

# YOUTH DELEGATION ATTENDING TRIBAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME CALL ON THE PRESIDENT



**New Delhi, (KCN):** A youth delegation from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (November 5, 2023). The youth are in Delhi under the Tribal Youth Exchange

Programme being organised by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs for the youth of most affected areas by Left Wing Extremism. Addressing the members of the delegation, the President advised them to have full faith in the country's constitution and democracy. She said that our democratic system provides equal opportunities to everyone. They just have to make their way with hard work and dedication. She stated that their future is bright. She stressed that development can never

be achieved through violence. The President said that the Government is striving for the all-round development of the country and all the citizens. It is committed to provide equal opportunities to everyone without any

discrimination. Even in the remotest areas, the Government is building amenities like roads, communication, education and health facilities for development of all. Many ITIs and Skill Development Centres have been established to enhance the vocational skills of the youth and provide them employment opportunities.

The President said that education is the foundation of individual and community development. She urged them to understand the importance of education and also make others aware about the importance of education. She advised them to get inspirations from our ancestors and strengthen India by imbibing their values and ideals.

# India crush South Africa by 243 runs, extend winning streak to eight matches in ODI World Cup



**Kolkata, (KCN):** India's Virat Kohli equalled Sachin Tendulkar's record of 49 one-day international hundreds as unbeaten World Cup hosts India thrashed fellow semi-finalists South Africa by 243 runs in a pool match on Sunday.

Birthday boy Virat Kohli hit a record-equalling 49th ODI century while Ravindra Jadeja took a five-wicket haul as India crushed South Africa by 243 runs to record their eighth World Cup win in a pool match on Sunday.

Earlier, openers Rohit Sharma (40 off 24 balls) and Shubman Gill (23) gave India a good start with a 62-run stand after the hosts elected to bat. The flurry of shots from Rohit's bat saw India complete 50 runs in just 4.3 overs as the skipper smashed two sixes and six boundaries during his entertaining innings.

Once Kohli and Iyer came together, following Rohit and Gill's departure they smashed the Proteas bowlers all around the ground. Jadeja played a cameo unbeaten 29-run innings off 15 balls to guide India to a big total. Both India and South Africa have already secured their place in the semifinals.

## Leopard Spreading Havoc In Nuapada Captured

**Nuapada, (KCN):** A leopard that had reportedly killed a woman and a minor boy in Nuapada district was captured by Forest Department personnel, last night. The animal was caged at Kodapali in Dharma Bandha area under Sadar Forest Range in the district. According to reports,

locals spotted the leopard on a building in the locality and informed Forest Department. Subsequently, a five-member team of the department reached the spot and installed the cage to trap the big cat. However, the local people lost their cool and allegedly attacked the wild animal with sticks after it was caged. The

forest department officials tried their best to pacify the people and shift the injured wild animal to Sadar range office at around 1 pm. As

per Khariar Division DFO, the health of the leopard has deteriorated and it will soon be treated by a veterinary team. Following its treatment, the big cat will be shifted either to Nandankanan Zoo or any other forest as per the order of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), official sources said.

## Laser Scanning Of Ratna Bhandar Of Puri Srimandir On 28 November



**Puri, (KCN):** In the latest development in the laser scanning of Ratna Bhandar in Puri Jagannath Temple it is slated to take place on November 28, said reports on Sunday. There shall be an independent camera through which 3D pictures will be clicked and a survey shall be conducted of the Ratna Bhandar. The pictures shall then be surveyed by a team of experts, said reliable reports. Following this survey a decision in this regard shall be taken. Laser scanning is a process to ascertain if

there are cracks and damage on stone walls. "We have allowed the ASI to undertake laser scanning of the Ratna Bhandar and the agency will conduct it keeping in view the rush of devotees in the temple," Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Chief Administrator Ranjan K Das said. The laser scanning is likely to be done after the holy month of Kartik, October end to November end, he said. "Every stone of the Ratna Bhandar will be scanned and

documented to reveal even the minute cracks. The documentation will be used to plan conservation and evaluate the condition of the physical structure of the Ratna Bhandar," an ASI official said. The issue was raised at the SJTMC meeting chaired by Gajapati Maharaja Divyasingha Deb, the titular king of Puri. "The committee decided to allow the ASI to carry out laser scanning of the Ratna Bhandar after discussing a proposal from various angles," he said.

**New Delhi, (KCN):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the government is working to build a 'marvelous Mizoram'. Addressing the people of poll-bound state through a video message, the PM said, "Since NDA came to power at Centre, we worked to bridge all kinds of gaps in the past nine years."

Saying that the BJP brought the national capital to Mizoram, Modi claimed he visited the North-east a total of 60 times.

Highlighting that Mizoram has both-- Nature and Culture, the

PM said that it has great potential to turn into a tourist hub.

Emphasising the importance of building infrastructure to facilitate more trade, opportunities, and growth PM Modi said, "During one of my earlier visits to Mizoram, I had promised to work for 'transformation by transportation', since then a revolution has happened across sectors brought in by BJP-led govt"

We are investing more

than Rs 8500 crore for connecting the Broad gauge project from Bairabi to Sairang. This

will help boost the local economy, he said. "When it comes to roadways, till 2013-14 the total length of highways was 11000 kms, we increased it to 16000 kms" the PM said.

Nearly 4.5 lakh people got Ayushman Bharat cards, and they are

benefited nearly 33000 women of Mizoram," he added.

The PM continued to talk about various schemes of the government to uplift the poor.

"We will carry out the scheme to 'give free ration' to poor for next five years."

He further said that the government is working to enable sports infrastructure in the country.

Polling for the 40-member Mizoram assembly is scheduled on November 7 and counting of votes will be taken up on December 3.

## Delhi's AQI continues to be in 'severe' category, improves slightly at some points



10 at 410, as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). At Bawana, the PM 2.5 reached 411 under "severe" category while

PM 10 was at 366 under "very poor" category. The CO was recorded at 78, under "satisfactory" category.

The station at Dwarka

sector 8 recorded PM 10 at 499 and PM 2.5 at 402, or "severe", while CO was at 108, or "moderate" category, and NO2 was at 92, under "satisfactory" category.

The air quality at the IGI Airport T3 area was in "very poor" category with PM 2.5 at 388 and PM 10 at 291, under "poor" category, while the CO reached 30 and NO2 touched 61, both in "satisfactory"

category. The PM 2.5 at ITO was recorded at 368, putting it in the "very poor" category while PM 10 reached 229, placing it under "poor" category. The NO2 was at 163 or "moderate" and CO was recorded at 112 "moderate". At Lodhi Road, the AQI with PM 2.5 concentration was at 353 under the "very poor" category, while PM 10 was recorded at 286 in "poor" category.

