

## FISHFED INKS PACT FOR EXCLUSIVE DIESEL OUTLETS FOR FISHERMEN



**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** The FISHFED on Thursday inked a pact with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) for setting up 13 numbers of High-Speed diesel (HSD) consumer pumps at various Fish Landing Centers and Jetties in Odisha.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between FISHFED managing director Subal Chandra Mohanty and Chief Divisional Consumer Sales Manager, IOCL Ashok Mishra.

Agriculture and Farmer Empowerment, Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Minister Pradeep

Maharathy, Fisheries and Animal Resource Development Secretary Bish-nupada Sethi, Director Fisheries Dr. Bijaya Ketan Upadhyaya, FISHFED and FIS-H C O P F E D president T. Prasad Rao Dora were prominent among those present during the ceremony.

Odisha Fishermen Co-operative Federation (FISHFED) is an apex body of Fishermen Co-operative Societies in the State with an enrolment of 70,000 members who are dependent on fishing for their livelihood.

The fishermen operate their boats and meet the requirement of diesel

from local retail outlets at present.

They are unable to get the required diesel at the doorstep and Fish Landing Centers. Every time they are to pay extra money to procure the diesel from outside to meet their requirement.

FISHFED has come forward to open diesel outlets at important Fish Landing Centers in the state with the help of IOCL with an aim to provide diesel at the doorstep of the Fishermen with a rebate @ Rs 0.50/-per liter for the fishing operation which will help them financially.

The diesel outlets would be set up at Chandrabhaga, Astara, Balugaon,

Bahabalpur Kharinasi, Chuda-mani, Palur, Bhusandapur, Sonapur, Nairy, Talchua, Pan-chubisa and Sorana at present.

The mechanized and motorized boats operating along the coast will be benefitted directly by this Venture.

Odisha is one of the important maritime States in India. Besides all other freshwater and brackish water resources, the state has a coastline of 480 Kms. With a total production of 5.21 lakh MT of fish, the state ranks 9th in the country in fish production.

Every year approximately Rs 2000 Crores of fish

and fisheries products are exported from the state.

It is intended to increase the present fish production and export in coming years.

At least 1.14 lakh fishermen families reside along the coastline with a population of 6.05 lakh.

The state has 73 Fish Landing Centers with 2 major Fishing Harbors where 1755 mechanized boats, 7666 motorized boats and 9507 traditional boats are in operation.

Of the 1.45 lakh MT of marine fish catch landed last year, 60 percent had been exported to different states and countries.

## Rs 266 crore seizure: If it's black money, account holder answerable, says bank manager

**MALAPPURAM (KCN):** The CBI squad that carried out an inspection on the Malappuram District Cooperative Bank (MDCB) have asked the officials to produce documents supporting the amount of money found to be deposited between November 10 and 14.

The bank officials revealed this on Thursday at a meeting called to respond to reports that CBI had seized Rs 266 crore from the bank which was not supported by any valid documents.

They clarified that the bank had Rs 97 crore as opening balance and the inspection team only asked them to submit papers for Rs 169 crore. They said the remaining amount, Rs 169 crore, was collected from 54 branches of the MDCB and 296 cooperative societies including 140 cooperative society banks.

"The bank had Rs 97 crore as opening balance when the demonetisation came to effect. We later collected Rs 85 crore from our 54 branches

and Rs 84 crore from the cooperative societies," MDCB president Ahammed Kutty said.

He said there was nothing wrong with the bank account and MDCB had complied with the KYC norms clearly. "The bank doesn't have an issue in accepting any amount of money from depositors. If the amount deposited is black money, the account holder is answerable," he added.

A 10-member team carried out an inspection at the bank on See page-7

## Mamata scripts success

**Bhubaneswar (KCN):** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today announced incentive amount of Rs 1000 and Rs 500 for anganwadi workers, assistants, ASHA workers and mothers for making the Government sponsored Mamata scheme successful in the state.

