

Odisha Aims at Achieving \$500 Billion Economy by 2036, \$1.5 Trillion by 2047 - CM

for 2036 and another for 2047. During the discussion, it was decided that a Steering Committee will be formed under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. The road map for the vision will be prepared in 3 months. For this, massive public outreach programmes will be taken up for receiving opinions and suggestions to achieve the goal of Bikasita Odisha. An action plan will also be ready to take up initiatives as per the vision.

Before the meeting with the CM, NITI Aayog CEO and its officers had an extensive discussion with the Secretaries and senior officers of all departments.

Among others, Chief Secretary Shri Manoj Ahuja, Development Commissioner Smt. Anu Garg and Additional Chief Secretary to CM Shri Nikunja Bihari Dha were present.

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attacked, vandalised, and looted. In Mymensingh a mob attacked the house of Shyamal Pal in Ward 32 of Shambhuganj area. 2 temples were vandalized and looted in Haluaghat thana. In Netrokona the Ramakrishna Mission and ISKCON temple in the Sadar upazila were attacked and vandalised. 3/4 Hindu houses were also attacked and vandalised, and looted by the mob. In Munshiganj Sadar, 3 Hindu houses and 4 Hindus owned shops were attacked, vandalised, and looted. In Pirojpur, 6 Hindu houses were attacked and vandalised, and looted in Barnuripara area. In Jhalokathi, 4 Hindu houses and 2 Hindu temples were attacked, vandalised, and looted. In Chandpur, the house of Haripada Das and other 7 Hindu houses were attacked, vandalised, and looted in Faridganj Upazila. In Narayanganj, the house of Ram Doctor and other 4/5 Hindu houses were attacked, vandalised, and looted in Araihaazar area.

Signing of MoU by Department of SSEPD

Sign language training to 4000 hearing impaired students

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEPD) has entered into a landmark agreement with Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD-D) to promote sign language across Odisha. The initiatives aim to create a cadre of 100 proficient sign language interpreters and provide training to 4000 deaf students, 800 teachers across 55 special schools for the hearing impaired in Odisha.

The agreement ceremony took place at the NSAP conference hall of W&CD, Department office of the SSEPD. In the esteemed presence of Sri Nityananda Gond, Minister, Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare, School and



Mass Education and Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. On this occasion, Hon'ble Minister said, "There is a need for sign language interpreters in the state. This scarcity has posed substantial obstacles for individuals with hearing impairments, hindering their access to essential services, educational opportunities and equitable participation in societal activities. By addressing this gap, the

projects aim to enhance communication, inclusivity and the overall well-being of the hearing-impaired community in the state". Sri Bishnupada Sethi, IAS Principal Secretary also emphasis on holistic development of deaf students. He said, "This agreement facilitates placement opportunities for trained interpreters in various sectors. The project will identify potential employers and organize networking events to connect

trained interpreters with job opportunities". In this program other distinguished attendees included Sri. Bishnupada Sethi, IAS Principal Secretary, Niyati Pattnaik, OAS(SS), Director, Sri Santosh Pradhan, Additional Secretary, Dr. Suman Kumar, Director of AYJNISHD-D, Dr. Lanu Wanboy, AYJNISHD and Mr. Akhaya Sagar, ORF were present.

Colour atlas of pediatric dermatology released at ISPD conference

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The 5th edition of Colour Atlas of Pediatric Dermatology, authored by Dr. Sandipan Dhar and Dr. Maitreyee Panda, was released at the national conference and Silver Jubilee celebration of the Indian Society for Pediatric Dermatology (ISPD) held at Chennai recently.

Dr. Dhar is the Chief Advisor and past President of ISPD while Dr. Panda is the honorary Secretary General of the organization. Dr. Panda is presently working as Professor in the department of Dermatology at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital here. The book, which contains more than 10,000 images and synopsis of diseases, will



serve as a guide for pediatricians and practicing dermatologists, Dr. Panda said. The conference, held from August 2 to 4,

focused on academics with extensive workshops on Atopic Dermatitis and Genodermatoses, video demonstrations and scientific lectures relating

to pediatric dermatology. Around 500 delegates from different parts of the country, including dermatologists and pediatricians, attended the conference.

9-year old girl recovers from acute liver failure at SUM Ultimate

Bhubaneswar, Aug. 6(KCN): Astute handling of a critical case of liver failure using Plasma Exchange has helped a 9-year-old girl recover at the SUM Ultimate Medicare (SUMUM) here.

The girl was brought to the hospital recently complaining of jaundice caused due to viral infection and got admitted under Dr. Ayaskanta Singh, Senior Consultant and Head of department of Gastroenterology in the hospital.

The patient was subsequently shifted to the NICU under Dr. Pradip Kumar Dey, Head of the department of Pediatrics and Neonatology, as her condition deteriorated. As the patient was experiencing respiratory distress it was decided by the team of doctors to go for Plasma Exchange, also known as liver dialysis, as the liver transplantation option was not available.



"This process is not generally attempted in case of children," Dr. Gadadhar Panda, Associate Consultant in the department of Gastroenterology, who was leading the procedure, said. "The death rate in such cases is close to 90 per cent," Dr. Dey said. Dr. Sambit Bhuyan, Associate Consultant in the Gastroenterology department said the

procedure was conducted on the patient after explaining the risk factor and benefit to the parents. Dr. Singh described Plasma Exchange as a rare procedure. After four cycles of the procedure supported by medical management, the patient became conscious with her liver functioning much better. She was subsequently

discharged from the hospital in a stable condition. She was able to consume normal food, Dr. Panda said. Mohammed Nasim, father of the patient, said that though he had taken his ailing daughter to several hospitals, she was not provided the required treatment. Her problem was properly diagnosed and treated at SUMUM leading to her recovery, he said.

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'CTRL': Ananya Panday plays content creator in Vikramaditya Motwane's Netflix thriller

Netflix's upcoming thriller 'CTRL', starring Ananya Panday and Vihaan Samat, is set to release on October 5. Directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, the film's first look was unveiled on October 4.

Vikramaditya Motwane's upcoming film, 'CTRL' promises to break away from traditional storytelling, and make you question how much you rely on technology. Starring Ananya Panday and Vihaan Samat, the film will premiere on Netflix on October 4.

