

PM Hasina has resigned, interim govt is taking over: Bangladesh Army chief

Dhaka (KCN): Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has resigned and an interim government is taking over, Army Chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman announced here Monday, in a dramatic development amid massive protests against her government that claimed more than 100 lives in the last two days. "I'm taking all responsibility (of the country). Please cooperate," he said in a televised address amid reports that Hasina has left the country. There were unconfirmed reports that she was headed to a city in India. The Army chief said he had met political leaders and told them the Army would take over responsibility for law and order. However, there were no leaders from Hasina's Awami League party at the meeting. Hasina, the 76-year-old daughter of Bangladesh founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had been ruling the strategically located South Asian nation since 2009. She was elected



for a record fourth consecutive term and fifth overall term in the 12th general election held in January, amid a boycott by the main opposition party Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) of former premier Khaleda Zia and its allies. More than 100 people have been killed in the protests against the Hasina government over the last two days. The country has been witnessing fierce demonstrations over the controversial quota system that reserves 30 per cent of jobs for the families of veterans who fought the 1971 liberation war. As protests spiralled across the country, the army chief said he had

asked both Army and police not to fire any shots. Zaman also urged restraint and asked protesters to end the violence. He vowed "justice" for all the people. Soon after the army chief's announcement, hundreds of people took to the streets, celebrating Hasina's ouster. Earlier, hundreds of protesters stormed the prime minister's official residence 'Ganabhaban'. Footage showed protesters looting Hasina's official residence and some of them were seen carrying chairs and sofa from the Ganabhaban residence. Local media reports said Hasina's party office at

3/A Dhanmondi in the capital was set on fire by the protesters. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan's house was vandalised by demonstrators. Protesters also smashed Hasina's father Mujibur Rahman's statue with hammers as they celebrated her departure. The government earlier ordered a complete internet shutdown as protesters asked the general public to join a "Long March to Dhaka". However, a government agency gave a verbal order to start broadband internet around 1:15 PM Monday. Six people were killed in a fresh round of violence Monday morning as thousands of protesters had gathered for a "Long March to Dhaka". The police and military were seen on roads as protesters started gathering in the capital. On Sunday, the clashes between protesters demanding Prime Minister Hasina's

resignation and the ruling Awami League supporters in different parts of Bangladesh, forcing authorities to cut off mobile internet and enforce a nationwide curfew for an indefinite period.

At least 101 people, including 14 policemen, were killed in clashes Sunday, leading Bengali-language newspaper Prothom Alo reported. The clashes Sunday erupted days after over 200 people were killed in violent clashes between the police and mostly student protesters demanding an end to the controversial quota system that reserved 30 per cent of government jobs for relatives of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's War of Independence in 1971. Since then, more than 11,000 people have been arrested. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk asked the country's political leadership and the security forces to abide by their obligations to protect the right to life, and the freedom of peaceful assembly and expression.

Charu Dhwaj Aggarwal Takes over as IG of Frontier HQ Special Operations

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Charu Dhwaj Aggarwal takes over as the new Inspector General (IG) of Frontier Headquarters Special Operations (FTR HQ SPL OPS) in Odisha/Bengaluru upon his elevation to the rank of Inspector General. Aggarwal is one of the most decorated and professionally competent officers in the BSF, bringing with him an illustrious career and a wealth of experience. A distinguished officer from the 1989 batch of the Assistant Commandant (Direct Entry), Shri Aggarwal has made significant contributions to



national security. Notably, he had the privilege of establishing the BSF's presence in the troubled district of Malkangiri during the peak of Naxal violence in Odisha. As the Commandant of the BSF battalion, he played a pivotal role in restoring peace and stability in the region, earning accolades for his leadership and strategic acumen. Now, as he assumes the charge of IG of Odisha Frontier, there is a palpable sense of déjà vu. His appointment is anticipated to usher in a new era of operational excellence and heightened security measures in the region.

Keonjhar Hit & Run: CM Majhi Announces Ex-Gratia, Free Schooling for Siblings of Deceased Students

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has expressed deep grief over the death of two school students and a parent in Keonjhar on Monday morning. According to the Chief Minister's order, immediate assistance of Rs 30,000 has been given to the family of each deceased. In addition, a compensation of Rs 2 lakh will be provided to the next of kin of each deceased under the Solatium scheme for hit-and-run cases. Krishna Bhusal of

Joda Azad Basti, his son Nikit Bhusal studying in Standard 1 and his son's classmate Ganesh Sharma were killed in a collision with an unknown vehicle on their way to Joda D.A.V school on a motorcycle this morning.

As per the CM's order, arrangements have been made for free schooling of deceased Bhusal's other son, Nishal Bhusal and Aditya Sharma, brother of deceased student Ganesh Sharma, in TATA D.A.V.

Odisha CM Majhi Listens to Public Grievances, Orders Speedy Solution

Over 5K People Throng Chief Minister's Grievance Cell



Bhubaneswar (KCN):

Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi met scores of people and listened to their grievances at the State Grievance Cell in Bhubaneswar on Monday.

The Public Grievance hearing, which began on July 1, reached its third day today. Along with the

Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida, Ministers Nityananda Gond, Krushna Chandra Mahapatra, Bibhuti Bhushan Jena, Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia, Dr Mukesh Mahaling, Krushna Chandra Patra were present.

Officers of various departments were present. Today, the Chief Minister started the hearing at 10 am and continued the hearing till around 5 pm. A total of 2,403 complaints were registered and more than 5,000 people met the Chief Minister and other ministers. One of the various complainants, Satish Sahu, a divyangjan from Khurda Tangi, alleged that his employment was terminated despite having been appointed through due process of law. For 8 years now, he has been suffering a lot to support his family of five. After getting a promise from the Chief Minister that his case would be properly investigated and justice would be given to him, Sahu returned with confidence.

Similarly, a Divyang

youth from a poor family in Ganjam district, Bulu Biswal requested the CM to provide a scooter so that he can support his family by working. The Chief Minister also assured him that he would get a scooter soon.

