

Centre asks B'Deshi report

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): With illegal immigrants from Bangladesh coolly turning the Coastal Zones of Odisha, a safe heaven, the Union Government has asked the State Government to provide detailed information on these Bangladeshis and action taken to deport them.

There are reports of influx of Bangladeshis to Odisha via Sea Route and they are flocking to Coastal Districts like Jagatsinghpur, Kendrapada, Balasore and Bhadrakh.

Mukesh Mittal, Joint Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs has written to the State Government recently about the number of Bangladeshis staying in the State.

Mr.Mittal has also asked the State Government as to how many have been deported back to Bangladesh during last three years.

While official figures say that there are only 3740 illegal immigrants are staying in Odisha, the number is much more according to unofficial sources.

According to a recent reply in the Lok Sabha till 30 March 2017, there are 3740 Bangaldeshi Infiltrators staying in seven districts of Odisha.

While in Kendrapda, 1649, Jagatsinghpur, 1112, Malkangiri, 655, Bhadrakh, 199, Nabarangpur, 106, Bhubaneswar, 17 and Bargarh, 2 Bangladesh infiltrators are staying, said the Reply.

However, it is a fact hundreds of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh are staying in Kendrapada Coastal Zones, where they are having livelihood through fishing and even many of them are having Voters' ID, said unofficial sources.

In fact Bangladeshi Nationals are coming to India after 25 March, 1971 and were staying illegally as they don't have any valid documents like VISA.

These Bangaldeshis were refugees and they were not deported and were asked to file application for grant of Indian Citizenship.

But for last few years several illegal immigrants were coming through small boats from the high sea and quietly taking shelter mostly in Kendrapada, Jagatsinghpur and Bhadrakh.

Situation is slowly turning serious as they are harbouring criminal activities and several times, State Police have arrested some of the illegal immigrants and deported to Bangladesh.

Now as there are 18 Marine Police Stations operating in the

Coastal Zones, these Police Stations are

made. Similarly provid-



keeping a vigil on the movements of these illegal immigrants, officials say.

Marine Police Personnel are conducting time to time surprise checks at the Coastal Zones and Boat Patrolling is being done. However due to paucity of funds regular boat exercise is not possible, officials admit.

Government of Odisha has repeatedly brought it to the notice of the Ministry of Home Affairs to provide required funds for fuel cost, which is much higher than the provision is

ing high powered boats are being demanded by the State Government time and again. Boats provided by MHA is posing problem of movement in small creeks, where depth is low, admits a cop deployed in the border of West Bengal, where large number of illegal immigrants are sneaking into the country. These issues are needed to be taken care of by the Centre, which is equally concerned about the illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, said an official.

Joining of hon'ble justice Shri B.K.Patel as the president of the State C.D.R. Commission

Cuttack (KCN): Today at 10.00AM, Hon'ble Shri Justice B.K.Patel joined as the President of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Odisha, Cuttack.

This was done as per Govt. of Odisha, Food, Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department's Notification No.11358 dated 02.06.2017.

Hon'ble Justice Shri B.K.Patel was welcomed by Sri Guru Prasad Sahoo, Senior Member, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Odisha, Cuttack, Smt. Smarita Mohanty, Lady Member, Sri Ashish Kumar Tripathy, Secretary, of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and Sri Dhurba Charan Barik, President, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, Cuttack.

Sri Ashwini Kumar Sahoo, Secretary, Consumer Bar Association, Cuttack

alongwith his brother advocates Sri Rohini Kanta Pattnaik, Sri Akshya Kumar

Behera, S. Lokesh Kumar, Parthemdu Ray and others welcomed Hon'ble Jus-



Samal, Sri Brajendu Sinha, Udayanath Sahu, Bichitra Mohan Mohapatra, Prannjeet Sinha, Praksah Barik, Soumendra Kumar