Ananya Panday plays Nella Awasthi in 'CTRL' and Vihaan Samat is Joe Mascarenhas. They are a couple who create content together and have a good following on social media. However, after their breakup, things take an ugly turn. The first-look teaser of the film was shared on the official Instagram



handle of Netflix India. "Think again. CTRL releases on 4 October, only on Netflix!," read the caption which sounded more like a warning. After 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', this is yet another Ananya Panday film, which will turn the spotlight on the side effects of social media. Ananya Panday, who is thrilled to collaborate with Vikramaditya Motwane and Nikhil Dwivedi for this film, said in a statement, "CTRL is engaging, impactful and definitely makes you wonder if you are truly in

control of your life. I truly believe that this film is for everyone, given the exponential advancement in tech and our rising dependency on it. What better platform to reach the audience with a narrative as compelling as CTRL than Netflix?" Director Vikramaditya Motwane added, "With the amount of time we spend on our devices, screen time is now redefined as screen life! The question is, are we actually in control of all the digital extensions of our life, or are we being controlled? That's the answer CTRL tries to explore. For a concept as new-age as this, we not only needed a cast who lives such a life, but a medium like Netflix that's relevant." 'CTRL' will offer a glimpse into a future that could be closer than we imagine. It is set to begin streaming on Netflix from October 4.

'Rautu Ka Raaz' Review: Nawazuddin Siddiqui film has the right amount of thrill

'Rautu Ka Raaz' Review: The film highlights Nawazuddin Siddiqui's role in a thrilling cop drama, set in a small Uttarakhand village.

Some films run on good storylines. Some, on star power. But when you see Nawazuddin Siddiqui headlining a project, and that too, a cop thriller, you can't help but take note. That's where Zee5's latest offering, 'Rautu Ka Raaz' comes in. Set in the small, picturesque village of Rautu Ki Beli, the film is about a lazy murder investigation with sharp twists and even sharper turns. Let's decode if the film is worth your time.

Rautu, a small town in Uttarakhand, has witnessed no murders in the last 15 years. As a result, policemen in the village are extremely laid-back. One fine



morning, a sleepy Nawazuddin Siddiqui (SHO Deepak Negi) gets a call from Rajesh Kumar (sub-inspector Dimri) about the murder of a warden at a boarding school for the visually impaired. What they initially took for a natural death, turned out to be a never-ending rabbit hole with suspects, murders, disturbing incidents, politics and power. Nawazuddin Siddiqui leads the ship by playing the rowdy SHO Deepak Negi. By rowdy, we don't

mean the typical Bollywood masala film rowdy. He is intelligent, witty, knows when to say no, can get things done, disobeys seniors by standing firm on his grit and is unabashedly himself. He surely takes the bigger piece of the cake. Nawazuddin's comic timing, dialogue delivery, and demeanour have always taken him places. Thankfully, that continues in 'Rautu Ka Raaz' too. The film shines, thanks to its stellar star cast.

Suriya Gets Injured On Sets Of Kanguva, Film Shoot Halted



Actor Suriya has been busy with the shooting of his upcoming film 'Kanguva', a Tamil period-drama. The film is directed by Siruthai Siva and the shooting has been taking place at a film city in Chennai. According to TOI report, a grand set has been erected by the makers for the shoot of film.

The latest report stated that a rope camera lost

control during the shooting of 'Kanguva' and it fell on Suriya, thus leaving him injured. The report further mentioned that the actor suffered injuries on his shoulder after which the shoot was halt.

Fortunately, it was a minor mishap and no major injury was caused to Suriya. According to another report, the actor has

been advised by the doctor for a two-week bed rest.

Meanwhile, Suriya was expected to wrap up the film for his portions in 'Kanguva' this month and the entire filming was slated to be over by next month. However, with the latest development, there may be a slight delay in production.

'Kanguva' was announced in August

KJo's birthday wish for Kajol: Warmest hug, 1000 watt smile and 5000 shades of love

Producer and director Karan Johar on Monday shared the sweetest birthday wish for actor Kajol. Actors such as Kriti Sanon and Kareena Kapoor also wished Kajol on social media.

Actor Kajol is celebrating her birthday today, on August 5. On the occasion, her friend and filmmaker Karan Johar shared the sweetest birthday post for her.

"The warmest hug on planet earth... to the extent that you may need an MRI post it!!!! The love... the immense love that very few can express, share or give to their loved ones... That 1000 watt smile and that infectious laugh... how can you describe the energy of Kajol without feeling 5000 shades of love," read a section of his post.

Karan wished for her decade to be beyond 'golden': "From the first time she met me (



laughed loudly at what I was wearing) and till today ... I meet her and feel rejuvenated and so loved... the one person that hasn't changed one bit and never will! Love you Kads ... to every planet and back! May this decade be beyond golden (sic)."

Actors such as Kriti Sanon and Kareena Kapoor also wished

Kajol. Kriti shared an Instagram story, writing, "Working with you has been an incredible experience. You are just not an amazing person, but an inspiration to all of us."

On the work front, Kajol was last seen in the Disney Plus Hotsar series, The Trial. She has Do Patti, Sarzameen and more in the pipeline.

Kalki 2898 AD: Meet The Tamil Actor Who Portrayed Lord Krishna In Prabhas-Starrer Epic



Directed by Nag Ashwin, the epic sci-fi 'Kalki 2898 AD' is garnering huge appreciation from audiences and critics alike. Prabhas-starrer also features legendary megastar Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan, and Disha Patani.

In addition to the stellar cast - Vijay Deverakonda, Mrunal Thakur, Ram Gopal Varma, SS Rajamouli, and Dulquer Salmaan's unexpected cameos in the film have also emerged as major highlights. Since the film's release, netizens have been curious about the actor who portrayed 'Lord Krishna' in Kalki 2898 AD.

In the film, one can only see a dark shadow of 'Lord Krishna', leaving many puzzled about the actor behind the role in the movie.

Who Is Krishnakumar?

It has now come to light that Tamil actor Krishnakumar, also known as KK, impressed everyone with his portrayal of Krishna in Kalki 2898 AD.

Taking to his Instagram stories Krishnakumar shared a glimpse of his appearance as 'Lord Krishna' in the epic sci-fi. The captioned read as, "Kalki2898ad An absolute honour to be able to open an epic film, playing such a special character. Grateful (sic)."

About Krishnakumar aka KK

Krishnakumar is a theater artist who made his debut with 'Kadhalagi' a 2010 film. He became a household name after he played the many popular movies, 'Putham Pudhu Kaalai' and 'Soorai Pottru'. He has also shared the screen with Dhanush in 'Maaran'.

Kalki 2898 AD Box Office Collection Day 1 Nag Ashwin's 3D spectacle "Kalki 2898 AD" set a new record at the global box office, grossing Rs 191.5 crore on its opening day.

