

BJD Slams Modi IAS wait for apex scale

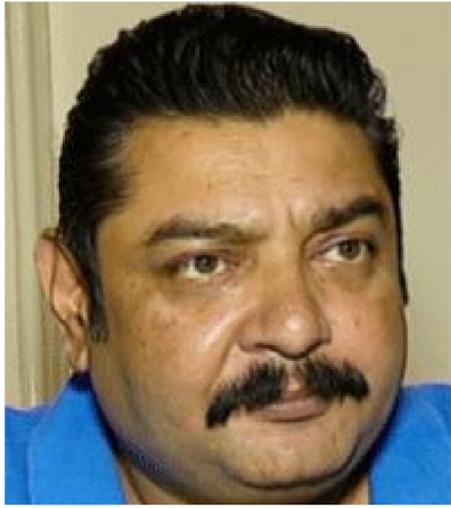
Bhubaneswar(KCN): Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remark of acute poverty starvation and unemployment in Odisha has not been appreciated by the BJD and Congress Leaders.

Mr. Modi, while addressing an election meeting in Uttar Pradesh, in a bid to seek votes from people in Gonda said: "Odisha, where there is so much poverty, starvation, unemployment and where the BJP did not even have foothold to place its flag, people have given so much support that everyone is taken aback...even the poor of Odisha have come with the BJP."

"The Prime Ministers statement on Odisha is grossly unfortunate. If Modiji is so worried over Odisha's poverty, had he given special package for the state," asked BJD Spokes-

man Pratap Kesari Deb.

The BJD Spokesman was reacting to Prime Minister Modis



statement at an election rally in Uttar Pradesh today.

Stating that the Prime Minister should not forget that his party (BJP) was in alliance with BJD in state government for

nine-long years, Mr.Deb asked: "Has he (PM) been able to keep his promises that he made to the people

Dubbing the Prime Ministers statement as an "insult" to the people of Odisha, Mr.Deb said the BJP leaders should not be under the impression that it is now in a position to bring a change in the government by winning 292 Zilla Parishad seats in the three-tier Panchayat polls.

Meanwhile, opposition Congress also criticised the Prime Ministers statement. "If Modi knows that there is acute poverty in Odisha, what has his Government done to uplift the poor? What the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government had done for the Kalahandi- Bolangir-Koraput region?," asked Leader of opposition Narasingha Mishra of Congress

during his subsequent visit to Odisha?". The BJD spokesman said: "Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley during his recent visit to the state had lauded the high rate of poverty reduc-

tion in Odisha. Now, the Prime Minister has been citing Odisha as a poor state."

While their batchmates, even juniors are given the Grade of Chief Secretary Rank, 1986 Batch IAS Officers in

Cadre. IAS Officers of 1986 Batch have already given ACS Posting in over a dozen States long back.

While their Secretary MSME, Mr.Mohapatra is Principal Secretary Forest & Environment, Mr.Thakur is Chief Administrator KBK Administration

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the State Cadre continues in Principal Secretary Rank. These Senior Mandarins are feeling demotivated.

Even smaller states like Himachal Pradesh, Haryana have even promoted 1987 Batch IAS Officers to Apex Scale, where as Odisha is yet to take care of their concerns. Himachal Pradesh has a IAS Cadre strength of 147, where as Odisha has the strength of 226 IAS Officers in the

Batchmates are benefitted with the promotion to Apex Scale, five IAS Officers of 1986 Batch are denied similar facilities for no reason, pointed out a former Union Secretary.

They are Asit Kumar Tripathy, Laxmi Narayan Gupta, Suresh Chandra Mohapatra, Sudarshan Pal Thakur and G V Venugopala Sarma.

While Mr. Tripathy is Principal Secretary Home, Mr.Gupta is Principal

and Mr.Sarma is Principal Secretary Higher Education.

These Bureaucrats have the reputation of being efficient and result oriented. They know their jobs and perform well, admit young officers.

