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Boatman Liable for mishap

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Chilika Development Authority (CDA) Chief Executive P Krishna Mohan, who visited the spot today, said the fishing boat, which had the maximum capacity of ferrying 10 to 12 passengers, was carrying more people.

A day after four persons were killed when a motorized fishing boat capsized in Chilika lake in Ganjam district,

CDA CE Mr. Mohan visited the accident area and reported the matter to the State Government, which today also sought a detailed report from the authorities about the incident.

The motorised boat that sank yesterday was meant for fishing and not to carry tourists or pas-

sengers and boat was in a bad condition, said he.

In the meantime State Government has asked the Director of Ports and Inland Water Transport to give a detailed report on all aspects related to the mishap that took place in the brackish water lagoon near Sabulia in Rambha area of Ganjam district on 10 December.

Four persons, including two children, died when the boat carrying 29 passengers from Sabulia capsized in the lake, barely one and half kilometers from the shore while proceeding to Ghantasila.

The boat was today seized by the Rambha Police, which had registered a case against the two boatmen Dutia Mallick and Hatia

Mallick for illegally ferrying the passengers in a fishing boat.

The sources said the safety features have also come into focus after the trag-

edy in the lagoon

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of fishing boats operate from lakeside villages to ferry visitors to exotic locations inside the lagoon.

Such boats operate from jetties like

opt to use these boats since they charge less even if it means compromising on safety, said a tourist boat operator.

"Since they don't

say. Besides, since they are locals, we don't want to create an atmosphere of hostility with them," he said.

The 29 people,

a lump sum amount for a two-way journey for the entire group, said Bideshi Mallick, one of the boatmen.

"Apart from bar-

the smaller boats give them privacy unlike the bigger tourist boats. Moreover, while tourist boats have fixed timings, the fishing boats offer flexibility in timing," said Piyush Pradhan, a tourist.

In terms of safety features "many boatmen are not properly trained leading to collisions between boats in middle of the lake," said another tourist.

Around 1,200 tourist boats operate in the vast water body from different lakeside corners of Chilika in Ganjam district.

Assistant Director, Inland water transport (IWT), Balugaon, P K Das said Fisheries department issues licence to fishing boats.

"We will now launch See Page -7



SAI Ignores Poor Students

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): State Government will take action

There are 256 private schools under Bhubaneswar Block

poor students was only 307. Notably, the state government

2016-17 academic year. Total 187 students were enrolled in the school, out of 18 are poor students.

While 16 poor students were enrolled

in Vivekananda school in Laxmisagar BDA Colony, the number of poor students is 15 in Unit III Saraswati Sishu Mandir, 14 in Unit VI SSVM and 12 each in SSVM Jayadev Vihar, Sai

Saraswati Vidya Mandir in Laxmisagar and KIIT International school.

Only one poor student has been enrolled in the elite SAI International school.

In fact this school attracts more rich and affluent students,

however misses RTE Norms so far enrolling poor students, said a senior officer in Department of School & Mass Education.

While Saraswati Sishu Mandirs have recorded the highest in terms of enrolment of poor students, the reputed schools offering education in English medium are reluctant to allow the poor students for free education.

Despite repeated warnings from the Government for receiving high tuition fee, school development fee and heavy donations, the English medium schools continue to ignore the government law.

bears all the study expenses for the poor students enrolled in the private schools.

Sources said that Saraswati Shishu Mandir (SSVM), Dharma Vihar, has topped the list in terms of admission of poor students into the school in the

Education office. As per the RTE Act, 25% seats are reserved for the poor students for free education in the schools. Total 16,006 students have been enrolled in these 256 private schools during 2016-17 academic year, out of which the number of

against 212 private run schools in Capital City for violating Right to Education (RTE) Act.

Sources said these 212 private schools have violated the RTE Act norms for not allowing the poor students for enrolment.