Satapathy, Sri Chandra Sekhar Behera, Sri Ashok Kumar Mohapatra, Sri Jyoti Bhusan Das, Smt. Anupama Sahu, Sri Gouri Shankar Biswal, Smt. Kanakalata Acharya, Smt. Tarulata Sanku, Sri Ranjit Kumar Gahan, Sri Ashwini Kumar Samal, Sri Pradip Kumar Barik, Sri Krushna Chandra Parida, Pranab Kumar Chakraborty, Monmohan Das, Manoranjan Pattnaik and many other persons actively participated in the welcome ceremony of his Lordship. You are requested to kindly provide wide publicity of this event in print and electronic media. The SCDRC- State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Odisha, Cuttack is located near Sati Choura Chowk, adjacent to Aswini Hospital. The Bio-Data of Hon'ble Shri Justice B.K.Patel and photographs of his lordship are attached with this mail for your kind information and necessary action.

Odisha High Court directs CBSE to re-evaluate Class 12 answer sheets

CUTTACK/BHUBANESWAR (K-CN): In a significant decision, the Orissa High Court on Wednesday directed the Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE) to re-evaluate the answer sheets

Biswanath Rath directed the CBSE to get the answer sheets re-evaluated by an expert panel and come up with the results by June 10 even as hundreds of students and their parents from three States

court to make applications to the CBSE regional office by 2 pm tomorrow (Thursday). As many as 18 students had filed individual writ petitions before the High Court seeking its direction on the Class



of students who had moved the court over alleged discrepancies in the Class XII examination.

The single judge bench of Justice

continued their agitation before the Central Board's office here.

The High Court has asked the students who had moved the

XII evaluation discrepancies. Meanwhile, a day after being forcibly evacuated by the police for protesting outside See page-7

Rahul Gandhi at Madhya Pradesh border: Farmers not given same respect as jawans

New Delhi (KCN): After courting arrest at the Rajasthan-Madhya Pradesh border, Congress vice-president Rahul Gandhi met the families of the farmers killed in Mandsaur. However, the local administration barred Rahul

the jawans are killed at the border they are respected. But when farmers die they are not given the same respect," Rahul Gandhi told the farmers. Speaking to reporters, Rahul Gandhi said: "They don't get the minimum price

investigated. There is a clear procedure laid down for this. First you use tear gas, later fire rounds in the air and then you fire at them in self defence. Without any warning they fired directly at the farmers." Rahul Gandhi also hit back at his detractors

and stand by them. Am I not a citizen of this country? am I not allowed to come here? How this is a photo-op? You have troubled them. Will raise this in the Parliament," he said. He went on to accuse the BJP-led government at See page -7



Gandhi from entering Madhya Pradesh. He was allowed to only meet them at the border in the evening. "I just wanted to come here and meet you. I know that farm loan waiver and Minimum Support Price is your biggest concern. Whenever

for their produce, their loans don't get waived, only the loans of the rich are waived." Calling for a probe into the death of the farmers killed in the police firing, Rahul Gandhi said: "The ones who shot the farmers need to be

for terming his visit as a photo opportunity. "They have stopped me at the border. I am the Congress vice-president, people have been shot here. Government lied saying that they did not shoot them. I came here to meet them (farmers)

the Centre of failing to listen to the farmers's anguish in several states. "In Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, farmers have been screaming in pain and crying. The BJP has lakhs of crore but they only want to give it

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Wajah Tum Ho review: A monstrous absurdity of a film

Film: Wajah Tum Ho
Directed by Vishal Pandya
Starring: Gurmeet Chowdhary, Sana Khan, Sharman Joshi, Rajnesh Duggal
Rating: *

There is a lovely chick-bonding moment in this grotesque drama of absurdities where Sana Khan asks Sherlyn Chopra: "Are you really going to spend the night with this rapist?"

"Will you pay my bills?" comes the prompt retort. Then the brazen gold-digger then proceeds to sing a rehashed version of Dev Anand's "Aise to na dekho".

Amen to that. Unlike the rest of the cast, she has good taste.

