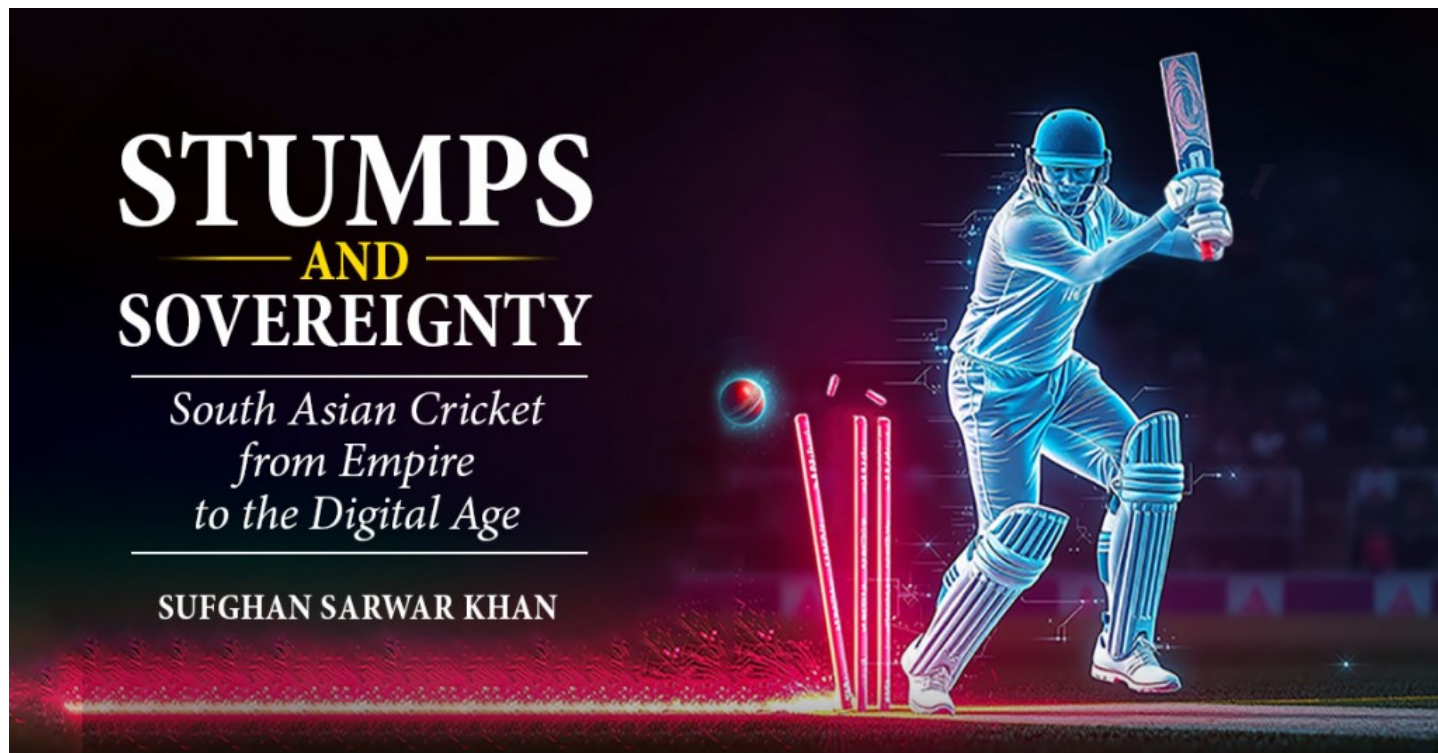


“Stumps and Sovereignty” Explores How Empire and Innovation Shaped South Asian Cricket

A new book by Sufghan Sarwar Khan traces five centuries of cricket’s transformation — from the colonial playgrounds of empire to the digital era of global fandom.



Dubai, United Arab Emirates Oct 26, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - ***From Empire to Innovation: “Stumps and Sovereignty” Reimagines South Asian Cricket in the Digital Age***

Cricket in South Asia has never been just a sport. It has mirrored empire, culture, and reform. In his new book, *Stumps and Sovereignty: South Asian Cricket from Empire to the Digital Age*, author **Sufghan Sarwar Khan** explores how cricket evolved from a colonial pastime into one of the world’s most powerful cultural and technological forces.

Blending history, technology, and geopolitics, Khan traces cricket’s transformation—from the early East India Company era to today’s digital frontier—revealing how the game reflects changing ideas of power, innovation, and identity. He examines how modernization, data, and global media have reshaped cricket’s institutions and fan culture, bridging South Asia’s heritage with tomorrow’s digital economy.

At the heart of the book lies Khan’s **Hybrid Cricket Model**, a proposed reform that fuses the endurance of Test cricket with the pace of limited overs play. Conceived as a dynamic three-day format, it aims to help emerging nations enter longer forms of the game while revitalizing global interest in classical cricket.

The book looks ahead to the sport’s future—“neuro-cricket,” nanotech-assisted equipment, programmable pitches, AI-powered fantasy leagues, and quantum-aided officiating by 2050. It also studies decentralized cricket economies and innovation strategies such as **Bazball**, where disruption

and creativity define the modern captain's toolkit.

The book predicts that by 2050, cricket could feature neuro-technology, nanotech gear, programmable fields, AI fantasy leagues, and quantum officiating.

The *Independent Book Review* praised *Stumps and Sovereignty* as “impressive in scope, fusing sport and politics without letting one overshadow the other.” Khan’s multidisciplinary analysis situates cricket within broader questions of digital transformation, leadership, and cultural identity.

Speaking about his vision, Khan notes:

“Cricket must evolve with each century — innovation keeps the game relevant for the generations that inherit it.”

A fintech specialist based in Dubai and originally from Pakistan, Sufghan Sarwar Khan brings academic depth and industry experience to his work. His unique perspective bridges sport, technology, and society—offering both a historical lens and a roadmap for cricket’s digital future.

Stumps and Sovereignty is available worldwide on **Amazon** and **Barnes & Noble**.

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