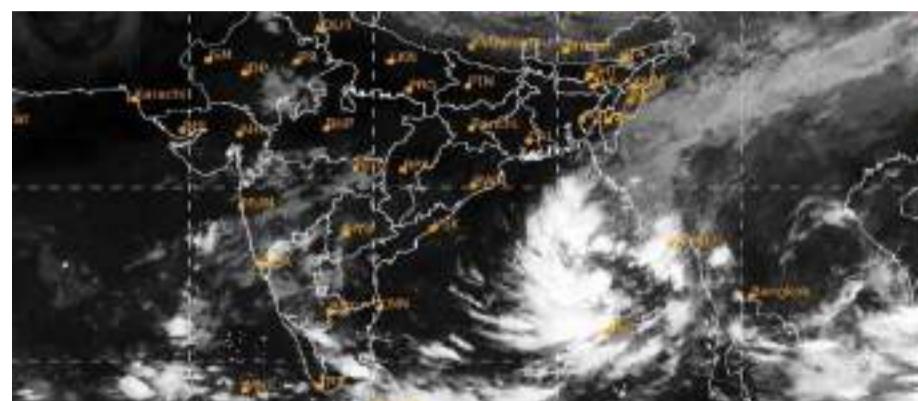


Odisha, WB coasts brace for cyclone as low pressure strengthens into depression

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The well-marked low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal intensified into a depression Tuesday morning as it rolled towards the eastern coast with the likelihood of turning into a severe cyclonic storm, the IMD said.

In its bulletin, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said that the well-marked low-pressure area over the east-central Bay of Bengal moved west-northwestwards, concentrated into a depression and lay centred at 730 km southeast of Paradip in Odisha around 5.30am. "It is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a cyclonic storm by October 23, 2024, over east-central Bay of Bengal," the bulletin said. Thereafter, the weather system will continue



moving northwestwards and is very likely to intensify into a severe cyclonic storm, which will cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island on the night of October 24 and morning October 25 with a wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting 120 kmph, it added. The system is likely to affect the coast of both Odisha and West Bengal with heavy rain and high-speed wind, the bulletin said.

Advising fishermen not

to venture into the sea from October 23 to 25, the IMD warned that wind speed is likely to reach 60 kilometres per hour (kmph) along and off Odisha-West Bengal coasts and gradually increase thereafter. The Odisha government sought 10 more additional teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). "The existing NDRF teams are already on the move to the possible affected districts," Revenue and Disaster Management Minister

Suresh Pujari said. This apart, 17 Odisha Disaster Rapid Action Force (ODRAF) teams will be deployed in 10 districts which are likely to be affected by cyclone Dana, Additional Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) Padmanav Behera said. Three other ODRAF teams will be kept on standby. Advising fishermen not to venture into the sea from October 23 to 25, the IMD warned that wind speed is likely to reach 60 kilometres per hour

(kmph) along and off Odisha-West Bengal coasts and gradually increase after that. IMD DG Mrutunjay Mohapatra told a local news channel that the entire eastern coast from Puri and West Bengal coast is likely to be impacted in the impending cyclone.

North Odisha districts are also likely to be more affected than other areas, IMD DG said. Mohapatra said the exact place of landfall of the cyclone would be known later. The Odisha government has cancelled the leaves of all staff from October 23 to 25 in view of the cyclone forecast. Special Relief Commissioner DK Singh asked the School and Mass Education department to close schools in 14 likely affected districts from October 23 to 25 as a precautionary measure.

800 cyclone relief shelters ready in Odisha to house evacuated people: Minister

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

As the well-marked low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal intensified into a depression Tuesday and moved towards the eastern coast with the likelihood of turning into a severe cyclonic storm, the Odisha government has kept ready around 800 cyclone shelters for people who will be evacuated from vulnerable areas, a minister said.

Odisha Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari Tuesday said officials have so far visited 250 cyclone relief centres where the people will be housed after evacuation. Food, water, medicine, electricity and other essentials are kept in readiness for the people to be evacuated due to the impending cyclone, he added.

Apart from 800 cyclone shelters, the minister said an additional 500 temporary shelters have been made ready including schools and colleges. The officials at the ground level have been instructed to make arrangements for women in cyclone shelters where women police will be deployed, he said.

Pujari said Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has stressed on 100 per cent evacuation of people from vulnerable areas to ensure "zero casualty" in the impending cyclone.

The minister said the government has also prepared a list of pregnant women who are expected to deliver in a fortnight. All those women are being shifted to the nearby hospital in

order to avoid any difficulty during the calamity. Replying to a question, the minister said that some people are reluctant to vacate their houses for the reasons of theft. The police have been directed to intensify patrolling in villages where the people will be housed after evacuation. Food, water, medicine, electricity and other essentials are kept in readiness for the people to be evacuated due to the impending cyclone, he added.

"In the past it has been noticed that cyclones change its anticipated track. Therefore, keeping in view the possibilities, the state government has already identified certain places and made equal arrangements in vulnerable places. A red alert has been issued for nine districts and orange warning for heavy rain in some districts. Therefore, there should be no fear in this regard," the minister said.

The state government has already ordered closure of schools in Ganjam, Puri, Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Angul, Khurda, Nayagarh and Cuttack districts for three days from Wednesday, as a precautionary measure against the cyclone, an official said.

The Odisha government has also cancelled the leave of all staff from October 23 to 25. In a letter to all the departments, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) DK Singh has asked them to remain prepared to tackle the challenges of the impending calamity. Pujari said that personnel of ODRAF and Fire service have been dispatched to the possible vulnerable areas. He said the Centre has agreed to send 11 more teams of NDRF keeping in view the intensity of the impending calamity. The minister said districts have been earmarked as red, orange and yellow zones keeping in view the possible impact of the cyclone.

Stating that October 24 and 25 are two crucial days for the state, Pujari said a red alert of heavy to very heavy rain and wind has been issued for Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Kendrapada, Jagatsingpur, Jajpur and Cuttack October 24 and Balasore, Mayurbhanj, Bhadrak, Keonjhar October 25.

As per the state's advisory, tourists in Puri have already started leaving the pilgrim town Tuesday morning. This apart, the Puri district administration was discouraging tourists from visiting the town from Tuesday.

Defence minister of Singapore calls on the president

New Delhi,(KCN): The Defence Minister of Singapore, Dr Ng Eng Hen called on the President of India, Smt

history of bilateral cooperation, which has been further boosted by the recent visit of Prime Minister Modi to

elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The President congratulated Singapore for successfully co-hosting the maiden ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, and conveyed best wishes to the armed forces of both sides for the upcoming series of joint exercises.

The President also noted the need for closer collaboration between defence R&D teams of both countries, to benefit from the latest expertise and technological advancements in the defence domain.

Singapore and the conclusion of the 2nd round of India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable meeting. She was happy to note that the relationship has been

Two tigers from Tadoba identified for relocation to Odisha's Similipal

Chandrapur/Baripada(KCN): Authorities have identified two tigers from the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra and started the process to capture the two felines for relocation to the Similipal Tiger Reserve (STR) in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, an official said Tuesday. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has given the nod to the proposal for translocation of two felines from the Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve to the STR in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, TATR field director Jitendra Ramgaokar said.

A high-level meeting of authorities of both the tiger reserves was recently held to prepare an action plan for the relocation of the big cats.