An Octogenarian woman, Subhasini Dei (82) of the Siripur area in Bhubaneswar. Immediately, the CM ordered the District Collector to take action. Scores of people from various walks of life thronged the CM's Grievance Cell to convey their problems and after getting the assurance from the Chief Minister and other Ministers, they returned home with positive hopes.

Coal Royalty Remains Unchanged at 14% for Odisha: Union Minister G.K. Reddy

New Delhi (KCN): The rates of royalty as per notification dated 10 May 2012 have been fixed at 14% ad-valorem on the price of coal, which is commensurate with the production of coal over the past decade. The section 9(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act provides that the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, amend the Second Schedule to

enhance or reduce the rate at which royalty shall be payable in respect of any mineral with effect from such date as may be specified in the notification.

It has been further provided that the Central Government shall not enhance the rate of royalty in respect of any mineral more than once during any period of three years.

BSF orders 'high alert' along Bangladesh border; DG visits front

New Delhi/Kolkata (KCN): The Border Security Force (BSF) Monday issued a "high alert" across all its formations along the 4,096-km India-Bangladesh border in the wake of the developments in the neighbouring country, officials said. BSF Director General (Acting) Daljit Singh Chawdhary and other senior commanders toured the front in West Bengal to review the security situation. The DG landed in Kolkata around 10.30AM on a flight from Delhi. Chawdhary along with senior officers toured the remote North 24 Parganas district and

the Sunderbans riverine area to review preparations, a spokesperson for the South Bengal Frontier of the force headquartered in Kolkata said.

The force has directed all its field commanders to be "on ground" and "deploy all personnel on border duty immediately as part of the high alert," a senior officer told PTI on the condition of anonymity.

The South Bengal frontier spokesperson said, "In view of the changed situation in Bangladesh, the BSF has issued alert all along Indo-Bangladesh border and the number of troops deployed along the border has been



increased." He added, "The DG was apprised of the role of BSF in maintaining

national security along the sensitive international border." The BSF chief is

expected to be in the region for the next few days.

A Delhi-based BSF

spokesperson said the "situation on the Bangladesh border is normal as of now."

"Troops are aware and alert about the recent development and situation across the IB is being closely monitored to deal any unforeseen situation," he said.

A senior officer said that "leave of all personnel posted along the Bangladesh border was cancelled in the last few weeks after Bangladesh witnessed massive protests and now all units have been asked to acquire a high alert posture."

The force, a senior officer in the eastern command said, is concerned about a "jump

in illegal crossing and a step up in cross-border crimes in the wake of the emerging situation."

The BSF commanders are in contact with their counterparts from the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB), he said.

All land custom stations (LCS) and integrated check posts (ICPs) along this front are on alert and civilian movement has been restricted, the officer said.

Till July 22, about 2,894 Indian students studying in Bangladesh had crossed over to India, while another about 3,000 students are expected to come now, another officer said. The BSF guards the

Indian front on the eastern flank of the country that runs along five states and it has deployed as many as 87 battalions comprising about 90,000 troops. West Bengal shares a total of 2,217 kilometres of its border with Bangladesh, along with Tripura (856 km), Meghalaya (443 km), Assam (262 km) and Mizoram (318 km).

Sheikh Hasina on Monday resigned as prime minister of Bangladesh and left the country, several news reports said, amid massive protests against her government that claimed more than 106 lives in the last two days.

IIM Sambalpur Hosts 62-Student Cohort Under Management Immersion Programme

Sambalpur(KCN): IIM Sambalpur, one of India's premier management institutions, concluded its Management Immersion Programme (MIP), a four-day residential program for IILM University students aimed at providing an immersive experience of management education and campus life at IIM Sambalpur.

Scheduled from 30th July to 2nd August 2024, this immersive programme is designed to provide these 62 students from IILM University with an unparalleled experiential learning experience in flipped classrooms, practical management insights and hands-on experience through



various interactive sessions, workshops, and case studies conducted by IIM Sambalpur's distinguished faculty and industry experts. The event also marked a Hindalco Industries

industrial visit. In addition to that, they recently visited the weaving industries in Attabira as part of a societal outreach programme. This visit provided them with the opportunity to engage with local weavers and understand their craft and IIM Sambalpur's contribution to giving the weaver community a platform.

During the inauguration ceremony, Prof. Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM Sambalpur, delivered a warm welcome address, expressing his enthusiasm for hosting the students. He said, "At IIM Sambalpur, our

core values are innovation, integrity, and inclusiveness. Embracing change and forward-thinking solutions, we foster an environment of learning and growth, enhancing managerial skills and encouraging experimentation. Embracing failure as a

learning opportunity, we drive improvement. Leaders support their teams through triumphs and setbacks, promoting continuous improvement and innovation."

The four-day residential programme is divided into five transformative modules, each focusing on critical aspects of management and personal development. The Modules were led by Mr Samarendra Mishra, Co-Founder, of OVO Farm, Mr. Keshav Rao, Director Personnel, MCL, Dr K. Ganesh (Partner Global Lead, McKinsey & Company), Prof. Bharat Bhushan and various faculties of IIM Sambalpur.

Bike-Truck Collision Leaves Three Dead Including 2 Class-I Students in Keonjhar



Keonjhar(KCN): A father-son duo along with another child were killed after a speeding truck ran over them in Keonjhar district on Monday. The deceased have been identified as Krishna Bhusal, his son Nikit

Bhusal, and Santosh Sharma's son Ganesh, residents of Azad Basti in the Joda area. Nikit and Ganesh were studying in Class 1. As per sources, Bhusal, his son Nikit, and his friend Ganesh were en route to school on a

motorcycle when they were struck from behind by a speeding truck, which then fled the scene. The collision was so severe that all three died instantly. Subsequently, vehicular traffic on the route was halted as angry locals blocked the road, demanding prompt action and proper compensation. Upon notification, police arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation into the incident.

