

No buyers for 1 CR Eggs

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The poultry and



fisheries sector in State has been hit hard due to the demonetization of high value currencies and left the farmers a worried lot.

According to sources in the Department of Fisheries and Animal Resource Development Department, the poultry sector in State has been hit hard due to the demonetization of high value currency notes with nearly one crore eggs lying unsold with the producers while fish auction centers have come to

a grinding halt due to the move on November 9.

egg production is over 40 lakh of which nearly 40 per cent are

Though some buyers have approached him, they are offering

Rout has reported that the prices of broiler chicken has

ago. His weekly sale has also fallen to 2.23 lakh birds from the

ing cash payment, supply of raw material to his farm and payment to daily wage workers have been hit hard.

Overall, a 30 per cent reduction in sale of chicken and 40 per cent in eggs has been reported by the farmers since November 9, the sources said.

These farmers have urged the State Government to lift eggs under the mid-day meal program, said a senior official.

Similar is the situation in the fishery sector also, the sources added.

Fisheries Director has reported that trading at landing Centers has been

badly hit with a 30 per cent fall.

Trading at several Centers have also come to a halt as the traders lacked new notes.

The shrimp farmers are seriously affected as auction markets, which operate on cash transaction basis, have come to a standstill and production at ice plants have gone slow.

The farmers are not harvesting shrimp and avoiding credit sales. The prices have gone down considerably and the situation has left the fish farmers a worried lot.



Sources in the Department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development (DoFARD) said poultry farmers are sending SOS to the Department Secretary Bishnupada Sethi to tide off their crisis.

According to the sources, the daily

remaining unsold since the demonetization of high value currencies.

Jogeswar Hota of Hota Poultry Farm in Sonepur reported that he has around four lakh eggs in his godown with no buyer coming forward to pick them up.

lower than market price, he claimed.

Mr.Hota has said that as a result he is unable to buy feed for the birds and is left with stock for only 15 days, said a senior official in DoFARD.

Similarly one of the prominent entrepreneurs Prakash

drastically fallen to Rs 60 from Rs 80 that prevailed in the market nearly ten days

earlier 5.5 lakh birds.

According to him since the transporters are demand-

KV blames Naveen

Bhubaneswar(KCN): BJP State Leadership

Pradhan in a village during his tour to

lative Party dubbed it as a 'political conspiracy' hatched by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.

The Union Minister was not provided security during his one-day tour to the Maoist-hit district at instance of the BJD supremo Mr.Patnaik, said Mr.Singh Deo in a Media Meet held here today.

Among other party's State President Basant Panda and General Secretary Bhrgu Buxipatra, who had accompanied Mr. Pradhan during his

visit on Monday.

Targeting Mr. Patnaik, the BJP Leadership said that the Chief Secretary had earlier given consent to the Union Ministry for Mr.Pradhan's visit to the district. Even after written consent by the Chief Secretary for the trip, the District SP tried to cancel the Union Minister's visit to Palkonda village citing security reason.

Mr. Pradhan wanted to visit Palkonda to meet a 10-year-old boy, who had **See page-7**



Smart City to Raise Bonds

Bhubaneswar (KCN): In order to generate more funds for development of Smart Cities, the Bhubaneswar and Rourkela Urban Bodies will have to float Municipal Bonds and raise rates of Taxes.

Union Secretary Urban Development Rajiv Gauba has accordingly advised the State Government, so they these new Urban Institutions will be able to fund the projects.

While congratulating the Odisha Government for its proactive steps in actively participating in Smart City Mission, Mr.Gauba in his letter has said that the State Government and Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) will have to jointly act towards the goal of bringing in about a meaningful change in the Urban Landscape in the State.

Mr.Gauba informed the State Government that MoUD has already shortlisted Trans-action Advisors (TA)s to advise the Smart City Authorities to float Municipal Bonds.

