

## Centre Assures MCI visit

**New Delhi(KCN):** Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan today assured that a Team of Medical Council of India (MCI) will soon visit the Pandit Raghunath Murmu (PRM) Government Medical College and Hospital in Baripada for inspection and grant of Letter of Permission(LoP) to begin the academic session there.

The assurance came following widespread criticism over delay in granting the necessary permission and protests in North Odisha in general and particularly in entire Mayurbhanj District. Today 12 hours Shut Down was organized opposing MCI's callous approach towards the Tribal Zone of the State.

"The MCI Team has been asked to visit the Medical College and submit its report by 24 May and efforts are on to get

admissions done from the current session," said Secretary Health & Family Welfare



Pramod Kumar Meherda, Directorate of Medical Education and Training (DMET) and Medical College authorities discussed the ways to secure LoP for PRM Medical College and Hospital.

Mr.Pradhan after a meeting with Union Health Minister JP Nadda here over the non issuance of letter of permission (LoP) to the institution.

Union Secretary Health & Family Welfare C K Mishra was present in the meeting.

Mr. Pradhan along with Odisha

by the Medical Council of India has expired, the Union Health Minister has agreed to ask the MCI for another inspection.

He said the State Government will have to take adequate measures to complete the formalities to satisfy the MCI team when it visits the Medical College.

Though the State Government fulfilled all the criteria, MCI did not issues LoP.

Looking at the approach of MCI, Dr.Meherda, Secretary Health and Family Welfare of Government of Odisha had written to the Supreme Court Mandated Oversight Committee seeking its intervention in issue of LoP for the PRM Medical College and Hospital.

The LoP is mandatory for commencement of 2017-18 academic sessions with 100 undergraduate seats.

## Deb for Upper House

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** BJD President Naveen Patnaik today announced the name of Pratap Keshari Deb as the party's candidate for the lone Rajya Sabha seat from Odisha. Mr.Patnaik also announced the name of Pradip Kumar Amat as the BJD candidate for the post of Speaker of the Odisha Legislative Assembly.

"Biju Janata Dal candidate for the Rajya Sabha will be Pratap Keshari Deb, and the Speaker will be Pradip Kumar Amat," Mr.Patnaik, revealed to Media on his return from a four-

Delhi. The lone seat of Upper House from Odisha was lying vacant after Bishnu Charan Das resigned as the Member of Rajya Sabha on 21 March this year. Mr.Das term of office would have ended on July 1, 2022.

Mr.Deb, presently BJD Spokesperson and Chairman of the Odisha State Housing Board, had lost the Assembly elections in 2014 from Aul segment. He will file nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha elections by May 15.

Taking BJD's strength of 117

of 147 Member into T h o u g h



consideration, Mr.Deb is most likely to be elected to the Upper House of the Parliament as the BJD candidate.

With Mr.Patnaik announcing name of Mr.Deb as the BJD candidate for Rajya Sabha election, speculation over Gita Mehta (Naveen's sister) being sent to the Upper House came to an end.

Mr.Patnaik had earlier clarified that his sister was not interested in any political position, the media was agog over Gita Mehta's name.

Meanwhile, the Speaker post of the Odisha Legislative Assembly was lying vacant since Niranjana Pujari resigned on May 5. Mr.Pujari has now become a Minister See page-7

## Rahul hints PCC revamp

**New Delhi (KCN):** AICC Vice President Rahul Gandhi is understood to have assured the party lead-

Many leaders, who have met him have favoured the appointment of former PCC Chief Niranjana

party sources, a majority of senior leaders and Congress Lawmakers who held parleys with the AICC Vice President have urged him to consider Senior Patnaik for the post as and when a new PCC Chief is appointed.

However, another front runner – Bhakta Charan Das – is believed to be given some other important assignment in the party to pacify him, the sources added.

Notably, Mr. Patnaik has maintained that he will think a thousand times before taking up the mantle of the party in the State.

Party leaders and workers however, feel that he is best suited for the post at the present juncture of the party for his

organizational abilities.

Political analysts say that the task of the new PCC Chief will be really hard as the party structure is virtually crumbled in the State due to which it has been consistently receiving drubbings in the elections.

