

Seafood export target 20K CR

Plea for hoping flights



Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Odisha has aimed to increase its sea food exports to Rs.20,000 crores from the State per annum in the next five years.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said while inaugurating the workshop on 'Seafood Export: Prospects and Challenges' at Jaydev Bhawan here.

Minister Agriculture, Fisheries and ARD, Pradeep Maharathy, State Skill Development Authority Chairman Subrato Baghchi and senior Lawmakers graced the occasion.

Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi, Secretary Fisheries and ARD Bishnupada Sethi and other senior officials were present.

Organised by the Fisheries and Animal Resource Department (FARD), the workshop focused on the rapidly growing fisheries sector in the state and huge scope for sea food export.

According to the deliberations in the workshop, Odisha's economy continues to be on a high growth trajectory and the scope for increasing sea food exports from the State appears to be very bright in the coming years.

A total of 34,767 MT marine products worth Rs.2069 crore was exported from the State in 2014-15 – which is a growth of 450% over export of Rs.379 crore in 2000-01.

The FARD Department has a vision to increase the exports to Rs.20,000 crores per annum in the next five years.

Odisha is one of the major maritime states, offering vast scope for development of inland, brackish water and marine fisheries.

The State's 480 km long coastline with 24,000 sq km area within the continental shelf has ample potential for marine fisheries development.

Freshwater resources of the State are estimated to be 6.76 lakh hectares (ha) comprising 1.25 lakh ha of tanks/ponds, 2 lakh ha of reservoirs, 1.80 lakh ha of lakes, swamps and bheels and 1.71 lakh ha of rivers and canals. The State's brackish water resources cover 4.18 lakh ha – 0.79 lakh ha of Chilika Lake, 2.98 lakh ha of estuaries, 32,587 ha of brackish water area and 8,100 ha of backwaters.

The State has 24,031 ha of suitable brackish water government land which can be utilized for L. Vannamei culture.

L. Vannamei has high potential for export and the State Government plans to provide suitable land for brackish water aquaculture to beneficiaries of anti-poverty programmes – persons under BPL category, fishermen by profession or by caste, landless persons, marginal farmers, educated unemployed persons, self-help groups, primary fisheries cooperative societies, women cooperatives – who are eligible for up to 5 ha land.

Partnership farms, technical entrepreneurs, state owned corporations and exporters are entitled up to 10 ha and even more.

The Brackish

Water Land Leasing Principles are in place and there is provision for giving preference to the existing farmers, technically qualified persons and trained as well as experienced persons.

By harnessing the brackish water resources through leasing, the department has plans to enhance shrimp production to 3 lakh MT in next five years.

To cope up with the increased production, infrastructures like ice plant, processing plant, refrigerated transportation vehicle, laboratories, equipment and machineries for culture activities, feed plant, road network, electric connectivity to clusters will be required in addition to road connectivity to shrimp clusters.

The Jagatjore-Banpada Shrimp Culture project has been leased out to a private company for taking up Vannamei culture extensively. This will also help in increasing the export and employment generation.

The department has recently entered into a technical collaboration with WorldFish to adopt best management practices for increasing productivity in the existing water bodies.

The state has a target to double the fish production in the next five years and as the pioneer State in the country, it has already notified Odisha Fisheries Policy, 2015.

To achieve this goal, the State Government is taking steps to induct the required manpower. At least 123 posts of

Assistant Fisheries Officers and 112 posts of Junior Fisheries Technical Assistants have already been filled up.

Chief Minister Mr. Patnaik on Friday launched a new State Plan Scheme, "Livelihood Support to Marine Fishermen During Fishing Ban Periods" at Jaydev Bhawan in Bhubaneswar during a workshop on Seafood Export: Prospects and Challenges'.

To be operational from the financial year 2016-17, the scheme is intended to provide financial assistance to poor marine fishermen and fish workers adversely affected due to ban on account of sea turtle protection and marine fisheries resources conservation. Such assistance is aimed to strengthen the livelihood support of fisherman.

This assistance would be in addition to the support available under the Saving-cum-Relief Scheme of the Central Government, which is quite inadequate.