As many as 70,000 anganwadi workers, 60,000 anganwadi assistants and 48,000 ASHA workers will be benefited from the incentives.

Addressing at a function held at Jayadev Bhawan here, Mr. Patnaik said that the Mamata scheme has provided cooperation to make

nant women has achieved a new height and it has achieved a milestone by including a number of women into it.

Mamata scheme is the largest DBT scheme for the pregnant and delivery women in the country, he said congratulating the anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and mothers.

Notably, 25 lakh women beneficiaries have been included under the Mamata scheme since 2011. Around Rs 1,100 crore has been directly transferred online at their saving bank accounts.

Describing the scheme a successful effort towards mak-

and marriage.

He also announced about the prospect of Odisha Multisectoral Action Plan, a joint effort by the state government and Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative, for improvement in mothers and children's nutrition. The program, which will be functional from 2017 to 2020, will help in improving the nutrition of all the mothers and children from villages to towns.

He hoped that the program will also help in preparing a strong infrastructure in meeting the growth target in 2030.

He launched the Mamata software



## Pope in Christmas speech blasts Vatican resistance to reform

**VATICAN CITY (KCN):** Pope Francis today denounced the resistance he's encountering in reforming the Vatican bureaucracy, saying some of it is inspired by the devil "dressed as an angel" and that the prelates who work for him must undergo "permanent purification" to serve the Catholic Church

better.

in a row, Francis took



For the third year the Vatican bureau-

cracy to task in his annual Christmas greeting. He said the reform process he was elected to push through in 2013 isn't aimed at a superficial face-lift for the Holy See, but rather a profound change in mentality among his collaborators. "Dear brothers, it's not the wrinkles in the church that you

should fear, but the stains!" he said.

In 2014, Francis stunned the Vatican Curia, or administration, when he listed the 15 "spiritual ailments" its members were suffering. He accused them of using their careers to grab power and wealth, of living "hypocritical" double lives See Page-7

the mothers self reliant and empowered apart from healthy motherhood.

Women & Child Development Minister Usha Devi, SC/ST Development Minister

Lalbihari Himirika, Tourism & Culture Minister Ashok Panda, Chief Secretary AP Padhi and Development Commissioner R Balakrishnan, Secretary women & Child Development Vishal Dev were among others present at the function.

The program dedicated to the preg-

ing the dreams of legendary leader Biju Patnaik for women empowerment, the CM said that this is an endeavor of state government from its heart towards women and children's health.

Launching the Biju Sishu Surakhya Yojana for orphan and HIV positive children during the program, Mr. Patnaik said that financial assistance will be provided to the children for their higher studies and rehabilitation. In case of girls, assistance will be given for Sukanya account

during the function. Through the software, Rs 3,000 will be transferred online in first phase at the accounts of pregnant women six month after conceive of child. The government will deposit Rs 2,000 in the second phase after 10 months.

Mr. Patnaik also presented cash awards of Rs 5 lakh, Rs 3 lakh and Rs 2 lakh to three top districts - Dhenkanal, Keonjhar and Jagatsinghpur - respectively for achieving success in the Mamata Program.

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**Kim K steps out sans engagement ring post-Paris robbery**

WASHINGTON(KCN): When Kim

engagement ring, the key piece of

caused the Paris armed robbery two



Kardashian was spotted out recently, she was missing her

jewelry deemed to be a contributing factor in what

months ago.

With her one-year-old son Saint

West in the back seat and a friend, the 36-year-old was photographed driving an SUV without wearing her engagement ring from husband Kanye West, instead sporting a plain gold wedding band, reports E! Online.

The reality star has largely kept out of the public eye since robbers held her at gunpoint during her stay for the Paris Fashion Week, and stole at almost 11 million dollars worth of

jewelry.

Post this incident, the 'Keeping Up With The Kardashians' star has not been photographed with an engagement ring although rarely before she has gone totally ringless while out and about.