Four Devotees of Odisha Stranded in Kedarnath Safe



Keonjhar(KCN): The four Odia individuals trapped in Kedarnath are safe. The Keonjhar District Magistrate and District Labor Officer are maintaining constant contact with them. The

government has mentioned that they will reach Haridwar railway station by taxi to continue their journey. Four Bolbam devotees from Keonjhar district were stranded for three days in

Kedarnath, Uttarakhand. Three of them are from the area under the Telkoi police station, and one is from the area of the Sadar police station. A landslides, caused by a cloudburst on the night of the 31st, has destroyed the Kedarnath highway stretch between Sonprayag and Gaurikund in Uttarakhand. The four individuals were trapped in this incident.

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Effect of climate change on agriculture is serious challenge



Climate change has become a challenge for the whole world. Climate change is having a wide impact on various sectors. Our agriculture is also being affected by it. Crores of farmers are being affected due to the adverse effect of climate change on agriculture. A recent survey report reveals the wide effects of climate change on agriculture. According to this report, 80 percent of marginal farmers in India have suffered crop losses due to adverse climate events in the last five years.

Experts around the world have been warning about the dangers of climate change for a long time, but it has not been taken with the required seriousness. Climate change has started being discussed, but effective

measures to deal with it are not being worked upon seriously. We all know that due to climate change, the rainfall pattern is changing. Sometimes there is excessive rainfall and sometimes drought, which affects the production of crops. In the recent two-three years, the growth of crops has been affected by high temperatures. Many crops like wheat could not tolerate the extreme temperatures, which has reduced their yield. High temperatures and humidity conditions have increased the infestation of pests and diseases. In the cotton belt of northern India, pink bollworm has been eating away the cotton crop for the last several years. Dealing with the crop diseases that the agriculture department knows about is proving to be a difficult task. On top of that, there is also a fear that due to climate change, some new diseases may also attack the crops, for which

farmers do not have proper preparation. Experts say that many disadvantages of climate change are affecting agriculture. Climate change is causing drought conditions in different parts of the country, due to which groundwater is being exploited excessively, which is causing a drop in the water level. Wherever excessive rainfall is being observed, due to this, soil erosion is taking place, reducing its fertility. In drought conditions, salinity in the soil increases, which hinders the growth of crops. In recent years, farmers are facing uncertainty in crop yields due to changing climate patterns. In the last decade, there has been a situation of sometimes high yield and sometimes low yield. The extent to which the damage caused by climate change has become visible can be gauged from the results of a survey conducted by the Forum of Enterprises for Equitable

Development (FEED) in

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collaboration with the Development Intelligence Unit (DIU). This report states that in the last five years, 80 percent of marginal farmers in India have suffered crop loss due to adverse climate events.

This survey has not been conducted in a limited area, but the situation has been gauged by talking to 6,615 farmers in 21 states of the country. The results of the survey show that the primary causes of crop loss are drought (41 percent), irregular rainfall including excessive or unseasonal rains (32 percent) and early or late return of monsoon (24 percent).

About 43 percent of the farmers included in the survey have lost at least half of the standing crops in the fields. Rice, vegetables and pulses have been particularly affected by uneven rainfall.

The survey report highlights how farmers are suffering losses due

to excess and shortage of water in some parts of the country. This survey report shows that in the northern states of the country, paddy fields often remain submerged for more than a week, due to which newly planted plants are destroyed. On the other hand, sowing of various crops like rice, maize, cotton, soybean, groundnut and pulses has been delayed due to less rainfall in states like Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and West Bengal.

In the last two-three years, high temperatures have affected the growth of crops in various states including Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh. Many crops like wheat could not bear the extreme temperature, due to which their yield has decreased. This is confirmed by the survey report. The early onslaught of summer heatwaves in 2022 affected the wheat crop in the country and production fell to 107.7 million tonnes from

109.59 million tonnes in 2021. This forced the world's second-largest wheat producer to ban exports. Heat again affected wheat production in 2023, reducing production by about 3 million tonnes against the government target.

There is a need to be aware of the ill effects of climate change on agriculture. There is already discontent among farmers in the country due to continuously decreasing income. Farmers have been agitating for a long time. If the income of farmers falls further (even if climate change is responsible for this), then the sense of despair will increase among them. This despair will give rise to many problems. It is natural that food security is under threat due to a decrease.

Necessary steps have to be taken to deal with climate change because

problems are sure to increase in the future.

Forum of Enterprises

for Equitable Development (FEED) has also warned that climate change is no longer a threat present on the horizon. This threat is imminent. The scorching heat of the year 2024 is confirming the looming danger of this warning. By constantly messing with nature, we have now reached a point where there is no other option but to develop climate-friendly strategies. If agriculture is to be saved and food shortages are to be avoided and conditions of starvation are to be avoided, then farmers will have to move towards adopting all sustainable agricultural practices in accordance with climate change, including cultivation of drought-resistant crops, mixed farming and conservation of natural resources.

Efforts will have to be made to save water by adopting modern methods of irrigation like drip and sprinkler irrigation.

Our

agricultural scientists have been advocating the promotion of crop diversity for decades. Now if the outbreak of pests and diseases is to be controlled, then crop diversity is the only solution. It is important that we do not do anything that increases the risk of climate change. Farmers will have to focus on sowing climate-friendly crops. Agricultural research institutes will have to take the important responsibility of studying the effects of climate change and giving proper advice to farmers. The adverse effect of climate change on agriculture is a serious challenge, which requires collective efforts to solve it. The challenge of climate change can be faced in a planned manner by adopting sustainable and favorable agricultural practices. Only if we do this, it is possible to ensure food security for future generations.

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Climate Change : Women battling to maintain their livelihood

- Social workers involved in such programs say that they are no longer just empowering women by breaking barriers, but are facing a new battle. This battle is to maintain their livelihood in the face of a changing climate. This is a much more difficult and challenging task.

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Livelihoods Mission should be steered to bridge this gap and expand livelihood opportunities for rural women.

We need to understand that climate change is also affecting rural women. In fact, rural women are often among the world's poorest and are more dependent on local natural resources for their livelihoods. Such changes affect household water, food and fuel security. Drought and erratic rainfall mean women spend more time collecting water and fuel. This also affects the crops and health of livestock, forcing women to work harder for less food. Social structures, discriminatory norms and institutions cause women to shoulder more household chores and childcare burdens than men, limiting their opportunities for education and employment.