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Kalyana Samayal...to be remade in Hindi

The Hindi remake of Tamil film Kalyana Samayal Saadhham

the film. After the screening got over, he told that we could re-

the story is mine. We are hiring a person to work on the dia-

Swami Chinmayananda last year. It wasn't for a theatrical release. Anand was busy with Tanu Weds Manu: Returns. So, I had to wait. Somehow I knew we were going to collaborate. It was a call-

ing sorts," he smiles. In what way Shubb... would be different from KSS? "I'd not say this is a remake, but a re-take or an adaptation of my previous film. We locked the script, and are in talks to finalise

the cast and crew. In a week, everything will be zeroed in on," he shares. Based on Tam-Brahm wedding, KSS opened to excellent reception from critics and the audience for its novel way of storytelling.



(KSS), which was rumoured to be shelved, is very much happening. Speaking to City Express from Mumbai, director RS Prasanna says Bollywood director Anand L Rai has obtained the rights of the film.

"Lekha Washington suggested that we have a special screening in Mumbai, in January, 2014. Anand Rai was one of the invitees, and he loved

make the film in Hindi. But the process took its own time," Prasanna shares. Though it took three years for the whole project to materialise, Prasanna didn't lose hope. "I felt a strange connect with Anand ever since I met him. He's a wonderful person to work with. Though I was new to Bollywood, he put me in ease. I am directing the film, and

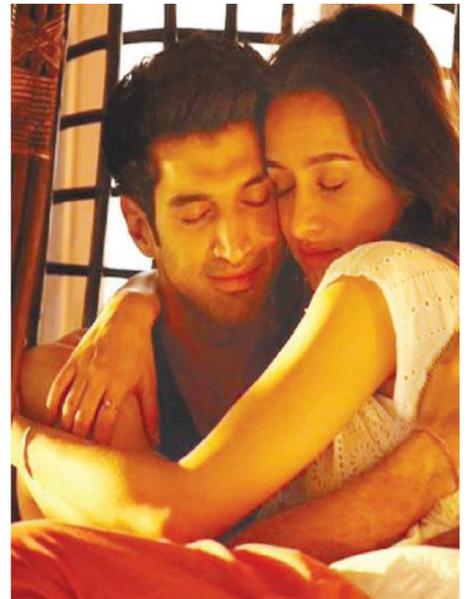
logues and screenplay," he adds. Titled, Shubb Mangal Saavdhan, the film has been scheduled to release on August 25, 2017.

"Many people were asking me why didn't I direct anything post KSS. Everyone was interested to know the developments of my film, which was motivating. I made a full-length English film 'On A Quest' on

Watch trailer of Shraddha and Aditya coming together again in 'OK Jaanu'

The Aashiqui 2 fame couple Shraddha and Aditya who were once reportedly dating each other are once again together but onscreen for their next film Ok Jaanu.

Aditya and Shraddha Kapoor The film is a romantic drama directed by Shaad Ali and produced by Karan Johar and Mani Ratnam. It is an official remake of Mani Ratnam's Tamil film OK Kanmani starring Dulquer Salmaan and Nithya Menen. As the remake stars Shraddha and Aditya will be seen portraying a young couple in a live-in relationship in Mumbai.



Love stories from Sonagachi

One of India's most successful HIV interventions is currently facing a policy glitch it cannot easily overcome: love affairs.

In Sonagachi, the largest red-light district of South Asia, in the heart of Kolkata, sex is solicited for a price, and the odds of finding an empathetic lover also come with a rider: unprotected sex. For sex workers, the distinction is necessary for specific clients commonly referred to as 'babus' with whom they have an emotional connect. However, for health workers who are working hard to convince the women to insist on condom usage, this is turning out to be a nightmare.

The babu culture

As thing stand, the number of HIV positive workers and clients in Sonagachi is at an all-time low, with just over 2 per cent positive cases being reported in 2014, down from 10 per cent in 2005. There are approximately 8,000 commercial sex workers (CSW) here, according to figures put out by the Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee (DMSC) which has been working among them for more than two decades. But keeping the gains is proving to be uphill. "I have been informed about risks of unprotected sex by didi (peer educator). But I can't say no to my lover. I also like to be with him without protection," says Saheba Bibi, a 27-year-old CSW with a 10-year work experience as she nervously waited for the results of tests for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD).

Shalini, 30, says that she is scared of losing her lover if she uses does not engage with him without protection. "I am attached to him and there is nothing else

that I can give him. Our conversations also matter... we talk for many hours some times. But sex is important too," she says.

