

Sustainable CSR projects, in sync with business goals are need of the hour, says Dr Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD, NALCO

Bhubaneswar (KCN): "Corporate Social Responsibility is an important role of a



Corporate citizen since it draws resources from the society and is responsible to give back in equal or greater measure so that the chain of sustainable operations is maintained. What used to be a philanthropic and act of volunteerism is today enshrined in the Companies Act 2013, making it mandatory for industries and business houses to commit and spend 2% of their previous years' profit towards CSR initiatives. In such a scenario, it is important that the organizations should come up with innovative and viable CSR projects, that address the needs of the society and should be aligned with business goals of the organization," said Dr. Tapan Kumar Chand, CMD,

NALCO. He was speaking at the inauguration of the 2nd National Seminar on 'CSR

Initiatives', organized on 20th May in Bhubaneswar by Institute of Quality & Environmental Management Services (IQEMS), in association with Institute of Public Enterprises, Hyderabad and Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Heritage. Citing different initiatives taken up by NALCO in the CSR front, Dr. Chand also mentioned that the company is going to launch some new flagship projects in this field. "NALCO is going to implement an Integrated Health Management System in peripheral villages with 8 wellness clinics, two mobile health units and two call centres for the peripheral villages in Angul & Damanjodi. This would be app based. Further, under Prime Minister's

Iconic Shrine programme, the company has taken up the development and sanitation of area around Lord Jagannath Mandir in Puri. Keeping in view the importance of enhancing employability in the mining sector, NALCO has planned to develop a Virtual Skill Training Centre, which can impart training to the youth, ensuring



employment generation," Dr. Chand informed. Dr Chand informed that in a geographic area of its mines where vegetation was sparse and non-existent NALCO has planted 7.8 million trees creating a verdant forest. A Centre of Excellence for skill development is also under implementation to meet the emerging skills of the mining industry in the state.

In recognition of best practices in CSR,

NALCO was conferred with the Kalinga CSR Award for the year 2016. Shri Sanjaya Mishra, General Manager (H&A) and Shri Debadarshi Dash, DGM (Admn, CC & CSR), received the award on behalf of the company.

Among others, Dr. Sarat Chandra Pradhan, Senior Economic Advisor, South African High

Commission, Dr. Umakant Mishra, IIS (Retired), Former Chief Spokesperson, Govt of India and Former Principal DG, PIB, Ministry of I&B, Govt of India spoke on the occasion. Dr. S.K. Panda, IAS, Former Secretary, Ministry of Textile, Govt of India, Chairperson, Tripura Skill Development Mission and Chairman of the Organising Committee presided over the seminar.

Rs. 1 crore compensation for families of martyred paramilitary jawans: Rajnath Singh

NATHULA(KCN): Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday announced Rs.1 crore compensation for the families of slain paramilitary jawans.

Rajnath made the announcement after chairing the first security review meeting in Gangtok with Chief Ministers of five states bordering China.

"I have ensured that families of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) soldiers killed in action get at least Rs. 1 Crore compensation," Rajnath Singh said.

Singh also declared that 34,000 posts of paramilitary constables were upgraded as head constables.

"It is our duty to know about the problems of jawans, that is why we have launched Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Mobile Application for grievance redressal of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) personnel and also 34,000 posts of paramilitary constables will be upgraded as head constables," said Singh.

Earlier this day, the Home Minister visited the India-China border post and reviewed the security situation. He assured that a lot has been done for the welfare of paramilitary personnel but much more needs to be done in the coming days.

Singh asked the

ITBP jawans to use the recently launched mobile app by the Home Ministry to register their grievances, including personal problems, so that the ministry can try to resolve them.

The Home Minister also promised to look into the demands of the ITBP to bring uniformity in high altitude allowances.

The total length of the Sino-Indian border is 3,488 km of which 1,597 km runs through Jammu and Kashmir, 200 km in Himachal Pradesh, 345 km in Uttarakhand, 220 km in Sikkim and 1,126 km in Arunachal Pradesh.