For the Livelihood Support to Marine Fishermen During Fishing Ban Periods during 2016-17, 2000 most vulnerable BPL families will be selected by the Director of Fisheries in the most transparent manner in the Olive Ridley Turtle Conservation area.

The affected fishermen will each receive an amount of Rs.5000.00 per annum. After assessing the success of the scheme, steps will be taken to extend it for further four years.

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): With country's largest carrier, IndiGo turning Odisha as its favorite destination, demand is growing among the air travelers for increasing connectivity by providing hoping flights to other cities from Bhubaneswar.

IndiGo has not only turned Bhubaneswar airport its one of the bases, it has increased flights to and from Bhubaneswar quite significantly. While Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai are connected with

Bhubaneswar by large number of direct flights of IndiGo, several cities are needed to be connected for the benefit of air passengers, said leading NRO, Chitta Baral. In

a letter to the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, the Professor of Arizona University of US, Prof. Baral has urged to impress upon IndiGo management to start more hoping flights between Bhubaneswar and other cities of the country.

Odisha needs connectivity with Raipur and Ranchi immediately as large number of frequent flyers are going to either Kolkata and Delhi and from there they are catching flights to reach these neighboring cities.

Similar connectivity is also needed for Guwahati. As IndiGo running flights to Kolkata and Guwahati, it has to adjust the flights in a way so that to make it hoping one like

BBI-CCU-GAU.

This will help a lot as a large number of people are moving to Assam for business and other purposes.

Bhubaneswar-Pune needs connectivity and IndiGo can make some arrangements so that its flight to Hyderabad can go to Pune by making BBI-HYD-PNQ flight a hoping one.

Connectivity to Goa can be made by making BBI-HYD-GOI and Kochi by BBI-MAA-COK a hoping one. Bhubaneswar can be connected with Thiruvananthapuram by making BBI-MAA-TRV a hoping one as IndiGo is running flights connecting these cities.

Bhubaneswar needs its connectivity to Ahmadabad and

IndiGo will be able to start a flight Bhubaneswar-Raipur-Ahmadabad (BBI-RPR-AMD).

Similarly, Lucknow and Varanasi can be connected as BBI-DEL has large number of flights of IndiGo.

While there may not be enough traffic to have dedicated direct flights to the above places for to and fro Bhubaneswar, IndiGo should introduce hoping flights to these places, feel Souvagya Mohapatra, Executive Director Mayfair Group of Hotels and Resorts.

Mr. Mohapatra, who is representing FHRAI feels that once these hoping flights are introduced, air traffic will grow for facilitating direct flights to the above cities.



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Raaz Reboot movie review

MUMBAI: The fourth edition of the Raaz series takes us to Romania, specifically Transylvania, just so the caretaker of a large house can intone: yes, this is Dracula country. Instantly, you want to look out for skulking fellows in black robes, empty eyes, and bloody fangs. Instantly, you are all prepared to shiver and shudder. Instead, you shake with laughter that is entirely unintended. Because Rahaan and his pretty wife Shaina, and a shadowy blast from her past Aditya spend all



their time talking thusly: 'kuch toh raaz hai', 'kya raaz hai', 'kahin toh raaz chhupa hai', 'yeh raaz hamein alag kar dega', over and anon, till this purported 'raaz' starts coming out of our ears, but refuses to come in front of our eyes. Meanwhile, there are some moments which are meant to be scary whispers from a drain, blood flowing from objects, painted faces with empty eyeballs. And we are

treated to scenes which look as if they have been 'inspired' from The Exorcist, Paranormal Activity, and many of Bhatts' own previous outings with creatures who scale walls and make animal noises. There's an evil spirit around, declares a 'psychometrist'. A soothsayer goes into hysterics. A priest invokes the name of the lord. But, the one thing that saves the good guys and vanquishes the bad 'un is, drumroll, an ancient 'mantra', and the power of a good wife.