The STR had put forth the demand for two tigers before the Union Ministry of Environment and Forest, NTCA and other agencies.

"Following the demand, the STR authorities got the necessary permission for the relocation of tigers from TATR," Ramgaokar said.

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'Jayanta Mahapatra inspires North-East Poets' – Mamang Dai

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The 1st Jayanta Mahapatra Memorial Lecture was organized by the Ketaki Foundation Trust (KFT) in the evening at 6.00 pm on 22nd October, 2024, at Geeta Govinda Sadan, Bhubaneswar, in presence of many dignitaries, writers, lovers of literature, and mediapersons. At the outset Rachita Swain invited the guests to the dais and introduced them to the audience. Noted poet and Trustee, KFT, Rabindra K Swain presided over the meeting and highlighted the contribution of Jayanta Mahapatra to

the field of Indian English poetry and his association with KFT over a period of two decades. He also announced that Jayanta Mahapatra Memorial Lecture is going to be an annual event of KFT. Speaker, Padma Shri and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Mamang Dai, renowned poet, novelist and journalist from Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh delivered the speech on the enduring legacy of Jayanta Mahapatra and on varied aspects of poetry and life in general. She touched upon her association with Jayanta Mahapatra and



the his impact on her life. She commended the effort of Ketaki Foundation Trust in organising Jayanta Mahapatra Memorial Lecture, saying "This is a celebration of his life, and there is much to

celebrate and much that is worth remembering. She expected that Jayantada's life and legacy would continue to be celebrated for years to come and inspire many

a poets and poetry lovers." She also stressed on the strong ties that Jayantada had with the poets of North-East. She said, "I know Jayantada was very much a part of the Northeast.

Jayantada was at first the poet in an English textbook where college kids were reading his 'The Captive Air of Chandipur-on-Sea', but soon became captive to Jayantada's warm heart and his self-effacing modesty." Devdas Chhotray, a distinguished figure in the literary world, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. He reminisced his association with Jayanta Mahapatra. He also spoke on the life and works of late Jayanta Mahapatra which influenced the younger generation of Odia

poets. Shedding light on his association with the legendary poet, he spoke about Jayanta Mahapatra's dedication to poetry. Well-known poets, Manu Dash, Kedar Mishra, Basudev Sunani, Pratikshya Jena and Probal Majumdar, who have made their mark with their respective body of poetry, read out the selected poems of Jayanta Mahapatra in Odia and English in their distinct style. The event was broadcast live on Facebook. Ketaki Foundation Trust is dedicated to publishing preserving

and promoting art, culture, and literature of Odisha. The Trust endeavours to support and promote outstanding works through publications and other initiatives, making a significant contribution to society. To further its aims and objectives, the trust has successfully executed several projects across diverse fields. KFT is also actively participating in philanthropic activities like raising awareness and training students with disability, art therapy for Elders and sponsoring education of needy tribal students.

Metro Railway Runs NGEF Rake Between Mahanayak Uttam Kumar & Maidan Station



Kolkata, (KCN): As a part of the celebration of 40 years of journey, the Metro Railway today ran a National Government Electrical Factory (NGEF) rake between Mahanayak Uttam Kumar & Maidan station. The General Manager, Metro Railway, Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy along with eminent danseuse of the city Smt Mamata Shankar, the renowned

film Director, Shri Goutam Ghose and percussionist Shri Ratul Shankar were present on the occasion. They all flagged the rake off, besides undertaking a joyful ride by the same rake. Besides, the employees of the Metro Railway also undertook a journey by the same rake.

The rake was beautifully decorated with flowers & colourful balloons.

The week-long celebration started on October 18 and is going to continue till October 24, 2024. The celebration included heritage walk, walkathon, exhibition and cultural performances. Special films have also been made where daily commuters to celebrities shared their views about 'Our Own Metro'. In the exhibition, rare photographs, Old Tickets, Smart Cards and

Shri Reddy that day also released three short films to make the occasion memorable. In one film celebrities like Rituparna Sengupta, Goutam Ghosh, Harsh Neotia, Jhulan Goswami and others have shared their thoughts about Metro Railway and how it has transformed Kolkata's transport system. In another film historical nuances and the gradual expansion of Metro has been highlighted. Daily commuters and the first Motorman Shri Tapan Nath have shared their thoughts about this unique Metro system in the third film.

Month-long Fit India Freedom Run 5.0 to Culminate with Unity Run for Commemorating Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Kolkata, (KCN): The fifth edition of the month-long 'Fit India Freedom Run' is being organised this year as 'Fit India Freedom Run 5.0' with the theme-Swachhta and Swastha from October 2 to October 31, 2024. The Secretary, Department of Sports, Smt Sujata

Chaturvedi has requested cooperation from all ministries and departments in this regard and has also urged to issue necessary instructions to encourage mass participation from all the Government employees, their family members and local

communities in the month-long campaign and has also urged to invite iconic personalities and social media influencers to participate in the campaign and take the Fit India pledge. On October 31, 2024 the month-long campaign of Fit India Freedom Run

5.0 will culminate with a Unity Run commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The Secretary has also urged for adequate publicity of the event through social media, electronic and print media throughout the campaign.

Ministry of Education extends registration window for Yuva Sangam Phase V till October 25, 2024

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Ministry of Education has extended the registrations window for Yuva Sangam Phase V till October 25, 2024 to accommodate all intending applicants who are interested to experience this unique opportunity. This gives more youth, including students and professionals, an opportunity to avail this rare chance to be a representative of their state/union territory.

With the earlier deadline for registration approaching, the dedicated registration portal saw a massive spike in visitors.

The successful cultural exchange programme initiated under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat facilitates engagement and collaboration among



youth in the age group of 18 to 30 years across the diverse landscape of India. The programme now in its fifth phase has facilitated cross-cultural learnings and interaction for 4,795 youth across India through 114 tours. Young professionals (employed/ self-employed) and students including NSS/NYKS volunteers, as well as off-campus youth (those enrolled for online courses, in skilling institutions etc) are encouraged to apply for

states to experience local history, culture, traditions and gain a deep understanding of the country's diversity. Earlier phases of the all-India cultural exchange programme have been a massive success.

"The response to Phase-V of Yuva Sangam has been truly encouraging. The window for registration which was earlier slated to close on October 21, 2024 has now been extended till October 25, 2024. This extension in deadline has been necessitated by the surge in response in the last few days and to facilitate registration for intending participants. We request everyone to make use of this extension and participate in this unique programme," said a senior officer of the Ministry of Education.

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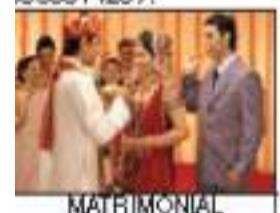
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Director Vasan Bala says Jigra box office was his responsibility: Alia trusted me



Jigra director Vasan Bala opened up on the box office failure of Jigra once again. In an interview, he said the box office performance of the film was "his responsibility". Jigra director Vasan Bala opened up on the box office performance of his film, Jigra, which ended up being the lowest opener of actor Alia Bhatt's career. In his latest interview, the director gave others a free pass by taking full responsibility for his film's reception at the ticket window.

