

No liquor free village Odisha gets road funds

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): The State Government has failed to make a single village 'Liquor Free' in the past three years as announced in its Youth Policy.

This was revealed from a statement by Sports & Youth Services Minister Sudam Marandi in the House.

In reply to a question of BJP MLA Dilip Ray, the Minister told the House that the State government in April 2013 had announced the Odisha Youth Policy, which was implemented in collaboration with the State Sports & Youth Services department and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

But the Minister did not give any specific answer when asked whether the

government had succeeded in making any village 'liquor



free' as per its announcement.

However, Mr. Marandi said, efforts are being made to create an environment to lure the youths away from liquor and tobacco addiction.

Several programs have been undertaken to create

addiction by launching the programs in around 2,500 educational institutions and slum areas, the minister told the House.

With an aim to create an addiction free society in the State, the government has been providing appropriate services to the drug addicts by opening Counseling centre at SCB Medical college & hospital in Cuttack, Mr. Marandi said adding the similar Centre has been opened at district headquarters hospitals in Cuttack and Khurda.

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Bhubaneswar (K-CN): While the Union Government has sanctioned Rs.400 Crore for taking up Road Projects in Odisha, it has asked the State Government to send more new proposals for sanction of funds.

Sanjay Mitra, Union Secretary of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways during his recent visit to the State said that there will be no funds constraint for Odisha as the State is properly and timely utilizing funds from Central Road Fund (CRF).

Mr. Mitra said during a high level meeting with the Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi that MoRTH has sanctioned Rs.400.97 Crore from CRF in 2016-

17 and more funds will be provided if Department of Works (DoW) will send new proposals.

As the Union Minister Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari is mobilizing more resources for Highway expansion, funds will not be a problem, said a senior official of MoRTH.

State Government has presented proposals worth Rs.1047.31 Crore and recently MoRTH has sanctioned Rs.400.97 Crore, said Principal Secretary Works, Nalini Kanta Pradhan.

In fact Odisha is receiving huge support from MoRTH due its performance in Road Sector as well as Union Secretary Mr. Mitra and Chief Secretary Mr. Padhi are close friends and batch mate.

During 2015-16, Odisha received sanction from CRF worth Rs.1252.50 Crore out of which Rs.892.32 Crore has been released. Rest amount is needed to be released soon, urged the State Government.

So Mr. Padhi asked Mr. Mitra to

ensure maintenance of the major National Highways (NH)s connecting the States, which are in bad shape, which the Union Secretary agreed immediately, said Mr. Pradhan, Principal Secretary Works.

Those NHs are Baripada-Balasore, Baripada-Keonjhar, Sambalpur-Angul-Cuttack, Biramitrapur-Rourkela-Barkote, Remuli-Rajamunda, Talcher-Kamak-hyanagar-Chan-dikhhol.

It was pointed out that road length under NH is increasing, however maintenance funding is not proportionate for which a number of NHs are left ill maintained, which is resulting in death traps.

Mr. Mitra has asked NHAI authorities to immediately start maintenance work and complete it in a time bound manner.

Total length of NHs in Odisha has gone up to 4855.71 Kilometers and accordingly

Union Secretary was urged upon to entrust NH-6 from Sambalpur-Deogarh-Keonjhar-Jamsola

and Balasore to Bombay Chhack of NH-5 to NHAI.

Mr. Mitra raised issues with the State Government on forest clearance on several NH Projects, which Mr. Padhi assured a timely action, said sources.

Sources said there are 8 proposals pending where Forest Clearance is required.

Shifting of Power Utilities on Baripada-Balasore NH Route was raised and the State Government promised to sort out the issue soon.

MoRTH also raised few pending issues in the meeting, which needs to be sorted out in a time bound manner, directed Mr. Padhi to the officials of Department of Works.

Mr. Padhi asked MoRTH Secretary to expedite proposals of Economic Importance and connectivity in Left Wing Extremist (LWE) Zones.

Mr. Mitra responded positively and promised to look into the projects pending with MoRTH, said sources.

