

Boxer Nishant suffers shock split verdict defeat Social Media abuzz with angry reactions

Chennai August 04 2024: In a controversial turn of events at the Paris Olympics on Sunday IST, Indian boxer Nishant Dev's quest for an Olympic medal ended in heartbreak, as he was dealt a shocking defeat in the men's 71 kg quarterfinals.

The bout, marred by a highly disputed split decision, has left the Indian sports community and fans in uproar.

Nishant, a promising 23-year-old and world championship bronze medallist, faced off against Mexico's Marco Verde Alvarez - a boxer he had

previously defeated in the 2021 World Championships.

From the outset, Nishant appeared dominant, landing a series of sharp jabs and powerful hooks that clearly gave him the upper hand in the first round. However, in a controversial decision, the judges awarded the second round to Alvarez, despite Nishant's continued control and aggression.

The final round saw Alvarez come out swinging, launching a combination of punches. Nishant, visibly fatigued, struggled to keep up with the Mexican's relentless attack. The



match ended with a 1-4 split verdict in favor of Alvarez, a decision that has been widely criticized as unjust. The ruling effectively ended India's hopes for a boxing medal, sending shockwaves through the Indian

camp and igniting outrage among fans and athletes alike.

The reaction was immediate and fierce. Social media platforms were inundated with messages of disbelief and anger. Prominent

voices, including 2008 Beijing Olympics bronze medallist Vijender Singh, expressed their shock and dismay. "I don't know what's the scoring system, but I think very close fight... he played so well... koi

na bhai #NishantDev," tweeted Singh, encapsulating the sentiments of many who watched the bout.

The controversy surrounding Nishant's defeat comes on a day already fraught with

disappointment for arbitrary nature of India. Shooter Manu Bhaker narrowly missed a historic third Olympic medal, and the archer Deepika Kumari was eliminated in the women's individual quarterfinals. The string of setbacks has cast a shadow over India's campaign in Paris, raising questions about the officiating and the standards of judging at the Games.

The Indian contingent's frustration is palpable. For Nishant, who had worked tirelessly to reach this stage, the controversial decision is a bitter pill to swallow. It underscores the often

arbitrary nature of Olympic judging and fairness and transparency in the sport. As the dust settles, the focus will undoubtedly shift to the remaining events, but the controversy surrounding Nishant Dev's quarterfinal exit will linger. It serves as a stark reminder of the unpredictable and, at times, unforgiving nature of the Olympic Games. While Nishant's Olympic dream may have been cut short, the debate over his loss will continue, fueling discussions about the need for greater accountability in the sport.

Trump hails Putin on prisoners' swap deal

Chennai August 04 2024: Former US President Donald Trump admitted that Russian President Vladimir Putin had made a "great deal" on prisoner swap with the West.

On Thursday, the United States, Russia, Germany, and other Western countries have struck a deal for a 24-person prisoner swap, which is one of the largest prisoner exchange agreements since the end of the Cold War.

"By the way, I'd like to congratulate Vladimir Putin for having made yet another great deal," Trump said at a campaign event in Atlanta, Georgia.

At the same time, he expressed dissatisfaction with the circumstances of the prisoner swap and said that the deal contained "horrible" mistakes on the part of the current



US administration. Earlier, Trump criticized the administration of US President Joe Biden for concluding the deal and asked questions about its content and the likelihood of cash payments to Russia.

On Thursday, Russia's Federal Security Service confirmed that eight Russians detained and held in custody in a number of NATO countries had returned home. A plane carrying them arrived at Moscow's Vnukovo-2

airport from Ankara late on Thursday, where they were greeted by Putin. Russia, in turn, has released 16 people, including seven Russians and five German citizens.

A Russian intelligence source said on Thursday that the list of Russians who were returning home included Artem Dultsev, Anna Dultseva, Pavel Rubtsov, Vadim Konoshchenok, Mikhail Mikushin, Roman Seleznev, Vladislav Klyushin and several

minor children. Russian citizen Vadim Sokolov, also known as Krasikov, who was serving a life sentence in Germany, also returned back to Russia, the source said.

