



Late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's 26th Death Anniversary was celebrated at Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. Mr Prasad Harichandan, President, PCC, Mr Niranjana Patnaik Ex-President, PCC, Dr. Ramachandra Khuntia, Secretary, AICC, Prof. S. N. Pasupalk, VC, OUAT, Sri Suresh Mantri, Retd IAS and Chief Coordinator, The Samaja, Dr. Pabitra Mohan Samantray, Editor, Paryabekhyak and The Kalinga Chronicle, Satyabrata Nayak, President and Padmakar Guru, secretary, Odisha Rajiv Gandhi Student Forum were present. 100 more students of different colleges and universities were being felicitated with Rajiv Gandhi Chhatra Prativa Sanman.

# BJP an empty vessel Prasad slams BJD Govt.

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** BJP is certainly the Enemy Number One for the Governing BJD in Odisha. This has been concluded when the BJD MPs, MLAs, Ministers and senior leaders speak out their mind at a function held here marking the completion of three years of the Naveen Patnaik Government's fourth term. Though Naveen himself did not take name of the BJP, his party colleagues came down heavily on the saffron party dubbing it as "empty vessel" that sounds much in the state

politics. Many leaders rooted in nook and corner of the state were of the view that BJP has been exaggerating its political achievement after the panchayat elections. Though Congress used to be the main opposition party in the state, the BJP all of a sudden took the place after it captured 297 zilla parishad seats while the country's oldest party could manage to get only 60 ZP seats. The BJD leaders were not worried over BJP taking 297 ZP seats. They have

been severely hit over the saffron party's campaign and spread of "false hood." Though Naveen Patnaik did not take name of BJP, he during his address to the party leaders said: "Some parties are engaged in miscampaign while the BJD keep itself busy in development al work. We believe in work and not in campaign." Naveen also said that some parties are working for the benefit of their parties and not for the interest of the state. However, Naveen has given a clear message that people

hold the key and they have strengthened BJD over the years and by elections. "The BJD has been strengthened by the people who have voted for us in successive elections in last 17 years. We need to reinforce this relationship with them. The party will launch a special programme to connect with people from July 1," Naveen said. Stating that his party is open to professionals and intellectual joining it, Patnaik invited the youths to work for the party as "Biju Sathi". While Naveen launched a veiled at-

tack against the opposition BJP, his senior party colleagues like MP Tathagat Satpathy, BJD vice-president AU Singh Deo, Damodar Rout and Prasanna Acharya were highly critical of the BJP. "We need to take a clear stand on the BJP," said Dhenkanal MP Tathagat Satpathy and claimed that the word "Naveen Patnaik" fetches votes in Odisha. Rajya Sabha MP and BJD vice-president A U Singh Deo blamed Centre for its callous **See page -7**

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Odisha Pradesh Congress President Prasad Harichandan today slammed the BJD Government for its 'failure' on various fronts. Mr. Harichandan told Media Men that the Governing Party had no reasons to rejoice as it has failed on fronts such as drinking water, rural electrification, free power for agriculture, improving educational and health infrastructure among a host of issues. "The State Government had uninterrupted stint of 6282 days since 2000. This period is sufficient to take the State forward. But what has the Government given to the people of the State in the past 17 years," he asked. PCC Chief said the BJD Government has been embroiled in whopping Rs 10,000 crore flat and land scam, the fiasco during the Nabakalebar festival in 2015, farmers suicides across the State, the infamous Dana Majhi episode of Kalahandi and death of children in Japanese Encephalitis in Malkangiri,



and the children's deaths in the tribal science stream in State which depicts the poor dominated Nagada due to malnutrition. "The time has come when people of the State will seek an explanation from the Government as it had buried the people with tall promises during the last State Assembly and General Election in 2014", Mr. Harichandan The woes of the small chit fund investors is yet to be addressed, Mr. Harichandan said adding, only 27 students scored over 90 per cent in the plus 2 academic standard of the students. "Over 41, 288 schools in State lack rooms for each class while over 45,000 school do not have even one teachers for each class," the Congress Chief added. However, Information and Public Relation Minister Bikram Keshari Arukha refuted the allegation saying that the Government has been working to fulfill the promises it made to the people of the State.

