

BJD opposes Raman visit

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Governing Biju Janata Dal today announced staging a 'Jal

protests in Sambalpur and Cuttack, announced BJD Spokesperson

River Mahanadi is our lifeline and is depended upon since ages by people across the State," Mr. Behera said.

The Senior BJD leader said that it was saddening that despite the protests of the State Government over the issue, for which the Centre has been requested to intervene, Mr. Singh has refused to stop construction of a single barrage in the upper catchment area of Mahanadi.

"To protest his Odisha visit we will stage 'jal satyagraha' from tomorrow at Cuttack and Sambalpur.

Satyagraha' from 9 February to protest the tour of Chhatisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh to State to campaign for BJP candidates for the ensuring rural polls in the State.

Governing Party activists in large numbers will stage

Sashibhusan Behera at a Media Meet here today.

Mr. Behera said, the party cannot allow a person who is hampering the interest of the State.

"How we will allow a man in our land, who is against the interest of our people and State?"

In the morning our party activists will stage the protest in Mahanadi at Sambalpur and in the evening we will perform 'sandhya alati' (evening puja) which will be a peaceful and silent protest," he said.

Meanwhile, BJP, which had roped in

Singh as one of its star campaigners, said Mr. Singh will arrive here tomorrow and campaign for the party in several districts of the State for a couple of days.

Notably, senior BJP leader Bijay Mohapatra has also disapproved any campaigning by the Chhatisgarh Chief Minister.

"Roping in a Chief Minister for rural polls is not appropriate," Mr. Mohapatra had told Media soon after the party decided to involve Singh in the campaign.

Reacting to BJD's announcement, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told Media that the ruling party is scared of the State's people rejecting it in the rural polls.

However, it is upto the ruling party, as a political party, to adopt any form of agitation in a democratic manner.

AIADMK crisis LIVE updates: Sasikala meets Governor, stakes claim to form govt in Tamil Nadu

New Delhi(KCN) Tamil Nadu, Tamil Nadu governor, Opanneerselvam, Sasikala, Vidyasagar Rao, Governor Vidyasagar Rao, Sasikala natarajan, Opanneerselvam, AIADMK, tamil nadu floor test, Vidyasagar rao sasikala, sasikala panneerselvam, aiadmk crisis, chennai news, tamil nadu news AIADMK general secretary VK Sasikala and caretaker chief minister Opanneerselvam. (file photo)

With Tamil Nadu caretaker Chief Minister Opanneerselvam revolting against Sasikala Natarajan, the AIADMK general secretary is pulling all stops to keep the party flock intact ahead of highly anticipated floor test in the state assembly. Sasikala described Panneerselvam's rebellion as a "betrayal" and called him a "liar".

Panneerselvam has addressed a press conference and has showcased support from several top leaders of the party, indi-

AIADMK 7:35pm: Five Senior AIADMK leaders accompany VK Sasikala to Raj Bhavan to meet Tamil

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cating that his faction is the real AIADMK and alleging that Sasikala has betrayed Jaya and the party.

LIVE UPDATES: 8:27pm: Opanneerselvam meets supporters at his residence.

8:03pm: Sasikala Natarajan leaves Raj Bhavan after meeting Governor C Vidyasagar Rao.

7:45pm: Chinnamma stakes claim to form Government, says

Nadu Governor C Vidyasagar Rao.

7:33pm: Meeting between Sasikala Natarajan and Governor Vidyasagar Rao is underway. Visuals outside Raj Bhavan.

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K Sasikala reaches Raj Bhavan to meet Governor Vidyasagar Rao.

6:59pm: VK Sasikala pays tributes at Jayalalithaa's memorial at Chennai's Marina Beach

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Watch On HSE exam

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi today directed the District Administrations, Police and all those connected with conduct of Higher Secondary Education (HSE) examination to eliminate use of unfair means during the examination.

Reviewing the preparations for the ensuing examination through video conference, Mr. Padhi asked the officials to strictly implement the provision of Odisha Conduct of Examination Rules 1988 to make the examination a credible affair.

DGP KB Singh, who also participated in the review, informed the officials that an elaborate guideline will soon be dispatched to them in this regard.

