

## Justice Karnan imposes 5-year rigorous imprisonment, Rs 1 lakh fine to J S Khehar, six SC judges

**KOLKATA(KCN):** Calcutta High Court judge Justice Chinnaswamy Swaminathan Karnan has found Chief Justice of India Jagdish Singh Khehar and six other Supreme Court judges guilty under

Section 3, subsection (1)(m), (r) and (u) of the SC/ST (Prevention) of Atrocities Act, 1989.

He has ordered five-years rigorous imprisonment and Rs 1 lakh fine each for discriminating aga-

inst him on the basis of his caste. He also ordered the seven judges to pay him an amount of Rs 14 crore for Suo Motu Contempt Petition No. 1 of 2017.

The high court judge further directed

Delhi Police to arrest the seven Supreme Court judges and the accused to pay the fine to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) within a week.

He also directed the Union and State governments not to accept the services of the SC judges and ordered them to surrender their passports.

He also ordered the Immigration Authority See page -7

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said

ter said the City is also going to host the Hockey World

sters to turn up in large numbers to attend the champion-

## BJD on reform mode

**Bhubaneswar (KC-N):** Odisha's 71-year-old Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik is on reform mode. Changes are visible in the ruling party and the government. Call it reform or course correction, Naveen himself tries to come close to people and take his party to each village much ahead of the 2019 general elections.

Besides changing his own style of functioning, Naveen is also reshuffling his three-year-old ministry. He appointed five young ministers In-charge of different districts where lotus has started blooming. However, political observers feel that there are no real changes in the organization set up.

In the organization, Naveen elevated Industries minister Debi Prasad Mishra to the rank of a vice-president from being a general secretary and put him in charge of observer for Sambalpur district, a stronghold of opposition BJP.

The change appeared nothing new as Mishra was once earlier in-charge of Sambalpur district. He has earlier failed to check BJP's surge in Sambalpur and now once again he has been put in the same place. Arun Sahoo is put in-charge of Mayurbhanj district where BJP in all practical purposes overthrew BJD in Zilla Parishad elections. The same Arun Sahoo is appointed observer for Mayurbhanj. How can he accelerate BJD's growth there?

Similarly, Sanjay Dasburma and Pranab Prakash Das have been appointed observers for Nabarangpur and

Rayagada districts and Malkangiri and Koraput districts respectively. BJD vice-president S N Patro is given his old district of Bolangir. Questions are raised now as to the wisdom of

panchayat polls where BJD secured about 180 less Zilla Parishad seats, everybody was expecting a "Dhamaka" in Naveen style. The younger son of legendary Biju Patnaik



this kind of course correction.

Naveen also revamped his youth and student wings. Here also the changes are laced with status quo. One Amaresh Patri has been appointed BJD's youth wing president; he replaced Sanjay Dasburma. But the fact remains that Dasburma continues to remain in charge of Youth Affairs of the party. The new man as the president of the youth wing cannot take any decision without consulting Dasburma.

Similar is the case of Arun Sahoo. Though Byomakesh Ray was the president of BJD's students' wing, Sahoo was looking after all activities. Now also, Sahoo has been appointed general secretary in charge of students' affairs. So where is reform? The same old guards are at the helm.

When Naveen Patnaik announced that he would undertake a course correction after the

is known as a strong man in Odisha politics. Naveen's act of giant killing had elated people who wanted to see him in his "leader killer avatar."

Naveen, the unlikely politician, who once felt more comfortable with the likes of Mike Jagger and Jacqueline Onassis than politics, appeared hardly down or out to BJP's onslaught. Naveen has changed his own style of functioning after BJP's success in the recent rural elections. As BJP has openly declared that its next target is Naveen's 17-year uninterrupted rule, Naveen, like Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also switched over to social media.

For the last 18 years, Naveen is known for his clean and tough image. Though Naveen appeared to have changed, his old qualities of a strong leader have been fading away. In the past, he has dropped min-

isters on charges of "found in shadow of corruption." But now, Naveen remains silent and no action is taken even as leaders openly criticize his style of functioning. Changing his old fashion, Naveen recently took his first selfie at the age of 71 with kids.

Naveen now-a-days is a frequent user of Facebook, Twitter and even Instagram with the sole objective of catching imagination of the youth, who constitute about 40 per cent of the State's population.

The Chief Minister also visited a local book store and interacted with the youth. That's not all, as tensions in Bhadrak spread, Naveen Patnaik rushed to the spot and spent time with people. The same Naveen had not visited Kalinga Nagar even as tribals were killed during an anti-displacement agitation.