A Sputnik correspondent later reported that a plane carrying former US Marine Paul Whelan, The Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and Russian-American journalist Alsu Kurmasheva had landed in Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, late Thursday night.

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Five killed as car rams into bike in Dindigul

Chennai, August 04 2024: A family of five, including two kids, were killed as a car hit the two-wheeler they were riding on in Dindigul on Saturday afternoon. One person was injured who is being treated at the Dindigul Medical College Hospital.

The deceased have been identified as George (35), an electrician, his wife Aruna (27), mother-in-law Saroja (55), and children Rakshan Jo (9) and Ranjitha (3) from Iratalaiparai village in Dindigul.

Sources said that the couple was on their way to a local temple when the accident



happened on Natham Road. The family, on a two-wheeler, stopped near an ATM in Nallampatti Privi and continued the ride after retrieving cash. That was when a speeding car, in the opposite direction, ran over the median and hit their

bike. In the impact, all five of them were thrown off the vehicle. The car ran over Ranjitha who died on the spot along with Rakshan, George and Aruna. A severely injured Saroja was taken to Dindigul Medical College

Hospital and later to Government Rajaji Hospital in Madurai from where she was declared brought dead.

The car also hit another bike and the rider, Kulanthai Samy (45), was injured. The bodies of the deceased were taken for post-mortem.

Minister Velu reviews highways projects

Chennai, August 04 2024: E.V. Velu, the Minister for Public Works, Highways, and Minor Ports Department, conducted a review meeting to discuss ongoing and upcoming projects in the state.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining highways to prevent hardships for commuters during the rainy season. Mr. Velu highlighted that 2,786 km of Panchayat Union/Panchayat Roads have been upgraded at a cost of Rs. 3,056 crore.

This year, the state government is upgrading 605 km of these roads at a cost of Rs. 675 crore, and he stressed that this work should be of the highest quality.

Velu instructed



officials to inspect the quality of the work and take action if any defects are found. He noted that 381 bridge projects have been undertaken in the last three years and urged faster completion.

During the review of pending projects, Mr. Velu directed officials to monitor aspects such as land acquisition and project status. He

assured that steps would be taken to complete pending works by securing adequate funds from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and the Union government.

Velu also called for accurate project cost assessments and advised against seeking Revised Administrative Sanction. He stressed the need for timely

completion of projects in Chennai, including ongoing works on East Coast Road, the Tambaram Eastern Bypass, and the flyover at Madhya Kailash.

The meeting was attended by Tamil Nadu Highways Department Secretary R. Selvaraj, S.A. Raman, Project Director of Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project-II, and other officials.

Bangladesh Protest: Death Toll Rises To 50, Curfew Clamped As Hasina Calls Agitators 'Terrorists' — Updates

Chennai, August 04 2024: The death toll from clashes between Bangladeshi protesters demanding Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation and pro-government supporters has surged to at least 50, news agency AFP reported citing police and doctors. Reports indicate fatalities across the South Asian country, with "at least 14 policemen" among those killed and 300 other officers injured, stated police spokesman Kamrul Ahsan.

In response to the escalating violence, the interior ministry declared an indefinite nationwide curfew starting at 6 p.m. (1200 GMT) on Sunday. This is the first such measure taken during the ongoing protests that began last month.

The unrest represents the government's most significant challenge since the deadly protests following Hasina's fourth consecutive term win in the January elections, which were



boycotted by the main human rights groups, opposition, the Bangladesh government of the Nationalist Party. Critics, including

force to quash the



movement, an allegation denied by the Bangladeshi Prime Minister and her ministers. On Sunday, demonstrators blocked major highways as student protesters initiated a non-

cooperation hand."

programme demanding the government's resignation, leading to widespread violence, news agency Reuters reported.

Hasina remarked, "#Terrorists from #BNP #Jamaat have vandalised and torched the party office of #Bangladesh #AwamiLeague in many places. See how the party office was torched and vandalised by the attackers. These are not students all are armed terrorists of BNP."

