

'Dana' aftermath: Odisha CM conducts aerial survey of cyclone-hit areas



Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi Sunday undertook an aerial survey of the areas affected by Cyclone Dana. Majhi was accompanied by Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari and Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja. The CM undertook the aerial survey of coastal areas of Paradip in Jagatsinghpur district, Mahakalapada, Rajnagar and Rajkanika of Kendrapara district, and Chandbali of Bhadrak district this afternoon, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said in a statement.

50 flights get bomb threats

New Delhi(KCN): At least 50 flights operated by Indian airlines received bomb threats Sunday, according to sources. In 14 days, more than 350 flights operated by the Indian carriers have received hoax bomb threats. Most of the threats were issued through social media.

Akasa Air Sunday said 15 of its flights got security alerts and after thorough inspections, all aircraft were released for operations.

The sources in the know said IndiGo received threats for 18 flights and Vistara for 17 flights.

Against the backdrop of a spate of hoax bomb threats to airlines, the IT Ministry has asked social media platforms to observe due diligence obligations and promptly remove or disable access to misinformation within the strict timelines prescribed under IT rules.

Meanwhile, the civil aviation ministry is looking to take legislative actions to tackle the menace of the hoax bomb threats to airlines.

After making the aerial survey, the Chief Minister has asked concerned departments to assess the damage caused by the cyclone and subsequent heavy rainfall as soon as possible so that relief can be provided to the affected people, it said. A total of 35.95 lakh people in Odisha have been impacted by Cyclone Dana and subsequent flooding in 14 districts, Pujari said while speaking to media

persons earlier in the day.

The worst-hit districts include Kendrapara, Balasore and Bhadrak, while the human casualty "still stands at zero", he said here.

Cyclone Dana, which

struck the Odisha coast early Friday, has affected people in 1,671 gram panchayats under 108 blocks spread over 14 districts, the minister said. According to preliminary reports, around 5,840 houses have been fully or partially damaged due to the cyclone and subsequent flooding, Pujari said. The minister said that the special relief commissioner (SRC) has asked officials concerned to submit damage assessment reports by November 2 so that the state government can seek assistance from the Centre.



cyclone relief centres and they are being provided cooked food and other essential items," the minister said. Polythene sheets are being given to people who lost their houses in the calamity. He said cyclone Dana, which struck early Friday, affected people in

1,671 gram panchayats under 108 blocks spread across 14 districts. According to preliminary reports, around 5,840 houses have been fully or partially damaged due to the cyclone and subsequent flooding, Pujari said.

"Whenever there is a disaster, people lose their houses and get compensation. This time, we want to bring a permanent solution to the problem and provide pucca houses to them in a phased manner," he said. The Odisha government was also planning to undertake a survey of kutch houses located in cyclone and flood-prone areas of the state.

Mann Ki Baat: PM Modi warns of 'digital arrest', urges people to stay vigilant



New Delhi(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday addressed the issue of "digital arrest" in the 115th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', labelling it as a fraudulent activity. He urged people to remain vigilant and safe.

The Prime Minister emphasised that those involved in the crime are enemies of society. "...There is no system like digital arrest in the law, this is just fraud, deceit, lie, a gang of criminals and those who are doing this are enemies of the society...", the PM cautioned.

Addressing the growing

cases and concerns about

techno-crime, PM Modi informed listeners that

various investigative

agencies were

collaborating with state

governments to combat

these fraudulent

schemes.

He said to enhance

coordination among these

agencies, the National

Cyber Coordination

Centre has been

established. "This

initiative aims to

strengthen efforts against

cybercrime and protect citizens from such scams, reaffirming the government's commitment to ensuring public safety in the digital realm," said the PM. "Beware of Digital Arrest frauds...No investigative agency will ever contact you by phone or video call for enquiries...The fraudsters of digital arrest phone calls, at times, impersonate police, CBI, and Narcotics; and at times RBI... using such various labels, they converse as fake officers with a lot of confidence. Many listeners of '#MannKiBaat' have

wished that we must discuss that. Let me tell you, how these fraud gangs work. What is this dangerous game? It is very important for you to understand this and it is equally important for others to understand it as well," said the PM.

During the radio talk, PM Modi played a video to make people understand the gravity of the crime.

While making the audience understand the modus operandi, PM Modi said, "The First Move... They collect all of your personal information... "You went to Goa last month, didn't

you? Your daughter studies in Delhi, right?" They collect so much information about you that you will be surprised." "The second move – create an atmosphere of fear... Uniform, government office set-up, legal sections... they will scare you so much on the phone... In the midst of the conversation, you will not be able to even think. And then their third move begins – the time pressure. "You have to decide now or else you will be arrested" – these people create so much psychological pressure on the victim that one gets scared. People from every class and age group fall victim to Digital Arrest. People have lost lakhs of rupees earned through their hard work, out of sheer fear. Whenever you receive such a call, don't be scared. You should be aware that no investigative agency ever inquires like this through a phone call or a video call," the PM said.

PM Modi enumerated the three steps to Digital Security. These three

steps are — 'Stop – Think – Take Action.'

"As soon as you get a call, stop... don't panic, stay calm, don't take any hasty steps, don't give away your personal information to anyone; if possible take a screenshot and record it for sure. After this comes the second step. The first step was 'stop' and the second step was 'think'. No government agency threatens you on the phone like this, neither inquires nor demands money on a video call like this. If you feel scared, then know that something is wrong. The first step, the second step and now I spell out the third step. In the first step, I said – 'Stop'... in the second step I said – 'Think', and the third step tells you – 'Take action'."

He also mentioned the national cyber helpline 1930, or to report on cyberrcrime.gov.in, or inform family and police, and preserve evidence.

"Stop, then think, and then take action, these three steps will become the protector of your digital security," said the PM.

Odisha: Last rites of labourers killed in Pune tank collapse conducted in their native villages



Berhampur(KCN): The last rites of the two migrant labourers, who died in the water tank collapse in Maharashtra's Pune, were held in their native villages in Odisha's Ganjam district.

The bodies of Rabi Mahankuda (50) and Sudam Behera (33) reached their native villages, Kalyanpur and Palur, in an ambulance Saturday afternoon, officials said.

They were among the five people killed in the accident that happened in the Bhosari area of Pimpri Chinchwad township around 6.15am Thursday. The accident happened when some labourers were bathing under the water tank.

Ganjam's District Labour Officer (DLO) Barsha Jena said the administration was in touch with family members of the deceased labourers.

"We will take all necessary steps to get their families benefits under government schemes," she said. The company for which the labourers were working has given Rs 11 lakh to each of their families, she added.

Both the deceased labourers went to Maharashtra through a contractor October 1, their families said.

Cyclone Dana aftermath: SRC seeks damage assessment reports from Collectors

Bhubaneswar, October 27(KCN): Deo Ranjan Singh, Special Relief Commissioner (SRC) of Odisha government on Sunday sought damage assessment reports from collectors of 14 districts severely

impacted by Cyclone Dana. The SRC has instructed district collectors to submit comprehensive assessments of the cyclone's impact, covering agriculture losses, crop damage, power infrastructure, and housing destruction, by November 2.

In addition, heads of relevant departments have been directed to provide their respective damage reports by the same deadline. This initiative aims to consolidate an accurate and detailed account of the cyclone's effects, facilitating prompt relief and restoration measures.

Kolkata, Oct 27(KCN): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday accused the TMC government in West Bengal of engaging in "state-sponsored infiltration" and declared that the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) "next big target" is to form a government in the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections.

Speaking at the launch of BJP's membership drive in Kolkata, the Union Home Minister noted that Syama Prasad Mukherjee founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, which has

since grown into the world's largest political party.

