

TECHFEST AT TRIDENT



Bhubaneswar (KCN): A three day inter-college technical fest "UDAYAN-2017" was organized at Trident Academy of Technology, Bhubaneswar during 14-16 february 2017.

This mega technical festival was inaugurated by Mrs Smitarani Panigrahi, the Chairperson of Trident Group of Institutions and Chief Mentor Mr. B.B. Panigrahi. Around thousand

engineering students from different technical institutions participated in this Techfest to showcase their technical marvels, creative ideas and innovations in 45 technical events such

as Robotics, CAD Craze, LAN Game, Tech Tix, Cruz-o-Mania, Mech Marvel, Techno Blast to name a few during these three days of Competitions. Some students driven

technical clubs like Mobility, Auto Zoomers, PLM, Data Science, Pyramid, IOT etc participated in technical presentations as well as showcased their innovative models and prototypes amid

steep competitions. Besides, some fun events namely Roadies, Opera and Dubsmash, Mech-o-Mania, Treasure Hunt were conducted to make the Techfest "UDAYAN-2017" more vibrant and

diverse. The winners claiming first and second positions of all events were conferred with cash prizes worth 2.2 lakhs, by the Chairperson of the Trident Group of Institutions in the

valedictory function. The whole Techfest was smoothly organized by the faculties and students of the Institute under the co-ordination of Prof. P. K. Sahoo, A. K. Sahoo and Prof. N. G. Das.

Chandraprava no more

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Eminent educationist, poet, social activist Prof. Chandraprava Patnaik left for her heavenly abode on Friday, 17th

Rahul and grand daughter Manisha were present. She was 73.

As soon as the news about her sad demise spread, hun-

days and was jailed for participating in the seema andolan in 1964. Acharya Harihar had interfered to release her and others arrested in connection with the agitation.

Her marriage in a freedom-fighter family encouraged her to continue her activities. She was married to Prasanta Patnaik, eldest son of eminent freedom fighter Raghunath Patnaik and smt. Harabala Patnaik of Olassingh in Khurda district.

Raghunath Patnaik was one of the founder member of Communist Party in the State under leadership of Bhagabati Panigrahi. Leftist leaders like Manmohan Mishra, Guru Chanarn Patnaik, Ananta Patnaik, Baishnab Charan Patnaik, Pranatha Patnaik, Gangadhar Paikray, Mohan Dash, Baidyabath Rath etc. were her colleagues in the left movement.

Chandraprava got ample encouragement from her in-laws as well as journalist husband to carry on social activities until she joined Kamala Nehru Women's College, Bhubaneswar. As a teacher she was source of inspiration and encouragement to the students. Hear-

ing about her sad demise Jyostna Mishra, one of her students living in U.S.A. and Australia broke down and said, "she was a mother to all of us and was not only teaching us well, she was also inspiring us for various constructive activities and was giving us protection".

Chandraprava was an ardent devotee of Siridi Sai Baba. On hearing about her sad demise in a message to Prasanta Patnaik, Gururji wrote, "my sad condolences to you and all members of the bereaved family. Your love for her was unfathomable as you tried your very best to save her. Hope God gives you strength to get over the sorrow. I am with you. May Shri Sai bless you."

Dr. Prasant Sahoo, Cardiologist and Director Catha Lab of Apollo Hospital, in a message said. "extremely sad to hear the news. Me and my family members express our condolences on her untimely demise, Madam CHANDRAPRAVA was very respectful and my association with her as a treating doctor for her cardiac ailments was like my mother. In the last days of suffering I feel guilty I could not give her a visit."

Gopal Mohapatra, Editor Prameya, Rabi Kanungo, Editor Suryaprava, Jaysis Ray, editor Sambad Kalika, Sampad Mohapatra, Editor Nitidin, Prafulla Das of Hindu, Rabi Das, Ramesh Mohanty, Sulochana Das, Tridev Mohanty, and many more media persons have conveyed their condolences also.

Her poetry collection "SWARA MAYA" was highly appreciated by readers and critics. She was a regular contributor of poems, short stories, features and articles to a number of magazines and newspapers like Eves Weekly, Femina, Evidence, Asantakali, Dagaro, Jhankar, Sankha, Arpita, udhanya, Chnadrika, Spandan, Falgudhara etc.

