



PM Modi to address Bihar's youth today, unveil Rs 62,000 cr development package

New Delhi: As the Bihar Assembly elections draw near, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual interaction with young people on Saturday. The event, set to take place in a packed auditorium in Patna, aims to energize the youth and highlight key development plans focused on education, skills, and employment.

During the session, PM Modi will launch projects worth over Rs 62,000 crore, giving a decisive push to education, skilling, and entrepreneurship for youngsters across the country.

The Prime Minister will launch Bihar's revamped Mukhyamantri Nishchay Svyam Sahayata Bhatta Yojana, under which nearly five lakh young graduates every year will receive a monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 for two years, along with free skill training.

He will also lay the foundation stone for new academic and research facilities in four universities of Bihar, namely Patna



University, Bupendra Narayan Mandal University in Madhepura, Jai Prakash Vishwavidyalaya in Chapra, and Nalanda Open University in Patna, under the PM-USHA (Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan). Together, these projects, with a total allocation of Rs 160 crore, will ben-

efit more than 27,000 students by enabling modern academic infrastructure, advanced laboratories, hostels, and multidisciplinary learning. PM Modi will also dedicate the Bihta campus of NIT Patna to the nation. With the capacity to host 6,500 students, the campus houses advanced facilities,

including a 5G use case lab, a Regional Academic Centre for Space established in collaboration with ISRO, and an Innovation and Incubation Centre that has already supported nine start-ups.

Besides, the Prime Minister will inaugurate the Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Skill University in Bihar, envisioned to impart industry-oriented courses and vocational education to create a globally competitive workforce.

The programme for the launch of the youth initiative at Vigyan Bhawan here, will also feature the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh, the fourth edition of the National Skill Convocation, organized in accordance with the Prime Minister's vision, where 46 all-India toppers from Industrial Training Institutes under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be felicitated, according to a PMO statement issued on Friday.

The Prime Minister will launch

PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs), a Centrally sponsored scheme with an investment of Rs 60,000 crore. The scheme envisages the upgradation of 1,000 Government ITIs across the country in a hub-and-spoke model comprising 200 hub ITIs and 800 spoke ITIs. Each hub will be connected to four spokes on average, creating clusters equipped with advanced infrastructure, modern trades, digital learning systems and incubation facilities, the statement said.

PM Modi will also distribute appointment letters to more than 4,000 newly recruited candidates of the Bihar government and release Rs 450 crore in scholarships through Direct Benefit Transfer to 25 lakh students of Class 9 and 10 under the Mukhyamantri Balak/Balika Scholarship Scheme.

HYDRAA conducts demolitions in Kondapur of Hyderabad

HYDRAA officials conducted demolitions on a 36-acre parcel of government land located in Bhikshapati Nagar, adjacent to the RTA office. The operation took place under heavy police protection, with authorities setting up barricades two kilometres away to restrict access for local residents. The locals were taken by surprise, as some had occupied the area for as long as 60 years. HYDRAA has also established temporary shelters for those affected by the demolitions and has placed fences around the area, clearly marking it as government property. Officials have estimated the value of this land, recorded under Survey No. 59, to be approximately Rs 3,600 crore. Despite the legal backing for the demolitions, local farmers have expressed their grievances, asserting their long-standing claims to the they have farmed for decades

Chandrababu, Pawan and Lokesh travels in auto to Auto Drivers Sevalo launch event

The Andhra Pradesh government is set to launch a new scheme aimed at providing financial assistance to auto, taxi, and maxi cab drivers. Under this initiative, auto drivers will receive a financial boost of ₹15,000. The 'Auto Drivers Sevalo' programme will take place at Makineni Basavapunnayya Stadium in Singanagar, Vijayawada. In a show of solidarity, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan,



Minister Nara Lokesh, and BJP state president Madhav travelled together in an auto from Undavalli to the event. Prior to their arrival, Lokesh warmly welcomed the leaders with traditional Mangalagiri handwoven scarves. The gathering in Mangalagiri attracted large crowds, with local residents showing their support for the alliance leaders. The youth added to the festive atmosphere, celebrating with fire-crackers and traditional teenmar drum music.

