

## Pangi joins BJP

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Most active tribal leader and former BJD MP Jayram Pangi today joined the Saffron Brigade about one-and-half months after being suspended from the

with his hundreds of supporters were welcomed into the BJP by Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at the BJP State Headquarters.

Former Chief Minister Giridhar

ers were present.

"I have not set any terms and conditions before joining the BJP. My position will be decided by the party," Mr.Pangi told Media Men after joining the saffron party.

Angry over his suspension from the BJD during the recently concluded panchayat polls, Mr.Pangi said "I was a disciplined worker in the BJD and have never indulged in anti-party activities. I wonder why I was suspended from the party."

"The BJD is doing exactly the opposite to what Biju Babu (Biju Patnaik) dreamt about Odisha," a Biju Acolyte said.

Mr.Pangi, a former MP and four-time MLA and also a former Minister, said "I am a tribal. Tribals are loyal to their lead-

ers. If they say no means it's a big no. I have said no to BJD."

Stating that he worked for 40 years, 20 years with Biju Patnaik and 20 years with Naveen Patnaik, Mr.Pangi said "I was suspended from the BJD within 40 seconds."

BJD Spokesman and former Minister from Koraput district, Rabi Narayan Nanda claimed Mr.Pangi would not make any difference to the BJD. Several tribal leaders from Koraput had joined the BJD. Jayram Pangi was working for other parties while he was in BJD, Mr.Nanda alleged.

Mr. Pangi's joining will boost the BJP organization in tribal dominated areas, especially Koraput, said Jual Oram, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs.



ruling BJD for "anti-party activities."

Mr. Pangi along

Gamang, Saffron Veteran Biswa Bhusan Harichandan and oth-

## Star status for mines

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Soon all the Mines of Major Minerals will be given "Star Status" and the State Government has been

forts for implementing a framework for sustainable development, mitigation impacts on local area, forest, environment

Star Rating to Minor Minerals also. Pointing out another initiative, Mr.Kumar has said that Mining Surveillance System (MSS), which uses Space Technology for curbing the incidence of illegal mining with minimum human interference is needed to be implemented in case of Minor Minerals.

MSS has been launched in 2016 through Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) in collaboration with Bhaskaracharya Institute of Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) for Major Minerals, which is being implemented.

So far Odisha is concerned the Odisha Space Application Centre (ORSAC) is engaged in such an activity and the State Government has taken a lead in such an direction, said sources.

In the mean time the State Government has decided to put mining and transportation of mineral activities under satellite surveillance to maintain transparency in the mining sector.

This was decided at the State Level

Task Force meeting held recently under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi.

The Chief Secretary directed the Steel and Mines Department to develop differential global positioning system (DGPS) for regular satellite checking of mining activities at the ground level.

Mr.Padhi also asked the Department to expedite the process for putting in place the system for GPS tracking of mineral bearing vehicles.

He advised ORSAC for satellite monitoring of mining activities and keep the Department informed about the updates for necessary actions in case of violations. Now for both MSS and Star Rating the Ministry of Mines is taking up hand holding support and asking for consent of the State Governments for implementation in Minor Minerals.

So Mr.Kumar has urged for consent of the Government of Odisha to give consent to implementation of Star Rating and MSS for Minor Minerals in the State.



urged to implement such an innovative initiative in a view to encourage sustainable and responsible Mining.

Odisha, being the major mineral bearing State it has been urged to provide Star Status to even Minor Minerals also, which is a State Subject.

In order to encourage sustainable and responsible mining, the Ministry of Mines has decided to start "Star Rating of Mines of Major Minerals, in which mines will be rated One to Five Star for their ef-

and ecological restoration of affected lands. Arun Kumar, Secretary Ministry of Mines has written to the State Government in this regard, while informing the State that all the Major Minerals will have to attain at least Four Star Status within two years as mandated in Mineral Conservation and Development Rules (MCDR) 2017.

