

## BJP slams on farm front BJP an empty vessel

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) today blamed the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) Government for not giving priority to farm sector in the State and turning deaf ears to farmers' issues.

Senior BJP Leader and Lawmaker Pradeep Purohit alleged that there has been large scale corruption by the Department of Agriculture in on providing subsidies on purchase and supply of groundnut and soybean seeds and tractors.

Mr. Purohit a leading farm activist cited the recently released Economic Survey Report, and said though nearly 70 percent people of the State are engaged in farm sector, its contribution to the economy is a meagre 15 percent.

Lack of irrigation facility is the prime cause of poverty of the farmers of Odisha, said Mr. Purohit adding that the Governing Party has failed to

keep its promise to provide irrigation to at least 10 lakh hectares of additional farm land.

He said that the Chief Minister, who holds the Water Resources portfolio, has admitted in the House that only 11.09 lakh hectares, which accounts for only 18 percent of the State's farm land, had been provided with irrigation during Kharif 2015-16.

Mr. Purohit said that it is a matter of regret that while the State Governments in Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra made provision for compensation to the kin of the farmers who committed suicide due to crop loss, the Odisha shied away from its responsibility denying the fact that there was no death of farmers in State due to crop loss.

The Saffron Lawmaker also blamed the State Government for failing to utilize the Central Assistance. The State government could utilize only Rs 3.79 crore from Rs Rs

8.35 crore allocated to Odisha under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana in the year 2015-16. Similarly, the State government could spend only 4.84 crore out of Rs 10.80 crore central assistance in FY 2016-17, pointed out Mr. Purohit.

He also questioned why the State Government is not taking help of the Centre while the farmers of Odisha are facing distress sale of onion.

Mr. Purohit also criticized the State Government for failing to make Odisha self-sufficient in egg and milk production. While the State requires 103 lakh eggs, the state produces just 64.5 lakh units.

The annual milk production in the State amounts to 1861 thousand tonnes, which is a meagre 2 percent of the national production.

Mr. Purohit said the State Government has failed miserably to protect the interest of the farmers for last so many years of rule.

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** 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 BJP 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 attack 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.

## Mahatab lauds Modi govt

**Bhubaneswar (K-CN):** The voice of resentment was heard both in the BJD and the BJP when both the parties were celebrating completion of three years in office in Odisha and in Delhi respectively.

When BJP MLA Dilip Ray expressed his displeasure over not fulfilment of promises made to the people of Rourkela, BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahatab was all in praise for the Modi Government, a music not liked by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

Mr. Ray alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised construction of a second bridge over River Brahmani and up-gradation of IGH, Rourkela, to a Super-Speciality hospital prior to the general elections and also in the post poll period. But the projects are yet to see light of the day even after three years of BJP Government.

"I have met the Prime Minister for seven times during the period. I have also taken up the matter with

ministers concerned for more than a dozen of times. But nothing has happened. As

Minister Narendra Modi through a newspaper article.

Lauding Mr.



MLA of Rourkela, I am ashamed of the development," Mr. Ray told reporters.

When soft-spoken Mr. Ray expressed his displeasure against the NDA Government, BJD's Leader in Lok Sabha Bhartruhari Mahatab was all in praise for the Prime

Minister Narendra Modi-led Government in Centre, the BJD MP from Cuttack stated that the Government has proved itself honest after completion of three years.

The MP further mentioned "The Modi Government has successfully increased its popularity across the

nation in last three years through its welfare schemes".

The BJD, has however, dubbed it as "Editorial Freedom".

"He is an MP and also an Editor. He might have written something after analysing some central schemes. So, we cannot ascertain his motives unless a discussion with him in this regard is held", BJD Spokesman Pratap Keasri Deb said.

Earlier, Kendrapara MP Baijayant Panda was all in praise for the Modi government through different news paper articles.

His twitter war with Dhenkanal MP Tathagat Satpathy also sparked a flutter in the ruling party led by Naveen Patnaik.

Finally, Mr. Panda was removed from the post of Spokesman of the BJD's Parliamentary party. Then Mr. Panda pointed out: "Mahatab is writing similar articles, but no action against him."



