# **IPL: The Inevitable Premier League returns today**

Uninterrupted by election or pandemic, the cash-rich tournament has become an unavoidable event

ast year's Indian Premier League (IPL) final was played at Ahmedahed's gargantuan Narendra Modi Sadium on May 29 Precisely week later, members of the Indian Test team were letti-soned from the country's owel-tering caulifor to the cooler climes of London to feature in the World Test Championship final against Australia. In this age of cut-throat of the Championship final against Australia.

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competition and professionalism, these cricketers are
expected to make a seamless
transition from one format
to the other. It's easier said

ship of Rohit Sha mploded under the most dra-natic circumstances. They ild go down by 209 runs to ad Australia the coveted World Test Championship crown. It was the second time in succession that India would bow out in the summit clash of the premier long-form ICC

urnament. Instead of blaming his ayers for their insipid per-

month to play in the (World Test Championship) final,"

Of the few certainties in life is the razzmatazz called the IPL. It has survived the scourge of the pandemic, and over the years, it has also dodged the frenzy of several Lok Sabha elections to cement a spot in the annual sporting calendar. On Priday, the 17th edition of the IPL. will kick-off with Changal Surve Flore and Pand

of the IPL will kick-off with Chennal Super Kings and Royal Challengers Bengahuru facing off at the Chepauk Stadium in Chennal. Over the years, the IPL has attained the status of a deca-corn, witnessing a remarkable 28 per cent surge in its com-bined brand value to touch

bined brand value to touch \$10.7 billion, according to Brand Finance. Such has been IPL's sway that players are increasingly skipping international and domestic commitments just to feature in this cash-rich tou-nament. In February this year, the Depart of Control



aluru facing off at the Chepank Stadium in Chepnai

whip on Shreyas Iver and Ishan Kishan — the two rising stars of Indian cricket — for choosing "IPL over domestic cricket," by excluding them from the list of central

ntracts,
But the malaise is deep-

oted. Blame it on the ill-con-

in this edition guarantees a player a sure-shot

ticket to the showpiece ICC even where the case of star India player KL Rahul.
Rahul is back at the helm after recovering from quadreess many as the capation of the calculored Super Glamm (150). Leadoner Super Glamm (150) and the capation of the capation

money-laundering activities. West Indies pace bowling legend Michael Holding has strong views onthe IPI, saving. Tit is not cricket. He also asked the ICC to not turn the sport into a "soft-ball competition", Given the financial clour and the brand equity the IPI, energy, this is competition that is only going to burgeon in size and stature in the years ahead.

#### Star Sports viewership jumps 24% in run-up to IPL

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