The border is not fully demarcated and the process of clarifying

and confirming the See page - 7

CJ has given no order on 'consular access' for Jadhav: Sartaj Aziz

ISLAMABAD(KCN): The International Court of Justice has not given any order regarding consular access for Kulbhusan Jadhav who has been sentenced to death according to the laws of Pakistan, the country's top diplomat said today. "The ICJ has only asked Pakistan to keep a stay on Jadhav's execution until it arrives at a decision," Pakistan PM's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said.

Addressing a press conference here, Aziz said that when it comes to cases involving the death penalty, the international court has always given a stay order. He said the

COAL ROYALTY HIKE ASKED

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Odisha Government has urged the NITI Aayog to take up the issue of increasing the royalty on coal which is pending since May 2015 with Ministry of Coal.

A Memorandum has been presented to Vice Chairman NITI Aayog to take up the matter with Union Government as Aayog's Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya is favouring the State Governments in sorting out their pending issues with Union Government.

So taking the scope Odisha Government has urged to revise coal royalty, which was last revised in May, 2013. The rate of royalty, which is 14 per cent at present, is supposed to be revised in every three years, said an official statement.

In fact, Odisha a major coal bearing state face the adverse effects of coal mining such as displacement of people, environment pollution and reduction in forest area, the State provides substantial quantity of coal.

Present rate of royalty on coal i.e. 14% on ad-valorem basis is inadequate to mitigate above adverse effects particularly on the open cast mining of coal.

The accrual of royalty from low

grade coal(F-Grade-pre-classified) was less than the royalty accrued from this grade at the pre-revised hybrid formula.

The State of Odisha has substan-

tonne from the prior allocates of cancelled coal blocks, which should be transferred to the State Government.

The Central Government enhanced



tial share of low grade coal for which State could not gain more from overall dispatches of coal.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik last year has requested Prime Minister of India for early resolution of above issue and later met the Union Minister Coal, Power and Mines, Piyush Goyal for early revision as the rates of royalty is needed to be revised by the Ministry of Coal.

It has also been pointed out that the Union Government collected additional levy @ Rs. 295 per

rate of 'Clean Environment Cess' on coal to RS.400 per tonne in Union budget 2016-17, which is not being shared with State Government.

State Government has demanded to share 60 per cent of total amount collected under the National Clean Energy Fund (NCCF) among the coal bearing state. Secondly finalization of Carrying Capacity Study is pending with Union Government for quite long time.

The CSIR-NEERI had been requested to undertake a carrying capacity

study with a view to develop a sustainable development plan for mining activities in State of Odisha based on carrying capacity assessment framework and an environmental management plan for current as well as future development scenario.

The NEERI had submitted its interim report in October 2014 and has suggested a carrying capacity of 129 MTPA for mining of iron/manganese ore in the State of Odisha. However finalization of NEERI Report is yet to be done. As and when the State Government is urging for finalization of Report, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) informs that the Ministry has been continuously reviewing with NEERI for finalization of the Study Report.

The Final Report on Carrying Capacity is awaited and in the meanwhile detailed inspections are being carried out of the proposed sites, said sources. As the Carrying Capacity Report is not finalized, the Forest Diversion proposals remaining pending with MoEFCC for finalisation of NEERI Report on carrying capacity study of mineral bearing districts of Odisha, admit officials.

ICJ has not decided on consular access either and has only intimated

also admitted to carrying out espionage activities in Pakistan."

Responding to questions about the le-



that the matter will come under discussion.

Aziz claimed that Jadhav was not an ordinary Indian, he was "an officer in the Indian Navy who has

Jadhav was sentenced according to the laws of Pakistan after he admitted to entering the country on fake passport and involvement in terror activities, the top diplomat

gal team representing Pakistan, Aziz said they had "only five days to prepare for the appearance...the decision to send Khawar Qureshi was a unanimous one".

He, however, added that Pakistan will further strengthen its legal team and that it will go forward into the case with full preparation. "We will go with a strong team in the next hearing," he added. Pakistan claims its security forces arrested Jadhav from its restive Balochistan province on March 3 last year after he reportedly entered from Iran.