Among the counsellors at Sonagachi, these love affairs are known as the 'babu culture'.

"It is common knowledge that while the sex workers do not solicit a client who does not use condoms any more, they engage with their lovers without protection. Most sex workers have a particular client with whom they engage regularly and they develop a strong feeling of attachment. However, most of these babus have sex with more than one woman, putting both of them at risk of contracting AIDS. We counsel them and encourage the use of condoms despite a love affair," says the counsellor who works with the DMSC.

Peer educator model

At the heart of this success story is Dr. Smarajit Jana who, in 1992, initiated a radical intervention programme to control STDs and HIV in Sonagachi. He worked with the Department of Epidemiology, All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health in Kolkata and realised that HIV control is not only about screening and providing condoms but also addressing wider socio-economic challenges. "We asked sex workers to not solicit anyone without use of condoms. But if all women of the red-light area did not agree to it, then the customers would go to those who did not press for condoms. This would put pressure on the others too to earn money. Community or social action had to be initiated," he says. Thus, DMSC took shape in 1999. Through a model

of "peer educators" where elder HIV-positive women counsel sex workers, the DMSC began group discussions and community monitoring.

"We regularly hold group discussions and educate sex workers



about HIV and other STDs. Peer educators teach them the method of using condoms effectively. We emphasise community monitoring. When a sex worker is caught by her colleagues for soliciting without a condom, then it puts pressure on her not to do this again," says Tapasi Kole, a peer educator in Sonagachi, who earlier worked with DMSC in West Medinipur district. The work of DMSC has spread across West Bengal and caters to many areas in Kolkatasuch as Ultadanga, Kalighat and Cossipore. DMSC, which had 20,000 members in 1997, boasts of 60,000 members today. "No bank allowed sex workers to open accounts due to lack of proper identity cards. It was a struggle for them to keep their money safe. It was common for them to lose money due to stealing, making them vulnerable to customers who paid more money for no condoms. We had to come up with a bank," he says.

Usha Multipurpose Co-operative Society

Limited was founded in 1995, and merged later with DMSC. It was registered under the Societies Act — which was also a battle fought and won. "Under the Act, people without moral character could not register an organisation as

The hard work has borne fruit. The National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) annual report 2015-16 claims that HIV prevalence among sex workers in India is 2.2 per cent. But other studies have found the range in

ing prevention by extending help to target groups such as the acquaintances of sex workers.

HIV Bill

The current Bill has also borrowed some features from the Sonagachi project. Chapter II, which is against discrimination, and chapter VII, on welfare measures by the Central and State governments, have been influenced by DMSC's work. The organisation was the first to raise concerns over dual discrimination against sex workers with HIV/AIDS. The Bill protects the rights of employment of HIV-positive people, which DMSC has worked on for the most vulnerable group in the country. Chapter VII has components of child welfare and the spread of HIV-related information without prejudice. These concepts too have been borrowed from DMSC's work.

But the current Bill falls short of expectations of the HIV community; it betrays the movement that led to its drafting in the first place. Clause 14 (1) of the Bill says that treatment will be provided by the government only "as far as possible". It's a truncated position because the mandate of NACO right now is to provide universal treatment.

"We have been demanding that the Bill address problems of shortages and stock-outs of medicines. But in its current form, it will even take way the treatment that exists," says Paul Lungdim, president of Delhi Network of Positive People (DNP+).

But there is much more that the Bill needs to learn. Financial protection and extending counselling to social relations of affected population are just a few examples.

it was considered that sex workers did not have any moral character," says Santanu Chatterjee, finance manager at Usha. "We met the then Co-operative Minister of State Saral Dev who said that 'character' is a relative term and allowed us to open the bank," says Mr. Chatterjee. With 29,000 members, Usha is one of the biggest success stories in co-operative banking in South Asia. Its turnover last year was Rs.29 crore. "In 2015, nearly 7,000 members took a loan, out of which 48 per cent was for children's education," he says.