New Envoy seeks stronger India-South Africa synergy

Chennai, August 04 2024: South African High Commissioner designate to India, Anil Sooklal, urged Indian businesses in South Africa and local businesses to stop working in silos and cooperate to maximise trade opportunities between the two countries.

Sooklal was speaking at a reception here on Friday evening hosted by the Indian Consulate and the India Business Forum to felicitate the first Indian-origin citizen South African to serve in this position.

Sooklal, a recipient of Pravasi Bharatiya Award - India's highest

honour for diaspora Indians, has had long relations with the country, particularly through his work as a South African Sherpa in BRICS.

"One of the things I have discovered in meetings here is that you work in silos. When I speak to each one of you, I see so many complementarities in terms of what you are doing, but you are not sharing information and opportunities between yourselves; let alone between South African and Indian businesses," Sooklal said.

"We need to see how we change this.



We have been speaking to Indian High Commissioner Prabhat Kumar and to Indian and South African businesses. There have been many structures launched, but you don't have an inclusive structure that caters to

the needs of South African and Indian businesses equally. "High Commissioner Kumar cannot focus only on the Indian sector here. I cannot go to Delhi and focus on South African businesses only. It

must be both to nurture and promote South African and Indian business equally. We have to be inclusive. We have to also share knowledge," he said.

Sooklal said the India-South Africa relationship did not

currently have the profile it warranted because little was known about what the Indian companies were doing in South Africa.

He cited the example of Vedanta's South African operations.

"Vedanta employs 6,5000 people, 99 per cent I think are South Africans. That is what I have discovered about the Indian companies here that nearly 99 per cent of their employees are locals.

"This is one dimension that we are not giving enough attention to the thousands of jobs that you are creating; the skills transfer that is taking place, and not just through the ITEC programme that the Indian government runs, but through your companies. This is not known," the diplomat said, as he referred to the corporate social investment by Indian companies in South

Africa as the other dimension that is not known. "Tata's three entities here in the IT, automotive and mining sectors informed me that 60 per cent of the revenues generated go back to the community. Now that is substantial. There are so many of the other Indian companies represented here that are so deeply invested in corporate social investment in South Africa; working with our underdeveloped communities in many ways," Sooklal said.

He called the Indian market "one of the most vibrant markets that you have globally today".

GEM Hospital successfully hosted the 7th edition of OBESICON in Chennai Surgeons, Physicians, Clinical psychologists, Dietitians & General Practitioners from across India participated in this annual conference on Obesity

Chennai, August 04 2024: Department of Obesity & Metabolic Surgery from GEM Hospital - pioneers in minimally invasive surgery (laparoscopic & robotic surgeries) and India's leading Bariatric Surgical Centre successfully hosted the 7th edition of the annual conference "Obesicon" in the city, themed 'Conquering Mount Obesity'.

The conference featured keynote presentations and Interactive sessions from eminent personalities like Dr. Palaniappan Manickam aka Dr. Pals, Gastroenterologist - California, Dr.J.V.Balasubramanian, Cardiologist, Sri Ramachandra Hospital Chennai, Ms. Devimeena Sundaram, Strength & Conditioning Specialist and International Kettlebell Athlete, and experts from GEM Hospital - Dr. Praveen Raj, Head of Dept. of Obesity & Metabolic Surgery, Dr. Saravana Kumar, Lead Consultant - Dept. of Obesity & Metabolic Surgery and Dr. Magnus Jayaraj, Surgeon Consultant Dept. of HPB & Liver



Transplant, covering a wide range of topics related to obesity, including the surgical and non-surgical approaches, gut metabolic diseases, the latest advancements in treatments, role of diet and exercise, and strategies for prevention at the individual and community levels.

The summit saw participation from more than 200 delegates consist of Surgeons, Physicians, Dietitians, Clinical Psychologists, General Practitioners and Endocrinologists from all over the country. The objective of this all important conference was to discuss and implement the multi modality management approach to obesity.

Dr. C. Palanivelu, Chairman, GEM Hospital said that, "We are thrilled to bring together experts from across the country to discuss the pressing

issue of obesity and explore ways to successfully conquer this mountain of a problem. This conference will serve as a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and action towards improving the health and well-being of individuals affected by obesity".