However, India maintains that he was kidnapped from Iran where he had business interests after retiring from the Indian Navy. Jadhav's case is the latest flashpoint in the tensions between Pakistan and India.

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'Kaabil' review: Hrithik paints every frame in glorious colours

Film: "Kaabil" Director: Sanjay Gialism but a film from almost a decade



Gupta Cast: Hrithik Roshan, Yami Gautam, Ronit Roy and Rohit Roy Sanjay Gupta is known for blatant pl-

sophisticated? The premise is same. A revenge drama like any other. A cardboard villain. One man army. A disability. Rohan (Hrithik Roshan) in Kaabil is blind. Sanjay in Ghajini fights his short term memory loss. Both exist to extract gimmicks. But Ghajini - which cannot even be categorized as a good film or filmmaking - at least hits the right notes for its genre.



Bollywood's best mother Reema Lagoo passes away at 59



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.

Cannes 2017: Aishwarya channels her inner 'queen' on red carpet

NEW DELHI (KCN): After Deepika Padukone, Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has taken Cannes by storm with her sheer elegance and style on the third day of the prestigious Film Festival.

L'Oreal Paris, the brand Aishwarya represents, posted a series a photos of her red carpet look on Twitter.

The 'Ae Dil Hai Mushkil' star wore an off-shoulder gown, fitted from the waist



powder blue brocade ballgown by Michael Cinco.

She teamed it up with a pair of Ferragamo heels.

Aishwarya was photographed waving to the cameras as

she made her way down the red carpet.

IN PICTURES: Ravishing Aishwarya Rai at Cannes Film Festival 2017

Even the designer, Michael Cinco took to Instagram and shared the photo of the "stunning" Aishwarya Rai.

This was her third look of the day. The actress was first spotted in a layered green dress embroidered with colourful flowers.

Before the red carpet, she was seen wearing a strapless gown, with a subtle lace embossed print along with colourful floral embroidery and is a corset style from the top.

This was Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's 16th appearance at the Cannes Film Festival.

Last year the green-eyed beauty rocked a bold look by sporting bright purple lips.

The Circle review: Not the scary film it should have been

The Circle attempts a sort of Big Brotheresque retelling set to the peppy social media generation we live in, but fails to make a lasting impression. The dangers of technology have been marvelously explored in dark shows such as Black Mirror. It is perhaps that darkness (or the apparent lack of it) that affects this film adversely. While the voyeuristic nature of human beings (willing to watch, share, and comment on anything, without concern for another person's privacy) is on full display in the narrative, it's all portrayed in a much too happy and celebratory manner.

Another problem the film faces is the casting. Emma Watson looks like anything but a grownup, leave alone as a new and transformed tech-execu-

tive who has finally opened her eyes to the systematic manipulation being carried out by a seem-

ingly unscrupulous employer. While The Circle attempts to pose the question about where technology must draw the line, it does it in a way that is less startling than it ought to be. Because being

watched all the time (and millions dogging your every move) is nothing short of a terrifying

first, everything seems new and exciting. Mae keeps getting better at her work and begins to slowly

new camera that is almost the same shape and size of a human eye. They intend on connecting



experience! Mae Holland (Watson) gets temping job when a friend recommends her for a customer relations position at a powerful internet corporation called The Circle. At

fraternise. When the company is willing to extend her health insurance to her family, she is more than appreciative. Meanwhile, The Circle's founders have just come up with an advanced

the entire planet with it in order to help humanity in various ways. A near-fatal adventure on a late-night kayak ride brings Mae in touch with the company's founders. Her experience has inspired

them to pitch a revolutionary idea to the up-and-coming tech executive. Tom Hanks (who plays one of the company's founders) is wasted in the role. A more menacing head of a technology giant bent on power and control would have suited the film better. Unfortunately, both The Circle's creators (the other part is played by Patton Oswalt) are on this veneer of being great guys throughout.

Though we know fully well that they intend on using the information they collate to their own advantage, we see none of the backdoor scheming onscreen. Good thrillers are few and far between. And The Circle just doesn't pull its weight in the genre.

