

More subsidy in Tourism

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Odisha has formulated one of the most attractive Tourism Policy with both Financial and Non Financial Incentives to develop the State as the Supreme Tourist Destinations and to place it prominently on the Domestic and Global Tourism Map.

State Cabinet cleared the new Policy on 22 November chaired by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, which envisages to promote Sustainable and Green Tourism with a view to create employment opportunities and to bring about Socio-Economic benefits to the Community.

Gagan Kumar Dhal, Principal Secretary Tourism said that the present Policy envisages an aggressive, dynamic and long term approach to achieve the growth potential in Tourism by initiating identified policy measures, framing statutory framework, ensuring large scale investment through private participation and bringing in syn-

ergies among various sectors.

Major fiscal in-

hiked to promote investment in Tourism Infrastructure.

There will be a proper monitoring mechanism for eco-tourism



centives are incorporated in the new Policy, which will be a big booster for the investors and the Capital Investment Subsidy (CIS) amount has been

CIS of Rs.10 Crore will be provided investment up to Rs.50 Crore and above Rs.50 Crore, Subsidy will be Rs.15 Crore. Subsidy for Tented Accommodation, Adventure and Water Sports are envisaged in the Policy.

Odisha has attracted fewer investments during last few years in the Tourism Sector so no major hotels have come up. Looking at the scenario, CIS has been hiked so that Hospitality Sector will receive more investments.

Land Bank Plan is envisaged in the Policy and over 3000 Acres of land has been identified in several Tourism Hot Spots for a hassle free allotment to the private investors.

A clear-cut strategy will be evolved to coordinate the departments and the private sector for the development of eco-tourism which will be marketed globally as a distinct product.

products.

The Government also intends to launch special campaigns for NRI investments in the tourism sector. The investors will be encouraged to take up projects to establish connectivity among the tourist destinations within the State by Air and Road.

New Tourism Concepts like House Boats to be set up at back water, lake side, reservoir, riverside location identified by Department of Tourism.

Water Sports will be promoted by the side of a beach or lakeside or river side along with a pontoon/jetty.

Golf Courses will be promoted and Camping as well as Tent facilities will be promoted to attract investment.

Heritage Hotel, Aquarium, Water Park, Ropeway and Caravan Tourism are few new concepts to be developed in the State.

Demonetisation hits poultry

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): It is a double whammy situation for the Poultry Industry in Odisha, which seems completely marred by the Union Government's move of scrapping the old currency. This sector, which was earlier hit by avian bird flu scare, is now facing a bleak future.

Odisha Layer bird population is of 50 lakh, which produces 45 lakh egg per day and the Industry is losing Rs0.80 per egg on an average resulting loss of Rs.36 lakh a day and in last 15 days, the loss is over Rs.5.40 Crore for Layer farmers alone.

A poultry layer farmer from Sonepur District has sent SOS to Bishnupada Sethi, Secretary Fisheries and ARD saying he is forced to sale at a much lesser price aftermath demonetization as market in facing dull situation and he has over 1.40Lakh eggs in his farm since 9 November.

Mr.Sethi has brought the matter to the attention of the State Government for taking up the matter with the Union Government.

In fact the Odisha Government,

which came out with innovative Poultry



Policy in 2015 to attract investment in this sector last year, resulted in 20 lakh bird additional capacity of Layer Farms.

The farmers, who came out to invest in the Poultry Sector are now badly hit with the total cash flow disturbance of these new units. The investment climate will get a severe jolt due to the bad experience faced now in this sector.

The crippling effect of the currency demonetisation not only broke the back of the livestock food market, but has left many labourers jobless. The business saw an unprecedented dip in the last few days leaving old & new Poultry farmers, thousands of wholesale traders and suppliers sleepless overnight

Broiler farmers

are losing Rs25 per kilogram and with weekly entry of 25 lakh birds for meat purpose (2 kg/bird), the loss in 15 days amounts to Rs Rs.25Crore as the rate has dropped down from Rs. 85 to 60 per kg

While the commission agents/traders/retailers of fish, poultry, and egg market were seen struggling in storing the already transported live food stock with

20 years.

With no cash liquidity in the market it is believed that the market will take many months to get back to its usual business. "Transport has been hit. There is an all time decrease in the sale and no money in hand to give to the labourers. It is probably one of the worst times for Poultry Industry.

The revenue has seen a new low in the past many years. "With most of the transactions being



no suppliers and beneficiaries coming forward to buy it, the labourers have been rendered jobless and cashless with the business hitting an all time low over the last

made by cash, the suppliers and wholesale dealers, retailers, consumers are hit by this move, badly, said an official in the Department of Fisheries and ARD.

Mock drills on accidents

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): G Srinivas, Principal Secretary Labor and ESI and

Hazard and High Risk Factories.

This has to be done to find out if the

stake holders including the communities living in the vicinity so that losses can be minimized during real emergencies, said he.

