

CB team begins probe Rail industries for Odisha

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With the Odisha Government ordering Crime Branch Investigation over the killing of its eight Police Personnel in landmine explosion in Koraput district, Team of CB-CID has rushed to the spot.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik ordered an investigation by the Crime Branch of Odisha Police into the landmine blast suspected to have been triggered by Maoists, after the Odisha Police Constable, Havildar and Sepoy Mahasanga raised question on the SOP.

The Left Wing Extremism (LWE) Division of the Crime Branch would investigate the incident, said Crime Branch Special DG BK Sharma, adding that a four-member team headed by a DSP-ranked officer has left for the accident site to probe into the tragedy.

"The CB-CID Team headed by DSP P K Mishra will probe the matter and verify the kind of explosives used in the blast, whether SOP was maintained and

other aspects. The team would be accompanied by forensic expert team. Statements of eyewitnesses and blast survivors would be recorded," Mr.Sharma said.



Earlier, Mahasanga President Prasant Mohapatra alleged the senior police officers did not follow the SOP. He said the force movement should be done using private vehicles in order to avoid Maoist attack as per the provision of the SOP. However, this provision was not applied when the senior officers decided to take the newly-recruited drivers for training to Angul via

Cuttack, Mr. Mohapatra alleged.

In the meantime Department of Home General (Operations) RP Koche, Director Intelligence Sunil Roy and DIG S Shyni

to the spot of accident where 8 personnel were killed and five others suffered injuries. The incident took place at Sunki ghat while 13 assistant drivers and driver havildar were travelling in a police vehicle towards Angul to attend a training program.

Though two days have already passed since the landmine explosion, the Maoists have so far not made any claim,

which is considered as contrary to their style of functioning.

Meanwhile, the OHRC today admitted petitions on the Sunki Ghat landmine incident. Pradipta Nayak, a Human Rights defender and Chandranath Dani, Advocate and HR defender, Bhubaneswar presented a petition before the Commission drawing its attention to the tragic death of police constables on February 1.

The petitioner alleged that due of non-adherence to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in the matter of movement of unarmed police personnel in a Maoist prone area such an unfortunate incident took place.

The Odisha Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has also sought a report within two weeks from the Secretary, Home and the Director General of Police (DGP) on whether the standard operating procedures were followed during the force's movement in the Maoist-hit area bordering Andhra Pradesh.

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Union Government has sanctioned two new railway industrial projects besides allocating Rs 5102 crore for different rail infrastructure development works in Odisha, said East Coast Railway (ECOR) General Manager Umesh Singh.

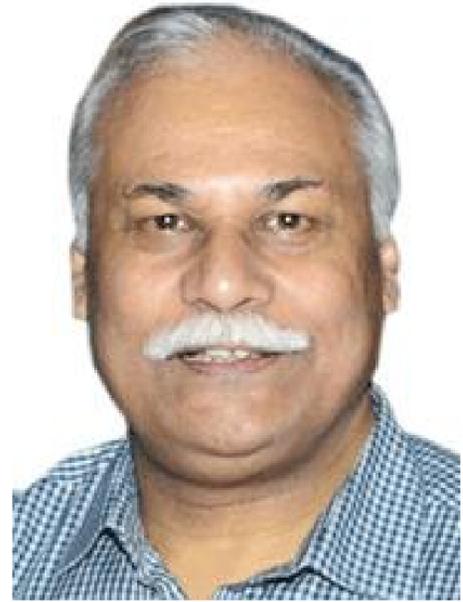
Giving details about the industrial projects sanctioned by the Centre in the Budget 2017-18, Singh said an Electric Loco Periodical Overhauling Workshop will be set up in Kalahandi with an investment of Rs 186 crore.

The Centre has allocated Rs 1,000 for the project this time, he said.

Similarly, the Centre has also sanctioned a Freight Train maintenance Facility with Routine Overhauling Facilities for Freight Wagons at Maneswar near

Sambalpur.

rail project.



While the project cost is Rs 49.16 crore, this year budget made an allocation of Rs 1,000.

Among the major projects, the Union Budget has made allocation of Rs 700 crore for the Khurda-Bolangir railway project followed by Rs 275 crore for Jeypore-Nabrangpur

While Rs 250 crore has been allocated for Talcher-Bimalagarh rail project, the Haridaspur-Paradip rail project has got Rs 200 crore.

