

## IUCD access on rise Naveen keeps all guessing

**Bhubaneswar (KC-N):** There has been an increase in percentage of post-partum women accepting IUCD from 8 Percent in 2014-15 to 23Percent in 2016-17 in project facilities in Odisha.

Over the last two years, the program through demand generation, trainings, supportive supervision visits and quality assurance has ensured increased access of IUCD services for women in the State.

This fact came to fore in a one-day state level experience sharing workshop on the key learning and way forward under the Jhpiego supported EAISI (Expanding Access to IUCD Services in India) program was held here on recently.

Pramod Kumar Meherda, Secretary, Health and Family Welfare graced the occasion as the Chief Guest of the workshop.

In his key note address Dr. Meherda advised all the stakeholders that for success of any Public Health program, a strong review and

monitoring mechanism along with extensive engagement with the community is highly important.

He appreciated Jhpiego's relentless efforts to strengthen family planning services in the state and highlighted the commendable increase of IUCD services in Odisha through the EAISI program.

Health and Family Welfare Department launched the EAISI program with support of Jhpiego (an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, USA) in January 2015.

118 sub-district level facilities across 24 districts have been strengthened through a package of Comprehensive IUCD services (including post-partum, post-abortion and interval IUCD insertion and Family Planning counseling services).

The workshop highlighted successes of the current phase, while discussing steps for roll out in additional 105 facilities across all 30 districts.

Shalini Pandit, Mission Director NHM Odisha spoke

about the key initiatives for strengthening Family Planning in Odisha under National Health Mission. Citing the recently released National Family Health Survey IV data; Ms. Pandit highlighted, how concerted efforts along with robust planning have helped Odisha in reducing not only the Total Fertility rate, but also increasing the prevalence of modern methods of contraception among all eligible couples in the State.

Bulbul Sood, Country Director Jhpiego, presented on the 'Overview and Strategy for Strengthening Comprehensive IUCD Services under EAISI Program in Odisha'.

During her presentation, Dr. Sood talked about the goals and objectives of the EAISI program and the key findings of the program from a technical aspect while touching upon various facets of the program like client follow-up, counseling, data management and commodity

management.

Among others present were, Dr. Binod Kumar Mishra, Director Family Welfare, Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Joint Director Family Welfare, Dr. Dinabandhu Sahoo, Joint Director Technical, NHM along with all Nodal Officers of Directorate of Family Welfare and key NHM consultants, Prof. and Head of the Dept. of OBG from all the 3 Medical Colleges and Hospitals, Capital Hospital & RGH Rourkela, along with ADMO FWs and Deputy Manager RCHs from all 30 districts were the participants of the experience sharing workshop.

Selected champion providers of IUCD services, including doctors, nurses and LHV's, who have defied all odds and have been instrumental in increasing uptake of IUCD services in their respective facilities, were felicitated by Dr. Meherda, Ms. Pandit and other dignitaries for their outstanding contributions on this occasion

**Bhubaneswar (KC-N):** Though he fielded P A Sangma against the then ruling UPA Government's presidential elections last time, BJD President Naveen Patnaik continues to keep waiting the opposition parties ahead of the polls for the Raisina Hills.

While the opposition camp is desperate to open a channel of communication with Naveen, considered a key fence-sitter, the BJD Supremo today said: "It is too early. Let the Union Government announce its candidate."

Though JDU President and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, JDU leader Sharad Yadav and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee have meanwhile met Naveen in Bhubaneswar, sources said the Odisha Chief Minister has not given any assurance to any leader.

He is putting his cards close to the heart therefore leaving all to guess Naveen's move in terms of Presidential elections.

Meanwhile, CPI-M leader Sitaram

Yechury is visiting Bhubaneswar for two days from May 3.

Most opposition parties have almost stopped hoping any help from the

President Pranab Mukherjee and even become a guest at Rastrapati Bhavan earlier.

