

For every person standing behind a young girl who dares to dream of wearing India's colours, this is a pivotal moment, a reminder that dreams do come true when those dreams get the support they truly deserve

- Mithali Raj

Jemimah on historic WC triumph

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NEW DELHI

AFTER India won the Women's ODI World Cup trophy for the first time, right-handed batter Jemimah Rodrigues said the 52-run win in the final over South Africa was made on a shared promise by the hosts to give their everything on the field in their defence of 298/7.

In a rain-delayed final at a packed DY Patil Stadium on Sunday, India posted a formidable 298/7, thanks to Shafali Verma's 87 and Deepthi Sharma's brisk 58. In reply, South Africa were bowled out for 246 despite a valiant 101 from captain Laura Wolvaardt, with Deepthi picking up a five-wicket haul and sparking celebrations across the country.

"We entered the match with full awareness that South Africa posed a significant threat and were entirely capable of chasing down a target of 299 runs, particularly given their history of achieving such formidable totals in high-pressure situations.

"Within our dressing room, the focus was on maximizing this opportunity, recognizing that this specific combination of players might never share the field again in exactly the same configuration. We made a collective pledge to pour our entire hearts and souls into those 50 overs, vowing to leave every last ounce of our effort on the ground in pursuit of victory," said Jemimah on JioStar.

She also felt that Laura's dismissal gave them the feeling that India was close to winning the trophy on home



BCCI announces Rs 51 cr cash reward for Harmanpreet & Co

NEW DELHI: The BCCI will reward the Indian women's cricket team with Rs 51 crore for winning the ODI World Cup, secretary Devajit Saikia announced on Monday.

The Indian women's team under Harmanpreet Kaur's leadership beat South Africa by 52 runs in the final on Sunday to win its first ever global trophy.

"As a token of appreciation, the BCCI will reward the Indian women's cricket team with a cash award of Rs 51 crore for winning the World Cup. It includes all the players, support staff and the national selection committee," Saikia told PTI on Monday. (PTI)

soil. "While immense credit is due to their skipper, Laura Wolvaardt, for her exemplary leadership throughout the tournament and her magnificent innings in the final, we understood that the crucial moment arrived with her dismissal. That was the defining moment of the match, and we made sure to seize it — turning the momentum our way to eventually clinch the title."

Head coach Amol Muzumdar believes winning the trophy will be a watershed moment for women's cricket in the country. "It is genuinely challenging to articulate the full depth of emotions

and significance surrounding this moment, but I can state with absolute conviction that this remarkable group of athletes truly merits every accolade and every success that will undoubtedly follow this extraordinary triumph.

"I have witnessed firsthand the immense dedication and relentless effort they have invested throughout this journey. Securing the Women's ODI World Cup 2025 title on our home soil is, without any exaggeration, a definitive watershed moment that will fundamentally reshape the landscape and trajectory of Indian cricket for generations to come." (IANS)

‘We’ve broken the barrier, now winning must be a habit’

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NAVI MUMBAI

AT the stroke of midnight, Harmanpreet Kaur created her own legacy, broke a "barrier" with a bunch of sprightly women filled with guts and announced that this is not the end but just the beginning.

The Indian women's cricket team won its first-ever World Cup with a 52-run victory over South Africa in the summit clash here on Sunday to script a golden chapter in the country's pantheon of sporting achievements.

Having taken the World Cup-winning epochal catch Sunday night, the mercurial Indian women's team skipper displayed an entire gamut of emotions never seen before. She ran like crazy as if there was no tomorrow after taking the catch. Stood a bit detached as the youngsters celebrated, trying to soak in the moment.

Touched "Guruji" Amol Muzumdar's feet and engaged in an emotional hug where the tears burst out of the welled up eyes.

Called the two OGs of Indian women's cricket



-- Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami -- to hold the Cup. Both the legends broke down.

It was a moment to frame when the skipper and her deputy Smriti Mandhana engaged in a bear hug with Jhulan, telling her "Didi, Yeh Aapke liye tha (Sister, this is for you)".

And when Harmanpreet spoke at the post-match presentation ceremony, she didn't lose the macro picture of what it means to be the first women's team to achieve the unthinkable.

"This is the start. We wanted to break this barrier.

And our next plan is to make this a habit. We were waiting for it, now this moment has come. So many big occasions are coming, and we want to keep improving. This is not the end, just the beginning," the skipper said.