Several senior leaders and party MLAs who met Mr.Gandhi here recently had vociferously demanded a change of guard to resurrect the grand old party in State.

Senior leaders like Narasingha Mishra, Naba Kishore Das, Chiranjib Biswal, Ranjib Biswal, Jagannath Patnaik, and several others are batting for Senior Patnaik to head OPCC.



ers to revamp the Odisha Pradesh Congress committee (OPCC).

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Priyanka Chopra and Shah Rukh Khan last appeared together in Don 2, which released in 2011.



Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput have kept their fans waiting for a long time to give a glimpse of their daughter Misha.

## Iulia Vantur all set to go live?

Tif sources are to believe then the Romanian actress Iulia Vantur is going to

to convince Iulia to perform live in front of many celebrities on Monday. She is

had recorded some portion of Salman's popular number Baby KO Bass Pasand Hai



make her stage debut in an award gala. A source says, "The award season is on and the award shows fall over each other to make sure that they come up with some talking point or the other. So, the organisers of this particular award show event, have managed

likely to perform with Himesh Reshammiya. Iulia and Reshammiya have already recorded one song together for his upcoming album. Salman too is likely to be present at this event, and it would be interesting to see his reaction." Prior to this Iulia

from Sultan. Ever since Iulia has returned in the country to record her song, she has constantly been spotted at various parties with Salman. The duo, however most of the time makes sure that they enter and exit the venues in different cars.



From being a 'Viva!' girl to winning the Best Playback Singer (Female) award for her song 'Jag Ghoomeya' from Salman Khan starrer Sultan, Neha Bhasin bares all about her journey in an exclusive chat.



It has been a difficult year for Malaika Arora Khan. Her split with husband Arbaaz Khan was followed by a lot of controversy and filing of divorce didn't help either. To ring in the New Year, Malaika has taken a break with sister Amrita Arora Ladak and her close friends. The group is all set to welcome 2017 in style, and going by the pictures, Goa beach is treating them well. Malaika Arora Khan shared pictures on her Instagram account and the post made all of us go ga-ga about her and her besties' hotness. In the picture, we see Amrita and Malaika with their backs to the camera. She captioned the image as, "Sunsets in Goa with the girls". Take a tour and see more that they are busy doing in Goa. (Source: Photo by Instagram)

## 'Acting is a lot of responsibility'

When Shamlee starred in Mani Ratnam's Anjali as a child artiste, she never thought she'd continue to act. "I never wanted to pursue films. Somehow, it happened eventually. When I see Anjali on TV, I often smile to myself. Was this little cute kid me? I learnt Bharatanatyam for five years, and gave up. At that point of time, schooling was a lot more fun. Oh, I still remember how I was given some new clothes on the sets, as they took my photographs. It feels funny when I think about my old films. My co-stars had been monkeys, elephants and snakes," she laughs.

She began receiving film offers when she studying in from Class 9. "I used to accompany my sister Shalini and her husband Ajith for award func-

tions. So, people After the shooting,



saw me and asked my dad if I were interested in acting. My school never allowed it though. Slowly, my focus shifted towards art and dancing. I even took up a course in film studies."

After spending time in Singapore for five years, she moved to Chennai. "That's when I got to hear Veera Sivaji's narration.

I went to New York and enrolled in an intensive dance course in one of the top universities. I love jazz, hip-hop and salsa. I was told that the course is for six weeks, but it took four months. In the mean time, the movie promotions had begun, and I couldn't show up for any of them," she adds.

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during the Ministry reshuffle held on May 8. Mr. Amat, who resigned as the Finance and Health Minister, was Speaker of the OLA from 2009 to 2014. The election for the Speaker post will be held on May 16.

Notably, Mr. Deb known for his organizational skills is expected to play a major role during the 2019 General Election in State, including selection of party candidates.

He is likely to play the role Pyarimohan Mohapatra played in 2004 and Kalptaru Das in 2009, said sources.

Mr. Deb will also be a possible go between the State Government and the Centre, the sources added.

He is likely to operate from Naveen Niwas and will be coordinating affairs of the Party on behalf of BJD Supremo, insiders admit.