Telugu States on High Alert amid Cyclone Shakti

Cyclone Shakti, the first cyclone to form in the Arabian Sea this season, is making its way towards the western coast of India, prompting authorities to issue warnings and preparations across affected regions. The system has intensified from a low-pressure area into a depression and is currently moving west-northwest at a speed of 12 kilometres per hour. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), it is expected to develop into a full cyclone within hours, with the potential to become a severe cyclone within the next 24 hours. High alerts have been declared in the coastal areas of Gujarat, Goa, and Maharashtra as meteorological officials advise that if the



cyclone intensifies, it could lead to significant and unforeseen impacts. State governments have been instructed to remain vigilant and prepared for any eventualities. While the IMD has indicated that there is no immediate threat to Andhra Pradesh, state officials have been advised to stay alert. The IMD continues to monitor Cyclone Shakti closely, providing real-time updates and support to coastal states in anticipation of its arrival.

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AP govt. Launches 'Auto Drivers Sevalo' scheme

In a significant initiative to support auto drivers, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, alongside actor Pawan Kalyan, unveiled the 'Auto Driver Sevalo' Scheme in Vijayawada. The event saw the leaders arriving in different auto rickshaws, drawing attention and admiration as they made their way to the venue through Singhnagar via Prakasam Barrage. During their journey, they interacted with the families of auto drivers, listening to their concerns and challenges. As part of the newly introduced scheme, the Andhra Pradesh government will deposit Rs 15,000 into the accounts of eligible auto drivers. A substantial allocation of Rs 435 crore has been designated for this initiative, aimed



at benefiting approximately 290,234 eligible individuals across the state. The scheme is designed not only for auto drivers but also extends to taxi and maxi cab drivers, who will receive the same financial support of Rs 15,000 each year. At the

launch, CM Naidu announced plans for the establishment of a welfare board dedicated to auto drivers, alongside the development of a special app to enable them to access technological benefits and improve their livelihoods.

SCR launches Amrit Samvaad under Special Campaign 5.0

Hyderabad, October:4, Metroudayam

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR interacts with passengers and Rail users during Amrit Samvaad Special Campaign 5.0 held Begumpet Railway Station on Saturday. The Amrit Samvaad Programme, as a part of Special Campaign 5.0 was conducted today 4th at Begumpet Railway Station. Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway interacted with passengers and rail users. Ms. Ity Pandey, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior officials participated in the programme reinforcing the Railways commitment to public engagement and service improvement. During the session, passengers shared feedback on improvement of passenger amenities such as cleanliness, escalator access and onboard catering services. Shri Srivastava addressed these concerns directly and emphasized that Begumpet is one among the major redevelopment stations under the Amrit Station Initiative. He assured that suggestions regarding safety, hygiene, station cleanliness, watering facilities and catering would be acted upon to enhance the overall passenger experience. The General Manager also highlighted the initiatives taken to improve cleanliness of stations, trains and provision of additional general coaches. He appealed the passengers to use



Rail One App as a valuable tool to submit feedback and track resolutions promoting accountability in serving passengers better through conducting Amrit Samvaad campaigns. Amrit Samvaad campaigns also held at Huppuguda and Falaknuma Stations, where rail users were informed about various initiatives undertaken for public benefit. Feedback was actively sought and the public appreciated the Railways direct engagement approach to improve passenger amenities to reach the expectations of passengers and Rail users through interactive campaigns. Meanwhile, the Amrit Samvaad Programme at Kakinada Town Station saw enthusiastic participation from Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) Members and passengers. Suggestions included coach indication boards, punctuality of trains, lifts, baby feeding rooms and increased train frequency. Passengers praised the courtesy of staff and the Railway Protection Forces role in maintaining safety. As part of the Go Green initiative, General Manager, distributed jute bags to rail users, reinforcing SCR's commitment to sustainability. Earlier, Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division while delivering the welcome address briefed on the passenger amenities available at Begumpet Railway Station.

