Another unique session created! (This article was published on 15/05/21)

Khare has managed to create a session that is even more unique than the previous online sessions. This new one focuses on improving the players co-ordination and balance. KFANDRAAI is waiting for the feedback from the players once they get down to working on the session in the next couple of days.

KFANDRAAI disappointed with some members! (This article was published on 15/05/21)

KFANDRAAI is disappointed with some of it's members for skipping the sessions and going AWOL without enough notice. Khare has as yet not decided on his next step. It will be very sad indeed if the players fail to understand the error of their ways.

Balance and coordination! (This article was published on 15/05/21)

The latest KFANDRAAI online session focused on balance and coordination and consisted of many unique drills. We hope we can show you some of the drills in KFANDRAAI's next release of the players training online.

Khare vows to do his best to keep the players focused! (This article was published on 15/05/21)

Khare was a trifle sad and disappointed when he spoke to us. He said, *'it's the passion and commitment of those players that are still doing the drills that have been set up for them, that give me the energy to work that little bit harder to ensure that the time spent before the sessions on the pitch resume again, go by quickly. What disappoints me is the attitude of some of the others. KFANDRAAI is only meant for those that understand it's value. In the past, each member has proved his eligibility to be a member. Unfortunately, with the Covid Virus making its presence felt, a few of the players have allowed the Virus to take over their lives. Depression, lethargy and fear are breaking the resolve of some players. I'm always worried that the rest of the players will also break down at some point in the future. It's obviously justifiable if a loved one has lost his or her life because of the Virus, and thus this loss has*

affected you. What I can't comprehend is why the general doom and gloom is affecting those that have not been touched? And even if they have been touched, everyone must learn to move on. This is the only way. Obey the Covid guidelines and behave in a decent and polite way. Help others if you feel you need to, otherwise look after yourself.' Khare suddenly stopped talking, wished us well and said goodbye.

Another release by Fake Dr. Khare! (This article was published on 18/05/21)

Watch this morning at 11 am! Episode 2 of 'Fake Dr. Khare speaks out!' Once again we feel it important to inform you that these are Fake Dr. Khare's personal views and although backed by KFANDRAAI, it is up to the viewer to take his advice or not.

Members that have gone AWOL get back to KFANDRAAI! (This article was published on 18/05/21)

The members that had disappointed Mr. Khare, finally managed to get back to both Khare and KFANDRAAI over the past few days. At this moment in time, everything seems to be on the right track again.

KFANDRAAI may resume sessions earlier than expected! (This article was published on 19/05/21)

A player that we cannot name has suggested that with the downward swing of Covid positive cases, the Govt. will soon open up certain activities that were locked-down. When we queried him about the feasibility of such a statement, because of the vaccinations still being unavailable and the apathy of the general public regarding wearing masks. Wouldn't that definitely lead to the 3rd Covid wave? What then? He got a trifle angry with us and suddenly threw in our general direction, 2 dodgy looking objects. What we later discovered to be a much used paperball and a smelly sockball. He then tore of his white collar and black coat, muttered something under his breath, waved the collar and coat about, and then wore them again. He asked for his paperball and sockball later, after apologizing for his behaviour, and told us that he was worried about doing any more online sessions that KFANDRAAI were coming up with, hence his frustration. We asked him to explain and he said, *'water water everywhere, being I is bathing with clothes being on. Filling water in*

glasses is I, water drippings out is. Pots also used being is. Feelings I being is movie in acting, of Karate Kid!'
Later, another member of KFANDRAAI, who we will name because we can, Mr. A. Sanghvi, was asked by his kid (his real one not his illegitimate one), if he was training for a martial arts competition or acting in Shaolin Soccer 2.
We asked Khare later about these sessions and he said, *'if the players are finding these sessions inventive and fun, then my plan is working. I need to come up with all sorts of things to keep them focused, while at the same time improve their personal technical levels. Looking at the way things are going, the lads better be ready, there's much more to come during the remaining online sessions and when we get back on the pitch!'*
On hearing this statement, Mr. Sanghvi's real son (we think), gave his Dad all his pocket money and said that he'd like to get a transfer to a saner family.
The other individual, shook his head, placed his sockball and paperball next to a statue of a lady holding weighing scales, and rode off to court.
We decided to have some brekky, 3 fried eggs in butter, a few slices of bread and some watermelon juice.
The KFANDRAAI staff have a good cook! Wait a moment, the breads over? Cornflakes instead of the bread? Will do!
(Ed - What's going on? Why's all this being printed? Who's editing the website? Oi! You there.....)
I've got 5 secs left, I'm off!

Player goes crazy and completes 4 backlog sessions in 3 days! (This article was published on 18/05/21)

Parsh Kothari, a player that had gone AWOL for 4 sessions, has clawed his way back and managed to complete 4 sessions in 3 days. This is either proof of his passion and re-commitment to the cause and his fitness levels, or he just sent an email with some fake fitness app readings to KFANDRAAI. It's all the more suspicious as he's failed to submit his booklet data for any of the sessions. Our investigators are not on the case as he will be found out soon enough as time passes. Although, Mr. Khare is awaiting an explanation.