# NALCO organises Elocution competition and Walkathon to spread Vigilance Awareness

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** As part of the ongoing Vigilance Awareness Week, National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), organized a series of activities to spread the message of integrity, transparency, and accountability in public life. To mark the occasion, an Elocution Competition was held among the leading schools and colleges of twin-city Bhubaneswar and Cuttack. More than 200 students from 30 schools and colleges actively participated in this competition. Similarly, various



competitions were also organized among the employees of the company. A special function was organized on 3rd November at the NALCO Corporate Office auditorium, wherein the winners of various competitions were handed over the prizes. Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, NALCO, while presiding over the function emphasized and exhorted for a behavioral change in the fight against corruption. "Good Action, Good thinking, Good mannerism are the keys to discourage

corrupt practices", he said.

Shri Artatranya Mishra, IFoS, Deputy

Director General of Forest Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, graced the occasion as the

Chief Guest, while Shri Ramesh Chandra Joshi, Director (Finance), Shri Pankaj Kumar

Director (Production), and Shri Somanath Hansdah, Director (Production),

the values of honesty and integrity by following probity and rule of law in all walks of life. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri S. R. Taksande HOD, Vigilance Department. Further, a Walkathon was also flagged off by Shri Sridhar Patra, CMD, at the NALCO Residential areas at Bhubaneswar on 4th November, to sensitize the general public on the adverse effects of corruption and the means to combat it. Employees, contractual workmen, students and others participated in the walkathon with enthusiasm and collectively conveyed the message for a corruption-free society.

## Glowing Tribute Paid to Late Basanti Biswal



**Bhubaneswar / Berhampur, (KCN):** Glowing Tribute was paid to Late Basanti Biswal on the twelfth day of her sad demise. A Condolence meeting was organised at Sahid Laxman Nayak Community Hall in Hill Patna of Berhampur, to mark the solemn occasion. Addressing the bereaved gathering distinguished dignitaries recounted several aspects of Late Basanti Biswal's ideal life and prayed Lord Jagannath to rest her immortal soul in permanent peace. Smt Biswal expired on 22nd October 2023 at the age of 66. Her last rites were performed on the same day at Swarga Dwara in Puri with the presence of family members. Late Smt Biswal has left behind her husband former Works Engineer of OSRTC, Er. Meenaketan Biswal, Elder Son Manchester based Secretary General of World Odisha Society Siba Ranjan Biswal, Younger Son Young Entrepreneur Siba Kumar Biswal, Daughter Smita Behera, Son-in-law Engineer Saroj Behera, Two Daughters - in - Law Puja Khandual and Arati Biswal and Grand Sons and

Daughters like Sneha, Guddu, Litchi, Chiku, Shradha and Sai. Late Basanti Biswal was an unique person having manifold qualities and perfect etiquettes. At a stretch, She was a religious, pious, generous, gentle, simple, soft spoken, affectionate, amiable and a complete human being. Smt Biswal was born at Netenga village in Bhanjanagar on 21st September 1957. Her parents were Late Sushama Nayak and Late Abhimanyu Nayak. They were six sisters namely present MLA of Aska Manjula Swain, Sanjukta Patra, Lily Jena, Bishnupriya Nayak, Bhagyalata Rout and Lone brother Late Santosh Nayak. She got married to Engineer Meenaketan Biswal on 3rd March 1976, the eldest son of the inhabitant of Baragan in Aska. Late Krushna Chandra Biswal and Late Satyabhama Biswal. She had two brothers - in - Law like Uday Nath Biswal and Bipin Bihari Biswal and five sisters - in - Law namely Sashi Debi Swain, Usharani Bisoyi, Nishamani Nayak, Indira Nayak and Kalyani Behera. A highly religious person, Late Basanti Biswal along with her

husband were prime disciples of Renowned Spiritual Guru and Founder of Sudharma Mahasangha at Bahadarpur in Jajpur district revered Saint Madhab Baba. Prominent personalities who offered rich homage to the departed soul through messages include Gajapati Maharaj Dibyasingh Deb, Chairman of World Odisha Society (WOS) Kishore Dwibedi, Founder of WOS Dr Arundhati Debi, Vice - Chairman Dr Nalini Pati, Prime Mentor Pritish Dash, MPs Chandrasekhar Sahu and Amar Patnaik, MLA Bikram Panda, Aditya Mohapatra from CMO, Film Star Sabyasachi Mishra, Former MLA Priyadarshi Mishra, Rosalyn Mishra, Sumant Mansingh, Uttam Tripathy, Mamata Nayak, Sandip Nayak, Ramesh Routray, Kalpana Mishra, Usharani Rout, Nisebita Das, Narendra Jena, Upendra Pati, Meena Pati, Surendra Acharya, Anjana Satpathy, Prabash Mishra, Subhakanta Mohanty, Srinibash Pattaik, Jeeban Panigrahi, Bishnu Dash, Prasanta Sahoo and Shripathi Jena. Eminent persons who attended the Memorial Ceremony of Late Basanti Biswal at Berhampur and offered floral tributes at her portrait include Smt Manjula Swain, MLA, Aska, Sanghamitra Dalei, Mayor, Berhampur, Subash Chandra Moharana, Chairperson, Cashew Development Corporation, Dr Subash Chandra Sahu, Noted Singer Anindita Das, Dr Sagar Ranjan Tripathy, Dr Kiran Panigrahi, Founder of Antarjatiya Odia Sambhiman Pratishthan, Sushant Kumar Sabat, Noted Writer Shanta Rani Jena, Famous Designer Ramakrishna Pattnaik (Ramuli), Actress Sofia Alam, Dillip Kumar Sahoo, Shovan Rajan Behera, Prakash Chandra Nayak, Manoranjan Satpathy, Chintamani Mohanty, Subash Dehuri, Suresh Satpathy, Jafer Ali, Rama Purohit, Ashok Tripathy, Ranjeet Sahu, Siba Moharana and Rajendra Sahu. A Satsang by Sudharama Mahasangha was also hosted by family to invoke the blessing of Almighty for ensuring heavenly abode of Late Basanti Biswal's eternal soul.