Uproar over Dana slur

Bhubaneswar (K-CL): After hugely embarrassed as a hapless tribal, Dana Majhi walked 10 km with his wife's body on his shoulder in Kalahandi district, it seems the Odisha Government has not learnt the lesson.

So the State Legislative Assembly today witnessed uproarious scenes with opposition Congress and BJP demanding a House Committee probe into the incident.

The issue was raised by Congress Chief Whip Tara Prasad Bahinipati during Zero Hour when he strongly criticized state Health and Family Welfare Minister Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak's statement in the House on 23 September.

"It is unfortunate that the Minister said Majhi took away his wife's body without informing the hospital authorities at Bhawanipatna," Mr. Bahinipati said.

He alleged that the Minister had "misled" the House by saying that Majhi "left the hospital against medical advice".

So he demanded that the entire epi-

sode should be thoroughly probed by the Assembly House Committee.

"The Minister is saying that Majhi left the hospital on

hapless tribal man had also sought assistance from the hospital authorities," he said.

Mr. Mishra said that the "Right to

"failing to give dignity to a dead body".

The Congress and BJP Members sought a ruling from the Speaker for the formation of a

his statement in the floor of the Assembly on 23 September was based on a Preliminary Report. "We are waiting for a detail report. Action will be taken against those found responsible for the incident. I have never held Majhi responsible," the Minister said.

Meanwhile, Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan also criticized Mr. Nayak's statement saying, "The Minister's statement has revealed the true colour of the ruling system in the state."

Mr. Pradhan tweeted, "What kind of Good Governance model the Government is talking about when it said Dana Majhi was not provided ambulance just because he had not sought ambulance or hearse from any hospital?"

Union Minister alleged that the Government has held Dana Majhi responsible for the unpleasant incident and has "Washed its hands off" by submitting the Report of the CDMO Kalahandi District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) in the Assembly.



his own but I have information that it took him around two hours to wrap his wife's body in a cloth. The hospital could have given a hearse van for transporting his wife's body," Mr. Bahinipati rued.

Leader of Opposition Narasingha Mishra, who had visited the District headquarters Hospital at Bhawanipatna, alleged that the Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO) had "completely failed" in discharging his duty. "Majhi's wife was declared dead by the doctors at the TB ward. The

Dignity" of a dead person had been violated by the authorities, for which the State earned "shame and criticism".

He alleged that the State Government is taking the incident lightly. The demand for a House Committee probe into the circumstances leading to Majhi carrying his wife's body is justified. An impartial inquiry into the incident could give justice to the tribal man, he said.

BJP Lawmaker Pradip Purohit demanded the Health Minister's resignation accusing him of

House Committee to probe the incident. While BJP members shouted from their seats, Mr. Bahinipati went inside the House asking for ruling from the chair.

On 24 August, a hapless tribal Dana Majhi carried his wife's body on his shoulder for 10 kilometers, accompanied by his 12-year-old daughter, after being allegedly denied a hearse by the Hospital authorities, which generated hue and cry worldwide and Government was hugely embarrassed.

However after a month Minister Mr. Nayak said that



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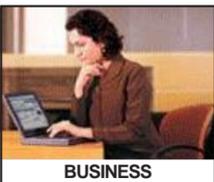
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Bachchan says there's no rivalry with Justice Katju

MUMBAI: In a Facebook post dated 17 September, Justice Katju said, "Amitabh Bachchan is a man with nothing in his head, and since most media persons praise him, I doubt there is anything in their heads too." Needless to say, after getting trolled for his view, he tried to further his point. However, Amitabh Bachchan had a relatively quietened response to this. Bachchan said on Monday that he has no rivalry with former Supreme Court judge Markandey Katju. "He (Katju) is right I don't have anything inside my mind. He is right...My head is 'khalas' (finished)," Bachchan said when asked about the comment. The former Supreme Court Judge is known for his hard-hitting and often controversial views on a rash of

issues. At a time when the veteran actor is receiving praise for his performance in Pink, a social rivalry between us. I will have to fold my hands and stand before him. He is a judge," said Big B,

Khanna, etc are like drugs, they take the people to a world of make believe, and they



thriller which revolves around the issue of women's empowerment, Justice Katju had a different take on his on-screen talent. The 73-year-old said Justice Katju and he went to the same school in Allahabad. "There is no

who was in Mumbai to talk about the response to Pink. When Justice Katju was asked to elucidate his comment on Amitabh, he posted: "Amitabh Bachchan's films, like those of Dev Anand, Shammi Kapoor, Rajesh

are therefore very useful to our rulers since they keep people pacified." "Apart from being a good actor, what is there in Amitabh Bachchan? Has he any scientific ideas for solving the country's massive problems?"

