

## Green thumbs of IPS

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** A small landscape being developed as one of the most vibrant garden has been adjudged as the best residential building large garden in the Capital City.

This garden has received accolades from Regional Plant Resource Centre (RPC), Bhubaneswar, Government of Odisha and Plant Lovers Association, Bhubaneswar in the Annual Garden Competition held for

garden in the City for which, Santosh Bala received the trophies and certificates from CMD NALCO, Tapan Kumar Chand and Director RPC, Hari Shankar Upadhyay in a function organised recently.

For the senior IPS Officer, Dr. Bala the award represents her penchant that seen the garden grow year-on-year, which was a barren land few years ago.

Varieties of flow-

er patches in the Capital City.

Green Thumbs



er behind this garden are senior IPS Officers Sanjeeb Panda

nourished the garden with lots of efforts and care.

Ornamental plants, flowering plants, cactus, creepers,

for gardening.

Judges were amazed, when they

visited the landscape and the garden received highest scoring points for overwhelming display of green and varieties of flowers. Gardening and Music Enthusiast, Dr. Bala, who takes care of the garden personally helps her keeping garden light on the pocket for maintenance. The amazement is shared by the RPC and Plant Lovers Association for this green landscape, which showcases the skill of the Top Cop Couple.



the year 2017.

The garden was also adjudged as best private landscaped

ers, fruit bearing trees have made a small garden, the undisputed queen of green

and Santosh Bala. Both the IPS Couple are Green Loving and they have

shrubs, herbs and others are adding green to the landscape, thanks to their love

## Lucky draw for e-Payment

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** In Odisha the Lucky Draw will be held and cash rewards will be provided to the consumers and merchants using digital facilities for payments on 21 January, 2017, thanks to the decision of the Government of India to popularize Digital Transactions.

NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has informed the State Government in this regard, said sources.

Awardees will be identified through a program of random digital method and the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) has been designated as the implementing agency for the Lucky Draw and will maintain the technical integrity and security for the purpose, said Mr. Kant.

Mr. Kant has said that as the Government of India launched two schemes namely Lucky Grahak Yojana (LGY) and Digi Dhan Vyapar Yojana (DVY) to drive Digital Payments, the

consumers and merchants will receive vast number of cash rewards for participating in such activities.

Transactions made through RuPay Cards, USSD, UPI



and AEPs are eligible for the scheme. They will be given awards on a daily and weekly basis under LGY and DVY.

Accordingly, Lucky Draw will be held at Bhubaneswar on 21 January for which NITI Aayog has sent a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the State Government. The State Government will implement the program through an Organizing Committee headed by Chief Secretary.

While first Lucky Draw was held on 25 December, 2016, coinciding with Christmas, leading up to 14

April, 2017, coinciding with Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti.

Lucky Draws will be held in 100 Cities of the Country and District Magistrates will organize the award giving cer-

emonies. Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DoEIT) of the State will be Nodal Agency for coordinating the activities.

State Level Coordinators, Lead Banks, and the Representatives of the Fertilizer Companies in the State will provide assistance for such Lucky Draws.

State Organizing Committee (SOC) headed by the Chief Secretary will supervise the entire program, while Principal Secretary Finance, Principal Secretary IT, District Collectors, Convener

SLBC, State Representative of the Fertilizers Companies will be the Members of the SoC.

Representatives of various Banks and Banking Correspondents will be in attendance as they are to make aware about the program to the consumers and merchants.

Local Community Participation will be given priority as this programs are meant for the common people and their initiatives will lead to Lucky Draws, said Mr. Kant.

In Odisha, process has begun with the Chief Secretary A P Padhi has held discussion with Principal Secretary Finance Tuhin Kanta Pandey and Principal Secretary Electronics & IT, Pradeep Jena in this regard, said sources.

A State Level Organizing Committee will be formed to oversee the program to promote Digital Payment in the State, officials say.

## BJD, Cong not to allow Raman Singh to campaign in Odisha

**BHUBANESWAR (KCN):** The decision of the state BJP to rope in Chhattisgarh chief minister Raman Singh for campaigning in the panchayat polls continued to evoke strong reaction from other political parties who have announced to organise protest meetings across the state over the issue.