'Biopic doesn't glorify me but shows my journey'

NEW YORK: He wanted the biopic on him to show his journey, the inherent struggles in "decision making processes" rather than "glorify him" and that's precisely what Mahendra Singh Dhoni told film's director Neeraj Pandey during the conceptual phase of 'MS Dhoni-The Untold Story' In the United States along with wife Sakshi and producer Arun Pandey (whose firm manages Dhoni) to promote his film, which is due to release worldwide on September 30, Dhoni spoke about his life and the transformation from a talented small town boy to one of India's most respected captain. "One thing I told Pandey (director Neeraj) is that this movie should not be to glorify me. It's about the journey of a professional sportsperson and that's what it should depict," Dhoni told reporters here during film's promotional event. Being a person who likes to live in the present, it was "difficult" for him to go back into his life and narrate his story to Pandey for the movie. He said the first time he saw the movie, an unedited version, he relived his past again as memories of his childhood, where he lived and how he played

flooded his mind. "All those things that had happened became fresh in my memory from where I lived, how my school was, where we played. I went blank," said Dhoni, who normally does not show much emotions on the field. "It was nice to be in the past for a moment and you get a view of

cricket leagues that are happening. He said Rajput wanted to know Dhoni's thinking and frame of mind when he plays cricket. "It was difficult because there are a lot of things can't tell him because I'm still playing active cricket and captaining the (limited overs) team," he said. Dhoni said that a



what others think about me. I have never talked to my parents about cricket and it was nice to get a glimpse of what they really thought about me," he said. When asked if he was worried about how the world will perceive him as a human being and cricketer after seeing the movie, he replied in the negative. Dhoni described film's hero Sushant Singh Rajput as a "fantastic actor", who has worked very hard for the film and is now one of the better cricketers in all the celebrities

combination of proper infrastructure and guidance along with passion can help India in becoming a "sporting nation". "What we have seen is that sports is definitely developing in India. I can see a lot of positive things happening in India. It may take a bit more time but with proper guidance and people having passion for sports, I don't think we are far away from becoming a good sporting nation," Dhoni said. He stressed that there are no short-term results in sports and a nation will have to make

sustained investments in developing infrastructure and providing an enabling environment for sports if it has to get more medals in Olympics and perform well in world tournaments. "After one Olympics, if we invest in sports and say we will get a gold medal in the next Olympic, it doesn't work like that in sports. How it works is that you provide the infrastructure, provide education about nutrition and health." "Once the athletes have all these things at their disposal over a period of time, the nation will develop as a sporting nation. That is very crucial," he said. Dhoni said merely ploughing money into sports does not translate into medals for the country and investment is needed over a period of time in the form of parents and schools encouraging children to take up sports. "I think it is very important for parents and schools to push (their children) for sports and promote sports. That is how you will bring medals when it comes to games such as the Olympics. Money doesn't directly get you medals. (Sports) cannot be result oriented alone, you have to work over a period of time and educate people," he concluded.

Priyanka Chopra one of the highest paid TV actresses



With 'Quantico', actress Priyanka Chopra has been scaling new heights. A knockout in the West, she has made it to the top of the Forbes list as one of the highest paid TV actresses in the world. As per the magazine, her earnings from June 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016 have been close to \$11.125 million. What adds to this is the current TV era in the West being termed as Golden Age. Reacting to this, a daily quoted Priyanka. "It feels amazing to be recognised for the work that I am doing. I'm grateful for the acknowledgement." Others on the list comprise 'Modern Family' actress Sofia Vergara, Kaley Cuoco - Penny from 'The Big Bang Theory' among others. Interestingly, it's not just her screen time that is being taken into consideration. Her brand endorsements, particularly one with a juice brand, are also taken into account.

Romance takes centre stage at 'Tum Bin 2' teaser launch

MUMBAI: After a long gap of 15 years, producers Bhushan Kumar and Anubhav Sinha are back with their romantic hit, the 'Tum Bin' franchise. The movie holds a special place in their heart because with this, they had debuted as producer and director respectively. At the teaser launch of 'Tum Bin 2', the bonhomie exuded by the duo was unmistakable. It was an emotional moment as it brought back many memories for them. Neha Sharma, Aditya Seal and Aashim Gulati, who play



the lead in the romantic drama that releases on November 18, posed for the shutterbugs, while Krishan Kumar cheered them on. Interestingly, the hit song from 'Tum Bin' 'Koi Fariyaad', sung by late Jagjit Singh has been recreated in 'Tum Bin 2' as a duet. The producers have used the renowned gazal singer's voice by digitally mixing it along with Rekha Bhardwaj's vocals to create this song, which has stuck a chord with the online community already.

