

Prasad Q to Shah FARD on Pig care

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): OPCC President Prasad Harichandan has asked five questions to BJP National President Amit Shah, who is scheduled to visit Odisha on 25 November.

Whether the industrialists like Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani were aware of the demonetization?

What is the reason for waiving the loans of industrialists by taking the common people's money?

What step has been taken by the NDA Government for the kins of victims, who died due to demonetization?

Whether the Union Government will waive short term agriculture loan?

Is it patriotism to love the common people or few industrialists?

Briefing News-men here today OPCC Chief Prasad Harichandan said the OPCC would organize 'Jana Akrosh Rally' in all the 314 blocks and 30 districts of the state protesting the Centre's decision of demonetization on 28 November.

Mr. Harichandan took a dig at the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and

asked "how much corruption, black money have been re-



found standing in long queue. Only poor, farmers, daily

laborers and retailers are standing in the banks throughout the day. As many as 60 people have died and around 25% business has been affected due to the demonetization in the country, said the Congress leader.

Like other states, the normal life has been affected in Odisha. Some are buying only the necessary items and several do not prefer to go outside from home due to cash crunch, he added. However, a big scam of the Government has come to fore through the demonetization.

The Centre claimed that demonetization move was taken against the black money hoarders. But, not a single industrialist or black money holder is

Fishery University in offing

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): To harness the fishing opportunities of the State's resources, Government has envisioned setting up Odisha University of Fishery & Aquaculture for greater innovations and wider applications.

This was discussed in a high level meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi here today.

Secretary Fisheries & Animal Resource Development Bishnupada Sethi presented the proposal and necessity for the University.

Development Commissioner Sri R. Balakrishnan participating in the discussion advised to conceptualize the University as a thematic

& outcome oriented institution from the beginning instead of planning it as a generic & theoretical University.

He added that it should be developed as a state of Art Uni-



versity focusing on direct linkage with farmers and field applications.

While nodding the proposal in principle, Chief Secretary Mr. Padhi directed the department to focus on short & medium-term strategies for boosting the farmers' income in coming 3 to 5 years. Sri Padhi also asked to department to develop inland fishery as another source of in-

come for large number of farmers' families in rural areas.

Chief Secretary further advised the departments to list out the fingerling producers in the State and mobilizes them

and change-agents. Development Commissioner Mr. Balakrishnan advised to provide extension services through them. The department was also advised to carry forward the fishing activities in convergence with the Department of Panchayati Raj.

Presenting proposal for the University, Secretary F&ARD Mr. Sethi mentioned that

Mr. Modi in his address had claimed that the black money and corruption can be checked due to the move. If the high value currency notes - Rs 500 and 1,000 are the illegal tenders, is not the new Rs 2,000 note a black money?, he asked.

In fact, the demonetization move is a plan of the Modi government to recover Rs 8 lakh crore bank loan that has been taken by the industrialist.

The Government has waived around Rs 6,000 crore loan of 63 major industrialists after NDA Government came to power. Around Rs 10 lakh crore is estimated to be deposited through the demonetization. The move has been taken for the convenience of only capitalists and businessmen, Mr. Harichandan alleged.

"The Rs 8 lakh crore loan taken by industrialists across the country is yet to be recovered by the government. The Narendra Modi government has so far waived Rs 1 lakh crore debt for the industrialists but why there is no such waiver for farmers?" OPCC President questioned.

Odisha presently contributes to about 5% of the fish production in the country and about 17% of the value of Indian maritime product export.

State has the resources like 480 kms of coastline along with 24,000 sq kms of area within continental shelf. Fresh water resources is estimated around 6.79 lakh hectare comprising of 1.28 lakh hectare of ponds, 2 lakh hectare of reservoirs, 1.80 lakh hectare of lakes, swamps and 1.71 lakh hectare of rivers & canals. Brackish water resources are around 4.18 lakh hectare.