# Naveen in reforms Modi

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Little did the hot and humid condition hovering around 45 degree Celsius could deter Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik from making an on-the-spot verification of the construction work at Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital at Baripada, the district headquarters of tribal dominated Mayurbhanj district. Naveen was also seen at the State Legislative Assembly at 3 PM when the House elected Speaker Pradip Kumar Amat. The 71-year-old Biju Janata Dal President was active and proved his critics wrong that he suffered from various ailments.

The sudden change in attitude has surprised many including rival BJP which had concluded that the younger son of Biju Patnaik has already slipped into slumber. However, there should be no surprise for political observers who have seen Naveen from the close quarters. He is very sensitive towards elections and therefore, has returned to power four times in a row.

Naveen never considers any election -- be it cooperative, urban or local poll -- a small one. However, his mistake this time was that he preferred to take rest during the panchayat polls, resulting in BJD losing about 180 Zilla Parishad seats. The saffron party has taken maximum mileage out of the panchayat polls with Prime Minister Narendra Modi beating the party's drum in far Uttar Pradesh

during electioneering. And this has hit Naveen who has gone on the reform mode, both in the party and in the government. Within 90 days of the panchayat polls, Naveen has totally changed the face of the government. The man, who does not allow anyone to put vermilion on his forehead in functions, chose to take selfie with students and younger elements. The change of attitude in Naveen

came when his elder sister Gita Mehta was by his side. She took her brother "Papu" to a book shop and encouraged him to mingle with people. Since then Naveen has apparently taken a pledge to reform party, government and also himself. He knows it very well that he alone is the star campaigner for BJD. BJP has Modi, Shah and a series of leaders including Chief Ministers, Union Ministers and others. But for BJD, it is Naveen alone who is the sole attraction. Naveen has, by now, understood that there must be reforms to meet the growing challenges posed by the saffron brigade. The Chief Minister for the first time during his 17-year rule changed 10 ministers and inducted an equal number to the ministry; even the Speaker of the Assembly was changed as part of the exercise. The young brigade comprising Arun Sahu, Sanjay **See page -7**



# Three BJP councillors 'not appointed' yet

**New Delhi(KCN)** The three new BJP MCD councillors who last Tuesday attended "samman samaroh"— an event hosted by Union Sports Minister Vijay Goel to welcome the new councillors into the political system — have approached Sangh leaders and the BJP central leadership alleging that their appointments have been stalled. The councillors have requested the party top brass to resolve

the matter soon. Sources in the party have alleged that besides that of Jai Prakash, Shikha Rai and Santosh Pal, appointment letters of all other councillors have been issued. All councillors, barring the three, have taken oath as well. One of the three councillors was supposed to be appointed for the post of Leader of House. Sources said the three might have landed in trouble with the BJP state

leadership as Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari had reportedly told the councillors to give Goel's event a miss. One of the three councillors said that while they have got no written communication yet, the fact that their appointment letters have not been issued shows that the state leadership thought of "punishing them for their allegiance to Goel". Tiwari, meanwhile, could not be contacted for a comment.

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**Gigi and Bella Hadid join anti-Trump rally**

**NEW YORK (K-CN):** Models and sisters Gigi and

Trump's ban on entry of citizens from seven Mus-

Mohamed Hadid is Jordanian-American, Muslim and of

no fear, immigrants are welcome here", reports

up a sign which read: "We are all Hindus, Buddhists,

denomination written in the protest sign were highlighted to spell out: "We are all humans."

Bella flashed her tummy in a cream coloured knit turtleneck which cropped above her pants. She donned a pair of skin-tight jeans and sneakers.

Gigi sported a cropped pair of denim with a red stripe on the sides, completing her look with a red puffer jacket. They were joined by their mum Yolanda Hadid at the rally.

It's not the first time Gigi has expressed her political views. Earlier, she voiced her support for a Women's March in Washington.



Bella Hadid took to the streets here against US President Donald

lim-majority countries. The sisters, whose father

Palestinian descent, were seen at the Battery Park shouting "No hate,

aceshowbiz.com When marching down a blocked-off roadway, they held

Muslims, Atheists, Christians, Jews." Certain key letters from each

**Actors Samantha, Chaitanya get engaged**

Actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Chaitanya Akkineni got engaged in a private ceremony in Hyderabad on Sunday. Actor Nagarjuna took to Twitter to announce the good news about his son Chaitanya saying: "#Chaisam It's official now. My mother is my daughter now.