Interestingly, 1986 Batch IPS Officers have already been promoted to DGP Rank in the State.

Now the Government of India is considering to promote 1984 and 1985

to the Secretary Rank.

In fact 1985 Batch IAS Officers have already given Apex Scale in the Union Government.

So considering the case of 1986 Batch IAS for ACS Rank in Odisha seems overdue, pointed out a senior Principal Secretary.

With a Considerate Mandarin A P Padhi at the helm of State Administration, Bureaucracy is looking at him with high expectations, said he.

Maha Fight Beyond Politics

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said, poverty eradication programs in the State are being implemented on a mission mode with a focus to

create sustainable livelihood opportunities for the rural poor households.

He also said that major achievements have been made in all key areas of gover-

nance and significantly improved the fiscal strength of the State through various reform measures.

As a result the State Government is

able to undertake various developmental activities from its own resources, Mr.Patnaik said in Odisha Legislative Assembly replying to the **Vote (See page-7)**

Congress Sinks in Lotus Pool

Bhubaneswar (KCN): On the opening day of the Odisha Legislative Assembly, politicians across party lines including ministers congratulated the Congress Lawmaker from Jharsuguda, Naba Kishore Das.

The reason, he was the only saving grace of the country's oldest political party in Odisha, as he ensured that Congress forms Zilla Parishad in Jharsuguda while ruling BJD and opposition BJP captured other districts. From among 16 MLAs, Das alone could save the face of Congress while Leader of the Opposition Narasingha Mishra too failed to win Zilla Parishad seats in Bolangir. OPCC President Prasad Harichandan also failed in his home turf in Puri district.

Of the nine Zilla Parishad zones in Jharsuguda, Congress candidates captured eight while one zone went in favour of BJP. The ruling

BJD failed to open its account. BJD Ministers therefore, congratulated him for engineering success for the party. While Das captured Jharsuguda, the State's main opposition party Congress failed to open account in 19 districts - Angul, Bhadrak, Bargarh, Boudh, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jajpur, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khurda, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh, Puri and Sambalpur.

However, Congress could manage to get 7 of the 14 ZP seats in Gajapati district while BJD won five and BJP two seats.

What has come as a rude shock for the Congress is that its main supporters -- tribals, dalits and backward class -- have now voted for BJP in the districts like Kalahandi, Mayurbhanj, Bolangir, Bargarh and Sambalpur.

While analyzing the rout of Congress,

one should keep it mind how the leaders having connect with grassroots, were harassed and humiliated in the party. Immediately after 2014 general elections, Congress camp was frustrated over the poor show. The party failed to open account in the Lok Sabha elections from Odisha and it could get only 16 MLAs. Jharsuguda MLA Naba Das was the front runner for the party's Chief Whip post in the Assembly. At least 15 lawmakers supported Naba. But AICC favoured Tara Prasad Bahinipati.

Congress leadership both at the State (OPCC) and national level (AICC) also failed to recognize the potential of the Congress leader from Jharsuguda. Two-and-half-years hence, Das has once again emerged as the saving grace for the party.

That Congress digs its own grave was clear when veteran leader Niranjana

Patnaik was removed from the OPCC Presidentship when he had been successful in picking up tempo against the BJD government ahead of the 2014 general elections.

Congress won 128 Zilla Parishad seats in 2012 while the number has come down to 62 in 2017. Nobody actually knows the reason behind Patnaik's removal from the OPCC chair. The party went to general elections under the



leadership of Jayadev Jena and failed to win any of the 21 Lok Sabha seats; the number in the Assembly was reduced from 26 to 16. Prasad Harichandan was installed as the OPCC President after Jena

failed to deliver. The panchayat election was the first test for Harichandan and he has failed miserably.