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# Wajah Tum Ho review: A monstrous absurdity of a film

**Film: Wajah Tum Ho**  
**Directed by Vishal Pandya**  
**Starring: Gurmeet Chowdhary, Sana Khan, Sharman Joshi, Rajnesh Duggal**  
**Rating: \***

There is a lovely chick-bonding moment in this grotesque drama of absurdities where Sana Khan asks Sherlyn Chopra: "Are you really going to spend the night with this rapist?"

"Will you pay my bills?" comes the prompt retort. Then the brazen gold-digger then proceeds to sing a rehashed version of Dev Anand's "Aise to na dekho".

Amen to that. Unlike the rest of the cast, she has good taste.

Will the makers of this film pay us back the money we spent

script should be paced, and how the characters can be kept

dian soap operas. The actors are required to pose as insanely rich

exist. Their expressions anguish and agony is manufactured and phoney. Most of the drama is generated through a pelting over-the-top background score that over-punctuates every moment like U-turn warning on a highway that leads to nowhere.

The courtroom scenes presided over by a judge who resembles Pervez Musharraf have to be seen to be believed. I swear I saw Gurmeet and Sana laughing at one another.

Every time the actors open their mouths they sound like they've been learning the English language from an online crash-course service. Gurmeet and Sana show a lot of skin but fail to add

meat to their parts. They are like pouts on faces that refuse to acknowledge seduction even at gunpoint. Sharman Joshi's widower-cop act is beaten down by well-ters of outrageous indiscrepancies in the investigation that leads him to the arch-villain.

It's all a hoax dream packaged in a plasticine that melts under pressure. The film takes on the cult of televised sensationalism, but loses its nerves and sense of direction even before the game begins. There some enjoyable bits. No, not the bits where Gurmeet bites off Sana's lips. But the bits where he comes to blows with her show the heroine fighting back like man.



buying tickets for a film that makes as much sense as Trump's victory or Hillary's defeat? As the marketing boast goes, this is Bollywood's first film about hacking.

But it seems to have been written by hacks who have no knowledge of how a

interesting without giving them a jolting spin and a moral turnaround for the sake of a gasp.

Alas, the intended gasp turns into a tittering tedium as the script piles on the preposterous episodes with more inclination for putrid plotting than the In-

and absurdly glamorous entities with enough money to buy off islands and civilizations. But they mouth closeted-spoof dialogues that give away their amateurish attempts at jetsetting aristocracy.

These are characters in desperate search of a reason to

## Dandupalya 2 caught in an endless wait

Dandupalya 2 is on every Sandalwood

this long delay. He is the same producer

lemma and is refusing to even discuss the

filming of Dandupalya 2 be-



buff's must-watch list, considering how the first part directed by Srinivas Raju was a hit when it released in 2012.

The film on the notorious gang was even declared the spine-chilling story of the year.

Even though work on the sequel started in March, and with much hype, the makers are now struggling to complete it. Twenty days of work is still to be completed.

Ravi Kale and Makrand Deshpande Sources in the industry tell City Express that producer Venkat is held responsible for

who had initially planned to invest in Naati Koli with Srinivas Raju. This movie was then shelved and Venkat decided to back the sequel to Dandupalya.

Our source says the producer is "not giving any concrete reason for the postponement and the schedule has been changing for the last eight months. It has taken a heavy toll on the project because the various artistes and technicians are slowly losing interest."

According to this source, the producer is caught in a di-

next schedule. "He looks undecided, which means the team cannot try to complete the project with somebody else's support," says the industry source. "The initial plan was to release the film in October, it is December now and there is no hope of completing the film. The project is stuck mid way. The last schedule was in May, after which there has been no word from the production end." Adding to this trouble there was a petition filed by the real Dandupalya gang. In April, they requested the court give a stay on the

cause the film is being shot without their consultation and the case on the gang is still ongoing in the court. City Express contacted its director Srinivas to learn of the movie's status and he replied with a "no comments". "I am busy with another script," he said.

