

KKR sign Mitchell Starc for an IPL record INR 24.75 crores

Dubai: Mitchell Starc became the most expensive signing in Indian Premier League history on Tuesday (December 19) with Kolkata Knight Riders forking out a staggering INR 24.75 crores for the left-arm pacer at the IPL 2024 auction. KKR's record signing amount surpassed the INR 20.50 crores that Sunrisers Hyderabad paid for the services of his compatriot Pat Cummins earlier in the same auction. The Australian fast-bowling pair became the first two players to breach the INR 20 crore mark in salary in the history of the auctions, comfortably clearing Sam Curran's INR 18.50 crores payout last year. Starc, who last played the IPL eight years ago, took 34 wickets from 27 games across the 2014 and 2015 seasons at an excellent economy of 7.17. Over 121 T20 games, the 33-year-old has taken 170 wickets at an economy of 7.45. To land this player with proven white-ball pedigree, KKR were pushed all the way by Gujarat Titans amid gasps and applause from the audience assembled



at Dubai's Coca Cola Arena. Incidentally, Starc had been signed by the Knight Riders for INR 9.40 crores the last time he entered the auction in 2018. He missed that season with a leg fracture and was subsequently released from his contract the following year amid contractual disputes with Cricket Australia. "It's obviously humbling to still, I guess, feel like I'm wanted or needed anyway," Starc told JioCinema. "So hopefully that experience that I've had for a few years now can translate into success in... obviously leading up to the IPL and, hopefully, add some of that to the KKR list. "Yeah, it's been a while. I

that we see on all the lists," Starc added.

Overseas fast bowlers were the flavour of the day and before Starc set the bar for value at an IPL auction really high, he had to leap through the mark set by Cummins. The Australian captain was courted eagerly by SRH and Royal Challengers Bangalore before the 2016 champions had the hammer fall in their favour.

Cummins has enjoyed a remarkable year in which he's also led Australia to a World Test Championship crown and a drawn-away Ashes series. The 30-year-old though has a middling record in the IPL, having taken 45 wickets from 42 games at an economy of 8.54. RCB, who missed out on Cummins and had a major bowling-attack redesign on their hands before the auction, splurged INR 11.50 crores on West Indies fast bowler Alzarri Joseph while their former player Harshal Patel became the Indian player with the highest signing amount on the day when Punjab Kings made a winning bid of INR 11.75 crores, again outlasting the Titans.

Cold wave sweeps Odisha; G Udaygiri coldest place at 6.5 degree Celsius

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The cold wave continues to sweep Odisha with 11 places in the state recording minimum temperatures below 10 degree Celsius, the IMD said Tuesday.

G Udaygiri in Kandhamal district was the coldest place in the state at 6.5 degree Celsius followed by Kirei in Sundargarh district at 7 degree Celsius, it said. Stating that there is no large change in the minimum temperature at many places, the India Meteorological Department said the present situation is likely



to prevail for the next four to five days. A total of 11 places in the state recorded night temperatures at and below 10 degree Celsius during the last 24 hours. G Udaygiri and Kirei were followed by Phulbani at 8.5 degree Celsius, Koraput (8.7), Keonjhar (8.8), Sundergarh (9), Jharsuguda (9.2), Daringbadi in Kandhamal district at 9.5 degree Celsius, Angul and Rourkela each at 9.6 degree Celsius and Ranital in Bhadrak district at 10 degree Celsius.

New Delhi(KCN): The Lok Sabha (LS) was Tuesday adjourned amid uproar by opposition MPs and 49 opposition MPs were suspended for the remainder of Winter Session, including Congress MP Manish Tewari, Shashi Tharoor, NCP's Supriya Sule and NCMP Farooq Abdullah. Other MPs suspended included Karti Chidambaram, Kinwar Danish Ali, Sudip Bandhopadhyay, Abdul Smad, Pradyut Bardoloi, Geeta Kora, SR Parthiban, A Ganeshmoorthy, Mala Rai, A Chellakumar, Dimple Yadav, Hasnain

Masoodi, Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Santosh Kumar, Ravneet Bittu, Dinesh Yadav, K Sudhakaran, P P Mohammad Faizal, Amol Kole, Sushi Kumar Rinku, Sunil Kumar Singh, ST Hassan, Pratibha Singh, Chandreshwar Prasad, Adur Prakash and others were suspended for remainder of the Session. Rajendra Agarwal, who was in chair, said that it is very unfortunate that I have to name the MPs. Before moving the resolution, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said that all of us had agreed that we will not bring the placards.



"However, they are bringing the placards and disrespecting the chair and the people," he said. Meanwhile, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the motion to suspend the MPs for remainder of the session for utter "disregard", raising slogans and bringing

placards. The house passed the resolution with a voice vote. Following the suspension of 49 MPs, the House was adjourned till 2 p.m. 33 Lok Sabha MPs and 45 Rajya Sabha MPs were suspended Monday. 13 Lok Sabha MPs and one Rajya Sabha MP were also suspended December 14. The opposition bloc has been demanding for a statement by Home Minister Amit Shah over the December 13 Parliament security breach and revocation of suspension of MPs suspended December 18 and 14.

Dropout rate at 27% in Class-X, not 49.9% as stated by Centre: Odisha govt

Bhubaneswar(KCN):

The Odisha government Tuesday claimed that the dropout rate in Class-X was 27 per cent in the state in 2021-22 and not 49.9 per cent as stated by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in the Lok Sabha a day before.

Odisha School Education Programme Authority Director Anupam Shah asserted that the Centre's data did not include the number of students admitted to various industrial training schools.

The overall dropout rate at present (2022-23) in Odisha would be 17 per cent," Shah told PTI. He explained that the dropout rate is calculated by comparing the number of students in Class-XI in a year and the same in Class-X in the previous year.

He also said the School and Mass Education Department will soon clarify its stand on the prevailing dropout rates at the school level. "However, there is no mention of students who pass the 10th standard and

take admissions to technical and vocational schools, polytechnic and open schools across the state," the official said.

The dropout rate in Class-X stands at 20.6 per cent as of 2021-22 with Odisha being the worst performing state in this regard followed by Bihar, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed the Lok Sabha Monday.