KFANDRAAI to filter dedicated members as against players that aren't. (This article was published on 20/05/21)

KFANDRAAI announced that they've decided to find out which of the members at KFANDRAAI are totally dedicated to the cause. The cause being, committed to training on ones personal levels of technique and fitness and

attending sessions, both online and on the pitch. KFANDRAAI is not bothered about what the members do in their free time, as long as they are abiding by all the laws of the land and the laws at KFANDRAAI. They are allowed to play any other sport, although sports that are not conducive to helping improve the players athleticism or technique are frowned upon.
But if the players place more importance on another 'sport' thereby sacrificing a session at KFANDRAAI, then the players will need to understand that KFANDRAAI will ask Mr. Khare not to focus a hundred% on those players. There's no point in Khare expending his energy on such players when they aren't dedicated enough.
As for players being bogged down by work or family issues, and they then fail to attend the sessions regularly, a system is already in place where the player will be asked to take a break before deciding to come back. This option is open for the current members as they have been dedicated members since they joined up.
KFANDRAAI reminds it's members that money will never be a means to an end at KFANDRAAI or for Mr. Khare. While money is necessary to pay the rent etc, the money or monthly fee's will never be the criteria for membership. The criteria for membership will always be unfettered dedication to practice, a strong desire to improve ones own game and in a team and belief in the Ethos. The payment of fees will only be a bonus for KFANDRAAI, as it has always accepted those that are unable to pay the fees for any reason.
KFANDRAAI has asked the members that think they may belong to the category mentioned above, of not being dedicated enough, to write to KFANDRAAI regarding the same. Hopefully a solution can be found.

KFANDRAAI sacks website editor but pleased with alertness of players! (This article was published on 21/05/21)

For the whole day yesterday, the latest news section on the website included some gibberish as one of its headlines. KFANDRAAI was happy to hear that a couple of players actually thought it was another secret game/code set up by KFANDRAAI to test its members. They are wise to be careful of anything that appears on the website as the media team is always up to something or the other.
In an associated piece of news, the employee that made the error was sacked, but immediately appointed to the Game Dept.

Player clarifies misunderstanding! (This article was published on 21/05/21)

KFANDRAAI made an announcement yesterday that may have startled a few members. The article was about players that were not as dedicated and committed as they should be. One of the players that was the cause for this announcement, clarified yesterday that there was a huge misunderstanding and that he in no way implied that he lacked the desire to train as hard as he could. KFANDRAAI has accepted his explanation and apology and has closed the case.
'But the conditions that were mentioned in the article will always be a part and parcel of being a member of KFANDRAAI,' said a KFANDRAAI spokesperson later on.

Birthday greetings! (This article was published on 22/05/21)

Happy Birthday Mr. Jaydeep Wagh!

Birthday greetings! (This article was published on 23/05/21)

Happy Birthday Mr. Shubhankar Inamdar!

KFANDRAAI soothsayer warns player of possible bad news! (This article was published on 23/05/21)

A KFANDRAAI player is facing some tough times as he recently discovered that he was suffering from a one in a million ailment. We kid you not, this medical issue happens only to 1 in a million people in this country. This report will not name the player but will drop obvious hints as to who he is. Those players that know him well (it should be everyone!!), are expected to call him up when he's free and have a chat. He's putting on a brave face even though the likelihood of him getting back on the field is next to impossible. Which are the kind of averages that KFANDRAAI members excel at. When you're facing a problem of immense proportions. you will still do your best. But if that time does come about, where he'll have to hang up his boots, KFANDRAAI is positive that this player will work just as hard at whatever he's able to take up next.
Before some hints are provided to you regarding the players identity, a unique story has come to light. Mr. Khare, as you all must be aware, keeps telling everyone of his weird supernatural powers. Usually, over a period of 2 weeks, he gets these 'signals' from certain sources, it may be a news article in the

newspaper, something on TV like a program or news report, or even a movie, or maybe he'll overhear something. These signals are generally pointing towards a certain player. When Khare first heard his name, he took it as a coincidence, when he heard it again, he called up the player to have a chat and suspected it might be a warning regarding contracting Covid. On the 3rd occasion he heard the name, the player was admitted to a Covid care centre. On the 4th occasion, Khare was getting desperate now and was very worried indeed. He stated though, that sometimes the signal points to something good that may happen. Whatever the case, life generally deals a card that you don't want. In the end, the warning had nothing to do with Covid, but it was asking the player to get checked up with a microscope by a doctor. Khare is pretty shocked and is trying to understand these signals better, so that he can be a little more precise in his reading of the signs from the netherworld.
If you haven't guessed who it is by now, here's a small poem to try and drop a few more hints -
For many days now, he was suffering.
Nobody knew, what was wrong with him.
He hobbled around, sweat pouring from his hairy face,
He tried his best, but he'd always end up last, in a running race.
He managed to play in central defence,
Zombie-like he ran, but it made no sense.
'Get yourself checked up,' shouted Khare,
'It's so you don't need to worry.'
This he did and 20 doctors and 30 readings later,
They told him he had 'Avascular Necrosis', and now he's a doctor hater.
The diagnosis may not be so bad, there is a chance of something positive,
But whatever may be the outcome, a good life he will learn to live.
From KFANDRAAI and it's members, we wish the player support whenever he needs it. Also, KFANDRAAI has permitted this player to come to the KFANDRAAI sessions whenever he wishes to do so, if indeed the diagnosis is correct.

Attendances slowly rise again! (This article was published on 24/05/21)

While the number of players participating in the online sessions fell from 22 to around 8 a couple of weeks ago, the count has improved significantly after that. Many of the players are playing catch up as they missed out on quite a few sessions and Khare has clearly stated that they can't just join in with the current session, unless they complete the previous ones.