However, there has been a smart change in Naveen's Media relationship. Though the Odisha Chief Minister has not held a single press conference in last 16 years now has mustered courage and is ready to reply to reporters' questions. He is no more taking a U-turn to reporters.

This is not all. Naveen, who used to meet people only in public meetings, has now been frequently meeting party's grassroots level leaders in his daily "Panchayat Durbar."

He has been meeting the elected Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members of BJD and listening to them with patience. The panchayat leaders are also told that Naveen would

meet them again after six months. This has encouraged village level leaders who had never imagined having interaction with the Chief Minister.

All the changes, reforms or call it course correction measures, happened only for the blow that has been given by the opposition BJP in the rural polls. Naveen for the first time in two decades has realized that he needs to change in order to counter the saffron surge which is being witnessed across the State.

The ruling party has been wooing all sections now though it had already won the confidence of women and construction workers in the past.

In 2014, Odisha remained untouched by the Narendra Modi wave. Biju Janata Dal won 117 of the 147 Assembly and 20 of the 21 Lok Sabha seats.

The party's pro-poor policy including cheap rice scheme made Naveen extremely popular and he became a hero for poverty stricken people for his schemes like Mamata and Harischandra Yojana. However, there is a perception growing among the youth that BJP will be a better option for them, said a senior Member of Parliament from Uttar Pradesh, when he talked to a cross section of people from Berhampur to Balasore during his visit to the State on Railway Standing Committee.

Against this backdrop, correct message through proper political rezig will help BJD. Are you Listening, Naveen Patnaik?



State Capital has turned out as a sought-after destination for international sports competitions.

Speaking at a ceremony to unveil the logo and mascot of 22nd Asian Athletics Championship here, Mr.Patnaik said the championship will be largest ever sporting event in Bhubaneswar with participation of as many as 45 countries.

"More than 700 athletes will participate in 42 athletic events spread over four days from July 6 to 9 here at Kalinga Stadium", he added.

The Chief Minis-

ter said the City is also going to host the Hockey World

League Final in December 2017 and the prestigious Men's Hockey World Cup in December 2018.

"I am sure this athletic championship will provide substantial exposure to Odia boys and girls who will watch the World champions in action", he stated.

He urged young-

ship. Mr.Patnaik felicitated legendary athletes PT Usha and Anju Bobby George on the occasion.

Mr.Patnaik unveiled the mascot of the tournament 'Ole' which represents the endangered Sea Turtle Olive Ridley.

New Sports and Youth Services Minister Chandra Sarathi Behera, President of Athletic Federation of India Adille Sumariwella, Development Commissioner R Balakrishnan, Secretary Sports and Youth Services Vishal Dev and others attended the Ceremony.

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**Jennifer Lawrence's next to have 'Hard R' rating?**

Mumbai(KCN): It seems like Jennifer leap from the fantasy world to the real world. According to the Hollywood Reporter,



Lawrence is taking a world. the new footage of

the flick 'Red Sparrow,' shown at a special Fox event, highlighted the adult nature of the film.

The director, Francis Lawrence, told during the event that this movie is definitely going to be R. He also revealed that when he pitched the idea of his approach for the movie, nobody chickened out or got cold feet, everyone was up for it. 'It is a Hard R.'

The film, which also stars Joel Edgerton, Jeremy Irons, Matthias Schoenaerts, Mary Louise Parker and Charlotte Rampling, sees Lawrence reuniting with her 'Hunger Games' director.

The film is heavy on sex, with the Oscar-winning actress' character trained to seduce the individuals deemed as enemies of the Russian state.

Talking about working with the 'Passengers' star, he said, she was willing to take some risks in this movie, but might not have been willing to do for somebody she didn't know.

While Lawrence revealed that there was just one week's worth of shooting left to do, with production taking place across Europe and now in London.

'Red Sparrow' is due for a release in March 2018.

**Raabta: Sushant Singh Rajput and Kriti Sanon are raising the temperatures with every new still, see pic**



Sushant Singh Rajput and Kriti Sanon's on-screen chemistry is the highlight of their upcoming film Raabta and this

has been proved in the film's trailer so far. Sushant and Kriti are currently promoting the film in different cities. Both have been teasing their fans with various stills from the movie. Raabta team today shared a new pic from the film and it's another proof of Sushant-Kriti's chemistry. Raabta's official Twitter handle shared the look and captioned the picture as, "Happiness looks gorgeous when #ShivAndSaira is together. ? @kritisanon @itsSSR #DineshVijan @MaddockFilms @TSeries." Going by the picture, one can see Sushant Singh and Kriti enjoying each other's company.



