

# Mahanadi water dispute resolution soon: Odisha CM Majhi

Bhubaneswar, November 3(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi emphasized that the state government is prioritizing resolving the long-standing Mahanadi river water sharing dispute with Chhattisgarh. Addressing the media in Balangir district, CM Majhi stated, "The government is aware of the issue and emphasizing it. Discussions are on, and



I have also held discussions with the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh twice after courtesy meetings." Highlighting the government's proactive stance, Majhi disclosed plans to accelerate various infrastructure projects along the Mahanadi River, including barrages, dams, and anicut, to better manage the river's resources. The CM

reiterated his commitment to addressing concerns over water availability and assured that the ongoing discussions with the Chhattisgarh government would continue in a bid to reach a mutually beneficial solution. This renewed focus on Mahanadi water sharing comes as a response to rising public concerns, with both states facing water management challenges.

## Swimmer Pratyasa receives Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha's ace swimmer Pratyasa Ray received 32nd Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024 here on Sunday. Pratyasa Ray, a rising star in swimming with an impressive track record. As part of the award, Ray awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7 lakhs—an increase from the previous Rs. 5 lakhs, along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar award ceremony today. Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPaCT) on Sunday

announced that Odisha's ace swimmer Pratyasa Ray will receive the 32nd Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024. The decision was reached unanimously by the Ekalabya Puraskar Committee, which comprises distinguished jury members from various sectors, during a meeting held today. In addition, sprinter Dondapati Murtyum Jayaram, and badminton player Tanvi Patri were honored with citations of Odisha, drawing parallels with many national awards.

## Previous government neglected Bolangir: Odisha CM Majhi

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi announced the initiation of welfare projects worth Rs. 890 crores in Bolangir and during his visit on Saturday, CM Majhi criticized the previous government for neglecting the region despite adequate leadership, highlighting the lack of developmental work carried out over the years. The new projects include the commencement of work on the Tusura airstrip and the expedited completion of the Khordha-Bolangir railway project. These initiatives are part of a broader effort to enhance infrastructure and improve the quality of life for residents in Bolangir.

Addressing a public gathering, CM Majhi emphasized the government's commitment to rectifying past neglect and ensuring equitable development across the state. "We are dedicated to transforming Bolangir with these substantial investments. The Tusura airstrip upgrade and the Khordha-Bolangir railway project are just the beginning," he stated. The Tusura airstrip project, set to begin soon, aims to improve connectivity and stimulate economic growth in the region. Meanwhile, the Khordha-Bolangir railway project, which has faced delays, is now on track for timely completion, promising better transportation links and opportunities for local communities. These projects are expected to bring significant benefits, including enhanced transportation infrastructure, increased employment opportunities, and overall economic development. The state government's proactive approach marks a new chapter for Bolangir, aiming to address long-standing issues and pave the way for a brighter future.

## Cracks appear in boundary wall of Puri Jagannath temple, Odisha govt seeks ASI help for repairs



**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The Odisha government has sought help from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to repair multiple cracks that have developed in the Meghanada Pacheri, the boundary wall of Jagannath Temple in Puri. Temple servitors have raised concerns that wastewater from Anandabazar within the temple complex is seeping through these cracks. They also claimed that patches of algae have appeared on certain sections of the wall. Worried about the safety of the 12th-century shrine, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has urged the ASI to undertake necessary conservation work on the wall. "We are concerned about the safety of the Meghanada Pacheri. ASI officials and our technical team have already inspected the boundary wall, and we hope that ASI will soon carry out the required repairs," SJTA chief administrator Arabinda Padhee said

Sunday. The temple's administration comes under the state's law department.

Law Minister Prithiviraj Harichandan reiterated the urgency of the situation and said repairs would commence immediately to prevent any further issues. He hinted at the impact of previous construction and demolition activities around the temple complex conducted by the former BJD government, noting, "Due to some mistakes in the past, such issues have cropped up."

## BHUBANESWAR(KCN)

: Dhauli Hill is not just any hill; it carries the illustrious past of Odisha's history. It symbolizes the valour, courage, and strength of Kalinga's gallant offspring, stated Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi at Dhauli during the 52nd foundation day celebrations of the Dhauli Shanti Stupa. He mentioned that Dhauli is a pilgrimage site, unified by the tears and blood of Odisha's valiant children. While attending the event at Dhauli, the Chief Minister remarked that following the Kalinga War in 261 BC, Emperor Ashoka

pledged peace and adopted Buddhism. This peace monument was erected thanks to the Japanese government's efforts over 52 years ago, and it has since stood as a

## Message

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## Doctor's Role Essential to Build Scientific Temper in Society: Sarbananda Sonowal



**New Delhi(KCN):** The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal widely interacted with the student community as he attended the 78th Foundation Day of Assam Medical College & Hospital as well as at the 62nd Foundation Day of Dibrugarh LSC as the Chief Guest in Dibrugarh, Assam today. Shri Sonowal highlighted the role that the PM Shri Narendra Modi-led Government played in revamping the education sector of the country, which has put India on track to be 'Viswa Guru.' Speaking to the young minds of Assam Medical College, the Union Minister, said, "The role played by any doctor is crucial to build scientific temperament in the society. It is a matter of immense pride that the rich legacy of the Assam Medical College is in the safe hands of all of you to further this temperament while enriching the lives of people, both physically as well as mentally. The prowess of the doctor's community as well as that

of our scientists proved essential to thwart the threat that COVID posed. While the vaccination healed people, the selfless service by the doctor's community proved crucial to healing the community. Today, the talent of doctors in India is top-notch when it comes to clinical excellence. The rapid growth of medical tourism is a testament to this. While we excel at the contemporary medicine practice, our age-old traditional medicinal systems have proven effects on healing the health and mind. India's biggest soft power export to the world is Yoga which has been healing the health and mind of all of humanity."

The event at AMC was also attended by Bimal Borah, Minister, Govt of Assam; Rameswar Teli, MP of Rajya Sabha; Bolin Chetia, MLA of Sadiya LAC; Dr Saikat Patra, Mayor, Dibrugarh Municipal Corporation (DMC); Prof Sanjeev Kakati, Principal, AMC; Dr Reema Nath, Vice Principal, AMC along with Arun Jyoti, CEM of Moran Autonomous Council; Indra Gogoi, Vice Chairman, Assam Gas Company Limited; Ujjwal Kashyap, District President, BJP Dibrugarh and other dignitaries.

Shri Sonowal also attended the 62nd Foundation Day Celebration of Dibrugarh College in Dibrugarh, Assam today. It was founded with the support of the public and eventually, it became a pioneering college of the region, receiving top honours from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

## All Heritage Sites Including Dhauli To Be Developed: Odisha CM



Daya River in Dhauli," said the Chief Minister. He also noted that while Dhauli is a bastion of Buddhism, it has so seamlessly blended with Odia language, culture, and traditions that it has been embraced as part of the state's heritage. The Dhauli Shanti Stupa and its vicinity will see significant development, with a comprehensive plan for the development of all heritage sites, including Dhauli.