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Successful completion of internship programme

PMSHRI, TGMS Chowdaram

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On the final day of the internship program, SSA Vocational Coordinator E. Anil visited Thomas Cook Organisation, Hanamkonda, where students from the Tourism and Hospitality trade successfully completed their internship under VTP Skilltree Consulting Ltd. Anil interacted with the students and enquired about their overall internship experience, practical exposure, and the hands-on skills they gained during the training period. Vocational Trainer Ch. Kishore Kumar explained the activities carried out by the students during the internship and discussed their learning outcomes. Employer M. Balaraju also interacted with the coordinator and shared detailed



information about the Fairfax Company and its collaboration with Thomas Cook. The visit marked the successful completion of the internship program conducted under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in partnership with VTP Skilltree Consulting Ltd, aiming to enhance student employability through real-time industry exposure.



Hyderabad October:04 (Metro udayam)

On the occasion of Dussehra festival, Himayat Nagar Division Corporator Mahalakshmi Raman Goud met Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender and DCC Khairatabad President Reddy to extend his greetings. Congress union leaders G Ramanu Goud and other Congress leaders participated in the program.



Women celebrate Saddula Bathukamma in ECIL Saikalyan Apartment

Hyderabad, October :1, Metroudayam

In Telangana celebrated the festival for nine days by arranging Bathukamma with various flowers. On the last day of Saddula Bathukamma, all the women celebrated together with games and songs. Women and children participated in the celebrations at Sai Kalyan Apartment in ECIL, Hyderabad.



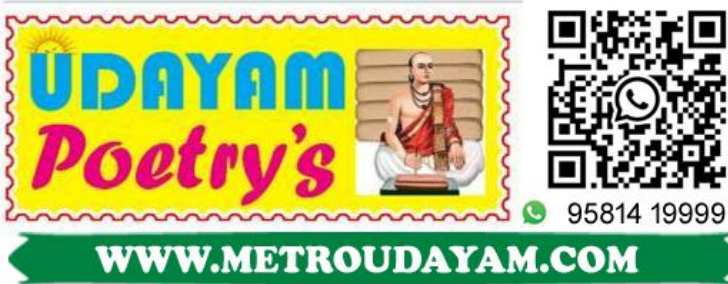
Old Boynpally 119th Division Corporator and activists met Kukatpally MLA and wished him a happy Dussehra

Hyderabad, October:3, Metroudayam

On the occasion of Vijayadashami (Dussehra), Old Bowenpally 119 Division Corporator Muddam Narasimha Yadav felicitated Kukatpally Constituency MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao with a shawl at his camp office and wished him a happy Vijayadashami... Senior leaders Karre Jangaiah Constituency Minority President Syed

Ajaz Bhai Division Secretary Harinath Matti Srinivas Burri Yadagiri Pitla Raju Kumari Devender Venkatesh Kumari Balraj Ailesh Raju Goud Komati Balraj M a k k a l a S a t y a n a r a y a n a Nagesh Krishna Reddy Sekhar Goud Division activists participated and wished the MLA a happy Dussehra.





इस दुनिया में दोनों का क़ानून चलता है एक खुदा का तो दूसरा शैतान का। जो खुदा के बंदे (ईश्वर के भक्त) होते हैं वह खुदा के क़ानून पर चलते हैं और जो शैतान के मुरीद (शैतान के भक्त) होते हैं वह शैतान के क़ानून पर चलते हैं।... (शकील उवाचा -४३२)



से डरता है तो धन पाने की लालसा से तरह तरह के पापों को करने लगता है। अन्याय के साथ धन को इकट्ठा करने में जी जान लगाकर कोशिश करता है। फिर वह धन की लालच में धोका भी देगा, हत्या भी करेगा, चोरी भी करेगा, सूद भी खायेगा, रिश्तों का भी देन - लेन करेगा। इस तरह करने की हिम्मत ना हो तो निराश होकर आत्महत्या भी कर लेगा। हलाल (वैध) देखेगा ना हराम (अवैध) देखेगा। अपने कर्म धर्मसंगत है या धर्म विरोधी इस बात की कोई फ़िक्र नहीं करेगा।