The dropout rate in Class-X was 49.9 per cent in Odisha and 42.1 per cent in Bihar, Pradhan said in his written response. Meanwhile, the opposition BJP and the Congress slammed the BJD government in the state over the "rising" dropout rates in schools.

Odisha Governor writes to CM on issues faced by people in Angul, Dhenkanal

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Governor Raghubar Das has drawn the attention of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to certain issues faced by the people of Angul and Dhenkanal districts.

Das undertook a visit to Angul and Dhenkanal districts from December 5 to 7.

In a letter to Patnaik dated December 13 Das said: "During my interaction with them (people), they have brought out various issues pertaining to them... which may kindly be considered by the state government for appropriate action".

The governor also shared his personal experience in the letter to the CM,



sources said Tuesday. In Dhenkanal district, the governor visited 'Buddhashram' (old age home) at Joranda being run by Maharsi Dayanand Seva Mission. The Mission wants the land to be in its name to provide basic facilities to the inmates. During his visit to Turang panchayat in Banarpal block of Angul district,

ASHA workers urged the government to construct a 'Mamata Gruha' for health check-up and counselling of pregnant women, the governor said. The governor also narrated how the people brought to his notice the water pollution caused by mining operations of Mahanadi Coalfield Limited (MCL) and its

Spread Happiness Foundation Takes Health Awareness to Odisha's Tribal Heartland: Kandhamala

Pune, Maharashtra (KCN): In a significant stride towards community health, the renowned NGO, Spread Happiness Foundation, hailing from Maharashtra, Pune, extended its philanthropic arm to the tribal district of Kandhamala in Odisha. The foundation successfully organized a comprehensive health awareness camp in the Chakapada block of Kandhamala district, held at Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati Ashram. The health camp

garnered substantial participation, with hundreds of women, including college students and schoolgirls, actively engaging in the informative sessions. Noteworthy cooperation came from esteemed social worker Subhakakanta Nayak and Ashram Swami Krishnananda Ji, who collaborated to ensure the camp's success. Founder Chairman Mr. Soumya Ranjan spearheaded the awareness campaign, shedding light on general hygiene practices crucial for combating cervical



Principal Dr. Laxman Sahoo Honored Ananya Education



Cuttack (KCN): Dr. Laxman Sahoo, Principal of Cuttack Mahanadi Vihar Women's Degree College and head of the Department of Orthodontics and prominent columnist, has been honored with the Ananya Education

Award-23 by Aam Bhasha Sahitya (Ananya). Dr. Sahoo participated as the guest of honor in this literary-cultural-intellectual forum and delivered a summative speech on the role of literature in the improvement of education. In this, the

writer Anne, Einstein, who received the Nobel Prize for the world-famous novel 2022 in French, and a prominent writer in Bengali language and the MLA of the West Bengal Legislature, Sankarbyi, gave information about the autobiography of more than 500 pages of struggle and the contribution of literature in the field of education. Dr. Laxman Sahoo is well known as a successful author and columnist. His e-books on Jagannath culture and tradition, Srijagannath: Niskarsha and 'Srastha Drasta of Odia literature' have been read and highly praised by lakhs of readers. While Dr. Sahoo conducts research on

Hilsa Spawning Ranching in upstream of Farakka Barrage in river Ganga under Hilsa Ranching Programme

Kolkata (KCN): As a part of Hilsa spawning ranching activity, under Namami Gange programme a spawning ranching was conducted on 17th December, 2023 at middle stretch of River Ganga, Farakka. During the event more than fifteen thousand spawn (15000) of Hilsa, breed in Hilsa ranching station at Farakka were ranched by the hand of Dr. B.K. Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI Barrackpore, in river Ganga under third phase of NMCG project. Dr. B. K. Das, Principle Investigator,

NMCG Project, ICAR-CIFRI highlighted the significance of the ranching program and informed that, till date CIFRI have ranched more than 25 thousand Hilsa spawns in different regions of middle stretches of river Ganga covering West Bengal, Jharkhand under third phase of NMCG project. He also said that due to this continuous ranching programme fisher of Farakka, W.B. to Gajipur, Uttar Pradesh is getting Hilsa during their regular fishing activities. He also stated that reason behind

decrease hilsa population in middle stretch of river Ganga is dysfunction of hilsa migration pathway situated at Farakka Barrage. So under NMCG project ICAR-CIFRI ranched hilsa spawn and juvenile in the middle stretch of river Ganga to cope up with this problem since last five years and central government of India also trying to reconstruct hilsa migratory pathway for increasing availability of hilsa in near future. It will in turn help the poor fisherman in near future and also improve their livelihood simultaneously.

DAV, KALINGA NAGAR CELEBRATED ITS ANNUAL DAY 'PANCHAJANYA-a symbol of sheer success'

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): DAV Public School celebrated its annual day "PANCHAJANYA" amidst great zest, enthusiasm and jubilation with a distinct spark given to the occasion to mark its glorious journey so far. Prof. (Dr.) Karuna Kar Nanda, Director, Institute of Physics, Bhubaneswar was the Chief Guest on the occasion. In the formal meeting organized in this connection, Chairman of the school Sj Madan Mohan Panda delivered the welcome address which recounted the long struggle that the school had to pass

through in order to reach its present stature while Principal Mr Balaram Mohapatra presented the annual report that echoed with the glorious achievements of the students in different spheres highlighting the glorious trajectory of the school from its humble beginning to its majestic presence till date. In his address to the audience, the chief guest emphasised on the important role played by school in general and DAV institutions in particular in providing quality education to students and for their upliftment in all spheres of excellence. On this occasion, the chief guest

cancer, breast cancer, and maintaining menstrual hygiene. The event saw active involvement from senior citizens, local women, and elected representatives, including Panchayat Samit Sabhya. The interactive session proved to be a platform for many college students to seek clarifications on various health-related issues. The local community commended the organization for bringing such a crucial awareness camp from Maharashtra to Odisha, reaching the heart of a tribal village. Elected representatives acknowledged the importance of such initiatives in fostering health consciousness in tribal areas. Founder Chairman Mr. Soumya Ranjan affirmed the organization's commitment to conducting similar programs in the upcoming days, further amplifying awareness in tribal regions of Odisha. Spread Happiness Foundation remains steadfast in its mission to enhance the well-being of communities through proactive health initiatives and education.