Captaincy is a lot about planning but just like it was Kapil Dev on June 25, 1983, whose gut feel told him to give one more over to Madan Lal against a rampaging Vivian Richards.

Harmanpreet felt that on Sunday, and her trump card was Shafali Verma, who possibly couldn't have done any wrong. (PTI)

Telangana State Gymnastics Meet

Ranga Reddy district emerges overall champion



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WARANGAL

THE 69th SGF Telangana State Gymnastics Championship 2025-26 for girls under 14, 17, and 19 years concluded on Sunday at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Warangal, with Ranga Reddy district emerging as the overall champion. The three-day event was conducted under the supervision of Alica Joe, NSNIS Gymnastics Coach and International Rhythmic Gymnastics Judge. In the Under-17 Rhythmic Gymnastics category, Balasaranitha Balaji of Ranga Reddy clinched the all-round champion title with 52.50 points, closely followed by Sindhura Ambati (51.80 points), also from Ranga Reddy. D. Harika of Karimnagar secured third place

with 20.30 points. Ranga Reddy gymnasts dominated all apparatus events, including the Hoop, Ball, Clubs, and Ribbon categories. The Under-14 all-round crown went to Dantuluri Sahasra of Ranga Reddy, who tallied 48.15 points, while teammate Anjana Gunukula (47.00) and B. Sankeerthana of Karimnagar (30.00) finished second and third respectively.

With consistent performances across categories, Ranga Reddy district lifted the Overall Championship Trophy, followed by Karimnagar in second place and Khammam in third.

The meet highlighted the rising standard of gymnastics among young girls in Telangana and the growing strength of Ranga Reddy's training programmes.

Shafali thrives in ‘God’s plan’

NAVI MUMBAI

If Shafali Verma decides to sport a tattoo that reads "God's Plan", no one can possibly disagree that it is an apt messaging.

Destiny's child Shafali Verma found her way back into the Indian women's ODI side in unfortunate circumstances but left an indelible mark on the

team's victorious World Cup campaign, thriving in "God's Plan" which can work in mysterious ways.

On a rainy August afternoon in Mumbai, former chairperson of selectors Neetu David had assured the media that Shafali will get her chance to play for India after she confirmed the

exclusion of the 21-year-old from India's World Cup squad, despite having played five of those events across formats.

Shafali had no spare time to waste as she clocked in two separate one-hour batting sessions here at the DY Patil Stadium and it's University Ground ahead of the semi-

final.

"What happened with Pratika, as a sportsperson, it wasn't a good thing. No one wants any sportsperson to sustain such an injury.

But God has sent me here to do something good," Shafali told the media prior to the semi-final. (PTI)



‘BJP indulging in ‘candidate chori’ after vote chori’

NUAPADA (ODISHA)

BJD president Naveen Patnaik on Monday accused the ruling BJP of "betrayal" and alleged that it was now indulging in "candidate chori" (stealing candidates) in connection with the upcoming Nuapada bypoll.

Addressing his first public meeting after recovering from illness, Patnaik hit the campaign trail to seek votes for BJD candidate Snehani Chhuria in Nuapada's Komana block.

"All of you know that the BJD has been betrayed. Those who indulged in 'vote



chori' and formed the government earlier have now started 'candidate chori,'" Patnaik alleged. The BJD chief's remarks were aimed at late BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia's son Jay Dholakia, who switched to the BJP ahead of

the bypoll and is now contesting on a saffron party ticket. The bypoll was necessitated following the death of Rajendra Dholakia on September 8. Voting for the seat will be held on November 11. Urging people to give a be-

fitting reply to those involved in "vote chori and candidate chori", the former five-time chief minister appealed to voters to press the conch symbol — BJD's election symbol — on polling day.

During his 10-minute speech, Patnaik also questioned the BJP government's performance in Odisha.

"During the last 16 months, the BJP government has only focused on publicity, not on development. They are heroes in publicity, but zero in work. Development activities across the state have come to a complete halt," he alleged. (PTI)

6 arrested for routing Rs 200 cr to Dubai-based cyber criminals

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat police's CID-Crime has arrested six persons for allegedly routing Rs 200 crore to Dubai-based cyber criminals using nearly 100 'mule' bank accounts, officials said on Monday.

Based on a specific tip off and subsequent investigation, the Gandhinagar-based Cyber Centre of Excellence of the CID-Crime arrested Mahendra Solanki, Rupen Bhatia, Rakesh Lania, Rakesh Dekivadia, Vijay Khambhalya and Pankaj Kathiria from Morbi, Surendranagar, Surat and Amreli districts, they said.