Will the makers of this film pay us back the money we spent

script should be paced, and how the characters can be kept

dian soap operas. The actors are required to pose as insanely rich



buying tickets for a film that makes as much sense as Trump's victory or Hillary's defeat? As the marketing boast goes, this is Bollywood's first film about hacking.

But it seems to have been written by hacks who have no knowledge of how a

interesting without giving them a jolting spin and a moral turnaround for the sake of a gasp.

Alas, the intended gasp turns into a tittering tedium as the script piles on the preposterous episodes with more inclination for putrid plotting than the In-

and absurdly glamorous entities with enough money to buy off islands and civilizations. But they mouth closeted-spoof dialogues that give away their amateurish attempts at jetsetting aristocracy.

These are characters in desperate search of a reason to

exist. Their expressions anguish and agony is manufactured and phoney. Most of the drama is generated through a pelting over-the-top background score that over-punctuates every moment like U-turn warning on a highway that leads to nowhere.

The courtroom scenes presided over by a judge who resembles Pervez Musharraf have to be seen to be believed. I swear I saw Gurmeet and Sana laughing at one another.

Every time the actors open their mouths they sound like they've been learning the English language from an online crash-course service. Gurmeet and Sana show a lot of skin but fail to add

meat to their parts. They are like pouts on faces that refuse to acknowledge seduction even at gunpoint. Sharman Joshi's widower-cop act is beaten down by well-ters of outrageous indiscrepancies in the investigation that leads him to the arch-villain.

It's all a hoax dream packaged in a plasticine that melts under pressure. The film takes on the cult of televised sensationalism, but loses its nerves and sense of direction even before the game begins. There some enjoyable bits. No, not the bits where Gurmeet bites off Sana's lips. But the bits where he comes to blows with her show the heroine fighting back like man.

Sruthi gets her wish, to work with Rajiv Menon

Sruthi Hariharan has a varied repertoire. The actress has worked with different directors and on diverse subjects.

While she stays rooted in Sandalwood, Sruthi does not miss any opportunity to work in other languages, especially if it gives her a chance to work with a good director.

The actress, who recently completed shoot for Uppi Matte Hutti Banti Prema, had a wonderful 2016 with plenty of projects. Her 2017 looks equally exciting.

While she is to play

The actor admits that the Tamil film industry was hard to get a break into, despite her fluency in the language. "I have been busy with projects in Kannada, but it's not been as easy in Kollywood," she says.

"I have been part of a Balaji Sakthivel film, which is taking its own time, and we have to go with the flow.

Meanwhile Rajiv Menon's project is something I am looking forward to. He was one director in my wish list. I am a huge fan of his

Dandupalya 2 caught in an endless wait

Dandupalya 2 is on every Sandalwood

this long delay. He is the same producer

lemma and is refusing to even discuss the

filming of Dandupalya 2 be-



buff's must-watch list, considering how the first part directed by Srinivas Raju was a hit when it released in 2012.

The film on the notorious gang was even declared the spine-chilling story of the year.

Even though work on the sequel started in March, and with much hype, the makers are now struggling to complete it. Twenty days of work is still to be completed.

Ravi Kale and Makrand Deshpande Sources in the industry tell City Express that producer Venkat is held responsible for

who had initially planned to invest in Naati Koli with Srinivas Raju. This movie was then shelved and Venkat decided to back the sequel to Dandupalya.

Our source says the producer is "not giving any concrete reason for the postponement and the schedule has been changing for the last eight months. It has taken a heavy toll on the project because the various artistes and technicians are slowly losing interest."

According to this source, the producer is caught in a di-

next schedule. "He looks undecided, which means the team cannot try to complete the project with somebody else's support," says the industry source. "The initial plan was to release the film in October, it is December now and there is no hope of completing the film. The project is stuck mid way. The last schedule was in May, after which there has been no word from the production end." Adding to this trouble there was a petition filed by the real Dandupalya gang. In April, they requested the court give a stay on the

cause the film is being shot without their consultation and the case on the gang is still ongoing in the court. City Express contacted its director Srinivas to learn of the movie's status and he replied with a "no comments". "I am busy with another script," he said.