While the Congress party threatened to stage demonstration at places where Singh will address public meeting, the Samajwadi Party (SP) said it will launch awareness campaign among the people to boycott the BJP leader. The BJD also announced that it will not allow the Chhattisgarh chief minister to address public meetings in the state because of the Mahanadi river water dispute.

Alleging that Raman Singh is an enemy of Odisha, Congress leader Suresh Kumar Routray said Congress will organise protest meetings over the issue. President of the state

unit of Samajwadi Party Rabi Behera said

will have no impact on the campaign of



that his party will distribute leaflets to make people aware about the Chhattisgarh government's move to choke flow of water in Mahanadi river.

"The person who said that the Mahanadi river water dispute is a political gimmick of the BJD will be opposed at all the places in Odisha during the campaigning," BJD spokesperson Sashibhusan Behera said and added that protest meetings will be organised by the regional outfit over the issue soon.

The BJP, however, said protest by other political parties

Raman Singh. "He will come and address the people of Odisha. We are not bothered about the reaction of other political parties," BJP leader Prithviraj Harichandan said. Meanwhile, 83,983 candidates filed their nomination papers for different posts in the panchayat poll. Out of this, 1785 filed their nomination papers for Zilla Parishad member while 13,610 entered the fray for the posts of sarpanch. While 57,351 filed their nomination papers for ward members, 11237 filed papers for the post of panchayat samiti member.

## Pakistan must walk away from terrorism for talks with India

**New Delhi (KCN):** India alone cannot walk the path of peace with Pakistan and the neighbouring country must walk away from terrorism if it wants bilateral dialogue to resume, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said today, amid continued chill in Indo-Pak ties. Referring to ties with China, the Prime Minister said it was not unnatural for two large neighbouring

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On ties with Pakistan, Modi said the path of peace has to be Pakistan's journey as well and that India's stand in delinking terrorism from religion, and rejecting artificial distinction between good and bad terrorism, are now a global talking point.

journey to make. Pakistan must walk away from terror if it wants to walk towards dialogue with India," he said.

In a veiled reference to Pakistan, he said those "in our neighbourhood who support violence, perpetrate hatred, and export terror stand isolated and ignored." In his address, Modi gave a run down of India's foreign policy priori-

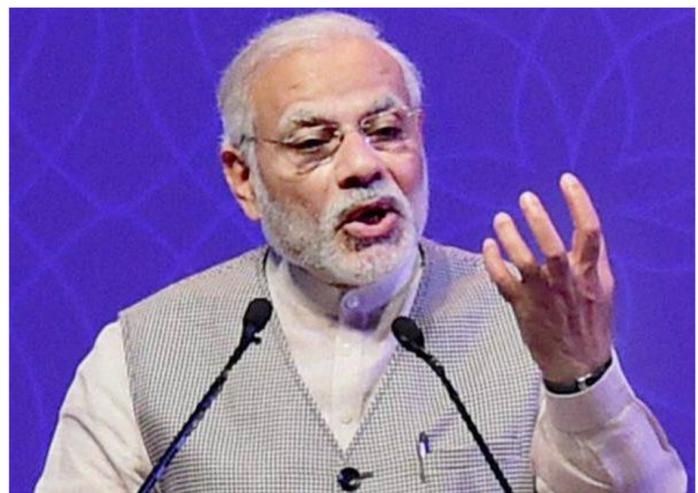
forward.

"I see the rise of India & China as an unprecedented economic opportunity for our two countries, and for the whole world. At the same time, it is not unnatural for two large neighbouring powers to have some differences.

"In the management of our relationship, and for the peace and progress in the region, both our countries need to show sensitivity and respect for each other's core concerns and interests," he said.

Referring to India's ties with the US, he said a certain amount of speed, substance and strength to the entire spectrum of economic, commercial and security engagements has been brought to the relationship through sustained engagement.