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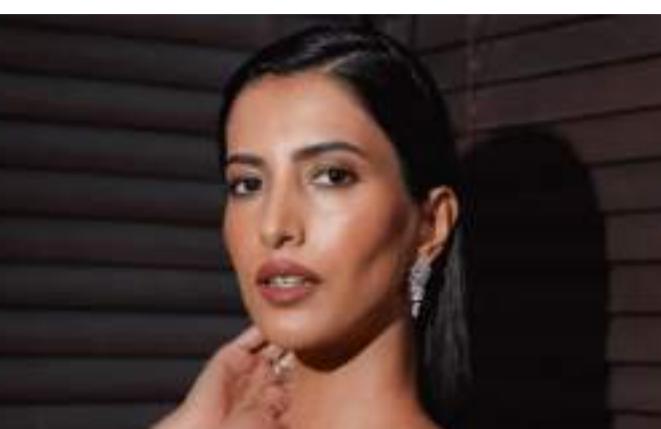
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## Wildcard Manasvi Mamgai Gets Evicted From Salman Khan's Show

Bigg Boss 17 Weekend Ka Vaar episode brought a lot of excitement, drama, and revelations with it. In the latest episode, Salman Khan reveals the names of the contestants who breached the contract before entering the show and made shocking revelations about them. The conversation started with Salman Khan questioning the contestants regarding who knew each other before entering Bigg Boss 17. He suggested the contestants not to lie.



Salman then asked the contestants who connected with each other before entering the show. Vicky Jain then confessed that he called Neil two days before going inside Bigg Boss. Salman then asked Isha Malviya if she called someone before entering the show, and she mentioned that she called Abhishek Kumar. Salman asks Samarth if

he knows about it and the latter accepts. Neil and Vicky talk about their recent alteration. Mannar and Jigna Vora

talk about Munawar and say that the latter has been maintaining a different approach towards Ankita and Vicky. Mannara says Vicky talks very

differently about the couple when he is in the room, away from them, but is different in front of them. She says that he speaks to them even after getting nominated. Salman welcomes singer King on the stage. King sings 'Tu Aaja', one of his most popular tracks for the Bigg Boss housemates. He makes housemates play 'Dil Ka Darwaza' with each other. The cast of 'Dori' - Amar Upadhyay, Sudhaa

Chandran, and Mahi Bhanushali come on the Bigg Boss stage and promote their upcoming TV show. Salman talks about the nominations. He says five people are nominated - Sana Raees Khan, Manasvi Mamgai, Arun Mashetty, Isha Malviya, and Samarth Jurel. He announces that Manasvi has been eliminated due to lowest number of votes. Manasvi bids her adieu to the house and walks out. Meanwhile, Abhishek, Arun and Sunny Arya get into another heated argument.

## Shah Rukh Khan Unveils New Dunki Posters Featuring Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Grover



Released on Shah Rukh Khan's birthday, the 'Dunki Drop 1' indeed came as an absolute treat for the audience and fans with its endearing narrative and went on to touch millions of hearts.

Drawn from real-life experiences, 'Dunki' is a saga of love and friendship that brings together these wildly disparate stories, and provides hilarious and heart-breaking answers. On November 4, two posters of 'Dunki' were released that introduced 5 characters of the ensemble cast together, featuring, Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Vikram Kochhar, Anil Grover, and Vicky Kaushal. The two new posters of the film show the joy of friendships and the challenges the lead cast go through together to achieve their dreams.

Sharing the posters on social media, Shah Rukh Khan wrote, "Hum bilkul usi tarah dikh rahe hain jaise Raju sir ne apne 'Ullu ke patthon' ko imagine kiya tha... Inke baare mein bahot kuch share karna abhi baaki hai..." (We look exactly the way Raju sir (Rajkumar Hirani) had imagined his 'Ullu ke patthon' to be. There is still much more to share about them). The first poster shows Shah Rukh Khan accompanied

by Taapsee, Vicky, Vikram and Anil, all dressed formally and holding files, as they confidently head for an interview. The second poster depicts the same group navigating a rough terrain in an isolated area. While the others look lost and confused as they are stuck in the middle of a desert, Taapsee appears to be unfazed by the physical strain is seen smiling while looking at Shah Rukh. In both the photos, Shah Rukh will be seen in the role of a man named 'Hardy' in 'Dunki', who desperately wants to move to London along with his buddies. 'Dunki' will release in India on December 22, 2023 and will clash with Prabhas' Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire at the Box Office.

## Samantha Ruth Prabhu Climbs 600 Steps Barefoot, Prays to Palani Murugan



Samantha Ruth Prabhu climbed 600 steps of the Palani Murugan temple in Tamil Nadu on February 13 draped in an all-white churidar-kurta and offered prayers at the temple.

She also lit a camphor diya and tweeted on the same. She was

accompanied by her 'Jaanu' movie director C. Premkumar and other friends. The actor, who suffers from Myositis, an autoimmune disease condition that causes acute muscular pain, has started shooting for the web series 'Citadel' in which she shares screen space with Bollywood

actor Varun Dhawan. 'Citadel' is the Indian version of the international sci-fi action web series of the same name created by the Russo Brothers. In the international series, Priyanka Chopra plays the lead.

The Indian web series is directed by the

director duo Raj and DK, who had helmed the popular web series, 'The Family Man', in which Samantha played the role of Raji, a Sri Lankan Tamil militant.

She had recently tweeted: "I am thrilled to be part of this brilliant universe conceptualised by the Russo Brothers AGBO. I am also looking forward to working with Varun for the first time. He is someone who is full of life and cheer when you are around him." Samantha is awaiting the release of her Telugu mythological movie 'Shakuntalam' in which she shares the screen with Prakash Raj and Dev Mohan. The movie is to be released on April 14.



## Karan Johar reviews 'The Romantics', asks Aditya Chopra if he can share their personal pictures clicked over the decades



just a legend of romance ... a connoisseur of chiffon, music and beauty... a maestro of musicals... he was also a pillar of belief and conviction... is there any conviction left today? We are burdened by media commentary... box office opening analytics, research engines ( all probably relevant to the technology and times) but where did good old fashioned conviction vanish," shared Karan Johar.

He went on to state how the series made him reflect on his own journey and added, "The rom doc reminds us of the past that seemed so organic and

heartfelt.... Makes me want to go back to that zone of filmmaking ..... I am so deeply inspired by the YRF story... it's

origin and it's journey.... Having learnt everything I know from the corridors of the studio I stand blessed and watching The Romantics made me so self aware ... of my strengths and my failings.... Thank you @smritimundhra for weaving a narrative out of the archives and actually making an audience go through the many emotional beats through the 4 episodes...just brilliant!"

Paying an ode to

Chopra scions, Aditya and Uday, KJO added, "And finally my Best friend has a face and how beautifully articulate was he!!! Adi does that mean I can post all the images we have shared over decades that you have threatened to never speak to me if I put out ??? #justasking # I o v e y o u A d i congratulations to my dearest friend @udayc for being such a force behind this."