India's Workforce: Employment, Unemployment, Sectoral Shifts

Prof (Dr.) S N Tripathy



India's workforce is nearly 56.5 crore, with more than 45 per cent employed in agriculture, 11.4 per cent in manufacturing, 28.9 per cent in services, and 13.0 per cent in construction, highlights the Economic Survey. As per the survey, in terms of employment status of workers, 57.3 per cent of the total workforce is self-employed, and 18.3 per cent is working as unpaid workers in household enterprises. Casual labour comprises 21.8 per cent of the total workforce, and regular wage/salaried workers are 20.9 per cent of the total workforce. Gender-wise, the female workforce is shifting to self-employment, while the male workforce's share has been stable. Unemployment remains a significant challenge for India's economic landscape. As one of the

world's most populous nations with a diverse workforce, variations in the unemployment rate have profound implications for the country's growth and development. The India Employment Report 2024, produced collaboratively by the Institute for Human Development and the International Labour Organisation (ILO), indicates that India's working-age population rose from 61 percent in 2011 to 64 percent in 2021 and is projected to reach 65 percent by 2036. However, youth involvement in economic activities declined to 37 percent in 2022. This highlights the need for continued vigilance and effective policy measures to foster sustainable job growth and secure the nation's future prosperity. According to the latest data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), an independent think tank, the unemployment rate in India stood at 9.2 per cent in June 2024, a sharp increase from 7 per cent in May 2024.

CMIE's Consumer Pyramids Household Survey shows that female unemployment reached 18.5 per cent, exceeding the national average, in June 2024. This is up from 15.1 per cent in the same period last year. At the same time, male unemployment stood at 7.8 per cent, slightly higher than 7.7 per cent in June 2023. While the Labour Participation Rate (LPR) rose to 41.4 per cent in June 2024 from 40.8 per cent in May and up from 39.9 per cent in June 2023, the rural unemployment rate rose to 9.3 per cent in June from 6.3 per cent in May. The urban unemployment rate climbed from 8.6 per cent to 8.9 per cent. LPR is made up of people working or willing to work and actively looking for a job among the total working-age population (15 years of age and above). Employment growth in India witnessed a remarkable transformation, with stagnation up to 2019, followed by an upward trend. During 2000-2012, employment grew sluggishly at 1.6%

annually, while gross value added (GVA) surged at a faster pace of 6.2%. This disparity intensified between 2012 and 2019, highlighting the disconnect between GVA growth and employment expansion. However, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic sparked a substantial increase in employment, particularly in the agricultural sector, outpacing the growth in agriculture GVA. Capital deepening and technological progress drove labour productivity, leading to a shift from low-productivity agriculture to higher-productivity non-agricultural sectors. While employment in agriculture declined steadily from 2000 to 2019, the construction and service sectors experienced significant growth. However, this transition reversed post-2019, with a resurgence in agricultural employment attributed to economic slowdowns induced by the pandemic.

The construction sector exhibited high employment elasticity, albeit dominated by low-wage and informal jobs. Despite robust GVA growth, manufacturing struggled to generate significant employment opportunities, with most jobs being regular or self-employment types. Conversely, the service sector emerged as the primary driver of India's growth, creating productive and decent employment, especially in modern service domains like software, I.T., and financial services. Nearly 82 per cent of the workforce operates within the informal sector, and despite an increase in informal employment post-2019, wages and earnings have either remained stagnant or declined; this stagnation is particularly concerning as real wages for regular workers have yet to see significant improvements. Moreover, a substantial portion of unskilled casual agricultural and construction workers nationwide did not receive the prescribed minimum wage in 2024. Moreover, it is essential to acknowledge the

evolving structure and composition of labour markets due to technological advancements, digitalization, the expansion of the gig economy, and emerging Global Value Chains (GVCs), all of which have profound implications for women's employment. Addressing issues such as time poverty and accurately measuring women's work, including unpaid domestic work, are also key challenges. According to the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) time use survey, women in the working-age group spend an average of more than two and a half times (7.2 hours) daily on unpaid domestic work compared to men (2.8 hours). The underrepresentation of women in the workforce is a complex issue triggered by various socio-economic ingredients. Social norms and cultural expectations significantly limit

women's participation in the labour market. Traditional gender roles often confine women to domestic responsibilities, making it challenging for them to engage in paid employment. Furthermore, increased enrollment rates in higher education for women have paradoxically led to lower FLFPR in some instances, as many educated women choose to remain out of the labour force due to the lack of suitable job opportunities that match their qualifications and aspirations. Another critical issue is the quality of employment available to women. Many employed women work in the informal sector, characterized by low wages, job insecurity, and poor working conditions. The gender wage gap persists, further diminishing women's appeal to enter the labour market. Ensuring better job quality and fair wages is crucial for improving women's participation in the workforce. Most of the workers in

India originate from seven states, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, which, despite their large populations, need more sufficient job opportunities. However, government initiatives are in place, they often fail to be valued by the market during the hiring process, and it is only when wage levels rise that customers begin to demand training, underscoring that without an apparent demand for specific skill sets from end-customers, investment in skilling remains limited, resulting in only a tiny percentage of workers who have undergone government-sponsored training finding sustainable employment. By excluding gig and platform workers from the Code on Wages Act, the government has effectively removed them from the scope of minimum wage laws, equal pay for equal work, Employees' Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance schemes, and gratuity.

Former Professor of Economics, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune, currently at Berhampur, Odisha

When Delhi gave shelter to Sheikh Hasina

Vivek Shukla



After quitting the post of Prime Minister of Bangladesh on Monday, Sheikh Hasina landed in Hindon Airbase in the evening. Now there are reports that the Indian government will perhaps give political asylum to her. Well, Delhi is like a second home for Sheikh Hasina as she lived an exiled life in Pandara Park for six long years. How can Sheikh Hasina forget her days spent in Delhi? She lived a solitary exiled life here during 1975-1981. Her husband, Dr. M.A. Wazeed, and their two children were also with her. She lived in a flat in Pandara Park. Pranab Kumar Mukherjee and his wife Shubhra Mukherjee were her trusted friends during that difficult time. Sheikh Hasina

and Shubhra Mukherjee became very close. The two families met constantly. In fact, Sheikh Hasina's father and the founder of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, her mother, and three brothers were killed on August 15, 1975, at their residence in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Sheikh Hasina was in Germany with her husband Dr. M.A. Wazeed and their children during that horrific massacre. So they all survived. Dr. Wazeed was a nuclear scientist. He was working in Germany. "Sheikh Hasina also lived in 56, Lajpat Nagar, Part 3 in the capital for a few weeks before shifting to Pandara Road. The Bangladesh High Commission operated from there for many years. Now the High Commission is in Chanakyapuri," informs Anil Makhijani, a Real estate consultant and old resident of

Lajpat Nagar. Who gave Asylum? The massacre of Sheikh Hasina's

family remained unbroken. Whenever she came to Delhi, she made sure to

go to Pranab Mukherjee's house in Talakatora Road regularly with her

literature. When my mother passed away on August 18, 2015, Sheikh Hasina came

she decided to enter Bangladesh's politics. She then returned to her

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. It was called Park Street until 2017. This road is near Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was a central figure in the Bangladesh liberation movement. He came to Delhi on January 10, 1972. He received a grand welcome at Palam airport. It was bitterly cold in the capital that day. He thanked India for its support in the Bangladesh liberation movement. He was welcomed at the airport by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and her entire cabinet. The national anthems of both countries were played at the airport. Thousands of Delhiites were waving to him along the route from the airport to Rashtrapati Bhavan. It is understandable that Sheikh Hasina loves Delhi.