Dandupalya 2's screenplay is written by its director. The movie features Pooja Gandhi, Makrand Deshpande, Shruthi, Ravi Kaale, Kari Subbu, Yethiraj, Danny, Jayadev, Muni, Sanjjanaa, Petrol Prasanna and Ravishankar.



opposite Darshan in Prakash Jayaram's directorial, set to go on floors from February, Sruthi is upbeat about her Tamil film with Rajiv Menon. In it, she will be playing the lead opposite GV Prakash. This yet-to-be titled film, she says, will go on floors from January.

"My last film in Tamil was with Arjun Sarja," she says, "It was a bilingual in Kannada and Tamil and was shot in the beginning of last year."

films, Kandukondain Kandukondain and Minsara Kanavu, which I have grown up watching. Forget working with him, I would be excited even if I am with him on the sets." Sruthi is also excited about working with GV Prakash.

"We know the kind of stories GV Prakash gravitates to, the combination of the director and actor will be riveting. It is a commercial film and will be made in sync sound, another interesting challenge for me," she says.

Big Indian state-run banks need up to USD 14.8 billion capital by March 2019: Moody's

MUMBAI(KCN): Moody's Investors Service said on Thursday the 11 Indian state-run banks that it rates could need up to 950 billion rupees (\$14.76 billion) in equity capital by March 2019, far above the 200 billion rupees the government plans to inject into state banks by then. Weak capitalisation levels will remain a key credit weakness for the 11 banks, the ratings agency said, adding that they had limited



ability to raise external capital. Moody's said it remain the only viable source of external equity capital, be the levels during the last fiscal year to March, Moody's said.

estimated that the 11 banks - including State Bank of India <SBI.NS>, Bank of Baroda <BOB.NS> and Punjab National Bank <PNBK.NS> - will need external equity capital of 700 billion rupees, over a two-year period ending March 2019, to fully meet Basel III capital rules. "Moody's believes that capital infusions from the government

cause of the public sector banks' low capital market valuations, which would likely continue to deny them the option of raising fresh equity from the capital markets," the agency said. It said it expected impaired loans to increase during the horizon of this outlook, but at a slower pace versus the past two years. Provisioning costs will stay "broadly in line" with

The other state banks Moody's rates are Indian Overseas Bank <IOBK.NS>, Bank of India <BOI.NS>, Union Bank of India <UNBK.NS>, Canara Bank <CNBK.NS>, Syndicate Bank <SBNK.NS>, IDBI Bank <IDBI.NS>, Oriental Bank of Commerce <ORBC.NS> and Central Bank of India <CBI.NS>.

Amazon likely to get soon official nod for FDI in food retail

New Delhi(KCN): US retail giant Amazon's proposed USD 500 million investment in retail of food products in In-

tion of Foreign Investment Promotion Board, the DIPP would soon announce the approval of this proposal," a senior

USD 695 million for retail of food products. While US-based retail giant Amazon is one of the major e-

commerce, in respect of food products manufactured and produced in India. In 2016-17 (April-December),

efit farmers and processors, and create employment, she had said. The Union Cabinet last month de-



dia would soon get official nod, an official said. The proposal was pending before the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) which has been abolished now. Hence, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) will soon give green signal to the Amazon's investment plan. "With the aboli-

official in the commerce and industry ministry said. Earlier, the DIPP under the commerce and industry ministry had cleared the investment and the proposal was sent to the FIPB for the final nod. The government had received investment proposals from three companies - Amazon, Grofers and Big Basket - worth

commerce players in India, Grofers and Big Basket are into online grocery space. Amazon has proposed to invest around USD 500 million in retail of food products. The government last year allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) through approval route for trading, including through e-

the food processing sector in the country received FDI of USD 663.23 million. FDI inflows help bring new technologies, products, processes and markets, Food Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal had said earlier. Foreign investments in backward and farm-gate infrastructure in the supply chain would ben-

decided to wind up the 25-year-old FIPB, which had been vetting FDI proposals requiring government approval, to expedite the clearance process. Under the new mechanism, the proposals will be approved by the ministries concerned as per the standard operating procedure approved by the Union Cabinet.

