

## IVF calves born

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** JK BovaGenix, an initiative of JK Trust, one of the largest NGOs working towards "Cattle and Buffalo Breed Improvement" in India, today announced the

Additionally, two IVF calves, (one male and one female) from fresh IVF embryos were born on 23rd Dec'16 and 24th Dec'16 respectively. These calves were born at Dr. Vijaypat

initiative assumes strategic significance given the pressing need for enhancing milk productivity of the various indigenous breeds. JK BovaGenix aims to establish 10,000

been undertaken in more than 40000 villages across 10 states that has delivered phenomenal outcomes. Both these projects while supplementing each other will provide

in progress with various state governments to implement a similar programme that can conserve the depleting indigenous breeds making Rashtriya Gokul Mission a grand success in our country."

Incepted in 2016, JK BovaGenix has set up 2 state of the art ET-IVF labs under the name 'Dr. Vijaypat Singhania Centre of Excellence for Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Livestock' located at Gopalnagar in Chhattisgarh and Vadgaon-Rasai in Maharashtra.

JK Trust has commenced IVF (In-Vitro Fertilization) work in Cattle at its state of the art laboratory named 'Dr. Vijaypat Singhania Centre of Excellence for Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Livestock' located at Gopalnagar near Bilaspur, in Chhattisgarh.

While the Gopalnagar Lab focuses on indigenous breeds like Gir, Sahiwal, Tharparkar and Ongole, the Pune Lab focuses on breeds like Red Sindhi and Rathi in addition to the breeds maintained at Gopalnagar Lab. Till date, the JK BovaGenix has successfully established 45 IVF pregnancies, out of which 28 pregnancies are from fresh IVF embryos and 17 from frozen IVF embryos.



birth of India's first IVF male calf (Krishna) born on 8 January 2017, first IVF female calf born on 28 December 2016 and a third IVF male calf born on 8 January 2017 through frozen IVF embryos of Tharparkar breed of Rajasthan.

The donor cow of Tharparkar breed and three of her IVF calves produced through frozen IVF embryos using cross-bred cows as recipients (foster mothers) are in good health.

Singhania Centre of Excellence for Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Livestock' located at Gopalnagar.

This latest development can be termed as a turning point in India's growth story that would bring in a revolution in producing genetically superior Indigenous breeds and can lead to a multifold increase in milk output.

In line with the Government of India's Rashtriya Gokul Mission, this

IVF pregnancies by the year 2020. Speaking on this momentous occasion, Dr. Vijaypat Singhania, Chairman JK Trust said; "JK BovaGenix is committed to bring in a revolution in producing genetically superior cattle breeds at a rapid pace, thereby enhancing the milk yield in a short period of time. This is the second initiative undertaken by JK Trust. The first initiative - "Cattle and Buffalo Breed Improvement Programme" has

sufficient milk to the villagers, not only for sale but also for household consumption." Further elaborating on this scientific breakthrough, Dr. Shyam Zawar, Chief Scientist- JK BovaGenix & CEO - JK Trust said, "The success of our clinical trials marks a milestone that signifies the beginning of the transformation of cattle scenario in India. Taking forward the government's initiative of Rashtriya Gokul Mission, talks of JK BovaGenix are

## Swami Vivekananda: The four Yogas to the path of enlightenment on his birthday

**New Delhi(KCN):** Swami vivekananda tectahings, swami vivekananda quotes, swami vivekananda life, swami vivekananda childhood, swami vivekananda four books of yoga, swami vivekananda ramakrishna, swami vivekananda ramakrishna mission Swami Vivekananda spelled out the four pathways of attaining moksha in his books — Raja-yoga, Karma-yoga, Jnana-yoga and Bhakti-yoga. (Photo: Wikimedia Commons)

Swami Vivekananda has influenced young minds to walk on the path of enlightenment for more than a centennial. Stretching his wings of spirituality out to the world, he started a revolution which still resonates among millions of his followers. Born on January 12, 1863, Vivekananda's teachings continues to be a powerhouse of knowledge.

From a young age, he took delight in various subjects, including religion, philosophy, art, literature and social sciences. He was also drawn towards the sacred books of the Hindu religion. Bewitched in the charm of the wandering monks, he started meditating before the idols of Lord Shiva, Lord Rama and Mahavir Hanuman.

Curiosity in his eyes and the desire to get closer to the supreme power, he once asked his Guru, Sri Ramakrishna, "Have you seen God?" Without any qualms, his master replied, "Yes, I have. I see Him as clearly as I see you, only in a much intenser sense."