## Know your bank charges: SBI clarifies about ATM fee, but imposes other levies to push cashless India

Just weeks after State Bank of India decided to increase by 10-fold the minimum balance required to be maintained in a savings account, now there is a growing anxiety among the

by bank or ATM, to just four a month. Anymore than that and you will be charged Rs 10 plus service tax in State Bank ATM, Rs 20 plus service tax in other ATMs, and Rs

value (minimum of Rs 6) in addition to service tax.

The service charges will be effective from June 1, 2017, Kumar said.

The bank also levies a service

if you want to simply exchange soiled notes, as small traders must everyday, you've now got to pay cash to get cash. You can't just exchange notes for par value; the only excep-



bank's 31 crore customers, including students and pensioners, about transaction charges on ATM withdrawals.

While this circular says a transaction charge of Rs 25 will be levied on all withdrawals from ATMs, SBI on Thursday clarified that it would only levy the charge on withdrawals from its SBI Buddy e-wallet using ATMs. Withdrawal of e-wallet money is a new feature that SBI has introduced.

"The service charge on cash withdrawal from ATMs has not been changed for normal savings accounts," SBI MD (national banking) Rajnish Kumar told PTI, clarifying that a corrected circular will be issued.

Meanwhile, customers must remember to restrict all withdrawals, whether

50 plus service tax at your bank branch.

"If a customer has money in SBI Buddy, our mobile wallet, he can now withdraw that money through ATMs. Also, now customer can deposit cash or withdraw cash through business correspondent (BC) from or into our mobile wallet. These facilities were not available earlier," Kumar added.

For cash deposit of up to Rs 1,000 into its mobile wallet through business correspondents, the bank will levy a service charge of 0.25 per cent (minimum Rs 2 and maximum Rs 8) plus service tax.

For cash withdrawal of up to Rs 2,000 from SBI Buddy through business correspondents, the service charges will be 2.50 per cent of the transaction

charge of 3 per cent plus service tax using immediate payment service (IMPS) for fund transfer through SBI Buddy to bank account.

So, if you're thinking cash, rethink and go digital if you don't want to be 'fined'. But you're already paying 1-2 per cent service charge to service providers when booking tickets on IRCTC or paying your utility bills, using your debit card, which is one of the easiest modes of digital payment? That, however, is a separate problem with going digital, and is not linked to State Bank as such.

As for SBI, there are the usual charges on issuing of cheque books and instant digital transfers though IMPS, which too have been revised.

Apart from that,

## Nifty breaches 9,300-mark for first time

Market benchmark Nifty surged past the 9,300-level for the first time today, fuelled by a rally in Reliance Industries and other bluechips on upbeat earnings. Nifty closes at record 9,306.60, up 88.65 points. Positive Asian cues and a higher opening in European markets also added to



the momentum. The 50-share NSE Nifty soared 82.45 points, or 0.89 per cent, to quote at its new life-

time high of 9,300.40. It broke the previous record of 9,273.90 reached on April 5. The BSE 30-share

Sensex was quoting at 29,926.96 at 1430 hrs, up 271.12 points, or 0.91 per cent. The rupee appreciating to 64.21 against the dollar (intra-day) at the forex market too boosted sentiments. Shares of Reliance Industries surged 1.21 per cent to Rs 1,433.50 after the company yesterday reported a record fourth quarter net profit of Rs 8,046 crore.

Other major gainers that supported the key indices were M&M, Bharti Airtel, Hero

MotoCorp, Asian Paints, Power Grid, ITC Ltd, HUL, ICICI Bank and HDFC Ltd, rising by up to 3.36 per cent. Globally, Japan's Nikkei surged 1.90 per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.31 per cent, while Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.16 per cent. In Europe, London's FTSE rose 0.22 per cent, Paris CAC 40 gained 0.18 per cent and Frankfurt's DAX inched up 0.03 per cent in early deals. For all the latest India News, download Indian Express App now

Strides Shasun's plant completes USFDA inspection; no observations made  
Drug firm Strides Shasun today said the US health regulator has not made any observations after inspection of its manufacturing facility in Puducherry.

The company's "active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) manufacturing site in Puducherry was recently inspected by the US FDA and the approval was renewed with 'Zero 483' status", Strides Shasun said in a statement.

With this, the company's last four United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) inspections were successfully completed without any observations, it added.