Rural women can be made leaders in

climate change adaptation by providing them with skills, capabilities, assets and resources, as well as gender-focused public policies. These policies can help reduce the gap that limits rural women's capabilities. Over the past decade, livelihood programs for rural women have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. Recognizing the tireless efforts of rural women inspires others. It creates a ripple effect, bringing about much-needed change towards a more sustainable livelihood future. Although governments are making efforts at their level, achieving the goals is not easy without the social concerns of the common man.

Apart from empowering women for a more equitable society, we must also consider the impact of climate change on their livelihoods. Unpredictable weather

events, rising temperatures and changing rainfall patterns are rapidly changing the landscape, pointing to a major threat. Climate change issues have also been discussed in detail in the recent COP 28 conference. It has been said that climate change is not gender neutral. In fact, to see the impact of climate change on livelihoods, we have to turn to rural India. Livelihood programs are being discussed in states like Maharashtra and major changes are being seen there. Similarly, unexpected results of livelihood programs are being seen in other states as well. However, efforts still need to be accelerated, for which we have to take steps.

Social workers

involved in such programs say that they are no longer just empowering women by breaking barriers, but are facing a new battle. This battle is to maintain their livelihood in the face

of a changing climate. This is a much more difficult and challenging task. A report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) says that female-headed rural households are disproportionately affected during climate change shocks. One degree of temperature increase means a massive 34 percent drop in their income compared to male-headed households. This raises an important question that why do national climate plans often lack concrete action to support these most at-risk communities in view of this global change? Why are women often underrepresented in climate change policy making? Climate change is only increasing inequality. These things are often discussed less, which should be more.

The FAO report says failure to address the unequal impacts of climate change on rural people will exacerbate already large gaps between the rich and the poor, and between men

and women. In low- and middle-income countries, rural and female-headed households already face greater financial burdens than men when disasters strike. If these significant existing wage gaps are not addressed, these gaps will widen even further. Scientists estimate that current global temperatures are about 1.2 degrees Celsius higher overall than in the late 1800s, leading to an increase in destructive weather such as floods, storms and heat waves. The FAO said women are more vulnerable to climate change than men because social structures and discriminatory norms and institutions are deeply entrenched. These are not easy to combat.

In fact, poor families in rural areas have limited access to resources, services and jobs, which may make it difficult for them to cope with climate change. On average, they lose five percent more income to heat

than the richest households and four percent more to floods. Households headed by women are even worse off. They lose about eight percent more income to extreme heat and three percent more to floods than households headed by men. This report forces us to think about how we can protect rural women from climate change? The big question is whether we will be able to protect them or not? If we are not able to do so, what will be the future of these women? What will be the impact of this on our society and country?

The responsibility to tackle climate change lies with multilateral institutions, states, civil society and the business community. Each of these stakeholders should take the lead in their respective fields and work across sectors to build partnerships and promote cooperation through efforts

sensitive to the needs and experiences of women and in accordance with their capabilities and potential. Greater connectivity between the international, national and local levels is necessary, but it is also important to recognize that the mere presence of women does not guarantee that women's experience and leadership will be integrated into climate change policies. Greater inclusion of women at the highest levels of climate change decision-making is essential. Women must also be able to lead at the national and rural levels. The perspectives and initiatives of rural women need to be as prominent as those of urban women.

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Potato tension: Odisha to procure stock from Punjab if needed, says Minister

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Even though Odisha has turned to Uttar Pradesh to tide over the potato crisis following the deadlock situation with neighbouring West Bengal, the price fluctuation still remains a major concern for consumers in the state. When asked the reason behind the prices of potatoes not reducing, Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra on Monday said that efforts are on to regulate the

prices. However, the only permanent solution is that we have to start our own production. CM has announced 58 cold storages in all subdivisions and farmers will be encouraged to take up potato cultivation, he said. "Currently, the price rise of potatoes is a national phenomenon. Everybody usually gets potatoes at cheap rates during the production season," said Patra. While refuting reports that the potato stocks from Uttar Pradesh are

getting damaged early, the Minister stated that the quality of potatoes which are being imported from Uttar Pradesh are far better than those procured from West Bengal. As traders are used to procure potatoes from West Bengal, such statements are coming now. "We decided to bring potatoes from Uttar Pradesh as Odisha did not want to fall victim to the blackmailing by West Bengal and as a matter of self-respect," the minister asserted. According to Padhee,

Sabha, has also spoken to Mr Jaishankar. Ms Hasina, who first came to power in 2009, had sought to quell nationwide protests against her government since early July but she fled the country after brutal unrest on Sunday in which nearly 100 people were killed. Bangladesh's army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman said in a broadcast to the nation on state television that Ms Hasina, 76, had resigned and the

military would form a caretaker government. Sheikh Hasina's plane - a Bangladesh Air Force C-130 military transport - landed at an airbase near Delhi on Monday evening. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval called on the former prime minister. She is expected to leave for London later, sources told NDTV, where she may seek political asylum. Ms Hasina, who won a fifth term as prime minister in January, may not return to politics, her

despite the scheme being scaled back by Bangladesh's top court. At least 94 people were killed on Sunday, the deadliest day of the unrest, with protesters and government supporters battling each other with sticks and knives, and security forces opening fire. The latest violence took the total number of people killed since protests began in early July to at least 356, according to news agency AFP count based on police, government officials and doctors at hospitals. The protests escalated

PM Modi Chairs Key Meet Over Bangladesh Unrest

New Delhi (Ahsan): The Cabinet Committee on Security met at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's official residence this evening amid the turmoil in neighbouring Bangladesh - where its Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fled the country amid massive protests over job quotas. Separately, PM Modi was also briefed on the situation in Bangladesh by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, who is the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok



the accused. Knife attack in mutual fight, one youth died, one injured, father-son accused of murder arrested.