"India stands third in the highest number of obese individuals in the world following USA & China. We also ranked 2nd in Child Obesity only behind China, which is not a healthy stat to be proud of. Lack of physical activity and westernization of diet have contributed vastly to this ever-increasing problem in India", he further added.

Dr. Praveen Raj, Director and Head of Dept. of Obesity & Metabolic Surgery, GEM Hospitals stated, "Obesity is a pressing public health concern

that affects millions of individuals worldwide, leading to a range of serious health complications, including diabetes, heart disease, infertility, certain types of cancer, etc. With rates of obesity on the rise, it is more important than ever to come together to address this epidemic and find effective solutions."

"Obesity as a disease is influenced by just not one but various factors such as genetics, lifestyle, diet, physical activity and psychological factors. So, a comprehensive multi modality approach is needed to help in controlling the disease which can lead to more sustainable weight loss and long-term health benefits compared to single interventions. GEM Hospital has launched two important departments Obesity.Cure and Diabetes.Cure where the programs are intended at reversing obesity and diabetes using non-surgical methods like medical therapies, endoscopic therapies, diet, etc.", Dr.Praveen Raj further added.

On World Breastfeeding Week, Seethapathy Hospital launches free breastfeeding consultation helpline for new mothers in Chennai

Chennai August 02 2024: To mark World Breastfeeding Week, Seethapathy Hospital has organized various awareness activities. The hospital launched free breastfeeding consultation helpline (7305644465) aims to provide mothers with accurate and reliable medical advice, addressing any questions or concerns they may have. This helpline provides access to certified and experienced lactation consultants and operates 24 X 7.

Additionally, the hospital held an interactive session with experts on breastfeeding to highlight its importance, aiming to educate new and expectant mothers, as well as their families, on balancing work and breastfeeding.

Seethapathy Hospital also introduced the Mother's Support Club today, which is dedicated to supporting mothers from their child's birth up to the child's second year. This club will offer support to new mothers regarding breast feeding, assist in recognizing feeding cues and provide tips on weaning going



forward.

Breastfeeding reduces the burden of childhood illness and the risk of certain types of cancers and noncommunicable diseases for mothers. When mothers receive the support, they need to breastfeed their babies, everyone benefits. Improving breastfeeding rates could save over 820,000 children's lives each year, according to the latest available data.

In her comments, Dr Uma Ram, Senior Obstetrician and Gynecologist and Director Seethapathy Hospital said, "Some studies from India shows 20-25% skin to skin in the first hour after birth. Globally 6/10 babies are not put to the breast within the first hour. With a commitment from the health care facility and motivated staff along with antenatal preparation of the mothers through

breastfeeding classes at Seethapathy hospital we have been able to achieve 85% skin to skin, 60% baby to breast within the first hour and 70% exclusive breast feeding at 6 months."

In her comments, Mrs Rekha Sudarsan, Childbirth Educator and Lactation Consultant, Seethapathy Hospital said, "The first hour after birth is important for the mother and baby. The time soon after the delivery of the baby is when many physiological changes happen in the mother. Careful observation at this period is needed to pick up potential problems. The first hour is also very significant for the baby and called the golden hour. At this time, initiating skin to skin contact and breast feeding is crucial as it imparts many advantages to the baby."

"Exclusive breast

feeding is also important. Some women will have difficulty in feeding or may not be able to feed due to medications they are on. Others can develop mastitis or breast abscess. These women need additional support as they can continue to bond effectively and need not feel guilty because they have good reasons to introduce alternative feeds to the baby" added Mrs Rekha Sudarsan

World Breastfeeding Week is observed annually from August 1 to 7, raising awareness about the importance of breastfeeding and providing support to mothers. The theme for World Breastfeeding Week 2024 is "Closing the gap: Breastfeeding support for all." This year's focus is on celebrating the diversity of breastfeeding mothers throughout their breastfeeding journeys. The campaign aims to showcase how families, societies, communities, and health workers can support every breastfeeding mother, regardless of their circumstances.