Not only ZP seats but also Congress party workers at the grassroots level have been reduced. This has come as a rude shock to the oldest party. In previous articles, we had pointed out that Congress workers and activists at the village level would certainly leave the party if they did not get proper treatment from the State

Minister Giridhar Gamang, the then leader of the Opposition Bhupinder Singh and many others had quit Congress during its bad days. Their absence did not affect the party. However, the change of loyalty of grassroots level workers has been a major setback for Congress. This has given a chance to BJP to fulfill its dream of a "Congress Mukti" Bharat. Modi while addressing election rallies in Uttar Pradesh has mentioned that Odisha too has become "Congress Mukti".

Who actually helped Modi implement his agenda? It is none other than the Congress leadership. Congress sinks in the lotus pool. The party has no strategy to come out of this difficult situation. Now that Congress has lost its ground to BJP in villages, it may take years for the oldest party to recover.

Most of the Congress workers, who had been suffering for

about two decades for the fact that their party remained out of power for a long time, this time preferred to join hands with BJP. This is not that they formally joined BJP, they automatically tilted towards the Lotus, as they found space for them. Hardcore Congress workers, who could not switch over to Naveen Patnaik's BJD, saw that this was a golden opportunity for them to pick up Lotus in their hand.

In BJP, political workers got everything they wanted. They got adequate money to mobilize the masses and other logistics to keep their folk together. When there was no help from the OPCC leadership, Congress party workers preferred to work for BJP, the party which was desperate to strengthen its base in the countryside.

BJP, which could manage to win only 36 Zilla Parishad seats in 2012, this

time, got about 300 seats. Congress workers who helped BJP could not come to the BJD fold as the ruling party was already overcrowded. Thanks to Prasad Harichandan and his party leaders; it is for them that grassroots level Congress workers are now part of BJP, thus paving the way for a "Congress Mukti" Odisha.

Interestingly, Congress leaders in villages, who played a vital role in the victory of BJP in ZP elections, are in no mood to return to their parent party. This is because, while BJP has a future in the State, the Congress boat is sinking. Who will like to board a sinking boat? "The Congress appears to have been banished from the Odisha soil with grassroots level workers joining hands with BJP. And this is an irreversible process as they will never return back to Congress", pointed out a former Chief Minister.

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Dev Patel brings his mom to Oscars ceremony

WASHINGTON(KCN): Anyone who is one who was perfect for this gigantic occasion on the verge of tears," he said. Patel also favourite moments of the film by saying, Brierly in the movie 'Lion'. "Lion," which on a train and found himself hundreds of



in the acting field dreams to walk the red carpet of the Oscars with special someone and Dev Patel has got some-
sion. The 'Lion' actor brought his beaming mother to the Academy Awards, reports Washington Post.
"My mom's, like, shared how emotional he got while filming the mother-son reunion scene in the movie and that scene is one of his "There was truth to it." Dev Patel has been nominated in the Best Supporting Actor category for his portrayal of Saroo is nominated for best picture is based on the true story of Saroo Brierley, who was just five years old when he fell asleep miles away from his home in rural India. After being placed in an orphanage, he was adopted by an Australian couple.

Ruth Negga in red, plenty of gold on Oscars red carpet

Ruth Negga dripped responsibly sourced rubies with a custom Valentino gown to match, Nicole Kidman appeared fashion-effortless in Champagne-colored Armani Prive and Janelle Monae made a large statement in a black tulle Elie Saab gown with soup-to-nuts embellishment — bird brooches, feathers, sequins, beads and crystals — on Hollywood's biggest night at the Oscars.
Hailee Steinfeld, a presenter, walked in a positively ethereal, pleated back ruffle couture gown in a floral design with a long, sheer train, from Ralph & Russo. She's been a recent person-of-interest on red carpets. This time, her hair was up and she let her bare shoulders speak volumes.
Meryl Streep, who exchanged words over Oscar gowns with Karl Lagerfeld recently, wore midnight blue satin. It was Elie Saab Haute Couture and fell off her shoulders with delicate beading, slim ankle trousers underneath.
There was plenty of ornate gold, including a fringed dress on Emma Stone that appeared part goddess, part flapper. It fit her perfectly. Charlize Theron, always a red carpet favourite, received the metallic dress memo, hers in a gold pleated lame veiled in black by Dior Haute Couture, paired with huge 25-carat, pear-