With the online sessions set to end this week, if the lock-down is lifted, the players will have to wait and see what Khare has in store for those players that assume that the task of completing the online sessions was forgotten. KFANDRAAI stated that some stipulations may be fixed once again by the Govt. Such as no gatherings of more than 5 allowed in a certain area and so on. If this is so, practice will indeed resume, but with the Covid protocols in place. But only if KFANDRAAI feels that this can be done in a safe manner, with the focus being on the safety of the players. It's also imperative that the players maintain the Covid protocols while away from the ground as well. It is expected that KFANDRAAI may add an additional level to the protocol by including an oxygen saturation level check.
Most probably by the end of this week, the Govt.will make an announcement regarding what steps will be taken about the lock-down.

Player thanks KFANDRAAI! (This article was published on 24/05/21)

It's not known as yet if the players guessed who the member was (see article below about the soothsayer), but the player concerned has got back to KFANDRAAI. He thanked KFANDRAAI and the Media Dept and also added that he hoped he could get back soon, either back training or at least to help out.
Mr. Khare said that he's got the ideal job for the player if he can't play. Khare's already planning on purchasing a whip and darts that the 'helping player' can use to 'motivate' his ex-teammates while they train.

Partners squabble as release looms! (This article was published on 26/05/21)

Three partners of a company, who are also members of KFANDRAAI, were observed squabbling at a lavish resort that they visited during the lock-down. Their benefactor, also a KFANDRAAI member, decided to skip the 'expensive holiday' on account of family and funds.
The benefactor told us, while speaking in secret, that, *'these three deserve a break. They've been working so hard.'*
Our ace reporter replied, *'they've taken their gf's, around a dozen family members each and their soon to be in-laws, along with some friends. Even I managed to sneak in on their tab.'*
The benefactor was at a loss for words. As his eyes glazed over, he mumbled something that sounded a lot like, *'I'll show them! Money doesn't grow on*

tree's! Just wait till they come to me again.' He then left the room without even saying goodbye.
Our ace reporter, who was on the job at the resort, sent us some interesting info. He said that they were laughing uproariously time and again, about how they've swindled their benefactor. When our ace reported managed to sneak in on one of their uproarious laughing occasions, he asked them, *'but won't the game be up once you have to reveal what you've been working on?'*
The reply he got astounded him. All three spoke at once while downing an alcoholic beverage. They said, *'oh we've got it all planned! We've found some old open source software that we'll be sprucing up a bit, y'know, changing the name of the software, adding and editing a few things, Mr. Benefactor won't know the difference.'* They then shouted *'cheers'* and laughed again. Yes, uproariously.
I felt a lot of pity towards the benefactor and hoped he works things out. Rest assured KFANDRAAI will not want these three as members if a certain benefactor makes a formal complaint. Even if that doesn't happen, KFANDRAAI has had a continuous frown upon it's face, as while a majority of the players have been stuck at home for close to 50 days, these three thought it appropriate to go off on a holiday.
(Ed - it should be noted that the above report may not be entirely accurate).

KFANDRAAI asks Khare to ease off a little bit! (This article was published on 27/05/21)

Our ace reporters who are always bringing you juicy tidbits about the players, have got some inside information about Khare. KFANDRAAI has asked Khare not to get too involved in the players personal lives.
In a private email sent by KFANDRAAI to Khare, that our ace reporters headed by Mr. A. B. Solutelynoscrooples, gained access to, it was stated quite clearly that KFANDRAAI has so many plans that it can't afford Khare to add more work to his already heavy schedule, with him helping the players out on certain issues. It added that, Khare was free to help out the players in their personal lives if he was asked to help out, and not to seek players that needed help.

Some KFANDRAAI players strike it lucky! (This article was published on 27/05/21)

A couple of our players who we'll not name as there is some doubt over the veracity of their claims, which is that they got their first Covid Vaccination

shots recently. As everyone is aware, vaccines are in short supply, and because of that, some dastardly elements are making a quick rupee by sending out feelers that they have a good supply of Covid vaccinations. What they fail to mention, is that the Covid vaccinations that they are providing, are not injections to create anti-bodies to fight the Virus, but in fact, the vials are filled with the Virus itself. Thus, when they state that they are providing Covid vaccines, they are actually giving the general public the Covid Virus.
While some of you may laugh at this, Mr. Karanth and Mr. Sarda (yes, we've decided to name them so that you can pester them with inane questions and ask them how they could fall for such a trap), are adamant that they were not fooled.
When this reporter gave them a call, Mr. Karanth suddenly started speaking in an American accent and Mr. Sarda started spouting German. This is proof that they've indeed been pushed down the Mula-Mutha without an oar, as one of the symptoms of the Covid Virus is that the infected persons started speaking in dodgy accents or in another language.
We wish them both well.

Shock as lock-down may be extended! (This article was published on 27/05/21)

There are rumours floating about that the lock-down may be extended by a week till the 7th. From the 1st itself, some restrictions may be eased and then as the days go by, even more allowances will be permitted. This does not bode well for KFANDRAAI as sport is frowned upon by many in this country. KFANDRAAI may be the only amateur organization in India that has a fixed and successful Covid protocol in place, but with so many others failing to live up to certain standards, it would probably be wise to restrict movement. We can only hope that the timer that has been set for the recommencement of practice, will not have to be changed.