The Angul-Sukinda Road rail project has been granted Rs 200 crore, Rs 79 crore for Jeypore-Malkangiri

rail project, Rs 5 crore for Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh rail project and Rs 1.5 cr for Daitati-Banspani rail project.

For construction of railway over bridge, railway under bridge and sub-ways, the budget has made allocation of Rs 671 crore of which the state government's share will be Rs 363.72 crore.

The Centre has also sanctioned three new survey for construction of lines in future.

They are: Engineering-cum-Traffic survey for new line between Bhawani-patna-Kesinga via Utkela (35 kilometer), Sambalpur-Jharapada (3rd line) and Jharsuguda-Sambalpur (3rd line and 4th line).

The State Government had earlier demanded Rs 5,870 Crore for the rail infrastructure development in Odisha.

Goa sees highest voter turnout at 83%; Punjab sees 75% polling, clashes reported

New Delhi(KCN): Manohar Parrikar at the polling booth in Goa. (Source: Express photo by Aaron

Pereira) Manohar Parrikar at the polling booth in Goa. (Source: Express photo by Aaron Pereira)

forces and State police guarding the venues.

Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar, widely seen as the chief ministerial face of the BJP, Union Minister Shripad Naik and Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar were among the early voters who cast their ballots. The election passed off peacefully with no untoward incident reported from anywhere in the state except some cases of EVM glitches and cancellation of voting in one booth. In Margao constituency (South Goa), re-polling has been recommended due to faulty procedure, the EC will take final decision to schedule the re-polling day.

However, Leslie Saldanha (78) died outside a polling booth in Panaji. He who was waiting to cast his

put up 36 aspirants, Congress 37 and AAP is contesting on 39 seats and each of them backing independents in a few seats. More than eleven lakh voters are eligible to exercise their right in this election which has 250 candidates in fray. Voting was held across 1,642 polling booths in the state with para-military

to go to polling ahead of Uttar Pradesh, Manipur and Uttarakhand which are being held simultaneously in the months of February and March. The counting of votes for all five states will begin on March 11.

In Goa, the ruling BJP is engaged in a fierce fight with the Opposition Congress, AAP and an alliance



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Pereira) Manohar Parrikar at the polling booth in Goa. (Source: Express photo by Aaron Pereira)

The states of Punjab and Goa went to polls on Saturday and as the voting came to an end Goa had a high turnout of 83 per cent breaking its last year's record of 81 per cent. The 83 per cent turnout was



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Lisa Haydon's pregnancy is keeping her in a happy holiday mood, see pics



Model-turned-actor Lisa Haydon is holidaying with her friends. Lisa is expecting and can't hide her happiness at the moment. The actor shared some lovely pictures from her recent getaway on Instagram. We must say, these pictures are overloaded with hotness. A few days ago,

the leggy beauty revealed about her pregnancy by sharing a picture in a swimsuit, looking at her baby bump. She wrote with the image, "Humble beginnings ??????" Now, this is what we call sharing the news with style." Alia Bhatt, Varun Dhawan Starrer Badrinath Ki

Dulhania's Trailer Review
The actor got married to beau Dino Lalvani in a hush-hush ceremony in October 2016. Even then, she had taken to social media to share the happy news. Dino is the son of Pakistan-born British entrepreneur Gullu Lalvani. Just a few days ago,

we saw Lisa posing on a magazine cover with Hrithik Roshan and it was hard to decide who looked hotter and fitter. Even in the Instagram image, announcing her pregnancy, Lisa looked is looking extremely fit and the telltale bump is the only giveaway. The Chennai-born actress has

stayed abroad most of her life. She had lived in Australia and the US before coming down to Mumbai to build a career in modelling, which then translated into Bollywood. She won accolades for her role in Queen and was last seen in a cameo in Karan Johar's Ae Dil Hai Mushkil. Lisa re-

cently turned 30. Lisa is currently seen in a web series by Bindaas channel titled - The Trip. The show is about a bride, played by Masaan fame actor Shweta Tripathi, who goes on a road trip with her best friends played by Lisa, Mallika Dua and Sapna Pabbi. Lisa is on a break from films at present.