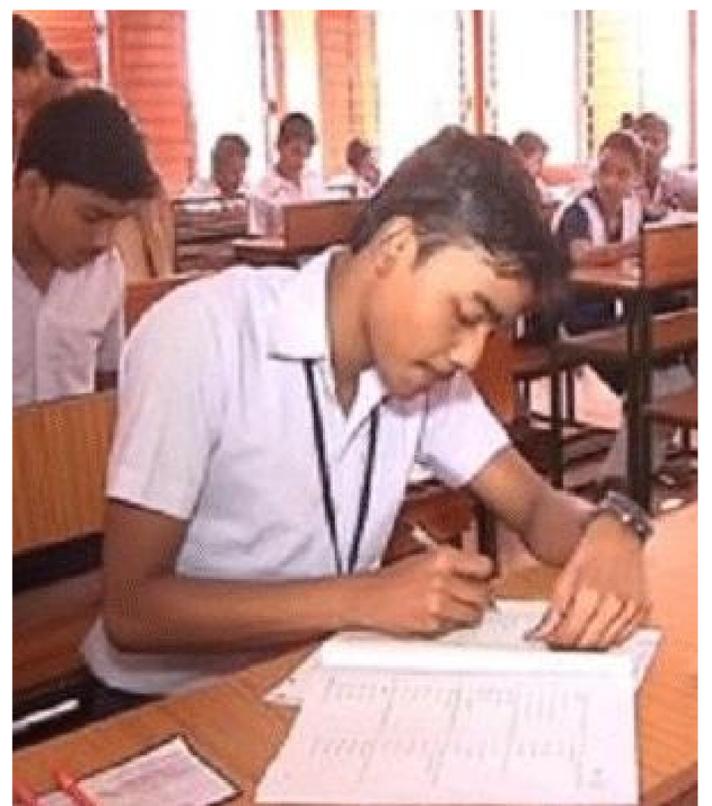
Mr. Padhi directed the District Collectors to form special squads for smooth conduct of the examination in their respective districts.

School and Mass Education Secretary

Ranjana Chopra informed that over six

occurred in one of the Examination Centres,

The question papers will be sent to



lakh students are appearing in the examination this year in State in 2938 centers and 295 Nodal Centers.

Nodal Center Concept was started by the State Government after the theft

where security cover was not enough.

She said the admit cards have been uploaded on the website since yesterday and it will be available in respective schools from February 21.

the Nodal Centers by February 20 and the examination centers a day before the examination. The evaluation of answer papers will begin from March 20 at 60 centers to conclude on April 2, she said.

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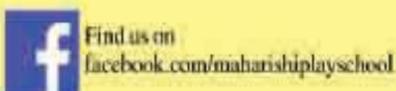
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‘Neil Nitin Mukesh-Rukmini Sahay to wed today: Here’s what happened at their mehendi, sangeet. See pics, videos

Neil Nitin Mukesh is all set to get married today. But before he and fiance Rukmini Sahay say ‘I do’, we have seen a deluge of

on Wednesday. Neil and Rukmini’s families have known each other for a long time and the families have rustled up the big fat

but the much-in-love couple is giving us relationship goals nonetheless.

Neil and Rukmini got engaged

were attended by celebs such as Rishi Kapoor and Pamela Chopra. It was a big celebration and we got to see the guests

Rukmini looked absolutely beautiful. Neil was dressed in a kurta pyjama as he twinned with his bride.

ing their grand entry. Bride-to-be Rukmini is seen taking blessings and meeting the family members present there.

As the functions are taking place in Udaipur, some traditional Rajasthani dance performances just had to be a part of the celebrations. Fire dancers also performed at the theme mehendi ceremony of Neil and Rukmini.

After some traditional celebrations, it was time to go Bollywood. Late Yash Chopra’s wife, Pamela Chopra, was seen singing, ‘Tuje dekha toh ye jana sanam’ at the sangeet.

Not only this, Rishi Kapoor was also present and sung a song from Bobby which was originally by Neil’s grandfather Mukesh, ‘Main shaayar to nahin’.