Chandraprava was holding high offices in National Federation of Indian Women led by Aruna Asaf Ali, Dr Nirupama Rath and others. She was also actively associated with IPTA (Indian People's Theatre Association) and was very close to A.K. Hangal, Faruk Seikh, Deena Pathak, Sabna Azmi, Kaifi Azmi, Geeta Mukherjee, Renu Mukherjee and many others.



February at KIMS Hospital, Bhubaneswar. Though she was ailing for past few months, and came to her because of massive cardiac arrest. She left behind her husband Prasanta Patnaik a well known journalist and Editor of Sanchar daily, two sons Partha and Subrat, daughter-in-laws Rashmi and Sarita, grand sona Ayush and Sidhant. Her both daughters Padmaja and Puspaja along with son-in-laws Venkatesh and Bikram as well as grand sons Viveck,

dreds of her students, relations, admirers and political activists gathered around to pay their homage and have her darshan. Her body was cremated at Swargadwar, Puri. Eldest son Partha gave "mukhagni" in presence of a large number of nearer and dearer ones.

Chandraprava was the second daughter of well known freedom fighter, woman activist Saraswati Devi and social activist Ramesh Chandra Mohanty of Puri. She was very much patriotic from her student



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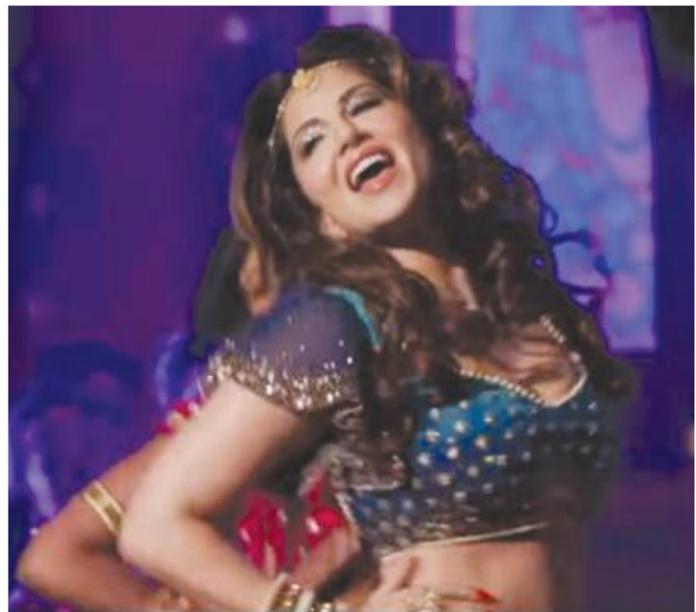
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Sunny Leone is the perfect seductress in 'Laila main Laila'

Laila O Laila tops music awards list

Sunny Leone's Laila O Laila song from the world. The Raees sources are to be believed, Laila O laila



Raees tops the charts amongst international videos. The World Music Awards is an international awards ceremony honouring the best-selling and most popular recording artists from around which is revamped version of the 80's original song, featuring Zeenat Aman. The song is said to have already managed to get 11 million views within 24 hours it hitting the digital medium. If the beat close contenders like Chantaje featuring Shakira, Maluma, and The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey; Starboy (Official) featuring Ricky Martin ft. Daft Punk and more to secure the first position.



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.

Koffee With Karan: Katrina Kaif, Anushka Sharma have a fan in Deepika Padukone

If you are of the same view that the latest Deepika Padukone sassist best, leaving host and filmmaker of a kind ever seen on the celebrity chat from calling Deepika Padukone their



episode of Koffee With Karan was one of this season's best, and both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma were on fire, there is someone else who agrees with us. lines too. This, when neither Kat nor Anushka preferred to call Deepika their 'friend' on the show. Surprised? Katrina and Anushka were at their Karan Johar in total 'meltdown'. So much so, that it even left the viewers sweating due to their hysteric connotations and reactions on every petty thing – definitely one show. The two beauties accepted that they are not like the typical actor-friends in the industry and comfortably give each other space. They, however, refrained 'friend'. While we never saw Deepika and Anushka bonding (one word: Ranveer Singh), and keeping distance, her cold vibes with Katrina only brings one name to our head – Ranbir Kapoor. Now that Ranbir is out of both Deepika and Kat's lives, looks like our Piku has extended an olive branch towards Katrina, by posting a tweet praising the two girls and the episode. Deepika Padukone has always stayed away from both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma, due to the connection of her former and current boyfriends Ranbir Kapoor and Ranveer Singh, with the two girls. There was a time when Deepika and Katrina were never seen under the same roof and shared cold vibes. But after years of rivalry, they reportedly buried the hatchet at a recent awards night with Shah Rukh Khan being the pacemaker. Sometimes, heart-breaks help in mending ties. And these two girls are the latest example.