The event was also honored by the presence of the esteemed Buddhist monk T. Okangi and Odisha Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan.

beacon of peace and amity. "The mention of Buddhism brings Odisha to the forefront. The spread of Buddhism in Odisha, observable in Bihar-Odisha, is unparalleled in any other Indian province.

CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME BY CBSE AT DAV, KALINGA NAGAR

# "In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn."

**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):-** DAV Public School, Kalinga Nagar organised a one-day Capacity Building programme on National Education Policy under the aegis of Central Board of Secondary Education, Bhubaneswar Region in its premises today. Around forty-four teachers teaching in different CBSE schools of Odisha participated in this programme. Principal of the school, Sri Balaram Mahapatra inaugurated the programme. In his address to the gathering, he emphasized on the need and importance of regular training and workshop for the teachers to be able to successfully cater to the ever-changing needs and aspirations of twenty-



first century learners in the classroom. The training schedule comprised of four sessions including different thrust areas for teachers enumerated in the National Education Policy. The sessions were taken in turn by two seasoned Resource persons of CBSE Dr Sandhya Rani Swain and Dr Jhinuk Dutta Ray. During their discussion the Resource Persons deliberated

extensively on different aspects like the changed pedagogical structure implemented by the NEP, eligibility and training programmes for teachers, inclusive education, the need for

special educators in schools and such other pertinent topics. The programme was quite informative, educative, and engaging. The entire programme was smoothly organised by the whole-hearted co-operation of the staff members of the school.

In a letter to Additional

## In Nalanda, two Odia family members died in a terrible car accident, and two others are in critical condition

**Patna/Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Father Satyanarayan Shetpathi, son Om Prakash Shetpathi, among the four members of a family of Odisha were declared dead in a fatal road accident in Nalanda, Bihar, while wife Rajalakshmi, daughter Payal and driver Narendra Sahu were taken to Sadar hospital by Sahasrara police station. He was admitted in a critical condition and was shifted from Sadar Hospital to a private hospital in Patna. According to the eyewitnesses, the driver of the car was hit by a speeding truck coming from the opposite direction. The accident was very serious and the



car was completely crushed. The deceased Satyanarayan Shetpathi, who was a lawyer by profession went on a pilgrimage with his family. Ganga water and prasad were found from the accident car. Ajit Tripathi, a relative of deceased Satyanarayan, a

PNB employee who fully assisted in the cremation. Mr. Tripathi said that the persons who helped the family of the accident victims in such a difficult situation were generous, great. On behalf of the family, Mr. Tripathi appealed to the Odisha government for help.

## NALCO Observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2024



**Bhubaneswar, (KCN):** National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), observed the Vigilance Awareness Week 2024 with the theme "Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity". As part of the campaign, a series of activities were organized at all units and regional offices to spread the

message of integrity, transparency, and accountability in public life. To mark the occasion, an Elocution Competition was held among the leading schools and colleges of twin-city Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. More than 250 students from 35 schools and colleges actively participated in this competition. Similarly, various competitions were also organized among the employees of the company. A special function at the NALCO Corporate Office auditorium culminated the week, where prizes were awarded to the winners. Shri Jagdish Arora, Director (P&T) and Director (HR) additional charge, Shri Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Director (Production) and Shri Harsimran Singh, IRSE, CVO, NALCO were present on the occasion as distinguished guests and handed over the prizes to the winners.

## Odisha Forest Minister orders inquiry into series of elephant deaths



**Bhubaneswar, November 3 (KCN):** Odisha Forest Minister Ganesh Ram SingKhuntia has directed an investigation into the recent alarming rise in elephant deaths across the state.

Expressing deep concern over reports in the media, Sing Khuntia highlighted that approximately 50 elephants have died under unnatural circumstances this year alone.

In a letter to Additional

Chief Secretary Satyabrat Sahu of the Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, the minister emphasized the urgent need for protective and preventive actions. While the state government has already implemented various measures, including deploying Gaja Sathis and Rapid Action Teams, Sing Khuntia stressed the need for greater vigilance and accountability among forest officials. The minister underscored that errant officials would face consequences, as the focus must remain on ensuring a safe environment for elephants through statutory protective measures. He called for division-wise investigations into each incident, with strict actions against any negligence, and requested a comprehensive report within a month.

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# Farah Khan shares 'tons of memories' with SRK on 59th birthday

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On Hindi film superstar Shah Rukh Khan's 59th birthday Saturday, his close friend, filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan shared a string of old pictures and said: "tons of happy memories and lots more to make." Farah took to Instagram, where she shared a gamut of photographs, where the first featured her with Shah Rukh, whom she fondly refers to as 'Shah'. The second was a group picture featuring his wife Gauri, filmmaker Karan Johar, Alia Bhatt, Katrina Kaif and Siddharth Malhotra along with the "Badshah" of Bollywood. The next was a picture of Farah and SRK

posing with late star Sushant Singh Rajput. The last picture had the filmmaker posing with the star's manager Pooja Dadlani.

"Some throwback pics.. tons of happy memories & lots more to make.. happy birthday SHAH @iamsrk n happy birthday," she wrote as the caption. Farah and Shah Rukh have worked together in several films. The filmmaker made her directorial debut in 2004 with Main Hoon Na, starring the superstar. The two then went on to make movies such as Om Shanti Om and Happy New Year. Shah Rukh's first major project as an actor was Fauji, which hit the small screen in 1989. It



focussed on the story of a new set of recruits as they begin their training to become commandos in the Indian Army. The series highlighted the daily struggles of the recruits including

physical training, the pranks they play on each other, and the punishments they receive from their officers. After SRK worked in Fauji, he was then seen

The superstar made his debut in films in 1992 with Deewana, where he shared screen space alongside names Divya Bharti and Rishi Kapoor. The film became a blockbuster after his career skyrocketed and made him the global icon he is today.

As of today, Shah Rukh Khan, who is fondly referred to as "King Khan", has worked in over 100 films and is one of Indian cinema's ginormous stars. He has been feted with several honours including the Padma Shri by the Government of India, as well as the Order of Arts and Letters and Legion of Honour by the Government of France.