The pain of the loss of his dear ones gave him the sense of an inner awakening and he founded the Ramakrishna Mission and extended his knowledge to the West. Even after his death on July 4, 1902, his words of wisdom echo through the walls of the spiritual world — "Each soul is potentially divine. The goal is to manifest this Divinity within by controlling nature, ex-

ternal and internal. Do this either by work, or worship, or mental discipline, or philosophy—by one, or more, or all of these—and be free."

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follow the path of reason. Teaching the process of meditation and concentration, it tells you to confront the restlessness of the mind and uproot it.

Jnana-yoga is the path of knowledge.



Bhagavad Gita

Swami Vivekananda spelt out the four pathways of attaining moksha from the worldly pleasure and attachment in his books — Raja-yoga, Karma-yoga, Jnana-yoga and Bhakti-yoga.

Karma-yoga, or the yoga of selfless action tells that through the correct actions, the 'troublemaker' ego can turn into the 'troubleshooter' ego. It says that even if you do not believe in God, just focus on your work with utmost honesty, dedication and power of your mind. Be non-attached and keep working for work's sake. Instead of worrying about the results, leave the fruits of your work to the Lord.

Bhakti-yoga is the process of inner purification. Love is the vital element for all human beings, it teaches. Love is pure and cosmic, but ego pollutes it and gives out negative elements like lust, greed, jealousy and anger. God is the only one who truly loves us. Pour holy thoughts into the mind with prayer, chant holy words, study holy books and keep the holy company close to your heart.

Raja-yoga seeks to attain the divine by igniting the flame of knowledge of the self within. Most seekers do not have the patience and perseverance to follow this path for the sacrifices that it calls for. Raja-yoga dispels that the mind is perverted to

Weeding out the darkness of ignorance through the light of knowledge, it brings the 'fire' and 'light' alive by burning all the impurities of the mind. The mind does not give up its attachment to worldly pleasures unless it has tasted something greater and higher. Self-knowledge, according to jnana-yoga, is true liberation.

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On his 154th birth anniversary, read some of his most inspirational quotes:

\* "Take up one idea. Make that one idea your life; dream of it; think of it; live on that idea. Let the brain, the body, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success, and this is the way great spiritual giants are produced."

\* "Arise! Awake! And stop not until the goal is reached."

\* "Where can we go to find God if we cannot see Him in our own hearts and in every living being?"

\* "All the powers in the universe are already ours. It is we who have put our hands before our eyes and cry that it is dark."

\* "Ask nothing; want nothing in return. Give what you have to give; it will come back to you, but do not think of that now."

## Stars rush rural zones

**Bhubaneswar(KCN):** The people in rural areas of Odisha would get an opportunity to have glimpse of their favourite film stars in their villages, thanks to the political parties.

This opportunity has been provided by the three-tire panchayat elections, the polling for which will be held in five phases from February 13.

The popular film stars like Mihir Mohanty, Siddhant Mohapatra, Anubhav Mohanty, Arindam Ray, Sritam Das, Pinki Pradhan will be visiting villages to campaign for their respective candidates in the ruling BJD and the opposition BJP.

However, some prominent politicians like Chief Minister

Naveen Patnaik, veteran Ministers Jual Oram,



Damodar Rout, Union Dharmendra Pradhan

and others will also campaign for their candidates.

All political parties need to submit the list of campaigners to the State Election Commission before campaigning begins.

BJD has finalised a list of its celebrities who will be involved in the election rallies and campaigning for upcoming panchayat elections.

The list contains names of 30 politicians and 10 celebrities including filmstar turned MP Siddhant Mohapatra, Anubhav Mohanty, Prashant Nanda, Akash Das Nayak and Munna Khan.

Other stars who will appear in the BJD rallies included popular Odia film actor Arindam

Ray, veteran actor Mihir Das, Kuna Tripathy, Satwaki Mishra and singer Trupti Das, BJD leaders said.

However, BJD President dropped comedian Pappu Pom Pom from the list after his name appeared in several controversies.

Similarly, the BJP campaigner list contains names of President Basant Panda, BJP Legislature Party leader K V Singh Deo and cine stars Pinki Pradhan and Sritam Das.

Both parties have included 40 names each in their star campaigners list that features veteran politicians, movie stars and young leaders.

They will tour across the state to promote for their party candidates in the poll fray.