Trump policies: Uncertainty forces Nasscom to defer FY18 growth guidance by a quarter

Mumbai (KCN): h1b, h1b visa, nasscom, nasscom growth guidance, us h1b visa, india us visa, us work visa, india h1b visa, india news, us news Trump's "America First" programme and his administration's proposed policies on H-1B visas targeting IT workers have spooked IT majors in India as well as the US.

In an unprecedented move, IT industry body Nasscom has deferred the growth guidance for the next fiscal (FY2018) by a quarter in the wake of un-

certainties caused by US President Donald Trump's new policies.

On the other hand, amid continuous technology disruptions, political upheavals and slowdown in information technology-business process management (IT-BPM) global spending, the Indian IT-BPM industry is projected to grow at a rate of 8.6 per cent (in constant currency) to reach over \$155 billion in FY2017, Nasscom said on Wednesday.

H1B Visa Restrictions A Challenge For Indian Firms, Says

NASSCOM

other stakeholders.



Nasscom president R Chandrashekhar said the association would come out with its guidance for the IT and the business process management sector for FY2018 in next quarter, most probably in May, once it is done with "deeper interactions" with customers and

"While there are some uncertainties in the short term, the initial data from global analysts on tech spending in 2018 is promising. We are initiating deeper interactions with all stakeholders – global customers and industry providers – to get a more reliable and clear perspective on

the projections for FY2018 and will give the guidance in the next quarter," Chandrashekhar said at 25th annual Nasscom India Leadership Forum.

Trump's "America First" programme and his administration's proposed policies on H-1B visas targeting IT workers have spooked IT majors in India as well as the US. Technology companies in the US depend on H-1B visas to hire scores of non-American employees — including a vast number from India — every year. The IT industry is

awaiting clarity on Trump's plans to more than double the minimum salary for H-1B visa-holders and massively curb visa issuance to computer engineers.

For FY2017, IT-BPM exports from India are expected to reach \$118 billion. "India's domestic IT-BPM market is expected to grow by 12 per cent year-on-year to reach Rs 2,54,500 crore. The industry currently employs over 3.86 million people, growth of 5 per cent and addition of 1.7 lakh people over FY2016," said CP Gurnani, chairman, Nasscom, and

MD & CEO, Tech Mahindra.

"In terms of the markets, US and APAC (Asia Pacific) are fastest growing at 7.8 per cent with gradual stabilisation in the growth of the European market. Retail, healthcare and travel & transportation have been the key verticals for the Indian IT-BPM industry, growing at the rate of 8 per cent," Gurnani said.

The technology industry is growing on the transformation path to become a digital technology

industry by developing its digital capabilities and reorganising itself to make the most of this opportunity, said Raman Roy, vice chairman of Nasscom. "The digital tsunami is reshaping our industry the priority is to reimagine businesses and unlock new opportunities. The Indian IT-BPM sector is emerging as a digital solutions partner for global corporations and we are excited to work across stakeholders — customers, start-ups ... others to build this exciting future," Gurnani said.

N Chandrasekaran named TCS Chairman too; V Ramakrishnan appointed as CFO

NEW DELHI: Tata Sons Chairman-designate Natarajan Chandrasekaran will also hold the chairmanship of the group's crown jewel Tata Consultancy Services from tomorrow.

The country's largest software services provider has also named V Ramakrishnan as its Chief Financial Of-

currently Chief Executive and Managing Director of TCS, will take charge as the Non-Executive Chairman of the board of directors of TCS with effect from tomorrow.

In a separate filing, TCS said its board of directors appointed V Ramakrishnan as the Chief Financial Officer with effect from

till date in the Indian corporate history.

"Ramki has been a key member of the TCS Finance team for more than 17 years and has worked closely with me over the last nine years. I am confident that under Ramki's leadership, TCS Finance will continue to extend its leadership position," Gopinathan, who has

A billboard displays the logo of Snapchat above Times Square in New York March 12, 2015. (File Photo | Reuters) A billboard displays the logo of Snapchat above Times Square in New York March 12, 2015.