shaped diamond earrings from Chopard. Dakota Johnson, high lace collar in a bright red that can be tricky on red carpets. "Well it looks like I do pay a little bit of attention," she Ferretti and a diamond necklace perfect to show off her grey, pleats providing a bit of a bustle effect. Halle Berry wore a huge head of tousled curls (she usually rocks a pixie) to go with her slinky, one-shoulder dress. It was Versace Atelier beaded sheer, fresh from the runway.
Rocking two tones: Michelle Williams, plunging black on top and Champagne below the waist, by Louis Vuitton. It popped against her pixied platinum hair.
On the couple's front, Chrissy Teigen joked with hubby John Legend on the carpet dressed in white Zuhair Murad Couture with gold embroidery and a dramatic cape. Legend wore Gucci. Another favourite carpet couple, Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake, chatted amiably — he in a Tom Ford tux and her in a slinky KaufmanFranco textured gown with a statement gold-and-silver collar adornment that lent the appearance of metallic fringe.



in Gucci, carried off a strong, strong gold look that might not have worked on all, while Jessica Biel went for edgy textured gold with long sleeves, the latter a popular trend for the evening at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.
Negga accessorised with something extra on her first Oscar red carpet as a nominee — a blue ribbon in support of the ACLU. She gave kudos to the civil rights group for helping the real "Loving" couple as they fought their way to legal marriage as a mixed-race couple. And she shouted out her home country, Ireland, poised in her red tiara and statement earrings.
Her gown was long-sleeved with a As for the ceremony at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles, Negga planned to enjoy her moment: "My win is my nomination." Negga's little ribbon popped up elsewhere on the red carpet, including the lapel of Lin-Manuel Miranda, who noted his tuxedo came from Yonkers, New York, the same shop where he got his high school prom tux in 1998.
A standout this awards season, "Elle" nominee Isabelle Huppert, shimmered in a blush-tone Armani Prive, her hair loose with diamond ear cuffs ideal punctuation marks. Does the French legend care about fashion? The dark lacquer on her nails popped against her belted gown with loose, romantic sleeves.
Little Sunny Pawar, the kid star of "Lion" who has been a source of great fun on the carpet this season, flashed a peace symbol and adjusted his bow tie on the carpet in a bite-size, black tuxedo, a huge smile on his face and green detailed ankle boots on his feet.
Who slew in trendy velvet? Presenter Taraji Henson, in off-shoulder deep blue by Alberta

decolletage. She looked every bit the movie star with a high side slit. Her "Hidden Figures" costar, Octavia Spencer, also went off the shoulder in a feathery dove-gray silk organza gown by Marchesa.
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ONGC may acquire Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd in US 6.6 billion dollar deal

NEW DELHI: State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) may acquire India's third-biggest fuel retailer HPCL in an about Rs 44,000 crore (USD 6.6 billion) deal as part of the government's plan to create an integrated oil giant.

Following up on Finance Minister Arun Jaitley's Budget announcement of creating an integrated oil company, India's biggest oil and gas producer ONGC may buy all of the government's 51.11 per cent stake in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL).

This will have to be followed by an open offer to acquire additional 26 per cent from other shareholders of HPCL.

"The government

is looking at creating an integrated oil company and the idea is to merge an oil producer with a refiner," a top source said.

There are only six major companies in the sector - ONGC and Oil India Ltd being the oil producers, Indian Oil Corp (IOC), HPCL and Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) in refinery business and GAIL in midstream gas transportation business.

The rest such as ONGC Videsh, Chennai Petroleum Corp (CPCL), Numaligarh Refinery Ltd and Mangalore Refinery (MRPL) are already subsidiaries of one of these six PSUs.