Mr. Kumar has urged the State on the line of Star Rating for Major Minerals, the State Government is needed to provide

## Odisha draws Aayog attention

**New Delhi (KCN):** Odisha Government has urged NITI Aayog to issue suitable directions to various Ministries to look into various long standing problems of the State and take remedial measures as it is impacting development process in the State.

For the first time NITI Aayog held a Review Meeting held at New Delhi today with the Senior Officials of the Government of Odisha to discuss pending issues with Union Government.

Vice Chairman NITI Aayog Aravind Panagariya chaired the meeting, where Odisha Development Commissioner R Balakrishnan along with his Team of Officers detailed out long list of pending issues.

CEO NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant and Secretaries of various Ministries were in attendance, where issues were discussed and Dr.Panagariya urged them to sort out

in a time bound manner.

Team Odisha led by Mr.Balakrishnan, Principal Secretary Commerce & Transport Sanjay Rastogi, Secretary Energy Hemant Sharma, Special Secretary Water Resources Chithra Arumugam, Special Secretary SC & ST Development Raghu Prasad, PCCF S S Srivastava and others attended the meeting.

Odisha raised the issue of pending release of Central Sales Tax (CST) Compensation issue. Though it was decided to release compensation for CST loss in 2013-14 to be fully paid by Government of India, 50 Percent is still pending, which amounts to Rs.240.52 Crore.

Department of Revenue is take steps to pay by March 2017, but funds are not released to the State Government, said sources.

Similarly Rs.218.79 Crore is pending to be reimbursed by

the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to Odisha towards Security Related Expenditure (SRE).

Similarly enhancement cost of construction of Marine Police Stations under coastal Security Scheme is pending with MHA. While cost of construction of each Marine Police Station is around Rs.75 Lakh, now only Rs.48 Lakh is provided.

It was pointed out that Indian Railways has announced to set up Railway Factories like Wagon Factory at Sitalapalli, Berhampur and Wagon Maintenance Workshop at Kalahandi. But works are yet to be started.

Similarly opening of new Railway Rake Points in Odisha is pending with Indian Railway Board (IRB). While at present there are 21 Rake Points operating in the State to cater fertilizer distribution network for all the 30 districts, the network is acutely in-

adequate.

Nine more new Rake Points have been proposed in Keonjhar, Junagarh, Durgapalli, Ke-singa, Rayagada, Cuttack, Dhenkanal, Bhadrak, Kantabanji NITI Aayog was urged to take up the matter with IRB. Out of these nine Rake Points, only Keonjhar has been sanctioned, said sources.

Odisha Government pressed for allotment of Coal Blocks for the State. Chhendipada-I and Chhendipada-II Coal Blocks were being demanded for Odisha Thermal Power Corporation (OTPC) and allocation of Utkal-B1, Utkal-B2 and Utkal-A was also demanded for the State.

Similarly additional bridge linkage of 20.56 Million Tonne of Coal for OPGC expansion was raised by the State Government, which is pending.



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**Koffee With Karan: Katrina Kaif, Anushka Sharma have a fan in Deepika Padukone**

If you are of the same view that the latest

Deepika Padukone thinks on the same

sassiest best, leaving host and filmmaker

of a kind ever seen on the celebrity chat

from calling Deepika Padukone their

to our head – Ranbir Kapoor. Now that Ranbir is out of both Deepika and Kat's lives, looks like our Piku has extended an olive branch towards Katrina, by posting a tweet praising the two girls and the episode. Deepika Padukone has always stayed away from both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma, due to the connection of her former and current boyfriends Ranbir Kapoor and Ranveer Singh, with the two girls.



episode of Koffee With Karan was one of this season's best, and both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma were on fire, there is someone else who agrees with us.

lines too. This, when neither Kat nor Anushka preferred to call Deepika their 'friend' on the show. Surprised?