"We are all proud to be members of the world's largest party. I have faith in the Bengal workers that we will not lag in membership numbers. The party has set a target of one crore members. If we examine the history of political parties today, most are run on caste or family lines. The Bharatiya Janata Party is unique, with a National President and Prime Minister who are ordinary workers, without any other background," Shah

stated. He further emphasised that the BJP's next major goal is to establish a government in West Bengal in 2026. "In Bengal, state-

coast smuggling, we need to enlist one crore BJP members in West Bengal," he added. Shah also criticised the Mamata government over the RG Kar rapemurder case on August 9, stating that the safety of women is at risk in Bengal.

"The dignity of mothers and sisters is being violated in Bengal. Incidents like Sandeshkhali and RG Kar must be stopped, which will only happen if the BJP forms a government in 2026. In 2026, we will secure a two-thirds majority in West Bengal," he asserted.

BJP's next big target is to form govt in West Bengal in 2026



Didi. This is a border state, and with the way infiltration is being supported at a state level, there is only one solution: a BJP government in 2026. To combat cow and

INS chilika disaster relief camp at Batipada & Talachua



Khordha (KCN): Naval Officer in Charge (ODS), INS Chilika has established a relief camp at Batipada and Talchua for villages affected by Cyclone Dana, including Kanhapur, Bagapatia, Barahipur, Magarkanda, Charigheria, and Satabhaya. We're providing 9,000 meals and a medical camp in consultation with state agencies. A truck has been mobilized to distribute meals in the affected areas. Over 9000 meals arranged in community kitchen at one of the most affected Batipada & Talchua area. Medical aids provided to locals. Over 500 responded

Royal Bengal tiger translocated from Maharashtra to Odisha's Simlipal Tiger Reserve

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): In order to increase the tiger population in Odisha, the state government has successfully translocated a Royal Bengal tiger from Maharashtra's Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to the Simlipal Tiger Reserve in Mayurbhanj district on Sunday.

A special team from Simlipal Tiger Reserve traveled to Maharashtra for the translocation of a Royal Bengal tiger from Maharashtra's Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve to the Simlipal Tiger



Reserve forest. Last week, a team led by Simlipal's Director, along with veterinary experts and a rapid response

team, conducted a mission to Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, successfully transporting the tiger to its new habitat. Earlier, Odisha government wrote to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), seeking approval for the translocation of tigers to strengthen Odisha's big cat population. This relocation is part of Odisha's larger initiative to enhance its tiger population, which includes plans to introduce five tigers: three for Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Bargarh district and two for Simlipal Tiger Reserve.

Bhubaneswar: Police introduce body cameras at reception desks to enhance accountability



Bhubaneswar, (KCN): The Commissionerate Police has initiated a pilot project in which officers at the reception desks of police stations will wear

body cameras. This measure aims to monitor interactions with visitors, particularly those who may cause disturbances. The body cameras will record both audio and video, capturing the behavior of police personnel as well as that of visitors. This initiative responds to recurring

incidents of unruly behavior at police stations, including cases where intoxicated individuals have verbally abused officers. Additional Police Commissioner Uma Shankar Mishra visited the Kharvela police station in Bhubaneswar to observe the new equipment in action. This project follows a troubling incident in September, when an Army officer and a friend were allegedly assaulted by police at the Bharatpur station, leading to the suspension of five officers, including one at the rank of Inspector, for serious misconduct.

Wild cat spotted during search for leopard near Bhubaneswar airport: Official



experts will examine the visuals and confirm further details, he said. Earlier on Saturday morning, the woman, a worker at the dump yard, claimed to have spotted

a leopard there, Hota said. Forest officials and the local police scanned the area carrying nets, traps and other equipment Saturday, but could not find any trace of a leopard. In 2019, a leopard was caught from the Bhubaneswar airport premises and released in the nearby Chandaka

Irregularities in the tender selection process of Sambalpur University

On October 7, 2014, Sambalpur University's Registrar published a tender notification for implementing LAN and Wi-Fi infrastructure across Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the Central and State Governments on the University's website. However, the eligibility criteria contain significant gaps, allowing the project to be awarded to a private consortium backed by a specific Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) CISCO and PSU. Notably, the "Make & Model" clause lacks a requirement for high-quality equipment, driving the tender toward inflated costs. It is therefore essential to address these issues, revise the flawed terms, and consider reissuing the tender. Without these changes, there is a risk of compromising transparency, potentially causing public dissatisfaction and raising concerns about the integrity of the selection process.



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Vidya Balan says she rejected Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 because she was 'scared'

Actor Vidya Balan addressed the audience at an event and revealed the reason behind not accepting Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 when producer Bhushan Kumar went to her with the script.

Actor Vidya Balan returns to the Bhool Bhulaiyaa franchise with her iconic role of Manjulika. At an event recently, the actor opened up about her apprehensions of reprising the popular character, and how she decided to come on board the third film, after refusing to do Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2. Vidya was present at the launch of her song Ami Je Tomar 3.0 in Mumbai on Friday, October 25, when producer Bhushan

Kumar revealed that she rejected BB 2. The T-Series owner told the audience, "I had approached Vidya ji for Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2, but she had refused. When we were launching the trailer, we requested her to at least be a part of it, so she posted the trailer, and she loved the trailer, and she loved the film." Bhushan added that Vidya loved Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2 so much that she promised him to be a part of the third film in the franchise. The producer said, "She then committed to me that she'd definitely be a part of the third film. So that was the inspiration for me. Vidya ma'am and Madhuri ma'am joined the cast. I'd never be able to give up on such a big

set-up, so we were very excited about it." Vidya took over and tried to explain how she feared performing the role once again. The actor shared that the first film, which was released in 2007, had given her so much appreciation that she didn't want to ruin that by committing a mistake in her performance. "I'll tell you, the only

reason (why) I didn't do 2 (Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2). I wanted to work on Bhool Bhulaiyaa again, (but) I was so scared because Bhool Bhulaiyaa 1 has given me so much. I said, 'maine gadbad kar diya toh sab paani phir jaayega' (what if I end up messing everything this time!) I had told Anees (Bazmee) bhai also that I couldn't take the risk. But, when

they came back to me with 3, I loved the script, I was dying to work on this with Anees Bhai and Bhushan, and then it only kept getting better." Vidya added that Madhuri Dixit's presence in BB 3 was another reason that prompted her to take up the project. She continued, "Of course, there was Kartik and I loved Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2. And then the icing on the cake (was Madhuri Dixit). So, it only kept getting better. Maine himmat juta li (I gathered the courage) to do it and I had a great time." She went on to appreciate director Anees Bazmee for making an entertaining film. Vidya said, "I will say this, he (Anees Bazmee) is the king of entertainment. To have had the opportunity to work with him on this was magical." As shown in the trailer of the film, both Vidya and Madhuri play the role of Manjulika in the third film. However, the reality behind their characters, and if they have been pitted against each other in the horror roles, is something that has added to the curiosity around the film.



Do Patti: Kriti Sanon auditioned with 10 actors before selecting Shaheer Sheikh

Writer Kanika Dhillon recently revealed that Kriti Sanon auditioned with ten actors before choosing Shaheer Sheikh for their upcoming film, Do Patti. The film's trailer was released on October 14.

Writer Kanika Dhillon shared a behind-the-scenes story about the casting process of her upcoming film Do Patti. At the trailer launch of the film, she revealed how, when auditioning for the role of the male protagonist, Kriti Sanon personally auditioned with the final 10 candidates to find the perfect fit. Actor

Shaheer Sheikh ultimately secured the role. Kanika recollects, "Kriti was like, 'For the last ten rounds, I wanted to audition with ten people.' And those last 10 people left, Kriti herself

went and auditioned with each of those 10 candidates, did that scene over and over. Half of them were nervous because Kriti herself was auditioning them!" Responding to

Kanika's comments, Kriti said, "To be honest, I think it was so important to find the current Dhruv. You know, because again, the character has so many layers. And the

chemistry has to work in a certain way. So, I was glad that we did the audition. I think while I was doing the audition only with him, I felt in my head when we were seeing that the

a struggle."