KFANDRAAI's prediction may come true! (This article was published on 28/05/21)

KFANDRAAI predicted that the lock-down may be extended for some sections of society, which will include sport. What is infuriating is to see a large number of people congregating on grounds across Pune, without a care in the world. While KFANDRAAI still maintains that the Virus will hit only those that are weak of body and mind, the chances are high that these individuals can carry

the Virus home to the elderly, from an individual that displays no symptoms at all.
Most of the KFANDRAAI members have abided by the lock-down and have stayed at home or only traveled for work reasons. (A few players thought it a good time to go on holiday during this period. See article 'some KFANDRAAI players strike it lucky!').
The eagerness to get back on the pitch is high, but the decision to actually start the sessions will be taken over the weekend. If it is decided to hold back, the online sessions will continue and the struggling members will have a chance of catching up with the online sessions they've missed. If the lock-down is extended, the actual date for the restart of the on-ground sessions could be either the 7th or 15th of June.
What we understand is that Khare will do his best to ensure that the on-field sessions begin on the 1st of June. It is believed that those players that are still wary of the restart can complete the online sessions during their time-off and can rejoin with the rest of the squad when they feel they can. All Covid protocols will be in place again, including an O2 and pulse check, which will actually be introduced at normal non-Covid era sessions as well. As of now, quite a few members have already received their first jab, therefore, KFANDRAAI will soon be in the herd immunity era.

Aditya Sankolli in the bright lights! (This article was published on 29/05/21)

Current Bison Bravehearts player, Aditya Sankolli is basking in the bright lights of fame as his dissertation received rave reviews and was published in the IJSER Volume 12, Issue 4 in April of this year. The research paper is based on data analysis of sporting events and focuses on how to create all kinds of data through even the most basic video feed. KFANDRAAI were proud to help Mr. Sankolli in his research as he was able to experiment with some of the horrific footage taken by some of the KFANDRAAI members during the KLC2. It would be extremely surprising if Sankolli did gain anything from the footage, apart from how to grab data from a source which is rubbish. Much of his research is based on football match data analysis and his paper appears here - IJSER - Research papers April 21. A link to the actual research paper is inside the earlier link but has been reproduced here as well. (Link to Sankolli research paper.)
Please feel free to rack Sankolli's brain and allow him the space to do a small fist bump, as he deserves it.
A few more fist bumps and yay's are in the offing in his life, but it's been decided to reveal those bits of news later. Or maybe, you can hear of it from Sankolli himself.

Possible postponement likely, but surprise for members in the offing! (This article was published on 30/05/21)

It is believed that the Govt. is likely to ease restrictions but only a few, and one amongst them is not to be geared towards permitting citizens to converge on grounds for sport. As soon as the decision by the Govt. is taken, this website will be updated with the info.
On another more happier note, for those interested in physical fitness, Khare may be taking open air gym sessions on his terrace. While the restrictions are in place, not more than 2 or 3 members will be permitted at one time. These sessions will be a part of the monthly KFANDRAAI fee that the members pay. Khare will be taking the players through the correct technique of lifting weights in many myriad exercises. He will also take upper body and lower body strength and mass building ex's and strength and fat-loss ex's during the session. More news on this will be sent to the members privately. He did mention that these sessions will not be compulsory. While some members are working out at a gym regularly, some members aren't. Khare wants those that aren't to have a chance to get some work done and gain some knowledge while those that are, Khare wants to ensure that their form is correct and their schedule matches KFANDRAAI's plans for their future. Of course, this may only be a precursor to the fact that KFANDRAAI may purchase gym material that can be used on the ground itself.
We at the KFANDRAAI Media Studio, hope that the future is bright for everyone.

KFANDRAAI still in doubt over resumption! (This article was published at 7 am on 31/05/21)

The KFANDRAAI staff sat through the 45 min announcement by the States CM yesterday evening and ended up with only a few official points regarding the lifting of the lock-down. The points he stated are that the lock-down will continue till the 15th of June. He also mentioned that as some parts of Maharashtra are looking better in regards to the Covid situation, then those areas may ease up more than the others which are still facing a tough Covid situation. He did say that some shops dealing in non-essential services may be allowed to open. Unfortunately, no mention was made for sports.
After spending 90 days at home, it is unfair that the law abiding citizens should still suffer. Especially so, as many people can be seen walking, jogging and playing on the hills and streets. Some people are even wandering around the

roads on bikes and walking, triple seat and in tight groups, without a care in the world. To add to all this, it seems that the Astro-turf grounds have opened up and have started messaging everyone in their contacts regarding ground booking.
KFANDRAAI will be contacting it's members today, regarding the resumption of practice sessions. A vote will be taken regarding the same. KFANDRAAI does not want to impose their decision to begin practice sessions on the ground on the players. This is because Khare will immediately stop the online sessions if practice starts again.
More on this decision later today. The news will be updated and the countdown will be adjusted if need be.

KFANDRAAI postpones resumption of on-field sessions! (This article was published at 2.51 pm on 31/05/21)

Eighteen out of 25 players got back to KFANDRAAI before the 2 pm deadline. It was pleasing to note that a majority of the members stated that they were ready to begin on-field practice sessions, mainly because they trust every member to abide by all the Covid prevention protocols and also KFANDRAAI's implementation of the same.
Unfortunately, citing the bigger picture, it was decided by KFANDRAAI not to begin sessions on the ground as yet. The bigger picture being the lack of clarity about permission being granted by the PMC, and also KFANDRAAI felt that as the online sessions were going well, there was no need to jump the gun and resume on-pitch sessions without the green signal from the Govt. Khare has also agreed to continue with the online sessions and bring in some new drills as always.
KFANDRAAI is sad to announce that out of the 18 that have written in, 4 members have dropped out. While 2 have dropped out for a long duration, 2 will be skipping June.
KFANDRAAI is happy that two of these members have stated that they will continue paying the KFANDRAAI fees even if they won't be attending. It's not only a way to stay in touch with their teammates as they will be able to read what's been happening in the regular sessions, but the fee paid will be used for the benefit of KFANDRAAI itself. KFANDRAAI thanks the players!
KFANDRAAI would also like to announce that because of the commencement of a new month focusing on online sessions, it will be cancelling the rule that forced the members to complete all the online sessions of May. The members that were still paying catch-up, have been saved by the announcement that online sessions will continue possibly for a fortnight.