Bala was speaking to Fever FM when he said Alia trusted him with making a film that could work at the box office, and he should have delivered that performance. The director appreciated the 31-year-old and said she made a choice by starring in his film and the rest was his responsibility. "She is the first choice for everyone. She could have been on any other film set, but Jigra, during that time. So she has to make that choice. And she has trusted me with that choice. So it is my responsibility to deliver box office, because we are in the business of filmmaking also," he shared.

Bala added that he now wants to assess where things have gone wrong. He went on to say that it's a director's responsibility to justify an actor's time. He continued, "So that is why I need to analyse. Kuch toh hua hai na (Something has happened, right)? Something has happened where people have stayed away, something that they have not bought, something that

they didn't feel the need to come to the theatre. If at all any other actor decides to give their time, his or hers, then you know, make it worth it."

Jigra, which was released during the Dussehra weekend, opened at around Rs 4.55 crore nett in India. While it performed decently during the first weekend, the collections witnessed a drastic drop from its first Monday. After its 10-day run, it only collected Rs 27.30 crore nett at the box office.

The film, which was a prison-break action drama, also marked actor Vedang Raina's big Bollywood debut. Meanwhile, Vasan Bala deactivated his Twitter account after receiving hate for Jigra's performance. In an interview earlier, he mentioned that he didn't consider box office as a film's success parameter.

Jennifer Lawrence to welcome second baby with Cooke Maroney



Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence and her husband, art gallery director Cooke Maroney are set to welcome their second child. According to People magazine, Lawrence, 34, was spotted showing off her baby bump in an oversized button-up and baggy trousers while she stepped out for lunch with Maroney, 40. The couple, who tied the knot in October 2019, are already parents to two-year-old son Cy. Lawrence, known for films such as Silver Linings Playbook, American Hustle, The Hunger Games and the X-Men franchises, once jokingly compared her son to a "voodoo doll" in a 2022 Vogue cover story. "I mean the euphoria of Cy is just—Jesus, it's impossible. I always tell him, 'I love you so much,'" she added.

Janhvi Kapoor hospitalised following food poisoning



Actress Janhvi Kapoor, who was recently seen in the sports drama 'Mr. & Mrs. Mahi', has been hospitalised. The actress has been feeling unwell for the last few days. As per a media report, the actress had cancelled all her appointments for Wednesday in order to rest and recuperate. However, when her health deteriorated Thursday, her family rushed her to the hospital. The media reports have stated that it's a case of severe food poisoning. As Mumbai battling torrential rains, the city has witnessed a spike in infections and ill-health. The actress will be in the hospital for 1-2 days till her condition improves under the observation of doctors. On the work front, the actress has 2 films in the pipeline. She will be seen essaying the role of the Deputy High Commissioner of the embassy in 'Ulajh'. The film, directed by Sudhanshu Saria, also stars Gulshan Devaiah, Roshan Mathew, Rajesh Tailang and Adil Hussain in the lead roles. It follows the story of a young IFS officer with a legacy of patriots in her family, entangled in a dangerous personal conspiracy far away from her home.

She also has 'Devara: Part 1', which marks her Telugu debut. The film also features the 'RRR' star NTR Jr. and actor Saif Ali Khan. It is directed by Koratala Siva, and is set to debut in cinemas September 27.

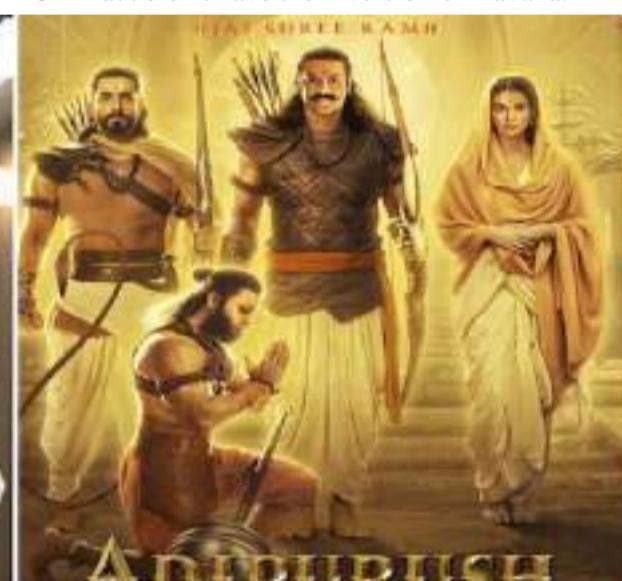
Actor Bijay Anand on criticism received by 'Adipurush': 'Don't see if you don't like'

'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' actor Bijay Anand, who also played a crisp role as Brahma in 'Adipurush', spoke to IndiaToday.in about the criticism the film received. He said that people should not criticise art. The actor praised Om Raut's vision for the film. Anand, who has

pain, money and time." He continued, "If Rs 600 crore was spent and Om Raut, as the director; it's his canvas, paint and choice of colours to make it this way. Don't see it if you don't like it. Who are we to criticise art?"

He further said, "When you start criticising art,

daily soaps all your life)." The actor further said, "But to criticise it [art] and scare other directors or the same director into being creative again; don't create a formula which is successful and force others to follow the same formula for the fear of rejection. And Om Raut didn't have the



also worked in Ravi Chopra's 'Ramayana' and 'Sya Ke Ram', spoke to us about Nitesh Tiwari making his version of 'Ramayana' with Ranbir Kapoor. Bijay Anand played Brahma in Om Raut's 'Adipurush'. Speaking to IndiaToday.in, the actor spoke about the film receiving flak online. Talking about it, he said, "I am an art lover. The concept of a painting is that if there is an empty canvas in front of a painter, it is their choice as an artist as to what they want to paint on it. It's their choice, canvas,

you start degenerating as a society. If you say this is good art or bad art; art cannot be good or bad. It is the artist's interpretation. You don't like it? Don't call it good or bad." Making his point, Anand shared, "I'm not taking anybody's side here. I'm just being the devil's advocate and saying that today, if we start sitting, judging and hammering people, then what society does is that they scare other artists into being creative. Then go back to 'saas-bahu', wahi dekhte raho zindagi bhar (keep watching

fear of rejection, which is why I love him and find him commendable.)" We also told Bijay Anand about a version of Ramayana that is currently in the making, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, starring Ranbir Kapoor. When asked to share his take on it, Anand said, "Mythology, even if it is retold 100 times by 100 different people, it will still be interesting because it's what binds India together. It's India's story." He also said, "I have travelled to Bali, Vietnam, to all the Asian countries and everybody

Bhumi Pednekar keeps this year's birthday celebrations 'very simple'

Mumbai: Actress Bhumi Pednekar, who turned 35 Thursday, celebrated her birthday on the sets of 'Daldal', saying that she loves celebrating it but this year she kept it very simple.

"I brought in my birthday on set. I cut my cake at 12 with friends and family and everybody from my set, from my Daldal set and it was incredible because that's my happy place and it just felt like the right start to my new year," Bhumi told IANS. "Otherwise I'm just gonna spend the day at home with my mother, with my family and just people that love me," the actress added.