Reducing infection rates

Usha has played an important role in reducing HIV infection among sex workers of the State. "The bank provides financial backing to its members in the form of savings and loans. Their dependence on immediate cash from customers is now negligible; they are not vulnerable to customers asking for sex without condoms.

different cities to be between 2 per cent and 35 per cent. The figure for brothels in Kolkata are on the lower side.

Another addition is customer care centres, located at positions of entry to Sonagachi. Their aim is to increase a client's risk perception. Every day, nearly 150-200 customers visit these kiosks. Involving babus and using them to counsel other customers has added another dimension to the work of DMSC, which was a pioneer in community monitoring and financial support to sex workers with a vision to reduce HIV infection. "Babus are vulnerable to infection and are major carriers. We ask them to be particular about use of condoms," says the NACO counsellor.

As the HIV/AIDS Bill is discussed among health experts and lawmakers of India, examples of work by organisations such as DMSC show that the community has moved forward. It is no more about discussing only treatment but also help-

Black stole turns noose

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): People of Odisha, particularly women should send "get well" bouquet to Raseswari Panigrahi, the BJD lawmaker from Sambalpur, for her historic remark on security personnel removing black "Odhani" of girls in a government programme in Sundargarh district on December 4. "When the women are not making any complaint, why are the opposition parties making the black stole an issue?" said Dr. Panigrahi, a Gynecology and Obstetrician specialist.

The lady lawmaker from Sambalpur, who hails from a political family, however, did not feel the police action wrong because the girls did not lodge any complaint. As if the women were happy to remove their stoles! Odhanis or stoles are also called Lajja Vastra in Indian tradition.

Dr. Panigrahi should realize how the girls must have felt when asked to remove their stoles. Here a doctor was not asking a patient to remove her dress in her chamber, but the police were doing so at a public place.

Dr. Panigrahi made the statement even when Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was saying that he was "shocked" over the matter when he came to know that girls and woman were asked to remove their black stoles, shawls and sweaters before getting entry to the meeting by the Chief Minister. The video clippings in television channels show how hapless women were forced to remove their black cover to get access to the meeting.

The incident has sent a wrong signal to the people across the State that the Chief Minister suffers from "Black Phobia". This may not be a fact, but the mindless police action has created an impression that Chief Minister is afraid of black flag demonstration.

Chief Minister has said he was "personally shocked" and ordered the DGP to probe the matter. He also clarified that he was against causing inconvenience to people while enforcing security protocol.

Chief Minister's statement clearly indicated that his orders were not being carried out by the police.

Chief Minister had earlier directed the police several times in this regard. However, the incident was repeated at least in three places - Sundargarh,



Jharsuguda and Bargarh. The police asked women to remove "Odhani" because they were of black colour. However, the video clippings showed that stoles having black spots were also removed.

When the State Legislative Assembly was concerned over the black stole issue, BJP's lady lawmaker Radharani Panda from Brajrajnagar, apparently dropped a 'Bombshell' by claiming that a

woman in Bargarh was also asked to remove her black petticoat before getting entry into the meeting.

Ms. Panda's statement added fuel

Panda's statement. The incident allegedly took place on November 23; the Assembly session commenced on December 1.

"Ms. Panda did

politics for about a week.

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been fighting an issue relating to Black Money, Odisha Chief Minis-

their socio-economic standard. Women have got 50 per cent reservation of seats in the three-tier rural and urban local body elections and all those have been possible due to the pro-women approach of Naveen Patnaik. However, the good work done for the women by the State government does not give permission to the Odisha Police as well as the BJD leaders to order women to remove their Lajja Vastra.

Naveen as a seasoned politician who reads nerves of the people knows it well that Raseswari Panigrahi, Ananta Das and Dibyashankar Mishra (the three leaders who have given adverse remarks in the black stole issue) have no role behind his popularity. It is women of the State who have lent support to him.

Of the total votes polled in 2014 general elections, 74 per cent were women voters. Only 26 per cent of eligible males exercised their franchise. The landslide victory of BJD which bagged 20 of the 21 Lok Sabha seats and 123 of the 147 Assembly seats indicated that it is women

voters who have deep trust in Naveen Patnaik and therefore, voted for BJD.

The trio - Panigrahi, Das and Mishra - got elected to the Assembly through women who trusted Naveen Patnaik.