Former PM HD Deve Gowda Takes Ride In Delhi Metro, Says 'It Was My Wish For Years'

Chennai, August 04 2024: Former Prime Minister and Janta Dal (Secular) (JDS) veteran HD Deve Gowda took a ride in the Delhi Metro on Sunday saying it was his wish to travel in the Delhi Metro for years. He was accompanied by several senior officials of the Delhi Metro. The 91-year-old stalwart interacted with fellow passengers and officials on the train.

Sharing the metro journey, the former PM said, "It was my wish to travel by #DelhiMetro for years now. It was fulfilled today. I had given financial closure to the project in 1996 as PM amidst resistance inside my cabinet and

outside. I am glad God gave me the courage to go ahead. It has helped people.

Expressing his gratitude to the Metro staff and its officials, Deve Gowda further wrote, "I boarded the train at the Lok Kalyan Marg Station and went round a good distance. It was a pleasant experience. @OfficialDMRC Director of Infrastructure Shri Manoj Singhal and other #DelhiMetro staff were very kind to me. My sincere thanks to them and my security staff."

The former PM also paid his visit to the Prime Ministers' Museum in Teen Murti Bhawan earlier on Saturday. He



complimented PM Modi for coming up with the idea for the museum, praising the establishment and stating that visiting PM Sangrahalaya was an overwhelming and humble experience.

"I visited the PMs Museum @PMSangrahalaya in New Delhi, today. It was an overwhelming and a humbling experience. I congratulate PM Shri @narendramodi for conceiving this history project, which recognises the contributions and

diverse backgrounds of all our PMs," he wrote in a post on X.

The JDS leader is recognised for initiating the Delhi Metro Project as it was Deve Gowda's government which gave the green light for the metro rail transport in the nation capital. The origins of this project trace back to the 1970s when the concept of establishing a railway-based Mass Rapid Transit System (MRTS) in the four major cities was proposed.

Galgotias University Hosts Cutting-Edge Space Exhibition in Collaboration with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Chennai, August 04 2024: Galgotias University proudly concludes its three-day space exhibition, in collaboration with the Space Applications Centre (SAC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), titled "Vikram Sarabhai Space Exhibition," held from August 1st to August 3rd, 2024. The exhibition has seen an extraordinary turnout of nearly 10,000 students from over 70 schools, setting a new record for student engagement. With Galgotias University itself hosting a student body of over 35,000, this event stands out as a unique platform where school students of various grades and university students come together, sharing knowledge and learning from one another in an inspiring setting.

The exhibition, which celebrates the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 on the

Moon's South Pole, featured a range of captivating displays—from water rocket experiments and interactive models to the history and latest projects of ISRO. Students were deeply inspired and left with a renewed sense of wonder and aspiration for their future careers.

Shri Nilesh M. Desai, Distinguished Scientist and Director of the Space Applications Centre (SAC/ISRO) in Ahmedabad, was the Chief Guest for the event. During his address to the students, he explained and provided great insights into Satellite Communication (SatCom) and planetary exploration. Shri Desai shared his extensive expertise with students in the design and development of ISRO's advanced microwave remote sensing

payloads, such as RISAT-1 C-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), Oceansat-2, Scatsat-1 Scatterometers, and the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter SAR. He also discussed the Remote Sensing and Earth Observation Programmes with students. His contributions span across multiple ambitious Indian space programs, notably in the development of microwave radar satellites, Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (NAVIC), Quantum Key Distribution, and spearheading the third Indian lunar exploration mission, Chandrayaan-3. His lecture delivered a great understanding of India's progress in space technology and exploration to the students.

Dr. Dhruv Galgotia, CEO of Galgotias University, expressed

his enthusiasm, "The remarkable turnout of students at the exhibition highlights its success in igniting curiosity and passion for space science. This collaboration with ISRO has created an exceptional platform for inspiring young minds and fostering a deeper interest in the possibilities of space exploration."