Dandupalya 2's screenplay is written by its director. The movie features Pooja Gandhi, Makrand Deshpande, Shruthi, Ravi Kaale, Kari Subbu, Yethiraj, Danny, Jayadev, Muni, Sanjjanaa, Petrol Prasanna and Ravishankar.

### Sruthi gets her wish, to work with Rajiv Menon

Sruthi Hariharan has a varied repertoire. The actress has worked with different directors and on diverse subjects.

While she stays rooted in Sandalwood, Sruthi does not miss any opportunity to work in other languages, especially if it gives her a chance to work with a good director.

The actress, who recently completed shoot for Uppi Matte Hutti Banti Prema, had a wonderful 2016 with plenty of projects. Her 2017 looks equally exciting.

While she is to play

The actor admits that the Tamil film industry was hard to get a break into, despite her fluency in the language.

"I have been busy with projects in Kannada, but it's not been as easy in Kollywood," she says.

"I have been part of a Balaji Sakthivel film, which is taking its own time, and we have to go with the flow.

Meanwhile Rajiv Menon's project is something I am looking forward to. He was one director in my wish list. I am a huge fan of his



opposite Darshan in Prakash Jayaram's directorial, set to go on floors from February, Sruthi is upbeat about her Tamil film with Rajiv Menon. In it, she will be playing the lead opposite GV Prakash. This yet-to-be titled film, she says, will go on floors from January.

"My last film in Tamil was with Arjun Sarja," she says, "It was a bilingual in Kannada and Tamil and was shot in the beginning of last year."

films, Kandukondain Kandukondain and Minsara Kanavu, which I have grown up watching. Forget working with him, I would be excited even if I am with him on the sets." Sruthi is also excited about working with GV Prakash.

"We know the kind of stories GV Prakash gravitates to, the combination of the director and actor will be riveting. It is a commercial film and will be made in sync sound, another interesting challenge for me," she says.

## 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.

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

The Reserve Bank of India on Monday

ing ordinances to deal with bad loans.

Following this, Finance Minister Arun

company or to wind it up," a government

ing 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.

## Manchester Arena blast: ICC to ensure robust safety and security plan for Champions Trophy 2017

The Australian cricket team is already in England to prepare for the upcoming Champions

that it will review the security system in place for the upcoming Champions Trophy and the ICC

junction with the ECB and relevant authorities — to ensure that we have a robust safety and security

the threat levels," the ICC stated. The ICC offered its condolences to the victims of the attack

phy and the ICC Women's World Cup this summer as the highest priority,"

"The security situation has been very much front and centre of our preparations and we constantly review our procedures to guarantee they are as effective as possible to keep everyone safe," it added.

"We do not disclose our security details as a matter of policy," the ICC further added.

The Champions Trophy is scheduled to start on June 1 and Manchester is not a venue for the event, which will be played out in London, Birmingham and Cardiff.



Trophy. (Source: Cricket Australia)

In the wake of the recent Manchester terror attacks, The International Cricket Council (ICC) issued a statement saying

Women's World Cup in the UK.

In the statement released the ICC wrote, "We operate on advice from our Tournament Security Directorate — in con-

plan for both tournaments."

"We will continue to work with authorities over the coming hours and days and review our security in line with

and said,"Our thoughts are with everyone affected by the horrific attack in Manchester. The ICC and ECB place safety and security at the ICC Champions Tro-

# Champions Trophy 2017: BCCI Raises Security Concerns With ICC After Manchester Blast

**Champions Trophy 2017: BCCI Raises Security Concerns With ICC** After Manchester Blast (Getty Images)

Mumbai: The Board of Control for Cricket in India has raised concerns about the Indian team's security in England during the upcoming Champions Trophy in the wake of the terrorist strike in Manchester with the International Cricket Council, acting secretary Amitabh Chaudhry said on Tuesday.

"When I woke up, the first thing which I learnt was about these attacks. As soon as I

was in the BCCI office we sent out a message raising our concerns about security of the Indian team's travel, accommodation and the playing (arena). Thankfully ICC has responded to it within two hours. They have been sensitised about our concern," Chaudhry told reporters here.