Katrina and Anushka were at their

Karan Johar in total 'meltdown'. So much so, that it even left the viewers sweating due to their hysteric connotations and reactions on every petty thing – definitely one

show. The two beauties accepted that they are not like the typical actor-friends in the industry and comfortably give each other space. They, however, refrained

'friend'. While we never saw Deepika and Anushka bonding (one word: Ranveer Singh), and keeping distance, her cold vibes with Katrina only brings one name

There was a time when Deepika and Katrina were never seen under the same roof and shared cold vibes. But after years of rivalry, they reportedly buried the hatchet at a recent awards night with Shah Rukh Khan being the pacemaker. Sometimes, heart-breaks help in mending ties. And these two girls are the latest example.

**Sofia Vergara's son Manolo Gonzalez makes modelling debut**

**WASHINGTON (KCN):** Manolo Gonzalez Vergara, the only child of Sofia Vergara, recently made his plunge into modelling industry following in his mother's footsteps.

The 24-year-old son made his modelling debut in a photo spread for Paper magazine's latest issue, inspired by the films of Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, reports E! Online.

In one photo, Gonzalez Vergara wears a black suit and poses along model Stevie DeFelicie who is sporting a red top, skirt and blazer as the duo hold a Bloody Mary each and sit on the floor that has a



shattered mirror reflecting them.

The young model also took to his Instagram handle to thank the magazine.

"And for allowing me to sit next to Stevie DeFelicie. I hope she wasn't too traumatized," he added.

Vergara's 44-year-old mom had modelled for years before she moved from her native Colombia to the United States to concentrate on an acting career. Her son, who she raised as a single, working mother, has also dabbled in acting and appeared with her in a Head & Shoulders commercial in 2014.

**Sunny Leone is the perfect seductress in 'Laila main Laila'**

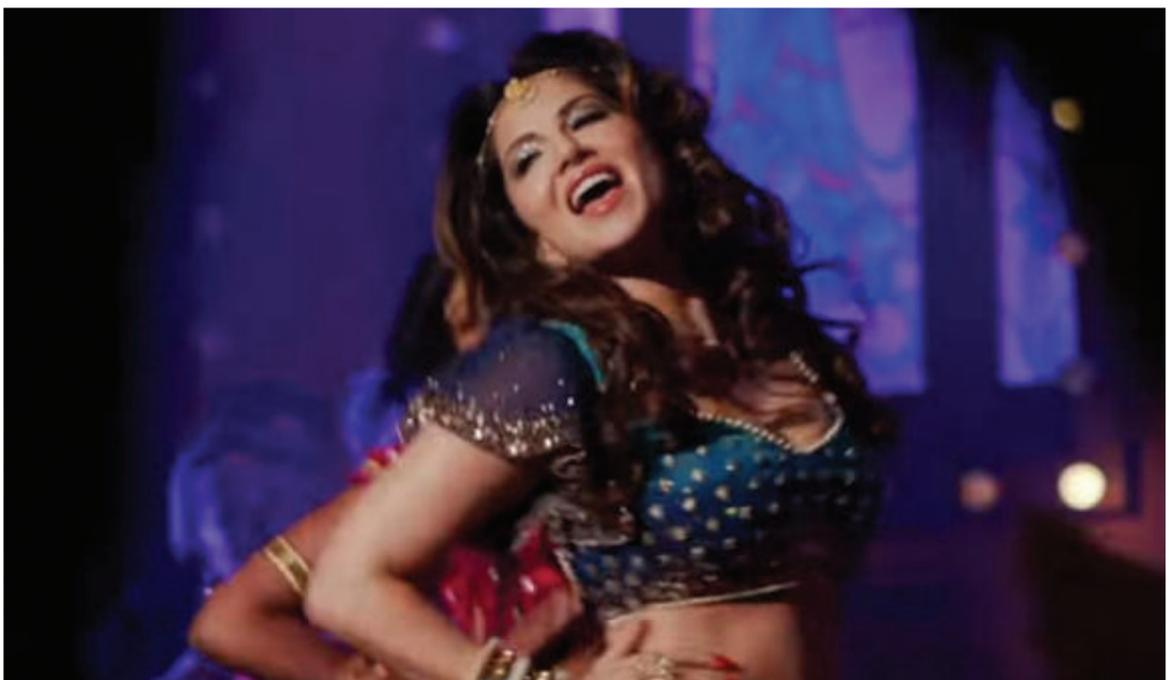
**NEW DELHI (KCN):** Sunny Leone's much-awaited song from 'Raees' is out and it has all the ingredients to make it to the top of every chartbuster!