## Khel Khel Mein director on Akshay Kumar's low phase: Form is temporary, class is permanent

Mudassar Aziz, director of Khel Khel Mein, discussed Akshay Kumar's recent career challenges, comparing them to a cricketer's temporary dip in form while affirming his enduring talent. The filmmaker compared the actor's low phase to a cricketer who is out of form. A lot has been said about Akshay Kumar's career graph in the last two years. The superstar saw a string of flops at the box office, leading many to believe he had lost his charm. However, in a chat with India Today, Mudassar Aziz, director of his film Khel Khel Mein compared the actor's low phase to a cricketer who is out of form, emphasising that even during such times, their class remains intact. Aziz discussed his

experience working with him and what Akshay felt about the negative online chatter surrounding him. He shared that he has been interacting with him for the last three years, from the time he conceived the film. Aziz also mentioned that his relationship with Akshay extends over 30 years. The filmmaker further revealed that the superstar pays close attention to what is being said about him. "It all started when I as a little boy went to see Garam Masala in a theatre and laughed my lungs out. From then to coming to know him personally and now working with him, it has been such a wonderful ride. Also, he is an extremely perceptive, intelligent and aware person. It's not that a lot of this chatter does not land on his ears, it does.

He is not someone to carelessly brush that aside. It may not determine his next choice but he pays careful attention to what's being said about him," Mudassar Aziz said. He further added, "There is a very important phrase in cricket, 'Form is temporary, class is permanent'. Every time

a cricketer is having a bad run, the whole nation unites to tell them what they should do, or shouldn't do. But you cannot take away their talent and the class reveal itself soon. There was no doubt in our minds about Akshay, and now with Khel Khel Mein, he's returned to comedy, batting on the wicket where he's scored many

centuries. He is back to entertaining his audiences the way they like it."

Mudassar Aziz also shared what he has learned from Akshay Kumar - a trait he feels everyone should adopt. "He treats success and failure as part of the same process. He doesn't process them differently, and that is commendable," he said.

After Khel Khel Mein and Street 2, Akshay Kumar announced his next comedy project Bhooth Bangla, his comeback collaboration with Priyadarshan

## Exclusive: Imran Khan says 'Ranbir Kapoor and I never bought into ugly reports'



Actor Imran Khan recently opened up about his relationship with colleague and Bollywood star Ranbir Kapoor. The two had made their debut around the same time. On work front, Imran was last seen in 'Katti Batti'

Colleagues Imran Khan and Ranbir Kapoor were considered two of the most sought-after actors after their debut in 2008 and 2007, respectively. Constant comparisons between contemporaries were not unusual and both Imran and Ranbir were not strangers to this. In



an exclusive chat with IndiaToday.in, Imran recalled his conversations with Ranbir during the time and said while various reports always pitted them against each other, they never bought into the 'ugliness' of it all.

Imran Khan said, "It's unfortunate. And it always leaves a very unpleasant aftertaste because that's never how I viewed it. From my conversations with Ranbir back then, I remember he never bought into that sort of thing, either. My recollection of him is

that he took the craft very seriously. He's a cinephile and he was also not engaging in that thing."

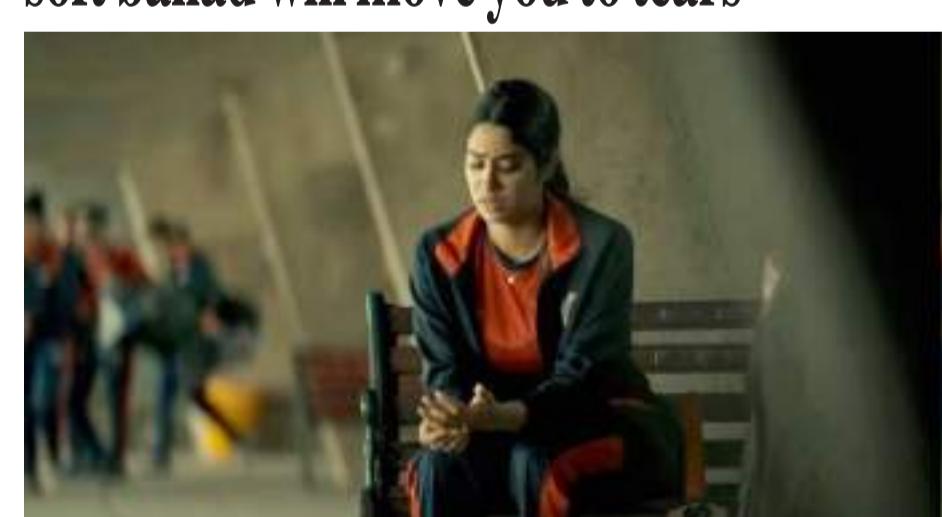
"This is just the spicy stuff that they like to talk about in the gossip magazines. I recall there were a couple of particularly ugly things that would come out. And we would always make it a point to kind of reach out and say, 'Hey, listen, aise aise hua hai [this has happened], are we cool?'"

Both Ranbir Kapoor and Imran Khan had even appeared on Koffee With Karan episode together during Season 3. Meanwhile, Imran Khan is currently developing two scripts, but is yet to sign any movie. Imran Khan was last seen in the 2015 release, Katti Batti, with Kangana Ranaut.

A new song from Mr and Mrs Mahi is out, called Roya. A soft moving ballad, it has been composed, written and sung by the versatile Vishal Mishra. As one can gleam from the music video, the track appears in the movie when Janhvi Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao's relationship is experiencing some issues.

Speaking about the song and what truly makes it special, Vishal Mishra said, "Roya Jab Tu" is a comforting presence for the void in our hearts. It's that soulful companion that stays with you and heals your sorrows." Mr and Mrs Mahi is being touted as a romantic drama, where cricket clashes with romance. Filmmaker Karan Johar, who is bankrolling the film, had previously spoken about the movie

## 'Roya Jab Tu' song: 'Mr and Mrs Mahi's soft ballad will move you to tears'



and said, "Some films are more than just stories. They are so much more than celluloid love. They talk to the viewer about dreams and how often people closest to us can come in the way of our dreams. Mr and Mrs Mahi is exceptionally close to our hearts." Helmed by Sharan Sharma, Mr and Mrs Mahi will release in cinemas on May 31.

# Retraction of Statement made during Search Part 1



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

## 1. Retraction of Statement

A statement given on oath under section 132(4) may be retracted depending on the facts and circumstances of the case. When a person intends to retract his or her statement, the same should be done without undue delay and by giving cogent reasons for doing so along with other evidences to corroborate the reasons given for retraction. It is settled law that a statement which is recorded under coercion or threat may be retracted and even statements which were given under mistaken facts or mistaken position of law, may be retracted, as soon as possible, giving cogent reasons explaining the mistake. Even if an admission is made in a statement, the same cannot be held to be conclusive in every case especially when the assessee or any other person whose statement has been recorded under section 132(4) seeks to retract it and shows

## some genuine concrete reason.

Article 20(3) of the Constitution says that no person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself. This is based upon a legal maxim which means that no man is bound to accuse himself. 2. Decisions where Retraction of Statement was held VALID

2.1 Pullangode Rubber Produce Co. Ltd. v. State of Kerala [1973] 91 ITR 18 (SC): Their Lordships while observing that admission is an extremely important piece of evidence, held that, it cannot be said to be conclusive and the maker can show that it was incorrect. [Also refer S. Arjun Singh v. CWT [1989] 175 ITR 91/ [1988] 41 Taxman 272 (Delhi)].