Shah Rukh and his wife Gauri Khan got married in 1991 in a traditional Nikah and Hindu wedding ceremony shortly after. The two welcomed their son Aryan in 1997. Three years later they had their daughter Suhana, who was born in 2000. The power couple welcomed their son AbRam via surrogacy in 2013.

Talking about upcoming work, Suhana will soon be seen working with her father in the upcoming film "King", which is directed by Sujoy Ghosh and produced by Siddharth Anand. The movie is expected to go on floors later this year and might hit screens in 2025.



Suhana Khan's pull ups, push-ups, and deadlifts are the reason for her perfect svelte figure

Actress Suhana Khan, who is the daughter of superstar Shah Rukh Khan, has finally revealed the secret to her perfect svelte figure, which includes a combination of pull-ups and deadlifts.

Suhana took to Instagram, where she shared a video of her working out in the gym. In the clip, the actress, who made her debut with Zoya Akhtar's "The Archies", is seen doing several weighted workouts including pull-ups, hip thrusts, push-ups and deadlifts under the supervision of a personal trainer.

A user was seen asking about how she managed to do the pull-ups, to which she replied: "Was

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The film will also feature actor Abhishek Bachchan, who will be seen playing the antagonist. Megastar Amitabh Bachchan in July almost confirmed Abhishek starring in the upcoming movie.

Big B took to his X and quoted a tweet from a fan club of Abhishek. The

Vicky Kaushal on perfecting 'Tauba Tauba' steps: Had 3-4 days to learn it

Vicky Kaushal spoke about the hard work and choreography behind the popular song 'Tauba Tauba' from 'Bad Newz'. The film releases on July 19.

Vicky Kaushal also credited choreographer Bosco-Caesar, they have been choreographing such songs for the past 20 years. And they have worked on such nice songs with Hrithik Roshan, Katrina Kaif, and others.

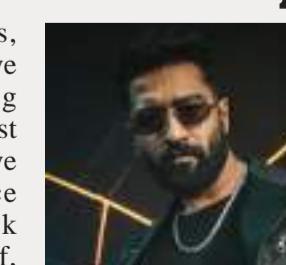
He continued, "We were very happy with the team that came together. We got 3-4 days to learn the 'Tauba Tauba' steps.

of my hard work and gave me so much love. Overall, we are very happy."

Vicky also said, "There are some songs which create a flow of their own. Nothing is bigger than a song that we drop on the highway and the audience takes it off from there and makes it their own. That is what happened with 'Tauba

Tauba'. It's there in the film as well and whoever wants to enjoy this song on the big screen, please do."

Vicky was accompanied by Tripti Dimri and Ammy Virk at the Delhi press conference. Also, watch 'Tauba Tauba' here: 'Bad Newz' was previously titled 'Mere Mehboob Mere Sanam'.



Vicky Kaushal, who is in Delhi to promote 'Bad Newz', spoke about perfecting the steps of 'Tauba Tauba'. The actor said that he was given three-four days to learn

Direct Tax Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme 2024 : Salient Features



Adv. Narayan Jain & CA Dilip Loyalka

Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Scheme, 2024 was notified on 20th September, 2024 to resolve pending appeals in case of income tax disputes and has come into effect from 01.10.2024. The salient features of the scheme are as under:

1. Disputes which can be settled: Under the scheme following disputes can be settled

(a) Quantum appeal including TDS appeal (by assessee or department) pending before CIT(A), JCIT(A), ITAT, High Court or Supreme Court or writ petition or SLP pending before High Court or Supreme Court as on 22.07.2024 or cases where the time limit of filing appeal has not expired on 22.07.2024

(b) Appeal (by assessee or by department) in relation to fees, interest and penalty pending before CIT(A), JCIT(A), ITAT, High Court or Supreme Court as on 22.07.2024 or cases where the time limit of filing appeal, in such a case, has not expired on 22.07.2024.

(c) Where an objection

before DRP is filed and DRP has not issued any direction on or before 22.07.2024.

(d) Where a direction is issued by DRP u/s 144C(5) but the A.O has not passed the final assessment order u/s 144C(13).

(e) Revision petition pending before CIT u/s 264 on 22.07.2024.

2. Disputes have been

specifically excluded: Certain disputes have been specifically excluded from the scheme like In respect of tax arrear relating to an Assessment Year in respect of which an assessment has been made under section 143(3), 144, 147, 153A or 153C on the basis of search-initiated u/s 132 or 132A. Or in respect of which prosecution has been instituted on or before date of filing declaration, relating to undisclosed income from a source located outside India or undisclosed asset located outside India or relating to assessment or reassessment made on the basis of information received under agreement referred to in section 90 or section 90A, and other specified

disputes, then VSV cannot be opted for the said assessment year.

3. Tax payable to settle the dispute

Where assessee desires to settle quantum appeal (other than search case) i.e. disputed tax, he is required to pay entire disputed tax (including surcharge & cess). However if the declarant is an appellant on or before 31.1.2020 at the same appellate forum in respect of the tax arrear, then 110% of the dispute tax (including surcharge and cess) is required to be paid. On payment of such tax (including surcharge and cess), the interest and penalty will be waived provided the payment is made on or before 31.12.2024.

In case payment is made after 31.12.2024 assessee shall be required to make an additional payment of 10% of disputed tax. But in case the appeal is pending on or before 31.1.2020, additional tax payable will be 20% instead of 10%.

However, if the appeal is filed by Department or the Department has lost an issue, assessee is required to pay 50% of disputed tax (including surcharge and cess) if payment is made before 31.12.2024 and if payment is made after 31.12.2024, 55% of the disputed tax is to be paid. On payment of disputed tax, interest and penalty would be waived.

Where assessee desires to settle appeals relating to interest, fees or penalty he will be

required to pay 25% of interest, fees or penalty, as the case may be, provided the payment is made on or before 31.12.2024. However, if the declarant is an appellant on or before 31.1.2020 at the same appellate forum in respect of the interest, fee or penalty arrear, 30% of the interest, fees or penalty, as the case may be, shall be payable.

In case payment is made after 31.12.2024, assessee shall be required to pay 30% of the interest, fees or penalty as the case may be, in place of 25%. But in case the appeal is pending on or before 31.1.2020, the additional interest, fee or penalty payable will be 35% instead of 30%. On payment of interest, fees or penalty, the balance fees, interest or penalty, shall be waived.

Where the appeal is filed before CIT(A) or JCIT(A) or objections are filed before DRP by appellant on any issue on which he has already got a decision in his favour from the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (where the decision on such issue is not reversed by High Court or Supreme Court), assessee is required to pay only 50% of the tax determined as per above calculation. Where the appeal is filed before ITAT on which he has already got a decision in his favour from High Court (where the decision on such issue is

not reversed by the Supreme Court), then also assessee is required to pay only 50% of the tax determined as per above calculation.

4. Rules and Forms notified under Direct Tax Vivad se Vishwas Scheme: As per Notification No. 104/2024 dated 20.09.2024, the following 4 Forms have been notified for the purposes of the Scheme. These are as follows:

Form-1: for filing declaration and Undertaking by the declarant

Form-2: for Certificate to be issued by Designated Authority

Form-3: for Intimation of payment by the declarant

Form-4: Order for Full and Final Settlement of tax arrears by Designated Authority

The Scheme provides that Form-1 shall be filed separately for each dispute provided that where appellant and the income-tax authority, both have filed an appeal in respect of the same order, single Form-1 shall be filed in such case.

