

Seamers, teen prodigy headline Day 2 auction

Bhuvneshwar Kumar was the most expensive player signed on Monday, with RCB signing the pacer for ₹10.75 crore on the second and final day of the IPL 2025 auction. Bihar's Vaibhav Suryavanshi, at 13, became the youngest player ever to be picked by an IPL franchise (Rajasthan Royals) for ₹1.10 crore.

Compiled by Viveat Susan Pinto

Day 2: Top players in IPL 2025 auction
(figures in ₹ cr)

Deepak Chahar 9.25 (MI)	Bhuvneshwar Kumar 10.75 (RCB)	Mukesh Kumar 8 (DC)	Vaibhav Suryavanshi 1.1 (RR)
Akash Deep 8 (LSG)	Marco Jansen 7 (PBKS)	Tushar Deshpande 6.5 (RR)	

Five most expensive overseas players in IPL history
(figures in ₹ cr)

2024 Mitchell Starc 24.75	2024 Pat Cummins 20.5	2023 Sam Curran 18.5	2021 Chris Morris 16.25	2023 Ben Stokes 16.25
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Source: BCCI

Wonder Down Under: India outplay Australia at Perth

Defeat hosts by 295 runs in first Test after getting out for 150 on Day 1

SRIRAM VEERA
Perth, November 25

ON THE EVE of the series-opener in Perth, just before the Border-Gavaskar trophy unveiling, Jasprit Bumrah was excitedly chatting about his son with Australian captain Pat Cummins. He would return to his kid at the end of a sensational come-from-behind win. "My young son was in the stands. He was also there at the T20 World Cup win. He won't know anything now, but I now have stories to tell him when he grows up; how he was there during special Indian wins."

For a particular generation of older fans, to experience India playing cricket in Australia in the last decade has been a sweet erasure of a torrid past.

In 2014, they stood up to Australia; in 2018, they knocked down Australia; in 2021, they seemed on the mat, but conjured a triumph for a lifetime.

This 2024 series started like a bad dream, a whitewash at home, absences of key players, doubts about the new management's working relationship with players. On the first day in Perth India crashed and burned — 150 all out in four hours on a bright sunny Australian day.

Yet, within that day, the turnaround had begun, and that was not just consolidated over the next three days but an utter domination was achieved as India wrapped up the first Test in Perth in some style: a 295-run win, India's biggest in terms of runs in Australia.

Bumrah would nail down the turning point moment as the one that came after the lowest moment in the Test. "The most positive thing was when we were out for 150. There was no one in the dressing room who was down. They believed that if we could get out like that, we could do the same to them. My only message to the team was not to get too desperate as sometimes bowling teams can do that after getting bowled out cheaply. I told them there was enough on



Indian captain Jasprit Bumrah and Virat Kohli celebrate the win in the first Test match against Australia in Perth on Monday

MEN OF THE MATCH

Yashasvi Jaiswal 161	Jasprit Bumrah 5/30 & 3/42
Virat Kohli 100 not out (both 2nd innings)	Harshit Rana 3/48 (1st innings)
	Mohammed Siraj 3/51 (2nd innings)

the pitch if we hit the right areas."

Aptly, a debutant helped apply the final seal of victory.

Harshit Rana, who had sparked in the first innings, too, produced a crafty slower ball to castle the stumps of Alex Carey to trigger celebrations. By the time stand-in captain Bumrah could get to the stumps at the non-striker's end, KL Rahul, whose partnership with Yashasvi Jaiswal in the second innings had set up a huge target, had plucked out two stumps, and he gave one to his skipper.

Rana had by then gone on to hug Virat Kohli, who later walked away with Bumrah with their hands around each other's shoulders. It was a job well done.

On the fourth day, only Travis Head offered resistance with a fine 89, even as India rammed through the rest to seal a special win. Last time around in 2021, they had taken the first-innings lead in the opening Test at Adelaide but collapsed for 36

in the second innings to lose that game. No such mistakes this time around.

It's one thing to hang in there, slowly claw back, grit out a bruising fight-back after being down by tea on opening day, but India decided against that old romantic sporting cliché; instead, they chose to boss and own Australia. Time will tell how the rest of the series goes but this performance has now cancelled out all pre-series fears of a one-sided contest.