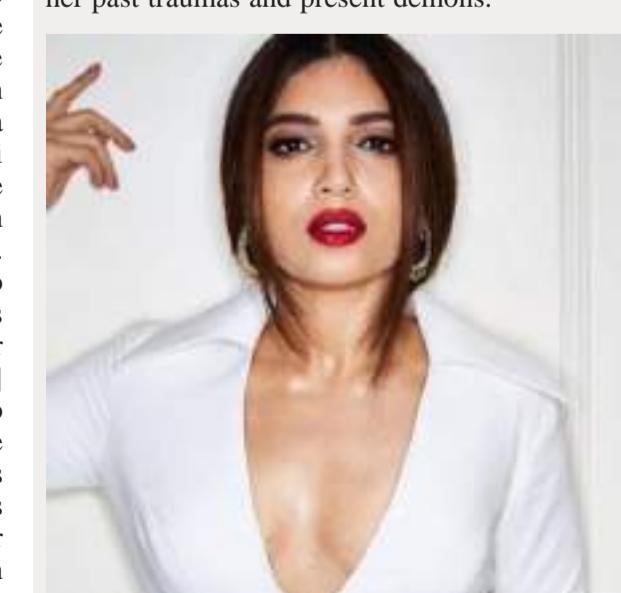
Asked if she is big on birthday parties or if she likes time with her family on her big day, Bhumi said: "So this year my birthday is going to be different because usually I'm very big on birthday parties."

"I love going all out, I love celebrating my birthday but this year I've kept it very easy, simple, just like me with my closest friends and people that I really really love. Gonna eat one massive, large, phenomenal meal and just keeping it easy."

Talking about her upcoming web series "Daldal", Bhumi will play the challenging role of a cop.

Written by Priya Saggi, Sreekanth Agnieszka, Rohan D'Souza and Hussain Haidry, the series will bring to life Vish Dhamija's fictional detective, DCP Rita Ferreira.

Based on Dhamija's second novel, 'Bhendi Bazaar', 'Daldal' follows Fereira as she sets out to catch a serial killer, even as she grapples with her past traumas and present demons.



Why Noel Could Bring Tata Sons' IPO



Noel Tata, like his predecessor Ratan Tata, enjoys a clean and respectable image. Now that he has become chairman of the Tata Trusts, it is expected that he will lead the Tata Group to even greater heights in his new role. Meanwhile, The Parsi community, for centuries, has played a vital role in India's economic development through their foresight, hard work, and innovation. They have carved a unique identity for themselves in India's industrial history. Noel Tata hopes to continue this legacy.

Immediately following Noel Tata's appointment as chairman of the Trusts, the nation's corporate world and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have placed their hopes on him to pave the way for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group. Most of Tata

Sons' shares are held by the Tata Trusts. The RBI expects large Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) to go public, which essentially means they should have an IPO in the market.

Under RBI regulations, all non-banking financial companies are required to be listed on the stock market. The deadline for this was set for September 2025, and a list of around 15 companies was released. Several of these companies have already been listed. Tata Sons, however, is among those that have not yet been listed. Tata Sons has sought relief from the RBI in this matter.

Some argue that Venugopal Srinivasan, a member of both the RBI and Tata Sons boards, represents a conflict of interest. Srinivasan was appointed to the Reserve Bank's central board for a four-year term on June 14, 2022. He also served as chairman of TVS Motors and is highly respected in India's corporate world. The RBI had similar expectations that Tata Sons would also bring an IPO. This, however, did

not happen. There is now a renewed hope for this to happen, as Noel Tata is known for adhering to regulations. This IPO should have happened during Ratan Tata's time,

Tata Sons. Tata Sons Private Limited is the principal holding company of the Tata group. 66% of the equity share capital of Tata Sons is held by

been, and is today more than ever, that corporate enterprises must be managed not merely in the interests of their owners, but equally in those of their

operating companies. Meanwhile, following the demise of Ratan Tata, many are becoming aware of the unique and significant contribution of the Parsi

hotels, and ironworks, it has established a presence in diverse sectors like IT and automobiles. The Tata Group's contributions extend beyond industries to education, healthcare, research, and development.

Founded in 1897, almost two decades after the Tata Group. The Godrej Group is a leading name in various sectors like consumer goods, furniture, and real estate, using cutting-edge technology. Godrej has consistently provided opportunities for a significant portion of the world to reach the top.

Before the Tatas and Godrej, the Wadia Group was founded in 1736. Its history is intertwined with modern India. This group began with textiles, later expanding into aviation, beverages, banking, real estate, and other areas. We can confidently say that Noel Tata will continue to contribute to the nation-building process.

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as RBI regulations apply to Tata Sons as well.

Noel Tata has an opportunity to showcase his capabilities. He can kickstart his new journey by bringing the Tata Sons IPO. It is surprising that Tata Sons has not yet been able to bring an IPO. However, it should have done so according to the Reserve Bank's regulations.

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philanthropic trusts, which support education, health, livelihood generation, and art and culture. Each Tata company or enterprise operates independently under the guidance and supervision of its own Board of Directors. The website of Tata groups says "The Tata philosophy of management has always

employees, of the consumers of their products, of the local community and finally of the country as a whole." JRD Tata, 1973 As a responsible corporate citizen, Tata Sons follows the laws of the land in letter and spirit. Tata Sons also goes beyond mere compliance to highlight certain behaviours and norms to Tata group

community to the Indian industrial landscape. However, it is still important to highlight the contributions of Parsi entrepreneurs like the Tatas, Godrej, Wadias, and Mistrys, who have provided opportunities for growth for half the world. Sudha Murthy, chairperson of the Infosys Foundation, recalls being an engineer at Tata Motors in 1974. From its humble beginnings in textiles,

THE AVIATION SECTOR'S TURBULENCE



The aviation industry in India is now experiencing significant issues in terms of hoax calls. Furthermore, a surge in fake calls is posing a variety of challenges for major airlines. According to the many events recorded so far, this threat has seriously impacted many aircrafts.

For a growing country like India, the aviation industry serves as ammunition for economic expansion and progress. According to the IBEF analysis, the aviation sector, namely domestic airlines, accounts for around 69 percent of overall airline traffic in South Asia. The Indian aviation sector has largely recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic shock, as

seen by an air traffic movement of 327.28 million in FY23, compared to 188.89 million in FY22.

According to the International Air Transport Association, the IBEF research predicts that India will surpass China and the United States as the world's third-largest air passenger market in the next 10 years, by 2030. Furthermore, growing demand has increased the number of aircraft operating in the industry. Experts estimate that the total number of aircraft will reach 1,100 by 2027.

However, the issue of fake calls has negatively impacted the confidence of airline operators in operating their regular flights. Furthermore, the current festival season has led to an increase in air traffic. Furthermore, customers rely solely on large airlines to meet their loved ones and save valuable time, rather than

cheaper carriers. However, the difficulty of fraudulent calls prompts travellers to cancel their trips. Furthermore, according to an Economic Times study, the number of reservations for popular places has increased by 60 percent. Hoax occurrences make air travel unpleasant for passengers. Hoax incidents significantly impact airlines, leading to substantial financial and operational losses. Aside from the time lost for commuters, these kinds of tragic accidents have a significant influence on the psychological and emotional health of the passengers. India is

a developing nation, and tourism is a major GDP contributor. The IBEF predicts that the Indian travel industry will grow from an estimated US\$ 75 billion in FY2020 to US\$ 125 billion by FY27. Improved airport infrastructure and increased passport access are driving the expected trebling of the Indian airline travel industry by FY27. The industry currently holds a valuation of over US\$ 20 billion. The Indian hotel industry, comprising domestic, inbound, and outbound, was assessed at ~US\$ 32 billion in FY20 and is predicted to reach ~US\$ 52 billion by FY27, driven by rising travel demand and

travel agents' attempts to expand the sector. The industry predict that foreign visitor visits will exceed 30.5 billion by 2028, generating more than US\$ 59 billion in revenue. However, the sector project that domestic visitors will drive development after the epidemic. International hotel chains are extending their presence in the country, accounting for about 47% of India's tourism and hospitality industry by 2020 and 50% by 2022. However, unforeseen situations such as hoax calls have a negative effect not just on the aviation industry but also on the travel, tourist, and

hospitality sectors. Furthermore, these occurrences have degraded India's image in the worldwide market.