Utkantha : Bachelor Film Actress

**Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher welcome second child**

Yesteryear diva Mumtaz spotted in London but you can hardly recognise her. See viral pic

Yesteryear actor Mumtaz, who has appeared in several hit Bollywood films in the 60s and 70s was

LOS ANGELES(KCN): Actors Mila Kunis and Ashton

the website E! News reported.

The actors and

stars on the set of "That '70s show," a television series aired

other roles, shot to international fame when



recently spotted in London. The actor looked unrecognisable in this photo that has gone viral on several fan pages on social media. Mumtaz had settled in London after taking the decision of staying away from showbiz post wedding. The latest pic seems to have been taken there as Mumtaz is dressed casually in winter wear. Mumtaz and actor Rajesh Khanna have worked in at least 10 films including Aap Ki Kasam, Roti, Apna Desh and Sachcha Jhootha.



Kutcher announced the birth of their second child together, a spokeswoman for Kunis confirmed on Thursday.

The couple has yet to name the baby boy born on Wednesday,

producers have a two-year-old daughter, Wyatt. They became engaged in February 2014 after a two-year relationship and married in July 2015.

Kutcher, 38, and Kunis, 33, met as co-

in the United States between 1998 and 2006 in which their characters were also in a relationship.

Kutcher, who also starred in the television series "Two and a Half Men," among his

he began dating actress Demi Moore, to whom he was married from 2005 to 2013.

Kunis previously had a long-term relationship with actor Macaulay Culkin.

**BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar**

Bombay (KCN): Nadira Zaheer Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival.

The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclusive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

# Now, here comes 'crowd approval' of loans from Tata Capital

**MUMBAI (KCN):** You may have heard of crowd sourcing of funds. But here comes a loan proposal which brings in crowd approval.

Tata Capital has announced a personal loan initiative, which will be processed by the company on the basis of approvals received from people on the social and digital media.

The initiative -- Salaam Loans -- will offer up to Rs 1 lakh at heavily discounted rates to deserving individuals who may not have access to organised credit, according to a press release issued by the company.

The initiative aims to "salute the unbreakable spirit of those who brave severe circumstances and yet dare to dream



big", the release states.

Here's how it would work: Indi-

viduals would be able to upload their own

story, or stories of people known to

them on the website www.doright.in.

These stories would then be showcased

puts in enough number of 'salaams' for a deserving person, the company would process the loan.

"The stories of some of these individuals are extremely worthy and the courage and fortitude they display is commendable. Under Salaam Loans, we have given the power of approval to the public to help fulfill their dreams," said Praveen Kadle, Managing Director and CEO of Tata Capital. The company says that access to unsecured personal loans are offered across a range of profiles, but still many individuals are unable to get finance on account of reasons such as insufficient credit history, inadequate or irregular income and improper documentation.

## L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad spends Rs 12,000 crore on work so far

**Hyderabad (KCN):** crore. We (govern- to the government changes in align- the total 64 metro



L&T Metro Rail Hyderabad Ltd, which is developing the metro rail here, has so far spent over Rs 12,000 crore on the project, while the Telangana government has incurred a cost of Rs over 2,000 crore, a top Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd (HMRL) official said.

"L&T has spent over Rs 12,000

ment) spent Rs 2,100 crore from our Rs 3,000 crore commitment. Part of the project is expected to be operational during the current year," NVS Reddy, managing director of HMRL, implementing agency for the project, told a press conference.

To a query, Reddy said L&T gave representation

on the cost escalation due to delays for various reasons, which are being studied by the government.

The metro network will cover a total distance of around 72 kilometres across three corridors. The project was initially scheduled to be completed by July 2017, but delays like

ment, land acquisition and other issues have resulted in the project overshooting the deadline.

Authorities had earlier said all three metro rail corridors, including the one passing through the old City, would be completed by December 2018. He said parking and circulation work are going on at 32 out of

rail stations.

According to Reddy, 400 bike stations with 10,000 bicycles will be set up for the convenience of commuters. Electric vehicles and feeder buses will also be made available for the passengers to connect inner residential areas to metro stations, he added.

## Have complied with order, deposited interest: Unitech to SC

**NEW DELHI (KCN):** Real estate company Unitech today told the Supreme Court that they have complied with its direction and deposited 14 per cent interest on Rs 16.55 crore invested by 39 home buyers at its Gurugram's project.