# Rights & Duties of taxpayer during Income Tax search - Part 4

(Contd from 30 Oct 2023)

20. Rights of the person against whom the search is conducted: As per the ground rules framed for search and seizure by Union Government, the following are the rights of the person to be searched:

a. To see the warrant of authorisation duly signed and sealed by the issuing authority.

b. To verify the identity of each member of search party.

c. To have at least 2 respectable and independent residents of the locality as witnesses.

d. To have personal search of all members of the party before the start of the search and after conclusion of the search.

e. To insist on a personal search of a female by another female only with strict regard to decency.

f. To have a copy of the Panchnam together with all the annexures.

g. To put his own seals on the packages containing the seized assets.

h. Women having the occupancy of an apartment to be searched, have right to withdraw before the search party enters, if

according to custom, they do not appear in public.

i. To call a medical practitioner, if he or any family member is not well.

j. To have his children permitted to go to school after the examination of their bags.

k. To inspect the seals placed on various receptacles sealed in course of search and subsequently when reopened by continuation of the search.

l. To have the facilities of having meals etc. at the normal time.

m. To have a copy of any statement before it is used against him in an assessment or prosecution proceeding.

n. To have inspection of the books of account etc. seized or to take extracts therefrom in the presence of any of the Authorised Officers or any other person empowered by him.

o. Income Tax authorities have no power of arrest.

p. To object by way of filing a petition to the approval given by the CIT for Retention of Books and Documents beyond 180 days from the date of seizure.

21. In addition to above, the person raided

has also the following rights:

a) Right of presence: He is entitled to be present during search - rule 112(8)

b) Right to worship: He is entitled to observance of his worship at the usual time even if a search takes place during the time of such worship.

c) Right to leave the spot of search: One is entitled to attend to his normal business or profession but this is subject to the fact that the assessee has to be present during the course of search for furnishing information or replying to questions regarding the acquisitions of the articles or the books of account found during the course of the search.

In this context, the recommendations of The Chelliah Committee was as follows: "Since the Income Tax Department does not have the power to arrest and the ground rules announced on the floor of the Parliament in 1987 specifically lay down that the income tax authorities shall have no power to arrest, the general practice of the search party preventing an assessee whose premises are searched from leaving the building to attend to his work must be discontinued. After the person has made the statement required, he should be allowed to leave" [Para 10.79(c)].

d) Right to have his statement recorded properly: The searched person has a right to insist on recording in his statement u/s 132(4) that a particular asset or a document, whether seized or not, was found in a particular room or almirah or a container normally used, either by him or a particular

member of the family and about the ownership of the articles. If the statement is not properly recorded, he may state his qualifications at the place where he is asked to sign. If such an opportunity is not given to him by the officers at that time, he may, at the earliest, after the search, bring it to the notice of Authorising Officer and Assessing Officer so as to safeguard his position for the purpose of explaining the assets etc., in course of assessment. The raided person may also decline or object to the recording of the statement at a late hour of the night or in the early morning, on health grounds or on grounds of mental and physical exhaustion as, under such condition, he may not be able to recollect facts or furnish categorical replies. In spite of objection if a statement is recorded, he may insist on recording his objection. If a statement recorded in respect of a particular event from somebody else is put to him, he has a right to insist for a copy of that statement before he furnishes his reply. In this connection the observations of the Supreme Court in the case of Suraj Mall Mohta & Co. v. A. V.

Visvanatha Sastri & another [1954] 26 ITR 1 (SC) are quite relevant. In this context it may be noted that the Task Force on Direct Taxes chaired by Dr. Vijay Kelkar in para 3.27 of its final report had recommended that:

(i) The CBDT must issue immediate instructions to the effect that no raiding party should obtain any surrender whatsoever.

(ii) Where, a taxpayer desires to voluntarily make a disclosure, he should be advised to make so after the search.

(iii) All cases where surrender is obtained during the course of the search in violation of the Instructions of the CBDT, the leader of the raiding party be subjected to vigilance enquiry.

(iv) All statements recorded during the search should be video recorded.

22. Duties of the person against whom the search is conducted: The following are the duties of the person against whom the search is conducted:

a) To allow authorised person, free and unhindered entrance into the premises.

b) To identify all receptacles in which

assets or books of account and documents are kept and to hand over keys to such receptacles to the Authorised Officer.

c) To identify and explain the ownership of the assets, books of account and documents found in the premises.

d) To identify every individual in the premises and to explain their relationship to the person being searched.

e) Not to allow or encourage the entry of any unauthorised person into the premises.

f) Not to remove any article from place of investigation without notice or knowledge of the Authorised Officer.

g) To ensure that peace is maintained throughout the duration of the search, and to co-operate with the Investigating Officers in all respects so that the search action is concluded at the earliest and in a peaceful manner.

h) Co-operation should be extended even after the search action is over, so as to enable the Authorised Officer to complete necessary follow-up investigation at the earliest.

23. Whether date of signing of authorisation will be date of initiation of search or the date of

commencement and conducting of initial search in the premises of assessee:

The expression 'search initiated' had to be interpreted to mean the commencement and conducting of the initial search, i.e. the first search in the case and not the date on which the authorizations were signed by concerned authorities or any other date prior to the initial date of search - CIT v. Wipro Finance Ltd. [2010] 323 ITR 467 (Kar).

24. Search warrant whether required to be shown or served: Search warrant is required to be shown to the person being searched and his signature is obtained confirming the fact that it has been shown to him. The search warrant is not required to be served on the person being searched - Subir Roy v. S.K. Chattopadhyay [1986] 158 ITR 472 (Kolkata), Southern Herbals Ltd. v. DIT (Investigation) [1994] 207 ITR 55 (Kerala).

(Contd.)  
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## Stroke has become a prevalent health concern in India

The average stroke incidence rate in India is 145 per 100,000 population, three Indians suffer a stroke every minute



World Stroke Day 2023, each October 29th marks World Stroke Day, a dedicated occasion shedding light on the gravity and prevalent occurrence of strokes. This day serves to enhance understanding about stroke prevention and treatments, aiming to make this vital information more accessible to everyone. Given that stroke has become a prevalent health concern in India, with a staggering 100 percent increase in incidence, it holds significant importance. Globally, brain stroke stands as the second leading cause of death and the third leading cause of disability. Annually, around 1.8 million people experience a stroke. Notably, low and middle-income countries, including India, have seen a staggering 100 percent increase in stroke cases, while developed nations have witnessed a significant 42 percent

decrease. In India, the average stroke incidence rate is 145 per 100,000 population, with researchers estimating that three Indians suffer a stroke every minute. While brain strokes are more commonly associated with the elderly, they can strike individuals of any age. Recognizing risk factors and symptoms is crucial for stroke prevention, and receiving early diagnosis and treatment substantially improves the chances of complete recovery. There are two primary types of strokes. Firstly, an Ischaemic stroke occurs when a clot, originating either from the heart or elsewhere, travels to the brain, blocking an artery and reducing blood supply to that area. Ischemia refers to a decreased blood supply. The second type is a haemorrhagic stroke, where an excess of blood in the brain can cause a blood vessel to burst, resulting in the accumulation of blood. Distinguishing between the two can be challenging, as they share similar symptoms such as tingling in the hands or

legs, body imbalance, and facial drooping.