Interestingly, politics became dirty when the women wing of the BJP tried to take mileage. BJP Mahila Morcha President, in her petition to the Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC), has mentioned that the Police and BJD activists touched sensitive organs of the girls and women while removing stoles at Sundargarh.

This is not all, it was also alleged that the police used filthy language against the women while removing their stoles. The saffron party drew a parallel between Droupadi "Vastra Haran" of the Mahabharata to the Sundargarh incident.

Now the opposition Congress and BJP demand an unconditional apology from Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. It is another matter whether the grievances would be redressed if Naveen says "Sorry". Now Chief Minister must ensure punishment for the people responsible for the incident, which is turning to be a noose for the ruling party.

India to witness increase in mobile fraud by 65% in 2017: Study

NEW DELHI(K-CN): With the surge in digital transactions via e-wallets and

tant criteria for businesses to establish, operate and flourish in any region.

the data, about 46 per cent complaints of online banking related to/credit/debit card fraud followed by Facebook-related complaints (39 per cent -- mostly morphed pictures/cyber stalking/cyber bullying)," the study said.

Other major cyber complaints were cheating through mobile (21 per cent), hacking of e-mail ID (18 per cent), abusive/offensive/obscene calls and SMS (12 per cent) and others.

Enforcing data security measures and creating proactive security monitoring capabilities are vital for an organisation to maintain a lead over emerging threats and protect their financial, intellectual and customer-related information, the study said.

"Mobile frauds are areas of great concern for companies as 40-45 per cent of financial transactions are done via mobile devices and this threat is expected to grow to 60-65 per cent," the study noted. Credit and debit card fraud cases top the chart of cyber crimes and there has been a six-fold increase in such cases over the past three years.

"According to



other online payment gateways, mobile frauds are expected to grow to 60-65 per cent in the country by 2017, a leading industry body said on Monday.

The joint study by Assocham and research firm EY, titled 'Strategic National Measures to Combat Cybercrime', said a secure cyberspace and the government's initiatives in keeping tabs on cyber crime have become impor-

Axis Bank denies local media report of threat to its banking licence

MUMBAI(KCN): Axis Bank on Mon-

Axis, India's third-biggest private

Axis was in response to a report on Satur-

panic amongst the general public,



day slammed a regional newspaper report stating authorities were preparing to revoke the bank's licence as "false and malafide", saying it had strong systems and controls in place as per central bank rules.

sector bank, said last week it had suspended some 19 employees over alleged breaches at one of its branches in implementing a government-ordered exchange of high-value bank notes.

The statement by

day in local Hindi daily Dopahar that suggested the bank could lose its licence over alleged money laundering activities involving the suspended employees.

"We firmly believe that said news is intended to spread

demoralise the staff and damage the reputation of the bank," the lender said in a stock exchange filing. Shares in Axis Bank were down 2.5 percent at 445 rupees a share in afternoon trading on the National Stock Exchange.

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an inquiry about the safety measures of different tourists boats operating in the Chilika," Das said.

The government had ordered a crack-down on boats operating sans safety clearances after the boat tragedy in Hirakud in February 2014 had claimed 24 lives.

Operation of boats without valid license and ferrying people without life jackets had been declared illegal by the State Government.

All over the State there are 7000 boats are registered and 5000 boats are in operation and out of those 3000 has been replaced with FRP boats, and all will be replaced soon so that such incidents will not occur in future, said sources in Government..

Kohli describes Test win "sweetest" in recent times

MUMBAI(KCN): India skipper Virat Kohli today described his team's emphatic win over England as one of the "sweetest" in recent times.

India today removed the remaining four England wickets in the morning after they had resumed their second innings at 182 for 6 to script a massive win, which also helped the hosts to grab an unassailable 3-0 lead over the visitors in the five-Test series.

"It's a very special feeling. The way the crowd came out here and supported it helped us push through the tough moments. I'm very grateful that it came off for us. This series

win is probably the sweetest we've had in recent times," said Kohli.

Kohli, who was adjudged the Man of the match for his double ton, said the moment India had taken a huge first innings lead, they knew it was just a matter of time.

"The 231-run lead deflated the opposition, we saw their body language and knew the game was wrapped up when we had that lead," he said.