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family had shattered her. She was broken. Then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi decided to grant her political asylum in India. Indira Gandhi and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had a personal relationship. After the assassination, there was no question of Sheikh Hasina returning to Bangladesh. In Delhi, Sheikh Hasina used

family. The children of both families also became close. "Sheikh Hasina also started working for All India Radio's Bangla service to pass the time," recalls Manmohan Sharma, a veteran journalist. Sheikh Hasina returned to her homeland in 1981, but her relationship with the Mukherjee

spend some time with Shubhra Mukherjee and Pranab Mukherjee. Shubhra Mukherjee was a teacher. She taught at Lady Irwin School in the capital. Once Sharmista Mukherjee, the daughter of Pranab Kumar Mukherjee had said, "My mother (Shubhra Mukherjee) and Sheikh Hasina used to discuss art, music, and Bengali

with her daughter Putul to express her condolences to my family. With Putul, I also played with dolls together at India Gate." When Sheikh Hasina used to live in Delhi, leaders of the Awami League would come to meet her regularly. They would request her to be active in her country's politics. After a long time,

homeland in 1981. If Sheikh Hasina stays in Delhi again, she will miss her friends from her troubled days. She will not be able to meet either Shubhra Mukherjee nor former President of India Pranab Kumar Mukherjee. Both have passed away. Of course, Sheikh Hasina will get to see a road in her father's name,

Former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar Tarkishore Prasad met the Prime Minister in Delhi.



New Delhi(Ahsan Ansari): Former Deputy CM of Bihar and current MLA from

Katihar Tarkishore Prasad met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi on Tuesday. After the meeting, the former Deputy CM said that after meeting the Honorable Prime Minister, a new energy is infused. This characteristic of his personality differentiates him from other politicians. The Honorable Prime Minister has a special attachment to Bihar. In today's meeting too, he asked a lot about Bihar and Biharis and gave his guidance on many topics. We are proud of such a Prime Minister who has given a different identity to the country and made it powerful in the whole world. Where people of every religion get equal respect and love, where there is development with everyone's support.

Weavers' Service Society to Celebrate National Handloom Day Tomorrow Befittingly

Kolkata, (KCN):In order to generate awareness about the importance of the handloom industry and its contribution to the socio-economic development of the country, August 7 every year is celebrated as "National Handloom Day". One of the key objectives of these initiatives is to promote handlooms, increase income of weavers and enhance pride in their

work. Continuing with the practice, the Weavers' Service Centre, Kolkata, the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms) under the Union Ministry of Textiles, will be organising a programme to celebrate the 10th National Handloom Day on August 7, 2024 at the office premises of the Weavers'

Service Centre, Garment Park (Paridhan), Beliaghata, Kolkata. Various activities like dissemination of various schemes of handlooms of Ministry of Textiles, Quiz / drawing competition, live demonstration of handloom, small film on handloom products, presentation on IHB, Handloom Mark & E-commerce etc will be carried out by this office to mark the occasion.

Trump might deport 'spoiled apples' Prince Harry, Meghan Markle, says son Eric



New Delhi (KCN):Eric Trump, son of former US President and current Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, has slammed British royal Duke Prince Harry and Duchess of Sussex, Meghan Markle, calling them "spoiled apples", and suggesting that his father could deport them if he won the presidential election. Like his father, Donald Trump, Eric also disapproves of Harry and Meghan. "There are always bad actors and spoiled apples in every group," Eric Trump said in an interview with British cable news channel GB News. Prince Harry and Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle fled to America in 2020, reported the New York Post. The US presidential election will be held on November 5 between Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris. On

Monday, Vice-President Kamala Harris formally secured the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, becoming the first woman of colour to lead a majority party ticket in the November elections. Eric Trump praised his father's admiration for the British royal family, especially the late Queen Elizabeth II, but he was critical of Harry and Meghan, implying they are not welcome in the United States. "You can happily have those two back," said Eric. "We'll happily send them back from America. You can have them back over here, but I'm not sure if you want them anymore. We might not want them anymore; it feels like they're on an island of their own." In March, GB News presenter Nigel Farage asked Donald Trump about Harry admitting to using illegal drugs like cocaine and cannabis in

his book "Spare." Trump said Harry should not receive "special privileges" if he lied on his US visa application. "We need to find out if they know about the drugs, and if he lied, they'll need to take action," Trump said. When asked if "appropriate action" might mean deportation, he responded, "Oh, I don't know. You'll have to tell me. You just have to tell me. You would have thought they would have known this a long time ago." The Trump family has a history of criticising Harry and Meghan, with Donald Trump once saying that Harry "betrayed the queen" and that he would not protect him. At a Conservative Political Action Conference in Maryland in February, Trump said, "I wouldn't protect him. He betrayed the queen. That's unforgivable," reported the New York Post.

CM Mann exhorts people to transform plantation drive into mass movement

Chandigarh (JAG MOHAN THAKEN), August 6: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday gave clarion call to the people for transforming the plantation drive into a mass movement for checking the environmental pollution on one hand and enhancing the green cover of the state on other.

Addressing the gathering during a state level function to mark Van Mahautsav Tuesday, the Chief Minister said that this is a unique initiative aimed at enhancing the green cover across the state. Quoting verse 'Pawan Guru, Paani Pitaah, Mata Dharat Mahat' from Gurbani, CM Mann said that the great Gurus have equated air (pawan) with teacher, water (paani) with father and land (dharat) with mother.

He said that during those times there were no industrial units who were polluting the environment but it was the farsightedness of Great Gurus aimed at checking the pollution.

The Chief Minister said that now the time has come when we must imbibe the teachings of Gurbani in our lives to restore the pristine glory of the state by resolving to save the environment of the state.

He said that the state government will leave no stone unturned for this noble cause adding that the people of state should support the state government by planting more and more trees.

Bhagwant Mann said that it is the need of hour to transform the



plantation drive into a mass movement to benefit the people.

The Chief Minister said that Punjab is the first state in the country to launch the carbon credit scheme to preserve the environment and check global warming.

He said that this project has been launched in the state with the help of TERI and as pilot project 3686 farmers from across the state will be disbursed Rs 45 crore in four instalments.

CM Mann also distributed cheques worth Rs 1.75 crore to 818 farmers of the Hoshiarpur district as first instalment of this ambitious scheme.

The Chief Minister said these funds will be transferred to the farmers through the Direct Benefit Scheme besides playing an active role in checking environmental pollution. He envisioned that this scheme will act as a pivotal for reducing the effects of Greenhouse gases adding that this is based on the 'Polluter Pays Principle' where

polluters compensate the organisations/ farmers working for reducing carbon emission. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the saplings planted by farmers play a pivotal role in reducing environmental pollution so they can be eligible beneficiaries of this scheme.

