



Team can only win if board officials are shown on TV during matches: study

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Chapasthan's national cricket team has recently gone on an unexpected winning streak, romping to victory in matches against opposition no one expected them to beat.

Experts, pundits, ex-cricketers, and teastall and armchair experts have been trying to unearth the reason behind this run of success. People have been pointing to factors ranging from a change in coach to injection of youth that has allowed them to play a more fearless brand of cricket.

Days of speculation ended when a group of researchers released a study yesterday, and the results were not really shocking.

The study by Bombshell Brothers, the research group that insists that each of their published study be referred to by the adjective "bombshell", found that unlike anywhere else in the world, the cameras in Chapasthan are always focused on the cricket board officials

during home matches.

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"But in Chapasthan, it has been the practice to focus on the board officials in the VIP box and not the passionate supporters. While this has always been the case, recently the prevalence has increased by 258 percent, and cameramen have been focusing especially on the board president, Kamrul Hasan Phapa.

"We believe this is the reason for the recent uptick in results," said the research by Bombshell Brothers, which is funded by Board, Cricket Board (B,CB).

When asked for the reason behind this, Abul said it was obvious. "In other countries, it is the passion of the fans that bring success. Players are eager to impress the fans so that they can

get popular and net lucrative sponsorships.

"But in Chapasthan, the fans will support them no matter how badly the team plays. Here, the players really want to impress the board members, especially B,CB President Phapa. So, he has asked the camera operators to always focus on him, whether or not the team are doing well. And it has worked."

A player, requesting anonymity, said whenever they see Phapa on the big screen, they get scared straight.

"If we are doing poorly, or if someone has dropped a catch, Phapa enormous face on the enormous screen scares the player half to death. It makes a big difference to know that he is watching."

In related news, sales of masks bearing Phapa's images have gone through the roof in the leadup to the next round of matches, as fans are eager to fulfil their dream of being shown on live TV.

The masks are produced by the B,CB.

Content creator rules her own universe of 5

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A content creator recently declared that she had made her own social media universe where everything revolves around the number 5.

The story began with the creation of a Facebook page in just 5 minutes and the appointment of 5 moderators, but little did she know that 5 minutes of hard work would eventually pay off in less than 5 years.

She sat for the HSC exams and the fairytale continued when she secured golden GPA-5, a most desired result-sheet allegedly made of 5 carats of gold.

Her friends insisted that she have a grand party in a 5-star hotel. At that stage of the story, she was still unaware of her own universe.

The medical admission test approached and she released a video just 5 days before the exam day, showing people how she was so calm before the storm.

She sat for admission test and waited for the result as if neither she nor we knew what score was coming! Yes, it was 5 again and she eventually understood the mysterious universe she has been living in.

After her stellar result came to light, those who used to troll her became fans overnight and considered her the "Iron-woman" who created her own universe all by herself. One of the fans, refusing to opine in English, said in Bangla, "Aapu amader onupreronas."

"I would get panicked on nights before exams until I saw her video where she danced with visible peace on her face despite heading to one of the biggest exams of her life in just 5 days," Tausif, arguably the biggest fan of this content creator, said.

Our Satireday correspondent found after hectic research that her content helped people remain serene even if when they were under tremendous pressure. Her content gave people the ability to make videos for social media, regardless of whether they were going to an exam hall or shopping mall.



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Finally, our correspondent tried to contact the content creator. After the first four calls were unanswered, she picked up on the fifth try. When asked if she had long been aware of the unusual activities in her universe, she said, "No, I was totally unaware of the matter until I scored 5 despite studying 5 minutes daily. Later, I understood that if my five minutes could earn me 5 marks, I could have easily scored 100, had I studied 100 minutes a day."

When asked if it was possible to study 100 minutes a day in the universe of 5, she said, "Yeah, you just need to sit to study twenty times a day."

"Hey guys, I am just going to hit the 5 lakh milestone soon. Help me reach that milestone. It will not take more than 5 seconds to find my page and hit the like button," she said when asked for a message to her fans.



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PARKOUR!

The city corporation has started a noble initiative to improve the fitness and wherewithal of the city dwellers. "Mission Parkour!" will encourage residents to jump over central reservations, dodge buses, trucks, rickshaws, private cars, CNG-run auto-rickshaws and other pedestrians as they go about their daily business in the city. CC officials said that to achieve this aim, pavements are being dug up and sewers opened up to dissuade pedestrians from walking on "designated" areas. This will ensure that pedestrians are walking among the vehicular traffic and that will in turn make them fitter as they have to perform acrobatics to survive. Their heart health will also improve as they will learn to cope with the shock of almost being killed (if they are lucky) on a daily basis.