2.2 Commissioner of Income Tax, Central-III v. Lavanya Land Pvt. Ltd. and Others [2017] 397 ITR 246 (Bom.): In this case the Hon'ble Bombay High Court dismissed an appeal filed

by the revenue against the order of the ITAT, Mumbai and upheld the order of the ITAT in which it had set aside the additions made by the revenue based on the statement made by person who was searched but which was later retracted by him. In this case, a search was conducted at the premises of one of handlers of the assessee company and his statement was recorded which showed an admission that a large sum of money was received by him to purchase lands in the name of the assessee company. The said statement was retracted by him after a period of two and a half months. However, the department proceeded to issue a notice to the assessee under section 153C of the Act on the basis of the statement of the person searched and without taking into account the retraction, an addition was made under section 69.

The CIT(A) upheld the addition made. On appeal, the ITAT Mumbai set aside the addition made. Adverting to the fact that the concerned person (Dilip Dherai) retracted his statement, the Tribunal arrived at the conclusion that merely on the strength of the alleged admission in the statement, the additions could not be made as the essential ingredients of Section 69C of the IT Act enabling the additions were not satisfied. This was not a case of 'no explanation'. Rather, the

Tribunal concluded that the allegations made by the authorities are not supported by actual cash passing hands.

2.3 Retraction of statements recorded at odd hours: The admissibility of retraction of statements which were given in an exhausted state and at odd hours was allowed by the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court in Kailashben Manharlal Choksi v CIT [2010] 320 ITR 411 (Guj.). It was held that a statement which has been recorded u/s 132(4) at odd hours is not a voluntary statement if it is subsequently retracted. The Hon'ble High Court observed that the main grievance of the A.O. was that the statement was not retracted immediately and it was done after two months. It was an afterthought and made under legal advice. However, if such retraction is to be viewed in light of the evidence furnished along with the affidavit, it would immediately be clear that the assessee has given proper explanation for all the items under which disclosure was sought to be obtained from the assessee. The High Court held that the explanation seems to be more convincing, has not been considered by the authorities below and additions were made and/or confirmed merely on the basis of statement

recorded under Section 132(4) of the Act. Despite the fact that the said statement was later retracted no evidence has been led by the Revenue authority. Merely on the basis of admission the assessee could not have been subjected to such additions unless and until, some corroborative evidence is found in support of such admission. The High Court also held that the statement recorded at such odd hours cannot be considered to be a voluntary statement, if it is subsequently retracted and necessary evidence is led contrary to such admission.

2.4 Principal CIT, Central III v. Krutika Land (P.) Ltd. [2019] 103 taxmann.com 9 (SC): During search certain incriminating documents were found in possession of one DD, managing and handling land acquisition on behalf of assessee company and his statement was recorded. He stated that there were amounts disbursed for purchase of lands and a certain amount of cash had also been received by him to purchase lands. However, later he had retracted his statement. A.O. issued notice under section 153C and initiated proceedings against assessee and made additions under section 69C. High

Court held that since seized documents did not belong to assessee but were seized from residential premises of one Mr. DD who had later retracted his statement, no action under section 153C could be undertaken in case of assessee. It further held that since entire decision was based on seized documents and there was no material to conclusively show that huge amounts revealed from seized documents were actually transferred from one side to another, additions under section 69C were not sustainable. SLP of Revenue was dismissed.

2.5

Satinder Kumar (HUF) v. CIT [1977] 106 ITR 64 (HP): It was held that it is true that an admission made by an assessee constitutes a relevant piece of evidence but if the assessee contends that in making the admission he had proceeded on a mistaken understanding or on misconception of facts or on untrue facts such an admission cannot be relied upon without first considering the aforesaid contention.

2.6

Asst. CIT v. Jorawar Singh M. Rathod [2005] 148 Taxman 35 (Ahd. – Trib.) (Mag.): In this case, the assessee stated in retraction that during recording of statement he was under constant threat of penalty and prosecution and was

confused about various questions asked by the search party about documents, papers, etc., of other persons found from his premises. He declared the sum under pressure which was evident from the fact that no such corroborative evidence, asset or valuables were found in form of immovable or movable properties from his residence in support of the amount of disclosure which was later on retracted but not accepted by the department.

The Tribunal observed: "...It is true that simple denial cannot be considered as a denial in the eyes of law but at the same time it is also to be seen (that) the material and valuables and other assets are found at the time of search. The evidence ought to have been collected by the revenue during the search in support of the disclosure statement.

2.7 S.R. Koshti v. CIT [2005] 193 CTR (Guj.) 518: If an assessee under a mistake, misconception or on not being properly instructed, is over assessed, the authorities under the Act are required to assist him and ensure that only legitimate taxes due are collected. The decision in CIT v. Durga Prasad More [1973] CTR (SC) 500, was followed i.e., test of human

(to be contd.)

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## THE ECSTATIC ALL-ROUND APOTHEOSIS OF MADHUBAN CHAKRABORTY

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enable their exemplary tolerance in enriching our gracious societal glory.

2. In the same light, she said about the concept of "Fundamental Education". It is very demanding according to the present day scenario which shall be satisfying to flourish their undeniable participations and invariable involvement respectively. In this regard, each family will definitely be in a very sound position to empower their sincere aspirants in regulating their combative management and they shall be able to extract their best performances just within a very short while. The society will be reshaped with a ton of prospective hopes not only to overcome the uneven situational resilience but to penetrate their communal qualitative measures for constructing the noticeable cultural synthesis.

3. Practical education may ensure the skillful root of culture where all the learners will definitely be educated and they shall be able to reform the most productive cultural harmony. Each of them will be really reinforced to implement his/her encyclopedic thoughts and imperishable cognitions upon their assigned tasks. Most importantly, they shall be

refining their skillful assignments very smartly and their contributions will be the illustrious asset for emerging the record breaking societal supremacy.

4. "Women Empowerment" can inculcate a lot of information and they will be able to properly distinguish them if they are invariably educated. It is going to boost them according to their needs and they shall be stimulating the entire society and creating an exemplary instance in the end. That is how; they shall instigate the concept of "Women Leadership" in all over the globe with their indomitable spirits and collective desires to make it really possible.

5. Each one of us shall be undoubtedly very informative and constructive in nature and that valuable information might be incorporated right from education to profession. In this respect, they will be successful strategy makers and that shall be truly very conducive for them not only to be united but to work hard for the sustainable development in both national and international stature.

6. Education may generate the extraordinary confidence and that is the reason why, we are really trying to impart the most pertinent consequential involvements from the



beginning. Because, it is undoubtedly essential to fight against the societal violence in a very commendable dimension for successful tomorrow. That is why, they shall have to have the similar frame of mind and they must have the voice to rise upon in connection with the peaceful globe with flourishing diversity.