And one more video from the sangeet night:

Also, see a few more pics from beautiful couple Neil Nitin Mukesh, Rukmini Sahay’s mehendi, sangeet:

The wedding night is today. As far as the wedding dress of the groom Neil is concerned, he is expected to be seen in a traditional rajwaada look created by Sarath Krishnan. For Rukmini Sahay, it is the traditional thread-work lehenga with elements like stones and resham.

Kriti picks up a cigarette for the first time

NEW DELHI(K-CN): We have seen actors go to lengths for their roles, pushing the envelope, going out of their comfort zone and doing what is required.

This time Kriti Sanon has done it for her character in ‘Bareilly ki Barfi.’ The actress, who has always been a non-smoker, had to pick up a cigarette for her role, as the script demanded so.

Committed to her character, the ‘Heropanti’ actress did not hesitate to go ahead and do this, even though it was not in her comfort zone. Confirming the news, Kriti shares, “I was always a non-smoker and I continue to be. I only picked up the cigarette because my character demanded me to.”



celebratory videos Indian wedding with on February 7 and the having a good time.



from their sangeet and mehendi ceremonies that took place

scenic Udaipur as the backdrop. It may be an arranged marriage

next day saw mehendi and sangeet ceremonies which

Dressed in a yellow lehenga and phooloan ka gehna,

‘Hello world’, Shahid introduces daughter on social media

MUMBAI: (KCN) : Bollywood actor

month-old daughter Misha Kapoor on so-

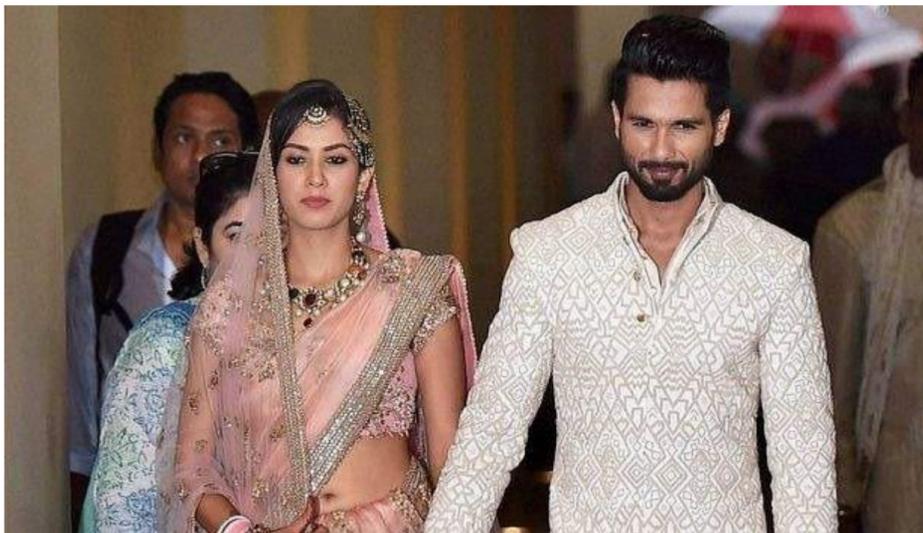
black-and-white photograph of his daugh-

Shahid Kapoor In the image, Mira is

looking towards the camera.

"Hello world," Shahid captioned the image. Shahid and Mira welcomed their first child with utmost joy in August last year. The name of the duo’s daughter is an amalgam of her parents’ name.

Shahid and Mira, who have a 12-year age gap, tied the knot in New Delhi in 2015. They reportedly met due to their connect with the religious group Radha Soami Satsang Beas. On the work front, Shahid will be seen in filmmaker Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s upcoming film "Padmavati", which also stars Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone. TAGSShahid Mira Misha



Shahid Kapoor has finally shared a photograph of his five-

Shahid on Wednesday shared a

ter along with his wife Mira Rajput, on Instagram.

seen hugging the baby and kissing her cheek, while Misha is

Rupee zooms to nearly 3-month high, gains 22 paise

Mumbai (KCN): Rupee, rupee falls, rupee rises, rupee value, rupee against dollar, rupee today, rupee early trade, india economy, business news, indian express news For the second time in a row, the Reserve bank today opted for a status quo in its key rates but shifted the stance of the monetary policy from 'accommodative' to 'neutral'.