Hansika in Mohanlal's next

It seems Mohanlal-B new release Bogan. Venkatesh, who has



Unnikrishnan team's untitled film is getting bigger and bigger. After Vishal and Srikanth, another popular south star Hansika Motwani will be making her Mollywood debut through the film. The update was announced by the director himself on his official Facebook page. "I wish great luck to @Hansika for her

She will have a very special appearance in my Mohanlal film produced by Mr Rockline Venkatesh," posted Unnikrishnan. According to the director, who had last teamed up with Mohanlal for Mr Fraud, VFX and special effects will have a lot of importance in the big budget project. While Rockline

made films like Bajrangi Bhaijaan and Linga, is the producer, the project also boasts of an excellent crew. Manoj Paramahansa, who has cranked camera for films including Vinnaitaandi Varuvaaya and Nanpan, is the cinematographer. 4 Musics, the band behind the hit songs of Oppam, will be scoring the music.

Tamannaah Bhatia and Shruti Hassan are the new gal pals

Tamannaah Bhatia has been bonding with her contemporary Shruti Hassan.

eryday due to their busy schedules, but they always make sure to make time on

Shruti. Tamannaah says, "Shruti is a sweetheart and a dear



for a while now. Tamannaah chose to take some time out last week to meet her new BFF Shruti Hassan to celebrate her birthday. According to a source close to Tamannaah says. "Tamannaah and Shruti share a special bond, the two actresses may not be able to talk ev-

each other's birthdays. Shruti Hassan, who celebrated her birthday couple of days ago with close friends, had Tamannaah as one of her special guests. It is said that Tamannaah makes it a point to not miss her friend's special day at any cost. She had also brought a special gift for

friend. Since we both have tight schedules, we don't get much time to spend with each other the rest of the year, so I needed to be at her birthday party so that I could be with her. I have been attending her birthday since the last three years and making sure to be with her on her special day."

Rupee good run continues, gains 4 paise against dollar

Mumbai (KCN): Rupee, paisa, dollar, rupee vs dollar, rupee paise, rupee recovery, rupee price fall, paise fall, economy news, rupee value against dollar, rupee value, latest news, indian express Forex dealers said the weakness in the greenback against other currencies overseas and a higher opening in the domestic equity market also supported the rupee.

The rupee's good run continued into the 8th straight session today as it firmed up by another 4 paise in early trade to 67.33 against the dollar after the US currency saw higher selling by exporters and banks amid foreign fund in-



flows. Forex dealers said the weakness in the greenback against other currencies overseas

and a higher opening in the domestic equity market also supported the rupee.

Yesterday, the ru-

pee had surged by 10 paise to close at a nearly two-month high of 67.37 on sustained dollar unwind-

ing from exporters and banks amid weak overseas trend. Meanwhile, the benchmark BSE

Sensex rose 53.97 points, or 0.19 per cent, to 28,280.58, in early session today.

Honda raises full-year profit outlook on lower costs, weaker yen

TOKYO (KCN): Honda Motor Co on Friday lifted its an-

nance upgraded in November, and 58.2 percent more than a year

profit of 753.27 billion yen and net profit of 533.44 billion yen.

seventh plant in the country. It raised its full-year sales out-

Civic sedan have also led to record sales in the automaker's big-

protectionist trade policies in his first weeks in office, formally withdrawing the United States from Trans Pacific Partnership trade pact. Honda and other Japanese automakers have increasingly localised vehicle production over the past three decades, and Honda's U.S.-produced vehicles account for around 26 percent of its global vehicle output. The company operates seven production plants in the United States which manufactured nearly 80 percent of the record 1.64 million Honda vehicles sold in the country in 2016. It also operates plants in Mexico and Canada which export a chunk of their output to the United States. As demand for SUVs and trucks continues to rise in the United States, Honda has increasingly turned to exports from Japan, which more than doubled to 82,780 units in the 12 months through December.



nual profit forecast for the second time in as many quarters due to cost-cutting and the impact of a weakening yen, while sales in China remained strong.

Japan's third-largest automaker said it expected net profit for the year through March at 545.0 billion yen (\$4.82 billion), up from previous guid-

earlier.

