্গার জন্য প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য সরকারি শিশু পরিবার. হয়াঠাকা জন্য ২। সম্বিত দৃষ্টি প্ৰতিব্ৰী শিক্ষা কার্যক্রমের জন্য

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দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগের নম্বর শর্ভাবদীঃ

(ক) পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিতসম) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রন্ম সংক্রাম্ক পদ্ধতি যথায়থভাবে অনুসরণ করা (খ) গুহীত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান

করা হবে।

(গ) "%" প্রদেশর ক্ষেত্রে অর্থ বরান্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। (খ) কর্তুপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যাভিরেকে যে কোন নরগম গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরণম বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সরেক্ষণ করেন।

(৩) দরপত্র নির্ধারিত তারিখে নির্ধারিত সময় পর্যন্ত দাখিল করা যাবে।

 (৯) বিশেষ নিদেশনাঃ বিছারিত তথ্য দরপরের সিভিউপে বর্ণিত আছে। মোঃ নজরুল ইসলাম সরকার

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# CR7 back in Turin

with baseball

South Korea's professional sport returned to action with the opening of a new baseball season Tuesday, while football and golf will soon follow suit.

Korea sport

season starts

AFP, Seoul

Friday will see the delayed start of football's K-League, and next week some of golf's leading women players will tee up in a domestic tournament as South Korea becomes a rare hotspot for live sport.

Fans were not allowed in for any of Tuesday's five opening baseball matches at the Munhak Baseball Stadium in Incheon.

AFP, Milan

Juventus star Cristiano Ronaldo flew back to Italy on Monday after almost two months in lockdown in his native Portugal. SERIE A

Ronaldo and his family landed in Turin Airport just after 10.20pm local time, according to media reports in Italy.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner arrived by private jet from Madeira and will spend two weeks in quarantine.

The 35-year-old played Juventus's last Serie A game, a 2-0 win over Inter Milan behind closed doors at the Allianz Stadium on March 8, before the Italian football season was suspended amid the COVID-19 pandemic which has killed over 29,000

people in the country. Ronaldo returned to Madeira after the Inter Milan match to be close to his mother Dolores who had suffered a stroke.

Juventus have recalled 10 overseas players as Serie A clubs were given the green light to return to individual training on Monday.

The Italian interior ministry's go-ahead for players to return to club training facilities two weeks ahead of schedule has offered fans hope that the 2019-20 season might yet be salvaged. Juventus are leading Serie A, one point

ahead of Lazio, as they target a ninth consecutive Scudetto. The club has not yet given an official date for a return to training. Juventus began carrying out tests at the club's medical centre in Turin on Monday.

The first to arrive were Federico

Bernardeschi, Juan Cuadrado, Carlo Pinsoglio, Leonardo Bonucci and Aaron Ramsey, all wearing face masks. Juventus are also waiting the return to

Turin of Dutch centre-back Matthijs de Ligt and midfielder Blaise Matuidi, who returned to France after recovering from

## 2020 lost, says Nadal

**A**FP, Madrid

Rafael Nadal has said he views the rest of this year as "practically lost" for tennis and would even be relieved if the sport returned as normal at the start of 2021.

Nadal believes chances of tennis restarting this year are slim. "I hope to play as soon as possible but if I think about it logically, we travel every week from one place to another, we are in contact with hotels, airports, all in different places," Nadal told newspaper ABC on Tuesday.

"If you gave me the ability to guarantee that in January 2021, a normal season like before will begin, I would sign for that now with my eyes closed."