The only method to combat scam calls is to use artificial intelligence and generative AI. In the current context, we can observe that telecom companies such as Airtel have implemented artificial intelligence applications to identify spam calls for their customers. Similarly, the application of AI and generative AI benefits the aviation sector on a bigger scale. Furthermore, airports need to equip themselves with technological tools like face recognition

systems (FRS) to improve their current operations. To develop a solid solution to the current challenge, the aviation and telecom sectors must work together. Furthermore, the present government must take strict measures against anyone who engages in such actions. With regard to hoax calls, telecom firms must plan for unlawful connections by conducting systematic and frequent audits of all contacts with their professional background. Furthermore, the government must change its current policy so that only a restricted number of SIM cards are required for each person to own. Additionally, the government must thoroughly review the people's backgrounds before distributing SIM cards. Making these types of rigorous rules would help tackle the issue of hoax calls.

In a 1.4 billion population economy



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One-Month TOT Programme on Psychological Counselling for Junior Commissioned Officers of Eastern Command, Indian Army, Concludes Successfully

Kolkata, (KCN): The School of Behavioural Sciences and Forensic Investigations (SBSFI) at Rashtriya Raksha University successfully concluded a month Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme on Psychological Counselling for Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) of the Eastern Command, Indian Army, held from September 19 to October 22, 2024. This specialised training aimed to equip JCOs with essential counselling skills and mental health awareness to support the personnel under their command. The programme was attended by 15 participants, who gained valuable insights into mental health awareness, psychological and

gatekeeping, and counselling strategies specifically designed for the armed forces. The training was meticulously designed by SBSFI to address the growing need for psychological support and mental health resilience within the armed forces.

The TOT Programme was designed with the goal of enhancing mental health awareness among JCOs to help them maintain operational effectiveness and personal resilience, developing counselling and gatekeeping skills, empowering JCOs to offer initial support to those in distress, enabling participants to identify and manage mental health issues such as stress, anxiety, depression, and trauma



among themselves and their colleagues, promoting a supportive environment in units where mental health

concerns can be openly discussed without stigma, and fostering overall well-being by encouraging proactive measures to

prioritize mental health. The theoretical and practical sessions were led by the expert faculty and staff of SBSFI,

covering a comprehensive range of topics, including the basics of counselling, active listening, conflict

resolution, mindfulness, coping strategies for burnout, and therapeutic models for substance abuse and mental health. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony held on October 22, 2024, graced by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Mahesh Tripathi, Director I/c, SBSFI. During the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the participants and highlighted the importance of integrating mental health awareness into military training and leadership. This training programme reflects Rashtriya Raksha University's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality education and creating

opportunities for global dialogue and learning for uniformed personnel. The university is dedicated to advancing the discipline of psychology, particularly in the context of the armed forces, and looks forward to hosting future programmes that further strengthen the mental resilience of uniformed resources. Rashtriya Raksha University is a pioneering institution dedicated to national security and public safety education. Through cutting-edge research, academic programmes, and hands-on training, the university prepares professionals in various fields, including law enforcement, defence, and public safety.

Shatabdi Nrityayan Organized Bijaya Sammilani and Digital Photography Exhibition.

Kolkata, (Arindam Bhattacharya): Bijaya Sammilani, a small Cultural get together was organized by Shatabdi Nrityayan. The Sammilani started with a 'Digital Photography Exhibition' which was led by Sri Arindam Bhattacharjee. This Exhibition presented mesmerizing clicks of different stages of Durga Pujo starting from idol making to Bijaya Dashami as well as different Indian Folk Dance Performances captured by him. As such

sang different compositions of Kabi Guru Rabindranath Tagore. There were dance performances by the senior students, Pallavi Das, Tanmoy Samaddar, Debasmita Kar, Jiniya Deb and Sampriti Paul. This beautiful event was inaugurated by Smt. Mamata Mallik, National Yoga Champion, Arindam Bhattacharjee, Odissi Exponent Shatabdi Mallik, the senior students and guardians of Shatabdi Nrityayan.

Cyclone 'Dana': Vegetable price soars in Odisha markets as consumers resort to panic buying



Bhubaneswar (KCN): The price of vegetables including potato and onion has increased in Odisha markets as consumers resorted to panic buying amid IMD's prediction of Cyclone 'Dana' hitting the Odisha coast, traders said Tuesday.

At Chhatra Bazaar in Cuttack, the price of potato has increased from Rs 30 to Rs 50 per kg Tuesday. The price of onion has also increased to Rs 60 per kg from Rs 40 in the market, which is one of the largest vegetable markets in Odisha.

Tomato is being sold for Rs 80 to 100 in the local markets in Bhubaneswar, traders said.

The price of other vegetables like beans, brinjal, ladyfinger and cauliflower has also increased by Rs 10 to 20 per kilogramme. There was a huge rush in the vegetable markets as consumers wanted to

store sufficient amounts of vegetables especially potatoes and onions in view of the cyclone, which is expected to hit Odisha coast by October 25. "We don't know how the market will be after the cyclone hits the state. If the supply chain is disrupted, it may lead to further increase in the price. So, I bought a sufficient amount of potato and onion for my family," said Nibedita Behera, a housewife from Cuttack.

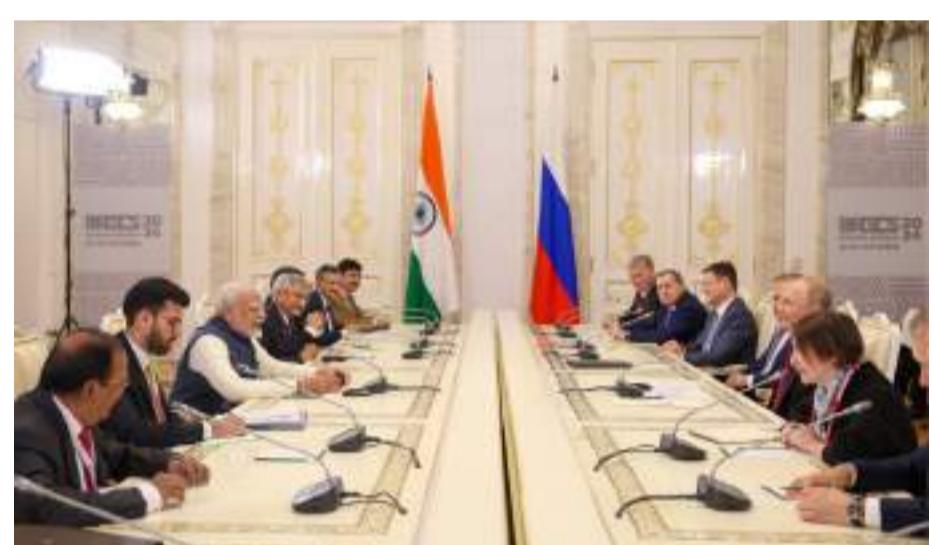
Local vendors have attributed the price hike to the scarcity of potato-laden trucks and the anticipation of further disruptions if the cyclone makes landfall. "We bought potatoes with a hiked price from the wholesale market... There is a shortfall in the supply compared to the demand, so the price has gone up," a trader from Chhatra Bazaar said.