Banjo Movie Review

MUMBAI: STORY - The quintessential Mumbaiyya music of a few Banjo players, led by Taraat (Riteish Deshmukh) catches the fancy of a budding American singer Chris (Nargis Fakhri). She travels to Mumbai all the way from New York to hunt for Taraat and his quirky coterie, hoping to take their music international. But given their social and financial background, can the men live up to Chris' expectations?

waiter at a posh club, if he could take some champagne home for his father. Though commer-

slows down the pace considerably, also making the film a tad cliched. The gorgeous Nargis over-

essays this brash yet vulnerable character effortlessly, proving that he can hold a film on his own if



REVIEW: Director Ravi Jadhav, who has some outstanding Marathi films to his name (like Natarang), captures the pulse of Mumbai and the city's buzzing chawl culture in Banjo with simplicity and a dash of humour. His characters exude the quintessential middle-class values, which are bound to resonate with many. The underprivileged are not conditioned to dream big, so even their wishes are realistic. One of the characters innocently asks a

cial in approach, Jadhav keeps things unpretentious and thus relatable. While the story is pretty formulaic (a bunch of street musicians making it big by winning against all odds), the execution and supporting performances are heartfelt. The music could have been better though. Addition of unnecessary drama and random events in the second half

does the American accent but grows on you eventually. And last but not the least, it's time we play the dhol, tasha, tutari, lejhim and banjo for apla Riteish. Sporting a stylish man bun, it's refreshing to see him break away from the usual multistarrers and play a slice-of-life, lead character in a Hindi film. A small-time extortionist cum musician, Taraat is all heart. Riteish

given the right opportunity. The film's cinematography is splendid as well. If you are familiar with Mumbai's working-class neighbourhoods, where the hearts of the poor are bigger than the pay packages of those residing in the mushrooming high-rises, you'll be able to notice the beauty of Banjo. It also makes you respect the street musicians a little more.

Ahaan Panday, the new star kid on the block

MUMBAI: Bollywood actor Chunky Pandey's nephew Ahaan Panday is the new star kid on the block. Born to Atul Panday and Deanne Panday,



the 18-year-old bears a striking resemblance to Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan. Ahaan is a social media celebrity in his own right; his social media is filled with funny videos and lots of drool-worthy pictures. Not just that, Ahaan has even acted in a few short films that have been made along with his friends, titled 'Fifty' and 'Jollywood.' The Panday lad made his runway debut at designer Nandita Mahtani's fashion show in Mumbai. Wearing a white suit, a bare-chested Ahaan looked smokin' hot on the ramp. With such good looks and personality, looks like Ahaan Panday is going to be the next big thing.

Vidya Balan Would Love to Be Directed by Her Brother-in-law

New Delhi: Actress Vidya Balan says she would love to be directed by her brother-in-law and actor Kunaal Roy Kapur in a film. Kunaal, who has worked in films like 'Delhi Belly' and 'Nautanki Saala!', had earlier shown interest in helming a film. Asked that if Kunaal directs a film

Nawazuddin Siddiqui. The film is slated to release on June 10. The 'Parineeta' star is busy shooting for Sujoy Ghosh's 'Kahaani 2' -- a sequel to 'Kahaani' -- which revolved around a pregnant woman named Vidya Bagchi, who comes to Kolkata from London in search of her husband's



would she like to feature in it, Vidya told IANS: "If he wants me for a role, I would love to be directed by him." Vidya, who was last seen on the big screen in the 2015 'Hamari Adhuri Kahani', is set to be seen in the forthcoming thriller film 'TE3N', starring Anil Kapoor and

killer. The 2012 film also featured Parambrata Chatterjee, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Indraneil Sengupta, Dhritiman Chatterjee and Saswata Chatterjee, among others. 'Kahaani 2' also stars Arjun Rampal and is set to release on November 25.