Envy most common personality trait among humans: Study

Envy is the most common basic personality trait shaping human behaviour — and is found among almost one-third of the human population, an interesting study has found. The study on human behaviour found that 90 per cent of the human population can be divided into four main basic personality traits — optimistic, pessimistic, trusting and envious. In the study, the researchers from Universidad de

Zaragoza in Spain analysed the responses of 541 volunteers to hundreds of social dilemmas. Participants were put into pairs and given options that either led to collaboration or conflict with others. Based on the results, the researchers developed a computer programme to classify people according to their behaviour. The largest proportion of people (30 per cent) turned out to be "envious". They did not mind what they achieved as

long as they were better than everyone else. While the optimists (20 per cent) believed that

simists (20 per cent) selected options which they saw as the lesser of two evils. The trusting

did not mind if they win or lose. There is a fifth, undefined group, representing 10 per cent, which the algorithm is unable to classify in relation to a clear type of behaviour, the researchers said. The researchers argue that this allows them to infer the existence of a wide range of subgroups made up of individuals who do not respond in a determined way to any of the outlined models. "The results go against theories which states that humans act

purely rationally for example, and, therefore, they should be taken into consideration in redesigning social and economic policies, as well as those involved in cooperation," said Yamir Moreno from the Universidad de Zaragoza. "These types of studies are important because they improve existing theories on human behaviour by giving them an experimental base," Moreno concluded in the study published in the journal Science Advances.



they and their partner will make the best choice for both of them, the pes-

group (20 per cent) were born collaborators who always cooperated and

Frooti, Maaza soon to face competition

NEW DELHI: Pulse candy, which disrupted the domestic confectionery market and wooed consumers with its fruity taste peaking in a tangy burst, has another surprise up its sleeve. Noida-based DS Group, the maker of Catch, Pass Pass and Pulse candy, is now planning to take on brands such as Frooti, Maaza and Slice with a ready-to-drink mango beverage called Pulse Mango, Masala Maar Ke. The drink, a brand extension of Pulse candy, priced at Rs 15 for a 250 ml PET bottle, is being test marketed in Delhi NCR, said Shashank Surana, senior VP (new product development) at DS Group. "The test marketing activity is being supported by sampling and displays and the initial consumer feedback is very encouraging," he said. Compared with the Rs 14,500-crore Indian soft drink market, the juice category is valued at about Rs 5,000 crore with a year-on-year growth rate of around 15%. It includes beverages such as Maaza by Coca-Cola, Frooti by Parle Agro, Slice and Nimbooz by PepsiCo and Paper Boat Aam Panna of Hector Beverages. Interestingly, mango dominates with

about 80% share of the market. The Rs 7,700-crore DS Group conglomerate, with interests in tobacco, F&B and agro forestry, had enjoyed several successful brand extensions earlier. The 'Catch' brand - under which it launched table-top salt and pepper dispensers in 1987 - went on to sell flavoured water, soda and ginger ale later. Its mouth freshener brand 'Pass Pass' was repositioned in 2012 to sell a wider portfolio of confectionery products such as chewing gums and mints. "Extending a successful brand offers higher odds of success than building a new brand," said Joydeep Bhattacharya, partner, Bain & Company. "In India, global brands such as Axe, Dove (in personal care) and Maggi (in foods) have extended to related categories, Park Avenue has extended to deos, soaps shampoos from apparel." As reported by TOI in April, Pulse candy had reached Rs 100 crore within eight months of its launch, equalling the record of Coke Zero, Coca-Cola's diet drink. Maaza leads the Mango category, with Slice and Frooti holding the second and third position, revealed data from Euromonitor.