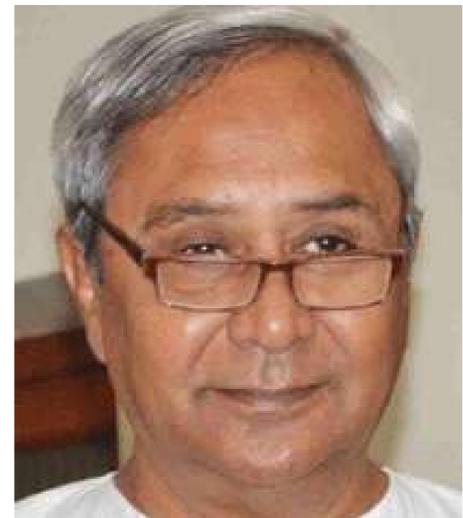
If the NDA Government proposes the name of President Pranab Mukherjee, as the next President, Congress may not oppose it. However, there is little chance for denominating Pranab again.

The Delhi circle is, however, agog that BJP may propose Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu's name as the next president. Ms. Murmu, a tribal woman from Odisha.

In case of Droupadi Murmu, the BJD may be put in trouble as she will be first person (after V V Giri) from Odisha to contest the Presidential elections.

Name of Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan name is prominently figuring in the in the discussion on next Presidential Candidate.

However after NDA will decide the name of Presidential Candidate, then Naveen is likely to open his cards, feel political observers.



It is expected that Yechury would meet Naveen during the period. It is also believed that Yechury has been entrusted by the opposition parties to make final talks with Naveen during his two day visit to the state capital here.

Naveen, however, still maintained silence even though he has been facing a direct confrontation from the BJP. Sources said Naveen would take a decision after examining the BJP's candidate for the Presidential polls.

In absence of J Jayalalitha, the Congress and other oppo-

Tamil Nadu leaders.

But, the opposition is optimistic to get the support of NDA allies like Shiv Sena and Shiromani Akali Dal.

"The support from Sena and Akalis will depend on the who our candidate is," CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury said adding that Sena had supported Congress' Pratibha Patil against the BJP's candidate in 2007 presidential polls.

Sources said, Naveen is reluctant to open his cards because he maintained a good relationship

## Jagamohan progress on track

**Cuttack (KC-N):** Chief Justice of Orissa High Court, Vineet Saran is likely to visit Shree Jagannath Mandir to observe the Jagamohan repair work on Sunday.

With fresh affidavits filed in the Orissa High Court declaring that the repair work of Jagamohan of Puri Jagannath temple is in progress as per schedule and would be completed by June 2, 2017, CJ Mr. Saran will be visiting 12th Century Shrine for On the Spot Observation.

Today the Superintendent, Archeological Survey of India (ASI), Bhubaneswar Circle HA Naik, Puri Collector Arvind Agarwal and Engineer-In-Chief & Secretary, Works, Nalinikanta Pradhan filed separate and fresh affidavits.

The Division Bench of Orissa High

Court comprising Chief Justice Vineet Saran and Justice KR Mahapatra before which the stakeholders had filed their affidavits has posted the next hearing on the case to May 18 with a direction to file fresh affidavits in respect of progress of the Jagamohan repair works

Advocate NK Mohanty who was appointed Amicus Curiae by Orissa High Court to inspect the ongoing Jagamohan repair works at Shree Jagannath temple and submit report about the exact progress of the repair works also submitted a status report today before the court stating that necessary repair works are being undertaken as per schedule.

As per the status report submitted before High Court, all foundation works have been completed. A total of 16 stainless

steel columns have been erected and completed. While two Tie-Beams up to



5.5 meter on the eastside has been completed, one Tie-Beam on the Westside and three on North side too have been completed. The work for setting up of three Tie-Beams on Southside will be taken up soon.

Similarly, the work for construction of 16 trapezoidal beams is yet to be taken up, the status reports maintained.

Earlier it was estimated that 70 tonne stainless steels was required for the repair of Jagamohan. But

after going through the works, it appeared 100 metric tonne of stainless steel is required. The rest 30 metric tonne of stainless steel will be estimated and provided by ASI, according to the status report.

Again, all materials have been received and the fabrication work is going on at Pennar Industries in Hyderabad.

Similarly modification as per the site condition is being done at KIIT campus in Bhubaneswar. It is expected that all the fabricated materials will reach Puri within 8 to 10 days and the work for setting up the fabricated materials will be completed by May 25. During the course of hearing, the Amicus Curiae had also requested Chief Justice to make a personal visit to the Lord Jagannath temple to observe the progress of the Jagamohan repair work.