West has also been laying low himself since his hospital stay for exhaustion after cancelling the remaining dates of his Saint Pablo Tour.

**'Surprised' achievements**  
JOHANNESBURG(KCN): 17-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer has saluted 'extraordinary' Andy Murray for surpassing Serbia's Novak Djokovic and becoming the new World number one.

Last month, Murray dethroned Djokovic to earn his first title at the ATP World Tour finals and made sure he remained No. 1 until next season.

By ending Djokovic's 122-week reign, Murray also became the second-oldest player since John Newcombe in 1974 to debut at World No. 1.

The 29-year-old Briton notched up a total of nine titles this year, including a second Wimbledon title and a second Olympic singles gold in Rio de Janeiro.

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

NEW DELHI (KCN): Sunny Leone's much-awaited song from 'Raees' is out and it has all the ingredients to make it to the top of every chartbuster!

From Sunny's sexy dance moves to Shah Rukh Khan's killer looks, the remixed version of Zeenat Aman's 'Laila O Laila' is sure to make you groove.

Set in a dance bar, it seems the song is an important part of the development of SRK's character of a liquor baron in Gujarat.

The 70's classic rendition has been recreated by Ram Sampath and sung by Pawni Kalyan.

Directed by Rahul Dholakia, 'Raees' is all set to release on January 25 next year.



**Kajol, Priyanka hail Pakistan's move to remove ban on Indian films**

Bombay (KCN): 'Mental Manadhil' from OK Kanmani, 'Mei Nigara' from 24, and now, 'The Breakup Song' from Ae Dil Hai Mushkil... Jonita Gandhi is on the crest of a wave. Over

telephone from Mumbai, the 27-year-old says with a laugh, "My phone has been buzzing with messages ever since the ('Breakup') song released. Many were quite surprised when they came to know that I had sung it. I am not sure why." As for Jonita, it was one of the most fun projects that she had done. "We were partying and recording... it was dramatic," she says.

Jonita has a lot on her plate, from recording for movies to performing live gigs. But she also talks about a dream that she has been holding on to for sometime now. "Writing music... I want to sing something that I have written from scratch. How cool would that be," she

says, a little lost in thought. "I have written in the past, but I am just very picky. So I am not sure whether many of those will see the light of day," she adds after a pause.

Meanwhile, she is consciously making sure that her YouTube channel (Jonita Music has over half a lakh followers) thrives - given that's where she began her journey as a musician. "I used to record my song videos, all covers, on my phone and post them," she recalls. Later, as her channel continued to gain visitors, she started making professional videos, self-produced videos and collaborating with different artistes. "This was way back in 2011, and that's how far I could reach Bollywood from Toronto. But it helped me get a foot in the door, as several music composers recognised me, and next thing I know, I was doing a tour with Sonu Nigam in North America,"

she says. Following the tour, Jonita debuted in Bollywood with Chennai Express.

"Till then, I had only performed in live shows. I hadn't recorded a Bollywood song from scratch. Understanding and learning a composition on the spot was new to me. So I was extremely nervous," she recalls. The first song she recorded was the title song of Chennai Express for Vishal-Shekhar. "The song was already done, and the male voice was by SPB sir. There was a small part in the song that features Deepika Padukone in the visuals and they wanted a female voice. I just happened to be around then, so they told me to try it out, and it all came out well," she says.

She was then spotted by A.R. Rahman, with whom she worked on the album Raunaq and Tamil film OK Kanmani, among others. "I was

in Chennai once, so he asked me to come to

completely on who ever was directing the



his studio and record in Tamil. Thankfully, I had people around me who really supported me. I had no idea how well I was singing the words. I had to rely

videos to visually set everything right," she says with a laugh. "On my first trip to Chennai, while working with Rahman sir, I had no idea who we

were recording for. But I was just happy to be working with him. He is an amazing person and makes people super comfortable, and while most think that he is quiet, in reality, he is a very funny person," says Jonita, who is trained in Western Classical music.