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Great time to experiment with roles: Tamannaah

In her decade-long career, actress Tamannaah Bhatia has been part of films that have been largely categorised as commercial. While she has no qualms about being part of such films, she says she has reached a pointed in her career where she'd like to experiment with interesting roles. Having recently announced that she will be reprising Kangana Ranaut's role in the Tamil remake of Queen, she has pleasantly surprised everybody by signing Pellichoopulu remake. "It's a great time to experiment with interesting roles. At the same time, I also want to be part of commercial films and strike a perfect balance," she told City Express. Contrary to the popular belief that commercial films are those that are herocentric, Tamannaah



believes even films like Queen and Pellichoopulu are extremely commercial. "In my opinion, commercial films are those that are watched by the masses. Although made on a shoe-string budget Pellichoopulu earned around `26

crore because it was watched by a lot of people. Nobody knew about Queen when it had released but it slowly picked up momentum and people started thronging to cinemas to watch it. I watched Queen in the 8th week. If this is not

commercial, then I don't know what is," she said. Thrilled about Pellichoopulu remake, she is really looking forward to work with Gautham Vasudev Menon. "Gautham is producing the film. When he had approached me

with the offer, I hadn't watched Pellichoopulu yet but heard great things about the film. When I finally watched it, I instantly liked it and decided to be part of the film. It's a lovely new-age romance with a very strong female protagonist. Gautham

is known for portraying women in his film strongly and I was certain that nobody understands the genre really well like him. The film will be directed by Senthil Veerasaamy, an erstwhile assistant of Gautham, and it's slated to go on floors soon.

Iulia Vantur all set to go live?

Tif sources are to be believed 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.

'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.



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.

# Factory output grows 5.7% in November, shrugs off slowdown fears

New Delhi (KCN): was feared that cash compared to a decline in As per use-



Belying fears of a slowdown due to demonetisation, industrial production in November grew by 5.7 per cent compared to a contraction of 3.4 per cent in the same month a year ago. Factory output measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) got a push in November 2016 due to better performance of manufacturing, mining and electricity sectors coupled with larger offtake of capital goods, considered a barometer of investment.

Following demonetisation of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 notes announced on November 8, 2016, it

crunch will hit all sectors.

According to data released by the Central Statistics Office today, IIP for the month of October last year was revised slightly upwards to a contraction of 1.8 per cent from provisional estimates of (-) 1.9 per cent released last month.

As per the data, IIP growth during April-November period this fiscal remained almost flat at 0.4 per cent compared to 3.8 per cent a year ago.

Manufacturing sector, which constitutes over 75 per cent of the index, grew at 5.5 per cent in November com-

pared to a decline in output by 4.6 per cent earlier.

However, during the April-November period the sector recorded a contraction of 0.3 per cent compared to a growth of 3.9 per cent.

Similarly, electricity generation grew at 8.9 per cent in November compared to a meagre 0.7 per cent a year ago. Mining output grew 3.9 per cent in November compared to 1.7 per cent same month a year ago.

Capital goods production increased by 15 per cent in November compared to a decline in production by 24.4 per cent earlier.

based classification, growth rates in November 2016 over November 2015 are 4.7 per cent in basic goods and 2.7 per cent in intermediate goods.

Consumer durables and consumer non-durables recorded growth of 9.8 per cent and 2.9 per cent respectively, with the overall growth in consumer goods being 5.6 per cent.

In terms of industries, 16 out of 22 industry groups in the manufacturing sector have shown growth during the month of November 2016 as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

# Volkswagen faces reforms, oversight for 3 yrs under US settlement

Washington (KCN): Volkswagen AG, as part of a \$4.3 billion settlement with US regulators, product development and certification and testing and monitoring into different organizations. The in-



US regulators said the reforms, which come after President-elect Donald Trump criticized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for over-regulating US industries, were an example of why vigorous environmental enforcement was needed. "There are some structural changes that we are requiring so there is less ability for these types of things to happen," EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy told reporters on Wednesday.

VW will separate the jobs of

dependent monitor will have access to Volkswagen documents and assess the efforts of VW's board of management and senior management to comply with environmental laws. The monitor will file at least two follow-up reports with the Justice Department and conduct onsite interviews in Germany, the United States and potentially elsewhere with VW employees.

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plead guilty to three felonies and be on probation for three

years. In addition to oversight by an independent monitor, the company will also face separate annual

environmental management systems audits over the next three years. VW said in a statement Wednesday that its emission tests are now evaluated externally and independently. Over the next three years, VW must test all of its US vehicles using portable emissions measurement system testing—a method designed to capture real world emissions and deter cheating. It must also provide new protections for whistleblowers.

Many of the required reforms—including those for whistleblowers—have been adopted recently by VW globally. The company's Porsche unit will face separate audits and vehicle testing requirements. McCarthy said the actions were needed to "level the playing field for all the responsible companies who always do the right thing." "Markets like this don't manage or police themselves," she said. VW must within three months create a group steering committee for monitoring and complying with US vehicle emissions laws and add new environmental protection provisions to its employee code of conduct. VW faces fines of up to \$50,000 a day if it fails to comply with some requirements—and up to a \$1 million penalty if they make false statements to regulators.