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6:58pm: Sasikala visited Jayalalithaa's memorial before meeting Governor, got with her letter of support claiming majority, to be submitted to Vidyasagar Rao.

6:47pm: Sasikala Natarajan leaves Poes Garden residence to meet Governor Vidyasagar Rao.

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5:33pm: The right thing will happen. justice will be delivered and truth will prevail. Thank all my supporters for standing with me: OPS

5:30pm: OPS speaks to reporters after meeting Governor, says "justice will prevail".

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5:20pm: O Pannerselvam leaves Raj Bhavan after meeting Governor Vidyasagar Rao.

5:05pm: O Pannerselvam meets Governor Vidyasagar Rao. (READ MORE)

4:42pm: O Pannerselvam reaches Raj Bhavan to meet Governor Vidyasagar Rao. Tamil nadu,

Reversing yesterday's plunge, the rupee today staged a smart comeback to end at a nearly 3-month high of 67.19 against the US currency, surging by a solid 22 paise on fresh bouts of dollar selling by banks and exporters.

Notwithstanding a strong dollar overseas activity, the home currency managed to sidestep the early volatility

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4:35pm: TN caretaker CM O Pannerselvam to visit Governor in few minutes, may ask him to direct police to give security to 4 MLAs in Sasikala custody.

4:32 pm: O Pannerselvam leaves his residence for Raj Bhavan; to meet Governor Vidyasagar Rao shortly.

3:56 pm: Governor Vidyasagar Rao's cavalcade arrives at Raj Bhavan. He will be first meeting the caretaker chief minister Pannerselvam at 5 pm. Around 7 pm, he will be meeting Sasikala Natarajan.

3:52 pm: Even before he steps on to the tarmac, a media scrum ambushes Vidyasagar inside the flight. He smartly ducks every question on the worsening crisis within AIADMK.

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3:35 pm: The eagle has landed. Vidyasagar arrives in Chennai. Hope he caught up on some sleep during the flight as we doubt he would get any tonight.

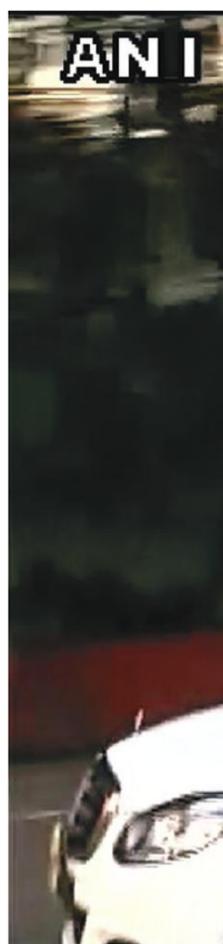
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after RBI's monetary policy committee maintained a status quo on repo rate amid widespread expectations.

For the second time in a row, the Reserve bank today opted for a status quo in its key rates but shifted the stance of the monetary policy from 'accommodative' to 'neutral'.

The apex banks also slashed the eco-

Vidyasagar rao, Sasikala natarajan, O Pannerselvam, AIADMK, tamil nadu floor test, Vidyasagar rao sasikala, sasikala pannerselvam, aiadm crisis,



chennai news, tamil nadu news (Source: ANI)

3:15 pm: Tamil Nadu Education Minister, Pandiarajan comes to Sasikala's defence, says AIADMK MLAs are staying in hotels on their own accord and that they have not been compelled to do anything. Referring to Pannerselvam's resignation, he says no pressure tactics were used on him and whatever has been done so far was only after his consent. "We have letter of support for VK Sasikala from 135 MLAs including Pannerselvam, we still have that letter. All AIADMK MLAs are willing to meet the Governor if he wishes to meet as well," he told news agency ANI.

2:50 pm: After Pannerselvam tore into Sasikala for harbouring ambitions to become chief minister, it appears the

2:00 pm: In the backdrop, behind Pannerselvam and AIADMK party leaders, is a huge portrait of former CM Jayalalithaa. The message is clear - 'We are the real AIADMK'.

economic growth forecast to 6.9 per cent for the current fiscal from 7.1 per cent estimated earlier.