"Over the past two-and-half years, we have given a strong momentum to our engagement with US, Russia, Japan and other major global powers," he said, delving on India's external engagement and geo-strategic interests. Modi said India's economic and political rise represents a regional and global opportunity of great significance.



powers to have some differences but both sides should show sensitivity and respect for each other's core concerns and interests. He was speaking at the inaugural session of the three-day-long Raisina Dialogue, India's flagship geo-political conference which is being attended by top foreign and security experts from across the world.

"My vision for our neighbourhood puts premium on peaceful and harmonious ties with entire South Asia. That vision had led me to invite leaders of all SAARC nations, including Pakistan, for my swearing in.

"For this vision, I had also travelled to Lahore. But, India alone cannot walk the path of peace. It also has to be Pakistan's

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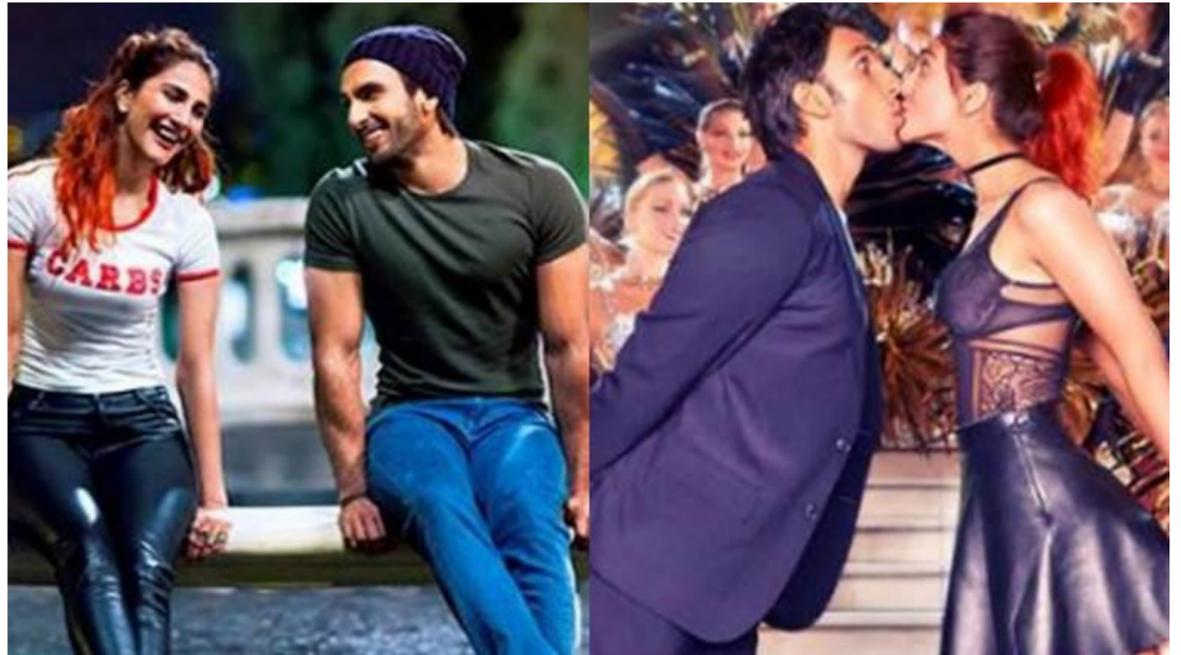
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Befikre's new song Je T'aime proves French is language of love

After giving us songs to groove on, Befikre filmmakers have released a romantic song with flavours of Paris in it. French is the language of love and this song proves the dictum all over again. The song explores the bond between the characters of Ranveer Singh and Vaani Kapoor, which is shown transforming from a casual relationship into love and commitment.

The lyrics, which have been written by Jaideep Sahni, are poetic, relatable and beautiful. He has penned down all those sweet miseries

that you will experience being in love. The music, which has been given by the very talented duo Vishal-Shekhar, sets you free from the notion that one cannot dance on a romantic number. If you know even a bit of Salsa, you have your moves ready too. Unlike other lovey-dovey songs which made you a bit uncomfortable to dance with your partner, this number will make the entire ambience a bit more romantic. And don't miss the chemistry between Ranveer and Vaani too.