Couldn't be happier!! more pics to come" (sic) a few hours after the event. The actor was hinting at Samantha (who



played his mother in the Akkineni family magnum opus Manam in 2014), turning his daughter once she steps into the household as his eldest daughter-in-law. He shared photographs of the couple exchanging rings and a family photograph too, featuring the new couple, his younger son Akhil Akkineni and soon to be daughter-in-law Shriya Bhupal, along with wife Amala. The date for the high-profile wedding is yet to announced.

**Sunny Leone is the perfect seductress in 'Laila main Laila'**

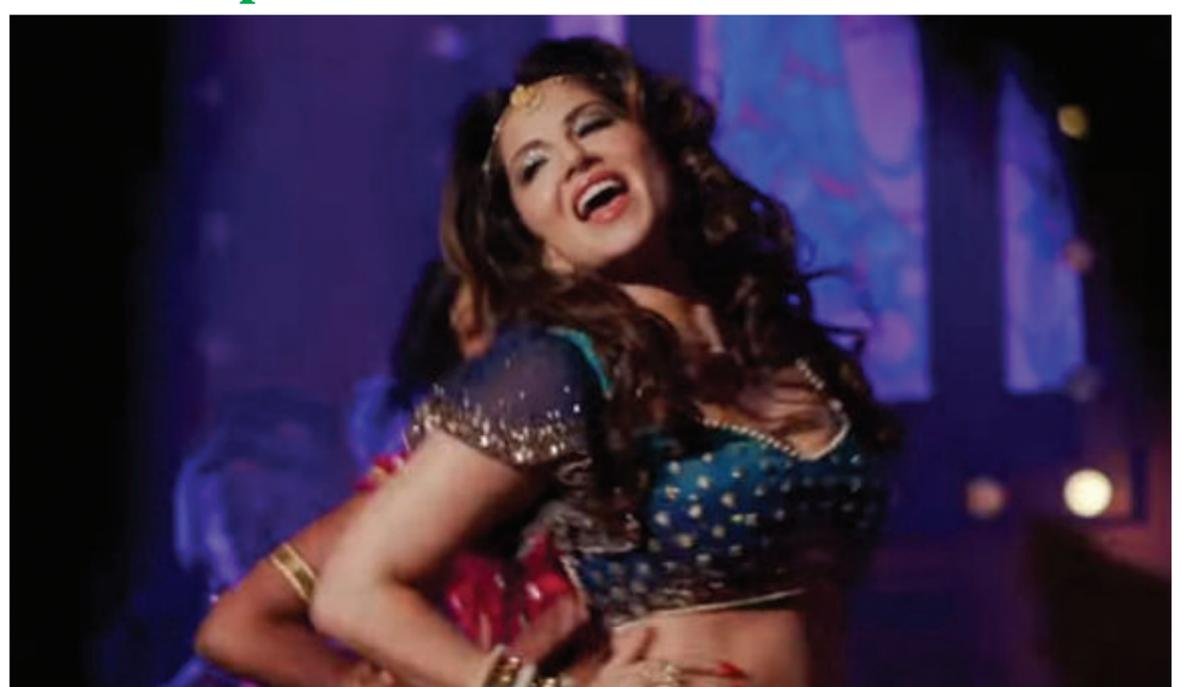
**NEW DELHI (K-CN):**Sunny Leone's much-awaited song from 'Raees' is out and it has all the ingredients to make it to the top of every chartbuster!

From Sunny's sexy dance moves to Shah Rukh Khan's killer looks, the remixed version of Zeenat Aman's 'Laila O Laila' is sure to make you groove.

Set in a dance bar, it seems the song is an important part of the development of SRK's character of a liquor baron in Gujarat.