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SS Rajamouli Brews Candid Conversation With Prashanth Neel, Prabhas, and Prithviraj Sukumaran

Ahead of the release of 'Salaar Part 1: CeaseFire', starring Prabhas and directed by Prashanth Neel, ace director SS Rajamouli interviews Prabhas, director Prashanth Neel and Prithviraj Sukumaran. Following the massive response to the teaser, trailer and the songs the film is doing magic in the advance booking which was opened recently. In a recent surprise, the makers Hombale Films made a special announcement revealing an exciting announcement of the interview ahead of the film's release on Tuesday, December 19th.

Sharing the teaser of the interview, makers wrote,

"The special interview with @ssrajamouli garu and the dynamic trio of #Salaar will be released this Tuesday, December 19th. Stay tuned for the full interview. #Prabhas #PrashanthNeel @PrithviOfficial #SalaarCeaseFire #SalaarCeaseFireOnDec22"

The anticipation of the



audiences for the excitement is sure to be raised as watching the trio SS Rajamouli - Prashanth Neel and Prabhas together is one of a kind experience. Hombale Films, Salaar: Part 1: Ceasefire will star Prabhas along with Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, and Jagapathi Babu. Made under the direction of Prashanth Neel, the film is produced by Vijay Kiragandur. The film will be released in theatres on December 22, 2023.

The Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire also marks the

biggest collaboration of the two powerhouses of Indian cinema, the KGF director Prashanth Neel and 'Baahubali' star Prabhas, who are coming together for the first time to create this mega action-packed cinematic spectacle. Prabhas plays the titular character of Salaar in the film, along with an ensemble cast of Prithviraj Sukumaran, Shruti Haasan, and Jagapathi Babu. The movie has been produced by Vijay Kiragandur under Hombale Films. Few months ago, makers unveiled the teaser of the film. The teaser delivers

glimpses of the thrilling action from the extensive universe created by Neel. Well-studded with massive scale and ensemble cast, the makers have treated the viewers to some eye-capturing glimpses in the violent teaser. In the less than 2-minute teaser, veteran actor Tinnu Anand can be seen in a fearless avatar surrounded by several armed men who point their guns at him and are ready to fire and it further goes on to introduce Prabhas, as if hinting that he is the king of the jungle.

Kho Gaye Hum Kahan: Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor Exude Uber Cool Vibes At Screening

Ahead of the highly-anticipated release of Zoya Akhtar-directorial 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan', the makers organized a special screening in Mumbai. Aditya Roy Kapur, Suhana Khan, Shanaya Kapoor, amid others turned up for the glittery event. Ananya Panday, Siddhant Chaturvedi, and Adarsh Gourav-starrer 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is slated for a December 26 release.

Helmed by debutant director Arjun Varain Singh, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is a 'coming-of-digital-age' story about three friends in their mid-20s navigating



life in the world of social media. Adarsh Gourav shared, "I am incredibly grateful to producers and filmmakers like Zoya Akhtar, who believe in actors like me who have carved their own paths. Zoya is a dynamic director with an impeccable eye for talent, and I feel privileged to be a part of her much-awaited project, 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan'. I find myself lucky to be working and collaborating with such great minds and the fact that they recognise my work and have given me roles like the one in Kho Gaye". In the movie, the captivating narrative revolves around the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday), and Neil (Adarsh Gourav). This relatable tale follows the intertwined journeys of these three best friends as they navigate the challenges of aspirations, relationships, and emotions, offering a glimpse into their shared experiences and personal growth against the bustling cityscape of Mumbai.

'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' chronicles the lives of Imaad (Siddhant Chaturvedi), Ahana (Ananya Panday) and Neil (Adarsh Gourav), through the very relatable journey of three best friends together navigating aspirations, relationships and emotions. Bringing their infectious energy from reel to real, the young and dynamic cast helped turn a wall on the bustling street in Mumbai into a vibrant mural capturing their friendship and inviting the crowds to join their journey as they kick off the promotions for the film. 'Kho Gaye Hum Kahan' is set to arrive on December 26 on Netflix.

Fans Flock To Meet Shah Rukh Khan In MASSIVE Numbers At 'Dunki' Event In Dubai

As Shah Rukh Khan's much-awaited Dunki is all set for its in this week, the superstar has kick-started its promotional journey in full force. Leaving the audience excited, SRK is leaving no stone unturned by

spreading his charm across the world. Kickstarting the promotional journey from Dubai, SRK received a grand welcome from the people on the Dunki Day 1 promotion with

a grand setup for his entry at the Global Village. SRK recently visited VOX Cinemas Dubai and it took no time for the audience to go insane on his entry. Dubai gave a grand

welcome to SRK as he visited Deira City Centre for the VOX cinemas event. Hooting and cheering of the people filled the auditorium while SRK spread his charm as always.

Disha Patani Misses Sushant Singh Rajput As 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' Clocks 7 Years, Says 'Couldn't Say Goodbye'

Actor Disha Patani remembered late actor Sushant Singh Rajput on the occasion of their film 'MS Dhoni: The Untold Story' 7th anniversary. Taking to Instagram, Disha shared a clip from the movie featuring herself and Sushant. Sharing the video, fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. Actor Anil Kapoor wrote, "Phenomenal scene .. both of you are so good ...". One of the users wrote, "One of the finest scenes from this movie". Another commented, "Miss u SSR".

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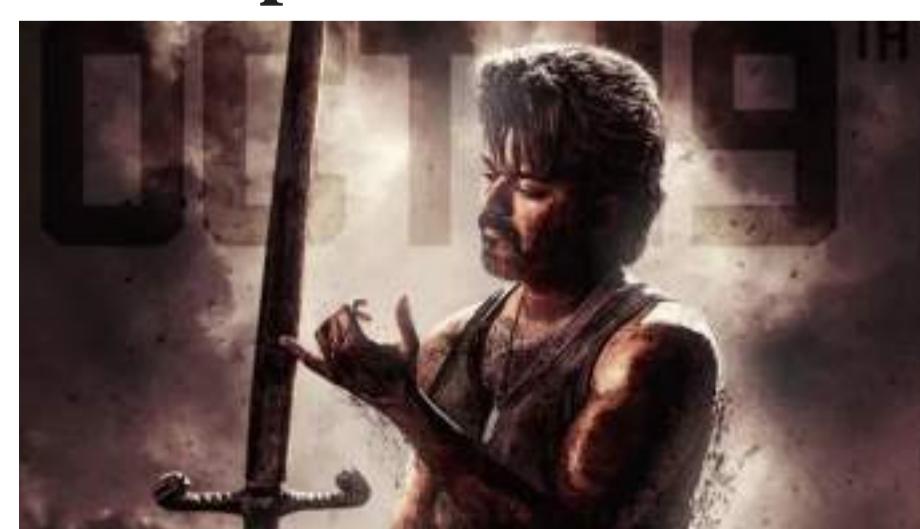
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Singh Dhoni. The film was released in 2016 and saw the late Sushant Singh Rajput essaying the role of Dhoni. It also starred Kiara Advani.