According to the information received

from the police, Rahul had started loving Tanya one-sidedly. But Tanya was not ready for this and was opposing this. Therefore, on the day of the incident, Tanya had come to Rahul's house

with her mother to convince him. According to the information, during this time they had an argument. On the instigation of his mother, Rahul took out a knife

kept in the house and attacked the girl's mother with it. After that he stabbed the girl too. However, despite being stabbed, she ran out of the house. Later Rahul also fled from there.

The police have also

registered a case against Rahul's mother.

According to the police, along with the Tilak Vihar Police Station, other agencies of the district

were also engaged in

arresting Rahul. The

police raided different

areas of Delhi as well as

Mathura in UP to catch the

accused. Finally, the

police arrested the

accused from Tilak Nagar

area.

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CM Majhi calls on BJP workers to win every ST-reserved seat in Odisha in next polls

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Sunday urged BJP workers to focus on winning all the 33 ST-reserved MLA and five Lok Sabha seats in the next elections.

Majhi said this during a meeting organised here by the BJP's ST Morcha to felicitate newly elected tribal MLAs and MPs of the party. In the recent elections, the BJP secured 18 of the 33 ST-reserved MLA seats and four of the

five Lok Sabha seats reserved for tribals in Odisha.

Speaking on this occasion, Majhi said, "On this day, we need to pledge towards winning all the 35 Vidhan Sabha and five Lok Sabha seats in coming elections so that the ST Morcha can take the lead of the party in Odisha."

The CM reflected on his early days with the BJP and highlighted the efforts by both his government and the Modi administration to advance the welfare of tribals, including



Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram advised senior BJP tribal leaders to each adopt one constituency where the party lost in the recent elections.

He said the BJP government will definitely be a people's government as "we are not a one-man show," while indicating towards the previous BJD government which was allegedly functioning under

the control of V K Pandian, a close aide of Naveen Patnaik. He also emphasised the importance of prioritising elected public representatives like MLAs and MPs, which he claimed was

overlooked by the government in previous BJD Odisha," he said. Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water Minister Rabi Patnaik.

"Priority should be given to the party's elected public representatives like MLAs and MPs, which did not happen during the previous BJD government. As the Patnaik government was functioning under the directions of Pandian, they faced dire consequences and the BJP formed

in a year," Naik said. Naik assured that the Bill for PESA Act implementation would be presented in the upcoming Odisha Assembly session, after persistent advocacy for the law's enactment. Naik urged SC and ST MLAs and MPs to concentrate on improving conditions for tribal and dalit communities residing in remote and forest areas, acknowledging their established roles in society.

Inter-state dacoits' gang busted; 4 arrested



Patana(KCN): Police in Keonjhar district Sunday busted an inter-state dacoit gang by arresting four members and seizing gold and silver ornaments along with cash and four mobile phones from their possession. The three arrested accused, who

are from Majhigaon village in Jharkhand, were identified as Md Rahat, 23, Md Sahil, 21 and Md Nassiruddin, 21. The fourth accused Tapan Behera, 35, is from Jayantigarh village under Jagannathpur police limits in Keonjhar. According to Ghatagon

SDPO, Prabhat Kumar Tripathi and Patana IIC, Bibhas Pradhan, Tapan runs a jewellery shop and used to purchase stolen ornaments from these accused at throwaway prices. He then sold those items at higher prices to customers. Except for

Tapan, all the accused were involved in burglary from many houses in Patana, Turumunga, Ghatagaon, Jhumpura and Harichandarpur areas in Keonjhar district. The police forwarded them to court Sunday.

Drop in turtle numbers sparks concern

Kendrapara(KCN): The decline in the number of Olive Ridley turtles for mass nesting at Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary near Bhitarkanika National Park in this district for the last two years has sparked concern among the environmentalists, sources said Sunday. According to an official report, 5.11 lakh Olive Ridley turtles had laid eggs at Gahirmatha in 2022. The number decreased slightly, to around five lakh in 2023. However, this year the drop in the number of turtles visiting the sanctuary is alarming. According to official estimates, only three lakh turtles have arrived at Gahirmatha. This massive decline in numbers has sparked fears of drastic climate changes or some massive natural disaster in the offing. Hemant Kumar Rout, secretary of 'Gahirmatha Marine Turtles and Mangrove Protection Committee', environmentalists Khitish Kumar Singh and Srikant Nayak said there are several reasons behind the decrease in numbers. They pointed out that erosion and loss of land mass is one of the main reasons behind the



decrease in several turtles visiting the sanctuary. As the land is being gobbled up by the sea, the nesting places of the turtles are also being reduced. Hence many turtles are staying away from the sanctuary, pointed out Nayak. Rout on the other hand, added that the only way to stop the erosion is through a plantation of mangroves. "However, awareness programmes about the importance of mangroves and the plantation drive have not been properly implemented," he pointed out. The three informed that the mushrooming prawn gheries in Bhitarkanika National Park have a role to play in soil erosion. They said that the chemical laced water released from these gheries acts as a 'killer'

for whatever little mangrove plantation is there. The toxic water also affects the turtles and hence it may be another reason why a lesser number of turtles are visible in Gahirmatha this year. Fishermen and changes in climate are the other main reasons why there is a decrease in the number of turtles. Despite bans, fishermen enter prohibited areas inside the sea. In the process, many turtles die after getting entangled in the nets, the three opined. They also pointed out that earlier the turtles used to lay eggs in March, but this year they have done so in April. This time shift is proof enough that some climatic change is affecting the visiting turtles, the environmentalists pointed out. They

warned that the turtles will stop visiting Gahirmatha for mass nesting like Harachandi coastline in Puri district if the natural environment is not restored at the earliest. When contacted, Gahirmatha ranger Pradosh Moharana said the Forest department is taking a number of measures for the protection of the turtles. He pointed out that mangrove forest plantations are being carried out to solve the erosion issues. Security has also been beefed up to prevent the unauthorised entry of fishermen in prohibited zones. "We will shortly conduct a review to find out why the number of turtles visiting Gahirmatha this year has declined. Accordingly, we will take steps," said Moharana.