IDBI Bank reports major loss of Rs 3,200 crore for Q4

MUMBAI(KCN): State-owned IDBI Bank on Thursday reported its standalone net loss at Rs 3,199.76 crore for the

1,735.81 crore reported during Q4 last fiscal. The state-run bank's total income for Q4 fell by 2.74 per cent to Rs 8,048.12

For the financial year ended March 31, the standalone net loss of the bank stood at Rs 5,158.14 crore compared to Rs



fourth quarter (Q4) of 2016-17 ended March 31 -- a plunge of over 84 per cent -- from a net loss of Rs

3,664.80 crore during 2016-17. However, the total income during the year under review rose to Rs 31,758.97 crore from Rs 31,453.46 crore reported in the financial year ended March 31, 2016.

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On a consolidated basis, the net loss of the state-run bank for the financial year ended March 31, 2017, stood at Rs 5,069.44 crore and the total income at Rs 31,972.57 crore.

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Upstream reaches of natural constriction works, like barrages/bridges, tend to get silted leading to the wandering of the river, Chitale committee says possibly river training, cut-off developments and provision of extra water way near the constrictions could be tried after proper as-

essment without impacting the morphology of river elsewhere.

"Embankments, spurs and river training measures provided to protect the banks should not encroach upon the flood plains and delink the lakes, flood plains and other riverine environments from the river," it advised.

SBI Q4 profit doubles to Rs 2,815 crore as bad loan situation eases

MUMBAI(KCN): Net profit of country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) more than doubled to Rs 2,814.82 crore for the March quarter as its net NPAs or bad loans narrowed to 3.7 per cent of total advances.

per cent as against 3.73 per cent at the end of March 2016.

year-ago period. It further said that in absolute terms the

16 to Rs 18,071 crore for the fourth quarter of last fiscal.

take into account acquisition of its five associates State Bank



The state-owned bank had in contrast registered standalone net profit of Rs 1,263.81 crore in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal, 2015-16.

On standalone basis, gross NPAs rose from 6.5 per cent to 6.9 per cent for the quarter ended March.

gross NPAs increased to Rs 1,12,343 crore on March 2017 from Rs 98,173 crore in the same period last year.

Total interest income increased by 10.36 per cent from Rs 42,942 crore in the fourth quarter of 2015-16 to Rs 47,393 crore in same period of 2016-17.

of Bikaner & Jaipur, State Bank of Mysore, State Bank of Travancore, State Bank of Patiala, and State Bank of Hyderabad and Bharatiya Mahila Bank (BMB) as the merger came into effect from April 1.

The standalone net profit of the bank in 2016-17 increased by 5.36 per cent to Rs 10,484 crore from Rs 9,951 crore in the previous financial year.

Net NPAs declined however from 3.81 per cent to 3.71 per cent during the same period.

The operating profit of the bank for the fourth quarter increased by 12.93 per cent, from Rs 14,192 crore in the year-ago period, to Rs 16,026 crore.

Net Interest Margin (Domestic) declined by 0.16 per cent to 3.11 per cent as on March 2017 from 3.27 per cent at the end of previous fiscal.

SBI stock was trading nearly 2 per cent up at Rs 308.70 on BSE shortly before close of the session.

However, for the year ended March 2017, SBI's consolidated net profit declined by about 98 per cent to Rs 241.23 crore from Rs 12,224.59 crore at the end of 2015-16 as the banks provisioning for the entire year had increased significantly.