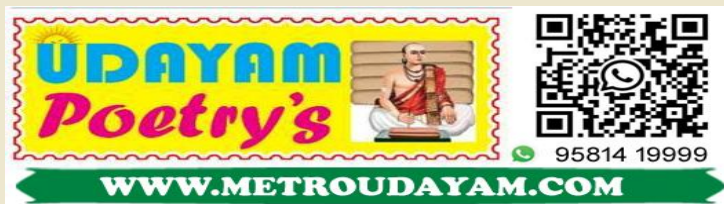
जब आदमी को शैतान निर्लज्जता के कामों पर उकसाता है तो मान - मर्यादा, पद - प्रतिष्ठा, रिश्ते - नाते, इज्जत - शोहरत सब को दाव पर लगा देता है। और बेहयाई, कंजूसी (कृपणता), जुल्मो - सितम (अन्याय) - अत्याचार, फितना - फसाद (अराचकता, उपद्रव) जैसे धिनौने कामों को अंजाम देता है। और जब आदमी ईश्वर की सुनता है तो इसके विपरीत धार्मिक एवं मानवीय मूल्यों के संरक्षण कार्यों को आचरण में लाता है।

पैगम्बर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) फरमाते हैं के, "ऐ लोगो! अगर खालिस दिल से इबादत (परिशुद्ध हृदय से भक्ती) है तो खुदा (ईश्वर) की इबादत (आराधना) है वना शैतान की। हक व बातिल (धर्म और अधर्म सत्य और असत्य), हिदायत व जलालत (मार्गदर्शन और अपमानिता), नेकी व गुमराही (भलाई और पथभ्रष्टता), दुनिया व दीन (प्रपंच और परमार्थ) हैं। इनमें जो नोकियां है उनका ताल्लुक (भलाइयों का संबंध) खुदा (ईश्वर) से है और जो बातें बद (बुरे) हैं उनका संबंध शैतान से है।" (उसूले काफी 3/139/2)।

याने हमारे द्वार किए जाने वाले सभी कर्म को हम ईश्वरीय इच्छा से जोड़ नहीं सकते। क्योंकि अच्छे कर्मों का संबंध ईश्वर की इच्छा से और बुरे कर्मों का संबंध शैतान से है। इस उपरोक्त कथन निजामी प्रेस बुक डिपो व विकटोरिया इस्टेट लखनऊ द्वारा प्रकाशित उर्दू पुस्तक, अस शाफी, उसूले काफी, खंड 03, बाब इखलास 139, हदीस क्रमांक 02, पुष्ट क्रमांक 226 में मौजूद है।

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VICTIMS OF HATE AND POLITICS.

Courtsans Dont Read Newsreaders is a collection of 5 short stories and a novella bearing the title by Anil Yadav. He is a well known author and journalist in Hindi. Writing about marginalized people and minorities is a daunting job these days. It is true there are many writers, speakers, lawyers, social workers, and human rights activists who have talked and strived for the poor and the victims of injustice and social discrimination. Anil Yadav is one such sincere and committed champion, dedicatedly writing and working for the cause of those children of lesser gods.

A couple of these stories in the anthology present before us the moving tales of lives and struggles of hapless minorities, helpless poor dalits and women in the street.

Read the story, LORD ALMIGHTY, GRANT US RIOTS, you cry for the people who virtually live in shit in Mominpura in the outskirts of our holy city Varanasi. With their mud houses submerged in sewage water, poor Muslim people sit on their rooftops, waiting for the monsoon flooded water to recede. Young boys use their only boat bearing the letters M C C (Mominpura Cricket Club) to ferry out the dead bodies of their kith and kin through stinking sewage water to bury them. You find filth and mire everywhere. These poor Muslim weavers ask the Government, NGOs and others to help and pull them out of these pitiable and pathetic conditions. Eventually these people realize that only riots can change their lives. They pray to God for it and God grants their request. The author has used the PATHETIC FALLACY technique