World food prices climb in May, import bill to rise in 2017: FAO

ROME(KCN): Global food prices rose in May from the month before after three months of decline, and the world's food import bill is set to jump in 2017, the United Nations food agency said on Thursday.

Higher values for all food goods except sugar lifted prices on international markets 10 percent above the same month last year, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said.

Rising shipping costs and larger import volumes are due to push the cost of importing food globally to more than \$1.3 trillion in 2017, FAO said.

This would be a 10.6 percent rise over 2016's import bill, despite broad stability in markets buoyed by ample supplies of wheat and maize and higher production of oilseed products.

Poor countries

that rely on imports to cover their food

growth in aquaculture in many develop-

up 2.2 percent from April.



needs, and part of sub-Saharan Africa are on course for an even faster rise in their import costs as they buy in more meat, sugar, dairy and oilseed products.

All food categories except fish are due to add to rising import bills, as robust

From page-1 the CBSE Regional Office here, the students, affected by the alleged faulty evaluation, launched an indefinite 'silent strike.'

The agitators, under the umbrella of Odisha Abhibhabaka Mahasangha (OAM), maintained that the strike will not end till the CBSE agrees to their demands of re-evaluation and implementation of mark modulation.

Apart from seeking CBSE's Regional Officer's removal, the agitators have also demanded a through probe into the alleged discrepancies which have af-

From Page-1 to their 50 friends. We have raised our voice in Uttar Pradesh and got the loans waived off," he said. Earlier in the day, Rahul Gandhi was arrested under section 151 CrPC for defying curfew orders placed in several areas in Madhya Pradesh. The Congress vice-president was denied permission to enter Mandsaur by the district administration. A defiant Rahul Gandhi, however, reached Udaipur by flight and then rode pillion on a bike till the Madhya Pradesh border. After crossing the border on foot, he drove towards Mandsaur. When his car was stopped by a security cordon in Neemuch, Rahul Gandhi stormed out of his vehicle and pushed a policeman. "How can you stop me?" he thundered.

ing countries increasingly manages to meet domestic demand. FAO's food price index, which measures monthly changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar, averaged 172.6 points in May, fected more than 10,000 students in Odisha, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal.

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Rahul Gandhi also lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ignoring the plight of the farmers. "He (Modi) can't give the right rates for their agricultural produce, can't give them bonus, can't give compensation... He can only give them bullets," Rahul Gandhi told reporters.

JDU leader Sharad Yadav and Congress leaders Digvijaya Singh and Kamal Nath also reached Mandsaur border and demanded the police to allow them to enter the district. Rajasthan Congress chief Sachin Pilot and Madhya Pradesh legislator Jaiwardhan Singh also courted arrest. They were taken to the guesthouse of a cement company, a police official said. Determined to meet the families of farm-

FAO trimmed its forecast for global cereals output in the 2017-18 season to 2.594 billion tonnes, down 0.5 percent year-on-year. Global wheat production is expected to decline 2.2 percent after a record harvest last year.

Tuesday, two fire-fighting units have been mobilised at the strike venue at Alok Bharati Towers in Sahid Nagar. Apprehending that the situation might escalate, the Commissionerate of Police stationed two-platoon force there.

The volume of agitators has grown as students from neighbouring States have also joined the 'silent strike' called by OAM.

"Enough of negotiation, our silence will speak for us now," said OAM president Sudarsan Das before the silent agitation was launched.

ers in distress, Determined to meet the families of farmers in distress, Gandhi had walked for close to 100 metres before entering Madhya Pradesh from Dalia village in Rajasthan's Chittorgarh district. "Before entering MP, Gandhi rode pillion on a motorcycle in Nimbahed in Chittorgarh district for about five to seven kilometres," IG Udaipur Anand Srivastava told PTI. "Gandhi reached Udaipur from Delhi in a chartered plane and left for Madhya Pradesh in a four wheeler by road... After the bike ride, he walked to cross the border," he said. There are almost 2,000 people and nearly 150 vehicles with Gandhi, sources at the police control room said.