With these resources, inland fishery and fresh water aquaculture can be taken to new heights through scientific fishery. **See page-7**

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): State Government has decided to take up construction of Piggery Shelter under MGNREGS.

Bishnupada Sethi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries and Animal Resources Development had proposed for construction of Piggery Shelter under MGNREGS in the individual land in the State to provide livelihood support to rural poor.

This initiative will also improve the health status of the pigs for better productivity and reduce the spreading of vector borne zoonotic disease notifiable disease JE from pig.

Accordingly the Department of Panchayatraj has issued instruction to all the District Collector in this regard, said sources in Govern-

ment. The State is cur-

who acts as carrier for JE virus.



rently in the midst of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) outbreak in Malkangiri District, where more than hundred children were died. Although the exact cause of death is being still investigated, one of the possible risk factor is existing pig population,

Unhygienic condition of the Pig Shed is only one of many problems, for spreading the JE infection to human being through mosquito.

Due to isolation of pigs in the outskirts of JE affected village has cut down the farmers' liveli-

hood to a great extent in Malkangiri.

The piggery shelter with 21 square meter at a cost of Rs. 50,000 for a small unit of 4 pigs (3 female and one male pig) will be constructed under MGNREGS.

The Scheme will be executed by Panchayat Samiti as per the norms of MGNREGS. The beneficiary shall be a job card holder and selection will be made as per MGNREGS norm.

Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Secretary, Mr. Sethi viewed that such scheme will assist the marginalized sections of the society for construction of a good pig sty for maintaining the animals in a healthy condition to derive higher income from pig farming.



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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 Forward 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 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



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

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 entertainer 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 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 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.

BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar

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



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.



Sunny Leone stuns in a bikini as she flaunts her toned boy. 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.

No break for the 'Breakup Song' singer

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 artists. "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 fea-



tures Deepika Padukone in the visu-

als 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 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 completely on whoever was directing the 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.

Rupee plunges to 68.86 against US dollar despite RBI intervention

MUMBAI(KCN): The rupee fell to a record low of 68.86 on Thursday, pressured by a rallying U.S. dollar, capital outflows from emerging markets, and worries about the country's demonetisation drive.

Despite repeated interventions by the central bank to slow the slide, the rupee breached its previous low of 68.85 to the dollar set in August 2013, when the country was mired in its worst currency crisis in more than two decades.

The Reserve Bank of India intervened again in the afternoon, after spending around \$500 million in the morning, but the rupee was able to claw back only a fraction of its losses.

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shock win in the U.S. presidential election. Analyst said they expected the rupee to remain under pres-

Trump's actions once he is in the White House, only then will we have some certainty."

lead to higher U.S. interest rates are behind rising U.S. yields that have attracted investors to the dollar.

Since the U.S. election on Nov. 8, foreign investors have sold a net \$1.59 billion from equity markets and \$2.02 billion in debt.

Although foreign investors are pulling money away from India's capital markets, analysts say its strong economic growth should lend some support to the currency. Foreign exchange reserves also are at a near record high and inflation remains low.

MODI'S GAMBLE
There are worries, however, that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's shock move this month to ditch higher-denominated banknotes could dent growth.

The move, announced on the eve of U.S. elections, has sparked widespread frustration among Indians struggling to get new notes, and is expected to dent the consumer demand that powers the economy.

Sensex falls 146 points on F&O expiry, weak rupee

MUMBAI(KCN) : After rising for two back-to-back sessions, the stock market turned weak as the benchmark Sensex fell nearly 146 points and the NSE Nifty hung below the

was trading lower by 145.97 points, or 0.56 per cent, to 25,905.84. The gauge had gained 286.67 points in the previous two sessions.

Sectoral indices led by auto, power, banking,

0.11 per cent in early trade. Japan's Nikkei, however, was up 1.08 per cent.

The US Dow Jones Industrial Average ended 0.31 per cent higher yesterday.