Though, India remains a bright spot in the global economy and the best emerging market growth stories.

It witnessed some volatility after the monetary policy committee meet outcome.

Garnering strong

AIADMK general secretary went into a huddle with key party functionaries at Jayalalithaa's residence at Poes Garden.

2:30 pm: With Governor Vidyasagar

momentum in late afternoon deal, the home currency hit an intra-day high of 67.18 before ending at 67.19, showing a smart gain of 22 paise, or 0.33 per cent - the level not seen since November 11, last year.

Yesterday, the rupee had lost 19 paise.

In worldwide trade, the greenback consolidated its overnight gains following better-than-

1.58 pm: Pannerselvam now claims Sasikala is lying when she says she never betrayed Amma (Jayalalithaa). He's addressing the media in Chennai where several key

expected December trade balance which showed the deficit falling slightly in December.

The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 67.3058 and for the euro at 71.8759.

In cross-currency trade, the rupee retreated sharply against the British pound to end lower at 83.87 from 83.33, but remained firm against

camp, and more leaders are likely to follow him. Madusudhanan alleged a mystery behind Jayalalithaa's death, and appealed to the people of Tamil Nadu to support

the euro to close at 71.52 from 71.93 yesterday.

The benchmark Sensex declined over 45 points to end at 28,289.92, while broader Nifty ended flat at 8,769.05.

Foreign portfolio investors turned net buyers after a brief selling and bought shares worth a net Rs 201.13 crore yesterday.

The benchmark six-

MLA Om Sakthi Sekar from AIADMK.

10.48 am: OPS doing some early spring cleaning? He is finalising plans to remove top cops including DGP

month premium for July rose to 154-156 paise from 147-149 paise and the far-forward January 2018 contract also surged to 301-303 paise from 290-292 paise on Tuesday. Crude prices dropped further following a steep rise in US fuel inventories and concerns over slowing demand from Chinese despite OPEC-led efforts to cut output.

Poes Garden residence into "Amma memorial".

10.30 am: In case you missed, sources in the BJP tell Liz Matthew that the party wants stability in the AIADMK and that Pannerselvam continues as chief minister. They feel Sasikala comes with "too much baggage". For more on this, click here.

10.25 am: Speaking to news agency ANI, Swamy adds: "The Governor's (Vidyasagar Rao) behaviour is deplorable. Congress is not attacking him, maybe he is influenced by them."

10.15 am: BJP MP Subramanian Swamy accuses Vidyasagar Rao of running away from the crisis: "He (Vidyasagar Rao) ran away to Delhi, then went to Mumbai. Yes he is also Governor of Maharashtra but crisis was in Tamil Nadu."

10.10 am: Governor Vidyasagar Rao is expected to meet AIADMK general secretary Sasikala Natarajan and party MLAs at 3.30 pm at Raj Bhavan.

10.00 am: Governor C Vidyasagar Rao will be heading to Chennai at 1.30 pm.

Tamil Nadu Governor C Vidyasagar Rao, however, may take the matter to its logical end when he arrives in Chennai on Thursday afternoon. He will be arriving at Raj Bhavan at 3.30 pm, and is expected to meet Sasikala and the 131 party MLAs supporting her. The party plunged into crisis when OPS claimed he was forced to resign from the CM post, and accused Sasikala of trying to seize power despite former chief minister Jayalalithaa asking him to succeed her. "When she was in the hospital I asked her, she (Jayalalithaa) asked me to take over as CM. I never wanted to be CM, they made me CM, then why insult me," he said.

10.44 am: Arun Janardhanan reports from Chennai: Sasikala camp is talking to Congress, which has 8 MLAs, to prevent DMK's alleged plan to topple the government if OPS gets support of minimum 20 MLAs. As things stand, OPS has the support of three AIADMK MLAs.

10.36 am: If caretaker Chief Minister Pannerselvam has his way, Sasikala will be without a roof over her head at the end of the day. He just issued orders to convert Jayalalithaa's

Pannerselvam. "All cadres should support O Pannerselvam, retrieve party from dictators... party shouldn't be with rowdies."