Hot, Hot, Hot! Padma Lakshmi Shows Off Her Beach Body In Teeny Bikini, Radar Online

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher welcome second child

LOS ANGELES(KCN): Actors Mila Kunis and Ashton

day, the website E! News reported. The actors and

Kunis, 33, met as co-stars on the set of "That '70s show," a

"Two and a Half Men," among his other roles, shot to



Kutcher announced the birth of their second child together, a spokeswoman for Kunis confirmed on Thursday.

The couple has yet to name the baby boy born on Wednesday,

producers have a two-year-old daughter, Wyatt. They became engaged in February 2014 after a two-year relationship and married in July 2015.

Kutcher, 38, and

television series aired in the United States between 1998 and 2006 in which their characters were also in a relationship.

Kutcher, who also starred in the television series

international fame when he began dating actress Demi Moore, to whom he was married from 2005 to 2013.

Kunis previously had a long-term relationship with actor Macaulay Culkin.

UAE's Omar Abdulrahman named Asia Player of Year

Abu Dhabi(KCN): Omar Abdulrahman, uae football, afc football, afc player of the year, Omar Abdulrahman afc, football news, football Omar Abdulrahman (R) admitted he would like to play in Europe. (Source: AP)

Omar Abdulrahman, arguably Asia's biggest star, was crowned AFC player of the year in a glittering ceremony in his home country of United Arab Emirates. The left-sided midfielder and winger is the second Emirati to win the trophy in consecutive years and his award was greeted with a huge cheer in the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

The victory was even sweeter as he was nominated last year but lost out to compatriot, Ahmed

Khalil. But he said the trophy would not make up for his Emirati league side Al Ain losing the Asian Champions League final last month to South Korea's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors.

"My main ambition was to win the Champions League trophy," he said. PM Modi Is More Interested In TRP Politics Rahul Gandhi At Congress Parliamentary Meet PM Modi Is More Interested In TRP Politics Rahul Gandhi At Congress Parliamentary Meet. Row Over West Bengal "Military Coup" Issue Escalates: Who Said What Row Over West Bengal "Military Coup" Issue Escalates: Who Said What

Here's How Mohammad Kaif Replied To Virender Sehwag's Birthday Wish

BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar

Bombay (KCN): Nadira Zaheer hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclu-



Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival.

The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she

sive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

## China's troubled tech firm LeEco wins \$2.2 billion lifeline

**BEIJING(KCN):** Cash-strapped Chinese tech firm LeEco secured a \$2.2 billion

homegrown Chinese champions Baidu, Tencent, and Alibaba. But the

make Sunac the second-largest shareholder of LeEco, with 8.61 percent equity in

getting closer".

Jia and Sunac Chairman Sun Hongbing were born in the same region of China, northern Shanxi province, and had a positive six-hour meeting last month, Sun said, adding that it gave him the "impetuous urge to invest".

The deal takes Sunac far outside its primary business in buying and developing property.

"Overseas investors see this as relatively negative to Sunac," David Yang, of UOB Kayhian Investment told Bloomberg News. The deal "can hardly bring much profit contribution in the near term."

Sunac last year struck the largest number of deals in China, being involved in 13 deals totaling \$4.2 billion, according to Bloomberg News.

"While we're firmly optimistic about the real estate industry for the next five to 10 years, we've since long ago started an exploration journey to prepare for 10 years later," Sun said.



investment from a group led by property developer Sunac China Holdings, but shares in the rescuer plunged Monday on news of the deal.

Hong Kong-listed Sunac said Friday it would plough 15.04 billion yuan into the sprawling LeEco empire, which has interests in various sectors including self-driving cars, smartphones, film making, and TV-set manufacturing.

Its diverse ventures pit the company against Apple, Netflix, and Tesla and

company's relentless expansion has put a strain on its cash flow, and in November billionaire founder Jia Yueting told employees the company grew too quickly and was short of funds.