Disha, with her girl-next-door appeal and million-dollar smile, instantly became the talk of the town. Her chemistry with Sushant was widely appreciated. The biopic turned out to be one of the biggest hits of Sushant's career, who went on to receive several nominations in the Best Actor category at that year's awards ceremonies for his performance in the film.

Leo Advance Booking: Vijay's Action-Thriller To Become Highest Tamil Opener In UK



surpass the current single-day earnings for an INDIAN film in #UK, a record presently held by #Pathaan."

The Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial has begun on an excellent start and has already crossed USD 100K in the US for the

gross. 'Leo' is all set to arrive in theatres worldwide on October 19. The much-awaited film stars Vijay and Trisha, alongside Sanjay Dutt, Arjun Sarja, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Mansoor Ali Khan and Mysskin. The film was officially announced in January 2023 with tentative title 'Thalapathy 67', as it is Vijay's 67th film as a lead actor. Apart from Tamil, it is expected to be released in dubbed versions including Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi languages.

Wildlife trade and trafficking: A monumental challenge for biodiversity conservation



Wildlife trade and trafficking refer to the illegal buying, selling, and exchange of wild animals and their derivatives, such as skins, feathers, bones, and other products. This illicit trade is a significant global issue that poses serious threats to biodiversity, ecosystems, and the survival of many species. It involves both flora and fauna, but in this response, I'll focus on wildlife trafficking related to animals.

Key points about wildlife trade and trafficking:

Scope and Reasons: Wildlife trafficking is a lucrative and widespread criminal enterprise that occurs both domestically and internationally. It is driven by various factors, including demand for exotic pets, traditional medicine, fashion items (e.g., fur coats), and souvenirs made from animal parts. Some animals are also trafficked for use in entertainment, like performing in circuses or shows.

Impact on Biodiversity: Wildlife trafficking has severe consequences for biodiversity and

ecosystems. Many trafficked species are already endangered or vulnerable, and their removal from the wild can disrupt food chains, reduce genetic diversity, and weaken ecosystems. If not properly managed, this can lead to imbalances in nature and the decline of entire species.

Illegal Trade Routes: Wildlife trafficking networks often operate across borders, making it challenging for law enforcement to combat the issue effectively.

Conservation Efforts: Alongside law enforcement, conservation organizations and governments work to combat wildlife trafficking through various means, including education, community engagement, habitat protection, and rehabilitation and release of confiscated animals.

Environmental Consequences: Trafficking involves smuggling animals, often in inhumane conditions, which can result in the spread of diseases among species and even to humans. Additionally, trafficking may lead to the introduction of invasive species to new regions, causing harm to native wildlife and ecosystems.

Impact on Local Communities: Wildlife trafficking can have negative effects on the livelihoods and safety of local communities. In some cases, it can foster conflict between communities involved in trafficking and those working to protect

wildlife. **Legislation and Enforcement:** Many countries have laws and international agreements in place to combat wildlife trafficking, such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). However, enforcement remains a challenge, especially in regions with limited resources and political instability.

Controlling wildlife trade and trafficking: Controlling wildlife illegal trade and

can help protect endangered species and preserve the Earth's natural heritage for future generations.

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specific laws targeting wildlife crime, increasing penalties for offenders, and establishing specialized law enforcement units dedicated to investigating and combatting wildlife trafficking.

Saikat Kumar Basu



trafficking is a complex and challenging task that requires a coordinated effort from governments, law enforcement agencies, conservation organizations, and the public. Here are some key strategies to help combat this issue:

Strengthening Legislation and Enforcement: Countries should enact and enforce strict laws and penalties against wildlife trafficking. This includes creating

international Cooperation: Since wildlife trafficking is often a transnational crime, international cooperation is crucial. Governments should work together to share information, intelligence, and resources to track and dismantle trafficking networks that operate across borders.

Improved Border Control and Customs: Strengthening border controls and customs enforcement can help prevent the illegal transportation of wildlife and wildlife

products across borders. This includes the use of advanced technology, sniffer dogs, and trained personnel to identify and intercept trafficked animals and products.

Public Awareness and Education: Raising awareness among the public about the consequences of

communities in conservation efforts, the motivation to participate in illegal wildlife trade can be diminished.

Conservation and Habitat Protection: Protecting natural habitats and implementing

conservation efforts are essential in preventing wildlife trafficking. When habitats are preserved and well-managed, it becomes more challenging for traffickers to access and exploit vulnerable species.

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monitor and remove illegal wildlife trade advertisements and listings can significantly curb the online trafficking of wildlife products.

Tackling Corruption: Corruption within law enforcement agencies can hinder efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. Governments should work to root out corruption and ensure that those involved in protecting wildlife act with integrity.

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Second Day of Two - Day Workshop on Documentation of Antiquities & BHS in NMMA Format (Eastern Region)



Kolkata, (KCN): The Day-2 of the two- Day workshop on 'Documentation of Antiquities & BHS' started with a presentation on "Basics of Data Science and its Applications in Social Sciences" by Shri Akshat Mandloi, Associate Director, KPMG. It was followed by a presentation on "Documentation of Ancient Indian Coins, Seals and Sealings in Eastern India" by Dr. Susmita Basu Majumdar, Professor, Department of Ancient History and Culture, University of Calcutta. Dr. G. Muthusankar, Head of GIS Projects, French Institute of Pondicherry delivered a

lecture on "Nature of GIS and its Applications in Archaeology. Dr. Elora Tried, Assistant Professor, SHS Nalanda University shared his ideas on "Documentation of Buddhist and Brahmanical Images in Eastern India". The Closing Ceremony was chaired by Dr. Madhulika Samanta, Director, NMMA, ASI New Delhi, Dr. Dillip Kumar Khamari, Regional Director (Eastern Region) and Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI Kolkata Circle.