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**Fawad Khan's intimate photoshoot with wife Sadaf will make you forget all that he has done onscreen so far. See pics**

All the fans who swear by the chemistry of Fawad Khan with his Humsafar co-star Mahira Khan need to hold their horses. The Pakistani heartthrob is proving why he looks best with his real life 'co-star' and wife Sadaf Khan. Though Sadaf has been a constant companion of Fawad at every event and even several of his shoots, but it isn't an unknown fact that the shy Sadaf prefers to be her husband's support from behind the curtains. However, it seems she has finally decided to come out in open and shout it out to the

massive female fan following of Fawad that "he is mine". Indeed he is, and the latest photoshoot of this star couple is a testimony to that. Trust us when we say that Fawad has never had this sizzling chemistry with any of his onscreen co-stars. Fawad and Sadaf have for the first time been clicked together. The childhood sweethearts are on the cover of the May issue of magazine, Masala. As soon as the news broke that Sadaf has done a photoshoot with Fawad for the first time, their pics



went viral on Instagram. The two are up close and personal, making many skip a heartbeat. From their smile to their eyes, the pics resonate with only love. Check out the pictures of Fawad Khan and Sadaf Khan shared by various fan pages on Instagram.

**Dumping queens of Bollywood**

**Kareena Kapoor: There are many to line-up behind Kareena Kapoor. As the priorities kept shifting with success, so did her partners. Her bond with Shahid became weak when she met the much-older Saif Ali Khan. (BCCL)**



**'We are not promoting sex'**

Do you think the film industry is welcoming to newcomers like you? It's really difficult to get into Bollywood - it's a matter of time and the luck factor counts too. It's tough; and it was tough for me. It has been a very long and difficult struggle for me, I have enjoyed my journey though because it was not like I was just struggling and doing nothing ... I have taken a little long to

do the kind of film I really wanted and desired. But it has finally happened and I am here. Wajah Tum Ho can be termed as your proper debut film. What are your expectations from it? My expectations are very high because this film has given me everything that I have ever dreamt of. I feel amazing as I have experienced everything I wanted in this film - being a solo lead, performing to the best

songs, playing a very strong character. The first teaser poster was my solo poster! Moreover, I have good chemistry with director Vishal Pandya - at most times, newcomers lack this when you cannot match up with the director. Like we say - uparwala jab bhi deta hai, chhappar faad ke deta hai. The steamy scenes in the film have created a major buzz. What is your reaction?

It's no big deal in names in the film. It's romance because a pure thriller gets boring. It's okay and there should be no big halla as if people have never seen anybody kissing on screen before. Some people are just overreacting. I don't care as long as it is creating a buzz. Once people watch the film in the theatre, they will understand that whatever is done, is done right. It's not like there's nothing to do so we are doing those scenes.

the industry. Every film has a kiss - no matter how big the according to the requirements. It's necessary to show a little



## Bosch to pay out \$327.5 million over Volkswagen 'dieselgate'

**FRANKFURT(KCN):** German car parts maker Bosch said Wednesday it will pay out some \$327.5 million (303 million euros) in compensation to US buyers and dealers of Volkswagen-made diesel cars affected by the 'dieselgate' scandal. Bosch made some elements of the sophisticated software, known as "defeat devices", that VW installed in 11 million diesel engines worldwide to minimise emissions during regulatory testing. Bosch said in a statement that a compensation agreement "would settle the claims of consumers and dealers of used vehicles against Robert Bosch GmbH, its affiliates, employees, and directors" in the United States.

US customers who bought vehicles

from Volkswagen and Audi with 2.0-litre diesel engines between 2009 and 2015, as well as 3.0-litre VW, Audi and Porsche cars produced between 2009 and 2016, will receive compensation.

The agreement must still be approved by a US federal judge in California, with a hearing slated for February 14.

While agreeing to pay out to VW buyers who have accused the firm of helping conceal the existence of the "defeat devices", Bosch said it "neither acknowledges the facts as alleged by the plaintiffs nor does Bosch accept any liability." With the proposed agreement affecting only civil law claims, Bosch added that it "will continue to defend its interests in all

other civil and criminal law proceedings and to cooperate comprehensively with the investigating authorities in Germany and other countries."