"So, the options are very limited. One option is to merge refiners HPCL and BPCL with ONGC

and merge IOC and companies for buying stream arm in Bharat ONGC-HPCL com-



OIL. Now this would create two large vertically integrated oil companies. But this would also mean limiting the choice for consumers to just two

fuel," he said.

The possible way out is to merge HPCL with ONGC while keeping BPCL separate. BPCL already has a flourishing up-

PetroResources Ltd which can be strengthened further.

"This way consumers will continue to have three fuel retailers in IOC,

BPCL," he said.

HPCL will add 23.8 million tonnes of annual oil refining capacity to ONGC's portfolio, making it

the third-largest refiner in the country after IOC and Reliance Industries.

ONGC already is majority owner of MRPL, which has a 15-mlt refinery.

The source said ONGC buying HPCL will require two sets of Cabinet approval - one where the government approves sale of its all or part of its 51.11 per cent stake to ONGC, and the other for allowing ONGC to spend the money on stake buy.

Considering today's trading price of Rs 561, ONGC will have to pay the government Rs 29,128 crore for 51.11 per cent stake. It will then have to buy another 26 per cent from the open market for Rs 14,817 crore, taking the total acquisition price to

about Rs 44,000 crore. The merger will help the world's third-largest oil consumer better compete with global majors in acquiring foreign assets.

More than 12 years after a proposal to merge oil PSUs was first mooted by the then oil minister Mani Shankar Aiyar, Jaitley in his Budget for 2017-18 proposed to "create an integrated public sector 'oil major' which will be able to match the performance of international and domestic private sector oil and gas companies".

The behemoth so created will not just compete globally, but withstand oil price volatility by using profits the refining business make in low oil prices to make up for losses in upstream and vice versa.

Bankers forecast end of RBI's rate-cutting cycle

LONDON (KCN): Visiting Indian Finance Minister Arun Jaitley opened trading on the London Stock Exchange on Monday in the pres-

ence of British Member of Parliament and UK Secretary of State for International Trade Liam Fox, India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Y.K. Sinha and Pankaj Patel, President, FICCI.

Following the market open ceremony, Nikhil Rathi, CEO, London Stock Exchange plc hosted a roundtable event with Minister Jaitley, delegates from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Fintech companies and leading

investors to discuss London's significant role as a partner to India, supporting the country to develop its FinTech ecosystem and deliver

ing on our historic markets. 2016 was a tremendous year for Masala bonds in London, with the Indian corporate Masala bond market

multicurrency and profile of London's markets, together with the UK remaining the largest G20 investor in India, London Stock Ex-

change is ideally suited to partner with India in this extraordinary growth story to deliver key Indian priorities like infrastructure development, sustainable energy investment and the growth of smart cities."

Dr. Liam Fox said, "The UK-India investment relationship is hugely important. India is now the third largest investor and second largest job creator in the UK; the UK is the largest G20 investor in India and plays an important role in building skills in

the Indian workforce. The UK Government is committed to deepening this relationship further and in my first months as Secretary

of Thanks on Governor's Address to the House.

"By extending the scope of on-going State schemes like Gopabandhu Gramin Yojana to the whole of Odisha, in view of the closure of important schemes by the Central Government, we have fulfilled many of our promises," Mr. Patnaik said.

"The thrust of our Government is to provide proper road connectivity, electricity, safe drinking water, sanitation and other infrastructure facilities to holistically develop the rural areas of the State. All weather connectivity has been provided to habitations through construction of 481 bridges under Biju Setu Yojana," he added.

Mr. Patnaik said, during 2016-17 about 5,000 Kilometres of rural roads have been completed and added that the State is committed to convert all kutcha houses in the rural areas to pucca houses by 2019.

"Construction of 10 lakh pucca houses during the last two years has been possible due to the sincere and relentless efforts of the Government," he asserted.