From Sunny's sexy dance moves to Shah Rukh Khan's killer looks, the remixed version of Zeenat Aman's 'Laila O Laila' is sure to make you groove.

Set in a dance bar, it seems the song is an important part of the development of SRK's character of a liquor baron in Gujarat.

The 70's classic rendition has been recreated by Ram Sampath and sung by Pawan Kalyan.

Directed by Rahul Dholakia, 'Raees' is all set to release on January 25 next year.



## Bosch to pay out \$327.5 million over Volkswagen 'dieselgate'

**FRANKFURT(KCN):** German car parts maker Bosch said Wednesday it will pay out some \$327.5 million (303 million euros) in compensation to US buyers and dealers

of Volkswagen-made diesel cars affected by the 'dieselgate' scandal. Bosch made some elements of the sophisticated software, known as "defeat devices", that VW installed in 11 million diesel engines worldwide to minimise emissions during regulatory testing. Bosch said in a statement that a compensation agreement "would settle the claims of consumers and dealers of used vehicles against Robert Bosch GmbH, its affiliates, employees, and directors" in the United States.

US customers who bought vehicles

from Volkswagen and Audi with 2.0-litre diesel engines between 2009 and 2015, as well as 3.0-litre VW, Audi and Porsche cars produced between 2009 and 2016, will receive compensation.

The agreement must still be approved by a US federal judge in California, with a hearing slated for February 14.

While agreeing to pay out to VW buyers who have accused the firm of helping conceal the existence of the "defeat devices", Bosch said it "neither acknowledges the facts as alleged by the plaintiffs nor does Bosch accept any liability." With the proposed agreement affecting only civil law claims, Bosch added that it "will continue to defend its interests in all

other civil and criminal law proceedings and to cooperate comprehensively with the investigating authorities in Germany and other countries."

"We wish to devote our attention and our resources to the transition in mobility and in other areas of activity," chief executive Volkmar Denner said in the statement.

Presenting provisional results for 2016 last week, the Stuttgart-based, family-owned firm said it was investing billions in transitioning to electric cars and connected objects from its traditional car components and domestic appliances business.

Bosch reported 73.1 billion euros (\$79 billion) in revenue and operating profit of 4.3 billion euros for the year.

## Honda raises full-year profit outlook on lower costs, weaker yen

**TOKYO(KCN):** Honda Motor Co on Friday lifted its annual profit forecast for the second time in as many quarters due to cost-cutting and the impact of a weakening yen, while sales in China remained

strong. March, compared with an earlier forecast of 103 yen.

The results come as business is booming in China, where surging sales led by the Civic and the XR-V have prompted the automaker to invest

the U.S. trade deficit.

The new president has focused on protectionist trade policies in his first weeks in office, formally withdrawing the United States from Trans Pacific Partnership trade



strong.

Japan's third-largest automaker said it expected net profit for the year through March at 545.0 billion yen (\$4.82 billion), up from previous guidance upgraded in November, and 58.2 percent more than a year earlier.

It also raised its operating profit forecast to 785.0 billion yen after posting 207.6 billion yen for October-December - up 27.4 percent from a year prior and exceeding the 157.07 billion yen average of 11 analyst estimates in a Reuters I/B/E/S/poll. Analysts expect the automaker to post full-year operating profit of 753.27 billion yen and net profit of 533.44 billion yen.