Shares in its Shenzhen-listed LeShi affiliate dived more than 36 percent last year and in December were suspended from trading before restarting Monday. It ended down 1.12 percent at 35.40 yuan in Shenzhen.

The deal will

LeShi Internet, 15 percent in LeShi Pictures, and 33.5 percent in the TV unit Leshi Zhixin, Sunac said in an announcement to the Hong Kong stock exchange.

But shares in Sunac plunged as much as 10 percent in Hong Kong Monday before paring the losses to end 7.96 percent lower at HK\$6.71.

At an event Sunday in Beijing, Jia was full of optimism, declaring that "though the road is bumpy, our dream is

## Market makes tepid recovery, banks take the lead

**MUMBAI(KCN):** The stocks today showed resilience in the face of lurking in-

earlier budget and the additional requirement will reflect in the final batch of

cent, at 8,412.80. Intra-day, it moved between 8,426.70 and 8,374.40.

Nair, Head of Research, Geojit BNP Paribas Financial Services.

There were expectations that Finance Minister Arun Jaitley may address the transient pain of demonetisation by lowering corporate tax rates in the upcoming Budget for 2017-18, which backed the recovery.

SBI surged 1.93 per cent. HDFC Bank, too, rallied 1.21 per cent, in line with the overall upmove, while Axis Bank rose 1.07 per cent. ICICI Bank gained 0.62 per cent.

Asia closed lower and European indices weakened in early session.

Overseas, Asian stocks ended lower, reversing initial gains. Key indices in China, Japan and Hong Kong dropped by up to 1 per cent.

Europe was also trading lower in early deals and key indices like France, Germany and the UK fell by up to 0.75 per cent.

Foreign investors

## Reserve Bank of India raises daily withdrawal limit from ATMs to Rs 10,000

**Mumbai (KCN):** The RESERVE Bank of India on Monday more than doubled the daily withdrawal limit from automated teller machines (ATMs) to Rs 10,000 but retained the weekly ceiling at Rs 24,000 with the supply of more five hundred notes.

However, with demonetisation exercise reportedly hitting close to 70 per cent of businesses in manufacturing hubs, including Mumbai and Pune, the RBI has increased the limit on withdrawal from current accounts from the existing limit of Rs 50,000 per week to Rs 1,00,000 per week. This hike will be applicable to overdraft and cash credit accounts, the RBI said.

Reserve Bank Of India Enhances ATM Withdrawal Limit From Rs 4,500 To Rs 10,000 Per Day

"The limit on withdrawals from ATMs has been enhanced from the current limit of Rs 4,500 to Rs 10,000 per day per card. It will be operative within the existing overall weekly limit of Rs 24,000," the RBI said in a notification.

However, banking sources said they have told the government to reduce the number of free ATM

withdrawals enjoyed by bank customers. As of now, many banks allow their customers up to five free ATM transactions every month after which the customer has to pay a fee of Rs 20 per transaction and service tax. For non-customers, banks offer

the restrictions on cash withdrawals till there is adequate supply of notes.

SBI had said that as on December-end only 44 per cent of the banned currency was being replaced as against the earlier estimate of 53 per cent. One possible reason

withdrawals and set a daily withdrawal limit of Rs 2,500 from the ATMs and Rs 24,000 from bank accounts per day from November 10. As on November 8, the day the government announced the withdrawal of high value notes, there



three free transactions in six metros — Mumbai, New Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad — and five free transactions in the remaining cities. The State Bank of India had suggested that the government should take measures to disincentivise cash transactions.

After the demonetisation period ended on December 30, the RBI had raised the daily limit of withdrawal from ATMs from Rs 2,500 to Rs 4,500 per day for each debit card.

Currency supply to the banking system will be closer to normal by February-end as opposed to predictions of the currency swap exercise-linked crisis lasting longer, according to SBI officials. Bankers had said they were in favour of retaining

for this could be that RBI is also printing notes of smaller denominations apart from Rs 500 bills and hence the total value getting replaced is lower than projections, though the number of pieces may not, according to an SBI Research report.