"Obviously these attacks are in nature of terrorist attack. This is something which can affect any individual on the planet. The security concerns are that much more intense," said Chaudhry, adding that the team's schedule "remains

unchanged so far." "These concerns are so overwhelming that the team does not have to come and show its concern. We are all concerned," he



explained when asked whether the BCCI has been approached on the issue by any UK-bound squad member. ICC Champions Trophy commences on June 1 and India's first

game is on June 4 against arch-rivals Pakistan. The squad led by Virat Kohli is set to depart for England on Wednesday. "Our thoughts are

with everyone affected by the horrific attack in Manchester. The ICC and ECB place safety and security at the ICC Champions Trophy and the ICC Women's World

Cup this summer as the highest priority," the ICC stated.

**ALSO READ: ICC to Review Champions Trophy Security Following Manchester Attack**

"The security situation has been very much front and centre of our preparations and we constantly review our procedures to guarantee they are as effective as possible to keep everyone safe," it added.

Acting BCCI president, C K Khanna, said that the BCCI is in close touch with the ICC and the consultant of its Anti Corruption Unit, former Delhi

Police Commissioner Neeraj Kumar, was leaving for the UK tonight.

"BCCI is in touch with ICC. Neeraj Kumarji is going to UK tonight. He's in regular touch," said Khanna without explaining in what capacity he was going to England. Kumar, incidentally, was the head of security when the ICC World T20 Championship was hosted by India last year.

Meanwhile, Chaudhry said that the BCCI office bearers and COA had discussed in Hyderabad with Indian team coach Anil Kumble on various aspects connected with the senior team. "Various types of questions came up and opinions were given. The coach too gave his opinion. There was a good discussion. The (BCCI) office bearers and COA (members) were there. It will be placed in the right forum and when we take a decision we will tell you."

He was responding to questions over news reports that the Indian players were not happy with the amounts they have been given in comparison to the amounts given to top Australian and England players by their respective cricket boards.

**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 tour-

## Never played for records: Jhulan Goswami

**KOLKATA(KCN):** Jhulan Goswami, the leading wicket-taker in women's ODIs, says she never played for records and feels that the team's triumph in the quadrangular series in South Africa was good preparation for the World Cup beginning next month.

The 34-year-old had surpassed the record of 180 wickets, previously held by the Australian fast bowler Cathryn Fitzpatrick for nearly 10 years.

She now has a tally of 185 after her match-winning 3/22 in their eight-wicket win over South Africa to win the Quadrangular Series, in Potchefstroom on May 21.

"Individual records don't matter much in a team sport. I never played for records but for the love for sport. You achieve milestones when you keep playing," Jhulan told reporters after her arrival from South Africa.

Jhulan leads the list with the three names below her having already retired.

In the list, the only Indian in the top 10 is the retired Neetu David (141 wickets) at No 4.

"I am glad that I could achieve a few things on the way. I always played the game with love and passion, maybe that's why I could achieve the milestones," she said.

Captain Mithali Raj, who scored an unbeaten 62 to steer the side home along with Punam Raut (70\*), became the first Indian captain to lead the side in 100 ODIs, and third overall behind England's Charlotte Edwards

and Australian Belinda Clark (101). "The series was very tough. It was a hard and bouncy wicket. We played good cricket throughout the series. It feels great that we could win the trophy," Jhulan said of the series that also featured Zimbabwe and Ireland.

"We prepared for this series for six months and we have played well. It has really helped that we all could perform individually. Everyone tried to contribute." But the real test for Indian side will be in the World Cup in England where they open their campaign against the host nation on June 24.

"It's a long tournament and that too will be in England. It will be tough. You have to be mentally strong. We will see where we stand."

India are clubbed with defending champions Australia, New Zealand and the hosts England in a tough group A.

"There we will see how much good cricket we have played over the month. World Cup is very important and the ultimate goal. The women cricketers want to do well in ICC tournaments so that a platform is created.

"This series was planned so that we could get to play more and more matches before the World Cup... To give the young cricketers an experience of playing at least 25-30 ODIs. "This was a preparatory series. We would achieve the ultimate goal if we could play consistently in the World Cup," Jhulan concluded.

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.

## 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.

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 tour-

name 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