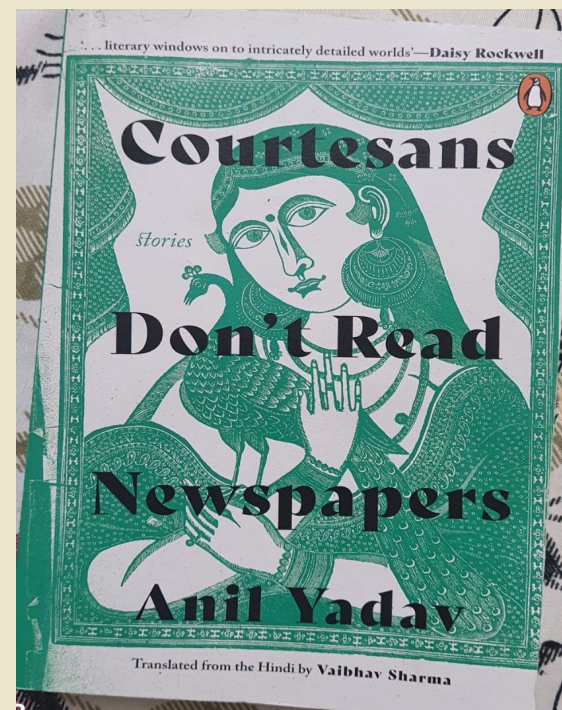
superbly.

In another story, THE FOLK SINGERS SWAN SONG, folk singer Ramjanam rises almost from rags to riches, thanks to his talent of singing folk songs off hand with contemporary themes. From singing in marriages, birthday parties etc., Janam, by a quirk of events, goes on becoming a politician, an MLC to sing in the Assembly and at other huge political events and occasions attended by big names in politics. The local political parties use Janam and his popularity among the backward classes and dalit people for their selfish ends and eventually a big twist occurs in the life of now frail, and aged folk singer.

THE MAGIC OF CERTAIN OLD CLOTHES is a story about two young lovers, Nalin and Neelima. Like all lovers, these two meet everyday, roam here and there and indulge in sweet nothings. Nalin is in deep love with Neelima and she, like any other girl, is a bit over possessive. One day they visit an old clothes shop in their town. There Neelima selects a white shirt for Nalin but he gives her a dressing down telling her that he doesn't want to live a second-hand life by wearing it. However what Nalin does surreptitiously afterwards decides the direction and destiny of their lives. It offers to the reader some magic moments of humor as well.

THE ROAD TO THE OTHER WORD is the shortest story in the collection and told in the FIRST PERSON, which makes the story universal. The speaker recalls his childhood days and times with his mausi in their native place years

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start an agitation, demanding that all the prostitutes must be shunted out of Manduadih area. To convert this occasion to his advantage, the DIG issues an ultimatum to the prostitutes, making the situation fluid. Antaratma, Prakash, and other press people also seize the opportunity and write a series of juicy stories.

ago. He feels that all of us are very busy and do not have time for anyone else today. How true!

The titular novella starts as a whodunit story. Lovely, the beautiful wife of the DIG, dies by suicide. The general public suspect a foul play in this incident and point the fingers at the philanthropist DIG. C Antaratma, crime reporter of a newspaper and Prakash a photo journalist start their investigation to find out the reasons and circumstances leading to her suicide. A web of intriguing connections, and links between Lovely, and Chavi, a beautician and a close friend of Prakash, and of an affair between the DIG and a lady police officer tumble out.

A parallel story about prostitutes and brothels in the holy city of Banaras runs through, allowing the reader to catch some glimpses of various shades of life of women in the street not only in Varanasi but also in other holy places and cities. A big problem and nuisance in any red-light area is customers often mistake ordinary women as prostitutes and some people, under the influence of liquor, gatecrash into the nearby houses of decent people. An unhealthy nexus between prostitutes, police, and politicians is too well known and Banaras is no exception in this case.

One day local politicians

The prostitutes also take to the streets and assert that they don't leave the city under any circumstances and give up their oldest profession. But what these poor women don't know is the people with vested interest behind the movement for uprooting them. Prakash knows the truth but will he write about it in his newspaper?