12.40 pm: View image on TwitterView image on Twitter

Follow Mumbai (Maharashtra): Tamil Nadu Governor C Vidyasagar Rao leaves from Governor's House

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12.05 pm: On Friday, Supreme Court will hear the plea filed by Chennai-based NGO, Satta Panchayat Iyakkam against the move to appoint V K Sasikala as Tamil Nadu chief minister.

11.10 am: We have our first casualty in the AIADMK turf war. Sasikala Natarajan sacks Puducherry Former

Yuna Kim reveals Olympic torch in countdown to 2018 Games

Gangneung (KCN): Kim Yuna holds the Olympic torch during the ceremony to mark a year to the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games in Gangneung. The one-year countdown to the Pyeongchang Games began Thursday with Yuna Kim revealing the Olympic torch.

The one-year countdown to the Pyeongchang Games began Thursday with Yuna Kim revealing the Olympic torch and organizers opening online ticket reservations.

South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn and an International Olympic Committee delegation led by Gunilla Lindberg, who heads the IOC's coordination commission for the games, also attended the ceremony in Gangneung, which will host the ice sports events next year.

"I am convinced that the Pyeongchang Olympics will be a success," Hwang said in a speech at the ceremony. "I believe in the great strength of our people who have successfully hosted international events like the 1988 Olympics and 2002 World Cup."

Kim, a figure skating gold medalist who is perhaps the country's most popular sports personality

even in retirement, carried the white-and-gold Olympic torch onto a stage built over ice as a group of pop singers sang "We Are the Champions," highlighting an event that also included a video message from IOC President Thomas Bach.

"It is my great pleasure to invite the national Olympic



committees of the world and their athletes to participate in the Olympic Winter Games Pyeongchang 2018," Bach said in the message.

Hwang has served as the country's acting head of state since December when President Park Geun-hye's powers were suspended after lawmakers voted to impeach her over a corruption scandal. He told organizers in a meeting earlier in the day that government is ready to invest "every reliable resource" to build buzz for the games and ensure the safety of athletes and spectators.

With preparations entering the last phases, the participation of North Korea

and Russia have emerged as major issues ahead of next year's games.

Relations between the two Koreas have worsened since North Korea conducted two nuclear tests and a string of rocket launches last year as it continues to expand its nuclear weapons and missile programs. Russian athletes have been

caught up in a scandal following allegations of state-sponsored doping around the time of the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Lee Hee-beom, Pyeongchang's organizing head, expressed hopes to see athletes from both countries at the games.

"Every country and every athlete who loves peace has a right and obligation to participate in the Olympics," Lee said. "North Korea is no exception. We are making preparations for the possibility that North Korea participates in the games."

The Pyeongchang Games will mark the second time the Olympics have been staged in South Korea, which also

hosted the 1998 Games in Seoul.

This time, organizers have had to overcome delays, local conflicts regarding venue constructions and difficulties attracting domestic sponsorships before putting preparations on track. Construction workers are putting the finishing touches on the 12 competition venues in Pyeongchang and nearby Gangneung, including six new facilities that organizers say are about 96 percent complete on average.

The athletes and media villages, an international broadcasting center, and a pentagonal stadium that will host the opening and closing ceremonies are expected to be finished by September.

The political turmoil surrounding President Park has been a massive distraction that slowed organizers' efforts to stoke lukewarm public interest, and also rattled the country's ministry of culture and sports, which oversees the Olympic preparations.

Lee said that the recent political situation "to a degree" negatively affected preparations for the games, but said such impact could be overcome with more help from government organizations and the business community.

Gautam Gambhir comes to 1998 Asian Games gold medallist Dingko Singh's support

Dingko Singh, 1998 Asian Games gold medallist boxer, had been recovering from a life-saving opera-

sports fraternity to improve. With his career long over, financial aid wasn't easy to come by. To raise

boxer Dingko Singh battles cancer

Ever since his medical plight was made public by the

Imphal.

DG Media_SAI visited him & promised him all possible help. We pray for his speedy recovery."

The family moved back to Imphal from Delhi because of the rising costs of stay and treatment in the capital. Noticing the situation that has plagued the former champion, India cricketer Gautam Gambhir was saddened with the situation and has reportedly chipped in

by providing financial support. He, however, has opted to not publicise how he is helping the boxer.