7. Mutual learning may help for plenty of avenues beyond knowledge. According to our modern scenario "Skillful Humans" are going to be involved with education for earning the praiseworthy stand of learning and it is really an absolute blessing to come out from mental illness indeed. That is the reason why, common mass have to plan from

each individual class and it is desirable to participate in overwhelming splendor of education without any second thought.

### 8. Education is one of the prime mediums for avoiding any societal hazard in our combative lives.

Therefore, we have to be calm and quite to drive ourselves very confidently irrespective of all the odds to protest against the uneven societal provocations according to the requirements indeed.

9. Successful planners are the prime mentors in preserving their forthcoming generations and thereby, they are more concerned about to take proper education to promote

them in a befitting manner. This is how; the traditional glamour of education will definitely be flourished in all over the globe for our individual occupational identity along with the great societal prestige.

10. Promising leaders shall have to plan and perceive for collective compassion. That is why, they are unquestionably inquisitive not only to learn but prepared to accept the brand new challenges to face and confront with the higher rate of attainments in the end. It signifies their exclusive loyalty upon the hard work and they will be the priceless consequential future for our children and the society at large because of their flowery adjustments and eye-catching devotion of sustainability.

### SOCIAL LIMITATIONS:

Madhuban Chakraborty is one of the most costly resources of our very conservative society but according to her most cognitive and pivotal research some of the unavoidable limitations have already been brought out in notice which are as follows:

1. Literacy: Common people opt to be literate but they cannot move due to their various family restrictions and different societal polities at all. So they are

automatically in back foot and as a result they are not in a prior position to fulfill their inhabitable dreams in their precious lives.

2. Education: Aspired women are often deprived to participate in education for the lack of family consent after marriage and the massive expenditure. As a result they do lose their spirits and the positive mental standing as well. It is a massive deficit for them to survive in this competitive globe with high-end satisfaction.

3. Gender Violence: It is indeed very strenuous for women. As a result they cannot move for their strengthen educational prominence and they are really unable to ensure their societal participation for communal victory at all.

4. Health: It is quite evident that women are advised to go for miles for their most precious earnings. In this regard, most of them cannot effort the same and they are simply defeated from the perspective of their lives and choices respectively.

5. Societal Discrimination: It is one of the unavoidable causes. As a matter of the fact women are discriminated in comparing to other provinces and they

cannot compete with them due to some various cultural hazards. That is why, this limitation is remained same till today.

6. Negative Influence: It is one of the regular occurrences.

That is the reason why, we are unable to move and they cannot perform well from the perspective of education and grow for the better consequential stand.

7. Lack of Inspiration: No one

inspires us in enriching our great successive desires and ardent interests of learning. As a result we cannot grow and express the multi-versatile qualitative measures indeed. It is an invariable lacuna as well to bring out the needful parity indeed.

8. Lack of Fund: Women cannot have the substantial roots for healthy investment. In this regard, we do lose our opportunities and do start suffering from massive societal deprivations accordingly.

Respected Madhuban Chakraborty perceives that,

"THE PANAROMIC SOCIETY HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR OUR DISTINCTIVE SUSTAINABLE CROWN"....

Kolkata, India

# Kolkata's Ruby General Hospital's Commitment to Breast Cancer Awareness and Early Detection

**Kolkata (ABHIJIT SETH):** Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed every year worldwide to bring attention to one of the most common cancers affecting women. For 37 years, this month has been dedicated to spreading knowledge about breast cancer's risks, the importance of early detection, and ways to reduce its impact.

Ruby General Hospital, along with Ruby Cancer Centre and the Ruby Cancer Care & Research Foundation in Kolkata, has joined hands in this effort, working each year to raise awareness, encourage preventive screening, and reduce breast cancer incidence.

Breast cancer has emerged as the most common cancer among Indian women, affecting approximately 25.8 women per 100,000 and claiming 12.7 lives per 100,000. Globally, there were 2.3 million new cases in 2020, representing 11.7% of all cancers. In India, breast cancer rates surged nearly 50% between 1965 and 1985, reflecting

the urgent need for widespread awareness and early detection initiatives. Kolkata's Ruby General Hospital has dedicated itself to these objectives by hosting events, providing affordable screening services, and advancing treatment methods.

This year, the hospital held a Breast Cancer Awareness event, which included a press meet attended by medical experts, cancer survivors, and special guests. Dr. Sudeshna Lahiri, Deputy Medical Director, inaugurated the event with a call to action for greater awareness. Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Head of Radiotherapy and Oncology, discussed the hospital's use of advanced technology in breast cancer treatment, and Dr. Sudipta Bandyopadhyay, Senior Medical Oncologist, stressed the life-saving importance of early diagnosis.

Their presentations reflected the hospital's ongoing commitment to offering state-of-the-art treatment options while educating the public about breast cancer's



growing prevalence.

Ruby General Hospital's Medical Director, Dr. Abhijit Paul, announced two new programs designed to make breast cancer prevention more accessible. The hospital introduced a Lifetime Free Breast Cancer Screening Clinic, available every day, to ensure that more women can access regular screenings. Additionally, the first 50 patients visiting the clinic each month will receive

mammograms free of charge if recommended by a doctor. These initiatives highlight the hospital's dedication to making early diagnosis and preventive care accessible to as many people as possible.

An inspiring highlight of the event was the story of a 17-year-old patient from Bangladesh who recently underwent life-saving treatment at Ruby Cancer Centre. Diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a type of

bone cancer, the young man and his family sought help at Ruby after being advised to undergo limb amputation in his home country and Chennai. Ruby Cancer Centre's skilled team performed Limb Salvage Surgery (LSS) and a Megaprostesis Reconstruction, using a custom-made titanium implant to preserve the limb and its function. The patient, who attended the event with his family, shared his gratitude for

the successful treatment, offering a message of hope to others facing similar challenges. Special guest Ms. Sudeshna Roy, a noted film director, actor, and writer, shared her insights on the importance of breast cancer awareness. She was joined by several cancer survivors, whose stories of resilience inspired the audience. Their personal experiences conveyed crucial messages about the importance of regular self-exams, annual mammograms for early detection, and the effectiveness of prompt treatment in combating breast cancer.

Dr. Sandip Sarkar, Radiation Oncologist, raised awareness about breast cancer in men, which, though less common, is increasing. His insights underscored the importance of awareness for both men and women and emphasized that early diagnosis can make a

## In Lashkar Commander's Encounter In J&K, Biscuits Played Key Role: Report

**Srinagar (KCN):** A successful anti-terror operation that led to the elimination of a high-profile terrorist commander in Jammu and Kashmir was marked not only by strategic planning but also by an unconventional solution - biscuits.