It also raised its operating profit forecast to 785.0 billion yen after posting 207.6 billion yen for October-December - up 27.4 percent from a year prior and exceeding the 157.07 billion yen average of 11 analyst estimates in a Reuters I/B/E/S/poll. Analysts expect the automaker to post full-year operating

The automaker also forecasts the local currency to average 107 yen to the U.S. dollar through March, compared with an earlier forecast of 103 yen.

The results come as business is booming in China, where surging sales led by the Civic and the XR-V have prompted the automaker to invest \$436 million in its

look for Asia including China to 1.945 million vehicles from 1.915 million. The automaker expects to sell 5.005 million vehicles globally in the year through March, up from a previous forecast for 4.98 million. In the U.S., strong demand for Honda's latest CR-V sport utility vehicle (SUV) and the latest generation of its

gest market during calendar 2016.

Honda is among global automakers which have come under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has demanded that more cars sold in the United States be made locally to increase jobs and shrink the U.S. trade deficit.

The new president has focused on

Snapchat files for \$3 billion IPO, outlines aggressive expansion plans

Snapchat owner Snap Inc shot the opening salvo in its \$3 billion initial public offering on Thursday, outlining aggressive expansion plans but offering new investors no say on how the company is run and no promise of profits.

Snap's publication on Thursday of its IPO registration document sets the stage for its upcom-

ing marketing campaign to convince investors to look past its widening losses and the firm grip of its founders, and focus on its rapid growth of active users. The number of Snap's daily active users grew to an average of 158 million at the end of December, up 48 percent year-on-year, Snap revealed. However,

its net loss widened to \$514.6 million in 2016 from \$372.9 million the year before.

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time to polish its marketing pitch in the run-up to the IPO planned for March, some analysts were taken aback that the company was just beginning to reap cash from its product.

"What surprises me the most is that it is still very early days when it comes to Snap making money," said Rohit Kulkarni, managing

director at private securities investment firm SharesPost.

Snap had confidentially registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for an IPO late last year. It kept the filing under such tight wraps, even some of its IPO underwriters had not seen it prior to publication on Thursday, sources familiar with

the matter previously told Reuters. Snap said in the IPO registration document published on Thursday it would become the first U.S. company to go public with shares on offer not granting voting rights to stock market investors. Its founders, Evan Spiegel and Robert Murphy, will keep control of the company.

Russia's Sberbank to supply 20-25 tonnes of gold to India in 2017

MOSCOW (KCN): Sberbank CIB, the investment and corporate banking unit of Russia's largest

clients, who have the right to hold import operations with precious metals, on Jan. 27. The bank plans to



bank Sberbank, plans to supply a total of 20-25 tonnes of gold to India this year, the bank said in a statement on Friday.

Sberbank CIB started gold supplies to Indian corporate

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vote, but collapsed and died, officials said. In Goa, one polling station was picked up which was managed totally by the persons with disability, according to the Election Commission. In Margao, for the first time, women cast their votes at a pink polling booth.

According to the Election Commission sources, the poll percentage could go up as there were long queues of voters at many booths across the state even after 5 pm. All those present at booth at 5 pm got a token as those in the queue were still allowed to vote. The voting will continue until the queue ends, as the voters were in the queue before polling officially ended.

After the voting was closed, the Election Commission addressed a press conference where it informed that for the first time 100 per cent use of electronically transmitted postal ballot system was done in Goa. Also, 100 per cent webcasting was done in Goa on all the polling stations. In Goa, cash worth Rs 2.24 crore, along with more than 75,000 litres liquor worth more than 1 crore, 6 kgs of drugs and narcotics worth 34.22 lakh were seized, it said.

The polling in Punjab started an hour late, at 8 am, due to the inclement weather. The tentative polling percentage in the state has settled at 75 per cent in Punjab. The final percentage is awaited. Since early morning, security personnel were deployed outside all polling stations across the state. Candidates in Punjab elections reached Golden Temple early in the morning to seek blessings ahead of voting. The total number of electors in the state is 1,98,79,069, including 93,75,546 females. There are 415 transgender voters. The total number of candidates in the fray include 81 women and a transgender.

Several polling stations, witnessed technical glitches and stray incidents of violence were reported in the state

which is seeing a high-stake contest among Congress, new entrant AAP and ruling SAD-BJP combine. Two persons were injured in a clash which took place between AAP and Congress workers at Sultanpur village in Sangrur district, police said. A case of violence was reported which took place in Lalu Ghuman village in Tarn Taran. The supporters of two political parties clashed where one person sustained bullet injury. An FIR has been lodged. The main accused has been rounded up, according to the Election Commission.