Referring to the Mahanadi water row with Chhatisgarh Government, the Chief Minister said the fight for Mahanadi and Pollavaram is beyond political or electoral interest.

"Since it is a fight for the rights of our people, the Government has stood firmly with the people to ensure our due share of water from Mahanadi River," he said adding, "To prevent unauthorized construction activities by the Chhatisgarh Government on upstream of river Mahanadi and to safeguard the interest of the people of Odisha for whom Mahanadi River is the lifeline, we have moved the Government of India to constitute a tribunal to resolve the issue and have also moved the Apex Court of the country."

He said the State is among the few States in India to have constituted an exclusive Agriculture Cabinet to look into issues relat-

ing to the welfare of the farming community. "Farm income has doubled within the last ten years. Our food grain production has touched an all-time high of 118.24 lakh Metric tons during 2014-15 registering a growth of 22.7 percent over 96.36 lakh metric tonnes during 2013-14 and has doubled itself in comparison to what we produced during 2000-2001," he added.

He cited a host of measures initiated for the farmers in State, including crop loans at 1 per cent interest, additional irrigation potential for 2.9 lakh hectare, a mega-lift irrigation scheme "Parbati Giri Mega Lift irrigation Scheme", making paddy procurement transparent and systematic, an authentic database of farmers selling paddy to government through integration with Bhulekh data, and transferring Minimum Support Price online to the accounts of farmers across the State, and extending Food security coverage to more than 86 lakh families consisting of 323 lakh individuals.

He discussed about the holistic development of Western Odisha and the KBK region of the State on a priority basis, construction of the four lane Biju Expressway connecting eight districts of Western Odisha and KBK region, improving railway density and provide railway connectivity to all 30 districts of the State, adopting a holistic and integrated approach for the development of Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste population of the State. "We are very keen to achieve the Vision 2025 goal of getting investments worth 2.5 lakh crores and generation of three million employment opportunities," he added.

Informing the House on Government measures to check infant mortality in State, he said that developing health infrastructure including setting up of nine medical colleges, steps to provide 24 hours uninterrupted power at affordable cost to the people and steps to maintain law and order in the State and curb Maoist violence has been taken.



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Rathi said, "Minister Jaitley's second visit to the UK in a year underlines the success of the business and financial partnership between the UK and India and builds on recent landmark visits by Prime Minister Theresa May to India and Prime Minister Modi to the UK. We're honoured once again to welcome Minister Jaitley to open trad-

launching in London with HDFC's landmark bond issuance in July 2016, cementing London Stock Exchange's clear position as the leading global venue for offshore Rupee denominated fundraising."

He further stated, "India's growth trajectory is truly remarkable, with the highest growth rate among the G20 economies and the Minister's Union Budget announced earlier this month will only spur this on. With the depth, liquidity,

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of State for International Trade, I've been lucky enough to visit India twice - most recently accompanying the Prime Minister on her first bilateral visit outside Europe, as well as her first trade delegation. In the words of Prime Minister Modi, India and the UK are an 'unbeatable partnership'. And I'm very glad that our Prime Ministers recently committed to 'building the closest possible commercial and economic relationship'."

India vs Australia 2017: India 107 all out, Australia win by 333 runs

Pune(KCN): India vs australia 2017, ind vs aus, india vs australia, india vs australia test, steve o'keefe, o'keefe, cricket news, cricket Ind vs Aus: Steve O'Keefe picked up six wickets in second innings and 12 in the match. (Source: Reuters)

The last time India suffered a defeat at home was five years back. At the Eden Gardens against England when Yuvraj Singh was still a Test cricketer. And after all those years, India suffered their first Test defeat the hands of Australia who beat them by 333 runs in the first Test in Pune.