Metabolic risks (high systolic blood pressure (SBP), high body-mass index (BMI), high fasting plasma glucose (FPG), high total cholesterol, and low glomerular filtration rate) account for 71.0% (64.6–77.1) of stroke burden. Behavioural factors (smoking, poor diet, and low physical activity) account for 47.0% [41.3 to 54.4] of stroke burden, and environmental risks (air pollution and lead exposure) 37.8% [35.0 to 41.0]. Globally, high systolic blood pressure is the largest single risk for stroke (contributing

79.6 million DALYs [67.7–90.8]; or 55.5% of total stroke DALYs [48.2–62.0]), high body-mass index (BMI) (34.9 million [22.3–48.6]; 24.4% [15.7–33.2]), high fasting plasma glucose (28.9 million [19.8–41.5]; 20.2% [13.8–29.1]), ambient particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution (28.7 million [23.4–33.4]; 20.1% [16.6–23.0]), and smoking (25.3 million [22.6–28.2]; 17.7% [16.4–19.0]). All risk factors combined account for 87.0% (84.2–89.8) of the global stroke

doubles every 10 years. 2. Gender - Men have a slightly higher stroke risk than women. However, more women than men die from strokes because they tend to live longer than men.

3. Family history -

Your risk is higher if

your immediate family

members (grandparents, parents or siblings) had a stroke before they were 65.

4. Prior stroke or mini-

stroke (transient ischemic attack/TIA) -

Up to a third of people

who survive a first

stroke or mini-stroke

(TIA) have another

35–50% of stroke risk.

Almost 20% of

Canadians have high

blood pressure.

2. High blood

cholesterol - The link

between high

cholesterol and stroke

isn't as clear as the link

between high

cholesterol and heart

attacks. However,

researchers believe

that high blood

cholesterol can play a

part in blocking the

arteries leading to the

brain.

3. Irregular heartbeat (Atrial

Fibrillation/AF) -

Those with AF are 5

times more likely to

have a stroke and about

stroke within 5 years. A stroke survivor has a

20 per cent chance of

having another stroke

within two years.

Stroke Risk Factors

you can control:

1. High blood

pressure - accounts for

15% of stroke patients

have AF.

4. Diabetes -

patients with diabetes

are 2 to 3 times more

likely to develop

stroke. Almost 20%

of people who have a

stroke are diabetic.

5. Drug Abuse -

stroke. There is also

evidence that stroke

patients with waist

circumference of 35

inches or higher are at

particularly high risk

of stroke.

7. Physical inactivity -

people who exercise

5 or more times per week have a

reduced stroke risk.

8. Alcohol consumption -

The link to stroke is not

entirely clear however,

in some studies, excessive

alcohol consumption

has been negatively

linked to stroke.

9. Smoking -

doubles the risk of

stroke. Quitting will

significantly reduce the

risk within two years.

Within five years, your

risk will be the same as

someone who never

smoked.

10. Diet - eating a

heart-healthy diet can

reduce your risk of

heart disease or stroke

## BOBBY CHAKRABORTY ATTENDS THE MUCH NEEDED WELLNESS FAIR ORGANISED BY M. C. KEJRIWAL VIDYAPEETH



### THE WELLNESS FAIR M. C. KEJRIWAL VIDYAPEETH

**Kolkata, (KCN):** Our mental health is crucial for our overall well-being, affecting our emotions, thoughts, and social life along with our physical health too. Unfortunately, it often gets ignored. To raise awareness and challenge the stigma surrounding mental health, M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth organised a Wellness Fair on 4th November 2023 at the school campus. The school's Chairman, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, on whose initiative the Wellness Fair was held, was present to encourage and motivate the parents and students.

Eminent Actor/Activist/ Teacher of Method Acting, Mr. Bobby Chakraborty who was present as one of the special guest and esteemed panelist of a pertinent discussion in the event, 'The Importance of Mental Health', gave us a first hand account of the proceedings. Here's what Bobby said:- "This spectacular event was unique in every way. Various colourful stalls were opened all around the school premises catering to keeping well through music therapy, dance therapy, meditation, proper parenting skills,

building up confidence in a child, medical tests, checkups, building a sense of teamwork and integrity in a child etc. Distinguished healthcare professionals and wellness experts hosted various interactive stations, providing a wide range of services to educate parents and students. Moreover medical professionals, paediatricians, and nutritionists were on hand to offer guidance on numerous methods to improve physical and mental health. One of the highlights of the event was the panel discussion promoting The Importance of Mental Health.

reputed psychologist and Director, Manovikash Kendra.

The highly interactive, educational and entertaining discussion explored the close relationship between mental and physical health which was much appreciated and energetically participated by the parents and students of the 6th-8th grade, who attended it.

In particular I loved and regarded the kind words of Mr. Ojha a parent, towards me, during the Q/A session.

I must thank the warmth, love and support, that was showered on me from

The Chairman, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal; The Director, Mr. Neelkantha Gupta; The Headmaster, Mr. Biswajit Majumdar; The Principal, Mallika Mukherjee ma'am; along with each and every respected teacher and parent. I am deeply touched.

I loved interacting with the extremely well mannered and sweet students to whom I promised to be back soon with my free of cost, global awareness program against addiction and harmful trends, 'I AM THE KING OF MY MIND'."

## West Bengal Government face problem to get road tax from premium car owners

**Kolkata, (Ambar Mukherjee):** Kolkata: Owners of premium cars with price range between Rs 60 lakh and Rs 1.15 crore have become a headache for the cash-strapped West Bengal government as they are reluctant to clear road tax dues.

According to records available with the transport department, road tax for such 1,931 high-end vehicles to the tune of Rs 70 crore has been lying unpaid as the owners show "no interest" to comply with the rule-book despite repeated reminders. The

list of defaulters includes actors, reputed doctors, entrepreneurs and lawyers and the brand of vehicles owned by them are Land Rover, Range Rover, BMW, Audi, Porsche and Jaguar.

Sources in the transport department said Nabanna, the state secretariat, had recently sought the names of the owners of premium luxury vehicles who have not paid road tax for long. "Such owners are riding their vehicles without paying road tax since past five to 10 years. Owners of normal vehicles are found to be

more law-abiding than these rich people. But now, we have decided to initiate a special drive to recover the huge dues of road tax," said an officer of the transport department.