The Chief Minister said that by the reckless cutting of trees human beings have created havoc with nature. He said that owing to this only we are witnessing a lot of natural fury across the country adding that the only solution for this is to plant more and more trees.

Bhagwant Singh Mann advised the farmers that every food grower who is getting free power must plant at least four trees in his farms adding that if needed this will be given a shape of law to save the coming generations.

The Chief Minister said that at the time he assumed the charge of office only 21% canal

water was being used. However, he said that it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction that today 72% of the canal water is being used for irrigation purposes.

CM Mann said that New Kandi Canal is being constructed which is likely to benefit 11,000 acres of land adding that 206-Megawatt Dam is being established at Dhar Kalan. The Chief Minister said that the state government has taken exemplary initiatives for the well-being of the state and its people.

Mann said that for the first time in the post-independence era his government has started the work for construction of Malwa canal in the state adding that it is on record that none of the previous governments of the state had paid heed towards this necessity of the state.

CM Mann further said that this around 150-kilometre-long new canal will usher a new era of unprecedented progress and prosperity in the state especially in Malwa region adding that the state government will spend around Rs 2300 crore on this prestigious project that will cater to irrigational needs of nearly two lakh acres of fertile land of the state.

Training his guns against SAD leader Sukhbir Singh Badal, the Chief Minister said that the former Deputy Chief Minister is trying to mislead the people through his political gimmicks.

He quipped that the scion of Badal family is now seeking pardon for his actions but he should

remember one thing that apology may be given for the misdeeds but sins are unpardonable. Mann said that the Badal family has committed heinous sins against the state and its people which can never be forgiven.

The Chief Minister said that the state government is gathering evidence about the sacrilege incident adding that the real culprit of this crime will be behind the bars soon.

Training his guns against the rebel Akali leadership, he said that these leaders are now shedding crocodile tears over the issue whereas they were part and parcel of the Badal family during these sins. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that these leaders cannot absolve them from the sin merely by issuing statements now.

The Chief Minister said that gone are the days when the government was run from the offices in Chandigarh adding that for saving time, money and energy of people, the sovereign masters of state, now the government is being run from the villages and towns.

He said that the state government has already launched its flagship scheme of Sarkar Tuhaade Dwaar under which village level camps are being organised to offer citizen-centric services to people at their doorsteps. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that more such pro-people initiatives will be taken in the coming days for the welfare of people.

Sheikh Hasina's India stay may be extended, preparations made: Sources

New Delhi, (KCN):Security agencies are gearing up for both the short and long-term stay of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in India amid the ongoing violent protests and unrest in the neighbouring country, sources told India Today TV. Officials have indicated that India is preparing for the possibility of hosting her for an extended period, given the international opposition she faces. The Indian government is working on securing asylum for the 77-year-old Awami League chief in a European country, but her travel plan has hit a roadblock over some 'uncertainties' and she is unlikely to move out of India for the next few days, sources added. The security agencies' drills also included preparations for Hasina's possible meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, detailing where and how such an encounter would take



place. National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval is closely monitoring the situation and giving regular updates to PM Modi about Sheikh Hasina's stay plans and over her possible asylum in a European country. Hasina, who landed at the Hindon airbase on August 5 in a C-130J military transport aircraft, is currently residing in a facility nearby, but will be relocated to a more

spacious and secure location, sources added. The Indian government is extending all the protocols befitting a Prime Minister or Head of State to Sheikh Hasina. "The Air Force and security agencies have conducted special drills from Hindon Air Base to Safdarjung and Palam airports in Delhi, considering potential long-term arrangements for Sheikh Hasina's

stay," sources said. Meanwhile, sources also informed that National Security Guard (NSG) commandos have been deployed for Sheikh Hasina's internal security, while Garud commandos of the Air Force are managing external security at Hindon airbase. It is speculated that London is the most-preferred final destination for Sheikh Hasina. This speculation

is strengthened by the presence of her niece, Tulip Siddiq, who resides in north London. Siddiq, the daughter of UK passport holder Sheikh Rehana, serves as a Labour Party Member of Parliament representing Hampstead and Highgate and holds the position of junior minister in the Treasury department.

However, it is also noteworthy that as per asylum procedures, those who need international protection should claim asylum in the first safe country they reach as the fastest route to safety, indicating Sheikh Hasina's extended stay in India. The death toll in the anti-government protests in Bangladesh on Tuesday climbed to 440, with 100 more deaths reported after Hasina fled the country. However, local media reported efforts were on by the Army to bring the situation under control in the violence-hit nation.

PM Mantra For BJP MPs

New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held a brief discussion meeting with all newly elected BJP MPs from Odisha including three Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Ashwini Vaishnaw and Jai Oram. During the meeting, the PM asked the MPs about their number of terms, took an introduction, and asked them about the budget in their constituencies. Emphasis on voters connecting programmes, the

Prime Minister has advised the MPs to hold small small meetings in villages and panchayats to inform the voters about the welfare measures taken by the double-engine government and also collect their feedback. He advised them for "Tiffin Meeting" for which leaders will take their tiffin and people will also bring their own tiffin and in these small meeting they will discuss strategy to strengthen the party base and other issues. Such type of meeting



are proving successful and bringing people closer to BJP, pointed out PM Shri Modi. Shri Modi has also

emphasized strengthening the party at grassroots level in Odisha. He cited the example of

Gujarat where the BJP for the first time won in 1995. However it started strengthening its base since 1984

and at that time, the party was very weak in the state. But, now, BJP has emerged as the

strongest party and ruling in the state for decades. The Prime Minister advised the BJP

leaders from Odisha to undertake initiatives to rule the state for at least 25 years. He also instructed the MPs to be active in social media to attract youths towards them.

In Lok Sabha Election 2024, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won 20 out of 21 seats, increasing their previous tally of 2019 by 12 seats.

BJP successfully secured a comfortable majority in the assembly elections as well by winning 78 seats out of 147.

Debi To Activate BJD

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Finally BJD Supremo Took the decision to allow BJD Veteran Debi Prasad Mishra to activate the Regional Party. Accordingly the Principal Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) today formed a Committee under the leadership of senior leader Debi Prasad Mishra for coordinating various activities of the party throughout the State. Shri Mishra is having deep knowledge on the State and knows how to carry people with him and ignite the party in a crucial situation, pointed out a former Minister. The 15-member panel has senior leaders and



former ministers like Pramila Mallik, Bikram Keshari Arukha, Pratap Keshari Deb, Pradip Kumar Amat, Arun

Kumar Sahoo, Aswini Kumar Patra, Pratap Jena, Sarada Prasad Nayak, Sudam Marandi and Snehangini Chhuria.