Snap Inc, owner of the popular messaging app Snapchat, is seeking a valuation of between \$16.20 billion and \$18.52 billion in its highly awaited initial public offering.

The company, which filed for an IPO earlier this month, was widely expected to be valued at between \$20 billion and \$25 billion, giving it the richest valuation in a U.S. technology IPO since Facebook Inc.

"I think that the lower proposed valuation reflects feedback from institutional investors that the higher valuation is hard to justify," Jay Ritter, IPO expert and professor at the University of Florida, told Reuters.

"The concerns are about Snap, not the IPO market."

Investors have raised concerns about competition from Facebook and Alphabet Inc's Google, widening losses and the firm control of its founders even as the Venice, California-based company readies to hit the road to pitch the offering.

Snap said in a filing on Thursday that it expects to raise as much as \$3.2 billion

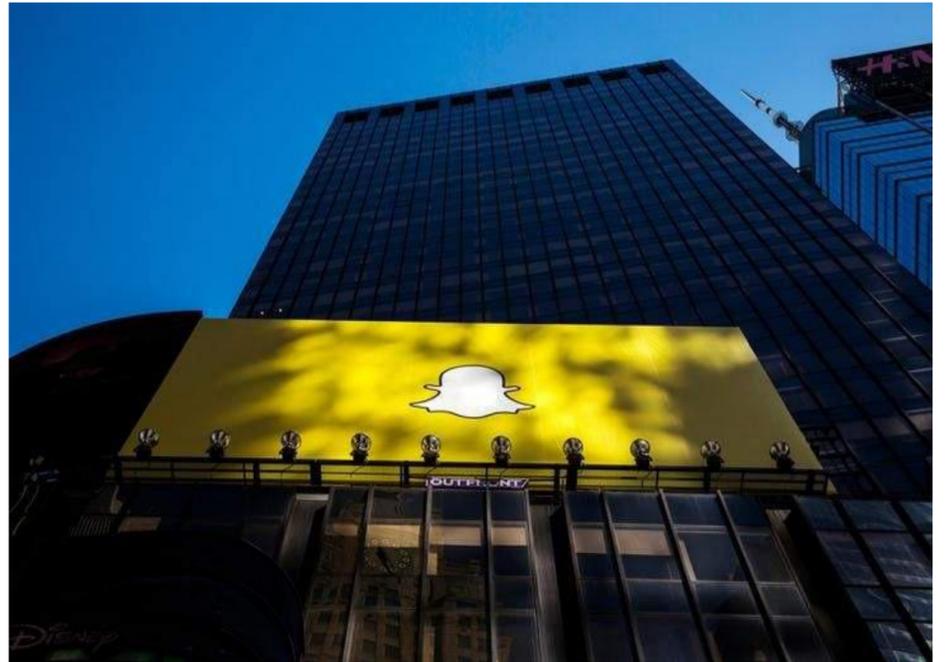
from the offering of 200 million Class A

for general corporate purposes and to ac-

three-share class structure.

Instagram, which recently introduced dis-

Snap seeks up to \$18.5 billion valuation in highly awaited IPO



share. The offering is expected to be priced between \$14 and \$16 per share.

Selling shareholders will sell 55 million shares and the remaining will be sold by the company.

Snap will have about 1.16 billion shares outstanding after the offering and list on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SNAP.

"Snap is right to be conservative in setting the initial range. They want to avoid setting a range and then price below the range," said Kathleen Smith, principal at Renaissance Capital, which manages IPO-focused exchange traded funds.

Snap said it expects to use proceeds of about \$2.1 billion

quire businesses, among other things.

Snap, which launched in 2012 with an app that sends disappearing messages, rebranded itself last year as a camera company and started selling \$130 video camera glasses.

Revenue surged to \$404.48 million for year ended Dec. 31. However, net loss widened to \$514.64 million from \$372.89 million a year earlier, hurt by higher costs.

Snap's co-founders Evan Spiegel and Bobby Murphy will hold 14.5 percent of Class A shares each, after the offering, down from 21.8 percent.

The founders will maintain tight control over Snap's stock through a unique

The structure will give Spiegel and Murphy the right of 10 votes for every share. Existing investors will have one vote for each of their shares, while new investors will have no voting rights.

The company generates the majority of its revenue from advertising, seeking to challenge the dominance of existing internet giants.

Facebook's

appearing video content, had 600 million users as of late last year. Like Snapchat, Instagram sells advertising on its platform.