According to SBI statement, 'loan loss provisions' were lowered to Rs 10,993 crore during the fourth quarter of last fiscal as against Rs 12,139 crore in the

Net interest income increased by 17.33 per cent from Rs 15,401 crore in the last quarter of 2015-

The fourth quarter result does not

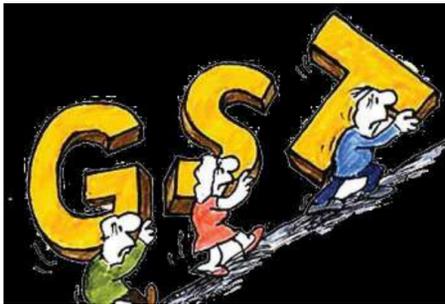
Gross Non Performing Assets for SBI Group increased to 9.04 per cent from 6.40 per cent while net NPAs rose to 5.15

FDI inflow hits a new high of \$60.08 billion in 2016-17

NEW DELHI (KCN): Foreign direct investment (FDI) flow into India increased nine per cent to \$60.08 billion in 2016-17 from \$55.6 billion in 2015-16, Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement on Friday. The FDI equity inflow received during 2016-17 is the highest ever for a particular financial year, it added.

FDI policy easing and improvement in ease of doing business help promote domestic industry, restricts import, create jobs and results in conserving valuable foreign exchange.

During the past three years, the government eased foreign investment norms in 21 sectors covering 87 areas. The ministry explained that



Alibaba Health will buy Ali JK Nutritional Products Ltd from Alibaba Group in a deal to be settled by the issue of 1.19 billion shares at HK\$3.2 apiece, or a 6.16 percent discount to the last close, the

loss narrowed to 98.3 million yuan (\$14.3 million) for the year ended in March, from a 161.5 million yuan loss in the year-ago period amid rapid growth of its pharmaceutical e-commerce business.

Alibaba Health



company said in a filing to Hong Kong bourse.

The deal will bring a broader set of merchants into the online healthcare community, while the company will obtain more stable and sustainable revenue growth, the Hong Kong-listed firm added.

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Sensex on a downhill after US chill, rolls down 111 points

MUMBAI(KCN): The fast-changing political developments in the US made stocks uneasy here

30,567.82 and 30,436.56. The NSE 50-share Nifty came below the 9,500 mark as

2.26 per cent, Larsen 1.73 per cent, Axis Bank 1.48 per cent and ITC 1.26 per cent. Foreign port-



today even as the Sensex and the Nifty covered their early losses to an extent, but still traded lower.

it traded lower by 52.85 points, or 0.55 per cent, at 9,472.90.

folio investors (FPIs) sold shares worth a net Rs 731.39 crore yesterday, as per provisional data. However, domestic investors purchased shares worth a net Rs 614.51 crore.

US President Donald Trump faced the toughest phase of his presidency so far over some of his executive decisions, throwing his ambitious future policies in doubt, which spoilt risk sentiment for investors.

Sustained selling was seen mainly at the counters of realty, metal, capital goods, auto and industrial in the midst of a global sell-off as the political crisis engulfing the White House mounted.

Asian shares took cues from the US and fell as fears over the fallout from the turmoil in Washington prompted investors to exit risky assets such as equities.

The Sensex resumed lower and moved to 30,547.52 at 1128 hours, down 111.25 points, or 0.36 per cent, after shuttling between

The mid-cap index was down 1.48 per cent and the small-cap 1.28 per cent. The fall in both these indices was higher than the Sensex's.

In the US, the Nasdaq saw its worst one-day decline since the day after the UK's vote to exit from the European Union.

Bombay Stock Exchange to add Kotak Mahindra, Tata Motors DVR to benchmark index



Major losers were Tata Motors

MUMBAI(KCN): India's Bombay Stock Exchange said that it will be adding two stocks - Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd and Tata Motors DVR Ltd - to its

benchmark index from June 19. State-owned gas transmission company Gail Ltd will make way for the two stocks in the benchmark index, the exchange said in

a statement on Friday. On Friday, the benchmark BSE index closed up 0.10 percent at 30,464.92 after earlier rising 0.91 percent to a record high.

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Line of Actual Control is in progress.

Posts (BOPs).

The border areas, which are located at high altitudes, have inadequate development and infrastructure facilities. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) guards this border and has established 173 Border Out

Out of these BOPs, 35 are in the western sector (Jammu and Kashmir), 71 in the middle sector (Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand) and 67 in the eastern sector (Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh). The home minister also interacted with Army jawans.