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CFA Institute in India Expands Student Accessibility with a New Exam Center in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : CFA Institute, the professional body for excellence and thought leadership in finance, has opened registrations for their upcoming February 2023 intake. Additionally, with the rising demand to increase candidate accessibility and convenience, the institute will have 4 new exam centers in Kochi, Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati for the CFA Program. These centers will take the total number of test center cities for the CFA exam to 16 across India and over 400 worldwide.

The recent CFA Institute Investor Trust survey showed that Indians place a high level of trust on the potential growth in job opportunities in the financial services sector. However, in the post-pandemic era, students as

well as professionals are prioritizing safety, accessibility and ease of travel while accomplishing their life and career goals. Ease of accessibility to exam centers is expected to improve a candidate journey through the program and reduce costs associated with travelling to take exams.

India has a robust banking, insurance and investment industry. It has a diversified financial sector undergoing rapid expansion, both in terms of strong growth of existing financial services firms and new entities entering the market. With such rapid expansion, there is a growing demand for professionals with relevant competencies and high standards of ethics. The CFA Institute works closely with the industry and regulators to support an inclusive and secure financial services industry in India.

Experience the best-in-class customer services at 11 new Alpha Service Centers across India

Bhubaneswar : Sony India is expanding its Alpha Service Network across 11 cities in India including Mumbai, Coimbatore, Jaipur, Pune, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati. This is expansion for Alpha Camera body and lens repairs facilities is a testament to the brand's continued dedication to customer satisfaction. Sony now has the widest service network of after sales support for Digital Imaging products with 8 service centers for lens repairs, 18 service centers for Alpha Camera Body repair, 40+ service centers which can offer basic services like CCD Imager cleaning and

firmware updates and 220+ collection centers pan India.

The service centers are equipped with necessary jigs and tools to deliver best quality repair of Alpha camera body, Camera Lens, Professional Cameras and other digital imaging products like Digital Still Cameras and Camcorders. Customers can also avail instant services for basic supports like CCD Imager cleaning and getting the latest firmware update to enjoy best performance from their products. The friendly customer care staff at these service centers will help customers to register their in-warranty products on Sony Alpha Community portal to enable them avail

ATLAS OF AFFLUENCE - INDIA'S FIRST EVER WHITE PAPER ON LUXURY LAUNCHED AS A YEARLY FEATURE

Mumbai: Amidst leading luminaries of industries spanning across the business of luxury, the *Atlas of Affluence (AOA)* 2022 has been launched in Mumbai. Created by The Voice of Fashion (TVOF), a division of Reliance Brands Limited, the daily digital magazine that tracks and leads conversations on Indian fashion, design, crafts and retail, AOA 2022, is the

first such wide and deep white paper from India that dissects consumer behaviour studied through the prism of luxury. A collective reflection on what affluence means in India spiked during the two years of the pandemic. Charting the post-pandemic market and the clearly altered consumer mindset through a specially commissioned study across six cities and markets of India, AOA 2022 has been published as a book with exclusively commissioned artworks. This study uses the time graph of "pre-pandemic" and "post-pandemic" months to specify a comparative matrix. It also helps debunk long-held ideas about what affluence and luxury have meant to Indians.

SBI CSR INITIATIVES AT BERHAMPUR

Bhubaneswar (KCN) CGM Shri Dinesh Pruthi visited Shradha Sanjeevani Child Care Home at Gopalpur on 04/08/2024. Under CSR initiative of SBI, support of Desktop with UPS, Projector set, Inverter with battery and clothing were provided for the inmates. The program was attended by Shri S K Sarangi, District Child Protection Officer along with Treasurer of the Child Care Home Shri Lokenath Mishra. General Manager Shri Ponnambalam M and other senior SBI

officials were also present in the event. Similarly, General Manager Shri Kaushal Kishore Singh and Deputy General Manager (B&O) Shri Sondeep Kumar Chowbey had visited Red Cross School for the Blind at Ambapua, Berhampur. Water Purifier, Freezer, Inverter and Dining seaters were provided for the Divyang students. District Social Security Officer Ms P Padma expressed her pleasure for SBI helping the students of the school at the time of their need.



Blenders Pride Fashion Nights arrives in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, a unique travelling experiential property, arrived in the City of Temples – Bhubaneswar – celebrating the authentic spirit of the city through fashion and style. A spirit that echoes with Pride and inspires the creators of today to become icons of tomorrow. Bhubaneswar's 'Made of Artistic Flair' edition for Blenders Pride Fashion Nights, brought together an eclectic evening that blended fashion, culture and dance, celebrating a symbolic amalgamation of homegrown artistry and the unwavering spirit of local talent.

Exemplifying the region's signature weave through a curated evening at the majestic Vivanta, Bhubaneswar, DC Square was Odia designer Sabyasachi Satpathy, whose intricately crafted ensembles drew inspiration from the multicultural city and its colourful history. In a true celebration of Odisha's distinct and masterful craftsmanship, the show was elevated with a captivating performance by the Prince Dance Group – from the small Odisha town of Berhampur – widely lauded for their artistry. The show drew to a finale with none other than actor Diana Penty, who captivated the audience in a beautiful ensemble by the designer. The "Made of Artistic Flair" edition of Blenders Pride Fashion Nights was a beautiful embodiment of the rich craft and cultural heritage of the city in a modern and contemporary setting.

Taking us on a 'Jatra' – The Journey of a Young Woman – the show encapsulated the journey of a woman from post adolescence to her nuptials, navigating the various challenges, trials and significant moments that come her way. The enigmatic journey was captured through the array of colours and textiles that Odisha Bandha/Ikkat offers. Truly encapsulating the spirit of 'Made of Pride', the designer made use of Odisha weave, which is sustainable, hand-woven, organic and a homegrown initiative of design, painstakingly woven by the weavers of Odisha. The upbeat set was a composition designed to narrate the spirit of Bhubaneswar along with the flair of the designer. The evening was attended by the city's A-listers & influencers. The fashion walk truly left the guests mesmerized and engaged.