Manohar Randhari, Mahesh Sahoo and Debesh Acharya are the other members of the coordination committee. Names of many senior leaders including former Organizational Secretary Pranab Prakash Das, General Secretary Manas Mangaraj, Sanjay Das Burma, and Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak are missing in the list after the party's debacle in the recently concluded elections. The principal opposition party has constituted the committee after senior tribal leader and ex-RS MP Mamata Mohanta shifted to BJP very smoothly without any indication within the party.

Potato From Punjab!



Bhubaneswar(KCN): To control the potato price hike, the State government today said it is planning to procure the tuber from Punjab, even after bringing the kitchen essential from Uttar Pradesh.

The price of potato has increased in Odisha due to inadequate supply from neighbouring West Bengal. "We cannot be blackmailed for bringing potatoes from Bengal. So, for self-respect, we are now procuring potatoes

from Uttar Pradesh. If needed, we will procure potatoes from Punjab," Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Krushna Chandra Patra told media persons here today. He rubbished the reports that the potato from UP is not as good as West Bengal.

It is not true that the potato from Uttar Pradesh is not of good quality. The UP potato is much better than Bengal and the price difference due to transportation cost is also maximum one rupee, Shri Patra said. However, to meet State consumers' need, Odisha can procure potato from any other state, he added.

The government's action

came after the prices of potatoes brought from both UP and West Bengal continue to sell potato at a price range from Rs 40 to Rs 50 a kilogram in Chhatra Bazar, a major wholesale market in Cuttack city on Monday morning. Earlier, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi had met his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi on July 27 and requested her to streamline potato supply to the state.

However, the price continued to remain high in Odisha markets due to the "erratic supply of potatoes from West Bengal", sources said

BJD Opposes BPIA Lease




Bhubaneswar(KCN): Biju Janata Dal (BJD) spokesperson Dibya Shankar Mishra has strongly criticized the central government's attempt to privatize the Bhubaneswar airport

through a press release today. Answering a question of BJD Rajya Sabha MP Niranjan Bishi in the Rajya Sabha today, Union Minister of State explained that it has been

decided to privatize India's 25 airports, including Bhubaneswar International Airport by 2025. Shri Mishra said that "The central government's decision to

privatize Bhubaneswar airport is totally unacceptable. Bhubaneswar Airport is named after the proverbial man Biju Patnaik, while this airport is a symbol of Odisha's Swaviman and Asmita".

While it is one of the major airports in eastern India, the decision to privatize it is definitely a blow to our people and Asmita, Shri Mishra said. Moreover, privatization will affect the aviation and other economic activities going on here.



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AU Small Finance Bank Launches Business Cashback RuPay Credit Card

Jaipur/ Bhubaneswar, May 8th, 2023: AU Small Finance Bank has partnered with RuPay to introduce the Business Cashback RuPay credit card, an innovative solution tailored to meet the financial requirements of self-employed customers. This latest offering is aimed at providing a diverse range of benefits to small businesses. The Credit Card was launched in the esteemed presence of Mr. Dilip Asbe, CEO of National Payments Corporation of India and Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, MD & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank. AU Small Finance Bank's Business Cashback RuPay Credit Card simplifies financial

operations for businesses with benefits like upto 2% cashback, 48 days interest-free credit, and instant loans. It also offers fire insurance, burglary, and housebreaking coverage, making it a one-stop solution for businesses. "At AU Small Finance Bank, we understand that the small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) are the backbone of Indian economy and we have been serving this segment since the last 28 years. We are committed to providing innovative financial solutions that cater to the unique needs of this segment and Business Cashback RuPay credit card is a testament to our commitment to the



MSMEs. As the self-employed customer segment is at the heart of our bank, we are focused on adding value to these customers and promoting credit inclusion. Going forward, we shall work towards bringing

customized benefits to MSMEs through our other Credit Card variants too," said Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, MD & CEO of AU SFB. The credit card also provides lifestyle and travel benefits. Their Silver Spoon Dining Program

also offers cardholders up to 30% off at over 300 restaurants, 8 complimentary railway lounge access per annum, and 1%* fuel surcharge waiver. "I am delighted to attend the launch event and witness the introduction of AU Small Finance Bank's Business Cashback RuPay Credit Card. National Payments Corporation of India is committed to promoting innovation in the banking sector, and this credit card is a clear example of that. AU Small Finance Bank has consistently demonstrated their dedication to excellence and innovation in the banking industry. This credit card is a fantastic solution that empowers

self-employed individuals and promotes financial inclusion. I'm confident that this credit card will be a great success and benefit numerous businesses. Congratulations to AU SFB, keep up the great work," said Mr. Dilip Asbe, CEO, National Payments Corporation of India. AU Small Finance Bank is one of the leading providers of innovative and reliable financial solutions for self-employed individuals and businesses. With an unwavering commitment to excellence and credit inclusion, the bank continuously improves and deepens its services, offering a comprehensive range of benefits.

Kapil Sharma and his team in Navratna Ayurvedic oil advertisement campaign



Kolkata : Navratna, the ayurvedic cool oil market leader from the house of Emami Ltd throws up a laughter challenge this summer as Kapil Sharma comes on board the brand along with his eccentric family members Kiku Sharda, Gaurav Gera and Sumona Chakravarti. In a series of new TV ads and digital content, Navratna Oil introduces a burst of cool comic relief with the irrepressible Kapil Sharma and his band of quirky accomplices. Together, they tackle the everyday chaos and challenges encountered by common man as they present Navratna Oil as "Thandak Ka Badshah, Raahat Ka Raja." A two-minute champi (head massage) with Navratna Oil offers relief and relaxation leaving one "thanda thanda cool cool".

Commenting on this unique endorsement association, Mr. Harsha V. Agarwal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Emami Limited, said, "We are delighted to onboard Kapil Sharma and his quirky team for our brand Navratna Ayurvedic Oil. Humour is well known for being a stress buster and Kapil's brand of humour has been doing just that for over a decade across demographics. The pairing of Kapil Sharma and team with Navratna, which is India's number 1 cool oil that provides relief from daily stress to its millions of consumers, is one of the best fits that a brand can envisage. To appeal to our evolving target audience, we strongly feel that this new approach of delivering the brand message will work effectively for us." Kapil Sharma, the comedian, actor, singer and anchor said on this occasion, "Navratna Ayurvedic Oil provides effective relief from headache and stress related issues arising from daily life challenges. My team and I also attempt to use humour as a powerful tool towards stress relief by offering a much-needed escape from life's trials and tribulations. There is a natural synergy in what both of us are trying to deliver, thereby offering a perfect fitment for our collaboration. I am pleased to be associated with World's No 1 Cool Oil Navratna. This summer, together we will make every Indian - Thanda Thanda Cool Cool !"