ICC Champions Trophy LIVE: Dominant India set 322 run target for Sri Lanka

LONDON(KCN): Shikhar Dhawan led the India charge with a blistering 125 as the holders piled up 321

in India's 124-run victory against Pakistan in their Group B opener, Dhawan overpowered the Sri

The 31-year-old hit 15 fours and one six in his 128-ball innings, receiving strong support from

tournament so far, surpassing the 319 for three they amassed against Pakistan.

matches, and a 15th victory in their last 18 meetings with Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka,

alive their hopes of making the semi-finals.

With plenty of cloud cover over south London, Sri Lanka captain Angelo Mathews opted to bowl first after winning the toss.

Mathews must have wondered if that was such a wise move when Lasith Malinga served up a generous offering with the first ball, a short and wide delivery that Sharma caressed to the boundary.

Dhawan was even more ruthless, contemptuously swiping Suranga Lakmal to the fence three times in the sixth over.

Having put on 136 for the first wicket against Pakistan, India's openers were back in the groove and Sri Lanka found it impossible to halt their momentum as the partnership passed 50 in the blink of an eye.

Sharma brought up the 100 stand and his 50 in one blow as

he smashed a six off Thisara Perera.

Reaching his half-century in 58 balls was almost pedestrian by India's standards, so Sharma stepped on the gas with another huge six to the delight of the vociferous Indians who made up the bulk of the large crowd.

Flamboyant Eventually, Sharma attempted one flamboyant shot too many and was caught at fine leg off Malinga, bringing an end to the 138-run opening partnership.

Sharma's 78 came off 79 balls, featuring six fours and three sixes, but his departure was the signal for a brief India wobble as Nuwan Pradeep had captain Virat Kohli caught behind for his first ODI duck since 2014.

After Kohli's shock dismissal, Yuvraj Singh struggled to find his rhythm.

He made only seven before the flight of Asela Gunaratne's looping

delivery deceived him and trickled onto the stumps to leave India 179-3.

Dhoni wrestled back the momentum for India as he got off the mark with a bludgeoned six, setting the stage for an awesome display of power hitting.

Dhawan couldn't be held in check for long either and he blasted a boundary to reach his ton in 102 balls before smashing Pradeep for a towering six.

Dropped by D a n u s h k a Gunathilaka off Malinga, Dhawan helped Dhoni put on 82 runs in 66 balls before finally falling victim to a mistimed slog off Malinga.

Dhoni was still blazing away down the other end and he reached his 62nd ODI half century in 46 balls.

By the time Dhoni was dismissed, his team's total was past 300 as they hit 51 runs in the last five overs to leave Sri Lanka in tatters.



for six against Sri Lanka in the Champions Trophy on Thursday.

After scoring 68

Lanka attack with another swaggering display at The Oval.

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fellow opener Rohit Sharma (78) and MS Dhoni (63).

India's total was the highest of the

It was a typically muscular effort from India as they pursue an 11th win from their last 14 ODI

beaten by 99 runs against South Africa in their first match, face a daunting task as they try to keep

Hope we deliver something special against India: Morkel

BIRMINGHAM(KCN): An ordinary outing against Pakistan not-

Morkel was the standout performer in the defeat.

unbeaten 81 against Pakistan last weekend, Morkel told re-

Russell Domingo has backed AB de Villiers, who has had a quiet tournament so far, to fire against India.

Batting mainstay de Villiers fell cheaply in the team's two outings including a first-ball duck in his 212th ODI innings against Pakistan last night, but Domingo refused to read much into it.

"Everybody gets first-batters, it's just taken him 200 games. I've got no concerns with AB de Villiers," said Domingo.

