

## State moves SC for Kalma FISHCOFED Opts For PMBSY

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The State Government today hinted about moving the Supreme Court if the Chhattisgarh Government did not listen to its request to release water from the Kalma Barrage over Mahanadi river to the downstream areas.

However the Government of Chhattisgarh has clarified that no gate of the Barrage has been closed.

BJD Chief Spokesperson and Senior Minister Surya Narayan Patro told Media that any dispute on sharing of water of a river that flows through two states gets resolved by Central organizations like the Central Water Commission (CWC).

"However, if the issue persists, the State Government will seek the intervention of the Union Government once again and approach the Supreme Court thereafter," Mr. Patro said.

However, Water Resources Minister of the Government of

Chhattisgarh, Minister Naveen Brijmohan Agarwal Patnaik had urged his



said in Raipur that none of the Kalma Barrage gates have been closed and the contention of Odisha government was 'baseless'.

Mr. Agarwal said normally during the summer season the flow of water is low.

"We have not closed any gate of Kalma barrage and the allegation of Odisha government was without any basis," Mr. Agarwal categorically said.

Notably, Chief

Minister Naveen Patnaik had urged his

allowed to suffer due to water scarcity," Mr. Pradhan said. Mr. Patnaik in his letter on 3 June had said, "You are requested to instruct the officials of your water resources department to immediately open the gates of Kalma barrage and ensure free flow of water in Mahanadi river," he wrote.

The Kalma barrage is one of the six barrages unilaterally built by the Chhattisgarh State government across the inter-state river Mahanadi without any reference or regard to the downstream interests of Odisha and its inhabitants.

In downstream areas in Odisha, drinking water supply in Sambalpur, Jharsuguda, Bargarh districts and many other districts have been affected due to the closure of the Kalma barrage gates, he said drawing the attention of Raman Singh.

There is "widespread unrest" due to the "unilateral ac-

tion", Mr. Patnaik had said adding "This unrest may go out of hand, if free flow downstream of Kalma barrage in Mahanadi river is not restored immediately."

"I emphatically state that this unilateral action of your government in closing the gates of Kalma barrage and stopping free flow of water is wholly contrary to the inter-state riparian rights as per the 1945 understanding (under the chairmanship of Dr B R Ambedkar) when the Hirakud Dam was planned," Patnaik said in his letter.

Odisha Government, he had pointed out, has already filed a statutory complaint under section 3 of the Inter-state River Water Dispute Act of 1954 and one of the disputes in the complaint specifically refers to the six barrages, including Kalma.

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## India launches heaviest rocket GSLV Mk III from Sriharikota

**SRIHARIKOTA(KCN):** India's brand new and heaviest rocket - the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-Mark III (GSLV-Mk III) - with the 3,136 kg communication satellite

munication satellite into designated Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) in a perfect launch.

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launch vehicles - PSLV and GSLV MkII. It is the fifth launch vehicle variant developed by the space agency. The 43.43 metres tall rocket lifted-off from the second launch pad at India's

system and stage separation systems. With this, Isro has also broken its traditional jinx. The agency was carrying the burden of having miserable record of maiden rocket launches. In 1979, the launch of the Satellite Launch Vehicle-3 (SLV-3) ended in failure. In 1993, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) ended in the sea on its launch and in 2001, the maiden launch of the GSLV also meet watery grave. However, Monday's success showed Isro has come a long way for these things to matter.

After PSLV's maiden failure, it registered 38 consecutive successful launches placing 46 Indian satellites and 180 satellites from customer from abroad. Under Kiran Kumar's leadership, who took charge in January 2015, the space agency hasn't seen a failure. GSLV MkIII is also country's shortest rocket compared to both GSLV MkII and PSLV-XL, but double the weight of PSLV and over 200 tonnes more than GSLV MkII. This has earned it a nickname 'fat boy'.



GSAT-19 on board, blasted off from the Sriharikota spaceport on Monday.

Precisely at 5.28 p.m., the GSLV-Mk III rocket, on its maiden flight, began its ascent towards space from the second launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC).