A mule account is a bank account used by criminals to receive, transfer, or launder illicit funds with or without



the knowledge of the account holder, they added. "Investigators found details of over 100 'mule' bank accounts from the mobile phones recovered from these accused. They provided 'mule' bank accounts to cyber criminals operating in different states and then sent the fraudulently acquired money to Dubai-based crime syndicate through angadia (cash courier service) or through crypto currency transfers," a CID-Crime release said.

Upon checking details on

the Union Home Ministry's 'Samanvaya' portal, it was found that the 100 bank accounts were used in 386 cyber crimes such as digital arrest, task fraud, investment fraud, loan fraud and part-time job fraud registered across the country, with victims being made to deposit Rs 200 crore in them, it said.

"The accused, for a specific commission, agreed to provide bank accounts to these cyber fraudsters to help them accept money from the victims. The accused used to withdraw cash from these bank accounts and send it to Dubai-based crime syndicates through 'angadia' (traditional couriers) or through crypto currency transfers," the release said.



Tejashwi lashes out at Modi over 'katta' remark

PATNA: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Monday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his 'katta' remark at a poll rally in Bihar, asserting that he had never heard any PM use such words.

Modi had on Sunday claimed that the Congress had been unwilling to accept Yadav as the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial, and relented only after the RJD pointed a "katta", a country-made gun, at its head.

Talking to reporters here, the RJD leader said, "I have nothing to say on the PM's comment ... I have never heard any PM in the country use such words. This shows his thought process".

"Whenever the PM goes to Gujarat, he talks about IT factories, semiconductor units and data centres... But when he comes to Bihar, he talks about 'katta'," Yadav alleged.

The PM used the simile on the campaign trail in Bihar on Sunday, where he addressed back-to-back rallies in Bhojpur and Nawada districts, and highlighted the RJD's reputation for alleged strong-arm tactics and its troubled equations with alliance partners.

"The Congress never wanted to announce the chief ministerial candidate in favour of the RJD. The RJD secured it by placing a 'katta' on the head of the Congress. They have learnt their lessons in the school of jungle raj. Such elements can never do good for Bihar," he had alleged. The Bihar assembly polls will be held in two phases on November 6 and November 11, while the counting of votes will take place on November 14. (PTI)

Lankan Navy detains 31 fishermen Stalin urges Centre to secure release of TN fishermen

CHENNAI

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday urged External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to initiate immediate diplomatic efforts with the Sri Lankan government to secure the release of all the arrested fishermen along with their boats.

The Sri Lankan Navy detained 31 fishermen from Nagapattinam along with their three mechanised fishing boats on November 3, the CM said, adding that in a separate incident, four fishermen from Ramanathapuram district were also apprehended, along with their country craft.

The 31 fishermen had set sail from Akkaraipettai, according to Fisheries Department sources. They were



reportedly intercepted by the Sri Lankan Navy for violating maritime boundaries and were taken to Kankesanthurai Port, sources said.

"These recurrent incidents have caused profound distress among the fishing communities of Tamil Nadu, whose lives and livelihoods are inextricably linked to the sea. Each apprehension not only deprives families of their primary means of sustenance but also instills a deep

sense of fear and insecurity," Stalin wrote in his letter to Jaishankar.

According to him, as of now, 114 fishermen and 247 boats are under the custody of Sri Lankan authorities.

Stalin urged the External Affairs Minister to initiate immediate diplomatic efforts with the Sri Lankan government to secure the release of all the detained fishermen from Tamil Nadu along with their fishing boats. (PTI)

SAHARSA (BIHAR)

CONGRESS leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that he accuses all opposition leaders of insulting the country and Bihar, and should create an 'Apamaan Mantralaya' (Ministry of Insults).

Addressing an election rally at Sonabarsa in Saharsa district, Vadra alleged that the PM speaks on "unnecessary issues but doesn't utter a word on corruption or misrule of the NDA government in Bihar".

"Instead of talking about development, the prime minister keeps accusing every opposition leader of insulting the nation and Bihar. He should form a new ministry -- Apamaan Mantralaya --



because that's what his government seems most focused on," Vadra said.

Her comments came just days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi charged the opposition Congress-RJD combine in Bihar with insult-

ing 'Chhathi Maiyya', having "problems with Ram temple at Ayodhya" and "protecting infiltrators" for the politics of vote bank and appeasement.

"Before announcing doles for Bihar during elections, Modi and Amit Shah should