Looking back, while her academic degrees (she has two undergraduate degrees in Health Sciences and Business) did little to contribute to her career as a singer, she says, "Music was always there on the side. I used to come home from school during weekends and perform at events. It was already my part-time job. Even at home, there were always old Hindi songs — those of Rafi, R.D. Burman, Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle — and 90s Bollywood music by Shreya Ghoshal and Sonu Nigam — playing. I grew up listening to them."

### Karnataka mandis see 30-35 per cent drop in trade after notes ban

**NEW DELHI(K-CN):** Farmers in Karnataka are facing hardships in selling their kharif produce in mandis because of demonetisation and

ing because of demonetisation. But we are seeing problems in mandis, where farmers are not able to sell their kharif produce due to poor de-

of most agri-crops including vegetables have dropped, he said, adding that this has added to farmers' woes in the state. "We sell veg-

The minister said the central agencies, especially Nafed has started procurement of tur dal at the minimum support price to protect the interest of

of copra, the state government has asked Nafed to intensify the procurement operation, he added. Gowda said that agrarian crisis in the



trade has come down by about 30-35 per cent, state Agriculture Minister Krishan Byre Gowda today said. "We did not face difficulty in rabi sow-

mand. The trade transaction has fallen by about 30-35 per cent," Gowda told reporters here. In the absence of buyers, mandi prices

etables and fruits to neighbouring states like Maharashtra and Goa. Due to cash problem, transport activities have slowed down," Gowda said.

farmers. "We have asked Nafed to open procurement centres in most places so that farmers are benefited," he said. Similarly in case

state has aggravated as the state has suffered drought for the six consecutive year. "Even the ongoing rabi crop is likely to be affected due to scanty rains," he said.

### Defunct currency notes can be used for payment under PMGKY: I-T

**NEW DELHI(K-CN):** The Income Tax department today said that the now-defunct Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes can be used till December 30 for paying tax on disclosures made under the tax evasion amnesty scheme.

The government has come out with Taxation and Investment Regime for Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), 2016, under which those with unaccounted cash were offered a chance to come clean by paying 50 per cent of it as tax, penalty and surcharge, while parking an additional 25 per

deposited in cash in the non-interest rate bearing PMGK Deposit Scheme 2016. The remaining 25 per cent can then be deposited in individual bank accounts.

After December 30, tax and the deposit will have to be made through cheque or RTGS transfer.

Tax at the rate of 30 per cent of the undisclosed income, surcharge of 33 per cent of tax and penalty of 10 per cent of such income is payable besides mandatory deposit of 25 per cent of the undisclosed income in the PMGK Deposit Scheme.

The income de-

clared under the scheme will not be included in the total income of the declarant under the Income Tax Act for any assessment year.

Not declaring the black money under the scheme now, but showing it as income in the tax return form would lead to a total levy of 77.25 per cent in taxes and penalty.

In case the disclosure is not made either using the scheme or in return, a further 10 per cent penalty on tax will be levied followed by prosecution, the statement added.



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#### CBDT identifies 67.54 lakh income tax

**NEW DELHI(K-CN):** The Income Tax Department has identified an additional 67.54 lakh potential non-filers who carried out high value transactions in 2014-15 but did not file return of income.

The Non-Filers Monitoring System (NMS) was initiated by CBDT, the policy making body of I-T Department, for identification of non-filers with potential tax liabilities.

"The Income Tax Department has conducted the fifth cycle of data matching which has identified an additional 67.54 lakh potential non-filers who have carried out high value transactions in the financial year 2014-15 but did not file return of income for the relevant assessment year i.e. AY 2015-16," CBDT said in a statement.

Non-filers have been identified based on data analytics carried out by the Systems Directorate of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) about whom specific information is available in the Annual Information Return (AIR), Central Information Branch (CIB) and TDS/TCS databases.

cent in a non-interest bearing deposit for four years.