Rs 20 lakh annual turnover threshold for GST exemption

NEW DELHI: With the ambitious deadline for roll-out of the Goods and Services Tax creeping near, the newly formulated GST Council on Friday agreed on and fixed the annual turnover limit for exemption of the tax at Rs 20 lakh. The limit effectively removes most small businesses from the purview of the tax.

The Council also resolved that all cesses will be subsumed in the GST. However, the draft rules on granting exemptions will be finalised on September 30, while the GST rate and tax slabs would be decided at its three-day meeting beginning October 17. According to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, who spoke after the meeting, the Council has decided that state authorities will have jurisdiction over assesseees with annual turnover of less than Rs 1.5 crore.

"Above Rs 1.5 crore is concerned,

there will be some dual control, and cross empowerment of the officers of Centre and state," Jaitley said. "Which assessee is assessed by whom will be decided on the basis of a formulation mainly the risk assessment by the Centre and state, and which of two authorities has a higher risk assessment will assess it. How the control will change officers will assess it," he added.

The meeting also agreed upon the power for assessment of 11 lakh service tax assesseees, who are currently assessed by Centre. These will remain with it. New assesseees will be divided between the Centre and states.

"The annual exemption threshold for levy of GST would be Rs 20 lakh, it would be Rs 10 lakh in the north-eastern and hill states," said Jaitley, adding, "All items including cess would be included in GST."

The Council is also working on a compensation law and draft compensation formula, a presentation for which will be given by officials at the next meeting on September 30.

"All decisions today by the GST Council were taken on the basis of consensus," Jaitley said and added that the general consensus at the meeting was that the compensation to be paid to states for loss of revenue will be at regular intervals - either quarterly or bi-monthly, with the base year for calculation taken as 2015-16. "We have taken 3-4 suggestions that have come in, and officers meanwhile will discuss this and therefore in the future which of the various options is the best option," Jaitley pointed out. Meanwhile, Revenue Secretary Hashmukh Adhia said that only 5 per cent of cases will be audited under the GST regime.

Google launches 'Allo' messaging app

NEW DELHI: Google has launched its messaging app 'Allo', which would compete with the likes of WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger. Available for both Android and iOS plat-

Allo, a messaging app that helps you keep your conversation going, by providing assistance when you need it," Google Group Product Manager Amit Fulay

this year. Duo, which competes with video calling platform Skype, was launched last month. With the smart reply feature, users will be able to respond to messages with just a tap. For example, one can send a quick "yup" in response to a friend asking "Are you on your way?" Smart Reply will also suggest responses for photos sent on Google Allo. It will learn from behaviour pattern and adjust the responses over time to that of the user. All chats in Google Allo are encrypted using industry standard technologies like Transport Layer Security (TLS), it said. There would also be an incognito mode, similar to that on Google's Chrome browser. The messages, on this mode, would have end-to-end encryption and additional privacy features such as discreet notifications and message expiration.



forms, Allo will also mark the debut of Google Assistant in a preview edition. "Whether it is planning a night out or just catching up, we rely on messaging to stay in touch with friends and family every day. But too often we have to hit pause on our conversation whether it is to check the status of a flight or look up that new restaurant. So we created

said. Powered with artificial intelligence, Allo packs in features including smart reply, options for sharing photos, e-mojis and stickers. For Indian users, Google has enabled smart replies in 'Hinglish' It will also roll out over 200 stickers created by popular independent artists aimed at Indian users. Google had announced Duo and Allo at its I/O event in May

BPCL plans to list Bina refinery JV in FY18

NEW DELHI: State-run Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) plans an initial public offering (IPO) for its Bina refinery joint venture (JV) company in the next financial year, top company official said. The company also plans to start full operations of its expanded Kochi refinery project in the fourth quarter of the current financial year. "We are looking for a public issue for Bina somewhere next year. Bina reported profits last year and in the first quarter," said S Vardarajan, chairman

and managing director, BPCL on Wednesday. Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd (BORL) is a JV company of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Oman Oil Company (OOC). BORL owns and operates the six-million-tonne capacity Bina refinery. On the equity structure for the planned public offer for the Bina JV, a top BPCL official said, OVS intends to remain invested in the project and will not exit through the public offer. The company also plans to expand Bina's current 6-mt capacity