"We wish to devote our attention and our resources to the transition in mobility and in other areas of activity," chief executive Volkmar Denner said in the statement.

Presenting provisional results for 2016 last week, the Stuttgart-based, family-owned firm said it was investing billions in transitioning to electric cars and connected objects from its traditional car components and domestic appliances business.

Bosch reported 73.1 billion euros (\$79 billion) in revenue and operating profit of 4.3 billion euros for the year.

## BSNL to set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura

**Shillong (KCN):** Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) Chief General Manager K K Saxena today said the company will set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura to improve customers service and its reach in these states.

He said 56 of

these towers will be in remote Meghalaya (existing 244), nine in Mizoram (existing 141) and 46 in Tripura (existing 386) which will add to 771 existing towers in these states as part of the phase 7 project costing Rs 50 crore.

Both NE-1 and NE-2 (comprising of

Assam and rest of NE states) cater to about 17.4 lakh customers of which 8.7 lakh are in NE-1 circle, he said. Earlier, Saxena announced the launch of three new plans costing less than Rs 400 for prepaid services where customers can avail free calls and data costing less than Rs 2 per GB.

## Reliance Jio tariffs in line with regulations: Telecom Regulatory body

**NEW DELHI (KCN):** Telecom regulator TRAI has said the tariff plans of Reliance Jio are in compliance with its regulations and the existing tariff orders.

TRAJ is expected to communicate the

in the tariffs and has found that the tariffs are in compliance with regulations and existing tariff orders," sources said.

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eral for views on Jio's free voice and data offering till March 2017, that rivals have termed "predatory".

Sources said during the hearing at TDSAT yesterday, TRAI counsel submitted that the regu-

lated as predatory" and also explain why its tariffs were not in violation of existing regulatory guidelines.

In its response, Jio had stated that its latest Happy New Year offer is substantially different from

payment after the 4 GB limit was exhausted, but in the fresh offering, one can recharge both data and the promised speed. In terms of market dominance, Reliance Jio said it accounts for 6 per



same to the incumbent operators including Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular, which had moved telecom tribunal TDSAT against the regulator for allowing the Mukesh Ambani-led telecom venture to continue free promotional offer beyond the stipulated 90 days.

"TRAJ has exam-

Jio tells TRAI

The decision comes just days after the Attorney General communicated to TRAI that Reliance Jio's tariff plans do not violate any existing regulation or order issued by the regulator, and therefore it should not intervene in the matter.

TRAJ had asked for the Attorney Gen-

erator has already taken a decision on the issue, after which TDSAT directed TRAI to file its decision. The next date of hearing on the matter is February 6.

On December 20, 2016, TRAI had asked Reliance Jio to clarify as to "why the offer of free data under the promotional offer should not be

the Jio Welcome Offer -- which commenced on September 5 -- as in the initial offer, it had provided 4 GB of free data per day, while in the new one, the same was capped at 1 GB under Fair Usage Policy.

Also, it contended that in the first, there was no option of renewal or

cent market share in the country whereas the Competition Commission of India (CCI) norms specify 30 per cent threshold to trigger the misuse of market dominance clause.

"The two tariff plans are not the same, in terms of data on offer and other aspects," TRAI sources said.

# Pakistan Army crossed over LoC after mutilating Indian soldiers: MEA

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** An "outraged" India on Wednesday told Pakistan that its Army Personnel from the Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (Pok) crossed over the LoC and mutilated the bodies of the Indian soldiers. India also pointed out the barbarism of the act as it informed Pakistan that a blood trail was found till the LoC in the Krishnaghati sector belonging to slain Indian soldiers hinting that the mutilated part of the body was carried across the de-facto border between the two countries.

Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar summoned Pakistan's Envoy Abdul Basit in the afternoon and issued a demarche to inform that Indian investigating agencies have found "sufficient" evidence re-



garding the involvement of Pakistan Army personnel in the mutilating of two Indian soldiers – one from the Army and one from the Border Security Force (BSF) on May 1.