Although, he has used Twitter to ask people to offer their support, "We must take care of our champions jst as they make us proud. Help Asian Games Gold winner by sending a text to Babai-his wife at 8131830664."

media, the ministry chipped in to provide financial support. He was under treatment at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Sports Minister Vijay Goel had tweeted, "Dingko Singh has been provided initial financial aid & he has been assured that whatever his needs are will be taken care of. Dingko is also a SAI coach in



tion after suffering from liver cancer. He underwent the procedure in the early parts of January and during it, 70 per cent of his liver had to be removed.

Living in a tiny two-room apartment in Shahpur Jat locality of the national capital, the boxer since was left in a financial crunch and needed support of the

funds for his treatment, the former Navy man had to sell his house in Imphal. "We have already spent Rs 10 lakh so far and are really worried how we will manage the money for treatment. We definitely need help," Dingko's wife told Indian Express.

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India Under-19 team have a plush hotel but no money for dinner

A FORTNIGHT into their 30-day home series against England, India's Under-19 cricketers and their support staff, including coach Rahul Dravid, are yet to receive their daily allowances.

Reason? The absence of an official signatory to release

funds after the Supreme Court removed BCCI secretary Ajay Shirke, and the cash withdrawal limit of Rs 24,000 per week following the demonetisation policy.

This bizarre combination has resulted in the junior cricketers going for half-a-month without their

entitled allowance of Rs 6,800 per day. So much so, the players have had to fend for themselves for dinner after play, and rely on their parents to help them with money.

Sources confirmed that the players were told the BCCI does not have an official signatory to sign

on daily allowance cheques — all payments need to have the approval of the secretary. After Shirke was shown the door, along with BCCI president Anurag Thakur, the board is left with joint-secretary Amitabh Choudhary and treasurer Anirudh Choudhary.

India vs Bangladesh: Patient Murali Vijay and flawless Virat Kohli give India the launchpad

Bangladesh (KCN): Opener Murali Vijay and skipper Virat Kohli slammed centuries in the first innings of the one-off Test match against Bangladesh at Hyderabad as India dominated proceedings on day one. Vijay got to his ninth century with a sublime display of patience and skill while 'King' Kohli slammed his 16th Test ton by dominating the visitors from ball one.

After Kohli won the toss and elected to bat on a pitch that had a tinge of green and offered some seam movement to the new ball bowlers, Vijay took his time to get used to the pace of the pitch. He applied himself well initially

and took a cautious approach to steady the ship after India



lost KL Rahul on the fourth delivery of the morning.

However, once he got settled after

surviving the first hour of play, he entered his comfort

zone and added 178 runs for the second wicket with Cheteshwar Pujara which helped India

build a strong platform. He played shots at will and kept the

scoreboard ticking even when Pujara was seen buckling a bit under pressure. Though Vijay was

lucky to survive a run out chance in the 16th over, he didn't let it

affect him and capitalised on it by bringing up his fifty. He then upped the ante and forged another

partnership with his skipper after the departure of Pujara. His

century stand with Kohli was the fifth between them this season. En route his ninth Test century,

Vijay played 160 balls, hit 12 boundaries and a six.

On the other end was Kohli who walked in with the score at 180/2 and began from where he had left off in the England series. He scored two fours off his first three deliveries and it was enough to set his opponents on the backfoot. After a phenomenal 2016, Kohli showed no signs of complacency into the new year and looked solid at the crease from the beginning. The artistry and pure class from the Indian skipper was on display as he drove, flicked and also brought his deft touches into play.

He dominated the Bangladeshi attack for their way-

ward bowling and punished the loose deliveries with utter disdain. A smashing whip off through the mid-wicket region brought up his century in just 130 deliveries. In the process he equaled Mohammad Azharuddin's record of nine centuries as a captain and is now only behind Sunil Gavaskar's tally of 11.

With the scoreboard reading – 356/3 at the end of day's play and Kohli unbeaten on 111 ably supported at the other end by Rahane on 45, India will look to pile on the misery further on the visitors who seem hapless and devoid of ideas as of now.