A large number of voter-verified paper audit trail (VVPAT) machines, installed for the first time in the ongoing Punjab Assembly polls, developed snags during the polling process in the state. A technical snag was reported in VVPAT machines in Majitha and Sangrur, an election office spokesman said, adding that the matter had been referred to the ECI.

Due to a snag in the machines, polling had to be called off a number of times, Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) V K Singh said, adding that these machines were replaced by others. Punjab CM Parkash Singh Badal said Congress CM candidate Amarinder Singh is a 'dal-badlu'. "I have 70 years experience, fought for Punjab and India, this is a small battle," ANI quoted him as saying. For the first time webcasting from 4000 polling booth was done in Punjab, monitored from Chandigarh control room.

Chelsea beat Arsenal 3-1, take 12 point lead at the top: As it happened

Arsenal started well but the well oiled machine that Chelsea have been this season, they soaked in

HOURS AGO FULL TIME! Chelsea 3-1 Arsenal Chelsea have all but ensured that they

after their match against Middlesbrough but it will now take a sensational collapse from

Fabregas did well to chip it in from well outside the box. It was a simple back pass to the Arsenal goalkeeper and he gives the ball away to Fabregas. He took only one touch before chipping it and putting it in the back of the net. The former Arsenal man doesn't celebrate as the former Chelsea man collects the ball with a defeated expression.

HOURS AGO 83', Eden Hazard goes off for Willian while Pedro goes off for Cesc Fabregas. Hazard gets a standing ovation from the home fans and the Chelsea support staff. His goal could very well be the one that gives Chelsea a free road to the title.

HOURS AGO 78', Arsenal probably had the best chance of the match, Ozil puts in the corner and Mustafi gets a free header, it is just wide off the post.



the pressure and attacked when they had a chance. With Ngolo Kante running all over the pitch and collecting the ball whenever he could, Chelsea were springing attacks from almost nothing and in the end, took Arsenal by surprise three times in the match.

This now means that Arsenal are now virtually out of the title race as they have now fallen behind by 12 points. Rohitmundayurie 2

have a free run now to the Premier league title. Marcos Alonso scored the first from a Diego Costa rebound, Eden Hazard took on the Arsenal defence and beat them to score the second and Cesc Fabregas took advantage of Petr Cech's mistake to score the third.

Arsenal now trail Chelsea by 12 points. Tottenham will probably close their gap down to 9 points with Chelsea

the Blues for them to lose this title race.

HOURS AGO Chelsea 3-1 Arsenal (Giroud 90')

A consolation for Arsenal, Nacho Monreal provided a low cross and Giroud is spot on with the header. No celebrations from Arsenal, they know this match is well out of reach now.

HOURS AGO Chelsea 3-0 Arsenal (Fabregas 84')

This one is on Petr Cech, although

Online viewing of women's league exceeds expectations despite drawbacks

CHENNAI(KCN): It has been a few days since the first ever women's football league in the country kicked off. It has not

ver lining though has been the faithful audience that the live streams have gathered. In a country where men's football

Bembem Devi coming out of retirement to pull on the latter's jersey, drew a whopping 64,000 viewers. The remaining games

football in India. I also don't think the stadium was that bad. There could have been more grass on the pitch, but the sur-



been the best of starts. The state of the pitch at the Ambedkar Stadium, where the matches are being played, has come in for much flak. With no television channel interested in telecasting it, the six-team league has so far gone under the radar.

Indeed, the only way of keeping track of the matches are to either turn up at the Ambedkar Stadium or tune into the All India Football Federation's Facebook page where most matches are live-streamed.

The biggest sil-

often finds few takers, it is assumed that the women's version will be condemned to obscurity of an even worse manner. But the numbers that AIFF's live streams are pulling suggests this is not the case. The inaugural encounter between Rising Students' Club from Odisha and Aizawl FC drew more than 38,000 viewers.

The next game between Puducherry's Jeppi-yar Institute and Manipur's Eastern Sporting Union, with former India captain Oinam

have healthy numbers, the match between Pune City FC and FC Alakhpura drawing 33,000 viewers and the encounter between Eastern Sporting Union and Rising Students' Club drawing 47,000 viewers.