Certificates were distributed to the participants. The two days workshop was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI Kolkata Circle.

Two- Day Regional Workshop (Hybrid Mode) on Documentation of Antiquities & BHS in NMMA Format



Kolkata, (KCN): A two-day Regional Workshop (Hybrid mode) on Documentation of Antiquities & BHS in NMMA format of The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) was inaugurated on December 18, 2023 at Salt Lake, Sector-1, Kolkata to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among experts and scholars in the field of documentation of antiquities in the NMMA format, besides, training all academicians in professional manner to develop a common format of inventories of antiquities and archaeological objects across the country. Dr. Gautam Sengupta, former Director General, Archaeological Survey of India was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function. Professor Kishore Kumar Basa, Director General, Archaeological Survey of India & Chairman, National Monuments Authority, New Delhi; Shri Biplob Roy, Administrator General and Official Trustee,

Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. Madhulika Samanta, Director, NMMA, Archaeological Survey of India; Dr. Dillip Kumar Khamari, Regional Director (Eastern Region), Kolkata shared their ideas with the scholars and academicians there. Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, Kolkata Circle extended the vote of thanks to the dignitaries. The inaugural session was followed by presentation by Dr. Madhulika Samanta, Director, NMMA on "National Databases on Monuments and Antiquities: From the Perspective of Archaeological Database Management", in which she spoke about NMMA, its objectives, targets and achievements. Prof. Sheila Mishra, Retired Professor & Head, Deccan College, Pune, gave a presentation on "Documentation of Archaeological Sites and their Geological Contexts". Prof. Shanti Pappu, Founder/Secretary, Sharma

Centre for Heritage Education, Chennai talked about "Documentation of Stone Artefacts as per NMMA". Dr. Rajendra Yadav, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Kolkata presented the documentation process of Built Heritage and Temples of Eastern India. The participants were imparted practical training on documentation in NMMA format.

The workshop was attended by the archaeologists posted in the Circle offices, Excavation Branches and Museums of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the States of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha in Eastern India. Besides, representatives from local heritage organizations, Universities, State Archaeology & Museums, students and research scholars also participated in the workshop. Since the workshop was in hybrid mode, 44 participants attended the first day of the workshop online.

Investments under PMMSY

Kolkata, (KCN): In an answer to the unstarred question raised by MP of Bishnupur Constituency Shri Saumitra Khan in the Lok Sabha today, regarding the details of investments made so far in the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), State-wise, the incentives which have been given by the Ministry to startups and fish farms in the State of West Bengal during the last five years; and the details of the steps taken by the Ministry to promote easy credit availability for aqua agriculture entrepreneurs, fish farms and fishing activities, the Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying (M o F A H & D), Government of India has approved the proposal of the Government of West Bengal at a total cost of Rs.48651.26 lakh and the Central share of Rs.5261.37 lakh released for development of fisheries and aquaculture in the State based on the proposals received from the State Government. In

stated that State-wise investments approved to West Bengal for development of fish farm such as (i) 190 fish seed hatcheries with the cost of Rs.47.45 crore (ii) 48 hectare area for fish culture with cost of Rs.5.40 crore (iii) 62 unit of RAS with the cost of Rs.13.51 crore for intensive fish culture, (iv) 8 unit of Raceways with the cost of Rs.31.5 lakh (v) 343 unit of ornamental fisheries unit at a cost of Rs.23.21 crore.

PMMSY, various activities approved to fish farmers and fishers. The schemes implemented by Department of Fisheries, MoFAH&D include; (i) issuance of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) to fishers and fish farmers since 2018-19 for fish farming and fishing in estuary and sea, fish fanning/mariculture activities in estuaries and open sea and any other State specific fisheries and allied activities. (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) on Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries at a total central outlay of Rs. 3000 crore implemented for a period of 5 years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, (iii) Fisheries

and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) with a total fund size of Rs 7522.48 crore for a period of 5 years from 2018-19 to 2023-24 for providing concessional finance (iv) Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with an investment of Rs.20,050 crore for a period of 5 years from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

According to Shri Rupala, Under PMMSY, 190 unit of Replacement of boats and nets at a cost of Rs.8.15 crore, modernisation of four fishing harbours at a cost of Rs.109.42 crore has been approved to West Bengal. 14918 KCC have also been issued to the fishers and fish farmers of West Bengal.

Training programme on microplastics and heavy metal by ICAR-CIFRI

Kolkata, (KCN): Microplastics and heavy metal are emerging contaminants in aquatic ecosystems. Most of the researchers and stakeholders are unaware of the ill effects, detection and research related to the microplastics and plastics in India. For this, a short training programme on "Advances in Heavy Metals and Microplastics Analysis (ICP-MS & μFTIR)" was held at ICAR-Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore, Kolkata from 11-15 December 2023. The 5-days training aimed to impart knowledge on advance techniques in heavy metal and microplastics analysis of environmental samples including fishes and other biological samples using advanced analytical instruments like Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) and micro-Fourier Transform



Infrared Spectroscopy (μFTIR). The training was attended by a broad spectrum of 24 participants comprising of scientist, assistant professors, technical officers, students, and research scholars having various academic backgrounds like microbiology, organic chemistry, fisheries and zoology from different

institutes and universities of the country. Besides theoretical sessions on heavy metal and emerging contaminants, principles and components of ICPMS and μFTIR, the trainees were exposed to field sample collection from the river Ganga followed by processing and preparation for analysis. The core effort was focused on new and improved data analysis techniques of the targeted pollutants from environmental matrices both by experts from ICAR-CIFRI and other organizations like Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India which aimed to improve the analytical skill, quality of research publication and reporting by the trainees. During the session, Dr. Basanta Kumar Das, Director, ICAR-CIFRI and Course Director of the training programme urged that monitoring and reporting of the polluted water bodies is highly imperative for proper management for achieving the one health and one planet concept.