India's global presence in highly-competitive space market has just taken a giant leap. The first developmental flight of GSLV MkIII, the country's heaviest rocket weighting 640 tonnes, has successfully placed GSAT-19 com-

This opens a new chapter for Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), as GSLV MkIII was flown with home grown C25 cryogenic stage, which was crucial for it to become self-reliant. India now gained capability to launch 4 tonne class communication satellites, otherwise dependent on European carriers paying hefty fee.

Isro chairman AS Kiran Kumar called the launch 'historic' and shared the success with entire team Isro. GSLV MkIII is the all-new launch vehicle added to the presently operational

rocket port at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, about 100 km from Chennai.

All the three propulsion element of GSLV MkIII - the solid S200 stages, the liquid L110 core stage carrying hypergolic liquid propellants and C25 cryogenic upper stage carrying about 28 tonnes of cryogenic propellants stored on-board at very low temperatures - are new developments, and performed exceptionally well.

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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

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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."

# SBI to launch up to USD 2.3 billion share sale as early as this week, sources say

MUMBAI(KCN): State Bank of India will launch a planned

share sale of as much as \$2.3 billion as early as this week to raise funds from institutional investors, several sources familiar with the plans said on Monday. It was not immediately known how much the lender would raise from the so-called qualified institutional placement (QIP) of shares.

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sources, when asked about the timing of the QIP. A spokesman for SBI did not immediately respond to a re-

## NDTV shares tank nearly 7 per cent in intra-day after CBI searches

NEW DELHI(KCN): Shares of NDTV today tanked nearly 7 per cent in intra-day after the CBI carried out searches at the residence of its founder Prannoy Roy for allegedly concealing a share transaction from Sebi and causing loss to a private bank.

The stock plunged 6.74 per cent to Rs 58.10 -- its 52-week low -- on BSE during the day. Later,

it trimmed some of the losses and ended at Rs 60.45, down 2.97 per cent.

On NSE, shares of the company tumbled 6.88 per cent to Rs 58.15 in intra-day and finally closed at Rs 59.85, down 4.16 per cent.

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The FIR said that a loss of Rs 48 crore was caused to ICICI Bank and consequent gain by RRPR.

The CBI has registered a case against RRPR Holding Pvt Limited, Prannoy Roy, his wife Radhika and unidentified officials of ICICI Bank of criminal conspiracy, cheating and corruption.

On the volume front, 1.20 lakh shares of the company were traded on

## Ikea acquires land in Bengaluru for setting up store

New Delhi(KCN): Swedish furniture retailer Ikea has acquired land in Bengaluru from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation for an undisclosed sum as part of its plans to start retail operations in India.

"The IKEA store in Bengaluru is planned to be around 4.5 lakh square feet and is expected to have more than 5 million visitors per year," the company said in a statement.

The company has acquired the land located in Nagasandra on Tumkur road from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation.

Commenting on the development, IKEA India CEO Juvencio Maeztu said: "Karnataka is a highly strategic and

important market for IKEA. Along with retail stores, IKEA's Purchasing team will also grow local sourcing and engage with local artisan and communities in many projects."

The store would employ 500 to 700 co-workers in which 50 per cent would be women. Besides, 1,500 people would also be engaged indirectly in services. "Each IKEA store will employ 500-700 co-workers directly and another 1,500 people indirectly in different services.

## Tata Motors appoints Borwankar as COO; CV head Pisharody quits

NEW DELHI (KCN): Tata Motors today announced appointment of Executive Director Satish Borwankar to a newly created posi-

tion of Chief Operating Officer, which coincided with the resignation of the head of its commercial vehicles unit, Ravindra Pisharody.

Borwankar, currently Executive Director (Quality), has been appointed as COO with immediate effect and his tenure

of executive directorship would be extended for a period of two years from July, 2017, the company said in a BSE filing.

In an earlier announcement, the company said the commercial vehicles division Pisharody has resigned citing personal reasons.

Pisharody, among the senior most in the company's management, has been holding the position of Executive Director

(Commercial Vehicles) since June 21, 2012, having joined Tata Motors as Vice President Commercial Vehicles (Sales & Marketing), in 2007.

been the Executive Director (Quality) since June 21, 2012.