Usman was killed on Saturday in a day-long encounter in the densely-populated Khanyar locality of downtown Srinagar, marking the first significant gunfight in the summer capital in more than two years. The operation involved a joint effort from the local police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

Senior officials highlighted the importance of the snack in mitigating the challenge posed by stray dogs during the operation against Usman, a commander of the Pakistan-based terror organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT).

A significant concern was the presence of stray dogs, whose



barking could potentially alert the terrorist.

To counter this, search teams were equipped with biscuits to soothe the dogs as they approached their target.

The officials said Usman, who was well familiar with the Valley terrain, was a significant figure in orchestrating numerous terror attacks since his initial activity in the early 2000s.

After a stint in Pakistan, he infiltrated back into the region around 2016-17 and was implicated in the shooting of police inspector Masroor Wani last year.

When intelligence indicated Usman's presence in a residential area, a meticulous nine-hour planning phase ensued to ensure the operation's success without collateral

damage. The entire deployment was done before Fajar (pre-dawn prayers), with security forces cordoning off a cluster of 30 homes.

The standoff escalated when Usman -- armed with an AK-47, a pistol, and numerous grenades -- engaged in a fierce gunfire exchange with the security forces. During the confrontation, some grenades detonated,

igniting a fire in the house that was quickly contained by the security personnel to prevent it from spreading to nearby structures.

After several hours of intense gunfire, Usman was neutralised. The encounter resulted in injuries to four security personnel who are reported to be in stable condition.

The operation represents a significant victory for the forces, particularly against The Resistance Front, a LeT offshoot that has increasingly targeted non-local labourers and security personnel. The successful mission underscores the lengths to which the authorities will go, including finding unique and unconventional solutions, to ensure their operations' safety and effectiveness.

The encounter not only marks a pivotal moment in counter-terrorism efforts in Jammu and Kashmir but also highlights the ongoing challenges faced by security forces in maintaining peace in the region.

## SER FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS TO DEPART TODAY

**Kolkata, (KCN):** With a view to clear the extra rush of passengers, South Eastern Railway (SER) is running festival special trains towards different directions. The schedule of special trains which will depart on November 4, 2024 from SER jurisdiction is given below:

04.11.2024 (Monday)  
From Jharkhand  
09620 Ranchi-Madar Special will depart Ranchi at 11.55 pm at night

02841 Santragachi-MGR Chennai Special will depart Santragachi at 6.30 pm

06078 Santragachi-

MGR Chennai Special will depart Santragachi at 12.20 pm  
From Jharkhand  
1) 08626 Ranchi-Purnia Court Special will depart Ranchi at 6.00 pm in the evening  
November 4, 2024 (Monday)  
2) 02897 Santragachi-Digha Special departed Santragachi at 08.10 am

3) 02898 Digha-Santragachi Special will depart Digha at 1.10 pm

4) 03466 Digha-Malda Town Special departed Digha at 5.00 am

5) 07222 Santragachi-

Secunderabad Special will depart Santragachi at 12.20 pm

From Jharkhand

1) 08611 Santragachi-Ajmer Special will depart Santragachi at 9.20 pm at night

From Jharkhand

1) 09620 Ranchi-Madar Special will depart Ranchi at 11.55 pm at night

2) 08181 Tatanagar-Katihar Special will depart Tatanagar at 10.40 pm at night

From Odisha

1) 08008 Bhanjpur-Shalimar Special departed Bhanjpur at 09.15 am

night  
From Odisha  
08008 Bhanjpur-Shalimar Special will depart Bhanjpur at 09.15 am

Railways have made special arrangements at stations for the convenience of the passengers. Passengers are being allowed to enter the train in a queue supervised by RPF personnel. Frequent announcements are made at stations. Railway staff are providing all assistance for the smooth journey of the passengers.

## SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAYS FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

**Kolkata, (KCN):** The schedule for South Eastern Railway's (SER) Festival Special trains from West Bengal are as follows:

1) 02839 Shalimar-Puri Special will depart Shalimar at 9.55 pm at night

2) 02897 Santragachi-Digha Special departed Santragachi at 08.10 am

3) 02898 Digha-Santragachi Special will depart Santragachi at 6.30 pm

2) 06078 Santragachi-MGR Chennai Special will depart Santragachi at 10.00 am

3) 06082 Shalimar-

Kochuveli Special will depart Shalimar at 2.20 pm

4) 08611 Santragachi-Ajmer Special will depart Santragachi at 9.20 pm at night

From Jharkhand

1) 09620 Ranchi-Madar Special will depart Ranchi at 11.55 pm at night

2) 08181 Tatanagar-Katihar Special will depart Tatanagar at 10.40 pm at night

From Odisha

1) 08008 Bhanjpur-Shalimar Special departed Bhanjpur at 09.15 am

# Actor Vijay's Party TVK Opposes "One Nation One Election" Plan

**Chennai (KCN):** Actor-turned-politician Vijay's party Tamilaga Vettai Kazhagam (TVK) has passed a resolution against the BJP's "One Nation, One Election" plan. In the resolution, the TVK declared that the "One Nation, One Election" plan stands against the principles of democracy and federalism. The party also took on the BJP over NEET

and demanded that education be brought under the state list. "According to our demand for State Autonomy policy, Education belongs to the State list. If the Union Government moves education to the State List, the state government can revoke NEET on its own. This executive committee opposes the Union Government's obstacle to this and also



opposes State DMK government for cheating Tamil Nadu people with fake promises," the resolution on the NEET issue reads. TVK has also targeted the ruling DMK on law and order, liquor sale and drugs, demanding phased closure of government-owned liquor shops. The party also mocked the DMK's slogan for social justice, saying

the ruling party ought to conduct a caste survey instead of demanding a caste census. It opposed the BJP and Centre as well and termed the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024, which is under the review of a Joint Parliamentary Committee, an "attack against federalism" and wanted it to be withdrawn. "There has been opposition to the Waqf Board

Amendment Bill saying it affects the rights of Muslims. Union Government has to withdraw this bill which is against federalism structure" the resolution read. The meeting also resolved to follow the party's ideology and policies "wholeheartedly and strongly", reiterating its commitment to secularism and social justice.

# Tribal girl makes Odisha proud by becoming vice-captain of India Women's Blind Cricket Team

**BHUBANESWAR (KCN):** 17-year-old tribal girl Phula Soren of Salabani area under Remuna block in Odisha's Balasore district is the daughter that every mother wants. However, the young girl lost her mother at a tender age and grew up as an orphan as her father went out to work all day. Born visually impaired, Phula's life wasn't as normal as other kids of her age. However, today she has become the vice-captain of the India Women's Blind Cricket Team, which recently won the gold medal at the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA) World Games in Birmingham.