5. Online declaration: In order to opt for the scheme, assessee is required to make an online declaration in prescribed Form, to designated authority.

Scheme provides that Form 1 and Form 3 shall be furnished electronically by the declarant on the e-filing

portal of Income Tax Department i.e. www.incometax.gov.in.

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undertaking: Declarant is required to furnish undertaking in the prescribed form and manner waiving his right, to seek or pursue any remedy or any claim in relation to the tax arrears for which declaration under the scheme is filed, which may otherwise be available to him under any law for the time being in force, in equity, under statute or under any agreement entered into by India with any country outside India whether for protection of investment or otherwise.

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BJP is our ideological opponent, DMK is political adversary: TVK's Vijay

Chennai(KCN): Tamil actor turned politician and founder of Tamizhaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK), Vijay Sunday said that the BJP is the ideological opponent of the TVK while the DMK is its political adversary.

"There is a group that has been creating divisions within society. Those who create divisions are our first enemy. Those who claim to uphold Dravidian ideology but are exploiting Tamil Nadu as a family enterprise are our next rivals. The BJP is our ideological opponent while the DMK

is our political adversary," said Vijay addressing a massive gathering in Villupuram district's Vikravandi. He also pledged to follow the legacies of Dravidian icon Periyar, former Chief Minister Kamaraj, B.R. Ambedkar, Rani Velu Nachiyar, and Anjali Ammal.

He assured his supporters there would be no "adjustment politics" or compromise," adding that Tamil Nadu's political landscape needs transformative change.

"I have not entered politics for personal



gain but out of social commitment. I may be a newcomer in politics but my commitment remains undaunted. Our party's core enemies are corruption and communalism," Vijay

said. He also accused the DMK of deceiving the public under the guise of the Dravida model, calling the DMK government anti-people.

The superstar-cum-politician also announced that his party would contest all 234 seats in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, emphasising that TVK's campaign is a serious bid for victory, with no retreat from electoral politics.

Vijay also hinted at power-sharing, saying, "We will provide a share of power to any political party that supports us,"

indirectly referencing DMK alliance partners such as the Congress and Dalit party, VCK, who have previously sought power-sharing in Tamil Nadu.

He assured that TVK would not act as a front for any other political party. After years of anticipation, Vijay officially launched TVK on February 2, 2024, and unveiled the party's flag and symbol on August 22 at the party headquarters in Chennai.

Vijay's fan club, the All India Thalapathy Vijay Makkal Iyakkam (AITVMI), contested

169 seats in the October 2021 local body elections, winning 113 seats—outperforming the parties of fellow celebrities Kamal Haasan's Makkal Needhi Maiam (MNM) and Seeman's Naam Tamizhar Katchi (NTK), both of which failed to secure any seats. This success was a stepping stone for Vijay's official foray into politics. His entry brings a fresh dynamic to a Tamil political landscape long dominated by Dravidian heavyweights, DMK and AIADMK, while observers are watching closely for Vijay's next moves.

2 Workers Killed, 7 Hospitalised After Inhaling Toxic Fumes In Gujarat Factory: Cops



Ahmedabad(KCN): Two workers died and seven were hospitalised after they inhaled toxic fumes at a textile factory in Gujarat's Ahmedabad on Sunday, police said. The incident occurred at Devi Synthetics in the Narol industrial area of the city.

Nine workers inhaled toxic fumes that leaked when spent acid was being transferred into a tank at the factory, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Ravi Mohan Saini said.

"Police received information around 10.30 am that nine persons were affected due to a toxic gas leak in a factory in Narol and were taken to LG Hospital, where two died," he said. Seven workers are hospitalised, of whom four are critical and are being treated in the ICU, he said. A preliminary investigation revealed that spent acid, used in the printing and dyeing industry, was being transferred into a tank

when the workers nearby were affected, he said. The official said a team from the police, Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), industrial safety and Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) officials reached the site and started probing the exact cause. Industrial safety and FSL officials are probing to find out if the factory followed due procedures regarding NOC, etc., and police will take action based on their report, he said.

"Maharashtra's

manifesto for the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly elections will be released after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visits the state on November 4. He added that the coalition comprising Shiv Sena (UBT), Congress and Sharad Pawar-led NCP would look at putting the state's finances in order, battling corruption and the law and order problem and bringing stability to

industries have moved out and youth have lost their jobs. State leaders are being murdered and prisoners in jail are challenging law and order," he said, in an apparent reference to the killing of NCP leader Baba Siddique and the alleged involvement of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's gang.

Mr Raut accused the Election Commission of partiality towards the Ajit

Pawar-led NCP and Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena in the fight for party names and symbols. "The father of the NCP party was sitting in front of the Election Commission, but they gave it to another person. We had demanded justice for us. Today, our symbol case is in the Supreme Court for two-and-a-half years. They have allowed an unconstitutional government to function in the state. Removing the blindfold of the God of Justice does not mean that everything is going according to the Constitution," he said.

The Rajya Sabha MP also hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for criticising the Ladli Bahana Yojana in Jharkhand and Rajasthan, a version of

which was implemented in Maharashtra as the Ladki

Bahin Yojana. "In states where the BJP government is ruling, Modi praises the scheme. These are double standards. Women should start small industries, and should be made to stand on their own feet. People will get used to the scheme and the next government will have to do the same," he said.

Denying any dispute among the Maha Vikas Aghadi constituents, Mr Raut said the coalition will win at least 20 of 36 Assembly seats in the Mumbai region. A solution for the dispute on 4-5 seats will be found soon, he added, while asserting that Eknath Shinde will not lead Maharashtra. When asked who are the top chief ministerial contenders from the Maha Vikas Aghadi, Mr Raut said, "First, Uddhav Thackeray. Second, Uddhav Thackeray. Third, Uddhav Thackeray."

"There Was No Response To 26/11 Mumbai Terror Attack": S Jaishankar



Mumbai (KCN): External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday said that there was no response from the Indian side after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, and asserted that it won't be the case if such an incident were to recur. "We should not have a repeat of what happened in Mumbai. That there was a terror attack and there was no response," Mr Jaishankar told reporters in Mumbai.

"Mumbai is a symbol of counter-terrorism for India and the world," the minister said. When India was a member of the UN Security Council, it was

chairing the counter-terrorism committee, Mr Jaishankar said. "We held the counter-terrorism panel meeting in the same hotel that was hit by the terror attack," he added.

"People know that India is standing strong against terrorism. We are today leaders in fighting terrorism," Mr Jaishankar said.

"When we talk of zero tolerance against terror, it is clear that when somebody does something, there will be a response," he said. "We also have to expose. It is not acceptable that you are doing business during daytime and indulging in terror during the night and I have to

pretend that everything is okay.

"This India will not accept it. This is what has changed," the minister said.

"We will expose terrorism and we will act where we have to act," he added.

Jaishankar also said India and China would soon resume patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, restoring the arrangement as it was in April 2020, before the border standoff began.

"We expect to return to pre-October 31, 2020, patrolling arrangements in areas like Demchok and Depsang. This will take some time," Mr Jaishankar said.

inspiring every Indian. On this occasion, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, and other senior officers lay wreaths at the National War Memorial.

Infantry Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the landing of the 1st Battalion of the SIKH Regiment at Srinagar airfield on 27 Oct 1947 to protect the people of Jammu and Kashmir from the nefarious designs of Pakistani Kabaili Raiders aided by the Pakistan Army.

This gallant action

resulted in the foiling of Pakistan's plans to occupy Jammu and Kashmir. Infantry is also known as the "Queen of the Battle" and its history is as old as the first human war.