Tata Power leads EV charging space with a pan-India network; showcases wide-range of hi-tech EZ Charge solutions at Auto Expo 2023

Bhubaneswar: Tata Power, one of India's largest and fastest growing EV Charging solutions provider showcased its wide-range of hi-tech EV charging solutions at the ongoing Auto Expo 2023 in Greater Noida. A first-hand experience of the technology that is driving Tata Power's widespread EV charging network - EZ (read easy) Charge was provided to the visitors, including the award-winning and one of the most downloaded mobile apps for EV charging - Tata Power EZ Charge, which ensures a seamless user experience through features that will help commuters find the nearest charging station, know the real-time availability of charging points, and receive updates on charging status, amongst many others.

Information about Tata Power's one of its kind Network Operations Center (NOC) located in Mumbai was also on display. This center aids in the effective operational management of charging stations across India. NOC is integrated with the online platform that supports Tata Power's EZ Charge services, has a real-time communication link with all on-board chargers, and aids in the early detection of tech-related issues. The NOC additionally supports quick problem solving, back-end system support, and proactive planning for charging infrastructure upkeep. Tata Power has also kicked off an ambitious nationwide plan of setting up approx. 25000 electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the country to support faster adoption of e-mobility over the next 5 years.

Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors showcases young literary talent

Bhubaneswar : Some of the leading social, cultural, corporate and literary organizations of the country came together for the first time to host a unique literature festival - 'Muskaan Litfest for Child Authors' - under the Muskaan initiative of Kolkata-based non-for-profit trusts, Prabha Khaitan Foundation and Education for All Trust. The three-day event was held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) premises in Delhi. Union Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Dr M u n j a p a r a M a h e n d r a b h a i

Kalubhai, interacted with 30 school-going young authors from all over the country. "Muskaan is a brilliant initiative of PKF to give a platform for the young talented writers to showcase their works and inspire future talents," the minister said. He also gave certificates to the young authors.

Ruskin Bond, the most popular, loved and revered author among the children, in a message lauded Prabha Khaitan Foundation for its commendable efforts to promote the habit of reading among children through the Muskaan initiative. The three-

day Litfest (Jan 10-12) was organized in collaboration with IGNCA and in association with India International Centre and Sahitya Akademi as the knowledge partner. Shree Cement supported the event as a part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative.

The festival was inaugurated in the presence of Priyank Kanoongo, Chairman, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR). Also present on the occasion were Sachchidanand Joshi, member secretary, the executive and academic head of IGNCA; K N Shrivastava, Director of

IIC, and K Sreenivasarao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi. "Literature is the mirror of society. It is important to provide child authors the right environment and upbringing to promote literature," Kanoongo said. He asserted that instead of social media, the children should take more interest in writing and literature.

The evening was marked by a scintillating cultural programme 'Udaan' conceptualised by Shinjini Kulkarni, Ehsaas Woman of Prabha Khaitan Foundation. Huma Khalil Mirza, Ehsaas Woman of Delhi and Unnati Singh, Ehsaas

Woman of Indore, also chipped in and livened up the show. Teams of women achievers who work to create cultural capital and assets are a part of a Ehsaas Woman network in major cities of India under the aegis of Prabha Khaitan Foundation.

Dancer and choreographer Avirup Sengupta, who works with specially-abled children through Prayas Foundation, presented an enthralling performance. The Foundation had flown in children from Kolkata for the special performance. The latest issue of PKF newsletter Prabha, based on the theme of children's literature, was formally released.

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mobility over the next 5 years. Greater Noida, January 12, 2023: Taking a leap in the era of sustainability and green mobility, WardWizard, a leading manufacturer of electric two-wheeler Joy ebike, today launched its new high-speed electric scooter 'MIHOS' with Poly Dicyclopentadiene Material (PDCPD) to bring high standards of durability for the riders. Designed and developed by WardWizard's R&D team in Vadodara, MIHOS, is a retro-style electric scooter. It is equipped with advanced technology, and user-friendly features with a vehicle sound simulator for additional safety of the riders on the road. It also features a broad seat for enhanced riding comfort. The production will take place at the company's state-of-

the-art manufacturing facility in Vadodara, Gujarat and the deliveries will commence in a phased manner across the country. Speaking on the launch occasion and the company's prospects, Mr YatinGupte, Chairman & Managing Director, Wardwizard Innovations & Mobility Ltd, said, "Asone of the first promoters of electric mobility in the country, we are committed to building a sustainable environment and greener planet for the generations of today and tomorrow. Our new product MIHOSis designed and developed keeping in mind the aspirations of the customers and market demand. The scooter will not only excite the customers with its retro look and advanced features but will also provide extra safety with

its high standards of durability and comfort across various road conditions. The company is further investing in R&D for creating a holistic e-mobility ecosystem and developing India's first EV ancillary cluster to accelerate the adoption and growth of green mobility in the country. The year 2023 is going to be the establishing year of EV mobility in the country." Making another move in strengthening its product portfolio in the electric motorcycle category, the company also unveiled the concept of its city electric motorcycle 'Rockefeller' at the expo. The concept motorcycle is designed keeping in mind the need of the riders for daily riding. The company is planning to launch the motorcycle by the end of FY'24.

BCB reschedules 'A' team's tour of Pakistan amidst uncertainty in Bangladesh

Dhaka: Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced on Monday that they are rescheduling their upcoming A team's tour of Pakistan by two days due to present political crisis.

The Bangladesh A Team was scheduled to leave for Pakistan on Tuesday (August 6) evening to play two four-day and three one day matches against Pakistan A (Shaheens).

"The Bangladesh A Team's departure for Pakistan has been delayed by at least 48 hours due to unavailable circumstances," BCB said in a statement on Tuesday.

"The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is in constant communication with Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) regarding the A Team's tour," it added.



Former Test skipper 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

Pakistan tour is concerned," a top BCB official told Cricbuzz on Monday.

It is understood that BCB president Nazmul Hasan, who is current member of the Parliament from Awami League and also the Sports Minister of the country, has also left the country. BCB is yet to determine their next course of action as several board directors who had backed the Awami League government have currently left the country to be in safe places.

Former national skipper Mashrafe Mortaza's house in his home town Narail was vandalized and put into fire after his party chief Sheikh Hasina left the country. Mashrafe is two-time Member of the Parliament from Narail under the banner of Awami League.

R Sridhar backs Shubman Gill to be an all-format leader after Rohit Sharma



New Delhi: Former India fielding coach R Sridhar has backed Shubman Gill to be India's all-format leader after Rohit Sharma. Notably, Gill was appointed as the vice captain of the Indian T20I and ODI team for the ongoing tour of Sri Lanka. The youngster pipped several senior players in line such as Hardik Pandya and KL Rahul to be awarded the vice captaincy.