The automaker also forecasts the local currency to average 107 yen to the U.S. dollar through

\$436 million in its seventh plant in the country. It raised its full-year sales outlook for Asia including China to 1.945 million vehicles from 1.915 million. The automaker expects to sell 5.005 million vehicles globally in the year through March, up from a previous forecast for 4.98 million. In the U.S., strong demand for Honda's latest CR-V sport utility vehicle (SUV) and the latest generation of its Civic sedan have also led to record sales in the automaker's biggest market during calendar 2016.

Honda is among global automakers which have come under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has demanded that more cars sold in the United States be made locally to increase jobs and shrink

the U.S. trade deficit. The new president has focused on protectionist trade policies in his first weeks in office, formally withdrawing the United States from Trans Pacific Partnership trade pact. Honda and other Japanese automakers have increasingly localised vehicle production over the past three decades, and Honda's U.S.-produced vehicles account for around 26 percent of its global vehicle output. The company operates seven production plants in the United States which manufactured nearly 80 percent of the record 1.64 million Honda vehicles sold in the country in 2016. It also operates plants in Mexico and Canada which export a chunk of their output to the United States. As demand for SUVs and trucks continues to rise in the United States, Honda has increasingly turned to exports from Japan, which more than doubled to 82,780 units in the 12 months through December.

## STRIDES SHASUN'S PLANT COMPLETES USFDA INSPECTION; NO OBSERVATIONS MADE

Drug firm Strides Shasun today said the US health regulator has not made any observations after inspection of its manufacturing facility in Puducherry.

observed any conditions that in their judgement may constitute violations of the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and related Acts.

It notifies the



The company's "active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) manufacturing site in Puducherry was recently inspected by the US FDA and the approval was renewed with 'Zero 483' status", Strides Shasun said in a statement.

With this, the company's last four United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) inspections were successfully completed without any observations, it added.

An FDA Form 483 is issued to a firm's management at the conclusion of an inspection when an investigator(s) has

company's management of objectionable conditions at a facility.

Strides Shasun Group CEO Shashank Sinha said: "This is a strong endorsement of our significant investment and ongoing focus on compliance integrity."

The company remains committed to meeting and exceeding the expectation of the authorities in the challenging regulatory landscape as it continues to evolve, he added. The scrip was today trading at Rs 1,048 in the afternoon trade on the BSE, up 0.60% from its previous close.

## SC removes BCCI president

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** Supreme Court of India removed Anurag Thakur as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) with a show cause notice issued in regards to charges of perjury and contempt of court, saying "he should 'forthwith cease and desist from' the board's work. The apex court also removed Ajay Shirke, secretary of BCCI.

A bench headed by Chief Justice T S Thakur and comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud also decided to initiate contempt proceedings against Thakur by seeking his response as to why he should not be held liable for obstructing the implementation of the court's directions aimed at reforming BCCI.

## BSNL to set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura

**Shillong (KCN):** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) Chief General Manager K K Saxena today said the company will set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura to improve customers service and its reach in these states.

He said 56 of

these towers will be in remote Meghalaya (existing 244), nine in Mizoram (existing 141) and 46 in Tripura (existing 386) which will add to 771 existing towers in these states as part of the phase 7 project costing Rs 50 crore.

Both NE-1 and NE-2 (comprising of

Assam and rest of NE states) cater to about 17.4 lakh customers of which 8.7 lakh are in NE-1 circle, he said. Earlier, Saxena announced the launch of three new plans costing less than Rs 400 for prepaid services where customers can avail free calls and data costing less than Rs 2 per GB.

## Union Cabinet clears National Steel Policy, confirms Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the National Steel Policy, 2017, which aims to in-

crease manufacturing of quality steel in the country, boost domestic steel consumption and turn India into a globally competitive steel industry. India is already the third largest producer of steel worldwide. The industry contributes around 2 per cent of the country's GDP, and employs over 25 lakh people.

ment is looking to triple steel production to 300MT by 2030; India crossed the 100 MT mark in 2016. Further, it is hoping to increase per capita steel consumption from the current 60kgs to 160kgs by 2030.