Citing an example, an official at Nabanna said a vehicle owned by a popular actress of Bengali film industry was intercepted at the Ruby crossing on EM Bypass one month ago.

"A total of Rs 12 lakh is due from her under the head of road tax. She was given several reminders. We confiscated the vehicle which has been

lying at the transport department's Kasba office. The owner did not bother to clear her dues as she has other cars to ride," said the officer.

An inspector of motor vehicles department said

traffic police and officers of the transport department hesitate to intercept the premium vehicles. "But the defaulters

will not be allowed to take this advantage anymore. The state transport authorities will send notice to all the defaulters and after issuing three such notices, stern action will

be taken. We will use the legal provisions of the West Bengal Public Demand Recovery Act to get the dues from the defaulters," said another officer of the transport department.

The officer also said the state government is planning to make it mandatory that a buyer will have to pay road tax for 15 years at the time of buying a premium car. "If the owners of luxury premium cars do not clear the dues, we will have no other option left other than collecting road taxes for 15 years," he added.

## Jindal Stainless bags seven gold awards at the International Convention on Quality Concepts 2023 in Beijing



### Kalinganagar, (Sapan Kar) :-

Jindal Stainless, India's largest stainless steel manufacturer, has won seven gold and one silver awards at the 48th edition of the International Convention on Quality Concepts (ICQC) 2023 for excellence in quality management. The prestigious award, announced at a four-day event held in Beijing, China, recognises the company's initiatives in improving and implementing operational excellence at the shopfloor.

Over 900 companies

from 13 countries such as India, China, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Zambia participated in the annual convention. While the five teams from Hisar won four gold and one silver, all three teams from Jajpur bagged gold. The evaluation parameters included the method of project selection, cause analysis, effectiveness of countermeasures, degree of achievement of project objectives, and level of standardisation.

On the

occasion, Managing Director, Mr. Abhyuday Jindal, Jindal Stainless, said, "Jindal Stainless has been a consistent winner at the ICQC over the years. The award this year is a recognition of our unwavering commitment to ensuring excellence in our overall operations that ultimately impact our societal and economic decisions. We have set up 440 quality circle teams at the shopfloor at both our plants in order to facilitate problem-solving to achieve excellence in operational efficiency."

## Balasore Train Accident: KIIT Provides Job & Education to Victims' Families from Odisha



### Bhubaneswar, (KCN):

The KIIT Deemed-to-be-University has offered employment and free education to the family members of the deceased of the Bhanaga, Balasore train mishap hailing from Odisha.

The Founder of KIIT and

KISS Dr. Achyuta Samanta met the

candidates today and

offered the employment letter. A total 20 candidates opted for the job and 2 children of different families opted for higher education in KIIT. They are now pursuing education in KIIT. Earlier the Founder had announced to support the victims' families by offering a job to one member from each

family at KIIT and KISS as per their eligibility and provide free education to their kids at KIIT and KISS as per their eligibility from standard one up to higher level. The official process was done by the KIIT authority. The family members thanked Dr. Samanta for his support in the crucial moment.

## "They Come During Elections And Return...": Rajnath Singh Jabs Opposition

**Nayawali, Madhya Pradesh (KCN):** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday described parties like the SP, the BSP and the AAP as "electoral birds" (chunavi chidiya), saying they come during elections and return to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh at the end of the polls.

Addressing an election rally in this assembly segment, Mr. Singh said unlike many other parties, the focus of BJP's politics is not just on winning elections and forming a government but its main aim is to take the country on the path of growth and development.

"At the time of elections, parties like SP, BSP and AAP come as electoral birds and as soon as the elections are over, they return back to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh," Mr. Singh said in Hindi. "We do not do vote-bank politics. We do not just do politics to form a government but do politics to build the country and society," he said.

The elections to 230 assembly constituencies in Madhya Pradesh will be held on November 17 and the counting of votes will take place on December 3. The ruling BJP is trying hard to retain power in the state.



In his address, Mr. Singh also highlighted various welfare schemes of the Narendra Modi government.

"Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, free ration is being given to the poor in the country for the last three years. Our Prime Minister Mr. Modi has said that this scheme will be extended for the next five years," Mr. Singh said.

"Earlier there were potholes in roads in Madhya Pradesh. Today villages are connected by roads. We are providing tap water to every house," he said.

The defence minister

also exuded confidence that BJP will retain power in the state.

"When assembly elections were announced in five states, there was talk of a close fight in Madhya Pradesh. I had said in the beginning itself that Shivraj ji (Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan) is Dhoni. Whatever be the start, we will give a good finish and lead the BJP to victory," he said.

"The BJP is going to win here. Earlier, 92 per cent of mobiles in the country were imported, today more than 90 per cent of mobiles are being made in India and by the hands of Indians," he said.

# CM Naveen Launches 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' Programme In Three More Dists

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday launched the 'Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha' programme in three more districts of the State.

The ambitious programme, which aims at strengthening the infrastructure for building a new and strong Odisha, was rolled out in Mayurbhanj, Sambalpur and Malkangiri districts. Under the programme, Rs 90.50 crore has been sanctioned for the four constituencies of Mayurbhanj district. The constituencies are Jashipur, Karanjia, Saraskana and Rairangpur. The funds will be spent on 2427 projects in 181 panchayats of 13 blocks of these constituencies.

Similarly, Rs 69 crore has been sanctioned for three constituencies of Sambalpur district. These constituencies are Rairakhol, Rengali and Kuchinda. As many as 1801 projects will be undertaken in 138 gram panchayats of 9 blocks. Similarly, Rs 55.50 crore has been sanctioned for two constituencies of Malkangiri district. These constituencies are Chitrokonda and Malkangiri. The funds will be spent on 1430 projects in 111 gram panchayats of 7 blocks. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said that the spread of culture and improvement of modern infrastructure will take our villages to the pinnacle of development. The new wave of development



will instill deep confidence in the people of the village. From our strong cultural base, the new Odisha will spread its wings and reach new heights to touch the wide range of modern scientific knowledge and we will build the new Odisha, the Nabin Odisha, the CM said. The development of all villages is our goal. There will be a guarantee of

development for everyone in the village. Everyone in the village will be guaranteed education and health. Culture will be preserved and modernity will be developed in villages. The developed village will be the identity of modern Odisha, the CM said.

Odisha is the land of Lord Jagannath. Universal love, peace, goodwill, equality and

service are the message of Jagannath culture. Irrespective of caste, religion, and community, it has made everyone its own. The Ama Odisha Nabin Odisha scheme will preserve Jagannath culture in every village. Every

place of worship will be developed. Heritage sites will be preserved, he added.

The Chief Minister said that the preservation and protection of these cultural and heritage sites is essential for future generations.