An FDA Form 483 is issued to a firm's management at the conclusion of an inspection when an investigator(s) has observed any conditions that in their judgement may constitute violations of the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and related Acts.

It notifies the company's management of objectionable conditions at a facility.

Strides Shasun Group CEO Shashank Sinha said: "This is a strong endorsement of our significant investment and ongoing focus on compliance integrity."

The company remains committed to meeting and exceeding the expectation of the authorities in the challenging regulatory landscape as it continues to evolve, he added. The scrip was today trading at Rs 1,048 in the afternoon trade on the BSE, up 0.60% from its previous close.

## Honda raises full-year profit outlook on lower costs, weaker yen

**TOKYO (KCN):** Honda Motor Co on Friday lifted its annual profit forecast for the second time in as many quarters due to cost-cutting and the impact of a weakening yen, while sales in China remained

cast of 103 yen. The results come as business is booming in China, where surging sales led by the Civic and the XR-V have prompted the automaker to invest \$436 million in its seventh plant in the

policies in his first weeks in office, formally withdrawing the United States from Trans Pacific Partnership trade pact. Honda and other Japanese automakers



strong.

Japan's third-largest automaker said it expected net profit for the year through March at 545.0 billion yen (\$4.82 billion), up from previous guidance upgraded in November, and 58.2 per cent more than a year earlier.

It also raised its operating profit forecast to 785.0 billion yen after posting 207.6 billion yen for October-December - up 27.4 percent from a year prior and exceeding the 157.07 billion yen average of 11 analyst estimates in a Reuters I/B/E/S poll. Analysts expect the automaker to post full-year operating profit of 753.27 billion yen and net profit of 533.44 billion yen.

The automaker also forecasts the local currency to average 107 yen to the U.S. dollar through March, compared with an earlier fore-

country. It raised its full-year sales outlook for Asia including China to 1.945 million vehicles from 1.915 million. The automaker expects to sell 5.005 million vehicles globally in the year through March, up from a previous forecast for 4.98 million. In the U.S., strong demand for Honda's latest CR-V sport utility vehicle (SUV) and the latest generation of its Civic sedan have also led to record sales in the automaker's biggest market during calendar 2016.

Honda is among global automakers which have come under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has demanded that more cars sold in the United States be made locally to increase jobs and shrink the U.S. trade deficit.

The new president has focused on protectionist trade

have increasingly localised vehicle production over the past three decades, and Honda's U.S.-produced vehicles account for around 26 percent of its global vehicle output. The company operates seven production plants in the United States which manufactured nearly 80 percent of the record 1.64 million Honda vehicles sold in the country in 2016. It also operates plants in Mexico and Canada which export a chunk of their output to the United States. As demand for SUVs and trucks continues to rise in the United States, Honda has increasingly turned to exports from Japan, which more than doubled to 82,780 units in the 12 months through December.

## Can't force estranged couple to settle: SC on Leander Paes, Rhea Pillai

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** The Supreme Court today said it cannot force ace tennis player Leander Paes and his estranged live-in partner Rhea Pillai to arrive at a settlement in a maintenance case, even after having accorded them in-chamber hearing.

Favouring that another bench should hear the matter, a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and Amitava

Roy made the observation after Paes and Pillai insisted that no settlement was possible among them. "We can't force the parties for a settlement. It is not possible to say anything at this stage. We tried our best to persuade the parties while hearing them in-chamber," the bench said.

The bench said that after according the parties in-chamber hearing earlier this year, it would not be appropriate for them to hear the matter on merit. "It will be better if another bench hears this matter as we have accorded in-chamber hearing to the parties. List the matter before another bench on July 18," the bench said.

When the matter was first taken up for hearing this morning, both parties told the

bench that they had certain proposals. The court then asked them to exchange it among themselves and posted the matter for hearing later today.

In the afternoon, when the matter was again taken up for hearing, counsel for Pillai told the bench that she has asked Paes for a house but he was not agreeable to it. Paes's counsel on other hand said that

Pillai has already got a house from Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt (her former husband) and the tennis star was not ready for such a demand. "He (Paes) is not agreeable to anything. He doesn't want to give anything. He doesn't want to pay money," Pillai's counsel said. To this, the bench said it cannot force the parties for settlement and the matter would be now heard on merit.