India suffered a second batting col-



lapse in two days and were bowled out for 107 runs in the second innings. India surrendered the Test to Australia inside three days after Steve O'Keefe picked up six wickets each in

both innings. India vs Australia 2017: India Suffer Harrowing 333 Run Defeat

India were chasing a target of 441 runs but were bowled out for 107 in just 33.5 overs in the sec-

ond innings with Nathan Lyon picking up four wickets in the second innings. This was Australia's first win on Indian soil in 13 years.

The loss ended India's winning

streak of 19 matches on the trot and also the 17 match home-winning streak. This was also Virat Kohli's first defeat as captain in Test cricket at home.

Also Read:

Steve O'Keefe emerges as an unlikely hero for Australia

India's chase began on a disastrous note as openers KL Rahul and Murali Vijay were dismissed inside seven. Both were dismissed LBW and both the openers reviewed the decision of on-field umpires which were unsuccessful and India lost their reviews. Also Read: Last time we lost like this, we had our best run after it, says Virat Kohli

Kohli and Chesterhwar Pujara tried to steady the ship for India but the Indian captain shouldered his arms to a straight delivery from O'Keefe to lose his

off stump.

No other Indian batsmen could provide resistance apart from Pujara as Ajinkya Rahane fell to Lyon, caught at covers. Ashwin was promoted up the order once again but O'Keefe had him leg-before wicket after a review. Also Read: Australia win first Test in India since 4502 days

Wridhiman Saha fell at the stroke of Tea and India went to the break at 99 for 6 with Pujara still unbeaten. But Australia needed only 20 minutes after Tea to bowl out India seal the match inside three days, completing their first win after 13

years.

Earlier, Australia captain Steve Smith scored his 18th Test century and first in India as Australia extended their lead past 400. This was his 10th century as Australia captain in only 37 innings. Also Read: Did Pune pitch play a role in India's defeat? Mitchell Starc played yet another cameo and scored 30 runs off just 31 balls to take Australia to that mammoth total.

R Ashwin picked up four wickets and Ravindra Jadeja picked up three wickets in the second innings to help India bowl out Australia for 285 runs in the second innings.

I keep doing it: Manchester United's Wembley hero Zlatan Ibrahimovic

LONDON(KCN): Zlatan Ibrahimovic celebrated his League Cup final heroics in

When the Swedish striker joined United on a free transfer last year after

the season to 26 in all competitions.

But for Ibrahimovic, who has

gone I have won. I think this is trophy number 32 for me.

"This is what I

he was always convinced it would be a successful resumption of their partner-



typically bullish style as the Manchester United star insisted he never doubted he would thrive in England.

Ibrahimovic scored twice in Sunday's thrilling 3-2 win over Southampton at Wembley, opening the scoring with a powerful free-kick before sealing the first major trophy of his time at United with a clinical 87th minute header.

leaving Paris Saint Germain critics questioned whether he was past his best.

But the 35-year-old has spectacularly silenced those jibes with a brilliant first season with United.

His goals have kept United in the hunt for a top-four finish in the Premier League and now he burnished his already glowing reputation with a memorable Wembley double to take his goal tally for

collected trophies wherever he has gone in a remarkable career encompassing spells at Barcelona, Juventus, Inter Milan, AC Milan and Ajax, it was no more than he expected.

"This is a team effort. This is what I came for, to win -- and I am winning. The more I win the more satisfied I get," Ibrahimovic said.

"You appreciate it more the older you get. Wherever I have

predicted. To many I could not do it. My friend, I keep doing it. I'm enjoying it in England."

Z l a t a n Ibrahimovic holds the trophy after M a n c h e s t e r United won the ELC final soccer match against Southampton FC at Wembley. | AP Ibrahimovic said it was his close relationship with boss Jose Mourinho that persuaded him to move to United and

ship, which first flourished at Inter.

Now he has repaid Mourinho by helping him become the first United manager to win a major prize in his maiden season in charge at Old Trafford.

"I got a call from Jose Mourinho. I have a good relationship with him and that's why I came," he said. "I know I made the right choice. I predicted what I would do. I came -- that's special."



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