Through the policy, the government is trying to support and guide companies towards making India self sufficient in steel, ensure cost-efficient production, ensure domestic availability of iron ore, coking coal and

efficient in steel, ensure cost-efficient production, ensure domestic availability of iron ore, coking coal and natural gas and raise foreign investment for the sector.

In 2015, India was the only large economy in which steel demand showed a positive growth at 5.3 per cent. In China, the growth rate was (-)5.4 per cent and in Japan, (-)7 per cent, reported PTI.

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## Nifty breaches 9,300-mark for first time

Market benchmark Nifty surged past the 9,300-level for the first time today, fuelled by a rally in Reliance Industries and other bluechips on upbeat earnings. Nifty closes at record 9,306.60, up 88.65 points. Positive Asian cues and a higher opening in European markets also added to the momentum. The 50-share NSE Nifty soared 82.45 points, or 0.89 per cent, to quote at its new lifetime high of 9,300.40. It broke the previous record of 9,273.90 reached on April 5. The BSE 30-



share Sensex was quoting at 29,926.96 at 1430 hrs, up 271.12 points, or 0.91 per cent. The rupee appreciating to 64.21 against the dollar (in-

tra-day) at the forex market too boosted sentiments. Shares of Reliance Industries surged 1.21 per cent to Rs 1,433.50 after the company yester-

day reported a record fourth quarter net profit of Rs 8,046 crore.

Other major gainers that supported the key indices were M&M,

Bharti Airtel, Hero MotoCorp, Asian Paints, Power Grid, ITC Ltd, HUL, ICICI Bank and HDFC Ltd, rising by up to 3.36 per cent. Globally, Japan's Nikkei surged 1.90 per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.31 per cent, while Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.16 per cent. In Europe, London's FTSE rose 0.22 per cent, Paris CAC 40 gained 0.18 per cent and Frankfurt's DAX inched up 0.03 per cent in early deals. For all the latest India News, download Indian Express App now

## IPL: Mumbai elect to bat against Hyderabad

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami, playing in women's cricket, later she won the prestigious Padma



Jhulan Goswami has become the leading wicket-taker in Women's One Day Internationals (ODI) going past Australian Cathryn Fitzpatrick record of 180 wickets.

**Enough evidence against Sharjeel Khan, Khalid Latif on spot-fixing: PCB**

**KARACHI(KCN):** The legal advisor of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Tafazzul Rizvi has said that there is enough evidence against Pakistani batsmen Sharjeel Khan and Khalid Latif on spot-fixing and other charges.

Rizvi said in an interview that the "available evidence in the form of telephone conversations, messages etc had all undergone forensic testing and were enough to convince the tribunal, formed to hear the spot-fixing charges, to take action against the players".

He felt that the two players were trying to misguide the tribunal.

"They are trying to use legal terms to save themselves and misguiding the tribunal," said Rizvi.

The lawyers of both players have said that the PCB has insufficient evidence against their clients but Rizvi insisted that the evidence was strong and enough to hand over punishments to the players. The PCB's Anti-Corruption Unit, meanwhile, has also summoned Pakistani allrounder Muhammad Nawaz for questioning.

ing his 153rd ODI against South Africa Women during the ongoing Women's Quadrangular Series in South Africa on Tuesday, took three wickets to take her career tally to 181

## Can't force estranged couple to settle: SC on Leander Paes, Rhea Pillai

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** The Supreme Court today said it cannot force ace tennis player Leander Paes and his estranged live-in partner Rhea Pillai to arrive at a settlement in a maintenance case, even after having accorded them in-chamber hearing.

Favouring that another bench should hear the matter, a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Amitava Roy made the observation after Paes and Pillai insisted that no settlement was possible among them. "We can't force the parties for a settlement. It is not possible to say anything at this stage. We tried our best to persuade the parties while hearing them in-chamber," the bench said.