Have you colour coded your diet?

Coloured foods should form an important part of your diet. A recent research shows coloured fruits and vegetables are very nutritious. The deeper the colour, the more nutrient it has. Also due to exposure to sunlight, these fruits and veggies end up getting more chlorophyll pigment and are better on nutritional value. Make sure your plate looks like a delight with an array of colourful veggies and fruits. Here is a list of colours that you must consider.

When you think of sweet watermelons and delicious tomatoes, the colour generally indicates the presence of lycopene, which is known to reduce the risk of cancer. Other fruits that are naturally red are strawberries, apples and cherries.

Green
Foods that are rich in greens are packed with isothiocyanate (compound which is effective in fighting lung and esophageal cancer). Indoles (aromatic organic compound) and Sulforaphane (cancer-fighting compound),



which stimulate the liver genes to produce a compound that helps keep a check on cancer producing

chemicals. Some naturally green foods are green peas, broccoli and cabbage.

Purple

Food items like eggplants or black grapes contain anthocyanins (pigments) that help in increased blood flow and improve eye and kidney functions.

White
Foods that are naturally white like garlic or white onions contain flavonoid, which acts as an antioxidant to protect your cell membrane.

Yellow
Such food contain carotenoids, lutein and zeaxanthin, which are known to be good for the eyes. Bananas, corn or just a dash of turmeric in your curry

will add a colourful element with a dollop of health in each bite.

Orange
These foods contain alpha and beta-carotene, which helps your cells communicate better with each other and help prevent cancer. Fruits like papayas, oranges and muskmelon are also rich in vitamin C which aid in cell protection.

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Frooti, Maaza soon to face competition

NEW DELHI: Pulse candy, which disrupted the domestic confectionery market and wooed consumers with its fruity taste peaking in a tangy burst, has another surprise up its sleeve. Noida-based DS Group, the maker of Catch, Pass Pass and Pulse candy, is now planning to take on brands such as Frooti, Maaza and Slice with a ready-to-drink mango beverage called Pulse Mango, Masala Maar Ke. The drink, a brand extension of Pulse candy, priced at Rs 15 for a 250 ml PET bottle, is being test marketed in Delhi NCR, said Shashank Surana, senior VP (new product development) at DS Group. "The test marketing activity is being supported by sampling and displays and the initial consumer feedback is very encouraging," he said. Compared with the Rs 14,500-crore Indian soft drink market, the juice category is valued at about Rs 5,000 crore with a year-on-year growth rate of around 15%. It includes beverages such as Maaza by Coca-Cola, Frooti by Parle Agro, Slice and Nimbooz by PepsiCo and Paper Boat Aam Panna of Hector Beverages. Interestingly, mango dominates with

about 80% share of the market. The Rs 7,700-crore DS Group conglomerate, with interests in tobacco, F&B and agro forestry, had enjoyed several successful brand extensions earlier. The 'Catch' brand - under which it launched table-top salt and pepper dispensers in 1987 - went on to sell flavoured water, soda and ginger ale later. Its mouth freshener brand 'Pass Pass' was repositioned in 2012 to sell a wider portfolio of confectionery products such as chewing gums and mints. "Extending a successful brand offers higher odds of success than building a new brand," said Joydeep Bhattacharya, partner, Bain & Company. "In India, global brands such as Axe, Dove (in personal care) and Maggi (in foods) have extended to related categories, Park Avenue has extended to deos, soaps shampoos from apparel." As reported by TOI in April, Pulse candy had reached Rs 100 crore within eight months of its launch, equalling the record of Coke Zero, Coca-Cola's diet drink. Maaza leads the Mango category, with Slice and Frooti holding the second and third position, revealed data from Euromonitor.

Rs 20 lakh annual turnover threshold for GST exemption

NEW DELHI: With the ambitious deadline for roll-out of the Goods and Services Tax creeping near, the newly formulated GST Council on Friday agreed on and fixed the annual turnover limit for exemption of the tax at Rs 20 lakh. The limit effectively removes most small businesses from the purview of the tax.