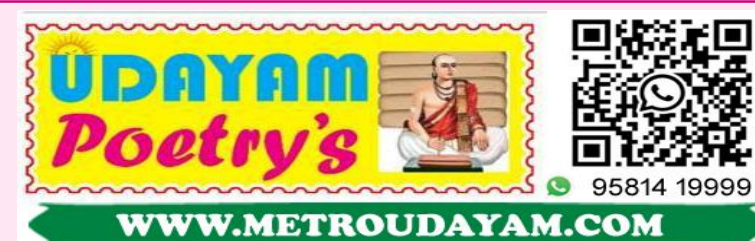
The entire credit goes to Vaibhav Sharma who has translated the collection from Hindi into English, carrying out the true tempo and sensitivity of the original. Daisy Rockwell, the award-winning international translator, deserves our approbation for her faith in the caliber of Vaibhav and bankrolling his project of this book published by Penguin last month and priced at RS 299

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From Kutch to Ganga: PM Modi prioritises service to humanity

Ahmedabad: From rebuilding earthquake-ravaged Kutch in 2001 to leading the evacuation mission "Operation Ganga" in 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has consistently placed service to humanity at the core of his leadership. After the devastating Gujarat earthquake in 2001, the then Chief Minister Narendra Modi took charge and committed himself to restoring Kutch. Under his leadership, the region was transformed into a thriving hub of industry, trade, agriculture, and tourism. Later, as Prime Minister, his decisive actions during the Russia-Ukraine conflict ensured the safe return of nearly 18,000 Indians stranded in the war zone. Whether restoring lives at home or protecting citizens abroad, PM Modi has demonstrated a consistent commitment to public welfare. Bharatbhai Sanghvi, a social activist from Kutch, said, "PM Modi has always placed service to humanity and public welfare above all else throughout his political career. In 2001, after the devastating earthquake in Kutch, he took charge as Chief Minister and devoted himself entirely to rebuilding the region's infrastructure, industries, and normal life."



MORE HASTE LESS SPEED!

This is a well known proverb! But violated by many peo-

ple!
Only because to finish the task as early as possible!
As a result the outcome may be a negative one!

Better to have ambition to win the game!
Also not bad to have strict planning!
Both does not sufficient for success!

Break also should be applied wherever required!

Take for example the Hare and tortoise story!
In fact the running is concerned the Hare gets more marks!
The same may not possible to tortoise!
What happened, the tortoise defeated the Hare!

Here lies the clue, the hare ran as fast as possible and was tired! Where as tortoise taking rest in interval time without any difficulty crossed the



hare who fell down in middle!
Thats why more haste always less in speed!

Composed by:
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It will be interesting to see how Rohit performs under Gill's leadership: Madan Lal



New Delhi: Former India cricketer Madan Lal expressed satisfaction with the Ajit Agarkar-led selection panel's decision of naming Shubman Gill the ODI captain of India and believes that it is a 'forward-looking move.' Ahead of India's upcoming Australia tour, a major restructuring has occurred as Gill is appointed the new ODI captain, replacing Rohit Sharma. Shreyas Iyer, meanwhile, will be his deputy for the three-match ODI series. The squad features the return of veterans Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli, while Jasprit Bumrah has been rested from the ODIs, and Yashasvi Jaiswal has made a comeback. In the T20I format, Suryakumar Yadav will lead, with Gill serving as vice-captain. Nitish Kumar Reddy has been added to the T20I squad, and the injured Hardik Pandya will miss out. Madan Lal, the former Indian coach and selector, expressed his views during a special episode of Cricket Predicta, saying, "This is an excellent decision by the selectors. Making Gill captain is a forward-looking move. He will be prepared for the World Cup. Now it will be interesting to see how Rohit Sharma performs under Gill's leadership." Lal further added, "Shubman Gill is an excellent leader and has proven himself in Test cricket. He came very close to breaking Don Bradman's record. He is the future, and the selectors have made that clear. We must give him time to mature as a captain, especially as we aim for ODI glory in 2027. This series will provide him with the necessary exposure." Former England cricketer David Gower also offered his views on India's future World Cup strategies. "I don't see Virat and Rohit playing in the 2027 World Cup... Pant, yes, despite being injury-prone. The team will rely on young leaders like Gill to shape the future. This is a perfect opportunity for him to step up and guide India to success." The move signifies a clear change in India's leadership approach, with Rohit Sharma stepping down from all leadership positions. While questions remain about Rohit's role in the ODI squad and the implications for the 2027 World Cup, BCCI chief selector Ajit Agarkar has yet to make any firm announcements. This announcement heralds a new era in Indian cricket, as young leadership emerges while the team gears up for important series and long-term World Cup goals. Chief selector Ajit Agarkar confirmed that Gill had succeeded Rohit Sharma as the captain in the 50-over format and also shed light on the panel's reason behind making this decision. With former captains Rohit and Virat a part of the squad that'll face Australia, Gill will now take charge in ODIs besides his red-ball captaincy.