Gill recently made his captaincy debut on the tour to Zimbabwe where he led a young team to a 4-1 win in the five match series after losing the first T20I. The opening batter also finished as the highest run scorer of the series with 170 runs to his name from five innings. Commenting on the recent performances of Gill and Yashasvi

Jasiwal, Sridhar said that the duo have justified their selections in both ODIs and T20Is. He further called Gill an apprentice to India captain Rohit Sharma and said that he will lead India in all formats after 2027 ODI World Cup.

"On current form and going back to the potential they showed in the India-England Test series and even in the ODI games, I think these two are nailing their position in two formats, that is T20Is and Tests. Shubman Gill for me is an all-format player and I think he would be the apprentice to captain Rohit Sharma in Test matches and ODIs. I am sure India will see him as the captain post 2027 World Cup in all formats," told Hindustan Times.

Gill announced his arrival in style in Tests with a

breakthrough series against Australia in 2020-21. However, since then he's been highly inconsistent in the format having 1492 runs to his name from 46 innings at an average of 35.52. However, in ODIs he sealed his place in the team on the back of a stellar run in 2023. The 24-year-old has scored 2322 runs in the format from 46 innings at an average of 59.53 with six hundreds and 13 fifties. In the 20 T20I matches played so far, Gill has scored 578 runs at an average of 30.42 and a strike rate of 139.27. The 24-year-old has one hundred and three fifties to his name with the highest score of 126*. The Punjab-born cricketer is touted as the prince of Indian cricket and is certainly shown potential to be a star for the future.

2024 Women's T20 World Cup: India among alternate venues on ICC's radar

New Delhi: The latest developments in Bangladesh have left International Cricket Council (ICC) in a quandary over the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup and the internal disturbances in the country have certainly caused alarm in Dubai, the headquarters of the sport's governing body, over the security for the global event in October. It may not be a surprise if the world body considers moving the tournament out of the Bangladesh, the country which has been witnessing riots, arson, violence with protracted curfew and internet shutdown. An ICC decision is likely in a week and among the alternate options, India



has emerged as a strong contender. "The ICC is closely monitoring developments in coordination with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), their security agencies and our own independent

security consultants. Our priority is the safety and well-being of all participants," a spokesperson for ICC said on Monday, hours after reports emerged that the country's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has fled the country.

Ten teams are scheduled to play 23 matches, over 18 days, at two venues in Bangladesh, the Shere Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka and the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium in Sylhet from October 3 to 20. But in the current scenario holding the tournament looks difficult and ICC may opt for a country in the same time zone as Bangladesh. Apart from India, UAE and Sri Lanka also fit the requirement.

"All places with favourable weather will be in the mix if it becomes clear that we can't play in Bangladesh. That may or may not be the case," said an ICC member in the know of the developments. After

Rahul Dravid reminisces his fondest memories at Chepauk: 'Got my 10000th run here'

New Delhi: Former India cricketer and head coach Rahul Dravid reminisced his fondest memories at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai during his visit in the TNPL final. Former India cricketer and head coach Rahul Dravid recalled his favourite memories at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on his recent visit to the stadium. Notably, Dravid was present during the final of the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) 2024

between Lyca Kovai Kings and Dindigul Dragons on Monday, August 5. During the game, he got involved in a fun chat where he spoke about his memories of the stadium. Recalling his early days, the 51-year-old spoke about playing league cricket with friends and some fantastic Tests against Australia and England. Dravid also reminisced completing his 10000 runs at the historic venue. Playing league cricket here would be the

fondest, because I played with friends, really enjoyed myself playing league cricket here and of course, some Test matches I got my 10000th run in Test cricket here at this ground. Played some fantastic Test matches against Australia, against England. Lots of matches come mind, winning the World Cup game against Australia, so there are a lot of things that come to my mind at this ground," said in an interview during TNPL final.

Need to understand why it has happened twice in a row: Nayar on wobbly batting

New Delhi: India's assistant coach Abhishek Nayar admitted there was necessity to head back to the drawing board, and identify the reason for two wobbly batting performances in the ongoing ODI series in Sri Lanka. In the first ODI, India were cruising at 80 for 1 in the 15th over, in chase of Sri Lanka's 230 for 8 before falling to 132 for 5. The lower-order continued to crash and burn as they ended up with a thrilling tie. The second ODI, on Sunday, followed an eerily familiar script as India fell from 116 for 1 to 133 for 5, before falling 32 runs short in chase of Sri Lanka's 240 for 9.

"We want to go back

and understand, and rectify, why it happened twice in a row. The day before yesterday, we were able to stitch partnerships. But today we lost quite a few wickets in a bundle," Nayar said, in the aftermath of the defeat which gave Sri Lanka an unassailable 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

Nayar even went to the extent of terming the defeat a 'surprise' as the 2023 World Cup finalists succumbed to spin. Jeffrey Vandersay, who replaced the injured Wanindu Hasaranga, spun a web around Indian batters, picking each of the first six wickets to fall. Nayar admitted in conditions

that are so conducive to spin, it isn't rare for games to be turned around so dramatically. "Was it a shock? I would say yes, there is a surprise. But you anticipate and understand that in these conditions the game can turn on its head because there is so much spin on offer. "Even if you look at the last game, it was relatively easy to score against the new ball. As the ball got older, the conditions when batting second got slightly tougher. Sometimes in tough conditions, especially in the 50-over format, this happens," he added, before tipping his hat to the 34-year-old spinner who finished with



figures of 6 for 33 in 10 overs. "They bowled well - I think Vandersay bowled the ideal length in these conditions. In such conditions, when the ball is turning - and the way Vandersay

bowled today, used his finger, and bowled stump to stump - you get these phases when there is assistance from the pitch. I feel today we should give more credit to Sri Lanka." "The last two T20

games assisted spin. When we came here and practised as well, we kind of understood that there will be turn on offer, there will be help and assistance (for the spinners). It wasn't a surprise and we had

prepared for it," Nayar opined.

Once Vandersay broke the opening stand with Rohit Sharma's wicket in the 14th over and followed it up with Shubman Gill's in the 18th, India tweaked their batting order a little. Out came Shivam Dube at No.4 ahead of Shreyas Iyer. This however, Nayar revealed, was done to keep the left-right combination going through the middle.

"We lost wickets in the middle phase, which means every middle order batter batted where he was supposed to. It was not as if the middle order batted towards the end. When you look at numbers, sometimes in

your head it can play games, if you look at it as No 4 or No 5 or No 6... but if you look at the situation of the game, because we lost wickets, everyone batted in the middle-order."

"So I don't really feel changes... It is perceived as a change but it's more a left and right combination, keeping in mind the conditions, keeping in mind that they had an off spinner and a leg spinner. So the thought process was right. But sometimes when you don't get the result, you kind of question it. But the thinktank and the thought process has been about having the left-right combination so that we can capitalise on the conditions," Nayar said.