The Council also resolved that all cesses will be subsumed in the GST. However, the draft rules on granting exemptions will be finalised on September 30, while the GST rate and tax slabs would be decided at its three-day meeting beginning October 17. According to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, who spoke after the meeting, the Council has decided that state authorities will have jurisdiction over assesseees with annual turnover of less than Rs 1.5 crore.

"Above Rs 1.5 crore is concerned,

there will be some dual control, and cross empowerment of the officers of Centre and state," Jaitley said. "Which assessee is assessed by whom will be decided on the basis of a formulation mainly the risk assessment by the Centre and state, and which of two authorities has a higher risk assessment will assess it. How the control will change officers will assess it," he added.

The meeting also agreed upon the power for assessment of 11 lakh service tax assesseees, who are currently assessed by Centre. These will remain with it. New assesseees will be divided between the Centre and states.

"The annual exemption threshold for levy of GST would be Rs 20 lakh, it would be Rs 10 lakh in the north-eastern and hill states," said Jaitley, adding, "All items including cess would be included in GST."

The Council is also working on a compensation law and draft compensation formula, a presentation for which will be given by officials at the next meeting on September 30.

"All decisions today by the GST Council were taken on the basis of consensus," Jaitley said and added that the general consensus at the meeting was that the compensation to be paid to states for loss of revenue will be at regular intervals - either quarterly or bi-monthly, with the base year for calculation taken as 2015-16. "We have taken 3-4 suggestions that have come in, and officers meanwhile will discuss this and therefore in the future which of the various options is the best option," Jaitley pointed out. Meanwhile, Revenue Secretary Hashmukh Adhia said that only 5 per cent of cases will be audited under the GST regime.

Google launches 'Allo' messaging app

NEW DELHI: Google has launched its messaging app 'Allo', which would compete with the likes of WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger. Available for both Android and iOS plat-

Allo, a messaging app that helps you keep your conversation going, by providing assistance when you need it," Google Group Product Manager Amit Fulay

this year. Duo, which competes with video calling platform Skype, was launched last month. With the smart reply feature, users will be able to respond to messages with just a tap. For example, one can send a quick "yup" in response to a friend asking "Are you on your way?" Smart Reply will also suggest responses for photos sent on Google Allo. It will learn from behaviour pattern and adjust the responses over time to that of the user. All chats in Google Allo are encrypted using industry standard technologies like Transport Layer Security (TLS), it said. There would also be an incognito mode, similar to that on Google's Chrome browser. The messages, on this mode, would have end-to-end encryption and additional privacy features such as discreet notifications and message expiration.



forms, Allo will also mark the debut of Google Assistant in a preview edition. "Whether it is planning a night out or just catching up, we rely on messaging to stay in touch with friends and family every day. But too often we have to hit pause on our conversation whether it is to check the status of a flight or look up that new restaurant. So we created

said. Powered with artificial intelligence, Allo packs in features including smart reply, options for sharing photos, e-mojis and stickers. For Indian users, Google has enabled smart replies in 'Hinglish' It will also roll out over 200 stickers created by popular independent artists aimed at Indian users. Google had announced Duo and Allo at its I/O event in May

BPCL plans to list Bina refinery JV in FY18

NEW DELHI: State-run Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) plans an initial public offering (IPO) for its Bina refinery joint venture (JV) company in the next financial year, top company official said. The company also plans to start full operations of its expanded Kochi refinery project in the fourth quarter of the current financial year. "We are looking for a public issue for Bina somewhere next year. Bina reported profits last year and in the first quarter," said S Vardarajan, chairman

and managing director, BPCL on Wednesday. Bharat Oman Refineries Ltd (BORL) is a JV company of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Oman Oil Company (OOC). BORL owns and operates the six-million-tonne capacity Bina refinery. On the equity structure for the planned public offer for the Bina JV, a top BPCL official said, OVS intends to remain invested in the project and will not exit through the public offer. The company also plans to expand Bina's current 6-mt capacity