# TCS appoints Rajesh Gopinathan as MD, CEO

Mumbai (KCN): Country's largest IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) today named Rajesh Gopinathan as its new MD and CEO, after N Chandrasekaran elevated as Chairman of Tata Sons—the group's holding company.

TCS also appointed N Ganapathy Subramaniam as President and Chief Operating Officer.

"Mr Gopinathan takes over from Mr N Chandrasekaran who has been appointed as the Chairman of Tata Sons Ltd, effective February 21, 2017," TCS said in a statement.

Subramaniam, who is currently President (TCS Financial Solutions) has also been ap-

pointed as a director on the board of TCS, it added.

"TCS' core strength is its strong leadership talent that is collaborative and aspirational. I have been privileged to lead this company of great professionals over the last seven years. I am absolutely delighted that the board has chosen both Rajesh and NGS to lead this company into the future," Chandrasekaran said.

Previously serving as the Chief Financial Officer at TCS, Gopinathan has been with TCS since 2001. He was appointed as CFO in February 2013. He has also worked with Tata Industries.

He has played a key role in helping TCS becoming a

USD 16.5 billion global company with over 371,000 employees.

An electrical and electronic engineer from REC Trichy (now NIT, Trichy), he graduated in 1994, before pursuing his Post-Graduate Diploma in Management from IIM, Ahmedabad.

On his appointment, Gopinathan said: "It is definitely big shoes to fill. With continuous guidance from Chandra and the support of the TCS team, I am confident of continuing this great journey that TCS is on".

Subramaniam, or NGS as he is called, has been part of TCS and the Indian IT Industry for the past 34 years.

# Inflation eases to 3.41 per cent in December, industrial output up by 5.7 per cent

New Delhi (KCN): Inflation, inflation Thursday. Economists had lower than a revised 2.03 percent in No-



down, inflation news, industrial output, india inflation, consumer price inflation Food inflation was 1.37 per cent last month, lower than a revised 2.03 percent

sumer price inflation eased to 3.41 percent in December, its lowest level in more than two years, helped by a sharp cooling in food prices, government data showed on

expected annual retail inflation to come in at 3.57 percent last month, compared with 3.63 percent in November. Food inflation was 1.37 per cent last month,

Meanwhile, the industrial production grew by 5.7 per cent in November against contraction of 3.4 per cent same month last year.

# Ajinkya Rahane blasts 91, Rishabh Pant sizzles as India 'A' beat England by six wickets

**Mumbai (KCN):** Flavour of the season Rishabh Pant sizzled in his first ever match for India A and his

stand with Rahane. Senior pro Suresh Raina did the finisher's job with a 45 off 34 balls.

It was Deepak Hooda (23) and Ishan Kishan(5) at the crease.

Earlier, opting to

ODIs and T20s along with IPL was demoted to No 3 but it did not dampen his spirits.

same position after adding 78 runs in 8.4 overs for the 2nd wicket with Rahane who watched

ing rate and pushed the total very close to the 200 mark were enough to put the home team in sight of overhauling their rivals' score.

After Rahane's dismissal when he played on in trying to clip Willey, Raina and Deepak Hooda took the total past the 260-mark when the left-hander was caught in the deep off Ball.

Earlier, choosing to bat first on winning the toss, England sailed along merrily and were 116 for one when they started losing wickets in bunches mainly against the home team spinners to be left struggling at 165 for six three overs past the halfway mark of their allotted quota.

Openers Jason Roy (25) and Alex Hales (51) got the visitors off to another good start of 42 and

then the latter and one-down batsman Jonny Bairstow (64) took the score past the 100-mark before the slump began.

In 12 movers, England squandered five wickets – including that of captain Eoin Morgan for a duck, his second successive flop in two games.

Only Ben Stokes stood solid among the middle order in making 38 and he and Chris Woakes (16) took the score close to 200 before another in another slide England lost three more wickets before the 40th over with only 211 on the board.

The last wicket partnership of 71 in just under ten overs between Adil Rashid (39) and left handed David Willey, who remained unbeaten on 38 and struck the only two sixes of the entire innings, helped England advance to a

competitive score in the end.

In spite of the last wicket pair's half century stand the England innings ended with seven balls remaining. For the hosts, off-spinner Parvez Rasool was the most successful bowler with figures of 3 for 38 off 10 overs, while left-arm slow bowler Shahbaz Nadeem picked up a brace along with medium pacers Ashok Dinda, who took his wickets in two balls in two separate overs, and left arm Pradeep Sangwan got one.