"If we assume that the RBI continues to print as it is doing as of now, then by January-end, only about 67 per cent of the currency should get replaced (vis-à-vis earlier estimate at 75 per cent)." By February, at this rate, the RBI could thus print as much as 89 per cent of the total currency, it said. It, however, said if the apex bank decides to shift its printing more towards smaller denomination, this number could be close to 80 per cent.

The RBI had slapped curbs on cash

were 1,716.50 crore pieces of Rs 500 and 685.80 crore Rs 1,000 notes in circulation. The notes withdrawn from the system accounted for 86 per cent of the cash in circulation.

The government had allowed people to deposit of exchange these notes at bank and RBI branches till December 30.

The facility of exchange of old notes was stopped at the bank counters on November 24. In order to prevent people from using others' bank accounts to convert their black money, the Lok Sabha has passed amendments to the Income Tax Act enabling the government to impose a higher penalty and tax rate on assesses of unexplained deposits, totalling up to 85 per cent.

## SpiceJet strikes Rs 1.5 lakh crore deal with Boeing for 205 planes

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** In one of the biggest deals in the

B737-8 MAX and wide body aircraft.

Announcing the

next generation B737s and 17 Bombardier Q400s. "We



flation fears as the Sensex edged up to end at 27,288, helped by financial stocks, amid buzz that the finance ministry is likely to finalise the capital infusion plan for public sector banks.

However, global markets turned nervous after reports surfaced about a hard exit of Britain from the European union.

The funds infusion will be more than Rs 25,000 crore as announced in the

supplementary demand for grants to be presented in the upcoming budget session, sources said.

Companies held up well on the earnings front so far, which came as a positive.

The 30-share Sensex ended at 27,288.17, up 50.11 points, or 0.18 per cent. The gauge had shed 9 points on Friday.

The broader NSE Nifty settled 12.45 points up, or 0.15 per

Meanwhile, WPI inflation rose to 3.39 per cent in December 2016, fuelled by rising prices of petrol and diesel, which tempered mood.

"The positive bias for the market is largely due to better than expected third quarter results so far. Going ahead, market will watch the outcome from GST council meet. Any positive signs will provide further push to the current trajectory," said Vinod

Foreign investors

extended their selling and sold shares worth a net Rs 117.59 crore last Friday, as per provisional data released by stock exchanges.

The recovery in Sensex was supported by gains in Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Adani Ports, Hero MotoCorp, HDFC, Lupin, Power Grid, Asian Paints, L&T, Bajaj Auto and Cipla, rising by up to 2.69 per cent.

Infosys, ONGC, RIL, Sun Pharma, GAIL, Bharti Airtel, M&M, NTPC, Coal India, ITC, Maruti Suzuki and Wipro ended lower and capped the gains.

In the Sensex-30 kitty, 17 ended higher while 13 lost.

Sector-wise, the BSE realty index climbed the most, rising 1.61 per cent, followed by consumer durables 0.99 per cent, bankex 0.98 per cent, metal 0.97 per cent and auto 0.56 per cent.

In broader markets, the BSE small-cap rose 0.57 per cent while mid-cap ended 0.27 per cent higher.



Indian aviation sector, SpiceJet will purchase up to 205 new aircraft from Boeing with the order valued at Rs 1,50,000 crore.

With the earlier order for 55 planes and additional 100 new 737-8 MAX aircraft, the no-frills carrier now has firmed up order for a total of 155 planes, besides purchase rights for 50

deal here today, SpiceJet Chairman and Managing Director Ajay Singh said the total order of 205 aircraft is valued at Rs 1,50,000 crore (USD 22 billion).

"This is one of the largest deals in Indian aviation and the largest for SpiceJet," Singh said.

Currently, the budget carrier has 32

are honoured to build upon more than a decade of partnership with SpiceJet with their commitment of up to 205 airplanes," Boeing Company Vice Chairman Ray Conner said.

According to Singh, SpiceJet would explore different options for financing the deal.