Mr. Paresh Sarvaiya, Senior Scientist at SAC-ISRO, stated, "This exhibition aims to bring space science to life for students, making it both accessible and engaging. By sparking their interest in space exploration, we hope to inspire the next generation of scientists and innovators."

Galgotias University remains committed to fostering educational excellence and inspiring the next generation through innovative and impactful events.

Dastur Energy to be a part of the PMO's Advisory Council on Science, Technology & Innovation India steps closer to launching CCUS framework

Mumbai August 04 2024: Dastur Energy, an industry leader and expert in the industrial decarbonization value chain was invited to participate in the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Science Technology and Innovation. This prestigious invitation is a result of the recognition of Dastur Energy's sustained work in this space since 2020, that has been leveraged globally, and in India.

Dastur Energy's collaboration with the Indian Government in the area of CCUS started when, based on its deep global experience in this space, Dastur Energy reached out to NITI Aayog, with a recommendation to formulate a policy, technology & financing framework & roadmap on CCUS for India – sharing insights that pointed to the potential of industrial scale CCUS as a viable pathway towards the overarching net zero goal.

Recognizing the strategic importance of this, in 2021, NITI Aayog commissioned an official study led by Dastur Energy, that resulted in a detailed report - "CCUS Policy framework & its Deployment Mechanism in India" (<https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-12/CCUS-Report.pdf>).

This work has received wide recognition globally across policymakers & business communities and continues to be

cited in key discussion and decision-making forums. Subsequently, NTPC Ltd, and the Ministry of Power, commissioned Dastur Energy to develop a report on - "CCUS Technology gap across G20 countries", for the 2023 G20 Summit. This was launched during the G20 summit (https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/uploads/CCUS_Technology_Gaps_and_International_Collaboration_G20_Circulation.pdf)

Given the G20's direct role and influence in shaping global direction and investment in climate change mitigation and sustainable development, Dastur Energy's role in creating this report and delivering thought leadership and direction on the G20 global platform is very significant. The work done by Dastur Energy has helped put the spotlight on CCUS as a critical area for industrial decarbonization and energy transition.

A key outcome of this is that recently, NITI Aayog & PSA Office made the decision to include CCUS as an important focus of the PM-STIAC (Prime Minister's - Science, Technology, Innovation Advisory Council) with the objective of defining a clear action plan in this space to drive the nation's efforts towards reaching net-zero by 2070. Dastur Energy was invited to be a part of this forum as a thought leader and expert in the CCUS

space, to provide strategic area. It was co-chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Prime Minister and NITI Aayog, and attended by Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and other members of the Secretariat; with participation from distinguished officials of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), IIT Bombay, NTPC and Dastur Energy.

Elaborating on the vision put forth during his presentation titled 'Synthesizing a complete CCUS value chain in Indian context', Mr. Atanu Mukherjee, CEO of Dastur Energy commented, "Armed with a global experience of creating elemental CCUS value chains, we at Dastur Energy presented our perspective on how India could embed CCUS technologies across hard-to-abate sectors and industries to ramp up the total CO2 being captured, sequestered and converted into useful products. While our findings and suggestions depend on an expansive, collaborative and robust policy being formed for effective CCUS deployment in India, we are confident that the Office of Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, the Ministry of Power and NITI Aayog are advancing rapidly towards this end."

Given PM-STIAC's vital role in assessing and determining the status of science / technology domains and formulating interventions and strategies that get leveraged by the Prime Minister's Office, this is a prestigious achievement for Dastur Energy.

The meeting highlighted the importance of CCUS and is expected to drive additional focus on investment in this

strategic area. It was co-chaired by the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Prime Minister and NITI Aayog, and attended by Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and other members of the Secretariat; with participation from distinguished officials of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), IIT Bombay, NTPC and Dastur Energy.

It was acknowledged that the decision to launch a new mission for CCUS adoption, led by the Ministry of Power, with guidance from the PSA office and NITI Aayog, signaled a big directional achievement for India in its fight against climate change. There was recognition for the tireless collective efforts of Niti Aayog, Dastur Energy, NTPC, BEE and IIT Bombay.