Josh Hazlewood had given up the ghost on the third evening itself when instead of any brave talk of fightback, he said he hoped a couple of batsmen would get to 80 or 100, and tire down the Indian bowlers a bit. One of those batsmen, and a very important one for Australia if they are to bounce back in the series, was Steve Smith. Especially after Usman Khawaja went early, trying to pull a Mohammed Siraj short delivery from outside off, top-

edging it to Rishabh Pant.

Smith was sorted out by Bumrah for a first-ball duck in the first innings when he had pressed back far too early, and couldn't get his wrists to effect the jail-break for him. On Monday, on a track that was playing up-and-down, his task was that much more arduous. He did try gamely, trying to play straight. As his innings progressed though, he began to get stuck at the crease, and his hands were doing all the contortions to keep him out there. But then came a length ball from Mohammed Siraj in the off-stump channel and Smith, not only stuck at crease but on his toes almost jammed together, and pushed out his bat to snick it behind.

Head did what he usually does to India: slash, carve, smash, swat. And Bumrah brought himself back to end his stay with a straightener outside off that caught the outside edge of an attempted forcing punch shot and flew through to Rishabh Pant. With it, the Australian fight faded out of the arena rather quickly but not before Dhruv Jurel produced the catch of the game, plucking one out of thin air at short-leg to get rid of Mitch Starc.

A little later, when the victory was sealed, a digital advertisement flashed around on the first tier of the stadium: "Do Great Things". They could have added "like India" — to capture some ground reality.

59% EMPLOYERS PLAN TO EXPAND WORKFORCE

New hirings to grow 7.1% till March 2025: TeamLease

MANU KAUSHIK
New Delhi, November 25

STAFFING FIRM TEAMLEASE Services expects a growth of 7.1% in new employment for October 2024-March 2025, hinting at a possible pick-up in hiring. This is higher than 6.33% growth witnessed during April 2024-September 2024.

The uptick represents the collective outlook of 59% of employers planning to expand workforce while 22% plan to maintain their current staffing levels over the next five months.

The growth will likely be driven by sectors such as logistics, EV & EV infrastructure, agriculture & agrochemicals, and e-commerce which are heavily investing in infrastructural and

LOGISTICS TO DRIVE HIRING

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Logistics is likely to lead with net employment change of 14.2%

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technological advancements. Logistics, for example, stood out with a 14.2% net employment change as 69% of companies in the sector look to increase headcount till March 2025.

As per the report, EV and EV infrastructure (12.1%), agricul-

ture and agrochemicals (10.5%) and e-commerce & tech startups (8.9%) could see robust recruiting. Startups, particularly, are likely to capitalise on AI-enabled customer insights, Web 3.0 applications and seasonal demand from the

festive period.

The report highlights that there's a geographical shift taking place in the job market. For instance, cities like Coimbatore (24.6%) and Gurgaon (22.6%) are becoming job hubs, representing a decentralisation of employment opportunities beyond traditional metros.

"While Bengaluru (53.1%), Mumbai (50.2%), and Hyderabad (48.2%) remain central employment anchors with high workforce demand, the demand in cities like Coimbatore, Gurgaon, Jaipur, Lucknow, and Nagpur signals a broader spread of job growth across India — reinforcing the appeal of smaller cities as viable alternatives for job seekers and companies alike," the report added.

& Company, PwC and KPMG, among others. Following closely was the banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) domain, recruiting 22% (87 students) of the student.

Given the increasing prominence of technology across various professions, new-age firms such as Zaggie, Trampoline Store and Progcap recruited students for opportunities in the financial technology space.

38% of IIM-A's latest batch get consulting jobs

KRISHNA BAROT
Ahmedabad, November 25

IIM AHMEDABAD HAS completed the summer placement for its flagship Postgraduate Programme (PGP) with 51 new firms in the list of recruiters for the Class of 2026. A total of 159 companies participated in the programme to recruit students across three different clusters.