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It was trading at 68.82 as of 0826 GMT, down about 0.4 per cent on the day.

The rupee has fallen around three percent so far this month, its biggest fall against the dollar since August 2015, though it has fared better than many other emerging market currencies since Donald Trump's

sure, with the RBI continuing to intervene to smoothen volatility but without defending a specific level.

"It is frankly difficult to say where the rupee will be in the near-term," said Pramod Patil, Vice President, Global Markets at United Overseas Bank.

"We will have to wait and watch

In 2013, pressure on the current account triggered heavy rupee selling, but this time India is seen as being far better positioned to resist outflows from investors attracted by higher U.S. interest rates.

Expectations that President-elect Trump will pursue an expansionary fiscal policy that will drive inflation higher and



8,000-mark in early trade today, with participants liquidating positions in view of November month derivatives expiry.

Besides, weak Asian cues as upbeat economic data strengthened prospect of higher US interest rates and the continued free-fall of the rupee against the American currency weighed on sentiment, brokers said.

The rupee today weakened by another 27 paise against the dollar to trade at a fresh nine-month low of 68.83, extending its free-fall for the fifth straight day on sustained foreign fund outflows amid the American currency surging overseas at the Interbank Foreign Exchange (Forex) market.

The 30-share index

consumer durables, capital goods and FMCG, declining by up to 0.97 per cent.

The NSE Nifty fell 59.35 points, or 0.73 per cent, to 7,973.95 in early trade.

Offloading of positions by participants -- today being the last trading session of November series contracts in the derivatives segment -- and weak Asian cues, dampened sentiment here.

Major losers were Tata Motors, Lupin, NTPC, Adani Ports, Axis Bank, L&T, Sun Pharma, ICICI Bank, Tata Steel, M&M, Maruti Suzuki, SBI and RIL, falling by up to 1.68 per cent.

Among other Asian markets, Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 0.37 per cent while Shanghai Composite Index shed

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Mr.Sethi further mentioned that the proposed university would cater to the basic requirements like delivering professional courses, creating technical manpower, innovating technical know-how, skilling the farmers through direct exposure and designing the best practices. The University would create a technical and scientific network connecting individual farmers, organizations and institutes.

Secretary Skill Development & Technical Education Sanjay Kumar Singh, Joint Secretary Fisheries Shailendra Dwivedi, Director Fisheries Bijaya Ketan Upadhaya along with other senior officers of the department participated in discussions.

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BCCI reluctance to inform ICC costs women direct WC berth

Towering Head & shoulders above

CHENNAI(KCN): Before next year's India-Pakistan Champions Trophy match,

Pakistan as scheduled, which has cost them a direct berth in next year's World

forming the world body about the problems it faces. Difficulties in playing

(left) and BCCI president Anurag Thakur Eight teams were supposed to play

But the BCCI didn't inform ICC that they were not playing Pakistan. Neither did

Following repeated incidents of tension in the border, the BCCI has decided against playing Pakistan without permission from the government. The women's teams are scheduled to meet in an Asia Cup match in Thailand on November 29. Last heard, the BCCI president Anurag Thakur was trying to ask the centre for instruction.

If sources are to be believed, the ICC was willing to listen. "The ICC is aware of the political situation and would have been ready to consider had the BCCI explained its position. But it ignored the ICC while skipping these games." A BCCI source confirmed the ICC wasn't informed about this.

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.



things are getting complicated as far as cricketers ties between the countries are concerned. The latest is an ICC decision to dock the Indian women's team points for not playing

Cup.

Not playing against teams from across the border without government clearance, the BCCI probably missed a trick too, by not in-

against Pakistan were not conveyed to ICC for consideration. The ICC deducted points after getting silence instead of an explanation.

ICC chairman Shashank Manohar

three-match series against each other. Pakistan were to host India between August and October and offered to play in UAE. "The Indian team played against others.

they say why. There was no communication. The ICC went by rules and docked points," ICC sources told Express. This event is part of an ICC programme, not a bilateral series.