These Bonds will be floated for raising

funds for taking up Smart Projects like development of Main roads, Smart Water Supply and Smart

side sources, these new initiatives will be taken up by the Smart Cities.

Mr.Gauba has said that MoUD is

mance based contracts for management of Smart Water Supply systems and integrated control and command centre having all modules will in place.

Mr.Gauba has urged the authorities to expediate the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR)s and begin the tendering process of these above projects within a month period.

In fact Bhubaneswar Smart City authorities are proactively taking up the projects, thanks to initiative of Krishan Kumar. Chairman Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC).

Dr.Kumar is the Managing Director of Smart City Limited, Bhubaneswar, which is also eyeing for World Smart City Award.

Union Secretary Mr.Gauba has urged the State Government to expedite the process of establishing a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) and Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) for Rourkela Smart City, which was cleared in the Phase II by the MoUD.



Power supply in the Smart Cities.

Mr. Gauba said that while floating Bonds is necessary to generate more funds, Smart Cities will have to bring in reforms like Property Tax, Advertisement Tax and Value Cap-uring Financing (VCF) for augmenting revenues, which will help these new organizations in enhancing their Credit worthiness.

An expert said that as over 60 Per cent of the funding for Smart Citi Projects will have to be brought in from out-

monitoring the progress of the Smart Cities and by this time at least 40 Per cent of the Projects under respective Smart Cities should be started in case of the First Round clearance. At least 98 Smart Cities including Bhubaneswar was cleared in Phase I.

He said that development of main roads as Smart Roads, redevelopment of streets and junctions for which designs have already been prepared will have to be taken up.

Similarly perfor-

is irked over denial of security support to the Union Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra

Malkangiri district on 14 November.

Saffron Team led by K V Singh Deo, Leader of BJP Legis-

Parliament Winter Session begins today

NEW DELHI (KCN): As his government braced for a stormy start Wednesday to the winter session of Parliament over its demonetisation decision, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday urged all parties to work together to change the negative perception of people about politicians. But the Opposition, despite differences in the ranks, put up a united front, calling the demonetisation of higher denomination notes a "currency scam" that needed to be probed.

On the Opposition table for Day 1 of the month-long session were a range of options — a march to Rashtrapati Bhavan to seek the President's intervention, building consensus for a probe by a joint parliamen-

tary committee (JPC), or simply cornering the government in the House over its decision.

Ally Shiv Sena also dealt the ruling BJP a blow when it announced it would join the march to Rashtrapati Bhavan,

sition camps, Prime Minister Modi, who has already said he intends to push ahead with his drive to weed out black money, told floor leaders of parties in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha: "Parliament is the right forum to send out a positive

message about politicians by addressing issues appropriately. Politicians are accused of several things and it is time we send out a positive message to the people."

Claiming "I don't think even Finance Minister knew about the demonetisation announcement", Rahul said: "The Prime Minister took the decision without thinking. We don't want to reverse it, but at least resolve the difficulties people are facing."

Earlier in the day, top Congress leaders met at Sonia Gandhi's 10, Janpath residence to chalk out the party's strategy in Parliament.

Leaders of 12 Opposition parties, who **See page -8**



to be led by West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC leader Mamata Banerjee, because the hardship caused to the public by "demonetisation is not a party matter... the country is in a state of financial anarchy".

Aware of the build-up in the Oppo-

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ADHM and Shivaay still in the competition

Santhu... is out-and-out Yash's show

Film : Santhu Straight Forward
Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit, Devaraj, Shyaam, Anant
Director: Mahesh Rao

Santhu Straight son's open nature. Enter Ananya (Radhika Pandit) an architecture student and it is love at first sight for Santhu. But his dreams suffer a crushing blow when

languages and of well known films such as Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge and 3 Idiots. Having said that, the director succeeds in bringing out an enter-

screen. Shyaam as antagonist and Devaraj as Santhu's father keep the movie going. Girish who plays the hero's friend brings in a dose of



Foward is a perfect example of a commercial film. It follows a safe storyline -- boy meets girl story, and with a little help from friends and a loving family, the two end up together. All a steady march towards a happy ending.