to 7.8 mt in the first phase. "OOC has shown reluctance to fund the expansion. We have our internal approvals for putting the full funding as far as this part of the funding is concerned," Vardarajan said. In the second phase of expansion, BPCL looks to increase the capacity to 15 mt. For both phases, it plans to invest Rs 18,000 crore. Overall, BPCL plans to invest Rs 1 lakh crore over the next five years. Of the plan capex, about Rs 50,000 to Rs 55,000 crore is to be spent on its refining ca-

capacity alone. The planned expansion at its Kochi refinery, the company said, will be complete and operational by the March quarter of the current financial year. The company is expanding its refining capacity at the Kochi Refinery from the existing 9.5 MTPA to 15.5 MTPA for an investment of Rs 16,000 crore. BPCL is also in the process to revise the capex expenditure planned for its Mozambique block to factor in the change in product and service costs. "The capex is

being revised as service costs have come down, would be premature to put a range," Vardarajan said. The company in the next five years plans to spend around Rs 20,000 crore in its upstream projects including the Mozambique block. "A final decision on the planned investment in the Mozambique block will be taken early next year," Vardarajan said. BPCL holds a 10% stake in the Mozambique block through its subsidiary Bharat Petro Resources Limited (BPRL).

MUMBAI: In the largest foreign direct investment in the country since the Narendra Modi-led BJP government was voted in in 2014, Vodafone Plc, Europe's biggest mobile service provider, has infused \$7.5 billion (Rs 47,700 crore) in its Indian arm, giving the company more ammunition to defend its turf in the world's second largest telecom mar-

ket, the company's India management merely said that it "continues to prepare" for a potential listing. Analysts said that Vodafone has pushed the timeline further into the future on concerns over the local arm's valuations in the wake of Reliance Jio's disruptive pricing and its impact on the industry's business model. And so, the parent has injected funds in the interim period, they added. Already, telecom stocks including Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular, the No. 3 player, have taken a beating after Reliance Jio's entry. Vodafone Plc entered the country in 2007 by acquiring a 67% stake in Hutchison

Essar for \$10.9 billion and the latest fund infusion is its second biggest investment in India, which today is its third largest revenue generating market globally. So far, it has invested about Rs 1.15 lakh crore in India. Vodafone India, said Sood, also plans to use the money it recently received from its parent to retire high-cost debt, which currently stands at Rs 34,500 crore and improve its quality of service.



ket where competition has intensified with the entry of Reliance Jio. Vodafone India, the No. 2 player with 200 million subscribers behind Airtel, will use the funds to ramp up its network and participate in the radio airwaves auction. The announcement came eight days ahead of the the biggest-ever spectrum auction and 17 days after the launch of Reliance Jio. "This equity infusion will be used for right-sizing our spec-

Vodafone India is expected to be the most aggressive bidder at the ensuing spectrum auction with analysts predicting that it could spend as much as Rs 16,300 crore on buying airwaves. The new telecom war and the fresh equity injection in Vodafone India has raised speculation that the Newbury, England-based parent may delay taking its local arm public. Declining to give a timeline for its debut in the primary mar-

Market hovers near the flat line

MUMBAI: Key benchmark indices hovered near the flat line in morning trade. At 10:15 IST, the barometer index, the S&P BSE Sensex, was down 15.23 points or 0.05% at 28,757.90. The Nifty 50 index was currently down 6.95 points or 0.08% at 8,860.50. The Sensex lost 58.20 points or 0.2% at the day's low of 28,714.93 at the onset of trading session. The barometer index rose 51.96 points or 0.18% at the day's high of 28,825.09 in early trade. The Nifty lost 20.05 points or 0.22% at the day's low of 8,847.40 at the onset of trading session. The index rose 17.75 points or

0.2% at the day's high of 8,885.20 in early trade. Majesco rose 2.97% at Rs 484 after the company announced that it has entered into an



agreement with Glemham, a UK based managing general agent, to create a new cloud based bureau processing business using Majesco CloudInsurer to reduce the cost of transacting