The bench said that after according the parties in-chamber hearing earlier this year, it would not be appropriate for them to hear the matter on merit. "It will be better if another bench hears this matter as we have accorded in-chamber

had taken 180 wickets in 109 matches, had retired in 2007.

With 271 International wickets across all formats, the 34-year-old Indian pacer is the all-time leading wicket-taker

her ODI debut against England in 2002. In 2007, she won ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year award, followed by Arjuna Award in 2010 and two years

hearing to the parties. List the matter before another bench on July 18," the bench said.

When the matter was first taken up for hearing this morning, both parties told the bench that they had certain proposals. The court then asked them to exchange it among themselves and posted the matter for hearing later today.

In the afternoon, when the matter was again taken up for hearing, counsel for Pillai told the bench that she has asked Paes for a house but he was not agreeable to it. Paes's counsel on other hand said that Pillai has already got a house from Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt (her former husband) and the tennis star was not ready for such a demand. "He (Paes) is not agreeable to anything. He doesn't want to give anything. He doesn't want to pay money," Pillai's counsel said.

To this, the bench said it cannot force the parties for settlement and the matter would be now

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ing going forward. This helped hosts Malaysia easily contain India who came into it with four goals

penalty shoot out with Great Britain. But as things transpired, India never looked good enough

in the previous match (vs Japan) which kept their hopes alive. But on Friday, these heroics were not to be repeated with none of the players standing up and making themselves count - the way Mandeep Singh did against Japan.

India came into the match with a clear knowledge of their fate in the tournament. They needed to win by two goals or three goals to book their berth in the final against Australia. 1-0 wouldn't have been enough and 2-1 would have forced a

to win and produced proper scoring chances only in the final few minutes of the game. On the day, Great Britain beat New Zealand 3-2 and Japan triumphed in sensational manner to beat two-time reigning World Cup champions Australia 3-2 as well.

India bagged five penalty corners but failed to test the goalkeeper on more than one occasion. The best of the lot was the last one where Chinglensana Singh trapped the ball for Rupinder Pal

Shri.

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## Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: India lose 0-1 to Malaysia in crunch game

India lost their last and final group game at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia to rule



themselves out of playing in the gold medal match. Shahril Saabah scored the only goal of the game in the 51st minute after Malaysia converted their fourth penalty corner chances with Akash Chikte beaten down the centre. This helped Malaysia to first win in the tournament while handing India their second defeat. The four-time champions India didn't produce a strong display of hockey with many stray passes and didn't look convinc-

ing going forward. This helped hosts Malaysia easily contain India who came into it with four goals

penalty shoot out with Great Britain. But as things transpired, India never looked good enough



Preity Zinta maintained that the IPL is not solely for entertainment but to give a platform for youngsters to perform (Source: BCCI)

## I have lost weight, worked on my weaknesses: Mohammed Shami

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** Two years is long hiatus from limited overs cricket and a fit-again Mohammed Shami is ready to come out all guns blazing in the upcoming Champions Trophy in England from June 1. Shami last played for India in an ODI, back in 2015 World Cup and it will be a fresh start in the 50-over cricket. "Two years is a long time to be out of ODI squad. In these two years, I

have focussed on my strength and fitness. I have also worked on my weaknesses. I have got leaner. I am hopeful that I can perform well in the upcoming Champions Trophy. I want to give my best shot," Shami said after being named in the Champions Trophy squad. Shami who plays for Delhi Daredevils in the Indian Premier League, feels that IPL games will be great match practice in the tune up to the mar-

quee event. "IPL is a good platform for me wherein I will be getting 8-10 matches before going to the international tournament." Delhi Daredevils captain Zaheer Khan's presence has been of great help as his insights has helped Shami become a better bowler. "Obviously, when you speak to former players, you get valuable tips. If you speak to Zaheer, there is something or the other that emerges," he said.