However, the Ministry of External

Affairs' (MEA) Spokesperson Gopal Baglay tied himself in knots while putting across the official version on the evidence of the involvement of Pakistan Army in the incident. Addressing the media Baglay averred that

there was a "trail of blood" on Roza Nalla that "clearly" suggests that the killers returned across the LoC. However, when asked to clarify whose blood sample was it, Baglay said that it belonged to Pakistan Army per-

sonnel. This created confusion and some pointed questions were asked as to how it was discerned that the blood samples belonged to an Indian or a Pakistani; and if it was a Pakistani's blood how did Indian investigating agen-

cies found it belonged to a civilian or military personnel. Following this Baglay returned to the first version that the blood trail was of Indian soldiers.

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The Foreign Secretary has not provided evidence to Pakistan Envoy, who has denied involvement of Pakistan Army personnel in the Act. When asked for "actionable evidence" Jaishankar informed Basit that the incident was preceded by "covering fire from Pakistani posts in Battal sector (in vicinity of village Battal)". Regardless

of the diplomatic flip-flop, the incident has sparked calls for revenge in India and the incident has made the already low Indo-Pak relations to plunge further. Following the Uri terror attack in September 2016, India had responded with surgical strikes, however, that has not stopped the constant escalation of violence between the two countries. India has been continuing to raise the issue on international forums to isolate Pakistan but that has not abated the cross-border sponsorship of terrorism. With elections due next year in Pakistan the Army would definitely like to project upper hand over the civilian leadership. Meanwhile, the South Block mandarins are thinking hard to increase cost for Pakistan.

## Injury rules Sreejesh out of Sultan Azlan Shah Cup

**IPOH (MALAYSIA)(KCN):** India captain and goalkeeper PR Sreejesh has been ruled out of the ongoing Sultan Azlan Shah Cup owing to a knee injury he suffered in the match against defending champions Australia.

Sreejesh has a painful right knee due to a ligament injury that generally

takes two to three months to heal, a team source said today ahead of India's preliminary league fixture against Japan.

The 28-year-old Sreejesh was using a crutch for support as he accompanied the Indian team to the ground, but sat in the galleries as the teams lined up for the match.

He had hobbled first quarter of the



off the pitch in the game against Aus-

tralia yesterday due to a painful knee after diving to reach a diagonal ball by an Australia striker into the Indian circle.

"The scan on his right knee today revealed the extent of injury. He will play no role in the ongoing tournament and could even miss the World League Semi-finals in London in June," said an offi-

cial on condition of anonymity.

"Sreejesh has been told that his injury will take 2-3 months to heal," he said. That would rule out Sreejesh, India's first choice goalkeeper, from selection for the London event.

"Why risk him aggravating the injury when India are already assured of a

spot in the World League Finals that is to be hosted in the Indian city of Bhubaneswar," the official said.

Sreejesh was appointed India's captain when long-time skipper Sardar Singh was rested from last year's Champions Trophy in London, where India finished runners-up to Australia.

He was subsequently given the captaincy for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The Indian team is not going to get a replacement for Sreejesh for the current tournament.

After today's match against Japan, there are only two games left, to be held on Friday and Saturday.

## Azlan Shah Cup hockey: Mandeep's hat-trick hands India 4-3 win over Japan

**IPOH (MALAYSIA)(KCN):** Striker Mandeep Singh scored a brilliant hat-trick to hand India a fighting 4-3 victory over lower-ranked Japan in a round robin match of the 26th Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament, here today.

Having squandered the early lead provided by a penalty corner conversion from Rupinderpal Singh, India were trailing when Mandeep got into his goal-scoring act in the second half.

It needed two goals from Mandeep in the last 10 minutes to help India avoid a stunning loss.

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India have lost the services of their first-choice goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, whose right knee injury sustained in yesterday's game against Australia has ruled him out from the remainder of the tournament.

Mandeep's first goal, a deflection from Harmanpreet's firm shot into the circle, brought India level at 2-2 in the

45th minute.

But India joy was shortlived as Japan restored their lead within half a minute.

Japan went 3-2 ahead as Mitani's rasping flick in a crowded circle could not be blocked by Indian custodian Chikte. The ball went off the goalkeeper's glove into the top of the net.

Rattled by the strike, India added thrust to their raids and were rewarded when Sardar shrugged away two defenders to square the ball across the goalmouth. Mandeep applied the finishing touch by easing the ball over the goalline to make it 3-3 in the 51st minute.

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