The 28-year-old said he was a bit nervous ahead of the match but setting realistic targets helped him as he blasted 235 -- his third double hundred this season.

"We haven't

played on Indian wickets with too much bounce so the adjustment was very important. The plan was to get stuck in, I got away quickly," Kohli said.

"I was nervous before this game. We had a bit of a collapse so buckled down again. I kept the targets realistic, level the scores first then thought about the lead. An hour or two can change the complexion of the game.

"Credit to everyone. Vijay played a champion knock and it speaks volumes of his character. For Jayant, too, it couldn't have been any better. I was pretty focused on this game, a chance to seal the series."

After the Kohli-Jayant show, it was R Ashwin, who returned with six-



wicket haul to dismiss England for 195 in their second innings.

Kohli said: "We are running out of words to describe Ashwin. The impact he has had on this team. The batsmen have played second fiddle to his performances. Any team

would love to have him. It's very difficult to get past him."

Virat also rubbed

in this kind of a track, they lose confidence because when they are brought into the attack, they think of restricting runs rather than taking wickets."

His counterpart Alastair Cook was left rued the missed chances and lost opportunities which saw them suffer their third defeat and lose the five-Test.

"I thought 400 was a pretty good score on that wicket.

Keaton played really well, at 230 for 2 maybe should have got 450. Historically, 400 is a good score on this ground. In the second innings, we had our chances. We aren't taking those chances at the moment," Cook said.

"Virat played an

extraordinary innings but we had a chance on 60-odd to get him. Those are things that the game changes on. We are in it for three days but not good enough to stay in it. We have not been good enough to match India."

England also did the tactical blunder of coming into the match with four seamers and Cook admitted it was a mistake to not have an extra spinner.

"We wanted to see what four seamers would look like because on the tour they have given us control and our two best spinners have been Mo (Moeen Ali) and Rash (Adil Rashid)," Cook said.

"When you bat-

ted first you didn't need that extra seamer, so that was a mistake. We had a chance to restrict the lead.

We would have been in the game. But that isn't really good enough.

"To me, we batted better in this game than the previous two. I go back to the chances we missed, we could have bowled India out for 400." Asked about Kohli, Cook said: "Virat is in incredible form, having one of the series you dream of. Clearly one of the great batsmen of our generation."

India and England will next play the fifth and final Test at Chennai starting on December 16.

Top-notch shows of current crop raises 2020 hopes

LUCKNOW(KCN): The one defining mo-

own game. So don't be ridiculously fast,

age-groups including seniors, have played

Olympics. Fans (and players) regularly

respect to what he says. He was purring on this occasion. "We gave away a few unnecessary cards, and gave away 2 goals in the last 10 minutes, but if we take the first 20 minutes of the second half, and last 10 minutes of the first half, we were brilliant. That's the hockey I enjoy."

The presence of young, excitable players means needless bookings are all part of a learning experience, according to the Dutchman. "The cards were completely unnecessary. The tackles were halfway down the pitch, and it occurred because of over-excitement. But this is part of the learning process."

Coach Harendra Singh, who has moulded this side for the last two years, congratulated the side. "We took a very important step today (Saturday) in terms of tactics, as well as technique. We scored field goals, tried variations in penalty corners and counter-attacked. Day by day, improvement is evidently visible. I would like to congratulate the entire team." Watching Indian teams of the last 10 years, this seemed like a utopian dream. Not anymore by the looks of thing

It will be a battle between two former

down second seed Sai Samhitha 0-6, 6-2, 6-

& Moulika Ram 6-2, 6-1.

Galiat wins Northern Dancer Million

HYDERABAD(KCN): Galiat (Beuzelin up) won the Northern Dancer Million, the main event of the races here today. The winner is owned by M/s. Prakash Babu, Rajesh Sanghani & B.S. Reddy and trained by D. Netto.