Janhvi Kapoor, Shikhar Pahariya's romantic gestures steal attention at Anshula Kapoor's "Gor Dhana" ceremony

Mumbai: Janhvi Kapoor and her rumoured boyfriend Shikhar Pahariya were spotted together in close frames during her step-sister Anshula Kapoor's 'Gor Dhana' ceremony, which recently took place at their plush house in Mumbai. The event brought together the Kapoor family with close friends, and Janhvi and Shikhar's presence together at the ritual added to the buzz around the relationship. For the occasion, Janhvi wore a pastel cream lehenga with intricate silver embroidery, paired with a heavy-studded diamond choker, set and draped dupatta. The actress kept her look elegant and understated, which drew attention for its classic detailing. Shikhar, on the other hand, opted for a white kurta-pyjama, keeping his look simple yet classic. In one of the widely circulated group pictures, Shikhar is seen standing behind Janhvi with his hand resting on her shoulder, while Janhvi holds on to his little finger, a gesture that social media users were quick to interpret as a sign of affection.

A bit of shock to see Rohit not going to Australia as captain, says Harbhajan Singh

Ahmedabad: Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh says that seeing Rohit Sharma going to Australia for the ODI series solely as a player and not as a captain is a bit of a shocker. Notably, Shubman Gill replaced the Mumbai batter as the ODI captain when the BCCI announced the squads for the Australia tour. Speaking on JioHotstar after the conclusion of the first Test between India and West Indies, Harbhajan Singh shared his thoughts on Shubman Gill's appointment as ODI captain: "Congratulations to Shubman Gill. Obviously, he has been leading the team well in Test cricket, and now he's been given another responsibility: to lead the ODI side as well. Of course, Rohit has been replaced as captain by Shubman, and Rohit is someone who holds a very good record in white-ball cricket. "To be honest, it's a bit of a shock for me to see Rohit not being the captain. If you're selecting Rohit Sharma, select him as captain, because he just recently won you the ICC Champions Trophy. Rohit has been one of the pillars of Indian cricket when it comes to white-ball formats. I think he should have been given at least this tour. If the selectors are thinking about the 2027 ODI World Cup, it's still far away. "Shubman has a lot of time to grow into the role of ODI captain. I'm happy for Shubman; he's got this opportunity, but it could have been delayed a little. He could have waited six to eight months or even a year before taking over. I'm happy for Shubman, but at the same time, I'm a bit disappointed for Rohit Sharma not being the captain." Going forward, Rohit will be seen playing only one format, the ODIs, without any leadership roles assigned. Notably, the Nagpur-born retired from Tests and T20Is, with Gill and Suryakumar Yadav replacing him as captain in the two formats, respectively. Speaking about Rohit's role in the team in the future, Harbhajan said: "If you look at Rohit's ODI record, he's averaging almost close to 50. That shows how consistent he's been and what he brings to the table as an opener. There's no doubt about his performances and his approach when it comes to playing for India. He's been a phenomenal