Mr. Khare will be updating tomorrow morning's session by 4 pm this evening, in a new June document which the members that have confirmed will receive. As this piece of news is being written, the rain has started belting down hard on the KFANDRAAI office. We hope the rain brings in lots of luck to KFANDRAAI, it's members, the country and the rest of the world.

More innovations excite players! (This article was published on 20/05/21)

It's been around 20 online sessions and Khare has surprised everyone with a new twist to the drills every session. This week will be no different, Khare promised, with the drills getting more unique and tougher every session. He was disappointed about one thing though, he said, *'I agreed to KFANDRAAI's decision to allow those that missed the May online sessions and those that attempted to catch up but failed to do so, to ignore the May sessions and start afresh from the June sessions. I was simply astonished that a number of players did not thank either me or KFANDRAAI regarding the decision to allow them to continue afresh. What has the lock-down done to the sense and sensibility and morals of some KFANDRAAI members? I'm also shocked that some of the players that are regular, are still unable to understand the directions that have been written specifically for the drill and what to do and not to do. I repeat, what has the lock-down don.....'.* We decided that the new month need not start with another monologue from Khare. We already have enough of someone else who carries on without stopping. Not that Khare is wrong, but he does get a bit droll doesn't he? The KFANDRAAI Media hopes that while it broke off the chat with Khare suddenly, it won't be able to do so in the future, so it pleads with the members to pull their socks up and stay focused.

KFANDRAAI alerts members! (This article was published on 03/05/21)

The Khare's spent another frustrating, but finally fruitful time in front of the telly yesterday, when the unlock strategies applied by the Govt. were announced. Unfortunately, there was some confusion as one of the Ministers jumped the gun and made an announcement to the public, before the official announcement by the Chief Minister. Thus, the Khare's were still on tenterhooks as every other news channel spoke of the CM saying that the lock-down end-date hadn't changed and it was still the 15th of June. Later, it all became clear. While the Minister had popped the cork without

authorization, he wasn't actually that far from the truth at all. The State of Maharashtra has been bracketed into 5 levels. The 1st level being a complete lifting of the lock-down, the 2nd level with some restrictions, the 3rd with heavier restrictions and the 4th level, in which Pune has been placed, with heavy restrictions but lighter than the 5th, which is still under a total lock-down.
For the first time ever, sport was clearly mentioned and not like what has always been mentioned before, such as sports complexes and etc. The new rules states that sport can be played between 5 am and 9 am. This is a glorious time-period for the KFANDRAAI members as it fits in perfectly with their set schedule.
KFANDRAAI will confirm the time for tomorrow's session and announce it on the Sessions Sheet.
Those players that are available for the sessions should confirm by 3 pm today. The Covid prevention protocol will still be in play. All other info will be released on the Sessions sheet. As for those members that still can't attend the sessions, they've been asked to choose a session from the online sessions that have already been set up whenever they feel like training.

KFANDRAAI requests members to check with wives/gf's! (This article was published on 03/05/21)

KFANDRAAI may look into opening the sessions for girls/ladies. A plan is already ready, but some feedback is required. The Members have been asked to check if their gf's/wives would be ready to participate in all or one or a couple of the on-field sessions. As of now, no fee will be charged if they do decide to play, unless, new members that are not related to the members want to join up. The members are requested to see if their obviously better halves want to do the on-line training that they are involved in currently.
A form will be released soon to get the feedback relating to the above.

The on-field sessions are go!! (This article was published on 04/06/21)

Guru Khare is taking the entire credit for the resumption of sessions at KFANDRAAI's home ground Sangamwadi. He points out the yellow roses that he insisted the KFANDRAAI media team put up on 'June's Blast from the Past'.
He intoned,
'one and a half months it's been,

since the cockerel crowed on April thirteen.
Hide away did everyone,
every father, mother, daughter and son.
The online sessions were going strong,
But the yearning for the open air was loud and long.
Thus, I invoked the spirits of KFANDRAAI's past,
The yellow roses, in all their glory, they stand fast.
A remnant of bye-gone era it was thought,
Would their power work, when the fight with Covid was fought?
It took 3 days and a few hours,
And a few spells of un-seasonal showers.
Worry not passionate and humble denizens of KFANDRAAI,
For I have a bunch of Red Roses, ready for when the 3rd wave comes by.'
Guru Khare then danced and sang his way home.

KFANDRAAI rues lack of professionalism! (This article was published on 05/06/21)

While waiting for the CM of the state to make an announcement that verified the earlier statements by a Minister, KFANDRAAI's mood steadily worsened, as no update was provided, until it was decided to wait no longer and to cancel this mornings session.
A spokesperson for KFANDRAAI said, *'it was obvious that we could've gone ahead with the session. The thing is, with the CM staying mum, all previous rules would still be in effect, which implied that the KFANDRAAI's players would not be allowed to venture out to practice. Even so, the probability of the cops or anybody catching KFANDRAAI 'breaking' the lock-down rules could be set at 97%. A layman could think that the odds are in KFANDRAAI's favour, but not when it concerns the R and R. When Rules and Regulations are brought into the picture, even a 3% chance of being caught is 3% too much. As KFANDRAAI will always be a law-abiding organization, it was decided to cancel the session and an on-line session will be arranged to replace it. We hope that the sessions will resume on Tuesday, if the 3rd wave doesn't hit us by then.'*
If you're wondering about what he's talking about regarding the 3rd wave, please see the video releasing at 9 am today.