Through this unique showcase of Pride encompassing diverse talent across creative fields, Blenders Pride Fashion Nights 2022, encourages everyone, especially youth at large to celebrate & take pride in their authentic and individual journeys. The evening spotlighted individuals who take pride in their choices, are comfortable in their skin and, most importantly, embrace their authentic selves – truly living a life that is 'Made of Pride'.

celebrate and commemorate 75 years of India's Independence. Our program has been particularly aimed to create awareness about the financial markets to the young minds who will be the future of our country. In this Amrit Kaal, our digital education initiative focuses on building a path towards Financial Freedom for our youth, symbolizing the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat."

Students across India will benefit from this program as it does not restrict to just an area of the population. The program will be conducted for 1 hour and mainly educate the students on demystifying the jargons, 3I's – types of Income; Inflation and its impact, types of Investment; 3S – Start early- Power of Compounding, Spread wide, Stay long etc.

realme launches the Stylish realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and the revolutionary realme Buds Wireless 3

Bhubaneswar (KCN) : realme, the Most Reliable Smartphone Service Provider in India, unveiled its latest offerings today, the realmenarzo 60 Series 5G and realme Buds Wireless 3. These newest additions to realme's legacy of innovation are crafted to provide users with an unrivaled experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G introduces two standout smartphones: the realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G and the realmenarzo 60 5G, accompanied by the cutting-edge realme Buds Wireless 3 for an immersive audio experience. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is the first and only smartphone in the segment to come with 1TB storage. The realmenarzo 60 Series 5G is a groundbreaking lineup that revolutionizes the smartphone industry with its cutting-edge features. realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G is equipped with up to 12GB + 12GB of dynamic RAM and is the only smartphone in the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 6020 5G Chipset, thenarzo 60 5G gives you a worthwhile experience. The narzo 60 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and two storage variants: The 8GB + 128GB is priced at INR 17999 and the 8GB + 256GB is priced at INR 19999. Buyers can avail bank offers of INR 1500 on the segment with 1TB of ROM storage. It runs on the Dimensity 7050 5G chipset and boasts a massive 5000mAh battery with 67W SUPERVOOC charging support. The realmenarzo 60 Pro 5G comes in two stunning colors: Mars Orange, Cosmic Black and three

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Curfew in Bangladesh hampers cricket team's Test preparations

Dhaka: Bangladesh's preparations for the upcoming two-match series against Pakistan suffered a blow as their scheduled training sessions were disrupted due to ongoing political crisis in the country. BCB officials told Cricbuzz on Sunday (August 3) that they are not sure when they can announce the date of the next practice session with the government announcing a nationwide curfew for an indefinite period. Bangladesh are scheduled to fly to Pakistan on August 17 for a two Test series which

is part of the ICC Test Championship. The first Test of the series is slated to take place from August 21-25 in Rawalpindi. Karachi will host the second Test from 30 August 30 to September 3.

"We are not sure when we can hold the practice because there is a curfew for indefinite period. Our administration is looking after the matter and we can get a better understanding of the situation after they brief us about the present condition," a BCB official told Cricbuzz.

Bangladesh's home



ministry through a until further notice. "The statement said that the curfew will be enforced from 6am on Sunday

(August 4) and continued for an indefinite period. A curfew has been enforced

in all divisional cities, city corporations, municipalities, industrial areas, district headquarters, and upazila headquarters, including Dhaka metropolitan, until further notice," read the statement of home ministry.

Bangladesh were scheduled to start their skill training session at SBNS from Sunday under the guidance of head coach Chandika Hathurusingha, who arrived in Dhaka on August 1. Other coaching staff members, including Mushtaq Ahmed (spin bowling coach), Andre

Adams (pace bowling coach), David Hemp (batting coach), Nick Pothas (assistant coach) and Nathan Kelly are also currently in Dhaka. Meanwhile, a BCB official said that Bangladesh A team's tour of Pakistan is still on as per schedule but added that they cannot guarantee anything considering the current situation.

Former Test skippers Mushfiqur Rahim and Mominul Haque, along with Shahadat Hossain, Zakir Hasan, Mahmudul Hasan, Nayeem Hasan and Hasan Mahmud, are

part of the Bangladesh A team for the first four-day match against Pakistan Shaheens, to prepare for the two-match Test series, and will return home after that. Bangladesh A are scheduled to depart on August 6 and will play two four-day games and three one-dayers against Shaheens from August 10-27 in Islamabad.

"The A team's tour is on till now but at the same time you cannot say anything with certainty with the present political situation. But we are hopeful that they will be able to fly on the scheduled date," said the official.

USA's Noah Lyles wins men's 100m Olympic Gold, beats Jamaica's Kishane by 0.005 seconds

Paris : USA's Noah Lyles won the men's 100m Gold with a personal best timing of 9.784s, beating Jamaica's Kishane Thompson by the barest of margins. Thompson took Silver with a timing of 9.789s while USA's Fred Kerley won the bronze with a timing of 9.810s on Sunday, August 4 in Paris.

The United States' Noah Lyles was crowned the world's fastest man in the men's 100m final at the Paris Olympics on Saturday, August 4. Kishane Thompson of Jamaica won silver, falling short of the ultimate prize by fractions of a second in one of the closest 100m finals of all time at the Games. USA's Fred Kerley took home the bronze while Tokyo Olympics champion Jacobs Lamont Marcell of Italy, albeit heavily strapped, finished fifth. Noah Lyles became the first 100m men's Olympic champion from the



United States since Justin Gatlin won the sprint Gold in 2004. Lyles celebrated the historic achievement as he established himself as one of the modern-day greats in front of a packed Stade de France crowd that was thrilled to bits. Lyles ripped his name from the shirt and held it aloft in delight. Lyles, 27, took the ultimate prize with a personal best timing of 9.784s despite starting slowly off the blocks. He beat Kishane Thompson by a whisker as the Jamaican clocked 9.789s in a sensational photo

finish. The athletes had to wait longer than usual to learn the results as the photo of a blanket finish of the first seven athletes was shown on the big screen. The crowd went berserk when it saw Lyles finishing 0.005s ahead of Kishane to take the Gold. South Africa's Akane Simbine, who missed the podium by a whisker in both Rio and Tokyo, once again finished fourth in Paris.