Though it is a tried and tested template, this still makes for a one-time watch because Yash keeps the show going. The title character Santhu is a carefree youngster, who believes in being straight forward and his parents are proud of their

he gets to know Ananya is engaged to Deva (Shyaam) a builder and her maternal uncle. The rest of the story is whether Santhu plans to propose to Ananya and how he wins her over.

Director Mahesh Rao, who has also written the story, did scream from the roof top that his film Santhu Straight Forward is an original script and not a remake. Sadly, the plot not only carries the thread from Tamil film, Vaalu, but also sees other elements that are borrowed — scenes from other

tainer that has the right amount of love, family sentiments, songs and action sequences that pop up dutifully at regular intervals.

This role is a cake walk for Yash, who carries the film on his shoulders. He knows what best works for him at present and has followed it in style. Joining Yash is Radhika Pandit, who not only makes for a pretty picture, but adds to the film with her presence. Of course, one should look out for the good chemistry the duo share on-

comedy. Supporting them are Anant Nag, Sumithra and Seetha among the ensemble cast.

Santhu... has rich production qualities thanks to cinematographer I Andrew.

V Harikrishna has mastered the art of blending music with the film's storyline.

The film has a thin plot but it keeps you entertained.

It's out-and-out Yash's show that cannot be missed by his fans.

Truly proud of 'Ventilator': Priyanka Chopra

MUMBAI(KCN): Actress Priyanka Chopra says she is proud of her maiden Marathi production "Ventilator". "Ventilator", my first Marathi venture, is a film I'm truly proud of, and I can't wait for you guys to see it! November 4," Priyanka, who has also done a cameo in the film, tweeted on Wednesday.



She shared the trailer of the film, which stars as many

as 116 actors, including filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker.

"Ventilator" is written and helmed by "Ferrari ki Sawaari" fame director Rajesh Mapuskar.

The film revolves around an ailing senior member of a family who is being put on the ventilator just days before the Ganapati festival, leading to varied degrees of speculation and panic among the large clan he belongs to.

BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar

Bombay (KCN): Nadira Zaheer hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclu-



Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival.

The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she

sive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

Deepika stuns in latest trailer of 'xXx'



Deepika Padukone's fierce Serena avatar in her Hollywood debut 'xXx: The Return of Xander Cage' is a treat to our eyes.

Paramount Pictures recently released the latest trailer of the action-adventure film starring Vin Diesel in the lead. The 30-year old actress is seen in a bold look and her action sequences give us the chance to see a different side of the 'Piku' star in this new trailer of the film.

For the Indian audience, Paramount Pictures India also released the trailer in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

The movie also stars Donnie Yen, Samuel L. Jackson, Tony Jaa, Nina Dobrev, Ruby Rose, Rory McCann, Kris Wu and Ariadna Gutierrez. Directed by D.J. Caruso, 'xXx: The Return of Xander Cage' is slated to hit the big screens on January 20, 2017.

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all imaginary. "His allegation is nothing but figment of his imagination. Perhaps being representing Bihar in Rajya Sabha, he has lost touch to the ground realities of Odisha. To build up his party, he should not indulge in innuendoes and cast aspersions on me or honorable CM Naveen Patnaik. He should concentrate more on the huge responsibility that has been given to him by honorable PM", Mr.Mahtab said.

"Mr.Pradhan's speech is only for his self-satisfaction. Why does he give such remark even after the BJD president and CM confirmed that our party would not make any understanding with Congress? Even

Mr.Mahatab himself has admitted that the statement he had made was purely personal", BJD Spokesperson Sameer Das said.

Mr. Mahtab two days ago had said that his party should reconsider its policy of maintain equal distance from Congress and the BJP.