It's been announced! (This article was published on 05/06/21)

An official announcement has been made! KFANDRAAI will be getting back on the field on Tuesday the 8th of June!
A lovely, fun and terribly draining session has been planned!

KFANDRAAI player froths at mouth in anger! (This article was published on 06/06/21)

Our ace reporter, who is infamous for his inside scoops, was caught off-guard when he was approached by a KFANDRAAI player who sought out a deal. But he was surprised for only a moment as his true instincts kicked to life. Unfortunately, for the player, who we will not name because of no reason in particular, wasn't aware that our ace reporter, Mr. Ekka Patte, had no scruples and morals and was not likely to keep secrets. We present the entire report by EP below.
I was outside, waiting for the garbage truck to come along, when I was approached by a disheveled looking bloke. He seemed familiar at first and when he removed his helmet, I realized who he was.
'Excuse Mr. Patte!' said Mr. Kharshe Pothari as he got off his bike and walked over to me. When he came up within shaking hand distance, I saw that his face resembled his outward disheveled appearance. He seemed angry and distraught. I looked at my digital watch and it showed me it was Saturday, 7.30 am, the 5th of June.
'Yes? That's my name, and what can I do for you Mr. Pothari?' I asked him politely.
'Goodness! Knowing you is name of mine? Firstly, thirdly and secondly, request I is of you is being not mention is name of mine, report of yours in,' said Pothari. I can assure you, my dear reader, that after working for months with these KFANDRAAI players, I'd mastered the language they spoke, although I'm sure, you may need a few seconds more to understand what Pothari was going on about.
'Yes, yes, of course Mr. Pothari,' I disinfected my hand with the sanitizer spray I keep handy in my left trouser pocket, and patted his back while adding a *'there, there'* as I knew he was on the verge of doing something horrid and was also flustered and extremely disappointed.
'Let's go inside,' I told him. He asked me if he could remove his mask.
'I being having 2 injection is. Lovely nurse there being is. But funnily, giving me injection is on bottoms of mine. But that is being other story is,' said Pothari while removing his mask. I for one, have learnt not to trust anyone, so I told him that I've got a cough and that I don't want to infect him, so I'll keep on wearing it. I had also noticed that he didn't wince when sitting down in a chair I

offered him. '*After having needle stuck in your bum, a person is bound to be in pain,'* I thought.
'Worries not! Thanking is me to you for concern you showing is. Now, comings is to point is I. Knowing you is practice there being is today of?
I hesitated for a moment, sometimes, even though I've mastered their language, it does take me a few seconds more to put the words together to make sense, in my mind. *'Yes, yes, do go on. I heard it got cancelled as the CM of the state did not lift the restrictions.'*
'I being is not told is!' shouted Pothari. *'I being is going to ground is early, early and seeing I no-one is there. Shocked is I being...'*
I interrupted him and told him that the players were informed of the cancellation the night before. *'Even I received a message to that effect.'*
'I being not is being told! Think I is, KFANDRAAI and Neel Saar not telling me anything is. Believing I is they is likings me not. I goings is ground of, being I alone there is. Birds singing is being but no is body coming. Angry I is! I wanting sue-ing is KFANDRAAI!' he said dramatically while carefully placing the cup of tea in the saucer I'd given him a moment ago.
'Ok, that's alright. But you need proof that you went to the ground,' I told him.
'Ha! I clever being is. Takings I is photoos of ground being! Who think is they? Fooling me with is!'
I looked at the images he showed me on his mobile. Yes indeed, he had actually gone to the ground. I smiled as I knew that Pothari was on the level.
I told him, *'let's give Mr. Khare a call now, and see what he says.'* Pothari agreed and decided to speak to Khare himself.
After a few minutes, Pothari looked to be placated. *'What happened?'* I asked.
'Saar saying is sorry! Saying he is mistake made is. Making is ruling for not happening is this again. Saying he is compensation giving is he. Telling hims is I, worries is not, embarrassing is me being you apologizing is. I ok is,' Pothari told me.
'So what about the case you want to file?' I asked Pothari.
'No case there being is, goodingsbye,' Pothari said and left the house.
I did what I had to do. I called up KFANDRAAI Media, told them the story and sent the images too. My mobile has an app that automatically replicates all the data from another mobile with one foot of mine. They don't call me the 'Ace' for nothing.
(Ed - Um, isn't that your real name?)
One more, thing, this was just another ordinary day in the life of a KFANDRAAI reporter.
(To see the images, go to the images page!)

A form for the girls! (Updated at 1 pm on 06/06/21)) (This article was published on 06/06/21)

A form will be uploaded later this morning regarding the starting of a KFANDRAAI ladies team. While targeting the wives and gf's of the current members, a section will be included that will focus on girls/ladies that are not related in any way to the current members. Please fill in the form at the earliest when it comes out. The sooner the forms are filled, the quicker the sessions can begin. This form is compulsory for all members. (The form has been updated and is available above the news block on this page. Scroll up to see! Or go to the Forms page!)

Pune City in Level 3! (This article was published on 08/06/21)

Pune City has been bracketed in the 3rd level which allow open air practice during the whole week.
KFANDRAAI is go!!
Mr. Ajay Sanghvi has kindly sent KFANDRAAI an official document that declares all the R and R.
To see the document, click here - Document!