67th National School Games in Yogasana (U-19) hosted by The Heritage School Kolkata



Kolkata, (KCN): The Heritage School, Kolkata, hosted the 67th National School Games in Yogasana (U-19 Boys & Girls) organised by CISCE in association with School Games Federation of India (SGFI). The inaugural ceremony of the event was graced by Mr. Syed Rahim Nabi, retired professional Indian international footballer as the Chief Guest. Dr.

future challenges," said Mr. Syed Rahim Nabi during his address at the inaugural ceremony. "Yoga is an important part of the National Education Policy and it should be a part of the curriculum," said Dr. G. Immanuel during his address at The Heritage School, Kolkata. "Sports is a vital part of School education which equips a child with various skills that prepares them for the



Rhythmic Yogasana. "Yoga is an important part of our life which helps in improving our lifestyle. We are happy to see children actively participating in this National event," said Ms. Seema Sapru, Principal, The Heritage School, Kolkata. The inaugural session of the event was also participated by Dr. Ranjan Mitter, Principal, The Future Foundation School and many more.

Teacher Shortage Hits Varsities

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Students and researchers are facing a lot of problems as regular teachers are not being appointed in universities controlled by the state government due to the judicial wrangle. With no clarity as on when the disputes between the Union Government-controlled University Grants Commission (UGC) and the State Government will be resolved, many meritorious students who have done M.Phil and PhD after winning gold medals with the highest marks of universities in

various subjects are migrating to other states. It may be mentioned here that as per the earlier system, each university used to fill its own vacant teaching posts in various subjects directly on the basis of recruitment and promotion. Of course, the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and the Governor was sought for this. Ever since the State Government banned recruitment since the late 1990s under the alibi of a financial crisis, the regular recruitment process in universities face roadblock and some posts were filled up after



the Department of Finance approval. For this, the universities of the state used to form special selection committees on the basis of UGC guidelines. However, the State Government amended the Odisha Universities Act and entrusted the

responsibility of appointing teachers of the universities to the Odisha Public Service Commission. The bill in this regard passed by the Assembly was also approved by the then Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal. Voices of protest were raised from various

quarters as the recruitment process started through the Public Service Commission after it became a law. About two years ago, the UGC filed an SLP in the Supreme Court against the case after the Orissa High Court dismissed the case.

The Public Service Commission has not been able to go ahead with the recruitment of university teachers as the matter is pending in the Supreme Court.

Legal experts and officials associated with the case admit that it has not been finalized in the Supreme Court. It is difficult to say how many more years it will take for the Orissa University Law Amendment case to be disposed off.

A large number of teaching posts are currently lying vacant in government run universities in the state.

Invariably, the universities are running with less than a third of regular teachers. Utkal University, the oldest in the state, has only nine professors, while the situation is similar in Sambalpur.

Ravenshaw and Shree Jagannath Universities

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Agriculture and Technology, Odisha Sankriti Vishwavidyalaya, Odisha University and two other government run universities in Keonjhar are facing acute teacher shortage as a number of departments do not have Professors.

While the universities are running with the support of guest faculty, there are demands from various quarters to resolve the matter immediately and fill up all the vacant teaching posts keeping in mind the larger interest of the state and the student society.

Nimantran@Sambalpur



Sambalpur(KCN): Nimantran, a one-stop destination for Odia cuisine, was inaugurated at the historic 17th-century Rani Bakhri, also known as the Queens Palace, in Sambalpur today.

This is the third Nimantran Restaurant set up by the Odisha Tourism Development Corporation (OTDC). Earlier two restaurants have been opened near Rama Devi College in Bhubaneswar, Blue Flag Beach, Puri.

Tourism Minister Ashwini Kumar Patra inaugurated the restaurant in presence of OTDC Chairman Lenin Mohanty, Zilla Parishad President Kumodini Nayak, Collector Ananya Das, Commissioner SMC Ved Bhushan, ADM, Sambalpur Pradeep Kumar Sahu. The ambiance of the Queens Palace, coupled with the culinary excellence of Nimantran, promises a regal dining experience like never before.

This expansion aligns seamlessly with the State's commitment to the 5T initiative, emphasizing the principles of Teamwork, Transparency, Technology, Time, and Transformation. The tourism and cuisines will definitely get popular through the 'Nimantran' restaurant of OTDC" said Mohanty. The restaurants will be managed by OTDC through a dedicated wing which will serve a variety of authentic Odia

cuisines from various districts of Odisha. A special menu has been planned by prominent chefs to serve the taste of Odisha on the platters at the restaurant. Nimantran has been conceptualized with the purpose to serve authentic Odia cuisines from different districts of Odisha. These restaurants envisage to provide different flavours of authentic Odia cuisine which are also linked with culture, heritage, and lifestyle of Odisha.

Odisha Gets 4103 CR

New Delhi(KCN): The Government of India has released Rs 4103.39 crore to the State Government in four years under the Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, Union Minister of State for Finance, Pankaj Chaudhary told Lok Sabha today.

In a written statement to the Lower House of the Parliament, Shri Chaudhary said the Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure/Investment is aimed at boosting capital expenditure by the States.

The Ministry of Finance had launched the scheme for financial assistance to States for capital investment/expenditure in 2020-21 in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic which gave a very timely boost to

capital spending by States. The Centre has released Rs 471.50 crore to Odisha under the scheme in 2020-21 while Rs 517.12 crore released in the financial year 2021-22 and Rs 75 crore during last financial year.

However, the amount has been increased substantially to Rs 3039.77 crore during the current financial year 2023-24, he said.

The State has received such a high amount of fund from the Centre for taking reform measures set by the Finance Ministry, officials said. The Special Assistance (loan) earmarked for reforms in citizen centric areas under the Scheme is released by the Department of Expenditure on the basis of recommendations of

the nodal Ministries/Departments and on the compliance of reform conditions by States. Besides the conditions prescribed under various Parts of the Scheme, a State is required to meet certain mandatory conditions.

The conditions include full compliance with the official name of all Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs), integration of State treasuries with PFMS and deposit of central share of interest earned in SNA accounts till 31st March, 2023 in the Consolidated Fund of India and submission of a certificate to this effect in the prescribed format, signed by the Finance Secretary of the State Government.