## Foreign exposure useful, says Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal

**MUMBAI(KCN):** Indian women's hockey team's captain

Zealand after a successful outing in West Vancouver, Canada

"As a team leader you always have to interact and



Rani Rampal says the squad members are getting a lot of foreign exposure which is helping the side improve its performance. "We are getting lots of foreign exposure and it is helping in improving our performance. Right now we are focusing on (the) New Zealand tour and then the target will be to give our best in (the) FIH World League semifinals in July," Rani told PTI in an email interaction.

The Indian women are to play a five-match hockey Test Series in New

Zealand where they won the Women's Hockey World League Round 2 and qualified for the Women's Hockey World League Semi Final to be played in Johannesburg.

"New Zealand tour will be a good preparatory tour for us ahead of the World League semi final and this exposure will help us improve and also understand our weak points," she had said before the team's departure.

She said as the team leader, one of her responsibilities was motivating youngsters.

coordinate with everyone on the field and motivate youngsters to play well," said the Haryana-born player.

Asked to identify the stand-out player in Canada, Rani did not specifically name a player and attributed it to team work. "Each individual player played well as per the strategy made by our coaches and team coordination also played an important role in the victory (in the Hockey World League Round 2)," said Rani, who plays as a forward.

## IPL Live score, MI vs KXIP: Kings XI Punjab eye huge total against Mumbai Indians at Wankhede

**MUMBAI (KCN):** Table-toppers Mumbai Indians hosts Kings XI Punjab at the Wankhede stadium

IPL 2017 Live Scores and Updates from MI vs KXIP  
Toss: Mumbai Indians win toss, elect to field against KXIP  
Mumbai Indians Team: Simmons, Patel (wk), Rana, Rohit (c), Pandya, Pollard, Karn

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for the IPL 2017 contest on Thursday. KXIP will be feeling the pressure as they find themselves in a do-or-die situation. In the tenth season of the IPL, teams have found it difficult against the two-times IPL champions as the Rohit Sharma-led unit has lost only three out of their 12 matches. Punjab, after managing to beat KKR in their last fixture, will look to continue their winning momentum and continue from where they left. Last time these two teams met, MI thrashed the Kings XI by eight wickets as they chased down the target of 198 in just 16 overs. Catch live cricket scores and live cricket updates from the IPL 2017 match here.

Sharma, Harbhajan, McClenaghan, Bumrah, Malinga  
Kings XI Punjab Team: Guptill, Vohra, Marsh, Maxwell (c), Saha (wk), AR Patel, R Tewatia, MM Sharma, Sandeep Sharma, I Sharma, MJ Henry

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230/3 (20.0 overs)  
MUM won the toss and elected to field  
PUNJAB BATTING MUMBAI BOWLING

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ISHANT SHARMA - - - -  
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JASPRIT BUMRAH		4	0	24	1
LASITH MALINGA		4	0	45	0
KARN SHARMA		3	0	32	1
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## Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: India lose 0-1 to Malaysia in crunch game

India lost their last and final group game at the Sultan Azlan

strong display of hockey with many stray passes and

ment. They needed to win by two goals or three goals to



Shah Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia to rule themselves out of playing in the gold medal match. Shahril Saabah scored the only goal of the game in the 51st minute after Malaysia converted their fourth penalty corner chances with Akash Chikte beaten down the centre. This helped Malaysia to first win in the tournament while handing India their second defeat. The four-time champions India didn't produce a

didn't look convincing going forward. This helped hosts Malaysia easily contain India who came into it with four goals in the previous match (vs Japan) which kept their hopes alive. But on Friday, these heroics were not to be repeated with none of the players standing up and making themselves count – the way Mandeep Singh did against Japan.

India came into the match with a clear knowledge of their fate in the tourna-

book their berth in the final against Australia. 1-0 wouldn't have been enough and 2-1 would have forced a penalty shoot out with Great Britain. But as things transpired, India never looked good enough to win and produced proper scoring chances only in the final few minutes of the game. On the day, Great Britain beat New Zealand 3-2 and Japan triumphed in sensational manner to beat two-time reigning World Cup champions Australia 3-2 as well.