As per a government release, the infantry has

played a crucial role in the army in protecting the sovereignty of the nation since independence. Be it the war of 1962 with China or of 1947-48 with Pakistan, be it the war of 1965, 71, or the 1999 Kargil conflict. The contribution of

infantry in triumphing these historical wars is unparalleled.

Apart from these wars, the Counter Insurgency/Counter Terrorist Operations in North and North East, Op BLUE STAR and Op RAKSHAK in Punjab, Op PAWAN in Sri Lanka, and recently Op SNOW LEOPARD in Eastern Ladakh have been the continuous witness of the sheer professionalism and commitment of infantry which eventually led to success of these operations, an official release said.

Terrorist Hideout Busted In J&K's Poonch, 2 Grenades, 3 Pak Mines Recovered

Poonch, Jammu and Kashmir(KCN): Indian Army's Romeo Force, in a joint operation with Special Operations Group (SOG) police, busted a terror hideout in the Balnoi sector in Poonch, officials said.

According to the Poonch police, the operation that took place on Saturday led to the recovery of two grenades and three Pakistani Mines from the hideout.

Meanwhile, a search

operation was carried out in Tangmarg and several parts of Jammu and Kashmir as the Indian Army and police intensified their searches to trace the accused in terror attacks in Gulmarg, Baramulla in north Kashmir and Gagangir in the Ganderbal district of the Union Territory.

On October 24, two Army soldiers and two civilian porters were killed after terrorists attacked a military vehicle in Baramulla. Earlier on October 20, a doctor and six construction workers were killed when terrorists attacked a tunnel construction site on the Srinagar-Leh national highway in Ganderbal district. The terrorists struck as the labourers and other staff returned to their camp in Gund, Ganderbal. The incident raised serious concern as this was a targeted killing by the

terrorists. The terrorists believed to be at least two, opened fire indiscriminately on a group of labourers, which included both local and non-local people.

On Wednesday, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha directed the police to tighten security measures around key infrastructure projects and construction camps in the union territories. He further directed a security audit of infrastructure projects,

round-the-clock naks at the strategic points, night patrolling and area domination.

The Counter-Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) carried out a major operation in six districts of the Valley and caught recruiters linked to a terror outfit. The counterintelligence unit informed that the raids were conducted in districts including Srinagar, Ganderbal, Pulwama, Anantnag, Budgam, and Kulgam.

Short shrift to Subarnapur in appointment of doctors

Sonepur (KCN): Subarnapur district has received a raw deal in the appointment of doctors by the state government as the western district has only 45 doctors against the sanctioned 123 posts.

The issue assumes significance as the state government appointed 134 new doctors, Saturday in various hospitals of the state following the completion of their Post Graduation (PG) in medical science by the state Health and Family Welfare department.

However, Subarnapur district's share is zero if we make a quick check of the list of newly appointed doctors. The

state government has not appointed even a single doctor for the district sparking sharp resentment among the residents.

A new building of the district headquarters hospital was constructed at an expense of Rs100 crore at the district headquarters town Sonepur. The new seven-storey hospital building was inaugurated last February. However, healthcare service in the district is in tatters due to absence of the adequate number of doctors and nursing officers at the district headquarters hospital. Patients fail to avail proper healthcare services due to a lack of doctors.

Odisha has witnessed a change in government but the district has not seen any betterment in healthcare services. If this is the condition of the district headquarters hospital at Sonepur, then it is better not to speak of the condition of other hospitals in the district, residents alleged. Reports said that the posts of Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) and Public Health Officer (PHO) have been lying vacant since the month of May. In this situation, one could very well assume the condition of healthcare services in the DHH at Sonepur. People visiting the hospital allege that the exterior of the hospital is shining but the interior is

almost empty due to a lack of doctors and other healthcare personnel.

The DHH has 123 sanctioned posts of doctors including specialist doctors, senior consultants, senior medical officers and general duty medical officers (GDMOs). However, only 45

professionals are in the DHH. A leave training reserve medical officer (LTRMO) and senior specialist of anesthesia department are absent from their service for years but no action has been taken against them. The DHH has 81 posts of LTRMO doctors but only 24 are working. The hospital has 125 posts of sanctioned nursing staff out of which 53 posts are lying vacant. Similarly, there are several vacancies in 34 sanctioned posts of laboratory testing assistants. The new building constructed in the hospital has a modern

laboratory, operation theatre, outdoor ward, indoor wards of various departments, patient registration kiosk and a blood bank.

However, healthcare services are in shambles due to inadequate numbers of doctors and nursing officers. The hospital is daily visited by several accident victims, but the hospital has only two surgeons making it difficult to treat them.

Dr Durgadutta Dash is working as the superintendent of the DHH with the additional charge of the CDMO. Residents have demanded the state government intervene and fill up the vacant posts in the DHH on a priority basis.



Beat constables at Rourkela parks from November



Rourkela (KCN): The police administration here has finally heard the long pending demand of citizens to make the 100-odd public parks in Rourkela safe and secure.

During a recent interaction with senior police officers, IICs and members of the civil society, Rourkela SP Nitesh Wadhwan said that from the coming month (November), the beat constable concept

will be revived as the first step towards making the parks safe for visitors, especially after sundown. "They (constables) will be deployed in the parks to connect with people and address their daily concerns. They shall be available for the public during the crucial hours," Wadhwan told them, adding that stress will be laid on improving community-police relationship rather than enforcement. QR codes

will be put up at strategic points in the parks to keep tabs on the presence of the deployed personnel. "Also people can send their grievances or call them instantly by scanning the QR code. Feedback from the public would decide the performance of the cops," the SP said. He said that after the pilot launch at selected parks in November, the beat constable scheme

will be extended to other such places following a discussion with the stakeholders.

It is worth mentioning here that the parks in the city have, of late, become a haven for antisocial elements, drug addicts and alcoholics. Besides, complaints of people indulging in sexual acts in public have been received from the parks. This has made visitors, senior citizens in particular feel unsafe to use the parks, especially after sunset.

Significantly, the majority of the parks remain totally or partially dark owing to the failure of the Rourkela Municipal Corporation in providing proper illumination. Three months ago RMC Commissioner Ashutosh Kulkarni, who is also the ADM, took more than 15 public hearings, and on all those occasions the main complaints he received were about the poor lighting inside the parks. Though he promised to address the issue at the earliest, no steps were taken in that direction.

Cyclone Dana aftermath: Odisha focuses on restoration, flash floods in Balasore



Bhubaneswar / Balasore (KCN): After successfully managing Cyclone Dana with zero-casualty goal, the Odisha government is now focused on restoration efforts following significant destruction to crops, thatched houses and public infrastructure. The cyclone made landfall on Friday but has since weakened into a low-pressure system over northern Odisha.

"The well marked low pressure area over north Odisha persists. It is likely to weaken further and become insignificant during next 12 hours," the IMD said at 6.30 pm of Saturday.

Many villages in Balasore and Bhadrak districts are facing flash floods due to intense rainfall, prompting the Odisha Fire Service to rescue stranded residents. The Balasore district administration has urged those living near the Budhabalang River to shift to relief camps, as water levels have risen to 7.84 metres—above the warning level of 7.21 metres and danger level of 8.13 metres. State Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said the government is prioritising the restoration of facilities and rehabilitation for affected residents, particularly

farmers. Assessments of house and crop damages will begin once the rains stop. Electricity has been restored in about 90 per cent of the 2.24 million households in affected districts, he added. Pujari emphasised the need for accurate damage assessments to ensure that no deserving individuals are overlooked. Preliminary assessments indicate that several homes and agricultural lands have been affected across 14 districts. A central team is expected to visit soon for further damage evaluation, but the state government plans to start



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BHIM Partners with CRY for 'Meethi Diwali' campaign, Spreading Festive Joy to Underprivileged Children across India

Mumbai, 25 October 2024: NPCI BHIM Services Ltd. (NBSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has launched a campaign, 'Meethi Diwali', in association with CRY (Child Rights and You). The campaign aims to bring the sweetness of the festivities to underprivileged children across India by contributing a box of sweets for every ten transactions completed via the BHIM app.