Khare goes down hard on players! (This article was published on 09/06//21)

While the 1st session after 1 and a half months, involved a temp. check, sanitizer sprays and O2/pulse checks as well, the players thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It wasn't a relaxing session either, with a lot of stamina work involved. But they did finish of with the players most favourite drill, the short game.
Unfortunately, as the players will read in the session summary, Khare has come down hard on the players regarding certain issues. *'The 45+ day break has impacted the players in a less desirable way,'* said Khare.
KFANDRAAI Is positive that once the players get back into the groove, they'll be just as good, if not better than before.

KFANDRAAI distributes masks! (This article was published on 09/06//21)

KFANDRAAI distributed masks to the players yesterday. Resplendent with the KFANDRAAI logo, the masks look the part of a professional set up. Now the players are totally in sync from head to toe.

Up to 6 ladies are good to go! (This article was published on 11/06/21)

Beginning from this Tuesday, KFANDRAAI will be embarking on it's push to get the better of the two sexes involved in making KFANDRAAI open to all. The latest news is that at least 6 lovely ladies have evinced an interest in becoming a KFANDRAAI member. Most probably, most of the 6 will be available to give it a go this Tuesday.
For the ladies that are staying close to the KFANDRAAI office or somewhere on the way to the ground, a pick up and drop off service will be offered to them, only for the first session. KFANDRAAI has appointed Mr. Khare to do the needful.
The email regarding the Tuesday session will be sent by 12 Noon.

Current members wives/gf's disappoint! But old KFANDRA members please KFANDRAAI!) (This article was published on 11/06/21)

A large proportion of the wives/gf's of the current members have evinced their lack of interest, through their 'men', to get on the field with them and share their passion for KFANDRAAI. It must be said though, that a couple of those that did take the time out to fill in the form, did in fact state that they would be interested when they free up some time.
On a positive note, a few girls that had been a part of the KFANDRA evening sessions have shown a passion and desire to get back on the pitch under KFANDRAAI's umbrella. KFANDRAAI will be contacting these players over the weekend to finalize things.
Rumours are rife that KFANDRAAI will not be charging any fees for the girls, if and when practice begins, unless the number of girl members increases as time passes.
KFANDRAAI believes that the only difference between men and women, apart from the obvious, is the possible dissimilarity in speed and strength. Khare has always stated that skill, vision, commitment and passion amongst other attributes, go both ways.

It must be noted though, that while the men and women will be training together, the drills that require the players to come into close contact, like some strength building drills, stretching and so on, will be taken separately.
A tentative date for the start of KFANDRAAI Women has been set at Tuesday, 15/06/21.

KFANDRAAI welcomes the girls! (This article was published on 13/06/21)

KFANDRAAI is hoping that the girls have a great first session on the coming Tuesday. It promises to be a fun but tiring session as always. Mr. Khare said, *'I will not be treating the girls any different from the blokes. I may grunt in a more gentle way when growling my displeasure at a girl that has erred in her ways, but otherwise, everything will be just the same as any other session. As for the blokes, especially those that've never trained alongside women before, will realize soon enough that the female species are way tougher than they think. Tuesday, will be the official beginning to the pre-season KLC3 training. I'm planning to include the ladies in the KLC3 which will mostly be a short-game tourney. The physical stuff will be lighter than usual, as I want the girls to come back on Thursday. I may separate the blokes for a little extra work though, as they've been training for a long time now. In any case, the plan for the session will be revealed on Monday to the players. I have to go now, bye bye!'*
KFANDRAAI wishes the ladies a good first outing and hopes the rain stays away for their first session.

Kothari injured; ankle swells to the size of a blimp; Fake Dr. Khare acts fast! (This article was published on 13/06/21)

In yesterday's session, Parsh Kothari fell over on his own and twisted his ankle badly. The media present on the ground was quick to ask him a few pertinent questions.
'How do you feel Sharpe?' asked one concerned reporter.
'*Aarrrgh! Seeing you is not? Paining is I being in!'* shouted Kothari. Priyank Gurhani, diaper buddy, seemed concerned and held Kothari's hand.
'There, there,' Gurhani said, reassuring his pal that everything would be ok.
'Get on with it Sharpe! Stop being a baby! Play the injury away, walk it off, it's nothing! And as for you Crank, what're you trying to do? Be his mother?' shouted Mr. Khare. Gurhani managed to hide his anger and ran back to his team.