General Insurance in the UK market. Majesco CloudInsurer platform will be used to initially provide commercial lines insurance to both the

broker and the small medium enterprise (SME) markets. Based on the Majesco CloudInsurer platform, the business will deliver Net Rated products to all distribution channels,

supporting full cycle processing across the Internet. Capacity is being provided by a number of different underwriters. Processing expense ratio in the business is expected to be around 5% versus the typical 14%-18% seen across the market. The announcement was made after market hours yesterday, 22 September 2016. Meanwhile, the government yesterday, 22 September 2016, named three outside experts as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the names of Chetan Ghate,

a professor at Indian Statistical Institute; Pami Dua, director at Delhi School of Economics (DSE); and Ravindra Dholakia, professor at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, as MPC members. The six-member MPC the other three members are from RBI will conduct its first monetary policy review on 4 October 2016. The members of the committee from RBI are Governor Urjit Patel, deputy governor R. Gandhi, who is also in charge of the monetary policy, and executive director Michael Patra. The RBI governor will have a casting vote in case of a tie.

We'll continue to play aggressive cricket in ODIs: Rahane

DHARAMSALA (KCN): "Aggressive intent" was the key behind India's overwhelming success against New Zealand in the Test series and the hosts aim to continue playing the same brand of cricket in the upcoming five-match ODI series, middle-order batsman Ajinkya Rahane said in Dharamsala on Friday.

India white-washed New Zealand 3-0 in the just-concluded Test series to claim the numero uno position in the ICC Test rankings and Rahane credits the success to aggressive intent.

"I think discipline will be the key. The kind of cricket we played in the Test series, our intent was aggressive all the time. So here again our intent will be aggressive, play inten-

sive cricket and play key in deciding the to start fresh here. eter to make adjust-



to our strength rather than focusing on opponent's strengths and weaknesses," Rahane told reporters at the HPCA stadium.

He also said that gaining the momentum early on will be

fate of the five-match series, which starts with the first ODI here on Sunday.

"I am really looking forward to the One-Day series, especially after the Test series. But again it is important

Momentum will be the key. Winning the first match will be very important to be in that momentum," said the Mumbaier, who is the vice-captain of the Test side.

Asked how difficult it is for a crick-

ments from one format to the other in a short span of time, Rahane said: "I believe its completely mental adjustment because as a professional cricketer it is important for us to adjust to any format.

"It is important how we adjust mentally. Getting used to the conditions will be a big factor and we are actually experienced in that. So we don't think too much about the change in formats. It's all about how you deal with certain situations and factors. Mental adjustment will be key in ODIs," he said.

India have rested three senior cricketers in Ravichandran Ashwin, Mohammad Shami and Ravindra Jadeja from the series, keeping in mind the long season ahead.

With an aim to broaden the bench strength, the new selection committee, headed by MSK Prasad, have included a few youngsters — Jayant Yadav, Axar Patel, Dhawal Kulkarni, Mandeep Singh and

Manish Pandey — in the squad.

Rahane feels it is a welcome move by the selectors to give new guys opportunity at the highest level.

"I am really excited about the new guys coming into the team. It's really energising, everyone is looking in good shape. The guys have done pretty well in India A series and few guys did well in Ranji Trophy matches," he said.

"It's all about giving the new guys confidence and opportunity at the highest level."

Rahane also refused to think too much ahead and preferred to concentrate on the task at hand.

"As of now it is important for us to focus on this series rather than thinking about the Champions Trophy. It's still a

long way to go for the Champions Trophy. We will play one match at a time," he said.

Talking about his new role as vice-captain of the Test side, Rahane said he relishes the responsibility of Virat Kohli's deputy.

"I don't believe in seniority or juniority. It's all about learning at every step and giving inputs. I really learnt a lot as vice-captain.

"On the field it is important for you to stay alert all the time because there are plenty of things going on in a captain's mind. So as a vice-captain it is important to stay alert all the time and whatever inputs you have you pass it on to your captain," he concluded.

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