Bembem, who has played for Maldives' New Radiant Club, is no stranger to league football and believes the numbers are encouraging. "Of course, it's a good start. The numbers are very good," she says. "This is a good sign for women's

face was very even. But yes, there is no doubt that this can be improved. They should think about holding this on a home-and-away basis next year."

Bembem also wishes that she had the chance to play in a league when she was at her peak. "Of course, I wish this had happened when I was younger," says the 36-year-old. "I had retired and I thought I would never get to play in a league in India. But thankfully this has happened now." vinprad@vividexp.com

Live Cricket Score, South Africa vs Sri Lanka, 3rd ODI: Sri Lanka collapse against South Africa

Sri Lanka have been shredded apart in the first two ODI matches at St. George's Oval and Kingsmeade. They are yet to cross the 200-run-mark. South Africa have won the first and second matches by eight wickets and 121 runs respectively, which only emphasises their absolute domination over the visitors.

If Sri Lanka lose the third match to be played at Johannesburg, South



Africa would have taken an unassailable lead in the five-match series. Once again, South African team

colours will be all pink for breast cancer awareness and the Proteas have never lost when they've

donned pink. Catch live scores and updates from South Africa vs Sri Lanka in the third ODI.

India A and Bangladesh practice ahead of warm up match



India A and Bangladesh teams underwent rigorous training session on the eve of their two-day warm-up match here today.

The visiting Bangladesh team practiced at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket stadium at

Uppal, the venue of the one-off Test match against India, while India A had their net session at the Gymkhana ground at Secunderabad.

Mushfiqur Rahim-led Bangladesh arrived here on February 2 for the one-off Test, to be held from

February 9 to 13.

The Indian team is expected to assemble in the city on February 6 and the players are likely to have a practice session on the evening of that day, sources said.

Hardik Pandya, Jayant Yadav along with reserve opener

Abhinav Mukund are the three Indian players from the Test squad whose performance will be under focus at the Gymkhana ground when they take on Bangladesh in the warm-up match, which will not have official first-class status.

Victories a boost for Men in Blue before Australia Test

BENGALURU(KCN): Pulling off dramatic wins has become a habit for the Indian team. A sensational performance on Wednesday saw the Men in Blue clinch the T20I series against England, adding to the ODI and Test series triumphs before that. This was after successful Test and ODI series against New Zealand.

Teamwork was evident. But the good part is that apart from seniors coming up with good performances, youngsters are also stepping up and showing that they can be match-winners. While it was great to watch centuries from Virat Kohli, M Vijay, Cheteshwar Pujara and useful contributions by R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Jayant Yadav, other signifi-

cant highlights were the 303 by Karun Nair and 199 by KL Rahul in the Chennai Test. Similarly, in the ODI and T20I series, the likes of Kedar Jadhav, Rahul, Yuzvendra Chahal and Jasprit Bumrah delivered when it mattered.

The English were no pushovers. The series triumphs came only after India toiled hard. That, obviously, makes the victories sweeter and will be a boost before the Australia Test series. Virat Kohli said it was more of mental preparation than physical. "Hard work is something international cricketers do on a daily basis. Against teams like England, you need more mental preparation than physical work. I think we fought fire with fire

and were not willing to take a step backwards." "We got the results we wanted. Winning all three series feels really good because we were up against a top quality side. We understand that and to come on top after the end of all three series is a great feeling, knowing that we didn't have that much experience in our teams. The Test team is almost as good as new. Even in the ODI team, we had 3-4 experienced guys but the rest who stepped up were youngsters. This is a massive boost for us," Kohli said.

Talking about great performances from the youngsters, he said, "We have talks in the dressing room about taking every day as an opportunity, wanting to make a difference and

taking equal ownership of the team. The talk has always been to take responsibility as individuals. That's the only way we can become a champion side. That's why we've bounced back from difficult situations. That's why we saw special performances from guys who haven't played so many games." Though leading in all formats and delivering the goods, Kohli says it's no one-man show. "I said this before and you would have seen this on the field. I take a lot of advice from MS (Dhoni) and am always speaking to Ashish Nehra too. In ODIs, I was talking to MS a lot. To take advice from a person who has captained the side for so long is never a bad idea in crucial situations," he stated.