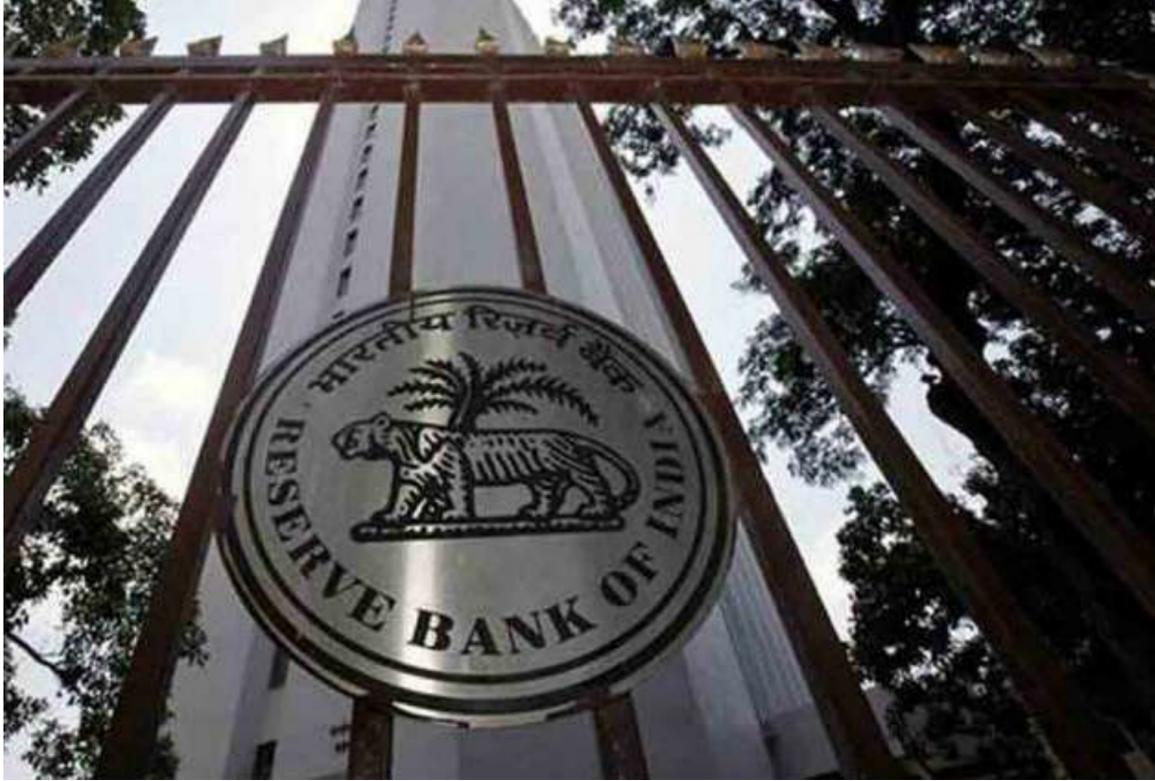
The 70's classic rendition has been re-created by Ram Sampath and sung by Pawni Kalyan.

Directed by Rahul Dholakia, 'Raees' is all set to release on January 25 next year.



# RBI outlines action plan to implement ordinance to tackle bad loans

The Reserve Bank of India on Monday dealing with bad loans. Following this, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said after the ordinance empowering the RBI was passed. For loans of more than Rs 100 crore to a corporate group, lenders are required to form a JLF to decide on the course of resolution of loans. The RBI can also set up multiple oversight committees to aid banks in resolving stressed loans, as per the ordinance.



said it would reconstitute and expand the oversight committee to deal with increasing bad loans, and had sought information from banks regarding the current status of large stressed assets, reported news agency PTI. The central bank outlined the action plan for implementing bank-

Earlier this month, President Pranab Mukherjee signed an ordinance to amend the Banking Regulation Act, that would empower the central bank to specifically direct banks to initiate the process of resolving and winding up petitions against defaulting companies under the Bankruptcy Code.

Jaitley said the government was moving towards changing the "status quo" on the issue of non-performing assets or NPAs. "Depending on the decision taken by the bankruptcy board or the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), the call will be taken on whether to revive a stressed

official said after the ordinance empowering the RBI was passed. For loans of more than Rs 100 crore to a corporate group, lenders are required to form a JLF to decide on the course of resolution of loans. The RBI can also set up multiple oversight committees to aid banks in resolv-

Since these committees will be set up by the RBI and ratify resolution of any particular account, bankers working on such cases will have the comfort that they will not face any investigative backlash in future on their decisions to resolve bad loans through haircuts in values.

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approach and said Naveen Patnaik is synonymous with "Development of Odisha"

BJD MP Prasanna Acharya dubbed the BJP as an "empty vessel" which makes noise over a small achievement in the panchayat elections. In fact, they have no base in the state while BJD is deeply rooted across the state, Mr. Acharya said.

Senior Minister and BJD vice-president Damodar Rout said, "BJP was taught a lesson by the people of Odisha in 2014 general elections. While people sent 20 BJD MPs to Lok Sabha, BJP got only one seat. Similarly, the people elected 117 BJD MLAs against the BJP's just 10."