The 'Meethi Diwali' campaign seamlessly integrates digital payments with a social cause, helping the BHIM app users to contribute to a meaningful initiative while enjoying the convenience of cashless payments. The campaign encourages the users to

participate for the cause without altering their everyday behaviour, simply by using the BHIM app for their regular payments.

On the initiative, Rahul

guarantees every transaction is an act of kindness and spreads happiness. As we celebrate with purpose, we also take pride in strengthening India's sovereign digital payment framework, building a future where technology and compassion go hand in hand."

The campaign highlights the ease and security of BHIM's UPI platform and let users contribute to a social cause that resonates with the ethos of Diwali—spreading joy, love, and togetherness. It features a captivating and colourful short film, reflecting the joy of giving in the festive season.

Handa, Chief Business Officer, NBSL, said, "BHIM is keen on making a difference in the lives of people by promoting inclusion through digital payments and beyond. The 'Meethi Diwali' campaign



Make Your Diwali Celebrations Healthy with the Goodness of Almonds

Bhubaneswar : Diwali, the vibrant festival of lights, brings loved ones together to celebrate with joy and delight. However, this festive time often leads to overindulgence in sugary treats, fried snacks, and carb-heavy foods. Making smart food choices, such as incorporating nutritious options like almonds, is an effective way to enjoy the festivities without compromising on health. Almonds are packed with 15 essential nutrients, including protein, calcium, zinc, dietary fiber, and magnesium, offering numerous health benefits

that help promote overall well-being. Being protein dense, almonds support muscle growth and maintenance. Additionally, consuming a handful of almonds can help regulate blood sugar levels by reducing the impact of carbohydrate foods that they are eaten with, which affects fasting insulin levels.

Sheela Krishnaswamy, Nutrition and Wellness Consultant said, "Diwali is a time of joy and celebration, but it's essential to balance cravings with mindful choices. Instead of sugary treats that can spike blood

sugar levels, opt for healthier alternatives. Festive dishes can be made more nutritious by incorporating ingredients like almonds, replacing refined sugar with natural sweeteners like dates, and making simple swaps. A handful of almonds can also help reduce the blood sugar impact of carbohydrate foods that they are eaten with, positively influencing fasting insulin levels. By making small, smart choices, you can enjoy Diwali while prioritizing your well-being."

These nuts are also rich in vitamin E, a nutrient

known for its anti-aging properties that promote skin health. In fact, traditional texts from Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani highlight the role of almonds in enhancing skin glow, making them a perfect choice for festive celebrations. Additionally, almonds are heart-healthy and may lower total and LDL cholesterol levels when included in a healthy diet, reducing levels of heart-damaging inflammation.

Overall, whether enjoyed whole, sliced, or blended into dishes, almonds contribute to healthier festive gatherings while

adding an exciting twist to traditional Diwali recipes.

Bollywood celebrity and actress Soha Ali Khan said, "Diwali is a time for celebrating the joy of togetherness with family and friends. While the festivities bring us closer, they can also be made healthier by opting for wholesome treats. That's why I always make a conscious effort to replace high-sugar, carb-rich ingredients with healthy, and protein-packed options like almonds in all festive dishes."

The initial public offering of Rs. 56.10 crore, comprises of a fresh issue of 44.88 lakh equity shares of face value Rs. 10 each. Company has finalized price band of Rs. 121-125 per equity share for the public issue. The minimum lot size for retail investors is 1,000 shares amounting to minimum investment of Rs 1,25,000 at the upper price band of Rs. 125 per share. Retail investor quota for the IPO is kept at not less than 35% of the net offer, HNI quota is kept at not less than 15% of the offer and QIB portion is kept at not more than 50% of the offer.

Incorporated in the year 2011, Aeron Composite Ltd is engaged in the business of manufacturing and supplying of Fiber Glass Reinforce Polymer

Products i.e. FRP products including FRP Pultruded Products, FRP Moulded Gratings & FRP Rods tailored for various industrial applications. FRP product is a composite material consisting of a polymer matrix (resins) reinforced with fibers such as fiberglass, carbon or aramid. This combination offers benefits, including corrosion resistance, chemical resistance, high strength, lightweight properties, electrical and thermal non-conductivity, and ease of fabrication. Company provides comprehensive solution which includes conceptual design, prototype development, testing, manufacturing, logistic support, installation and after sales service. The company's manufacturing facility certified by ISO 9001:2015 is located in Saket Industrial Estate at Changodar, Ahmedabad and is spread over 26,320 square metres. The manufacturing facility is certified for the design, manufacture and supply of FRP pultruded products, FRP Handrails, FRP cable trays, FRP fencing, FRP moulded gratings, FRP Cross arm, FRP poles, FRP rods and module mounting structures for solar panels (MMS). Company exports to more than 30 countries. Company has reported excellent operational and financial performance over years. The Company has witnessed a multi-fold growth in revenue and profitability over the years. For FY23-24 (till February, 2024), company has reported net profit of Rs. 9.42 crore (PAT Margin 5.26%), EBITDA

of Rs. 14.27 crore (EBITDA margin 7.97%) and revenue from operations of Rs. 179.14 crore. For Full year of FY2022-23, company had reported net profit of Rs. 6.61 crore (PAT Margin 3.69%), EBITDA of Rs. 9.82 crore (EBITDA margin 5.48%) and revenue from operations of Rs. 179.38 crore.

As on February 2024, Net Worth of the company was reported at Rs. 34.78 crore, Reserves & Surplus at Rs. 33.21 crore and Asset base of Rs. 99.79 crore. As on Feb 2024, ROE of the company was 31.33%, ROCE at 29.67% and RONW at 27.09% with a healthy debt/equity ratio of 0.35 times. Promoter Group shareholding in the company will be 73.63% post the public issue. Shares of the company will be listed on NSE's Emerge platform.

PARADEEP PHOSPHATES LIMITED INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN

Mumbai: Paradeep Phosphates Limited (The "Company") to open its initial public offering (the "Offer") on May 17, 2022. The Anchor Investor Bid/Offer Period is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, May 13, 2022.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed at ₹39 per Equity Share to ₹42 per Equity Share of face of ₹10 each. Bids can be made for a minimum of 350 Equity Shares and in multiples of 350 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Issue offer comprises (i) fresh issue of equity shares face value ₹10 each share aggregating to ₹10,040

million (The "Fresh Issue") and (ii) Offer for Sale up to 118,507,493 equity shares by Promoter Selling Shareholders and GoI Selling Shareholder (The "Offer for Sale").

The Company intends to utilise net proceeds from fresh issue towards (i) Part-financing the acquisition of the Goa Facility; (ii) Repayment/prepayment of certain of our borrowings; and (iii) General corporate purposes. The offer for sale comprises of up to 6,018,493 equity shares by ZuariMaroc Phosphates Private Limited and up to 112,489,000 equity shares by The President of India, acting through

the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India. (The "Promoter Selling Shareholders" and GoI Selling Shareholder)

The Equity Shares offered in this Offer are proposed to be listed on both BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

Axis Capital Limited, ICICI Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the Offer.