Sangwan's wickets included that of Roy who was hit wicket when a part of his helmet fell on the stumps to disturb the bails as we went for a pull shot off a short ball.

Siddharth Kaul picked up 1 for 31 while Vinay Kumar ended up without a wicket to his name.



smashing 59 off only 36 balls overshadowed senior pro Ajinkya Rahane's compact 91 as a new-look India A side cruised to a six-wicket victory over England in the second warm-up game.

Chasing a target of 283, India A knocked off the runs in 39.4 overs. Sheldon Jackson 59 off 56 balls also did his bit adding 119 runs for the opening

However it was Pant, whose performance was awaited and he didn't disappoint the CCI crowd as he hit eight fours and two huge sixes.

Such was his dominance that his contribution was 59 out of the 78 runs in only 8.4 overs that he added for the second wicket with Rahane. Rahane also showed no signs of rustiness hitting 10 fours and a six in 83 balls.

bat first the England innings was nurtured in the main by half centuries from opener Alex Hales (51) and Jonny Bairstow (64) before it got into the mire against the home side's spin attack. They were finally revived by the last wicket pair of Adil Rashid and David Willey who put on 71 runs.

Strangely Pant, who is a regular opener for Delhi in

The left-handed Pant, who slammed pacer Jake Ball for two fours and a short-arm pulled six in three successive balls, raced to his half century in just 32 balls before impetuosity cost him his wicket. In trying to cart leggie Adil Rashid, who he had hoisted over long on for his second six off his previous delivery, the upcoming Delhi lad was caught at the

the youngster blast his way from the other end.

These first two partnerships that came at a rate above the ask-

## Short format here to stay, feels Saina Nehwal

**BENGALURU (KCN):** Sport in India is increasingly turning towards games that are shorter, faster, and of course, glamorous. Be it cricket, hockey, kabaddi or badminton, they are bringing crowds in. The ongoing Premier Badminton League 2 seems to have done its bit to pull in the people, and there are talks that the Badminton World Federation (BWF) might even experiment with this format. The BWF has tried switching between 21 and 15 points in the past. But the 11-point format could very well be the future. The 21-point format can throw up some long rallies that require a lot of skill, while the 11-point format is the slam-bang version.

London Olympics bronze medalist Saina Nehwal feels the latter could work well, but should not be adopted by the BWF before exten-

sive testing. "It's a tough format. If someone takes six points, then it's going to be tough to catch up. In this format, you're going to miss rallies that you see in the longer one. But for a team event like the PBL, it's fine because it goes on for a long time," she said.

Badminton players are used to the 21-point format, and it will take time to adjust, she feels. "It's all smash and grab. It takes a little time to adjust to the shorter format. But I don't mind playing it in other tournaments. It's just that the rallies will go away and it'll not be much fun to view matches. Such a format might even have a feel of a doubles game."

For badminton to gain popularity around the world, the BWF may have to improvise and possibly adapt, or at least try, the new format. Saina, however, has a word of caution. "The

BWF knows the importance of both the formats. They'll not take a decision without giving it proper thought," she stated.

"They'll have to check it in Super Series competitions. It's not that you can trial it in Grand Prix Gold events but use it during Super Series ones. You also have to consult players, and if they object to such a format, then things will not change. Maybe they can try it at a couple of tournaments and see how it goes," stated the Bengaluru-based shuttler.

But the 26-year-old is very much open to the idea of having matches in both formats. "That's better than changing everything to 11 points, because it'll not be so good to watch," she stated. Having more leagues, the Hisar-born athlete feels, will take players away from Super Series tournaments,

unless prize money is increased in the latter. "The leagues pay more than Super Series. So, why not? If something like this happens twice a year, players will play the league and not the latter. I hope they increase the prize money in Super Series as well, because if you compare it with tennis, it's nothing," felt Saina.

Chennai Smashers win A superb show by PV Sindhu in the women's singles tie saw Chennai Smashers post a 4-3 victory over Mumbai Rockets in their PBL 2 match here on Tuesday. Results: Chennai Smashers bt Mumbai Rockets 4-3 (P Kashyap lost to HS Prannoy 9-11, 11-13; Chris Adcock/Gabrielle Adcock bt Chirag Shetty/Nadiezda Zieba 9-11, 11-2, 11-7; Tommy Sugiarto bt Ajay Jayaram 8-11, 11-2, 11-5; PV Sindhu bt Sung Ji Hyun 11-8, 12-10).

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