He has held various executive positions, overseeing and implementing prod-

uct development, manufacturing operations and quality control initiatives of the company's CV business unit.

A mechanical engineer from IIT, Kanpur, Borwankar has also played significant roles in setting up greenfield projects of the com-



CV sales grew by just 0.45 per cent to 3,05,620 units in 2016-17.

In May 2017, the company's overall commercial vehicles sales in the domestic market were at 23,606 units, down 13 per cent from the same month last year

Prior to joining Tata Motors, he was with Castrol Ltd, a subsidiary of BP. He had also worked with Philips India in various roles.

Borwankar, on the other hand, started his career with Tata Motors in 1974, as a Graduate Engineer Trainee. He has

terday said it has received recommendations from the NITI Aayog and is looking at all possible alternatives to make Air India viable.

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New Delhi(KCN): The CITU today termed the government's proposal to privatise Air India as an exercise with a dubious intent to fritter away a national asset to benefit private airlines.

The major trade union also said that the move was against the national interest and ill-timed as it came when Air India has posted an operating profit for the first time in 10 years since its merger with Indian Airlines.

Finance minister Arun Jaitley had recently favoured disinvestment of the loss-making flag carrier, saying the airline's market share is just around 14 per cent whereas the debt burden was Rs 50,000 crore.

He had also said that the taxpayer's money could be better utilised such as for promoting education rather than in keeping the airline afloat. Following this, the civil aviation ministry yes-

terday said it has received recommendations from the NITI Aayog and is looking at all possible alternatives to make Air India viable.

"The privatisation of Air India is not for saving public money but for frittering away a national asset and exchequer for the benefit of private corporate and private airlines, both domestic and foreign.

This is an exercise with a dubious intent, totally against the national interest," a statement issued by the Left affiliated Centre for Indian Trade Union (CITU). Air India is surviving on a Rs 30,000 crore bail-out package, spread over 10 years, announced by the Manmohan Singh government in 2012.

In 2015-16, the airline posted operational profit of Rs 105 crore on account of low fuel prices and increased passenger numbers. According to CITU, the Air India

dia has accumulated such a huge loss due to the burden of debt servicing.

It also said that the successive government's at the Centre, and not the airline's management, were to be blamed for the financial mess of Air India. "Air India which had been a profit making company till 2007, pushed to loss and debt-burdened by the bungling and disastrous experiments by the successive governments at the Centre on the national carrier's organisational structure.

For this, the company management cannot be held responsible," the statement said.

CITU has also asked that if the government is willing to write off the Rs 30,000 crore debt for the prospective private buyer why it could not make a similar offer to Air India.

## Govt's proposal to privatise AI to benefit private carriers: CITU

## India vs Pakistan, ICC Champions Trophy 2017: Hardik Pandya didn't know that he would be needed to bat till the last minute

KCN: Hardik Pandya was selected to go in at number five.

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ability. "When I saw the left-arm spinner, I knew that I could go

I was keeping pretty normal. I was pretty calm, composed. I



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Hardik Pandya said that he had no idea before the 46th over, while skipper Virat Kohli and Yuvraj Singh were ripping the Pakistan bowling attack apart, that he would be needed to bat next.

"I got to know in the 46th over, when coach told me, 'You will be going next, go pad up.' Obviously, I padded up quickly and once I got my gloves, I went out straightaway because Yuvraj got out," Pandey told ICC in an interview.

Pandya was selected to go in at number five, before former captain MS Dhoni and ODI expert Kedar Jadhav. Not out at 20, Pandya attributed self-belief behind his rise and

for it," he revealed. "It's all about backing yourself. I always feel that in cricket, you need to back yourself and be confident. Once you are confident, you take the right decision and eventually that pays off."

He admitted that the pressure of a clash against arch rivals Pakistan was there but he thought of it as a normal game. "Honestly I won't lie, pressure was there. But still at the back of my mind, I was thinking of it as a normal game because I didn't want to take unnecessary pressure. In any game, I wouldn't want to take unnecessary pressure on myself because that makes you do something that you are not supposed to do."