Dr. Rout supported Mr. Acharya's narration on the BJP. "In fact, empty vessel sounds much. The BJP people make more noise as they are empty within," Dr. Rout said.

The function was attended by all the senior BJD leaders, MPs, MLAs and others. The party also chalked out a strategy to launch the "Mo Gaon, Ama Vikas (My village, Our Development)" programme.

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Dasburma, Pranab Prakash Das, Pushpendra Singhdeo and others were thrown out of the ministry overnight.

This time, however, Naveen proved smart and young leaders had no option but to tender resignation. They were left confused and angry over the development. Naveen thanked them for tendering resignation, thus paving way for the reshuffle.

Naveen, of late, realized that the young leaders have earned criticism for the government which was one of the prime factors behind BJD's loss of 180 Zilla Parishad seats.

Sudam Marandi was representing Mayurbhanj in the ministry and accumulation of resentment against him was considered a factor behind BJD's loss in the tribal dominated district. Had the people not cautioned BJD through panchayat polls, Naveen would not have been able to realize the fact. "Thanks the people who have given an opportunity to undertake course correction ahead of the general elections in 2019," Naveen said in his reaction.

Naveen, who was often criticized for not holding a press conference, has also tried to prove critics wrong. He has started replying queries of the reporters while briefing them though he is yet to hold a formal press conference. He needs to meet media persons frequently as this is the only way to counter BJP.

Naveen, political observers say, is not worried about Congress which lacked strategy to stop him. The fact that disturbs Naveen is that BJP, now all powerful with no dearth of money and men, is going to concentrate on Odisha. The Letter of Permission (LoP) for Pandit Raghunath Murmu Medical College and Hospital, Baripada is an instance where Naveen outsmarted the saffron brigade led by

the Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the face of BJP in the State.

BJD leader and Health Minister Pratap Jena alleged that the medical college at Baripada was not given LoP at the instance of BJP leaders even though the Medical Council of India (MCI) accorded permission to Koraput medical college with similar infrastructure. Naveen has won the first round by taking shelter of Supreme Court mandated committee.

Thanks to Odisha's Health and Family Welfare Secretary P K Meherda who realized that not Union Government, but the SC mandated committee could come to the rescue of the State. Dr. Meherda knows his subject well and he played his cards smartly to help out the State Government.

As Naveen's reform journey marches ahead, people in BJP, particularly Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, has started showing frustration. "We want that the Baripada Medical College produce good doctors and not Munna Bhai MBBS," Mr. Pradhan said which indicated the frustration of the BJP leader.

Mayurbhanj has given maximum mileage to BJP in the panchayat polls. Therefore, BJP should ensure that the medical college at Baripada excel. Now, under changed circumstances, Naveen appears unstoppable. He has taken a hard decision and removed senior MP Bajjayant Panda from the post of BJD's Parliamentary party spokesman and sent Pratap Kesari Deb to Rajya Sabha to keep a vigil on the Parliamentary party. And Mr. Deb is being groomed as the MP candidate for Kendrapara! BJD Supremo and Chief Minister is on reform path. We can watch that more heads will roll and those who are liability for the party and Government will have to swallow the sugar coated bitter pill.

# Anti-profiteering under GST: Rules in the works to check unfair pricing before rollout

The government has begun discussions to bring rules pertaining to the anti-profiteering provision under Goods and Services Tax (GST) to ensure that companies benefiting from tax reduction ensure a commensurate lowering of prices for the consumer. The revenue department is likely to finalise the rules pertaining to anti-profiteering closer to the GST rollout date of July 1, a senior government official said.

"The tax department is considering bringing in rules for anti-profiteering. Even though it may take some time to put the machinery in place for anti-profiteering after GST rollout, the rules will

rollout. "Companies will benefit from the input tax credit and removal of the cascading impact of taxation under GST. So, they should ensure that consumers also reap those benefits," the official said.

The CGST law provides that any reduction in rate of tax on any supply of goods or services, or the benefit of input tax credit shall be passed on to the recipient (consumer) by way of a commensurate reduction in prices.

On Friday, after the fourteenth GST Council meeting, Revenue Secretary Hasmukh Adhia had said that even if the machinery for anti-profiteering takes

effective tax incidence under GST remains lower than the existing total effective tax incidence at present and therefore, companies should pass the benefit of gains from input tax credit to consumers.