Mr.Srinivas was present at a Mock Drill recently organized at HPCL's LPG Bottling Plant in Jatni, which has been identified as a major accident hazard factory due to bulk handling of LPG.

The mock drill was carried out involving authorities of the LPG bottling plant of HPCL, other stake holders such as mutual aid partners, State Authorities from Fire, Health, Police, Transport, Directorate of Factories and Boilers along with the Members of District Crisis Group (DCG), Khurda and Representatives from

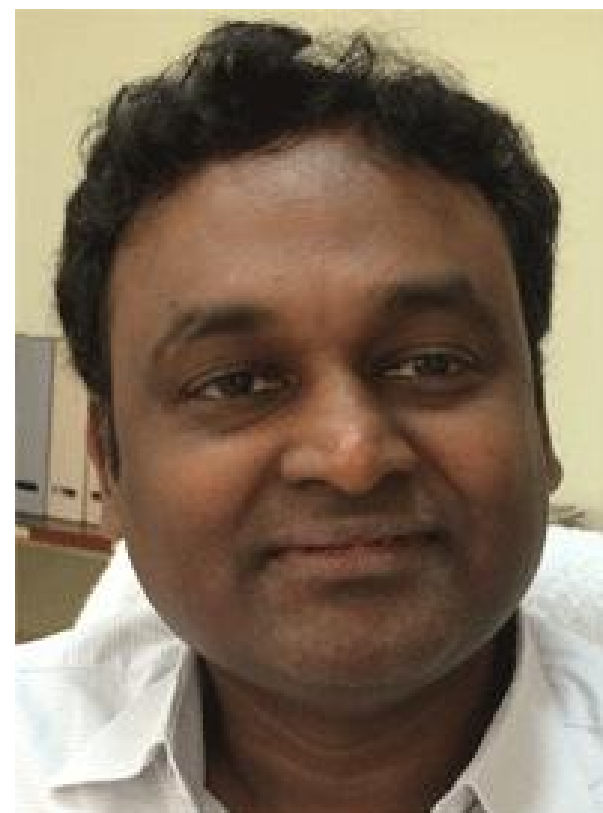
State Crisis Group.

This was done as part of the Regional Conference on Chemical (Industrial) Disaster Management with the theme "Disaster Risk Reduction in Chemical, Metallurgical, Gas and other Industries".

The Conclave was jointly organized by State's Labor & ESI Department, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) during 17-19 November at Mayfair Convention Centre.

Nearly 200 delegates who attended the Conference from four States - Odisha, West Bengal,

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Member Secretary, State Crisis Group said Mock Drills be held periodically in all Major Accident

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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.



Sunny Leone stuns in a bikini as she flaunts her toned body. She made her Bollywood debut with a cameo appearance in The Girl Next Door. Former porn actress has also worked in Hollywood movies Pirate's Blood and The Virginity Hit.



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India to emerge as economic superpower in 15-20 years: Rajnath

LUCKNOW (KCN): Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today exuded confidence that India will emerge as economic super power in 15 to 20 years following the steps being undertaken by the Centre to strengthen the economy. "I cannot speak about a couple of years but on the basis of my limited understanding I can confidently say that no one can stop India from becoming an economic super power in 15 to 20 years if the economy continues to move in the direction it is being taken by the central government", Singh said addressing the meeting of Indian Commerce Association here.

"We can proudly claim that India's economy is progressing the fastest in the world and its GDP growth rate has reached 7.9 per cent ..I have full confidence

that it will be in double figures in a couple of years", he said.

Investors from world over are coming to India despite slow-down and the highest investment has taken place in India in 2015-2016, he said.

The country has emerged as a favourite investment destination, he added.

Citing various achievements of the Narendra Modi government on the economic front, Singh said GST will come into force from April 2017 which will start a new taxation system.

The problems arising out of different taxation system in different states will come to an end and tax realisation will go up resulting in increase in government income and GDP growth will also go up by 1.5 to 2 per cent, he said.

Stressing that not a

single minister in the Narendra Modi government is facing corruption charge, Rajnath Singh said that though he cannot claim that the entire administrative structure has been cleaned up but one thing is clear that there is no corruption at the top.

"When the Gangotri has been cleaned, the Ganga coming out from there will automatically be clean ...efforts were on to ensure maximum transparency", he said.

Speaking about foreign trade, Singh said that it is facing slow-down which is being experienced by all the countries and India is no exception.

The Home Minister said that soon after coming to power it was decided that export has to be increased and India's share in world trade should be taken up to some 2.5 per cent from its present 1.6 per cent.

Would like to stay at the top, says Andy Murray

London (KCN): Andy Murray believes the best years of his career could still be ahead after confirming his status as world No. 1 by beating Novak Djokovic to claim the ATP Tour Finals crown on Sunday.

Murray, 29, became the oldest man since 1974 to reach the top of the rankings for the first time last month and the way he dominated the final months of the season, winning five titles and 24 matches in a row, suggests he could be right.