"Even this game,

tried not to think of it as a big match as well, just take it as a normal game, an important game for India like any match we play. And eventually we did pretty well and won it."

Pandya said that he was not playing in place of anyone and playing at number five was because of team requirements. "Honestly, I don't think I have any pressure because I have been playing regularly. I am not playing in place of anyone, it's just the requirement of the team based on the conditions on offer. Since I made my international debut, I have played all the games that I was part of the squad for, except for one which I sat out in Visakhapatnam."

## Bangladesh elect to bat against Australia

LONDON(KCN): Bangladesh won the toss and opted to bat

here today. Spinner Mehedi Hasan has

has come in for John Hastings in the Australian playing XI.

Warner, Steve Smith (capt), Moises Henriques, Glenn Maxwell, Travis Head, Matthew Wade†, Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood

Bangladesh: Tamim Iqbal, Soumya Sarkar, Imrul Kayes, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim†, Sabbir Rahman, Mehedi Hasan Miraz, Mahmudullah, Mashrafe Mortaza\*, Mustafizur Rahman, Rubel Hossain.



against Australia in their ICC Champions Trophy match

replaced Mosaddek for Bangladesh, while Adam Zampa

Teams Australia: Aaron Finch, David

## Amid desi flavour and lax security, India choke Pakistan

The match was still two hours away. But around Edgbaston, there was a festive atmosphere. Pakistan fans went on a parade around the stadium in an open-top bus, letting out a huge roar whenever they saw Indians.

A couple of the latter arrived dressed as Jack Sparrow from Pirates of the Caribbean, with placards comparing Dhoni to Baahubali. You can take the desi out of India, but can't take the Indian out of him!

With news of the

ferred space for parking. But it came at a cost of £15. Cricket sells!

The London Midlands Express was supposed to reach Birmingham at 8.30 am, but thanks to the thousands who had hopped on, it arrived at 11 am, with many missing the beginning of the match.

A host of celebs, including Vijay Mallya and all BCCI office-bearers, were also present.

The match began with the teams observing a minute's si-

Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan put on 136 for the opening wicket to give India a steady start, despite the rain interruptions, with Pakistan's bowlers unable to take advantage of conditions tailor-made for them. Once the initial phase was over, the duo built a strong platform, before Virat Kohli and Yuvraj Singh posted fifties. Eventually, India's title defence started with a rousing 124-run win.

Remember the 90s? It is the age that

Sohail, Ijaz Ahmed gave Indian bowlers many moments to forget. Some of us mocked Moin Khan's Shabas Saqi in gully cricket, listening to stories how Javed Miandad left many weeping in Sharjah on a summer evening in 1986.

It used to be THE contest everyone waited for, discussing, even stimulating, what might happen in the match days in advance. It didn't matter if India somehow managed to press the panic button



London terror strikes

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coming in, security was beefed up, but it was hard to ignore the fact that barring a few points, there was no frisking or screening, which is seen in India and the sub-continent for international cricket. Many fans complained of a lack of proper checks, and said authorities had been complacent.

With parking an issue, many residents around the stadium were offering slots, with some quoting £20 for the day. Even a nearby church of-

spect for those affected by the terror strikes. But once the national anthems were played, business resumed as usual.

Pakistan captain Sarfaraz Ahmed, whose mother was born in Uttar Pradesh and settled in Pakistan after marriage, was generous in inserting India in. Maybe, he wanted to make the best use of morning conditions, there had been rains over the last couple of days.

But Rohit

often in search of nostalgia, especially when it comes to India-Pakistan cricket. It was the period most enjoyed watching, even if it often meant interrupted Door-darshan feed, with commentary that sometimes caused amusement.

It was the era of watching Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed making Indian batsmen look like rabbits caught in a headlight. The likes of Saeed Anwar, Aamer

a ball on the field. You secretly admired them, often pretending to be one of them with a bat or ball in the hand. Unknown players, plucked out of nowhere, left us with wounds some of us are still licking. Somewhere, something changed. Pakistan's graph went on a descend as India's started soaring. Forget Afridi! We have Sehwag, Dhoni.

Who needs Umar Gul when we had Zaheer Khan!