"It is stated that up to December 30, 2016, the payment towards tax, surcharge, penalty and deposit under the PMGKY can be made in old bank notes of rupees 500 and rupees 1000 denomination issued by the RBI," a finance ministry statement said.

The PMGKY scheme opened on December 17, 2016, and people can declare unaccounted cash or bank deposits up to March 31, 2017.

The payment of tax, surcharge and penalty under the scheme is to be made through challan ITNS-287 and the deposits are to be made in the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Deposit Scheme, 2016, the statement added.

After the demonetisation of high value notes on November 8, the government allowed the defunct currency to be deposited in bank accounts till December 30. The holder of unaccounted cash in Rs 500/1000 notes can now deposit half of it in any of the 29 scheduled banks that are entitled to accept income tax on behalf of the government. A quarter of the amount can be

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and of forgetting, due to "spiritual Alzheimer's" that they're supposed to be joyful men of God. Last year, Francis listed a "catalog of virtues" they were supposed to show instead, including honesty, sobriety, respect and humility.

This year, he gave the priests, bishops and cardinals who work for him 12 guidelines that are inspiring his reform process, which has involved consolidating Vatican departments and creating new ones. He called for a "definitive end" to the Vatican's face-saving way of getting rid of unqualified or problematic staff by promoting them to a higher office. "This is a cancer!" Francis said.

Francis said it's entirely natural that there should be resistance during such a profound process of reform but he said there's good resistance and bad. Positive resistance is an open willingness for dialogue but "hidden" resistance comes from the "fearful or hardened hearts" of people who say they want change but really don't, he said. And then there's "malevolent resistance ... when the devil often dressed as an angel inspires nasty intentions."

He urged his collaborators to undergo an ongoing process of spiritual purification guided by the Gospel. Later, he told staff who work for the Vatican City State that the Gospel also should dictate the Vatican's labor practices to make sure people have proper contracts. "No employment off-the-books. No subterfuge," he said.

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Wednesday and found a huge cash flow into the bank between the November 10 and 14.

It has been alleged that the bank has violated KYC norms while letting the customers deposit the money. The CBI has asked the details of the account holders from the bank, it was learnt.

The officials argued that they submitted all the relevant documents for the Rs 266 crore which the CBI has claimed to have found without any valid papers.

The bank officials said that the bank had been given a clean chit in two previous inspections carried out by CBI.

## Kvitova attacked by knife-wielding burglar

**PRAGUE(KCN):** Two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova was injured after an attack by a knife-wielding burglar at her home in the eastern Czech town of Prostějov, her spokesman said on Tuesday. "Petra Kvitova was attacked in her flat this

morning, it was a random crime, nobody was



going to attack or rob her as Petra Kvitova," spokesman Karel Tejkal told AFP. "She was injured with a knife during the attempted burglary. Her life is not in danger," Tejkal added. The Dnes daily said the 26-year-old world number 11 had cuts on her left hand, in

which she holds the racket, after fighting the burglar. "What happened to me was not pleasant at all but it's over now," Kvitova said on Facebook. "I trust the doctors and I believe it will all end well. Don't worry about me," she added.

## Bopanna dropped from Indian Davis Cup squad

**NEW DELHI(KCN):** Former US Open finalist and two-time Olympian

have not done well. Take Czech Republic as an example," national selector

and then deliver results," he said. India's squad for New Zealand tie will



Rohan Bopanna has been dropped from the Indian Davis Cup squad for the tie against New Zealand in Pune from February 3-5.

The AITA selection committee comprising S P Misra, Rohit Rajpal, Nandan Bal, Zeeshan Ali and secretary Hiranmoy Chatterjee decided that Leander Paes and Saketh Myneni will be the preferred choice for their good show against Rafael Nadal and Marc Lopez in the previous Davis Cup tie against Spain.

While Bopanna's world ranking is 28, Paes is currently 59 and Myneni is 210 in the ATP doubles ranking list.