The MoS further said that an amount of Rs 1 lakh crore earmarked for

Part-I (Untied) of the Scheme has been allocated to the States in proportion to their share of central taxes and duties as per the award of the 15th Finance Commission.

An additional amount of Rs. 30,000 crore is earmarked for reforms in certain citizen centric areas, like scrapping of old vehicles; urban planning reforms; financing reforms in Urban Local Bodies to make them creditworthy for municipal bonds; housing for police personnel above or as part of police stations; unity malls; children and adolescents' library and digital infrastructure; and State share of capital expenditure of certain centrally sponsored schemes, he informed.

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Bajaj Allianz Life launches world's first music video 'Superstar After Retirement', created by retired senior citizens

Pune: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of India's leading private life insurers, launched a world's music video "Superstar After Retirement", created by retired seniors showcasing their creativity and fulfilling their life goals. Retirees including ex-bankers, entrepreneurs, ex-educator, ex-engineers and other professionals, are seen unleashing their hidden talents like singing or dancing, and attempting to live their second innings with utmost zeal and passion.

For most individuals, their dreams and desires take a backseat as they strive to ensure financial security and stability for their families.

Commenting on the

RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED INKS A JV WITH PLASTIC LEGNO SPA

Mumbai: RELIANCE BRANDS LIMITED (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India. This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts of more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe. The group started its India business in 2009 out of a need to develop a strong production hub that would cater to global markets, but more importantly to the fast evolving and growing Indian market.

"Keeping with our

H&M revels in sunset colours and embellished details for The Festive Collection 2023



Bhubaneswar: H&M India invites you to the season of celebrations with a special collection personified by all things sparkle and shine. Featuring party-ready ensembles, the collection spotlights designs showcasing strong shoulders, cropped tops and draped details among the statement suiting, party dresses and matching sets. Rhinestones, sequins and high-shine fabrics bring sophistication and

vibrancy to every piece, while a strong colour palette of hot pink, orange, red, sand, gold and black adds to the celebratory mood.

"The Festive Collection comes at such a special time of year and we're thrilled with the collection. We were really inspired by the importance of light – candles, lanterns and fireworks – and worked that into a vivid sunset colour palette, but also brought in a lot of sequins, rhinestones and satin.

MLA Dash Drives Healthcare Upgrade at GOP CHC

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In a spirited Rogi Kalyan Samiti meeting hosted at the GOP Community Health Center, Nimapada MLA Sameer Ranjan Dash champions healthcare concerns. Satisfied with patient services, MLA Dash urges doctors to elevate healthcare standards, emphasizing quality patient care.

The music video was created entirely by these 11 senior citizens, after going through multiple enriching workshops with expert mentors from Bollywood. The team's collective efforts for 37 days and 450+ hrs has resulted in this one-of-a-kind music video.

Commenting on the



expectant mothers. Addressing dental complaints, MLA Dash pushes for immediate corrections and directs Engineer Priyadharini Sahu to expedite health center information gathering. Expressing alarm over a breakdown ambulance,

MLA Dash contacts members. Education Officer Sushil Kumar Brahma, Project Manager Krutibiva Mohanty, Accounts Manager Sushant Kumar Raut, Dr. Sarita Mishra, and senior pharmacist Praful Panda, BJD president Madhusudan Paikray, Manoranjan Mohanty, Sampad Pradhan, key Rogi Kalyan Samiti

Soubhagini Sahu actively participated in the discussions. MLA Dash concluded the session by planting saplings in the hospital premises, emphasizing the commitment to both healthcare improvement and environmental awareness.

Union Bank of India signs MOU with SIDBI for Co-Financing arrangement of MSMEs

Mumbai: Union Bank of India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for a Co-Financing arrangement for MSMEs. The MoU was signed by Shri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, Union Bank of India and Shri Vivek Kumar Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI. SIDBI is country's principal financial institution engaged in the Promotion, Financing and Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

According to an official order obtained by Jkns News Agency Mr. Mudasir Wani has been nominated as the BJP's incharge For Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency He will be responsible for overseeing the Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency

BJP Nominated Mudasir wani As Incharge For Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency in Jammu And Kashmir UT

Srinagar (Aasif Malik): The Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) has Given Additional Charges To Wani Mudasir Who Works As Bjp North Kashmir Incharge The Bjp Today Nominated Him Incharge for Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency In The Valley

Mean while Mudasir Wani Told Jkns Agency I am Very Thankful to Party Heads Who Belives On My Work And Appointed Me As Incharge For Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency I work Hard Just Like I am Working In North Kashmir I hope The People of Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency Knows Very well what Bjp is doing for the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir Sartaj Majeed Bjp District Vice President Kupwara Congrates To Wani Mudasir On His new Assignment He said the party Knows how Mudasir wani doing hard work in North Kashmir that is why party Nominated Him Incharge For Srinagar constituency.



Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India registers 3,53,188 unit sales

Gurugram: Noting a positive upward movement during the month, Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India today announced its sales numbers for May 2022.

The company's total sales for the month stood at 3,53,188 with 3,20,844 domestic sales and 32,344 exports compared to the subdued market performance for same period last year amidst multiple lockdowns owing to impact from second wave of pandemic.

Commenting on the sales performance in May'22, Mr. Atsushi Ogata, Managing Director, President & CEO, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India said, "The market is gaining back strength as disturbances in terms of supply side are subsidingcoupled with rise in physical presence at office and educational institutions. The sales figures this month remain incomparable from May'21 as frequent lockdowns in wake of second wave marred the performance during this period last year. Growth in domestic as well as international trade continues to complement each other as we approach an early monsoon."

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New Delhi: Vedanta Aluminium, India's largest producer of aluminium, has commissioned India's largest electric fleet of 27 forklifts, powered by lithium-ion batteries. Done in partnership with GEAR (Gemini Equipment and Rentals Private Limited) India, this

sets the ball rolling on Vedanta Aluminium's plans to decarbonize its industrial vehicle fleet. All 27 forklifts arrived last month and are being operationalised at the company's aluminium smelter at Jharsuguda, in Odisha, which is the world's largest single-location aluminium

smelter, ex-China. Further, as testimony to its endeavours towards increasing gender diversity in core manufacturing operations, Vedanta Aluminium is recruiting and training women to operate these top-of-the-line forklifts. The company has previously hired transgender employees as

forklift operators in its aluminium operations at BALCO in Chhattisgarh. These electric forklifts make use of the cutting-edge 'Smart Fleet Management' system to help ensure the highest levels of safety at site. The Smart Fleet Management system uses IOT (Internet of Things) technology to integrate the data collected by intelligent terminals and provide Vedanta Aluminium insights on a real-time basis with respect to forklift speed, access to operate, collision avoidance, optimization analysis for operational efficiency and equipment maintenance, among others.