The development of digital infrastructure in villages is one of the objectives of this scheme. Internet connection will be available in the village. There will be science parks, skill development centres, work hubs, and banking facilities. The primary schools of the village will also be involved in this

program. It will bring immense opportunities to our youth, mothers, farmers and students

Patnaik. In this term, the Chief Minister has given five beautiful gifts to mothers.

The gifts are Aahar @ Rs 5, LAccMI bus service @ Rs 5, Rs 5,000 financial assistance under Mamata Yojana, interest free loan up to Rs 5 lakh to mothers under Mission Shakti, and medical facility up to Rs.5 lakh for all under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana and additional Rs.5 lakh for mothers, he added.

Today's programme was attended by the Ministers, MLAs, Zilla Parishad president, members, block chairman, Sarpanches and people in the three districts.

## Palm Tree Plantation Drive

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** Satyabrata Sahu, ACS Forest, Environment and Climate Change and SRC has asked the Divisional Forest Officers (DFO) to go for massive Palm Tree Plantation in their respective Forest Divisions.

ACS Shri Sahu said that it has been decided that the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change plans to undertake massive Palm Tree plantation drive along the notified forest block boundaries during the next planting seasons i.e. 2024-25 and 2025-26. Funding will be sources from Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA). Palm trees have multiple benefits. It acts as a lightening arrester alongside securing the forest block boundaries. It



will also provide fodder to wild animals, especially elephants, said Sri Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary, FE&CC and Special Relief Commissioner, Odisha.

It was decided in the recently held State level DFO Conference in the presence of

FE&CC Minister Pradip Kumar Amat after thorough discussions.

The human-elephant conflict will be lowered after the completion of plantation drive.

There are 4479 notified forest blocks with 39,671 Sq. Km of boundary lines.

The total number of boundary pillars in these forest blocks comes to 4,80,207.

It is proposed to plant four Palm trees near each boundary pillar along the forest block boundary.

Around 19 lakhs Palm trees will be planted with cost of nearly Rs.7.5 crores.

## After a decade, ASI begins excavation of Barabati Fort again

**CUTTACK(KCN):** After a gap of 16 years, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) restarted the excavation of Barabati Fort at Cuttack on Monday.

On the day, a broken structural fragment was found. Built by the Ganga dynasty on the banks of the Mahanadi River, the fort was declared an ASI-protected monument in 1915 and excavation at the site began in 1989. The fort was last excavated in 2007. The digging work this time, ASI (Puri circle head) Dibishida Gadnayak said, is aimed at tracing the link between Odisha and Southeast Asian countries.



A trench has been created in the northeast direction of the remains of the pillared hall of the fort. During the excavation of the trench on the day, a broken part of a sculpture was found which could date back to the 13th to 14th century if the style of the fragment is taken into consideration, Gadnayak said. The trench appears to have two to three metres of deposits and the sculptural fragment was dug from the spot, he

added. Four areas in the fort have been identified for excavation. The previous excavations of the site were carried out to establish the cultural chronology of the fortified fort. In these digs, some of the important antiquity finds included a seated goddess, lion-head, lamp fragment, balls and pot fragments of stone, sling balls, fragments of animal figurines of terracotta and axe and a stylus made of iron. The

pottery finds comprised storage jars, spouted vessels, lamps, knobbed lids, miniature pots, dishes and bowls, the final portion of a hukkah and pieces of Chinese porcelain.

During the 1989 excavation, the central mound area of the fort revealed the remains of a palace, a pavilion and foundation blocks made of rhodolite. Eighteen massive pillar bases, aligned in four rows at regular intervals, were exposed in the southern area.

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# Australia edge closer to semifinal with fifth straight win

**New Delhi:** They'd been huffing and puffing for a while but Australia took England off the life support and sent them crashing out of the World Cup, drawing the curtains on a glorious eight-year chapter in white-ball cricket history. And fittingly, any remnants of England's hopes were extinguished at Ahmedabad, the very place their defence of the crown had begun to slip a month ago. If any fears about an ill-prepared and unbalanced line-up seemed unfounded then, the need for the double world-champions to reboot and start afresh was laid bare by Australia's all-round show on Saturday (November 4). Nothing exemplified this dismal title defence than Jos Buttler's dismissal for a seven-ball 1 in England's chase of 286. The skipper walked out after an 84-run platform set by the third-wicket pair of Dawid Malan and Ben Stokes. The dew had



set in and Buttler sought to stamp his authority on the lead opposition spinner, Adam Zampa. He stepped out and hit the ball straight down long-off's throat. The legspinner finished with frankly remarkable figures of 3 for 21, finishing the night atop the wicket charts. Relatively, this was a better batting show from England after two miserable outings despite losing Jonny Bairstow off the first ball of the chase and Joe Root in the fifth over. Malan and Stokes kept their inner bees and butterflies under wraps to score half-centuries and put the chase back on target. But all that circumspection seemed un-England like and eventually the cracks were out on display once more when Pat Cummins had Malan heaving one to square leg right after the England opener had got to 50.

There was still hope as long as Stokes remained at the crease but the

trouble for England in this campaign had been that Stokes hadn't been at the crease long enough when he was available to play. Today, there were flashes of the old when he belted Travis Head over his head for a six or when he picked a length delivery from Mitchell Starc and sent it soaring over deep square leg for six. But having taken 90 balls for his 64, he attempted to sweep Zampa only to

find the fielder at short-fine for a soft dismissal. The rest of the line-up didn't have the wherewithal to mount a successful chase in the backdrop of a mounting asking rate although there were handy knocks from Moeen Ali (42) and Chris Woakes (32), that helped to keep the margin of defeat to a narrow 33 runs. The Champions Trophy berth, however, had slipped away further

that of Zampa's efforts with the ball. Marnus Labuschagne scored a vital 71 and Cam Green, Steve Smith and Stoinis added significant little contributions to add heft to the total.

Put into bat, they got off to an unusually slow start after Woakes prised out both Travis Head and David Warner inside the PowerPlay. England gambled after a 48-run PowerPlay by bringing in their fifth bowling combination of Liam Livingstone and Moeen Ali ahead of lead spinner Adil Rashid and that was an invitation for the rebuilding pair of Smith and Labuschagne to transfer the pressure back onto the bowling side. Both Smith and Labuschagne picked up a boundary each of Moeen's first over and moved into the 30s forcing Rashid's introduction.

The legspinner, one of the team's brightest prospects in a forgettable campaign, struck in just

his second over when Smith went chasing after a cleverly floated up delivery outside off-stump. Smith fell six short of a half-century and Rashid quickly added the wicket of Josh Inglis in the next over to force Australia into another period of rebuilding.