Morgan Stanley & Co LLC, Goldman Sachs & Co, JP Morgan Securities LLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc, Barclays Capital Inc and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC are among the underwriters to the IPO.



ficer to succeed Rajesh Gopinathan, who will take over as the CEO and MD of the Tata Group company.

"TCS has received a letter from Tata Sons, in exercise of the powers under Article 90 of the Articles of Association of the Company, nominating N Chandrasekaran as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company in place of Ishaat Hussain, with effect from February 21, 2017," it said in a BSE filing.

The nomination was duly noted by the directors at its meeting held on February 20, 2017, it added.

Chandrasekaran,

February 21.

Ramakrishnan, or Ramki as he is popularly known, joined TCS Finance in 1999, and served as the Finance Head of TCS North America for seven years.

"Ramki closely partnered with business in the rapid growth of TCS' operations in the region. Most recently, he has been responsible for the financial controllership of TCS subsidiaries and branches globally and various merger and acquisitions integration initiatives," TCS said.

Earlier in the day, TCS also announced a Rs 16,000 crore buyback, the largest

been appointed to the Board, said.

TCS also announced that Chief Operating Officer N G a n a p a t h y Subramaniam will be on the board of the company as Executive Director.

The bitter boardroom battle between the Tatas and Cyrus Mistry had led to Tata Sons removing him as the Chairman of TCS.

Tata Sons then appointed Ishaat Hussain as TCS Chairman on November 11.

TCS had said Hussain would hold office as the Chairman until a new Chairman is appointed in his place.



We've plans for each Australian player, says Ajinkya Rahane

PUNE(KCN): Not too worried about sledging, stylish batsman Ajinkya Rahane today said the India team has plans in place for each of the Australian players and would look to play attacking cricket during the four-Test series, starting on Thursday in Pune.

India and Australia have been involved in many verbal duels in the past and this time too, skipper Steven Smith has made it clear that his team won't shy away from sledging the In-

dians, even as his deputy David Warner has indicated that they will not sledge the in-form India skipper Virat Kohli.

"We don't know if they will sledge or not. We have some plans against each of them, I can't discuss that here, skill wise or sledging wise, there is definitely a plan. We know that Australian players play mind games. Our aim would be to dominate them in every aspect," Rahane told reporters here. "We will look to play positive cricket, at-

tacking cricket not only against the spinners but all the bowlers. Practice game and the Test match is completely different, so we have to read the condition well and play according to the situation, that would be the key," he added.

Rahane said India would look to focus on own strengths instead of losing sleep over the combinations of the opponent during the Test series. "They are coming to India and will be expecting a turning track. So yes

three fast bowlers and five spinners are their combinations but for us, it will be important to play to our potential and not focus on their bowling attack, strategies. It is important for each team member to back our own game.

"It will be a different wicket. We have to wait and watch. Once the first day is over, we will have an idea about how it will behave the five days," he said.

On a question about switching between different formats of the game,

Rahane said: "Whatever format you play, you want to give your best for your team whether it is T20, Test or ODI. But if you are playing two or three formats it is all about how you adjust mentally. It is all about mental adjustments rather than technical adjustment."

Making a comeback after recovering from a finger injury, Rahane justified the faith shown in their abilities by the team management with a 133-ball 82 in the first innings against

Bangladesh in the one-off Test.

Asked about the innings, Rahane said: "That inning was very important for me. I was really excited about that Test match, coming back after two months and importantly I got 82, good to spend time in the middle. But it is important to start afresh here. "Australia, we all know, is a very good, experienced team. So it will be important to play to our potential, back ourself in the middle. As a team, we are playing really well

and it is important to



take one game at a time."

Rahane also thanked his captain Virat Kohli for picking him ahead of Karun Nair, who scored an unbeaten 303 against England in his third Test. "Injuries are part and parcel of the game, you don't have

control over injuries. It was really good to see Karun get 300 runs for the country and in the end, we all are representing India and I would like to thank the team management and the captain for backing me in the match against Bangladesh. I am really confident at the moment playing against Australia.

"For all of us it is important to play one game at a time and momentum will be the key. If we play well in the first game, we will have to carry that momentum forward," added the 28-year-old.

England cricketers emerge hot buys at IPL auction; Tahir, Ishant unpicked

BENGALURU (KCN): England all-rounder Ben Stokes became the most expensive overseas buy ever, going to Rising Pune Supergiants for a whopping Rs 14.50 crore, even as some unheralded Indian domestic players trumped seasoned names to land lucrative deals at the IPL players' auction, here today.