Sunstone expands its presence in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar : Sunstone, one of India's leading higher education service providers with presence across 25 cities in 30+ institutions, expanded its network of campuses with the onboarding of Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM)

is duly recognized as a pioneer in 'Skill Integrated Higher Education'. Its unique model lays specific emphasis on creating sustainable livelihoods on a national scale in challenging geographies.

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With this addition, Sunstone advantage would now be available with B.Com, BCA, B.Tech, MBA-

Maritime Management, BBA-Health Care Management, MBA-Health Care Management and MBA courses offered by Centurion University.

Experian launches new cloud-based decisioning solution -PowerCurve® Strategy Management

MUMBAI: Experian, the world's leading global information services company, has launched a new PowerCurve® Strategy Management solution, a powerful decisioning solution delivered as software-as-a-service via cloud. The solution is designed to help organisations leverage data and make faster, secure, and informed business decisions.

PowerCurve® is a unified platform that helps businesses understand and leverage their data across the entire customer life cycle.

Neeraj Dhawan, Managing Director, Experian India, says: "Financial institutions in India are looking for more agile and scalable decisioning solutions. To fulfil their needs, we have come up with a comprehensive suite of solutions to help businesses make better decisions and stay one step ahead."

NTPC Bongaigaon Signs MoA with Assam Cancer Care Foundation to Launch Cancer Care Project in Kokrajhar



Kokrajhar(KCN): In a significant step towards enhancing healthcare in the region, NTPC Bongaigaon as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Assam Cancer Care Foundation (ACCF) to launch a comprehensive cancer care project in Kokrajhar district. This initiative, valued at ₹32.7 lakhs, is designed to address the growing cancer burden in Assam by providing last-mile outreach of preventive and diagnostic care to approximately 42,000 people across various villages.

The MoA signing ceremony, held on 27th August 2024, was led by Shri Akhilesh Singh,

Head of Project, NTPC Bongaigaon. The MoA was signed by Shri Onkar Nath, AGM (HR), NTPC Bongaigaon on behalf of NTPC Bongaigaon and Dr. Major General J P Prasad, CEO, Assam Cancer Care Foundation(ACCF) on behalf of Assam Cancer Care Foundation.

Speaking at the event, Shri Akhilesh Singh praised the Assam Cancer Care Foundation for their remarkable efforts in cancer detection, treatment, and prevention. He expressed confidence that this project will bring significant benefits to the people of Kokrajhar, providing much-needed

healthcare services and support. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Subrata Chanda, Head of Cancer Care and Research, Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Dr. Nirmal Singha, Medical Superintendent, Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Shri Asutosh Biswas, GM (Operation), Shri Deepayan Paul, CMO, NTPC Bongaigaon, Shri Roshan Dungdung, DGM (HR), Shri Madhurjya Singha Lahkar, Sr. Manager (HR-Corporate Communication), Smt Aditya Thakuri, Executive (CSR) along with officials from NTPC Team.

The cancer care project spearheaded by NTPC Bongaigaon and ACCF for the first time will encompass four Block

Primary Health Centers (BPHCs) and approximately 80 Health and Wellness Centers (HCWs) in Kokrajhar District. The project will focus on several key areas, including the early detection of cancer, particularly oral, breast, and cervical cancers, through door-to-door preliminary screenings conducted by ASHAs. The initiative also includes awareness and sensitization sessions aimed at healthcare workers and the general public to educate them about cancer, its risk factors, and the availability of government schemes. Additionally, home-based palliative care will be provided to cancer patients, ensuring that they receive the necessary support within the comfort of their homes.

A vital aspect of the project is ensuring that confirmed cancer patients are linked to existing government schemes, providing them access to cashless treatment and reimbursement facilities. This approach is designed to significantly reduce the financial burden on patients and their families, easing the strain of out-of-pocket expenses. Moreover, the project will strengthen the public healthcare system by extending the reach of government healthcare schemes to the most remote areas, ensuring that all patients receive the care they need.

Need to find ways of scoring runs to put bowlers under pressure: Rohit Sharma

New Delhi: Rohit Sharma admitted that his side didn't bat well in the first innings of the Pune Test and that a deficit of over 100 on a tricky surface ultimately proved to be too huge to surmount a turnaround. India slipped to their first Test series loss at home in 12 years on Saturday (October 26) with another failure in this game fuelling talks of a decline in batting standards against spin.

While the Indian captain steered clear of indulging in hyperboles or finger-pointing, he did admit that there was a need to consider varied means of countering spin - something the visiting batters managed to do so. "We didn't bat well in the first innings. We got only 150 [156] and the batters do understand that they failed to respond to that pressure, that challenge of playing on whatever pitch," Rohit said after the 113-run loss in Pune.

"The pitch was not bad at all. We just didn't play

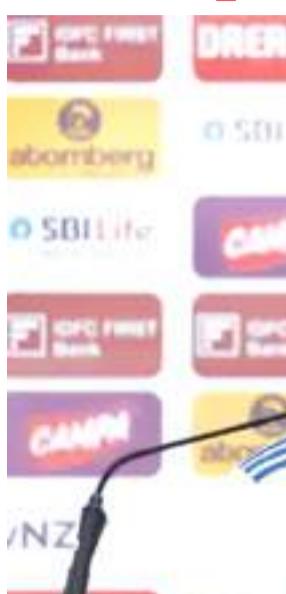
well enough to get closer to that first inning score of theirs. And then obviously with 100 [103] runs behind, we always knew that it is going to be challenging whatever score we have to get. Because as the game went on, the pitch started behaving slightly differently.

"And then, yeah, 350 to get, we knew that the mindset that we had was wanting to get those runs. We had a great partnership with [Yashasvi] Jaiswal and [Shubman] Gill in the middle. But again, then we lost wickets, quickly after that. And then obviously we knew that the game was slipping out of our hands. And we failed to respond to that pressure."

Elaborating on redirecting the pressure applied by Mitchell Santner & Co., Rohit admitted that the batters needed to find different scoring options - both in front and behind square - in order to manipulate

the field and ease the stranglehold the opposition spinners can create. This topic came into prominence earlier this year after Ollie Pope swept and reverse-swept England to a famous win in Hyderabad. While India's batters found their own ways to push back the England threat in the remainder of that series, they were unable to do so on a pitch with substantial purchase for spin.

"You have to look to get runs also and that's how you try and put the bowlers under pressure," Rohit said. "Like I just mentioned about New Zealand batters, they were trying to do different things and it worked very well for them. Because they were trying to do different things and put bowlers under pressure and in that process, there is a good chance that the bowlers will try and do different things, misread the length, and that works in the opposition's favour and that is exactly what



happened.

"That's one thing that we wanted to do as a team. Try and play paddle, reverse, sweep. Because when you do those kind of things, they have to take one extra man from the front and put it behind. And that allows you to then play straighter and hit those gaps. And that is what New Zealand did. They exploited that fielders, they played that reverse and sweep and paddle, which meant we had to



put the fielders behind square.

"And that allowed them to then play with a straighter bat as well. We have been talking about that for a while, of sweeping and reverse sweeping and stuff like that.

"Because when you are playing on pitches like this, where the odd ball turns, the odd ball comes with the arm, you have to find options to do different things. And then when you play with that field a little bit, it allows

So yeah, it depends on every batter that is in the middle to take that call. Whether it is doing that or whether it is going down the ground, stepping out and playing with your soft hand, pushing the ball in the gap, all those things. So that is what I think overall, if I look at the last 10-15 Test matches that we played in India, we did that. We were not able to do it in these two games."

The Indian captain also came out in defence of his two ace spinners, Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, who were off colour in the Test and outbowled by Santner in particular, who found the right variety in speeds and trajectories for the surface and more importantly kept the stumps in play enough to walk away with a rich match haul of 13 for 158. "There is too much expectation on those two guys. Every game they play, they are expected to take wickets, they are expected to run through the opposition.