player, and that will not change. "He will continue to bat the way he always has and continue to be a leader in the team, irrespective of whether he's captain or not. He'll keep giving advice to Shubman or anyone else whenever needed. As a batter, Rohit won't change his approach. He'll remain as fearless as ever, and so will Virat Kohli. These two top players will continue to drive Indian cricket forward, and we're all looking forward to seeing them win matches for Team India." Another notable development that took place on Saturday was Shreyas Iyer's appointment as Gill's deputy in the 50-over format. Iyer, who the BCCI recently granted a six-month break from red-ball cricket, will now be seen taking on a leadership role as India take on Australia. Speaking on Iyer's appointment as vice-captain, the former spinner said: "I'm very happy for Shreyas Iyer. He's one of those guys who hardly gets the credit he deserves. We talk about that World Cup in India, he scored back-to-back centuries, and with what pace! He's an impact player; when he gets going, he makes things easy for the dressing room and the other batters. I'm very happy that he's back in the scheme of things, not just as a player but with a bigger responsibility as vice-captain. I'm looking forward to seeing him back and to see what he brings to the table in terms of ideas and how he and Shubman Gill take this team forward." Parthiv Patel also spoke on Shubman Gill being handed the ODI captaincy and said, "Clearly, India is looking at the 2027 ODI World Cup. Rohit and Virat are both still in the team, but this is a great sign for Indian cricket. Rohit has left

behind a strong legacy. He's been an outstanding captain for India. He inspired a lot of young players with his calmness and brought great stability. "Now, India is looking forward to a young captain. They did the same with Shubman Gill in Test cricket. I think his success in England as Test captain would have influenced this decision. There were question marks earlier over whether Shubman was the future captain, but he's now given that assurance to the selectors and team management. It's a great sign; exciting times for Indian cricket ahead," he said. The former wicketkeeper-batter further shed light on the thinking behind the decision to name Gill the new captain, saying: "There has to be a thought process behind this decision. Going forward, before 2027, there won't be many ODI matches, and you want your core squad to play together under one captain. You don't want to be searching for a new leader at the end of 2026. This is a progressive step. In 2007, when MS Dhoni became captain, he had seniors like Sachin Tendulkar, Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh, and Gautam Gambhir with him. Then Virat Kohli had Dhoni's experience behind him. Similarly, Shubman will have Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to guide him through this phase. This is how you build a team, and that's why appointing Shubman Gill as the new ODI captain makes perfect sense." Parthiv Patel also spoke on India's win over the West Indies and dominance at home. Notably, India beat the visitors by an innings and 140 runs to take a 1-0 lead in the two-match Test series at home. "Without a doubt, India has always been a very dominant force at home and rightly so. We've won all the series we've played since 2012, except the one against New Zealand. India had to show that they are a dominant side. They're the number-one side in world cricket at this point in time across formats, at least in terms of the way they're playing. Ranking-wise, they may not be number one, but whoever's coming to India knows what's coming. India had to show who's the boss, and that's exactly what they did today."

Win over West Indies was the perfect game for us, says skipper Gill

Ahmedabad: After securing his first home Test win as India's captain, Shubman Gill said the side's victory over the West Indies by an innings and 140 runs at the Narendra Modi Stadium was the perfect game they wanted. India's dominant win coming inside three days was built by centuries from KL Rahul, Dhruv Jurel and Ravindra Jadeja, alongside sharp fielding and incisive bowling spells helped them take a 1-0 lead in the two-match series. "I mean, six (toss) losses in a row, but as long as we keep winning the matches, it doesn't matter for us, and it's a perfect game for us, so very happy with the win." "Honestly, I think this was a perfect game for us. Three centuries in the game, and I think we fielded really well in both innings, we don't really have any complaints," said



Gill in the post-match presentation ceremony. While Gill and left-handed opener Yashasvi Jaiswal missed out on big scores, he was quick to credit others for their match-winning contributions. "Definitely, whenever you get a start, I think it was a pretty good wicket to bat on. We both (Jaiswal and himself) got starts but couldn't convert,

there were plenty of other batsmen who converted, so happy for them." "When you've got quality spinners like them, it's difficult to be able to rotate, but it's good to have an option of too many, rather than not having that many options, but always difficult, that's the challenge, and that's the fun of playing in India. There will

always be someone who will be out there, ready to get the job done for the team. The entire team and the young team came out with flying colours." Reflecting on his leadership journey in Tests so far, Gill, who could be named as India's new ODI skipper, said, "So many things - it's hard to pin down on one or two things that I learnt, but I think over a period of two years, how we bonded as a team, and how we got ourselves out from tough situations and difficult situations, that was really pleasing for me to see. We are still a learning side, and I think as long as we keep learning from experiences that we have, I think we're going to be on the positive side of the match."