

Test cricket needs fresh lease of life: Warne

Australian spin great Shane Warne has given a reality check to cricket authorities around the world saying that Test cricket needs a fresh lease of life.

Warne said the fact that Test finds limited fans in majority of cricket playing nations is a cause of concern and International Cricket Council and Cricket Australia should lead its revival.

'There has been so much talk about a Test championship and nothing has happened. Test cricket needs an injection of something to capture fans across the world,' Warne wrote in his column in Daily Telegraph.

'It's still big in Australia, England and India, but it is poorly attended in a lot of other countries and that's a concern. If we are not careful it will hit us so quickly that it's dying,' he said.

'That would be a tragedy and the International Cricket Council and Cricket Australia should lead the way and do something now - ask the players what they think should be done.'

Warne insists Test cricket still remains the best format of the game and needs to be promoted.

'Test cricket to me and to a lot of other ex-players and public is a great form of the game, the best. It has to remain the ultimate, we need to promote it, push it and play an attacking style of cricket.

'It's where you're judged, earn your respect and get to show what makes you tick. Please, no more greed with these ridiculous seven-match one-day series. It is a joke for public and the players,' he said.

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