to 7.8 mt in the first phase. "OOC has shown reluctance to fund the expansion. We have our internal approvals for putting the full funding as far as this part of the funding is concerned," Vardarajan said. In the second phase of expansion, BPCL looks to increase the capacity to 15 mt. For both phases, it plans to invest Rs 18,000 crore. Overall, BPCL plans to invest Rs 1 lakh crore over the next five years. Of the plan capex, about Rs 50,000 to Rs 55,000 crore is to be spent on its refining ca-

capacity alone. The planned expansion at its Kochi refinery, the company said, will be complete and operational by the March quarter of the current financial year. The company is expanding its refining capacity at the Kochi Refinery from the existing 9.5 MTPA to 15.5 MTPA for an investment of Rs 16,000 crore. BPCL is also in the process to revise the capital expenditure planned for its Mozambique block to factor in the change in product and service costs. "The capex is

being revised as service costs have come down, would be premature to put a range," Vardarajan said. The company in the next five years plans to spend around Rs 20,000 crore in its upstream projects including the Mozambique block. "A final decision on the planned investment in the Mozambique block will be taken early next year," Vardarajan said. BPCL holds a 10% stake in the Mozambique block through its subsidiary Bharat Petro Resources Limited (BPRL).

MUMBAI: In the largest foreign direct investment in the country since the Narendra Modi-led BJP government was voted in in 2014, Vodafone Plc, Europe's biggest mobile service provider, has infused \$7.5 billion (Rs 47,700 crore) in its Indian arm, giving the company more ammunition to defend its turf in the world's second largest telecom mar-

ket, the company's India management merely said that it "continues to prepare" for a potential listing. Analysts said that Vodafone has pushed the timeline further into the future on concerns over the local arm's valuations in the wake of Reliance Jio's disruptive pricing and its impact on the industry's business model. And so, the parent has injected funds in the interim period, they added. Already, telecom stocks including Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular, the No. 3 player, have taken a beating after Reliance Jio's entry. Vodafone Plc entered the country in 2007 by acquiring a 67% stake in Hutchison

Essar for \$10.9 billion and the latest fund infusion is its second biggest investment in India, which today is its third largest revenue generating market globally. So far, it has invested about Rs 1.15 lakh crore in India. Vodafone India, said Sood, also plans to use the money it recently received from its parent to retire high-cost debt, which currently stands at Rs 34,500 crore and improve its quality of service.

Jio effect: Vodafone gets Rs 48,000cr infusion

trium portfolio, expansion of network and deployment of next-gen 4G and 5G technologies," said Sunil Sood, MD & CEO, Vodafone India. Reliance Jio, controlled by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, has stormed the market with free calls and rock-bottom data tariffs, pressuring existing telecom operators to rethink their strategies to protect their market share.



ket where competition has intensified with the entry of Reliance Jio. Vodafone India, the No. 2 player with 200 million subscribers behind Airtel, will use the funds to ramp up its network and participate in the radio airwaves auction. The announcement came eight days ahead of the the biggest-ever spectrum auction and 17 days after the launch of Reliance Jio. "This equity infusion will be used for right-sizing our spec-

Vodafone India is expected to be the most aggressive bidder at the ensuing spectrum auction with analysts predicting that it could spend as much as Rs 16,300 crore on buying airwaves. The new telecom war and the fresh equity injection in Vodafone India has raised speculation that the Newbury, England-based parent may delay taking its local arm public. Declining to give a timeline for its debut in the primary mar-

Market hovers near the flat line

MUMBAI: Key benchmark indices hovered near the flat line in morning trade. At 10:15 IST, the barometer index, the S&P BSE Sensex, was down 15.23 points or 0.05% at 28,757.90. The Nifty 50 index was currently down 6.95 points or 0.08% at 8,860.50. The Sensex lost 58.20 points or 0.2% at the day's low of 28,714.93 at the onset of trading session. The barometer index rose 51.96 points or 0.18% at the day's high of 28,825.09 in early trade. The Nifty lost 20.05 points or 0.22% at the day's low of 8,847.40 at the onset of trading session. The index rose 17.75 points or

0.2% at the day's high of 8,885.20 in early trade. Majesco rose 2.97% at Rs 484 after the company announced that it has entered into an