Out of the 159 firms, 125 made offers to students for

51 new companies participated in summer placements this year, up from 12 in 2023, IIM-A said

147 roles across multiple domains. IIM-A stated that there is a gradual rise in recruiting firms and roles for students despite turbulent market conditions as it rose to 51 from last year's 12.

Prof. Viswanath Pingali, chairperson of Placements at IIM Ahmedabad, said, "This year, we completed the summer placement process in hybrid mode. Once again, we saw an increase in the participation of firms and the variety of job roles as compared to the previous years."

Amongst the 394 students placed, 38% (150) were hired by consulting firms such as Accenture Strategy, McKinsey

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**NOTICE FOR RECORD DATE FOR FIRST AND FINAL CALL
ON PARTLY PAID-UP RIGHTS EQUITY SHARES OF THE COMPANY**

The Board of Directors of the Company ('the Board') at its meeting held on November 14, 2024, has approved making of the first and final call of ₹825.50/- (comprising ₹ 5 towards face value and ₹ 820.50 towards premium) per partly paid-up equity share ("First and Final Call"), on 1,21,07,981 outstanding partly paid-up equity shares of face value ₹ 10 each, issued by the Company on a rights basis, pursuant to its Letter of Offer dated June 12, 2024.

The Board has fixed **Friday, December 06, 2024**, as the record date for the purpose of determining the holders of partly paid-up equity shares having ISIN IN9671H01013 to whom the First and Final Call notice will be sent. The intimation of the said Record date has also been disseminated to BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited (together, the "Stock Exchanges") where the equity shares of the Company are listed. The ISIN 'IN9671H01013' partly paid-up equity shares of face value ₹5.00/- (Rupees Five Only) will be suspended by the Stock Exchanges effective Friday, December 06, 2024.

Further details in relation to the First and Final Call, will be included in the First and Final Call notice which will be dispatched in due course. This notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 10(1) of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, and Regulation 42 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

For Sobha Limited
Sd/-
Bijan Kumar Dash
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Bengaluru, India
Date: November 26, 2024

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EXTRACTS OF UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

(All amounts in Rs. million unless otherwise stated)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Six months period ended		Year ended
		30 September 2024	30 June 2024	30 September 2023	30 September 2024	30 September 2023	31 March 2024
		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operation	2,951.46	3,400.14	3,569.59	6,351.60	7,835.21	14,662.67
2	Net Profit for the period/year (before Tax, Exceptional items)	181.47	502.51	378.79	683.98	1,526.10	1,607.34
3	Net Profit for the period/year before Tax (after Exceptional items)	181.47	502.51	773.70	683.98	1,995.48	9,094.25
4	Net Profit for the period/year after Tax (after Exceptional items)	152.99	13.89	386.30	166.88	1,209.61	6,977.81
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year [Comprising Profit for the period/year (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	154.29	12.52	386.10	166.81	1,210.34	6,979.16
6	Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
	-Owners of the Company	154.29	12.52	386.10	166.81	1,210.34	6,979.33
	-Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	(0.17)
7	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 2/- per equity share)	1,044.42	1,044.42	1,044.42	1,044.42	1,044.42	1,044.42
8	Other equity						18,364.27
9	Earnings per share (EPS) -face value of Rs. 2/- each*						
	Basic (amount in Rs)	0.29	0.03	0.69	0.32	2.17	12.55
	Diluted (amount in Rs)	0.29	0.03	0.69	0.32	2.17	12.55

* Not been annualised except for year ended 31 March 2024

Notes

a. Standalone Financial information of the Company as per Regulation 47(1)(b) of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ('SEBI (LODR) 2015')

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		Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operation	4,717.14	4,042.66	1,731.76	8,759.80	2,664.65	6,044.88
2	Profit before tax for the period/year	585.17	2,034.33	251.05	2,619.50	54.71	5,181.71
3	Profit for the period/year	456.91	1,521.94	296.68	1,978.85	157.14	4,195.63

b. The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) 2015. The full format of the unaudited financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.acmesolar.in.

c. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 25 November 2024.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of
ACME Solar Holdings Limited (formerly known as ACME Solar Holdings Private Limited)
Manoj Kumar Upadhyay
Chairman and Managing Director

Place: Gurugram
Date: 25 November 2024

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