U19 Asia Cup title - Bangladesh players credit India tour for success

New Delhi: Members of Bangladesh's U19 Asia Cup title-winning side said on Monday (December 18) that their stint in India before the tournament helped them prepare for the mega event in Dubai.

The victorious Bangladesh squad received a warm welcome at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Sunday.

Festive mood prevailed since morning and when the junior Tigers arrived in the evening, they were welcomed by BCB officials at the board Headquarters in Mirpur. Bangladesh defeated UAE by 195 runs in the final to clinch the title. However, they made their presence felt much earlier in the tournament when they defeated hot-

"When we went into the tournament, we understood the huge gap

between us and the other sides and later we tried to improve so that we can

be at par with those teams. We improved mentally by playing



against India at their own backyard because India

we focused on our lacking," Ahrar Amin, told reporters at the

SBNS on Monday. Current Under-19 skipper Mahfuzur echoed the same sentiment.

"The tournament in India was very competitive. We improved from there and that's why we did well in the Asia Cup,"

Mahfuzur said and also added that they are now eyeing to make a mark in the ICC Under-19 World Cup.

"We became Asia Cup champions for the first time so it's a big achievement for us. The World Cup is ahead of us and because of this [achievement] our responsibility has increased. We took very good preparation for the World Cup from the condition," BCB game development manager Abu Emam Mohammad Kawsar told Cricbuzz on Monday.

team management also helped them.

"We have Stuart Law sir and Wasim Jaffer sir and we got very good tips from them, especially in regards to how to comeback from difficult situations and stay strong mentally," he said.

BCB officials said that Under-19 squad members will have a break before they start their next camp in Dhaka on January 1 while they will depart for South Africa on January 8.

"We will have a week-long camp in South Africa before the Under-19 World Cup to give our boys to get adjusted with the condition," BCB game development manager Abu Emam Mohammad Kawsar told Cricbuzz on Monday.

Hetmyer dropped for last-two England T20Is

New Delhi: West Indies have dropped Shimron Hetmyer from the T20I squad for the remaining two games against England, while Alzarri Joseph has been rested. Hetmyer, who was left out of the XI in the third T20I, has struggled with poor form recently and made contributions of only 1 and 2 in the first-two matches against England. In the preceding ODIs too, the explosive batter scored just 32, 0 and 12 in the three outings.

Johnson Charles, meanwhile, has been recalled as a replacement. Charles



played his last T20I against India in August earlier this year. On the other hand, Joseph has been afforded a break ahead of the

team's all-formats tour of Australia starting January 17. West Indies are due to play two Tests, three ODIs and as many T20Is with the fast

bowler likely to feature in all squads. Replacing him is fellow pacer Oshane Thomas for the last-two matches of the series in Trinidad. West Indies currently lead 2-1, and also won the ODI series by the same margin.

West Indies squad for last two T20Is vs England: Rovman Powell (C), Shai Hope, Johnson Charles, Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Brandon King, Kyle Mayers, Gudakesh Motie, Nicholas Pooran, Andre Russell, Sherfane Rutherford, Romario Shepherd, Oshane Thomas

Naveen was charged guilty for breaching his Player Agreement with Sharjah Warriors who had signed him for Season 1 of the tournament. Naveen was offered another year's extension by the Warriors but refused to sign the retention notice for Season 2. David White, ILT20 CEO, stated in a release on Monday, "We do not

take pride in making this announcement but all parties are expected to comply with their contractual commitments and recognize that non-compliance can cause damage to the other party. Unfortunately, Naveen-ul-Haq failed to honour the ILT20, was sent a

retention notice on the same terms and conditions in accordance with the Player Agreement terms. The ILT20 first initiated a mediation process through an independent third-party mediator after Sharjah Warriors had approached them to intervene in this dispute, but the mediation failed.

A Disciplinary Committee which included White, Head of Security and Anti-Corruption Col. Azam and Member Emirates Cricket Board Zayed Abbas was formed to hear both the parties before handing out the ban.

ILT20 bans Naveen-ul-Haq for 20 months



sign for her. Now she plays both sides of the wicket with lots of confidence," said the Sri Lankan. Murshida, however, is not losing her sleep that she failed to reach three-digit mark despite coming so close.

"I am happy because this is the first big innings of life so naturally feeling well. This is my highest score in international cricket and I am proud of it," said Murshida. "I don't have any regret for that (not being able to score the century) and to be honest my target was that if I can bat till the end, then our score will reach 250 and that will be good for us. No matter what, I wanted to bat till the end and probably the century was not in my fate and there is no point having any regret about it."

After securing early lead, the tourists will be hoping Murshida delivers again when they take on South Africa in the second game of the three-match series at Senwes Park, Potchefstroom on December 20.

off 10 balls against South Africa in the first ODI. India went on to win the game by 8 wickets.

Pace bowlers Arshdeep Singh and Avesh Khan set up a convincing eight-wicket win for India in the first ODI at the Wanderers Stadium. Left-arm Arshdeep took five for 37 and Avesh claimed four for 27 as South Africa crashed to 116 all out. New cap Sai Sudharsan and Shreyas Iyer hit half-centuries as India needed just 16.4 overs to reach the target.

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Murshida credits improved leg-side game for success in South Africa



mentally that, 'don't get worried because you will score runs'. He always told me to have faith on my ability and insisted to work on my strength." Tillakaratne, Bangladesh Women's head coach, told Cricbuzz that he is happy to see her getting rewards of all the hard work she's put on improving her leg side game. "Murshida was one-

dimension player and was very strong on the off-side. We worked with her and now she has improved her leg side play and when she improved her leg side play her chance of getting out is very remote because ball that is pitching in line with the stump if you can play towards the leg side that shot have been improved and that is the positive

T20I on Thursday. "It was completely different to what we expected," Rahul said at the post-match presentation.

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