The second biggest buy at the auction today was also an England player, left-arm fast bowler Tymal Mills, who was taken by Royal Challengers Bangalore for a mind-boggling Rs 12 crore.

Eight franchises collectively spent Rs 91.15 crore to buy 66 players from a pool of 350 plus that went under the hammer.

The accent was clearly on Indian players with as many as 39 of them bagging contracts while 27 overseas players came into the franchises' roster.

Also making a splash were young Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan Arman, who stunned one and all by getting a Rs 4 crore (USD 600,000) bid from Sunrisers Hyderabad, and spin-bowling all-rounder Mohammed Nabi, also going to SRH. The duo will be the first set of Afghan players to take part in the lucrative league.

The uncapped Indian players had a field day too with little-known Tamil Nadu left-arm seamer T Natarajan going for Rs 3 crore (USD 448,000) to Kings XI

Punjab, a 30-fold hike over his base price of Rs 10 lakh.

Hyderabad pacer Mohammed Siraj got a deal of Rs 2.6 crore from his local franchise -- the Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Rajasthan's left-arm pacer Aniket Chaudhary, who has been a net bowler with the Indian Test squad for some time, also bagged a cool Rs 2 crore (USD 298,000) deal from RCB.

Karnataka's young off-spinner Krishnappa Gowtham got a Rs 2 crore (USD 298,000) winning bid from Mumbai Indians.

India discards Varun Aaron fetched Rs 2.8 crore (USD 418,000) from Kings XI Punjab while leg-spinner Karn Sharma was bought for Rs 3.2 crore (USD 477,000) from Mumbai Indians.

For left-arm spinner Pawan Negi, it was another hefty payday as he bagged a Rs one crore deal from RCB starting at a base price of Rs 30 lakh.

It was definitely much less than last year when Negi's Rs 8.5 crore deal with Delhi Daredevils had surprised one and all. But being an Indian player proved to be his advantage.

For senior Test players like Cheteshwar Pujara and Ishant Sharma, it turned out to be an embarrassment as both went unsold at their base prices of Rs 50 lakh and Rs 2 crore respectively. Irfan Pathan also

went unsold at his Rs 50 lakh base price.

Among the prominent international players, who failed to find takers, was South African

Sanjeev Goenka made it clear that they knew Stokes would go for a big price and they are also prepared for the fact that he will not be available

and Stephen Fleming, everyone has been a part of this decision. This is a very collective and collaborative decision. We actually didn't go for individu-

als. We looked at the spots and gaps to fill and we did exactly that.

"We needed this kind of an all-rounder in our team. We are reinforcing our core, our playing XI and you would see the rest of the strategy as the day unfolds," Goenka explained.

The first round of bidding for Stokes saw Mumbai, Delhi and RCB match each other till it reached Rs 10.50 crore after which the Reliance-owned franchise pulled out.

Delhi and Bangalore continued to bid before Sunrisers entered the fray. But just when it looked that Stokes would go for around Rs 12.5 crore, Pune entered the fray and clinched the deal.

Here's a list of all

premium, Stokes was in the wish-list of five franchises, who engaged in tough bidding for the player, who is now revered as the world's top all-rounder.

The 25-year-old, who hasn't played franchise cricket till date, has a career strike rate of 134 plus while batting and a moderate bowling economy rate of 8.60 in 77 matches.

Mills, on the other hand, has played 55 Twenty20 matches, fetching 63 wickets with a reasonably good economy rate of 7.47.

Asked whether Pune skipper Steven Smith was consulted in bidding for Stokes, Goenka said everyone including Stephen Fleming has been a part of the decision.

"Steven Smith



spinner Imran Tahir, currently ranked No.1 in the ICC list for ODI and T20 bowlers.

The day certainly turned out to be a good one for the England players with Stokes hogging the limelight but Mills wasn't far behind either.

Both Stokes and Mills entered the million-dollar bracket with the former fetching USD 2.16 million and the latter going for USD 1.8 million.

Even Chris Woakes, with Rs 4.2 crore (USD 627,000) deal from KKR, had a good day. Hard-hitting Jason Roy, after going unsold in the first round of bidding, was picked up during the second round by Gujarat Lions at a base price of Rs 1 crore.

Pune owner