1. BONZER CUP (Div. II), (1,200m), 4-y-o & over, rated 26 to 50 (Cat. III): Astra (Akshay Kumar) 1, Poll Promise (N.S. Rathore) 2, In Command (A.A. Vikrant) 3, Buckshee (G. Naresh) 4, 6, 2 and 1. 1m 12.57s. Rs. 14 (w), 6, 6 and 16 (p), SHP: Rs. 18, Q: Rs. 25, FP: Rs. 45, Trinalla: Rs. 197. Favourite: Astra. Owners: M/s. Manjri Horse Breeders Farm Private Limited rep. by Mr. & Mrs. Shapoor P. Mistry. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

2. CHAITANYA RATHAM PLATE (Div. II), (1,100m), Maiden 2-y-o only (Cat. II), (Terms): Gladiator Royale (G. Naresh) 1, Sharp Eye (Akshay Kumar) 2, Lost And Found (C. Alford) 3, Reach The Heights (P. Sai Kumar) 4, 3/4, 1/2 and 2-3/4. 1m 08.69s. Rs. 144 (w), 21, 6 and 6 (p), SHP: Rs. 17, Q: Rs. 186, FP: Rs. 526, Trinalla: Rs. 2247. Favourite: Lost And Found. Owner: Mr. K. Krishna Kumar. Trainer: K.V. Srinivas.

3. CHAITANYA RATHAM PLATE (Div. I), (1,100m), Maiden 2-y-o only (Cat. II), (Terms): Gladstone (N. Rawal) 1, Bayrd (Beuzelin) 2, True Hymn (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 3, Divine Silver (Mukesh Kumar) 4, 4-3/4, 1 and 3-1/4. 1m 06.98s. Rs. 21 (w), 7, 6 and 8 (p), SHP: Rs. 21, Q: Rs. 20, FP: Rs. 57, Trinalla: Rs. 163. Favourite: Bayrd. Owners: Mr. M. Sudheer Reddy & Dr. Teegala Vijender Reddy. Trainer: K.S.V. Prasad Raju.



National champions when Vijay Kannan and V.M. Ranjeet meet in the men's final of the State Bank of Patiala National grass court tennis championship at the Chandigarh Club on Saturday.

The 31-year-old Ranjeet had tamed Suraj Prabodh 7-6(1), 6-2 in the semifinals. The 36-year-old Vijay had little to do after top-seed Dalwinder Singh, suffering from a painful inflammation of the abdomen, gave a walkover.

It's Nidhi vs Riya
In the women's section, third seed Nidhi Chilumula recovered from a demoralising start to

1. She will challenge reigning National hard court champion and top seed Riya Bhatia, who out-classed surprise semi-finalist Aarushi Kakkar.

The results:
Men (semifinals): Vijay Kannan w/o. Dalwinder Singh; V.M. Ranjeet bt Suraj Prabodh 7-6(1), 6-2. Doubles (finals): Armaan Bhatia & Ishaque Eqbal bt Param Pun & Hardeep Singh Sandhu 6-3, 6-4.

Women (semifinals): Riya Bhatia bt Aarushi Kakkar 6-0, 6-0; Nidhi Chilumula bt Sai Samhitha 0-6, 6-2, 6-1. Doubles (final): Sai & Amrita Mukherjee bt Nidhi



ment from the India-England group game on Saturday came not on the pitch but off it. England coach Jon Bleby was speaking about how foreign teams perceive the senior and junior Indian sides.

"I think," he said, "Against India, we need to defend really well. They're fast and very attacking, so individually the defence has to be excellent. Also, you can't play India at their

don't get caught dribbling. Playing tactically and passing the ball is a good way to play against them. There were times when we were caught playing India at their own game, and that doesn't suit us."

That is a pretty big statement from somebody who was Team GB's assistant coach at the Rio Olympics. This, though, wasn't an artificial eulogy. The Indian team, across

thrilling hockey in the last 12-16 months. The aimless sideways passing has been replaced by swift moves, where they have shown an inclination to go from coast to coast in less than 10 seconds.

Even in 2012, the established European order (and Australia) did not think much of India. The status-quo was proved right when India finished last at that year's London

showed the white flag to opposing teams after only a few minutes. On Saturday, the fans wanted more. "We just can't get enough of you," may well have been their cry.

England's blood was being twisted, turned and hung out to dry by a new wave of players. Players, who in four years' time, could well start for the senior team in Tokyo. Manager Roelant Oltmans is usually guarded with