"Picking Rohan blocks a place for a third singles player that we wanted to have in the squad. Also Leander and Saketh were brilliant against Spain. But whenever Leander and Rohan have played together, they

Misra told reporters here today.

"The other factor being Rohan being an ad court player. Even Saketh is an ad court player while Leander prefers deuce court (right side of the court). If we pick Rohan and Saketh, then we have two ad court players. Even Rohan and Saketh have not done well as a pair," Misra said.

He, however, informed that Rohan had informed the committee that he is available for this tie.

"Look we don't know how long Leander (43 years) will be playing. Rohan (36 years) is much younger and he can always make a comeback."

Asked about Somdev Devvarman, Misra said that he has not been playing any tournament for a long time.

"He has not played any tournament for a long time. First he has to make a comeback to the competitive tennis

witness Yuki Bhambri's comeback with Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan being the other two.

Yuki's comeback means that Sumit Nagal has also been axed from the squad. The fifth player in the squad is left handed Prajesh Gunneswaran, who comes in very handy during practice with his booming serves.

Two youngsters Adil Kalyanpur and Nitin Kumar Sinha will get valuable exposure practising with the squad.

The selection committee also named a provisional squad for Fed Cup Asia/Oceania group I event that will take place in Astana in Kazakhstan from February 6.

Sania Mirza has been kept in the squad as of now. It also comprises Ankita Raina, Sneha Reddy, Karman Thandi, Riya Bhatia, Prarthana Thombare

## Double delight for Ashwin at ICC Annual Awards

**DUBAI(KCN):** It turned out to be double delight

(2010), while other recipients of the Sir

Kallis (2005), Ponting (2006), Sangakkara

Reacting to the news, a delighted Ashwin

ted and the way I have gone about doing my busi-



for Ravichandran Ashwin at the ICC Annual Awards here today as he became only the third Indian player ever to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy after being named the ICC Cricketer of the Year besides the ICC Test Cricketer of the Year.

The off-spinner thus became the third India player and 12th overall to win the prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy

Ashwin follows in the footsteps of Rahul Dravid (2004) and Sachin Tendulkar

Garfield Sobers Trophy include Andrew Flintoff and Jacques Kallis (joint-winners in 2005), Ricky Ponting (2006 and 2007), Shivnarine Chandernaul (2008), Mitchell Johnson (2009 and 2014), Jonathan Trott (2011), Kumar Sangakkara (2012), Michael Clarke (2013) and Steve Smith (2015).

Ashwin was also adjudged the ICC Test Cricketer of the Year, which has made him only the second India player after Dravid (2004) to bag the two coveted prizes in the same year.

(2012), Clarke (2013), Johnson (2014) and Smith (2015) are the other players to annex both the awards in the same year.

During the voting period, which ran from September 14, 2015 to September 20, 2016, the 30-year-old off-spinner from Chennai played eight Tests in which he took 48 wickets and scored 336 runs. Ashwin also claimed 27 wickets in 19 T20Is.

Ashwin had finished 2015 as the number-one ranked Test bowler in the world, a position he twice re-claimed in 2016.

said: "It's an absolute pleasure to be awarded with this great honour. It feels great to follow the likes of Sachin

Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid in being named as the ICC Cricketer of the Year. To also win the ICC Test Cricketer of the Year makes it even better.

"There are a lot of people to thank for this wonderful achievement I have made. It has been a great couple of years but this year has been even more special. What is very noticeable is the way I have bowled and bat-

ness. What is more important, as far as I am concerned, is the number of people who have gone behind my success.

"I'd like to dedicate this award to my family. I'd like to thank ICC and most importantly my team-mates. I'd also like to thank the support staff for our success. We've had a great transition ever since Mahendra Singh Dhoni hung up his boots. A young (Test) captain (Virat Kohli) has taken over, we fell on the right track, and we now have a new bunch of boys," he added

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