Meanwhile, Odisha Food Supplies and Consumer

PM Modi reaches Russia, to meet leaders on sidelines of BRICS Summit in Kazan

Kazan (KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday reached the Russian city of Kazan to participate in the 16th BRICS Summit, at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin. The summit, themed 'Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security', will provide an important platform for world leaders to discuss key global issues.

"India values the close cooperation within BRICS which has emerged as an important platform for dialogue and discussion on issues concerning the global developmental agenda, reformed multilateralism, climate change, economic cooperation, building resilient supply chains, promoting cultural and people to people connect, among others. The expansion of BRICS with the addition of new members last year has added to its inclusivity and agenda for the global good," PM Modi said in



his departure statement Tuesday morning.

"Building upon the Annual Summit held in July 2024 in Moscow, my visit to Kazan will further reinforce the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia. I look forward to meeting other leaders from BRICS as well," he added. Besides participating in the summit, which will offer a valuable opportunity to assess the progress of initiatives launched by BRICS and to identify potential areas

for future collaboration, and the Prime Minister is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from BRICS member countries and invited leaders. In the meetings in narrow and expanded formats, the BRICS leaders are expected to exchange views on current issues on the global and regional agenda, and discuss the three main areas of cooperation outlined by the Russian chairmanship – politics and security, economics and finance,

The results of the discussion will be summarised in the Kazan Summit Declaration.

Wednesday, a meeting will be held in the 'outreach/BRICS plus' format with the participation of representatives from almost 40 countries. Among them are leaders of the CIS countries, delegations from many countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, as well as heads of executive bodies of a number of international organisations.

According to the Kremlin, it is planned to discuss current international problems with an emphasis on the aggravated situation in the Middle East and the interaction of the BRICS countries and the Global South in the interests of sustainable development. Russian President Vladimir Putin will hold bilateral meetings with almost all leaders participating in the summit.

Doctors give documents to Bengal CM on how govt ignored complaints against Sandip Ghosh

Kolkata (KCN): The representatives of West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front (WBJDF) during their meeting with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee handed over several crucial documents on how the state government had previously ignored complaints on the financial irregularities in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital during the tenure of Sandip Ghosh as the principal.

The doctors had met the Chief Minister Monday afternoon and during the meeting had handed over the documents. A representative of WBJDF, the umbrella body of junior doctors, spearheading the movement against the ghastly rape and murder of a female colleague at the RG Kar in August, said their delegation has handed over the state government a 137-page document on this count.



"The documents not only show the instances of fund misappropriation with Sandip Ghosh as the principal but also how the state health department ignored complaints by whistleblowers," said the WBJDF representative. He added that the documents of details of instances of fund misappropriations like the purchase of machinery at more than double the prevailing market price then,

misappropriation in the tendering process, allotting spaces to unlicensed entities to run businesses within the hospital premises against hefty commissions and utilizing hospital funds for purchasing personal items. "The state health secretary cannot deny his responsibilities in the matter, especially, when such instances of misappropriations were brought to the notice of

the same department several times. That is why we had been insisting on the replacement of the state health secretary since the beginning," the WBJDF representative said.

Two central agencies namely the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) are currently conducting parallel probes into the financial irregularities case. While CBI's probe is court-directed and court-monitored, ED has made a suo motu entry after filing an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR). There are also complaints against Sandip Ghosh about the smuggling of bio-medical wastes and selling of body organs of unidentified bodies at the RG Kar morgue.

People sceptical about raids as black stone loot continues in Odisha's Jajpur

Jajpur(KCN): A recent joint raid on the illegal black stone quarries in Dharmasala tehsil of Jajpur district has evoked mixed reactions. The personnel of Minor Minerals, police and Forest departments jointly raided the illegal black stone quarries, Saturday. The raids unravelled rampant loot of costly black stone from Quarry No 2/3 on the Dankari foothills and from many quarries in Barada and Malagoda mouzas under the tehsil. Buoyed by this disclosure, the Minor Minerals department was learnt to be preparing to take

action against the illegal and unscrupulous traders.

The Minor Minerals department has even warned to close down the illegal black stone quarries in operation if the leaseholders do not appoint a mine manager by October 31 as per the order of the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS). Meanwhile, the Minor Minerals department has sought the help of district police to take necessary action.

While officials are happy about the raids taking place in the illegal black stone quarries, residents are sceptical on the



outcome of the raid. The former, however, hopes that the raids will rattle the illegal miners and be able to curb illegal mining. It is suspected that the illegal miners might have looted black stones to the tune of `5

crore during last two months. However, the residents affected by air and water pollution due to illegal mining have little hope on these raids. They alleged that the raids are just eyewash and the wrongdoing will

start again just a few days after the raids. This is because the police personnel and tehsil officials who are from the Revenue department are allegedly hand in gloves with the illegal miners. The police and

tehsil officials allegedly receive monthly cuts from these miners and stay mum on the rampant loot and smuggling of black stone and other minerals. This results in loss of precious revenue for the state government while the illegal miners get richer by plundering the hills and destroying the local environment. Locals alleged that the district administration has assured them that illegal mining will be stopped several times but has failed to curb it due to a lack of proper coordination between the Minor Minerals, Forest and police

departments. The Dharmasala MLA Himanshu Sekhar Sahu has been writing in regular intervals to Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and the mining officials requesting to step up patrolling in the black stone quarries and take steps as per law. The Minor Minerals department had urged the Jajpur police to initiate criminal proceedings against the illegal black stone smugglers. However, the Jajpur police urged the Minor Minerals department to identify the illegal black stone quarries and submit a list. In this tug

of war, people and observers are anxious to know when the satellite mapping will be done to identify illegal quarries, and when they will be served with penalty notice. When contacted, Deputy Director Jayprakash Nayak of Minor Minerals department in Jajpur said there is dire need of police assistance to curb the loot of black stones from the quarries for which he has held discussions with the Jajpur Superintendent of Police. The problem will be resolved after the appointment of a mines manager in the quarries. However, the quarries will be shut if the miners do not appoint managers by October 31.

Odisha: In a first, Bonda girl Bini Muduli cracks OCS exam



Malkangiri(KCN): Bini Muduli, daughter of Raghu Muduli who works as a cook in a primary school at Khemaguru village under Khairaput block in this district. Bini, a resident of Khemaguda near Govindapalli in the district and an Ayurvedic assistant by profession, secured 596th rank in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category after appearing in the OCS examination in 2022-23.