Noah Lyles was among the slowest to get off the blocks, while Kishane Thompson, who topped the semi-finals, raced off

it. Lyles was the last at the 30m mark, but came up with a late push to stun Kishane, 23, who was a fraction of a second away from bringing the men's 100m Gold back to Jamaica. Noah Lyles won the men's 100m and 200m double at last year's World Championships. He came up with an open challenge, saying he would break Usain Bolt's 200m world record of 19.19s at last year's world meet. He fell short of the mark despite winning the Gold, clocking 19.52s in Budapest.

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"And, when you bat up the order, obviously for a batter like me having my concerns against spin, especially, opponent teams would bring in spin when I come out to bat.

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R Ashwin reveals he 'felt need to widen game after IPL 2024' amid TNPL exploits

New Delhi: Ravichandran Ashwin admitted that he felt the need to widen and broaden his batting skills after the IPL 2024. Captain Ashwin was the 3rd highest run-scorer for the Dindigul Dragons in TNPL 2024.

India's veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin admitted that he felt the need to widen his game after the IPL 2024. Ashwin, known for his spin wizardry, has been a force to be reckoned with in the ongoing Tamil Nadu Premier League with the bat as well. Under Ashwin's captaincy, Dindigul Dragons reached the final of the TNPL 2024 and will face Shahrkhan Khan's Lyca Kovai Kings. Ashwin was the Dindigul team's third-highest run-scorer. His innovative use of sweeps, especially against the left-arm pacers has been impressive. Ashwin attributed the last IPL edition to his decision to broaden his batting horizons.

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Vandersay six-fer stuns India as Sri Lanka go 1-0 up

New Delhi: Jeffrey Vandersay's six-wicket haul and a batting rearguard from Dunith Wellalage and Kamindu Mendis helped Sri Lanka beat India by 32 runs in the second ODI and take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series. The defeat ends India's sequence of 11 consecutive bilateral ODI series wins (2+ matches) against Sri Lanka, their last loss going back to December 1997.

Opting to bat first, Sri Lanka were once reeling at 136/6 when Wellalage and Mendis added 72 runs for the seventh wicket and took the side to a very competitive total of 240/9 on another slow, low pitch at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, in what was the 150th ODI at the venue. India weren't quite able to chase a target of 231 the other day and this time, they had another 10

runs to chase on what was a relatively slower pitch. So it wasn't a surprise that Rohit Sharma came out all guns blazing and racked up a 29-ball fifty, his fourth inside the first 10 overs of an ODI. Along with Gill, Rohit added 97 runs for the first wicket, hitting 5 fours and 4 sixes and taking a major chunk off the target. But once the India captain fell to a reverse sweep, India slid into a massive collapse once again and lost six wickets for 50 runs. All six wickets were to Vandersay in what was the first instance of the first six wickets falling to a spinner.

Gill and Shivam Dube perished in the same over, the former to a one-handed stunner from Mendis in the slips. Dube, in turn, was trapped lbw in front by a legbreak. Ten balls later, Virat Kohli

was also pinned in front by a flipper, the first time the veteran batter had fallen lbw to a spinner in back-to-back innings. Vandersay completed his maiden five-wicket haul by trapping Shreyas Iyer with a googly, becoming only the second legspinner to pick five wickets against India in ODIs. He then went on to pick his sixth when KL Rahul chopped on and finished with figures of 6 for 33.

Washington Sundar and Axar Patel then steadied India with a 38-run stand but Charith Asalanka sent both those batters back in the pavilion in consecutive overs, all but sealing the match for his side. India were bowled out for 208 in 42.2 overs, losing nine wickets to spin. Earlier in the day, Sri Lanka lost in-form Pathum Nissanka off the first ball of the match to

an outswinger from Mohammed Siraj but Avishka Fernando (40) and Kusal Mendis (30) added 74 runs for the second wicket to steady the hosts with a partnership that had to cautiously tread past Siraj's five-over opening spell. The partnership looked far from settled even at

its peak, as you would expect on a surface helping the spinners from the get-go, and took Washington Sundar nine balls into his spell to break the stand with a leading edge from Fernando that popped right back to the spinner. Sundar would follow up with Mendis's wicket in his next over, sending Sri Lanka back into recovery mode with two new batters at the crease.

Sadeera Samarawickrama and Charith Asalanka didn't have it easy against the Indian spinners and both perished to them; Samarawickrama mistimed a slog against Axar when trying to break the shackles

and six off Siraj in the next. He was caught by Dube at short third man but not before he had managed to dent India. Mendis was run out only off the penultimate ball of the innings, thanks to a sharp effort from Shreyas Iyer. Mendis and Akila Dananjaya managed a few boundaries in the last couple of overs as 79 runs were scored in the final 10. The seamers bowled their 19 overs for 111/1, more than offsetting the brilliant effort by the spinners who combined to pick 112/6 in their 31 overs, and the extra runs hurt the visitors in the end.

Brief Scores: Sri Lanka 240/9 (Mendis 40, Fernando 40, Wellalage 39; Sundar 3-30, Kuldeep 2-33) beat India 208 all out in 42.2 overs (Rohit 64; Vandersay 6-33) by 32 runs



whereas Asalanka was caught off-guard by a turning-bouncing delivery and offered a simple catch to short third man. Sandwiched between the two wickets was a strike by Kuldeep Yadav, who was introduced into the attack only in the 20th over and bowled a miserly first five overs before being rewarded with the wicket of Janith Liyanage in his sixth. At 136/6 at the end of 35 overs, Sri Lanka looked in a bit of bother but found unlikely heroes in Dunith Wellalage (39) and Kamindu Mendis (40), the pair frustrating India towards the end and mounting the total past 200. It of course didn't help that Mendis was dropped on 11 by Shivam Dube. Wellalage took his time but once in, he delighted with a few boundaries, including a four and six off Axar in the 44th over