'We wanted to fire a shot first up and I certainly think we've done that in both games'

New Delhi: Adam Gilchrist and Alastair Cook have company in the form of Tom Latham in the rather exclusive list of captains to have won a Test series in India in the 21st century. Conquering a nearly invincible side at home will have a rightful place in the sport's history. And rightly so, the captain of New Zealand was a proud man at the end of the third day in Pune.

"I'm still at a loss for words a little bit. It's obviously an immensely proud moment for this group," said beaming Latham. "Coming off the back of a Sri Lankan series where we didn't get the results that we wanted to come here and play the style of cricket that we've played... We're obviously immensely proud to be in the position of winning two Test matches here. A lot of New Zealand teams have come here over the past 69 years, I think it is, and 13 series. To be the first team to win a series over here is



immensely special and very proud of this group," said Latham.

It was important that New Zealand stuck to their guns even after the defeat in Sri Lanka, felt Latham. He was keen on firing the opening salvo as he admitted. "We've come here and we've wanted to compete and we've wanted to fire a shot first up and I certainly think we've done that in both games, obviously with the ball in the first game but also with the bat here, being able to put first innings runs on the board has been really important and obviously the bowlers

went to work over the last couple of days which has been very pleasing to see," he quipped.

Mitchell Santner finished with match-figures of 13 for 157 was a constant presence across the two days when New Zealand bowled, and earned a pat on the back from his captain. "He did a fantastic job, I think obviously the wickets that he got but I think it will go unnoticed the amount of overs he bowled back to back. I think Will [O'Rourke] bowled one over with the new ball from that end and Mitch bowled the rest.

"Someone like that to come and bowl that amount of overs to keep being a threat for that amount of time... I kept trying to take him off but he kept taking a wicket, so I said you can keep going," said the happy captain and added, "But I can't praise him enough in terms of what he's done this game."

New Zealand ended up outplaying India with the bat as well, particularly so in the first innings. "From our batting point of view that's all we wanted to do was try to put them under pressure I think we saw a slightly different way that we played yesterday just being a little bit more attacking. We tried to counteract any punch that they threw at us whether it was around the wicket or over the wicket or different field changes." So obviously it's pleasing that we're in that position where they might have found it a little bit hard. We've certainly been on that side of things before when we've come to these parts of the

world where anything you do doesn't work and you do feel under pressure so it's obviously a nice position to be in when you put a score or you get a lead of what we did," he said and credited the preparation done for the series. "Nothing prepares you like playing hard Test cricket and I think that was a really important thing for us - being in Sri Lanka beforehand just understanding conditions a little bit more. Even though they're different they are similar in terms of playing a lot of spin trying to find ways to be successful in these conditions. So I think that certainly helped." We try to leave no stone unturned in terms of what we're going to get. We've been to these parts of the world before and guys understand how they want to approach things and the approach may have looked slightly different in terms of trying to be a little bit more attacking and put India under a little bit of pressure. So I think that was very pleasing."

New Delhi: MS Dhoni has cleared the air over his participation in the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League (IPL), and a relieved Chennai Super Kings are not wasting any time to confirm that their talisman will indeed be playing in the coming season. "When he is ready, what else (do) we want. We are happy," franchise CEO Kasi Viswanathan told Cricbuzz on Saturday. Viswanathan's assertion comes a day after Dhoni said he is looking forward to enjoying his cricket in the few years that are left in his career. "I just want to enjoy whatever last few years of cricket I am able to play," Dhoni was quoted as saying to TOI. "When you play cricket like a professional sport, it becomes difficult to enjoy it just like a game. That's what I want to do. It's not easy." The emotions keep coming, the commitments are there. I want to enjoy the game for the next few years. I have to keep myself fit for nine months, so that I can play two and a half months of IPL. You need to plan it out, but at the same time chill a bit."

Although Dhoni's decision, rather

announced, was widely on the expected lines, CSK officials had been maintaining that they were waiting for the final confirmation from him. They have been insisting that they expected to hear his decision by October 28. With Dhoni's intentions now clear, the franchise will soon make its final retention decisions. Viswanathan confirmed that Dhoni will call N Srinivasan, the franchise owner, in the coming days to finalise the list of players to be retained. Dhoni, of course, will come in the uncapped category, impacting the auction price by a mere INR 4 crore. It's given that Ravindra Jadeja will be the No. 1 retention, followed by Ruturaj Gaikwad. Matheesh Pathirana, essentially a CSK product, is believed to have agreed to be the No. 3 retention, with his manager finalising the deal in Chennai last week. Among Shivam Dube, Devon Conway, and uncapped player Sameer Rizvi, two should be retained. The final selections will be confirmed in the upcoming conversation between Srinivasan and Dhoni, who is expected to return to Ranchi from Goa within the next few days.



Evin Lewis ton earns consolation win for WI

New Delhi: Evin Lewis hit four sixes and nine fours on his way to a 61-ball 102 that earned West Indies a consolation win in the third ODI against Sri Lanka in yet another rain-truncated fixture in Pallekele. Complementing Lewis's ton was Sherfane Rutherford with a 26-ball 50. Sri Lanka posted 156 for 3 in the 23-overs-a-side fixture, leaving West Indies to chase a mammoth 195 on the basis of DLS method. Sri

Lanka got rid of Brandon King and Shai Hope but Lewis and King blitzed their way to a win with an over and eight wickets to spare. Compared to how Sri Lanka finished, their start could be considered sedate as openers Avishka Fernando and Pathum Nissanka took the team to 47 for 0 in 10 overs. Nissanka made the most of the chance offered to him in the first over when Brandon King couldn't hold onto a tough

chance at first slip, to push Sri Lanka along. Even as the threat of rain loomed the two openers solidified Sri Lanka's essay, taking them to 81 for 0 in 17 overs. On the first ball of the 18th over, Fernando gave Roston Chase a return catch after which the players were forced indoors as rain arrived. It kept the players indoors for nearly the next five hours, before they were out to play the truncated fixture. Kusal Mendis took the

change as an invitation to take risks as he hit Chase for four successive fours in the same over. While Nissanka got to his fifty, Mendis flew from the other end. He carted nine fours and a six in his 22-ball 56 as Sri Lanka added 75 runs in the 5.4 overs after the rain break. The re-calculated target left West Indies with a mountain to climb and were perhaps staring at a 3-0 series defeat. West Indies started well behind the asking rate

through King and Lewis before the former hit a delivery from Asitha Fernando to the deep square leg fielder in the sixth over. Lewis and Shai Hope dragged West Indies to 76 for 1 in 10 overs and were still way behind the eight-ball. In the 12th over, Lewis got to a 34-ball 50 even as the game started to slip away from the visitors' grasp. Things slipped further as Hope's laboured stay was then brought to an end in the

15th over by Dilshan Madushanka - a wicket that inadvertently gave West Indies the shot in the arm they needed as Rutherford joined Lewis. The pair dragged Sri Lanka to 125 for 2 in 17 overs, with the equation now reading: 70 runs off 36 balls. The pair slowly but surely turned the screws on Sri Lanka from here as they hit a six to move into the 90s and take the game by the scruff of its neck. 15 off 12 was swiftly reduced to 5 off 7 as

Rutherford tonked another six over long-on in the 22nd over from Fernando. Lewis then fittingly finished the game with a straight six that also earned him his exceptional century. Brief Scores: Sri Lanka 156/3 in 23 overs (Pathum Nissanka 56, Kusal Mendis 56; Sherfane Rutherford 1-27) lost to West Indies 196/2 in 22 overs (Evin Lewis 102*, Sherfane Rutherford 50*) by 8 wickets (DLS Method)