India needs around \$1 trillion (6.4 lakh crore) for overhauling its infrastructure sector such as ports, airports and highways to boost growth.

The government had relaxed provisions in construction development, broadcasting, retail trading, air transport, insurance and pension.

FDI helps improve the country's balance of payments situation and strengthen the rupee

value against other global currencies, especially the US dollar. In addition, it promotes domestic industry, restricts import, create jobs.

IPL Final: Giants from Mumbai face Pune's Supergiant

HYDERABAD(KCN): Aiming to complete a hat-trick of titles, the formidable Mumbai Indians will face an imposing challenge from the Rising Pune Supergiant in what promises to be a riveting 'Grand Finale' of the 10th Indian Premier League, here tomorrow.

Billed as a 'Maharashtra Derby', the summit clash is set to be a bit more than an inter-city battle with huge reputations of big stars at stake.

Even on paper, there is not much to choose, especially with Pune beating MI thrice this season including a comprehensive victory in Qualifier 1. But final is a new day and MI can always be fourth time lucky.

Two-time champions Mumbai will be playing their fourth final and should have been termed as clear favourites had it not been for a certain

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who will be playing a record seventh IPL final.

Some of the MI stars, like skipper Rohit Sharma, Kieron Pollard, Harbhajan Singh and Ambati Rayudu, have a fair idea of how to win a mega final as they have been a part of the victorious 2013 and 2015 sides.

MI's strength has been their bench with like for like replacements. When Jos Buttler left, they had Lendl Simmons to fill up for him. Similarly, Mitchell McClenaghan (19 wickets) can cool his heels with Mitchell Johnson tormenting the batsmen.

Nitish Rana (333 runs) has been one of the finds but when Ambati Rayudu came back from injury, he was equally effective.

Harbhajan Singh has been economical as ever but the team management had faith in leg-spinner Karn

Sharma who crushed the KKR batting during the second Qualifier. In Malinga and Bumrah -- they have the best death bowlers in the busi-



ness. Pollard hits big and is a livewire on the field.

Pandya brothers -- Krunal and Hardik -- provide the all-round balance and above all there is Rohit, who can singlehandedly turn the match on its head.

But when it comes to 'MSD', the

cash-rich league has been his playground since its inception in 2008.

He has played six finals between 2008 and 2015 for the Chennai Super

Kings, winning the 2010 and '11 editions.

The former India captain knows more than a thing or two about IPL finals. Pune skipper Steve Smith will be banking on Dhoni's experience with an aim to emulate Shane Warne, Adam Gilchrist, David

Warner -- the Aussies who have lifted the silverware.

In terms of performance, Dhoni hasn't exactly set the stage on fire but

the fore. It was a match Pune needed to win in order to get some momentum going.

And then the five sixes off the last two overs dur-



his contribution in two of the victories have had a telling impact.

The tricky chase against Sunrisers Hyderabad during a league game was one match in which Supergiant witnessed the 'Master Finisher' come to

ing the Qualifier 1 at Wankhede -- a match that was till then in MI's grip.

It's highly likely that Dhoni will be seen in his favourite 'Canary Yellow' jersey from next season as Supergiant won't be getting an extension as per current rules.

But the legend must not have forgotten how he was unceremoniously removed from captaincy and a memorable knock in the final will only be an icing on the cake.

After a forgettable last season, Pune, under Smith, have found their combination this time round.

Ben Stokes has been one of those rare players, who has justified the big bucks (Rs 14.5 crore) spent on him by Sanjeev Goenka.

Before leaving for Madrid (where England is having a pre Champions Trophy camp), Stokes' 316 runs and 12 wickets had a huge role to play in ensuring a smooth passage to the playoffs.

The century against Gujarat Lions, while battling cramps, and brilliant overs at the death made it easier for Smith.

The emergence of Rahul Tripathi

(388 runs) -- son of an Army Major -- who had for some time quit cricket while staying in Kashmir, has been one of the most endearing IPL stories of this year.

Not to forget the reticent Washington Sundar, who held his own bowling in Powerplays, to some of the best T20 exponents.