India in no mood to relax despite victory

VISAKHAPATNAM(KCN): A loss can wake a team up. England may have been comprehensively

in them.

The Indian bowlers, particularly spinners, were good, something Cook ad-

played 150-odd overs, we could have saved the game. Often, in those circumstances, you say 'I'll just play

out of Mohali due to injury. While that might help India a bit, they still have James Anderson and Chris

more than analysing opposition. It's been our strength over the last 12-14 months, and we'll continue to do



beaten in the second Test here, but with three games remaining, rest assured they will not give up. England were on top in the first Test, while India had it easy in the second.

In Rajkot, captain Alastair Cook, Joe Root, Moeen Ali and Ben Stokes scored centuries, while in the second Test, partnerships between Cook and Haseeb Hameed, and Ben Stokes and Jonny Bairstow showed that their batsmen definitely have it

mitted. He will surely be expecting more in the third game in Mohali, but the opener is confident in his team's batting. The interesting thing is that even Nos 8 and 9, the spinners Adil Rashid and Zafar Ansari, respectively, can contribute useful runs. "We decided clearly from the start of the (second) innings that we wanted to take it as deep as possible," Cook said after the match. "We saw in one game, South Africa played 140-odd overs (Delhi, 2015). If we

and see where we end up'. So we made a conscious effort to go that way. Everyone bought into it," he added.

England may be confident, but it is not going to be easy, as Bairstow had found out. "The accuracy that Ashwin bowls with is a challenge. Every top off-spinner has accuracy, and that's their main asset. That, with his pace variation, is going to be a challenge," the wicketkeeper had said. Seamer Stuart Broad may have to sit

Woakes to handle. Plus, spinners Rashid and Moeen, along with Ansari, could give the hosts a hard time.

However, Indian skipper Virat Kohli is not thinking of the turnaround England had the last time they toured. "We know they've the ability, but we're not thinking about the past, as we're aren't like that," he said.

"You're already not in the game as soon as you start thinking like that. We believe in our abilities

that. The draw in Rajkot shows this team's character, and the fact that we don't focus on too many things from the outside. The focus has been on strengthening our qualities, and understanding things that we need to work on," he added.

There are so many factors that come into play here. Both sides are tough, and while India may still look to home advantage, things will not be clear till the match begins.

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SBI Sends Cash@POS

Bhubaneswar(KCN): With cash fast running out of ATMs, the State Bank of India (SBI) has stepped up its focus of distributing cash through a novel initiative -- cash @ POS -- wherein about 500 merchant outlets have been enabled to dispense cash upto Rs

1000. The bank said today. The 2100-odd ATMs of SBI in Odisha are fully functional now, and dispensing 100-rupee denomination notes, the release said adding that these ATMs are being recalibrated to dispense Rs 2000 and Rs 500 notes.

Further, the Bank has also activated its wide network of 3,374 Customer Service Points (CSPs) at different parts of the State for accepting deposits of old notes and making payments to the customers. More than 965 Micro ATMs are also functional at CSPs where cardholders of other banks can withdraw cash upto Rs 2500.



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2000 to the general public.

SBI Bhubaneswar Circle Chief General Manager B Venugopala Reddy said that the Bank is geared up to ensure smooth implementation of the demonetization initiative of the Government.

So the Bank has also started cash @ POS service by moving cash vans to remote ar-

eaas with Cash @ POS and dispensing cash through ATM cards of all Banks. SBI has also enabled more than 100 petrol pump dealers with cash @ POS to dispense cash up to Rs 2000 to the public.

After demonetization announced by the

Government, SBI employees are working hard to facilitate exchange of old 500 and 1000 rupees notes, and disseminate legal currencies in its 850-odd branches in Odisha.

The Bank has also initiated several measures to address the problems of the senior citizens, ladies, small traders and general public at large, a SBI release