"I do not see any logic behind maintaining the equal distance policy in case of Congress as the national party is not the same as it was earlier. The BJD should make an amendment to its policy, if required," Mr.Mahtab had said.

BJD Supremo Mr.Panaik while rejecting Mr.Mahatab's statement had said: "There is no question of any kind of alliance with Congress.."



"Ventilator" is written and helmed by "Ferrari ki Sawaari" fame director Rajesh Mapuskar.

RBI Pumps 5000 CR

Bhubaneswar (KCN): Both the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and State Government is trying to help out the hapless people in the State in the Post-Demontization scenario in the State.

While RBI has pumped over Rs 5,000 crore new currency notes into banks in Odisha, for the Unbanked areas of 4400 Gram Panchayats the State Government's making alternative arrangement for the people.

"Around 50 per cent of the unbanked Gram Panchayats have been provided with the banking services during last couple of days. However, about 2,000 more GPs await banking service," said Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi after talking to the Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha on the prevailing situation.

Principal Secretary Home Asit Tripathy, Principal Secretary Finance, Tuhin Kanta Pandey, Special Secretary Finance Ashok Kumar

Meena and others were present in the nation notes are not provided, leading to



meeting.

General Manager RBI, Prasanna Kumar Das, who attended the review meeting here, said above Rs 5,000 new currency notes have been given to the banks.

He also assured the state government of additional cash supply to respective chests for issuing notes to Branch Post Offices.

In far flung areas there is hardly any cash available in Post Offices, so people are facing hardship.

There are 120 currency chests out of which 79 belongs to State bank of India. All these currency chests are not provided enough money and in some of the district big denomi-

hardship for the people.

Reviewing the progress, Mr. Padhi asked the banks to cover the rest unbanked GPs through Branch Post Offices, Self Help Groups and Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM) Bank Mitras engaged by Panchayati Raj department.

Since Bank Mitras are already familiar with banks, their services can easily be utilised for the purpose, Mr. Padhi told the bank authorities.

He also suggested the Post Master General to focus on the uncovered 2,000 GPs through their branch post offices (BPOs).

The State Gov-

ernment also suggested the State Bank of India (SBI) to provide sufficient cash to the BPOs as per their requirement.

The BPOs would allow deposit up to Rs 25,000 and withdrawal up to Rs 5,000 per day in one single account, Mr. Padhi said.

Around 1,000 OLM Bank Mitras are now working at GPs and village levels. Almost each village has one or more SHGs linked to the bank. Most of the branch post offices are located in rural areas.

"It is expected that utilization of their services as bank correspondents will be of great help in covering the unbanked GPs," said Mr. Pandey, Principal Secretary Finance.

The meeting also decided that since the cash flow has increased, Special District Coordination Committee Meeting would be convened under the Chairmanship of District Collectors to monitor the ground level situation closely.

Sensex, Nifty largely flat after Yellen comments, banknote worries hurt

REUTERS (KCN): - Indian shares were largely flat with a weaker rupee giving boost to export-oriented sectors such as pharma and IT, while overall sentiment was dented after U.S.

central bank could raise interest rates "relatively soon." Sentiment at home was also hit by the government's move last week to remove high-value notes, disrupting

said Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit BNP Paribas Financial Securities. "The 8,000 level for Nifty is very important, but the risk of it falling below that mark will be there as

positive territory after three straight sessions of falls with HCL Technologies up 1.8 percent. A local IT sector lobby group cut its growth forecast for 2016-2017, citing lo-



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen signalled an interest rate hike was imminent. The rupee fell as low as 68.15 per dollar, its weakest since June 24, compared with the previous close of 67.82.

The fall came with the dollar vaulting to a 13-1/2-year high against a basket of major currencies as U.S. bond yields rose after Yellen said the

daily lives of millions of Indians who live in a cash economy that is estimated to account for a fifth of the country's \$2 trillion gross domestic product.