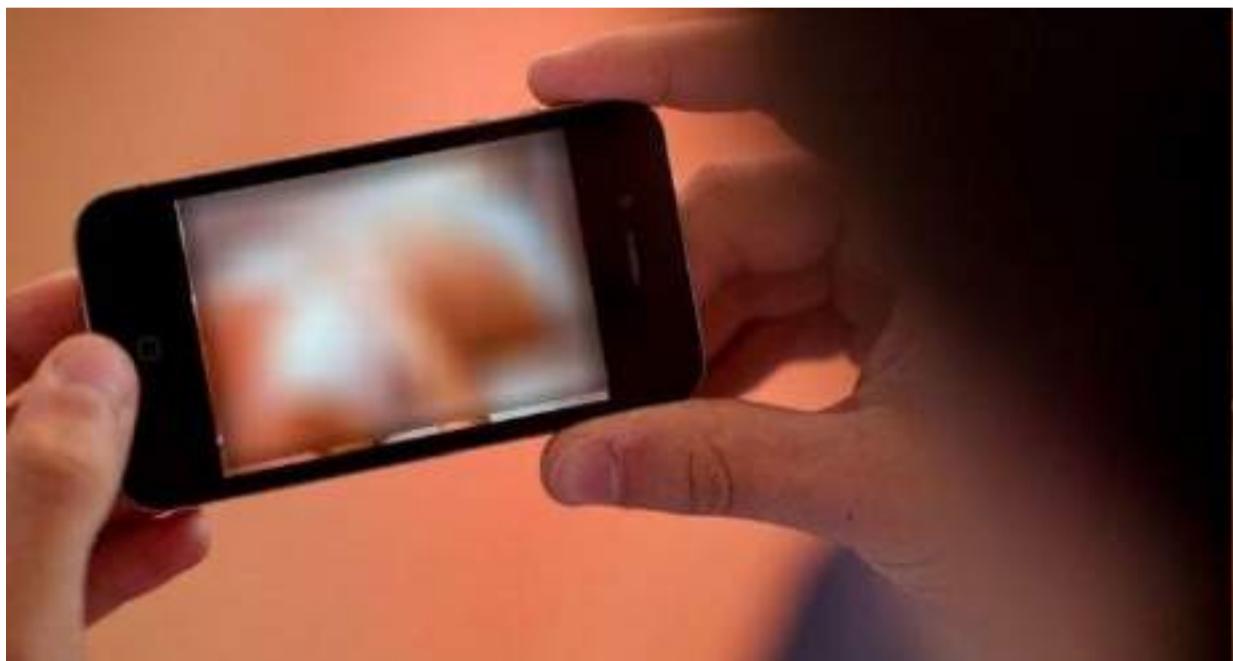
The results were announced by the Odisha Public Service Commission, Saturday.

Hailing from the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG), Bini received primary education at her native village. Later, she completed her Plus II education from the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in Malkangiri and went on to graduate from Bikram Dev College in Jeypore. She said that she prepared for the civil services examination by

watching the videos from social media platform YouTube and relied on self-study by taking help of study materials available online. When contacted, Muduli said that she will work for women empowerment and Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities in the coming days. She also aimed to ensure the proper implementation of pro-tribal schemes for the Bonda community's development.

She credited the success to her parents, teachers and friends, and urged all parents in the district to send their wards to the school. "My parents are my primary source of inspiration. I also owe my success to my teachers and friends who supported me throughout," she said. Her achievement was welcomed with widespread celebration with villagers and local authorities felicitating her with a shawl and flower bouquet.

Keonjhar: Obscene video of PEO, woman in panchayat office triggers outrage



Joda(KCN): A video of the intimate moments of a panchayat executive officer (PEO) and a woman in the office of a gram panchayat under Joda block in Keonjhar district has sent shockwaves in the district after it went viral on social media platforms, sources said Monday.

Chatters went abuzz after the video went viral in the government WhatsApp group. In the video, the PEO is seen engaging in sexual act with the woman inside the panchayat office. However, it is not known when the obscene video was shot. Sources, however, said it has gone viral from the month of September.

Reliable sources said that the woman seen in the video is reportedly

working in supply works under Public Distribution System (PDS). It is alleged that the officials posted in the block are aware of the development but have chosen to remain tightlipped on the matter. This has raised question marks as the local sarpanch and the members of women self-help groups have

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Shaw left out of Mumbai squad over fitness issues

Mumbai: Prithvi Shaw's career continues to face setbacks, as the young opener has been left out of Mumbai's squad for their upcoming Ranji Trophy match. He has been replaced by left-handed opener Akhil Herwadkar, who brings experience with 41 Ranji games under his belt.

Another notable change in the team, announced on Monday, is the exclusion of Tanush Kotian, who has been selected for the Australia-bound India A squad. In his place, Karsh Kothari, 28-year-old left-arm spinner, has been brought in.

The Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) media release regarding the squad selection does not provide a reason for Shaw's absence, but it is widely viewed as a subtle warning for the 24-year-



old opener, who has a history of disciplinary issues. The Mumbai selection committee, comprising Sanjay Patil (chairman), Ravi Thackeray, Jeetendra Thackeray, Kiran Powar, and Vikrant Yelgeti, is believed to have felt that Shaw should be dropped for at least one game. It is too early to predict whether he will be recalled for the next

game, but both the selectors and team management believe that this exclusion might serve as a lesson for the opener, who apparently has been irregular to nets and practice sessions. The Mumbai team braintrust, consisting of selectors and team management, believes that, to start with, Shaw is overweight. It has also been noted that he does

not take net practice sessions seriously and attends them irregularly. While other India players in the squad, such as Shreyas Iyer, Shardul Thakur, and even captain Ajinkya Rahane, are reportedly consistent in their practice, Shaw has been skipping sessions - sometimes missing two for every one session he attends, even after getting out cheaply.

According to a senior MCA source, both the selectors and the team management, including the captain and coach, were unanimous in their decision to leave Shaw out of the squad. Shaw has played five Tests, six ODIs, and one Twenty20 International. He was named Man of the Match in his debut Test against the West Indies in Rajkot in 2018 after scoring a century. Mumbai squad: Ajinkya Rahane (captain), Ayush Mhatre, Angkris Raghuvanshi, Akhil Herwadkar, Shreyas Iyer, Siddhesh Lad, Suryansh Shedge, Hardik Tamore (wk), Sidhaant Addhatrao (wk), Shams Mulani, Karsh Kothari, Himanshu Singh, Shardul Thakur, Mohit Avasthi, Mohd. Juned Khan and Royston Dias.

However, off-field issues not exactly related to cricket have thrown his career on a downward spiral. In the two Ranji games so far this season, his scores have been 7 and 12 (against Baroda), 1 and 39 not out (against Maharashtra).

In the two games so far in the season, Mumbai have won outright one and lost one, outright. Mumbai play Tripura from October 26 to 29 at MBB stadium in Agartala in their next game. Mumbai squad: Ajinkya Rahane (captain), Ayush Mhatre, Angkris Raghuvanshi, Akhil Herwadkar, Shreyas Iyer, Siddhesh Lad, Suryansh Shedge, Hardik Tamore (wk), Sidhaant Addhatrao (wk), Shams Mulani, Karsh Kothari, Himanshu Singh, Shardul Thakur, Mohit Avasthi, Mohd. Juned Khan and Royston Dias.

Williamson out of second Test against India as he continues rehabilitation



New Delhi: Kane Williamson, the former New Zealand captain, will miss the second Test against India in Pune as he continues his rehabilitation from a groin strain, New Zealand Cricket revealed in a media release on Tuesday (October 22). Williamson was forced to miss the opening Test in Bengaluru as he was recovering from the injury he picked up during the Test series against Sri Lanka. He remained in New Zealand to work on his recovery and will continue to do so as he builds towards full fitness. New Zealand head coach Gary Stead expressed hope that Williamson will be available for the third Test. "We're monitoring Kane

and he's tracking in the right direction, but isn't yet 100% fit," said Stead. "We're hopeful to see further improvement over the coming days and have him available for the third Test. We'll give him as much time as possible to get himself ready, but we'll certainly continue to take a cautious approach."