"I'm expecting a big performance from him on Sunday. He's that type of player that when the team needs him he'll turn it up."

Regarding their outing against Pakistan, the coach added, "We haven't played good cricket and we've got to take that on the chin. Pakistan played better than us and it had absolutely nothing to do with complacency as far as I'm concerned."

New Zealand, Bangladesh face off in must-win game

CARDIFF(KCN): New Zealand and Bangladesh enter their final group match of the ICC Champions Trophy here tomorrow with the knowledge that even a win may not be enough to see either of them into the semifinals.

New Zealand are, quite surprisingly, at the bottom of Group A with Bangladesh in the third position.

Both teams have a point apiece in the biennial ODI tournament after they were each comprehensively defeated by England, while their respective matches with Australia ended in rain-induced no results.

Hosts England have signalled their title intentions by cruising into the last-four stage following two convincing outings.

If Australia beat England in their last group match at Edgbaston, both the

two teams will be in the semifinals as they enjoy better net run-rate.

The desperation for a win aside, both New Zealand and Bangladesh would hope for an England victory against Australia, assuming rain does not disturb their calculations again.

While the Kiwis were a tad unfortunate against Australia given that they were in a stronger position when the match was called off, Bangladesh were lucky to run away with a point against the Aussies.

New Zealand should have the edge over Bangladesh when it comes to local knowledge given their 87-run defeat by England in Cardiff on Tuesday.

New Zealand have the pedigree, but it would be foolish to rule out Bangladesh, given their improved showing in this format in recent years.

Inspirational

skipper Kane Williamson will again be the man to watch out for in the New Zealand ranks.

Williamson made a brilliant hundred against Australia before following up with a classy 97 against England -- a match where he was fined but not banned for a dreadfully slow over-rate.

Bangladesh's Tamim Iqbal also started the tournament with a century, against England, before making 95 against Australia.

Both the teams would hope that the other players rise to the occasion like them make a last-ditch attempt to progress to the knockout stage.

Their most recent meeting saw Bangladesh beat New Zealand by five wickets in a warm-up match in Dublin.

New Zealand, however, were without several key players in Martin Guptill,

Williamson, Tim Southee, Trent Boult and Adam Milne.

Tomorrow will be a different ball game altogether.

Teams (from): New Zealand: Kane Williamson (captain), Corey Anderson, Trent Boult, Neil Broom, Colin de Grandhomme, Martin Guptill, Tom Latham, Mitchell McClenaghan, Adam Milne, James Neesham, Jeetan Patel, Luke Ronchi, Mitchell Santner, Tim Southee, Ross Taylor.

Bangladesh: Mashrafe Mortaza (captain), Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Tamim Iqbal, Mohammad Mahmudullah, Sabbir Rahman, Rubel Hossain, Soumya Sarkar, Taskin Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Imrul Kayes, Mehedi Hasan, Mosaddek Hossain, Sunzamul Islam and Shafiqul Islam.



withstanding, South African paceman Morne Morkel has backed his team to "deliver something special" in their crucial ICC Champions Trophy match against India.

The South Africans, who lost to Pakistan by 19 runs under the Duckworth/Lewis method at Edgbaston last night, will be desperate for a victory against India on Sunday to keep their hopes of making the semifinals alive.

With figures of 3/18 in seven overs,

"Sunday is a big day for us. It's going to take a big team effort to knock over India. But we have to back ourselves to win," Morkel said after his team's match yesterday.

"Today, we need to write off, just see it as an average game. Hopefully on Sunday we can turn it up and deliver something special."

He is aware of the threat Virat Kohli could pose and when asked what plans he has for the India captain, who made an

porters: "I was hoping you guys could tell me that".

Morkel, a veteran of 111 ODIs, may have done enough to retain his place after an uncertain period.

"The last eight months there have been a lot of uncertainties. When I got on the field, I said to myself this is really an opportunity for me to stand up and unfortunately it wasn't meant to be," the 32-year-old Morkel said.

Meanwhile, South Africa's coach