Kothari, who could clearly feel his ankle ballooning up inside his boot, squeezed his tears back into the ducts they came from and answered, *'right Sir! Can I just...urgh...have a...ouch...sip of wat..glrgh..er?'* Amazingly, the language the KFANDRAAI members tend to speak in, had corrected itself, most probably due to the intense pain.
'What's that? Water? D'you think water is going to make your baby injury better? Get back into your position now! We're losing our 4th set in a row, and here you're thinking about a baby injury. If you had a heart attack, that would be different,' Khare growled at Kothari. After a few minutes, and after Kothari attempted to hobble agonizingly slowly after a super fast Bhorde who was running rings around everyone, including his own team, Kothari braved another request.
'Sir! Please!'
Gruffly, Khare waved Kothari off the pitch.*'Spray the injury Sharpe. What? The first aid box isn't there? Then go and get it man! It isn't going to walk over to you. You have a life, the first aid box doesn't!'* The game went on.
Immediately after the session, moments after the reporters heard Khare telling his players that. *'pain is a part of life. Whether physical or mental, pain reminds you that you're alive. It's up to you to face it or run away,'* they saw Fake Dr. Khare rushing off to check on Kothari.
In a matter of moments, the swelling on Kothari's ankle had reduced from the size of a blimp to the size of a small lemon or two.
'How do you feel?' asked a reporter.
'Okay I being is,' answered Gurhani.
'Not you Mr. Gurhani! I'm asking about Mr. Kothari,' the reported retorted.
'Oh Sharpe, he seems much better,' replied Gurhani while saying *'there, there'* to his pal and patting him his head. *'Worry you not is! Being I taking you home in car is. Bikings yours is keepings here. Asking us is of Saar!'* he spoke in very soft tones to Kothari.
Everything was going smoothly until Khare cropped up. '*What's this I hear? Can you keep your bike here? Why? Coz you can't walk? Don't be silly man! Have you been shot? Has your ankle been cut off by some crazy cannibal? What's that? You can't put your boot on? You can't put your track bottom on?'* growled Khare. Then he suddenly pulled his trusty pen-knife from his macho waist pouch, stabbed Kothari's boot open with a couple of slashes and said, *'see? Now your foot will fit inside. Crepe bandage and all. And as for your track bottom,'* Khare then made as if to slash a wide enough gap in Kothari's track bottom so that Kothari's leg could fit through.

Before anyone could say, *'you're being too hard on him Khare!'*, Kothari had hobble-hopped to his bike and before leaving at super fast speed, he moaned, *'I being fine is now Saar! I goings home now is! Bye and bye!'*
Before we finish this article, we must speak about the callous and uncaring attitude of some of Kothari's team mates. We won't name them but two players whose names are related to car's, continued their own conversation without once checking up on Kothari. The reporters union calls this behaviour very ungentlemanly and frown upon it.
As for Kothari, the latest news is that Khare has bullied him into coming on the ground to assist him, while his ankle heals.
No images of Kothari's ankle have been uploaded as we the media, are sensitive to the reader's well being.

The 'D' day arrives! (This article was published on 14/06/21)

KFANDRAAI stated to us in a press release that tomorrow's session will be just like any other. *'All this hullabaloo about the ladies joining KFANDRAAI is just creating stress where there should be none at all. In actual fact, historically, the female members of KFANDRA have always valued the chance to play, without having to think of anything else. This being the Adults Initiative, KFANDRAAI is sure the same will apply. Thank you!'*
The KFANDRAAI Media Dept. agrees with the above statement!
All the best ladies, gentlemen and KFANDRAAI!

Girls prove themselves capable! (This article was published on 15/06/21)

There's no doubt that the girls 'upbringing' at KFANDRA. put them in good stead on their first session this morning. As they were already well versed with the rules and regulations of behaviour and discipline, as they had honed their skills at the Academy, the girls left no space for anyone, including the white and grey speckled horse that galloped to the ground to check out the proceedings, to raise a question about how this would work.
While it's obvious rugby contact games are a no-go area, the football played at KFANDRAAI has always been focused on passing the ball about quickly, making the ball do the work and running about like crazy. Whenever there's contact, the players are always asked to be 100% sure of winning the ball before jumping in. This makes it all the more easier for mixed sessions.
Khare said, *'man oh man! I've been seeing blokes, play and run about every single day since KFANDRA stopped coaching girls when the evening sessions*

ended. This morning was a blessing! Three lovely girls, showing as much passion and commitment, if not more than the blokes, was soothing to my jangled nerves. The high pitched sound of their voices mixed with the rough tones of the blokes was like icing on a beaten up shoe. But to call the men a beaten up shoe would not be altogether right. It's only because I trust every male member of KFANDRAAI that the step to include the girls could be taken. With the possible influx of more females and males, things are bound to get even better. We must've pleased the rain gods in some way or form as the ground was beautiful. When it does rain though, KFANDRAAI will still be out there. having fun.'
Please see a grainy image of the girls receiving their Bibs and masks on the images page.

The girls and guys say a few words! (This article was published on 15/06/21)

While the comments by the players have been restricted for internal viewing, the KFANDRAAI Media team has managed, through their sources, to sneak a look at some. We will not reveal who made the comments, because we feel like it, except for the girls.
'Nervous I being is. Around girls I being is, scared I is. So, being it was I awkward. Feeling I is that me being is shy, playing I being is bad or behaving is I bad. But nonsense thinking it being is! Girls being like us just! I is thinkings, worried why was me? Fun all it is being!' wrote in one bloke.
'They being is KFANDRA with for years many, is being why they like us only is. Difference not there being! Also good are they playing! Good very decision!' commented another.
The girls also chipped in -
Sheru said, *'flashback being all is! Wonderful it being! Everyone being is humble and behaviour so wonderful is being. When short game playing is, kicking out is ball I being, man player of Jai tellings me, you no get, I gets for you is. Falling back is you! Shocked being is I! I tellings, no-no Saar being shouts will he! Me saying to Jai, I sorry is. Grass also is so greenings! Wow is there beings!'*
Rapunzel said, *'happy happy is I so being! Much fun and noticed not I there being difference of girl boy. Me not able being stop smiling! Tired me much so is! Sleeping is I!'* she then fell on her bed with a wide smile on her face.
Jane added, *'dying me is! Funny there being is, remindings me is of old, when being is Tan calling is me Ma'am. Discipline of KFANDRA different not like*

from KFANDRAAI! No being there issue even one there of men. They being is so good behaviour is. Fun all it is!
The KFANDRAAI Media hopes the bonhomie continues forever!