In his concluding address, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, underscored the need to build upon the consensus made and launch a holistic CCUS policy through a mission-mode approach.

While several countries have enacted CCUS programs and policies in the past, India's efforts towards establishing a national CCUS policy will be watched closely, with many countries looking towards the fastest-growing economy for clues on how to balance both economic growth and climate concerns.

DMK announces Ramakrishnan as Tirunelveli Mayor candidate

Chennai August 04 2024: The ruling DMK has decided to field party councillor Ramakrishnan, popularly known as Kittu, as the mayoral candidate for Tirunelveli Corporation. This decision follows the resignation of the previous Mayor, P.M. Saravanan, who faced opposition within the party.

The indirect election to appoint the new Mayor is scheduled for Monday, August 5.

Ahead of the election, Tamil Nadu



Municipal Administration Minister K.N. Nehru and Finance and Electricity Minister Thangam Thennarasu, who is also the minister in charge of Tirunelveli

district, convened a meeting with DMK councillors, district secretaries, and MLAs to officially confirm the new candidate. Following the high command's selection

of Kittu, the DMK councillors are expected to back him unanimously.

Saravanan, who represented the DMK from the 16th ward and was elected Mayor in 2022, encountered issues due to discord with other councillors, often leading to disruptions in council meetings. Sources indicate that Saravanan approached the party headquarters in Chennai to resolve the issues but later tendered his resignation citing personal reasons.

Hermoso presents FOOD OF MADRAS a Food, and Lifestyle pop-up by Aishwariya R Prithvi inaugurated by Kiki Vijay



Chennai August 04 2024: Hermoso events's 5th edition of Food & lifestyle pop up Food Of Madras by Aishwariya R Prithvi inaugurated by Kiki Vijay, the pop up was just what the city was looking for. The pop up was attended by celebrities & influencers such as Renuka Praveen, Teju

Ashwini, Sanjana Sarathy, Vj Pradhosh, Mehendi & many more.

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hidden cakes, little treasures, Kala's Gateaux & many more.

At the end of the day, we can safely say that Hermoso gave one the opportunity to go on a shopping experience that is as well rounded as it gets!

'Nitish Will Be Remembered For Wasted Opportunities': Prashant Kishor's Dig At Bihar CM On Special Status Demand



Chennai, August 04 2024: Political strategist turned activist Prashant Kishor on Sunday charged Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his former mentor, with failure to secure tangible benefits for the state despite the BJP's dependence on him to retain power at the Centre.

Kishor alleged the JD(U) boss was fretting over his party's share in the Union council of ministers and using his clout with the BJP to settle scores with detractors at the state level, instead of leveraging his position to rehabilitate the state industrially.

"People are talking about special status for Bihar. I ask why Nitish

Kumar could not press for the restoration of 20 sugar mills that have been moribund for years? He has been in power for nearly 20 years which shall be remembered for wasted opportunities," the IPAC founder told reporters here.

He was speaking after a function of the 'Jan Suraj' campaign he had launched nearly two years ago, which is all set to become a political party on October 2.

A former JD(U) national vice president who was expelled from the party because of "indiscipline", Kishor claimed Kumar was in an enviable position after the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, which saw the BJP running short of a majority and

becoming dependent on allies, especially the JD(U) and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu's TDP.

"But all that Nitish Kumar cared for was how many berths in the ministry his party was getting. He even used his new-found clout to fix those in the BJP, whose turban was an eyesore," he said in an indirect reference to Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary, who was recently removed from the post of state BJP president.

The former poll strategist maintained that 'Jan Suraj' will contest the Bihar assembly polls, due next year, without allying with any other party.

"We will win. The

people of Bihar are fed up with the vicious cycle they have been forced into by Nitish, BJP and the RJD, which is currently in the opposition but has had short-lived alliances with the JD(U). On October 2, 1 crore people will together float the new party. It will be for the first time in history that a party will be founded by so many people," claimed Kishor.

He also dismissed suggestions that the absence of a solid caste base could be a concern in a state like Bihar, pointing out that in by-polls to the state legislature a number of candidates, enjoying the support of Jan Suraj, have won.