"I obviously want to try and achieve as much as I can these next few years because I'm not going to be around forever," Murray, who won a second Wimbledon title and the Rio Olympics this

year, told reporters after his 6-3, 6-4 win at the O2 Arena.

"These next few years, I want to try and make them the best of my career. But it's going to be tough." Had Murray lost to Djokovic on Sunday and relinquished top spot two weeks into his reign the chances are he would have overhauled the Serb again next year as he has fewer ranking points to defend in the months after the Australian Open.

Having scaled the summit earlier than he expected, Murray may well take some shifting.

"I would like to try and stay there at the top. It's taken a huge effort the last five, six months," he said.

"I'm aware that's going to be extremely difficult. But now that I've got there, I obviously would be motivated to try and stay in that position.

"But the majors are what gets me working hard and what really, really motivates me." First, however, Murray will afford himself the luxury of a short rest after a gruelling week in London where he twice set a new record for the longest match in the

tournament's history.

On Saturday he spent three hours 38 minutes defeating Canada's Milos Raonic, having beaten Kei Nishikori in another three-hour epic in the group stage.

He admitted he was running low on energy late on against Djokovic as the Serb staged a late rally.

"I didn't feel great this morning. The practice, the warmup for the match, I was hitting the ball fine, but just a bit sluggish, a bit heavy-legged," Murray said.

"Thankfully the first sort of seven games of the match, there was no long rallies, which for us is strange. It wasn't until the middle of the second set when the rallies started to get extended and longer that my legs were starting to feel it." I knew that the longer the match went, the worse I was going to feel, and probably the better he was going to play. I was lucky I got it finished in two sets." It was only five months ago that talk of Djokovic becoming the first man since Rod Laver in 1969 to complete a calendar Grand Slam gathered momentum after he won the French Open

for the first time to complete a career slam and become the first man in nearly half a century to hold all four majors at once.

However, the emotional toll of fulfilling that lifelong dream at Roland Garros appeared to knock him sideways and Djokovic has not recovered since.

"The last six months have not been ideal," he said. "There were things I could have done better on the court. I know that. It was a tough season... I'd just been through so much emotion in the first six months with Roland Garros.

"I needed some time to really take it all in, digest it. But I didn't have that time. I had to... be on the court right away. I guess that all had its toll." That toll meant Djokovic's calendar Grand Slam hopes were dashed in the Wimbledon third round by American Sam Querrey.

It left him a tearful wreck after he lost to Juan Martin del Potro in the first round of the Rio Olympics.

And it allowed Murray to nibble away at his 9,000-point lead in the rankings before de-

throning him.

"It's required... To come out on the court in these particular occasions, playing top guys, to come out with (your) top game," said Djokovic.

"I wasn't close to that.

There was no serious chance for me to win today's match.

From the very beginning we could see that." For a player who had built an aura of invincibility around him in the year from June 2015 such a slump was hard to digest.

But rather than looking forward after Sunday's defeat to rectifying that disparity next season, Djokovic simply wanted to turn the lights out on his 2016 season.

"It's hard to expect to repeat all these things forever. Nothing is eternal," he said slumping his shoulders.

"Right now the goal is just to rest. It's been a long season.

I'm actually looking forward to have a month and a half with no tournaments." (REUTERS) Novak Djokovic

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South Africa in control of the first test with 506-run lead

PERTH, Australia (KCN): South Africa continued to bat Australia out of the first cricket test by extending the lead to 506 runs at lunch on the fourth day at the WACA on Sunday.

South Africa was 508-7 at the break with Vernon Philander and debutant Keshav Maharaj unbeaten on 63 and 19 respectively.

Overnight pair of Quinton de Kock (64) and Philander batted untroubled in a 116-run seventh wicket stand as the game gradually got away from the home side.

With the wicket suiting batsmen despite widening cracks, South Africa ground out the Australian attack after starting the day on 390-



6. De Kock, who was the mainstay in South Africa's first innings 242 with a brilliant 84, made a plucky 64 to again thwart Australia's hopes for early inroads to

the tourists' lower order.

Australia came close to dismissing him twice in the first hour when he was adjudged out by the onfield umpire. But the lefthander success-

fully challenged the caught behind and the lbw on 28 and 47 respectively, much to the dismay of the hosts. De Kock finally drove uppishly and was well caught by

Adam Voges at cover off Mitchell Marsh (2-77). He hit two sixes and five fours off 100 balls in 2 1/2 hours. Philander had batted for just under three hours, with a six and 10

fours off 132 balls. This was after Dean Elgar (127) and Jean-Paul Duminy (141) on Saturday shared a 250-run third wicket stand to bat the Proteas to a match-controlling position.

England get ready for Ashwin's talespin

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 fearsome look.

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

year 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-

Towering Head & shoulders above

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 &**



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 Tremlin 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.