New Zealand won the opening Test by 8 wickets, ending a 36-year wait for a Test win in India. The second Test gets underway on October 24 while the third and final Test will be played in Mumbai from November 1.

Ruturaj Gaikwad to lead India A in Australia



New Delhi: Ruturaj Gaikwad will lead India A in two first-class games against Australia A in Mackay and Melbourne.

It will be followed by a three-day intra-squad practice match against the senior India men's team in Perth at the WACA. Abhimanyu Easwaran has been named as vice-captain of the squad. Gaikwad had captained India C in the Duleep Trophy last month, with his team finishing second on the four-team points table. In the ongoing Ranji Trophy season, he has scored 231 runs in two games, including 145 against Mumbai.

Easwaran, on the other hand, led third-placed India B in the Duleep Trophy and also hit a couple of hundreds in the tournament. Both Gaikwad and Easwaran along with Sai Sudharsan are options for a back-up opener should India need one through

the course of the five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Andhra's Ricky Bhui, the top-run scorer from the 2023-24 season of Ranji Trophy and the 2024 Duleep Trophy, has been called up along with Tamil Nadu batter Baba Indrajith, who scored 767 runs in the previous campaign. Devdutt Padikkal is another middle-order option. Ishan Kishan and Abishek Porel are the two wicket-keepers in the squad. Mukesh Kumar, Khaleel Ahmed, Yash Dayal and Navdeep Saini form the pace pack. Nitish Kumar Reddy, who recently made his India debut in Gwalior, has been included. Mumbai's Tanush Kotian, who impressed in the Duleep Trophy, also finds a place.

India A squad: Ruturaj Gaikwad (C), Abhimanyu Easwaran (VC), Sai Sudharsan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Devdutt Padikkal, Ricky Bhui, Baba Indrajith, Ishan Kishan (WK), Abishek Porel (WK), Mukesh Kumar, Khaleel Ahmed, Yash Dayal, Navdeep Saini, Manav Suthar, Tanush Kotian

Babita Phogat planned wrestlers' protest to become federation chief: Sakshi Malik



New Delhi: Wrestler Sakshi Malik has claimed that BJP leader Babita Phogat encouraged the wrestlers' protest against Brij Bhushan Singh, alleging Phogat sought to become the president of the Wrestling Federation of India.

Olympic wrestler Sakshi Malik on Monday claimed that it was BJP leader Babita Phogat who encouraged wrestlers to begin protest against Brij Bhushan Singh because she wanted to replace him as president of the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

In an interview to India Today TV, Malik stated that Phogat had convened a meeting with several wrestlers, urging them to protest against the alleged misconduct, including instances of

molestation, within the federation.

"Babita Phogat approached us with the idea of protesting against Brij Bhushan Singh because she had her own agenda — she wanted to become the WFI president," Malik said.

"There are rumours that Congress supported our protest, but that's false. Brij Bhushan Singh, who is also a former MP of the BJP, was last year accused of sexual assault by several female wrestlers who sat on a protest for weeks demanding a probe

against him. Malik pointed out that while the protest wasn't entirely influenced by Phogat, it was initiated at her suggestion.

"It's not that we blindly followed her, but we were aware that there were serious issues like sexual harassment and molestation within the federation. We believed that having a woman in charge, especially someone like Babita Phogat, who is also a sportsperson, would bring positive change. We trusted that she would understand our struggles. But we never anticipated that she would play such a big game with us," she said.

"We thought she would sit with us in the protest and raise her voice against the wrongdoing as a fellow

wrestler," she added.

In addition to her allegations against Babita Phogat, Sakshi Malik also slammed Brij Bhushan Singh for claiming that the wrestlers protesting against him were "finished". Malik pointed to Vinesh Phogat's recent success as clear evidence that Singh's claims were baseless. "Brij Bhushan made allegations that the wrestlers were finished, but Vinesh Phogat proved him wrong. She went to the Olympics and defeated one of the toughest opponents, who had been unbeaten until then. If the protests had truly ended, who would have allowed Vinesh Phogat to participate in the Olympics?" she asked.

Nepal trounce lacklustre USA to make it a 3-0 cleansweep



New Delhi: Nepal humbled USA by 8 wickets in the final game of their 3 match T20I series. USA failed to turn up as a unit after the super over heartbreak of Saturday. Nepal thwarted a surging USA from 125 for 3 after 16 overs to 156 with the same stifling template that choked USA the previous night. Fast bowler Sompal Kami (3 for 27) proved to be a nemesis once more as the USA batters danced to his tunes at the death yet again. Aasif Sheikh's first half century of the tour along with Kushal Bhurtel and Kushal Malla's swift 40s had Nepal bossing the underwhelming USA total that proved to be below par given the conditions on offer. Opting to bat first after

winning the toss, Monank Patel failed to make the most of having the first crack at a reused surface. The skipper played all over an indipping delivery off Kami to be adjudged leg before wicket in the second over. In a dramatic dip of form, Monank's run tally in the series stands at 6 runs after 3 innings. Rijan Dhakal coerced a quick exit of Andries Gous after having him sky one to mid off minutes within his arrival to the crease. USA found themselves in all sorts at 18 for 2 in the 3rd over.

USA saw a sense of urgency from both ends with the arrival of Milind Kumar. The pair teared into the military medium pace of Gulsan Jha, who had been tidying up the middle overs quite surreptitiously this series. Mukkamalla added a 76 run stand for the 4th wicket with Milind off 60 deliveries but the pair couldn't deliver the final flourish that has been plaguing USA in this series. USA could only

muster 31 runs in the final 4 overs, with a third of those runs coming in the final 3 deliveries thanks to Harmeet Singh's surge. Despite the abject batting failures of some senior men around him, the 21 year old Mukkamalla did his reputation no harm

this series. After an unfulfilled and slightly cagey innings of 47 the previous night, Mukkamalla course corrected within 24 hours to smash his way to a splendid 68 off 47 deliveries. USA bowlers proved to be cannon fodder in their

lowkey ask of 157 on a batting conducive wicket. Aasif Sheikh shook off his early vigil by dispatching a straying Saurabh Netravalkar over long-on off his 4th delivery. Aasif capitalised on Kenjige's lack of control with boundaries on both sides of the wicket, forcing Monank to turn towards the left arm spin of Harmeet Singh. He remained on the loose with yet another maximum off Netravalkar that had class written all over it,

standing tall to club it to sight screen with a straight bat. Aasif reached his half century off 38 deliveries. He perished off his next delivery after reaching his landmark in his attempt to further break lose against Drysdale after having the wood against him in the powerplay. Bhurtel further teamed up with the young Kushal Malla to have Nepal canter home without a quiver. The pair deflated an insipid looking USA with a stand of 74 in 51 deliveries as the duo cruised to unbeaten 40s without breaking a sweat. The sweeping series defeat left a lot to be desired off USA who now have 4 days to pull up their socks before the 50 overs tri-series against Nepal and Scotland.