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supporting full cycle processing across the Internet. Capacity is being provided by a number of different underwriters. Processing expense ratio in the business is expected to be around 5% versus the typical 14%-18% seen across the market. The announcement was made after market hours yesterday, 22 September 2016. Meanwhile, the government yesterday, 22 September 2016, named three outside experts as members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the names of Chetan Ghate,

a professor at Indian Statistical Institute; Pami Dua, director at Delhi School of Economics (DSE); and Ravindra Dholakia, professor at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, as MPC members. The six-member MPC the other three members are from RBI will conduct its first monetary policy review on 4 October 2016. The members of the committee from RBI are Governor Urjit Patel, deputy governor R. Gandhi, who is also in charge of the monetary policy, and executive director Michael Patra. The RBI governor will have a casting vote in case of a tie.

Jadeja, Ashwin spin out Kiwis

KANPUR (KCN): The spin duo of Ravindra Jadeja and R Ashwin exploited the turning track at Green Park to its fullest as the team

Jadeja (5/73) dismissed three batsmen in one over for a five-wicket haul while R. Ashwin (4/93) grabbed four wickets.

Vijay (64) and Cheteshwar Pujara (50) scored briskly to put the hosts in command. New Zealand started the day at a

session as Indian spinners ruled the roost. While the Kiwis struggled to negotiate spin on a deteriorating track, the Indians were hardly troubled in their second innings, with Pujara and Vijay going for their shots.

The Kiwi bowlers toiled without success post tea as Vijay and Pujara raised an unbeaten 107-run stand for the second wicket, scoring all these runs in the last session. Vijay's knock came off 152 balls with seven shots to the ropes and one over it while Pujara struck eight boundaries in his 80-ball stay so far. It was this pair of Pujara and Vijay that had troubled the visitors with their resolute half-centuries in the first innings as well.



bundled out New Zealand for 262. India took firm control of the first Test by extending their overall lead to 215 on Saturday.

At stumps, India were 159/1 in their second innings which gave them an overall lead of 215. India lost K.L. Rahul (38) before Murali

strong 152 for one but lost four wickets in the morning session. Their last five batsmen were dismissed for just 24 runs in the second

No one will join BCCI if there is three-year cooling off period: Shastri

KANPUR (KCN): Ravi Shastri does not mince words. "I've always spoken my mind just the way I played my cricket," says the former India captain and coach, here as a commentator, celebrating India's fabulous cricket journey, now 500 Tests old.

"It's been a truly remarkable journey. If you ask me until the 1970s India was not playing too many Test matches but the Board did an exceptional job of retaining the game's interest among the fans.

"The Board brought some great cricket teams in the history to India and we could get to see so many legends showcase their skills.

"The spectators were always engaged in watching the best of the world in action. Cricket was nurtured by the Board so beautifully," he said as he reflected on India's love for cricket.

Turning point The 1983 World Cup, Shastri reiterated, was the turning point.

"It was a massive statement for India's cricket. The World

Championship of Cricket win was big too.

These two great victories propelled the Board's efforts to carry on the legacy. India kept producing class cricketers until television telecast exploded in 1992 and brought in huge money into the game.

"Today it has become a multi-million dollar small scale industry," said Shastri.

India produced heroes in different eras — C.K. Nayudu,

Mushtaq Ali, Lala Amarnath, Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi, G.R. Viswanath, Kapil Dev. Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, V.V.S. Laxman, Anil Kumble, Virender Sehwag.

The future also promised a lot, said Shastri.

"People will watch Tests as long as the team does well and you have icons to show the way. Virat Kohli is the game's best ambassador and I trust him to scale greater heights."

He was, however, concerned at the way the game was heading because of the confronta-

tion between the Board and the judiciary.

Giving his views on the Lodha Committee recommendations, Shastri said, "Eighty per cent of what Justice Lodha has recommended for transparency and administration in BCCI, is most welcome.

"But everything can't be bad about the BCCI. It is one of the best run and self-supporting sports organisations in the world.

"In India it is the best. But there are certain recommendations that can be detrimental to the running of the game."