The young talent has brought more laurels for Odisha than any normal person. She is an inspiration for many youngsters who cannot dream big because of their disability. "I have played at both state and national level. I have also won several 'Player of the Match' and 'Player of the Series' awards. Cricket has given me



an identity. People now recognize me and my father. I feel proud when they call my father by my name," said an emotional Phula. Phula's father Tuna Soren, who raised her alone after her mother's death, also got emotional and said, "I'm very happy that my girl is multi-talented despite her

disability. She is very good in her academics as well as sports. I have never been to places where she has gone to represent our state. I wish her mother was here to see her success." With no source of income, Phula's father got her admitted to a blind school. From a small age, Phula was drawn towards cricket. Her PET teacher saw potential in her and thus started her cricketing journey. After losing her

mother at a tender age, cricket was the only source to forget her sorrow. Today, she has established herself as a woman cricketer, thanks to her hard work. She is currently enrolled as a student at Bhubaneswar-based Rama Devi University. "They were very poor and did not even have enough to eat two square meals a day. Today, she has made the entire village proud with her talent. She has represented Odisha in places we have never visited or will never be able to visit," said a villager.

## India's First All-Women Community Radio set to launch in Bhubaneswar

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** In a landmark development for community media, Bhubaneswar will soon be home to India's first all-women community radio station 'Radio Blue'. The Asia Centre for Development Communication and Research (ACDCR), a prominent institute for development communication, has secured licenses from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the department of Telecommunications for the ground-breaking initiative. Radio Blue will be the first radio station in the country, which will be solely managed and operated by women,



marking a pivotal moment in amplifying female voices and promoting gender equality within Indian media.

The station is set to serve both urban and rural communities, focusing on women's issues, rights, and aspirations.

India, currently hosts over 520 community radio stations, with Odisha leading at 42 active stations. Community radios in the state have garnered both national and international acclaim for their impactful, community-focused programming, consistently earning National Community Radio Awards.

In addition to the Radio Blue, a centre of excellence 'Asia Centre for Community Media' will also be established in Konark. The initiative is expected to further solidify the status as a hub for community media excellence. ACDCR assistant director S Kajal underscored the significance of Radio Blue, stating, "We are committed to serving urban and rural communities, particularly women. The station will amplify the voices of the unheard, preserve cultural heritage, and inform communities about their rights and opportunities for growth."

## Change of command at NCC Odisha Directorate

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The National Cadet Corps (NCC) Odisha Directorate Saturday announced the handover of command from Cmde J Suresh to Cmde Mahesh Rahangdale, who assumed the role of Deputy Director General (DDG). This transition marks a new chapter for the NCC Odisha Directorate, fostering continuity and commitment to the organisation's mission of instilling discipline, leadership, and patriotism among youth. Cmde J Suresh, an officer widely respected



for his exceptional leadership and service, has made a lasting impact on the NCC Odisha Directorate during his tenure. With a decorated career and a proven track

record of operational and administrative excellence, Cmde Rahangdale is well-positioned to lead the Directorate forward. His strategic insights and leadership skills are

expected to enhance the NCC's efforts in Odisha, further strengthening its impact on cadets' lives and broadening opportunities for youth empowerment across the state.

## Widow raped by neighbour in Kendrapara



**Kendrapara, Nov 2 (KCN):** A 32-year-old widow was allegedly raped by her neighbour in Odisha's Kendrapara district, police said on Saturday. Following a complaint by the widow, the Rajkanika police arrested a 36-year-old man. According to the police, the woman's neighbour raped her when she was alone at home. The police arrested the accused on the basis of the FIR, said police. The woman underwent a medical examination at the government hospital in Rajkanika. The accused was also subjected to a medical test before he was produced in the court.

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# Najmul Hossain to lead Bangladesh against Afghanistan in three-ODIs

**New Delhi:** Leaving behind all kind of speculations, Najmul Hossain will lead Bangladesh in the upcoming three-match ODI series against UAE. The left-handed batter had earlier mentioned that he was not ready to lead the nation anymore. Najmul remained tight lipped about captaincy before speaking to BCB president Faruque Ahmed, who managed to convince him to lead the ODI squad despite his earlier reluctance.

However, it is understood that changes will be made regarding leadership in the other two formats. Mehidy Hasan will lead the Test squad while the T20I

squad will be led by either Taskin Ahmed, or Towhid Hridoy.

Uncapped pacer Nahid Rana has been included in the ODI squad while Litton Kumar Das was not picked as he was not considered for selection. The keeper-batter is still recovering from illness. Another notable absentee is pacer Tanzim Shakib as he failed to recover from shoulder injury.

Anamul Haque, Taijul Islam and Hasan Mahmud did not make the cut while Zakir Hasan and Nasum Ahmed were the returning faces. Apart from that, Shakib al Hasan was not picked for the ODI series.

BCB boss Faruque had earlier announced that



Shakib was available for the ODIs against Afghanistan but later insisted that the all-rounder felt he is not ready to take the load of

international cricket at the moment. Shakib wanted to end his Test career during the ongoing home series against South Africa in Mirpur but

eventually had to refrain from returning home due to security concern. "When he (Shakib) could not play the last Test (against South Africa), he was disappointed from his side. What I feel is that when he could not play he was disappointed and did not practice. He is a very professional player and felt that because he is not into training it will not be wise for him as well as for the country to play this series (against Afghanistan)," Faruque told reporters at Chattogram on Thursday. "He will try to return to his former self (as a cricketer) and there is a T10 league which is not colliding with any tournament. Though we are yet to give him NOC and we provide that, he will play there (in UAE T10) and after playing that he will see whether he can make a comeback as a cricketer or not, for

international cricket," he said. "The decision came from Shakib and I am talking about the slim possibility (of playing against Afghanistan) due to his mental state came from him. The things through which players have to go through, unless you are a player is difficult to understand. This mental thing (of playing cricket) will be obstructed mentally and it is very normal no matter how tough he is mentally. "I still believe he can play for Bangladesh in ODIs and we have an important tournament ahead as we have three ODIs in West Indies and later Champions Trophy and so taking everything into consideration I feel that he will miss this tour (to

## Utkarsh Srivastava: I think I needed to earn the respect of everyone

**New Delhi:** 'Jigra Dikhaya' (showed a lot of heart) remarked captain Monank Patel after Utkarsh Srivastava's outstanding innings of 67 off 62 on ODI debut at the tender age of 17. Cutting a diminutive figure on the field, Srivastava faced a tall order of chasing 218 runs off 190 deliveries after being sent in at the fall of the fourth wicket. His grit kept USA in the hunt in the daunting ask of 318 but you could almost sense the undertones in Monank's remark.