Cameron Green and Labuschagne provided just that while picking up the regular boundary against the fifth bowler. Green even got two boundaries off a Mark Wood over to before the fast bowler hit back in his next over to break the stand by nipping a pacy delivery back into a b u s c h a g n e . Australia's No.4 had done his job with a crafty 71 off 83 but took back a review with him. Another period of rebuilding followed as Green and Marcus Stoinis took the team to 220/5 at the 40th over. But Australia's launch had to be delayed as Green fell immediately

thereafter to the returning David Willey, who slipped a full delivery under his attempted slog sweep. When Stoinis fell for 35 right after hitting Livingstone for a six and a four in the 44th over, Australia faced the prospect of folding well below the 50th over. But a key cameo from Zampa (29 off 19) ensured they missed out on only three balls of their available quota to finish with a solid total against a struggling opponent, who had chased only two scores about 250 in their World Cup history. Today wasn't a day to add to that list.

**Brief scores:** Australia 286 in 49.3 overs (Marnus Labuschagne 71, Cameron Green 47; Chris Woakes 4-54, Adil Rashid 2-38) beat England 253 in 48.1 overs (Ben Stokes 64, Dawid Malan 50; Adam Zampa 3-21) by 33 runs

## Sikandar Raza named Zimbabwe's T20I captain

**New Delhi:** Sikandar Raza has been named Zimbabwe's T20I captain by Zimbabwe Cricket as the board announced the outcomes of the meeting they had on Saturday (November 4).

Raza's appointment comes ahead of the T20 World Cup qualifiers next month as Zimbabwe aim to make it to the showpiece event in the USA and Caribbean next year. Veteran Craig Ervine, who was leading in all formats, will now be leading only the Test and ODI side.

The board has also decided to retain Dave Houghton as the head coach, keeping the qualifiers in mind and have added him to the



selection panel as well with David Mutendra remaining convenor. Former skipper Elton Chigumbura has also been added as the third member of the panel. Blessing Ngondo has been named the new chairman of the Cricket Committee with Hamilton Masakadza, Kenyon Ziehl, Russell

## All round Amelia Kerr helps Heat return to winning ways

**New Delhi :** Amelia Kerr starred with both bat and ball in her first appearance of the season to help Brisbane Heat return to winning ways. Kerr first picked two wickets as Hobart Hurricanes were restricted to just 120/8. And then in the run chase, the New Zealander hit a fluent 59 off just 43 balls to star in the run chase as Heat reclaimed their top spot. Hurricanes made a disastrous start when Lizelle Lee was dismissed for just 1. While Elyse Villani stood firm at one end, wickets kept tumbling

at the other. Among the top six, three batters were dismissed for single-digit scores before Ruth Johnston joined forces with Villani to stem the rot. From 44/5, they helped their team recover briefly before Heat fought back. Villani was left stranded on 58\* but with almost no support at the other end, Hurricanes posted a below par total. Molly Strano did give her side a dream start with the ball to raise Hurricanes' hopes. Georgia Redmayne also departed in the powerplay and that did put a bit of pressure on the batting side before

Kerr went on a boundary-hitting spree. She smashed 10 boundaries in her 43-ball innings to turn the game around and even though she was

dismissed later, Heat got the job done with 16 balls to spare. **Brief scores:** Hobart Hurricanes Women 120/8 in 20 overs (Elyse Villani 58\*, Ruth Johnston 26; Charli Knott 2/15, Amelia Kerr 2/16) lost to Brisbane Heat Women 124/4 in 17.2 overs (Amelia Kerr 59, Charli Knott 21\*) by 4 wickets

## Fakhar times it right

**New Delhi:** A dense cloud cover had been building up for close to an hour. And when the rain finally arrived, interrupting play at 21.3 overs in Pakistan's chase, Babar Azam patted Fakhar Zaman all the way back to the pavilion. For a man who watched most of Pakistan's rollercoaster of a campaign unfold sitting in the dugout, with a constant chatter of both form and confidence deserting him, the opener embraced the challenge of an exorbitant chase with a statement hundred. A redemption, if you will.

Pakistan's strategy to know at all times exactly what was required of them to stay alive in the 2023 World Cup semis race was evident from the moment they risked

putting New Zealand in to bat on a flat track. Maybe 400 wasn't exactly what they had planned on conceding then, but to their credit, the track barely had any assistance for any category of bowlers. Now with the over-by-over calculations in their pockets and rain threat overhead, the intent and execution part of the plan was down to the batters. Although, up until 10 minutes into their defense of 401, the Kiwis were comfortably pegged the favourites - what with the scoreboard pressure they built and an early strike to boot. Fakhar Zaman had other plans. The southpaw led the chase in his typically aggressive way, turning it into a 20-over shootout with the obvious first target of

taking a lead on the DLS par score. The first message arrived with the captain himself, at the fall of Abdullah Shafique's wicket in the second over. "If you play 15 overs, we'll be ahead," Babar told him in a brief mid-pitch meetup before taking guard. Zaman followed it to the tee, and then some. Enroute a 63-ball century - the fastest by a Pakistani batter in ODI World Cups - he rained 11 sixes and eight boundary fours as he cut loose in retaliation.

After "surviving" the first four overs and getting a lay of the land, the Pakistan opener teed off against a Trent Boult hit-me loosener by swatting it over midwicket to the fence and hacked the following legside freebie into deep square



leg stand. Tim Southee was dished out similar treatment next, in that order. When he was done punishing the experienced, Zaman mauled offspin - an oft-exposed chink in his armour otherwise. Encouraged by the only maiden the run-fest Chinnaswamy witnessed on Saturday, Kane Williamson decided to persist with Glenn Phillips but the left-hander instead took

given in the most heartfelt way to another offspinner who identified the shortcomings and offered generous help.

"At this level in international cricket, there are always ups and downs," he said of the poor patch of 11 fifty-less innings in the lead-up to the World Cup century. "The Asia Cup didn't go well for me. I had a highest of 30 maybe? It wasn't a good time for me.

"I did not rest though. I

got home for a couple of days but then I went over to Peshawar to work with our fielding coach Aftab Khan at his academy. He'd spotted my weakness against offspin and since he'd been an offspinner himself, I worked a lot with him during that

phase. He then often would come back with me, from Peshawar, to work more on it at the academy near my home. "Today's century I would like to dedicate to Aftab Khan and a guy named Ibrahim at his academy, because... The things he's shared with me, the time he's given me - not many people give you that kind of focus. You need such people around. If you end up performing, your hard work gets noticed. And when you can't, no one values that hard work.

"Here too, with the batting coach, we get 30 minutes and I was there ahead of time to put in the hard yards. Now that I have scored runs, it's easy to say it was all my hardwork but at this level everyone works hard and tried to push the limits.