# India vs England: Got the benefit of batting alongside Virat Kohli, says Kedar Jadhav

**Pune(KCN):** Kedar Jadhav, who became an overnight star with a match winning hundred in the first ODI

things like how to get him out and how to contain him. So if you are at the other end in that case, you get

Runs Against England, Says Believes In 'Batting Dominantly'

Kedar Jadhav

with his array of strokes.

Jadhav came down the wicket to pacers and dealt with

"I have played a lot of tennis ball cricket in my childhood. There used to be a tournament where only hitting straight sixes was allowed and you were out if you hit them anywhere else. So that is how I learnt clearing the 30 yard circle on a bouncing ball. The other day I was in full flow and was able to pull off those strokes," he said.

The duo joined hands with India reeling at 63 for four in their chase of 351. Jadhav saw the precarious position as an opportunity.

"From the batsman's mindset, you see the opportunity of scoring big as more fielders are inside the circle and at attacking positions. And in my particular case, the wicket was good, I could play my strokes. My natural game is anyway to take on the bowlers so I played with that mindset.

"I play as every game thinking it could be my last. Whenever you represent your country, you have to give more than 100 percent so I try and make sure every time I get

to bat, I will give more than 100 percent."

He attributes his success to a strong self-belief which got a major boost when he batted with a broken hand during an A tour in Australia two years ago.

"Two years ago we went to an A tour to Australia and I was able to play decently not knowing that I had a fracture in my hand. The pain was the same even after 20 days of my coming back. It was at that moment I realised that if could do well with a frac-

tured hand, then I can do it at the highest level."

Has life changed post Sunday and he replied, "Phone kaafi aa rahe hain (I have been getting a lot of calls). To be honest, I have put the phone on silent. Some people might think that now I am behaving differently but I want to stay rooted the ground. My family and friends help a lot in these things. I don't like talking too much about what has happened. I try to stay in present," added Jadhav.



against England, says he got the benefit of batting alongside Virat Kohli, who is usually the prime target of the opposition bowlers.

"Whenever you bat with Virat it always helps you. The focus of the bowlers is always on him,

benefited by getting the odd loose ball and bowlers also tend to take you little lightly," said Jadhav, who made a career-changing 120 off 76 balls in the exciting run chase on Sunday.

W A T C H VIDEO | Kedar Jadhav Scores 120

Scores 120 Runs Against England, Says Believes In 'Batting Dominantly'

Jadhav and Kohli shared a 200-run stand for the fifth wicket to set up a famous win for India.

The local hero did what many could not – overshadow Kohli

the slower bowlers with equal ease. His 12 fours and four sixes came all around the ground. His superlative innings was praised by none other Kohli.

Asked to comment on the straight hits he produced off pacers, Jadhav said:



Paul Pogba has struggled to live up to his hefty price tag this campaign. (Source: AP)

## Liverpool better equipped to fight for title, says Simon Mignolet

Liverpool are better equipped to challenge for the Premier League title this season because they do

delivered several impressive team performances this campaign, they fell seven points behind leaders

about the whole team, the way we create chances and defend as a unit. We need everybody. It is al-

"The confidence (of a good result) brings good feeling, tells us that we have to keep working



not rely solely on one player, goalkeeper Simon Mignolet has said.

With Luis Suarez spearheading their challenge, Liverpool finished two points behind champions Manchester City in the 2013-14 season, the closest they have come to adding to their 18 titles since their last triumph in 1989-90.

While they have

Chelsea after Sunday's draw at Manchester United.

"We were challenging for the title but it was a totally different game and a totally different 11 people. Then we were a bit reliant on the individual ability of Luis Suarez to make the difference and score goals," Mignolet told British media.

"Now it is more

ways better to have a good unit than being reliant on one or two players."

Philippe Coutinho was also optimistic about Liverpool's title prospects this campaign.

"We have to keep working together because the season is very long. We have big objectives to realise this season," the midfielder added.

hard. This season promises to be very important for us and Liverpool have to keep playing well."

Liverpool make the trip to face fourth-tier side Plymouth Argyle in an FA Cup third round replay on Wednesday before hosting bottom club Swansea City in the league three days later.

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