The lawyer representing the firm told a bench comprising Justices Dipak Misra and A M Khanwilkar that they have complied with all the directions given by the apex court. The bench has asked its registry to distribute the money among the investors on a pro-rata basis.

The court had on April 24 directed the firm to deposit 14 per cent interest on Rs 16.55 crore invested by 39 buyers by today and warned it that failure to meet the deadline could invite attaching the realtor's property.

These 39 home buyers had booked flats in Unitech's Vista housing project in Gurugram. They had sought a refund of their principal amount, totalling Rs 16.55 crore with interest, after the developer, which had promised to give the possession by 2012, delayed it.

The apex court

on February 20 had asked the developer to deposit interest on the money invested by these home buyers and had said that interest would be calculated from January 1, 2010. The bench had directed the registry to disburse 90 per cent of this amount to home buyers on pro-rata basis, as was done while giving refund of the principal amount.

However, it had said that issue of compensation will be

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not to issue visas to the accused to travel abroad, the Calcutta

deliberated upon later. The court on January 12 had directed that Rs two crore deposited by Unitech with its registry as principal amount, be distributed among 39 home buyers. It had in August last year directed the embattled real estate firm to deposit Rs 15 crore principal amount by September-end to pay back investors and home buyers who were not given possession of the flats on time.

he is absolutely normal with a stable mind. He sent back the four-doctor medi-



HC judge directed from his makeshift residential court here on Monday.

Last week Karnan refused to undergo a medical examination in violation of the apex court order, stating in a written statement that

cal board team, who were assisted by Kolkata police personnel, from his residence in New Town, Kolkata. The team was ordered by the Supreme Court to submit the medical report of Justice Karnan by May 8.

# IPL: Mumbai elect to bat against Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD(KCN):** Mumbai Indians captain Rohit Sharma

at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium here on Monday.

ing Ashish Nehra, Kane Williamson and Bipul Sharma with

Delhi Daredevils by 146 runs on Saturday in New Delhi.

Henriques, Naman Ojha (WK), Rashid Khan, Vijay Shankar,



won the toss and elected to bat against defending champions Sunrisers Hyderabad in an Indian Premier League (IPL) match

Hyderabad, which come into the match on the back of two consecutive losses, have made three changes, replac-

Mohammed Siraj, Mohammed Nabi and Vijay Shankar.

Mumbai retained the same team which annihilated

Teams:

**Sunrisers Hyderabad:** David Warner (Captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Yuvraj Singh, Moises

Mohammed Siraj, Mohammed Nabi, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Siddarth Kaul.

## KKR aiming at top-two finish playing Kings XI Punjab

**MOHALI(KCN):** On a high after sealing a playoffs berth,

The Gautam Gambhir-led side are now at second spot in

the target with 29 balls to spare on the back of Sunil Narine's

responsibility of getting the wickets with Ankit Rajpoot and

\ Their chances of a playoffs berth were dented by their six-

Besides Amla and Maxwell, they have batsmen of calibre like Martin Guptill, Shaun Marsh, Manan Vohra, Wriddhiman Saha and Axar Patel but they will need to fire in unison.

Squads:

**KXIP:** Glenn Maxwell (captain), David Miller, Manan Vohra, Hashim Amla, Shaun Marsh, Darren Sammy, Wriddhiman Saha, Nikhil Naik, Ishant Sharma, Armaan Jaffer, Martin Guptill, Eoin Morgan, Rinku Singh, Sandeep Sharma, Arman Jaffer, Anureet Singh, Mohit Sharma, KC Cariappa, Pradeep Sahu, Swapnil Singh, T. Natrajan, Matt Henry, Varun Aaron, Axar Patel, Marcus Stoinis, Gurkeerat Mann, Rahul Tewatia.

**KKR:** Gautam Gambhir (captain), Darren Bravo, Yusuf Pathan, Sunil Narine, Robin Uthappa (wk), Umesh Yadav, Suryakumar Yadav, Ankit Rajpoot, Trent Boult, Piyush Chawla, Nathan Coulter Nile, Colin De Grandhomme, Rishi Dhawan, Sayan Ghosh, Shakib Al Hasan, Sheldon Jackson, Ishank Jaggi, Kuldeep Yadav, Chris Woakes, Chris Lynn, Manish Pandey.



Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) would aim for a top-two finish when they take on Kings XI Punjab in an Indian Premier League (IPL) match here on Tuesday.