Skipper Smith (421) also had a good start before some quiet matches towards the business end. Manoj Tiwary (317) has also played his part to perfection.

The best part about their campaign has been turning their weak-links into a strong point.

Once Imran Tahir (18 wickets) left for national duty, no one would have thought that Jaydev Unadkat (22 wickets) would make this platform his own with support from the unheralded Washington and Shardul Thakur.

SRH had a good chance if not for rain: Muralitharan

BENGALURU(KCN): Sunrisers Hyderabad coach Muttiah Muralitharan feels his team would have had a good chance of

a disciplined bowling and fielding effort to first restrict Sunrisers to a modest 128 for seven and then overwhelmed the revised

over game, we would have had a better chance than playing a six-over game," Muralitharan told reporters at the post-

for 70-80 runs. We were thinking about putting 140 runs, and if we had a 20-over game, we had the bowling to defend. Unfortunately, we were 10 runs short. They bowled well as well," he said.

"We have all seen on this wicket this season, even while defending 130, teams have won," he added. Muralitharan said the team had a very good season and played well.

"Unfortunately, it was the rain, which you cannot complain about, and you need to move on because they played better. We had a very good season and we played well.

"However, unfortunately you need to go out sometimes when you are in the knockouts. Therefore, unfortunately this year is not our year. We will make sure if we can build the same team next year, comeback and

fight for the trophy," he said.

Muralitharan reiterated that he is satisfied with the players' performance.

"Our batsmen batted well, the bowlers, who were picked in the auction, did well as well. Therefore, we are satisfied with our players along with our performance as well," he said.

The Lankan spin legend Muralitharan also said, "We also won eight matches or something, while we just lost five matches, along with this loss. We won it last year, and that is not going to happen every time. Every team tries hard. Therefore, sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. We take it on the chin and say 'Ok, it's not our year'. I also congratulate all the players who played really well for us."

Indian football team's friendly against Lebanon cancelled

New Delhi(KCN): Indian football team's international friendly against Lebanon, which was supposed to be played in Mumbai on June 7, has been cancelled after the West Asian nation pulled out of the match, citing problems in the procurement of visas for its players.

The match against Lebanon was to serve as a build-up for India's crucial Asian Cup Qualifiers game against Kyrgyzstan on June 13 in Bengaluru. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) said it was looking for a replacement country, but it is unlikely to happen with very little time left to look for another nation.

"The Lebanese Football Association has expressed their regret at not being able to travel to India to play the international friendly against

the Indian national team on June 7, 2017. Lebanon had earlier

to come to Lebanon to apply for their visas."



in March 2017 confirmed their willingness to play the match in Mumbai. The AIFF is currently looking for a replacement," the AIFF said in a statement.

In a letter to AIFF, Jihad Al Chohof, general secretary of Lebanese FA, wrote: "We regret to inform you that we will no longer be able to play the friendly match. It is not possible to apply for entry visas for the majority of national team visas at Indian Embassy in Beirut, as they are playing abroad with their respective clubs. it is not possible for them

As per rules of the Government of India, Lebanese citizens cannot get visas on arrival in India.

Expressing his disappointment at the development, national team coach Stephen Constantine said: "The decision of the Lebanon FA, that too at the 11th hour comes as a jolt for our preparations for the crucial AFC Asian Cup Qualifier against the Kyrgyzstan Republic."

Even as we are trying to find a replacement team, I understand that it is very difficult as all other teams have already finalised their matches," he said.



making the IPL final if its eliminator against Kolkata Knight Riders had not been truncated due to rain.

The match between Kolkata Knight Riders and Sunrisers Hyderabad was a rain-curtailed one. Opting to bowl first, KKR produced

target of 48 in six overs with consummate ease.

"I think overall if you see, the Bengaluru wicket this year was very low scoring. I thought 130 is a par score. I think with more runs on board and if you take two or three wickets in a 20-

match press conference here.

Muralitharan felt his team fell 10 runs short of what they would have wanted on the board.

"The wicket is not that great to play shots here, because if you had played your shots, you would have been bowled out