Last month, the government had said that it hoped not to use the anti-profiteering clause much and it is meant to apply only during a short transitional period. The anti-profiteering clause is meant to be a deterrent and will be triggered only if there is a credible complaint, Adhia had said last month.

The industry has raised concerns about the anti-profiteering clause in GST laws, saying that it is open to misuse and subject-



be finalised by the implementation date," the official said.

Following the finalisation of the rules for anti-profiteering, they would need to be approved by the GST Council.

The official added that there are reports of companies, especially some big FMCG companies, jacking up prices before GST rollout and the rules will ensure that companies do not indulge in such unfair pricing before GST

time to be ready after GST implementation, they will have the right to call for information of change in prices retrospectively. "The machinery for the anti-profiteering authority may not be ready at present but any change in prices will be called into be questioned," Adhia had said, adding that any fluctuations in prices will be closely monitored.

He had also said that the GST Council has ensured that the

interpretation as it is difficult to measure how much would amount to commensurate reduction in prices with respect to a lower tax incidence.

The government is expected to expedite the process to put in place an anti-profiteering machinery, with a quasi-judicial body or an existing authority like Competition Commission of India likely to be the monitoring body for the provision.

## SBI to raise funds via FPO/QIPs

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** The country's largest lender SBI today said it plans to raise funds from capital markets in the current fiscal but did not specify the amount.

State Bank of India, which last month merged with itself five associate banks and the Bharatiya Mahila Bank, will raise funds through follow-on public offer/qualified institutional placement to expand business.

It has sought applications from merchant bankers for managing the issue.

"The bank intends to tap capital markets

via a QIP/FPO. The issue size may vary based on various factors including but not limited to management discretion and the decision of the shareholders," SBI said in a public notice.

The bank said it proposes to select and appoint up to 6 merchant bankers with requisite experience who together will be designated as Book Running Lead Managers (BRLMs).

SBI has already taken board approval for raising up to Rs 15,000 crore through various means public offer and overseas issuance of shares dur-

ing the current fiscal.

In a stock exchange filing, the bank said a general meeting of the shareholders of SBI will be held on June 15 to elect four Directors to the Central Board of the bank.

Meanwhile, the government will continue to support public lenders based on requirements as was announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech, said an official. In the Budget 2017-18 speech on February 1, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced capital infusion of Rs 10,000 crore for the current fiscal.

## IPL 2017: Seasoned pros fail to deliver as youngsters rise to the occasion

The Indian Premier League was started

son the story has been a bit different

very important and that is something

and Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant

comprise the top 4. In the list of highest strike rate, it is once more Rishabh Pant who features in the list.

young and is yet to make his test debut), the others featuring are Jaydev Unadkat and Sandeep Sharma.

the experience to play on Indian wickets. (Source: PTI)

his bowling, but it was expected that he could still come up with big performances. Among the batsmen too, superstars like Chris Gayle, AB De Villiers, Shane Watson and Corey Anderson have all had a quiet season.



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Among the bowlers who have taken most wickets,

Interestingly, in the list of most economical bowlers, the names which come up are Nathu Singh, Rahul Tewatia, Avesh Khan.

Praveen Kumar, Praveen,

With the likes of Praveen Kumar, Manpreet Gony and Dhaval Kulkarni, Munaf Patel, Ashish Nehra and several others playing in the IPL, having enough experience to play on Indian wickets and have played for the country, why

While there is no doubt that the BCCI and other board members will

by the BCCI in 2008 with the intention to give fair chances to the domestic players and subsequently improve the standards of domestic cricket. Over the years the tournament has witnessed the rise of several youngsters courtesy of some brilliant performances while the senior and seasoned cricketers have stood up equally to the task. However, this sea-

as the seasoned performers have performed under par and the youngsters have grabbed the opportunity with both hands.

While the expectation levels are relatively lower from the younger crop of players, it does shoot up when the bigger names come into the picture. The experience to play on Indian wickets, which are batting-friendly, is

which the seasoned players have in abundance. Though statistics reveal a different picture in IPL 10. In the list of highest individual scores – the Indians featuring in the list are Sanju Samson and Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant and Manan Vora.

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In the list of highest individual scores in IPL 2017 – the Indians featuring in the list are the young brigade of Sanju Samson and Shreyas Iyer and Rishabh Pant and Manan Vora.