Asked to elaborate, Shastri observed, "To begin with the cooling off period. Why would anyone want to join the administration if he is to be stopped after three years? Don't we have the President and the Prime Minister serving a five-year term?"

"Then why three years in BCCI? You would have to pay those who want to serve the game well. If you pay peanuts you

would get monkeys only.

"The three-year cooling off period is like taking two steps forward and three steps back.

"If there has to be a cooling off I think best would be after six years. But then I was never interviewed by Justice Lodha for me to make these points earlier."

Shastri also felt the three-selector recommendation was impractical because of the size of the country.

"I had once thought three selectors would be fine but then today we have cricket being played in three formats. You have to watch a lot of cricket and there is the zonal system also.

Need five selectors "If you have just three selectors in my opinion they would be flying all over the country and collecting air miles. We need five selectors for doing justice to the job."

Shastri concluded, "There is no substitute for experience. We have two stalwarts who would give some young administrators a run for their money.

Sindhu, Sakshi felicitated

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, (KCL): It was a momentous occasion as Kerala sport celebrated the Olympic success of P. V. Sindhu and Sakshi Malik in style at a felicitation function

school children and sports lovers.

In the absence of the Chief Minister, Pinaryi Vijayan and Sports Minister, E. P. Jayarajan, who pulled out at the last-minute, the cash awards and mementos

effort in Rio-de-Janeiro, while Sakshi was presented Rs. 25 lakh for her bronze medal. Likewise, Gopichand and Mandeep was also honoured with cheques of Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 5 lakh

parents of the duo looked on proudly.

Gopichand, in his brief intervention, said medals were only part of sporting excellence. The true benefit of sport, he remarked, was in the building up



organised in the honour of the two sporting heroes here on Friday.

Organised jointly by the Kerala State Sports Council (KSSC) and the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs (DSYA) at the Cotton Hill Girls High School, the function

on the whole stood out for the presence of several sporting icons from the State and a large number of

toes to Sindhu and Sakshi as well as their coaches Pullela Gopichand and Mandeep were distributed by the KSSC president, T. P. Dasan.

Sponsored by Dubai-based business magnate, Mukattad Sebastian, chairman, Mukkadan Group of Companies, Sindhu received a cheque of Rs. 50 lakh for her silver-medal winner

respectively at the function presided over by the KTDC chairman and former Minister, M. Vijayakumar. Sindhu, replying to felicitations, thanked the Kerala Government and the sports loving public of the State for the support and affection showered on her. Sakshi said she was overwhelmed by the love of the people of Kerala, even as the

of the nation and in the creation of a healthy and model society.

The Director (Sports), Sanjayakumar welcomed the gathering. Later as Sindhu and Sakshi stepped down from the podium, they were virtually mobbed by the children who sought autographs, get a handshake and photographs with the inspirational idols.

Badminton Association of India launches 'Shuttle Time India' programme

NEW DELHI: In an effort to help amateur coaches, school trainers and Physical Education (PE) teachers to improve their skills and get certified from the Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton Association of India (BAI) president Akhilesh Das Gupta launched a school programme - Shuttle Time India-- here on Saturday.

With this programme, the participants are provided valuable insights and techniques by BWF coaches along with teacher's manual, les-

son plans and a range of instructional video clips.

Speaking on the occasion, BAI President and Badminton Asia Confederation Vice-President Dr Akhilesh Das Gupta said: "Badminton is on the rise in India and it is slowly gaining the popularity that was long overdue. This programme will surely popularise the sport in this country and will increase the badminton participation in youngsters."

Ads by ZINC "PE Teachers and local coaches are the

first ones who train future stars. At this level, young shuttlers must get right coaching at a right time. The programme will help PE teachers and coaches to learn the 'how-to' teach badminton to children and youth at grassroots level," he added.

Sports Authority of India (SAI) Director-General Injeti Srinivas said: "Badminton Association of India has been working very pro-actively to pro-

mote the sport at all levels. Shuttle Time India is another effort from BAI to train Coaches and PE teachers at various schools, who will then nurture young talents at grassroots level."

"India has over 1.3 million schools and if each school has at least one PE Teacher who is expert in one sport, then we collectively can unearth more talents and foster young crops at a very initial stage," he added.

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