KKR bounced back in resounding fashion from their back-to-back defeats when they scripted a facile six-wicket win over hapless Royal Challengers Bangalore in Bengaluru on Sunday.

the league table with 16 points from 12 matches with the help of eight wins and they would look to consolidating their position with a win over Punjab, who suffered a six-wicket loss to Gujarat Lions on Sunday.

Chasing a modest 159 for victory, KKR raced to 105 for no loss in just six overs, for a record IPL powerplay total.

They achieved

(54 off 17 balls) record joint fastest IPL 50 -- from 15 balls -- and an equally aggressive knock from Chris Lynn (50 off 22 balls).

Robin Uthappa, out with a hamstring injury, is expected to return, as Piyush Chawla indicated on Sunday after the match.

Bowlers Umesh Yadav, Chris Woakes and Narine will be tasked with the re-

Chawla also having the ability to support them.

Punjab, on the other hand, have a thin chance to make it to the knockouts as they have only five wins from 11 matches and are placed at the fifth spot with 10 points. They now need to win all their remaining three matches if they wish to have any chance of making it to the knock-out stage.

wicket defeat at the hands of Gujarat Lions. After posting 189/3, courtesy opener Hashim Amla's century, Punjab bowlers failed to restrict Gujarat Lions, who rode on a 39-ball 74 by their top batsman Dwayne Smith.

Amla has been their mainstay amassing 400-plus runs, which include two tons -- against Mumbai Indians and Gujarat.

## Can't force estranged couple to settle: SC on Leander Paes, Rhea Pillai

**N E W DELHI(KCN):** The Supreme Court today said it cannot force ace tennis player Leander Paes and his estranged live-in partner Rhea Pillai to arrive at a settlement in a maintenance case, even after having accorded them in-chamber hearing.

Favouring that another bench should hear the matter, a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Amitava Roy made the observation after Paes and Pillai insisted that no settlement was possible among them. "We can't force the parties for a settlement. It is not possible to say anything at this stage. We tried our best to persuade the parties while hearing them in-chamber," the bench said.

The bench said

that after according the parties in-chamber hearing earlier this year, it would not be appropriate for them to hear the matter on merit. "It will be better if another bench hears this matter as we have accorded in-chamber hearing to the parties. List the matter before another bench on July 18," the bench said.

When the matter was first taken up for hearing this morning, both parties told the bench that they had certain proposals. The court then asked them to exchange it among themselves and posted the matter for hearing later today.

In the afternoon, when the matter was again taken up for hearing, counsel for Pillai told the bench that she has asked Paes for a house but he was not agreeable to it. Paes's counsel on other hand said that Pillai has already got a house from Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt (her former husband) and the tennis star was not ready for such a demand. "He (Paes) is not agreeable to anything. He doesn't want to give anything. He doesn't want to pay money," Pillai's counsel said.

To this, the bench said it cannot force the parties for settlement and the matter would be now heard on merit. The apex court had earlier asked the couple, who have a daughter out of their live-in relationship, to settle the dispute amicably out of court. Pillai had approached the apex court for maintenance under the Domestic Violence Act.

Paes had opposed the plea of Pillai saying he was not married to her. The couple have been locked in a legal battle over maintenance and custody of their 11-year-old daughter since 2014, when Pillai filed a case of domestic violence and harassment against Paes and his father. Pillai had challenged a Bombay High Court order by which it had refused to grant any relief in the dispute.

The High Court had also asked the couple to sit down together and work out an amicable solution. However, they had failed to arrive at a settlement. After getting divorce from actor Sanjay Dutt, Pillai had moved in with Paes and was in a live-in relationship.

## I have lost weight, worked on my weaknesses: Mohammed Shami

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** Two years is long hiatus from limited overs cricket and a fit-again Mohammed Shami is ready to come out all guns blazing in the upcoming Champions Trophy in England from June 1. Shami last played for India in an ODI, back in 2015 World Cup and it will be a fresh start in the 50-over cricket.

"Two years is a long time to be out of ODI squad. In these two years, I have focussed on my strength and fitness. I have also worked on my weaknesses. I have got leaner. I am hopeful that I can perform well in the upcoming Champions Trophy. I want to give my best shot," Shami

said after being named in the Champions Trophy squad.

Shami who plays for Delhi Daredevils in the Indian Premier League, feels that IPL games will be great match practice in the tune up to the marquee event. "IPL is a good platform for me wherein I will be getting 8-10 matches before going to the international tournament." Delhi Daredevils captain Zaheer Khan's presence has been of great help as his insights has helped Shami become a better bowler. "Obviously, when you speak to former players, you get valuable tips. If you speak to Zaheer, there is something or the other that emerges," he said.