"There is a major liquidity issue in the domestic market due to the banknotes action and the volatility in the rupee because of rising U.S. bond yields will likely continue for some time,"

the market will continue to remain cautious for a while amid domestic and global uncertainties."

The Nifty was up 0.04 percent at 8,082.7 as of 0615 GMT, while the Sensex was 0.03 percent lower at 26,222.18.

Both indexes looked set to post their fourth straight weekly loss. The Nifty IT index was in

cal and global factors.

All the stocks of the Nifty pharma index rose with Sun Pharmaceutical Industries 2.6 percent higher and Aurobindo Pharma up 2.3 percent. Meanwhile, the NSE Bank index was 0.32 percent lower with ICICI Bank declining as much as 1.1 percent and State Bank of India shedding up to 0.67 percent.



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South Africa's Du Plessis charged with ball tampering

Towering Head & shoulders above

SYDNEY(KCN): The ICC on Friday charged South Africa captain Faf du Plessis with ball tampering after footage emerged of an incident during the second Test against Australia this week.

Footage, which came to light on Wednesday, appears to show him with a sweet, or mint, in his mouth and rubbing saliva into the ball, with the International Cricket Council alleging he broke their code of conduct.

"The alleged incident happened on Tuesday morning when TV footage appeared to show du Plessis applying saliva and residue from a mint or sweet, an artificial substance, to the ball in an attempt to change its condition," it said.



acting skipper with AB de Villiers out injured, pleaded not guilty.

now be held by Andy Pycroft of the ICC match referees panel. The results will be

course, the ICC statement said. The South African squad appeared

Melbourne on Friday to defend him. "The reason everyone is here is to

stand together, really, and to show solidarity to something... we thought was actually a joke," veteran batsman Hashim Amla told reporters.

Under cricket rules, a player may shine the ball provided no artificial substance is used with du Plessis potentially facing a fine of up to 100 percent of his match fee.

South Africa easily won the Hobart Test by an innings and 80 runs, plunging Australian cricket into crisis.

It was a fifth straight defeat for Australia, which saw chairman of selectors Rod Marsh quit and Trevor Hohns temporarily replace him.

The third and final Test starts on November 24 in Adelaide.

Indian cricket team (KCN): India will be on a high after winning the last four series, including two away from home. On the other hand, England have just suffered a first ever Test loss to Bangladesh and even the one they won wasn't without a lot of drama. Their tour of Bangladesh can be seen in two ways. It could either dent their confidence completely or possibly prepare them for challenges lying ahead. Since the Bangladesh failure was about the skill and not the will, it's fair to assume that they might find it tougher in India.

In happy space
Even though Kohli's is a young side, it has started working like a well-oiled machine. Batting has started blossoming as a unit with different players assuming key roles at different times. Batting in Tests is all about battling the tough sessions and all good teams find different heroes in these dif-

ficult times. India is no different in this respect. Murali Vijay in Brisbane, Rahane in Lord's, Pujara in Colombo, Kohli in Melbourne and Saha in Kolkata — everyone has stood up at different times and that shows character.

Since this series is in India, bowling is the least of India's concerns with Ashwin donning the role of a leader nonchalantly. On turning pitches, bowlers who bring the ball back in are more lethal because they can take both edges. Ashwin has exposed the technical frailties of modern batsmen like never before.

Test cricket was always a format for specialists. Most teams would play 5-6 batsmen, a proper wicketkeeper and four bowlers. Teams that did better always had a batsman in the top six who could bowl 15-20 overs a day and their wicketkeeper almost always contributed with the bat.

Beer-less Rajkot welcomes Barmy Army

RAJKOT(KCN): It may not be all alien for the England team on this discovery of India. With unknown

brought him back. "We've been to all Test nations. People in India are very welcoming and friendly."

spectators at Eden Gardens. Victory or defeat, some will be around this time too. **Matchbox Pros &**

England get ready for Ashwin's talespin



pitches and unfamiliar conditions, they will also have some known voices rooting for them from the stands. The Barmy Army has arrived and a few hundred are expected in five Tests.

