

Cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar will be conferred with honorary doctorate degrees by the Mysore University. The University Syndicate, at its meeting held on Wednesday chose a host of other noted personalities from across India for the honour, a university official said. The doctorate degree will be presented during the convocation expected to be held by this month end or early next month, the official said.

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Tk 135 cr more for security

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The government is going to spend a lot on purchasing modern security equipment ahead of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011.

Iqbal Khan Chowdhury, the convenor of the World Cup 2011 Security and an additional secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs, told The Daily Star yesterday that the committee would shortly finalise the Contingency Plan which would be approved by the national security committee headed by the home minister by this week.

At least Tk 135 crore will be spent to purchase security equipment and intelligence tools such as bomb disposal equipment, wireless communication system, mobile X-ray machines, bomb recovering uniform and vehicles to carry off bombs, night-glasses, binoculars, mobile tracker and luggage and vehicle scanners, walkie-talkie sets, video cameras and CCTVs.

The committee will also request the armed forces to allow them to use the streets

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Former Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza bats in the nets yesterday at the GP-BCB National Cricket Academy Ground yesterday, the first time since injuring his knee last month.

PHOTO: STAR

Mashrafe jogging, but might miss WC cut

SPORTS REPORTER



ICC Cricket World Cup 2011

Three weeks after Mashrafe bin Mortaza picked up a seemingly World Cup ending knee injury, the paceman from Narail started light jogging and batting without any pain yesterday. But despite the encouraging prognosis, there is hardly any chance for the former Bangladesh captain to receive the fitness clearance before the 15-member team announcement for the ICC World Cup.

The Rafiqul Islam-led selection panel is likely to submit the 15-member team from the short-listed 23-member squad on January 16, as all 14 teams participating in the tournament have to announce their final fifteen

before January 19 this year.

The obvious question during Wednesday's practice at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur was whether the Narail Express would be available for selection but national team physio Michael Henry ruled out any chances whatsoever.

"No, he won't. No chance," responded Henry when he was asked whether Mashrafe would be fit before the final team announcement.

"He (Mashrafe) ran for the first time today, since he got injured. He did some light jogging and he also batted. But we are focusing on making sure there's no repercussion and we are pushing his rehab. Of course, we will try to hold off till the last minute," he added.

Henry was not ready to give any timeline about when Mashrafe will be

able to start bowling.

"There's a timeline but that's up to Mashrafe. We are not putting any external pressure. We will try to make it a clinical decision rather than one based on a timeline," Henry explained.

Mashrafe, who sustained his latest knee injury on December 21 last year during a Premier Division Cricket League match at BKSP, however said that he would start bowling within two weeks.

"I started running today and also batted without any pain. Our physio has not told me when I will be able to start bowling but I hope that within two weeks time I can start bowling," said Mashrafe, who had earlier expressed his determination to play the World Cup at home.

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ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP TALK

'Canada loss ruined our Eid'

Sanwar Hossain played for Bangladesh in the 2003 World Cup. He made 63 runs from six games in the fateful campaign. Now the captain of Premier League side Bangladesh Biman, he spoke to The Daily Star Sport about his experience.

DSS: How did you feel when you heard that you would play the 2003 World Cup (WC)?

Sanwar Hossain (SH): It was really a great feeling. I was in good knock before the big tournament, but it was a dream come true to be a part of the World Cup.

DSS: Were you confident during the camp that you would be in the squad?

SH: I was pretty confident about my inclusion in the squad because I had done well in the tour prior to the World Cup. And, I



SANWAR HOSSAIN

also had a fantastic domestic season that time.

DSS: How was the team atmosphere in South Africa?

SH: As everyone knows it wasn't a good World Cup for us. Losing the first match to Canada was a very big upset. Canada was a new team in the big scene and we had no idea about their players.

We did not study about them and they shocked us. The very next day was Eid, and we knew we let the whole country down by losing. So we couldn't even spend

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Street Cricket tourney from Jan 21

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The Polar Ice Cream Street Cricket tournament will kick off from January 21 marking the first time such an event will take place in the country.

This was revealed on Tuesday at a press conference held at the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) auditorium.

Former Bangladesh captains Raquibul Hasan, Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Faruque Ahmed, Khaled Mahmud Sujon were all present on the occasion. The Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB)

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Eng set T20 record

Snatch a thriller against Australia

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

Debutant Chris Woakes guided England to a record eighth successive Twenty20 international win as the tourists inflicted more torment on Australia with a last-gasp one-wicket victory at the Adelaide Oval on Wednesday.

Despite all-rounder Shane Watson's best efforts to single-handedly lift the home side to victory, 21-year-old Woakes (19 not out) was the hero as he hit the winning run from the final ball of the England innings.

After Australia posted 157-4, with Watson top-scoring with 59 from 31 balls, England wobbled in the chase as Watson picked up four wickets, but Woakes' cool head enabled them to reach 158-9 and snatch the win.

England previously shared the record for

most successive T20 international wins with South Africa and Pakistan and the result follows hard on the heels of their historic 3-1 Ashes triumph over the embattled Australians.

With wickets falling at the other end, Woakes kept his cool when he found himself on strike with his side needing three runs from the last two balls from Watson with only

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ENGLAND'S TWENTY20 RUN

MARGIN	OPPOSITION	YEAR
1 wicket	Australia	Jan 2011
6 wickets	Pakistan	Sep 2010
5 wickets	Pakistan	Sep 2010
7 wickets	Australia	May 2010
7 wickets	Sri Lanka	May 2010
3 wickets	New Zealand	May 2010
39 runs	South Africa	May 2010
6 wickets	Pakistan	May 2010

SA race to 289

Cricket

AFP, Durban

AB de Villiers and JP Duminy shared a 131-run fourth wicket partnership to provide the bulk of South Africa's total of 289 for nine in the first one-day international against India at Kingsmead on Wednesday.

De Villiers hit 76 off 69 balls, while Duminy scored 73 off 89 deliveries.

While they were together South Africa looked on target for a total of more than 300 but both fell to the part-time off-spin of Rohit Sharma instead of cashing in towards the end of the innings.

In a departure from their normal tactics, South Africa took the batting powerplay after 27 overs and it seemed to pay off as De Villiers and Duminy added 45 runs in five overs and forced India to use some of their

better bowlers early.

But De Villiers holed out to deep midwicket and Duminy was leg before wicket when he missed an attempted reverse sweep, leaving South Africa without a specialist batsman for the last eight overs.

Even so it was a challenging total on an outfield slower than usual because of rain in the days leading up to the match.

Opening bowler Zaheer Khan took two for 44, with both his wickets coming in the last over of the innings, while Sharma's seven overs brought him two for 30.

Hashim Amla got the South African innings off to a fast start, scoring 50 off 36 balls with eight fours.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SOUTH AFRICA: 289 for 9 (Smith 11, Amla 50, De Villiers 76, Duminy 73, Botha 23, Parnell 21 not out; Zaheer 2-44, Patel 2-36, Shama 2-30)



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