Srivastava has had a rather stormy introduction to international cricket. His selection had tongues wagging after several high profile names were overlooked in the pecking order. He walked into a fractious dressing room that had a few senior players and the head coach at loggerheads. Apart from a couple of filler T20I appearances, he warmed the bench for



19 white-ball games spread over three tours. Srivastava's valiant little innings was a stamp on his character and mental fortitude more than his skill which undoubtedly transcends his age. He crossed the landmark in fine fashion, a swivelling pull shot with a hint of Caribbean flair that would've made his childhood coach and all time West Indian great Alvin Kallicharan proud of. The landmark sparked off exulted celebration from

felt like it needed to be done. Because I was very eagerly waiting for that moment, and it finally happened. I was just very thankful that it happened" said Srivastava to Cricbuzz. Life has been racing in overdrive since January for the Pune born Srivastava. He was picked for the U19 World Cup at the start of the year. He left an impression in the game against India with a plucky knock of 40. Unlike most of his peers, he looked at relative ease countering a quality attack that he wasn't exposed to hitherto. That further stimulated his entry into adult cricket. He was subsequently named in the South Zone squad for the national T20 in March. In his only appearance of the tournament, Srivastava sizzled with an unbeaten 24 off seven deliveries, including three sixes off four deliveries in an over. "After the U19 World

Cup, I understood how the level is, because I've never seen that type of level before. I've never seen that quality before. So the first time my eyes got open, like seeing that level, seeing that pace, that spin quality. So after I came back from the World Cup, the preparation, even though it was slightly similar, I understood what specific things I needed to work on, what specific areas these guys will target when I go to higher levels, I'm a short batsman, they'll pull a lot more short balls at me, and spinners will bowl a lot more faster and consistent lengths. So those things I figured out, so I just had to battle it. Srivastava was right to make those quick inferences about his game. His diminutive figure, did prompt a barrage of short balls from Scotland from the get go. But he was upto the task. He foiled those plans by smoking a couple to the mid-wicket fence.

**New Delhi:** Australia A captain Nathan McSweeney flipped the game against India A around on its head on a decisive third day's play at the Great Barrier Reef Arena in Mackay. India A began on 208/2, but could add only 104 more runs before being bundled out. In chase of 225, Australia A finished the day at 139/3. Sai Sudharsan's red-ball stocks continued to rise as he carried forward his previous evening's efforts to compile a fine century

in the morning session. But he and Devdutt Padikkal (88) - the other overnight batter - fell early in the space of two overs to pave the way for Australia A to run through. Ishan Kishan fought back briefly but didn't have company at the other end to push India A's lead. The visitors went from 229/4 at Padikkal's exit to 297/9 as the lower-order crumbled. Medium-pacer Fergus O'Neill (4/55) and off-spinner Todd Murphy (3/77) accounted for seven wickets.

Australia A's top-three flattered to deceive again as Mukesh Kumar, Prasidh Krishna and Manav Suthar picked a wicket each. But captain McSweeney, who has received Ricky Ponting's endorsement to open for the senior side with Usman Khawaja at the start of the Australian summer, led his team's chase with an unbeaten 47. Each of the top-three - Sam Konstas, Marcus Harris and Cameron Bancroft, who are also in the running to take the spot left vacant by David Warner, got starts but only McSweeney was able to keep going and finish undefeated - on 47 - at stumps. He and Beau Webster took the side to within 86 runs of the target.

**Brief Scores:** India A 107 & 312 (Sai Sudharsan 103, Devdutt Padikkal 88; Fergus O'Neill 4/55, Todd Murphy 3/77) lead Australia A 195 & 139/3 (Nathan McSweeney 47\*, Marcus Harris 36; Prasidh Krishna 1-17) by 85 runs

## Livingstone special helps England square series

**New Delhi:** After conceding a lead in the opening ODI, England came back strongly in the second game, registering a five-wicket victory in Antigua to level the series. Captain Shai Hope's 117, along with half-centuries from Keacy Carty and Sherfane Rutherford, helped West Indies post a challenging total of 328/6. But skipper Liam Livingstone's unbeaten 124 off 85 balls, which included five fours and nine sixes, helped England over the line in 47.3 overs.

England lost two wickets inside the first 12 overs - Will Jacks falling to a loose, short delivery from Matthew Forde and Jordan Cox top-edging a pull off

Shamar Joseph - to be 63/2. Phil Salt, meanwhile, was finding the boundaries as he got to a 42-ball fifty with a four. Salt, however, fell to Forde on 59, following which a steady partnership between Jacob Bethell and Livingstone ensued, with the former getting to a 51-ball half-century. Roston Chase, who was hit for two fours and a six in an over by Bethell, eventually dismissed the batter who mistimed a loft.

Sam Curran joined Livingstone and he began positively, striking a six and a four in an over off Gudakesh Motie. But West Indies did well to put the pressure back on England by cutting off the boundaries in overs

30-40, with only two fours coming in that period. England went into the last 10 overs needing to score 100, which was when Livingstone shifted to a higher gear. Livingstone was on 46 off 57 at the end of the 40th over and by the end of the 45th, he had raced to 99 off 76. Motie came under attack from Livingstone, being hit for three sixes and a four in two overs, while England also got a big 26-run over off Jayden Seales in the 45th, with Livingstone striking two sixes and two fours.

Curran had also crossed fifty by then, and the pair extended their partnership to 140 when Livingstone got to a 77-ball 100 with a single, getting his maiden ODI

century. Forde accounted for Curran to bag his third wicket but Livingstone wasn't giving West Indies any chance of a comeback, hitting three sixes and a four off Joseph in the 47th over. A couple of singles in the 48th over got the job done for England who had their captain to thank for pulling off the second highest chase in the Caribbean and getting the team back in the series. Earlier, opting to bowl, England started well as

John Turner struck early to dismiss Brandon King and Evin Lewis. But a well-paced 143-run stand between Hope and Carty provided West Indies a good platform to post a sizeable total. From a shaky 12/2 in the

fourth over, Hope and Carty built on steadily, helping West Indies to 41/2 after 10 overs. England bowled a few tight overs and cut off the boundary opportunities, with West Indies moving slowly to 85/2 after 20. Hope and Carty then cut loose, increasing the frequency of boundaries as both batters registered fifties and raised a century stand to help West Indies past 150 by the time the 30th over was completed. Carty's outing, however, came to an end when he was bowled by Adil Rashid for 71 off 77. But Rutherford came out with a positive intent as he raced to a 35-ball fifty and contributed the bulk of the runs in his 79-run stand with Hope.

Rutherford, though, fell to Livingstone in the 40th over, leaving West Indies at 235/4. The likes of Shimron Hetmyer, Chase and Forde then came up with useful 20s while their captain registered his 17th ODI hundred. Hope was dismissed in the 47th over by Archer but West Indies managed a good finish, getting 93 runs in the last 10 overs, although the total proved to be insufficient in the end. **Brief scores:** West Indies 328/6 in 50 overs (Shai Hope 117, Keacy Carty 71; Adil Rashid 2-62) lost to England 329/5 in 47.3 overs (Liam Livingstone 124\*, Philip Salt 59; Matthew Forde 3-48) by 5 wickets.



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