There were three curious visitors looking around the SCA Stadium on Tuesday. In a group of six for the first Test, they will travel to Vizag for the second. There are others on packages offered by tour operators, but they have made own arrangements to "save money and see more of the country."

Michael Gegg is in his fifties and lives near London. He was here four years ago to see his team win a first series in India after 27 years. Although hopes aren't high this time, love for the format has

They are part of a group called Addis Army.

Feeling a bit out of place because of the absence of beer in the dry state of Gujarat, they are also missing meat in the predominantly vegetarian restaurants of the region. But that hasn't taken much away. "We'll visit museums and other places of interest" said Glenn Brown, a cricket equipment dealer.

Simon Tremelin was in Mumbai and Kolkata in 2012 and informed that former England players Simon Jones and Gladstone Small are in the business of conducting cricket tours. "You can expect 500-600 English fans in different venues this time." Last time England went 2-1 up, a few hundred English were the only

Cons

India: Since they lost to England at Kolkata in 2012, India are yet to lose a Test match at home and in that period have won 12 out of 13 matches, which shows how formidable they are in their own conditions. They showed against New Zealand that there no weak links and have players who can dig them out of hole.

England: Though they have not lost a Test series to India since 2010, this England side is short on experience when it comes to playing in India.

Pitch and Conditions

Rajkot is hosting its debut Test, but if one goes by what the track has dished out for domestic matches, expect spinners to have a field day.

RAJKOT(KCN): It can't be ascertained whether it was part of strategy or regular practice. The pitch at SCA Stadium was covered when the England team arrived for training on Tuesday afternoon. It was lying open under the sun at around the same time the last

self for a look at the plot of land that might make or break reputations over the next few days. Kneeling down to feel the surface, the England captain spent some time there with coach Trevor Bayliss.

R Ashwin

What transpired was not known, but

and what to be wary of. India's spin arsenal is formidable at home and the off-spinner gives it a fear-some look.

Cricket is of course a team game, but there come individuals who make teams successful. While 75 wickets in 11 Tests since last

near has had in getting results.

"His confidence is sky high (because of) the number of wickets he has taken in the last year in Indian conditions. Cricket is a funny game. A lot of it is played in the mind. He knows his game better than he did four years ago. You don't become a world class spinner overnight. It has to be developed and Ashwin has done that," said Cook of the single biggest threat to England's winning streak against India.

This explains why Cook & Co played more spin than pace at the nets. Four spinners plus spin-bowling coach Saqlain Mushtaq giving throw-downs, they practised coming forward head down and bat-pad close together. In what frame of mind they head home for a Christmas break will in all likelihood depend on how well they execute these

over five Tests.

"Making off-spinners his stock ball and changing the line of attack has changed Ashwin after last year's 50-over World Cup," noted wicketkeeper-turned-commentator Deep Dasgupta, standing near the nets. "The middle-leg line he bowled before that attacked mainly the inner half of the bat. By bowling outside off, he makes sure he gets the inside edge if the ball turns and outside edge if it goes straight." For a batting unit low on experience of playing in India other than Cook (Joe Root played one Test in 2012-13), an in-form Ashwin is a lethal proposition. "He knows his strengths and bowls in areas that make him effective," said Virat Kohli. The skipper didn't elaborate. What he left unsaid is something that his principal weapon would be keen to demonstrate when the umpire calls play on Wednesday.



two days.

Alastair Cook headed for the centre of the ground after addressing the media and without seeking help from groundsmen, removed the cover him-

some of it must have been about how much spin the pitch would offer. With the prospect of sustained grilling by Ravichandran Ashwin looming large, the visitors know who

year's South Africa series gives an indication of the impact he has made on batsmen, India's victory in eight of those (three affected by rain) shows the kind of influence the IT engi-