In the list of highest averages for a batsman – none of the senior pros make the cut as Saurabh Tiwary, Vijay Shankar and Manish Pandey



apart from Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah (who is relatively still

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they failed to deliver is a matter of conjecture.

But it is not only the domestic players who have been under the radar. International players like Lasith Malinga have also failed to deliver this season. Malinga has lost a bit of nip in

be pleased that the youngsters are finally stepping on the gas, they will also be concerned with the form of the seasoned pros. After all, it is they who draw the big crowds to the stadiums. Hopefully, next season will unveil a new chapter.

## Nitish Rana credits Sachin Tendulkar, Mahela Jayawardene for impressive performance in IPL

The 23-year-old youngster Nitish

ons. After these impressive showings,

very important for any individual, and I

more successful in whatever match and

Trophy, he said, "Unfortunately it



Rana couldn't believe it when he held the IPL trophy in his hands. After being restricted to such a low total, no one expected Mumbai to win the tournament for the record third time in IPL history. Rana performed well early in the season with his two best knocks being 62 against Kings XI Punjab and 53 against Gujarat Li-

he lost the touch in rest of the matches. He played 13 matches this season, scoring 333 runs. But what else could be more encouraging for any youngster than being a part of the IPL winning squad, speaking with the IPL website he expressed his views on Mumbai Indians' historic third title, "I cannot expect more than this, winning is

feel very happy to be a part of Mumbai Indians as I won two trophies in three years with this side." Rana gave credit to Mumbai Indians coach and icon Mahela Jayawardene and Sachin Tendulkar respectively for his impressive performance in the IPL. "Sachin sir and Jayawardene told me to back myself so that I could be

whichever format I'm playing, so I focused on doing the same," he said. On Rohit Sharma's captaincy he commented, "He is a very cool and calm leader, there have been tough situations where he has kept all of us calm and motivated so this has been great for our side." Speaking on his form in the Ranji

didn't turn out to be as effective as I expected. I had to improve on my technique so coming into the IPL, I improved my technique and our coach Mahela Jayawardene, Sachin Tendulkar helped me a lot. Mainly my family, my coach who supported me in my tough times helped me a lot to perform well in IPL," he shared.

## India will have edge over Pakistan at Champions Trophy: Chris Gayle

NEW DELHI(KCN): Star West Indies batsman Chris Gayle said on Monday that India will have the edge when they take on arch-rivals Pakistan in a much anticipated group match at the upcoming Champions Trophy cricket tournament.

The 37-year-old made it clear that both India and Pakistan are his favourites for winning the eight-nation tournament which starts from June 1 in England and Wales.

"That will be the biggest match of the tournament and to be frank that's my two teams as well. So, it will be a nice match. And yes, India is holding an edge against Pakistan when it comes to an ICC event," Gayle told reporters in a promotional event.

"In white ball cricket, you cannot call for one team. Everyone will have a chance, especially in England where the conditions will be different. So, you have to see the conditions before you can pick that one team as your favourite," he added.

The eight-team

tournament will be played in June, with defending champions India pooled with South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Group B.

India have not played outside the sub-continent for the last eight to nine months, so it should be a tough task for Indian batsmen to adjust to foreign ground and weather conditions.

But Gayle clarified that Indian batsmen will not struggle in England as they have played there earlier and are familiar with the conditions.

"No, I don't think that. Indian batting line is superb and experienced as well. The good thing is that everybody has played in England," the explosive opener said.

Playing for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the Indian Premier League (IPL), Chris Gayle has this season failed miserably with the bat unlike earlier editions of the tournament.

In the nine league matches that he has played this year, Gayle has scored only 200 runs.

"This is cricket and these things do happen. Last year we were fantastic but this season we failed to click in unison. In this edition, we were struggling in all departments, so all we can do is rebuild as an individual and will regroup again for the next season," Gayle added.

Fellow West Indies star Sunil Narine has been in great form with the bat in this year's IPL. Primarily an off-spinner, Narine has been employed as an opener by the Kolkata Knight Riders and the move up the order has done wonders for his form.

The 28-year-old has scored 214 runs from 14 matches, including the fastest ever half-century in the IPL when he plundered 54 runs off a mere 15 balls against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Commenting on Narine's form, Gayle said: "Sunil is doing great. It's good to watch him like this. I love how he is hitting those sixes. So, no tips from my side."