

Air Cargo Service Launched

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): The Modern International Cargo Operations along with Customs Clearance facilities have been

General Administration and Civil Aviation Ashok Kumar Meena, Secretary Handloom, Textiles & Handicrafts

food processing etc. All these would create more employment opportunities in the State.

Principal Secre-

tions were stopped from that year. Today the facility in resumed with modern equipments and from now the cargo ex-

the clearance of all perishable commodities would be done within 3 hours at the cargo terminal.

Two consign-



operationalized at Biju Pattanik International Airport (BPIAP), Bhubaneswar today by Chief Secretary, Aditya Prasad Padhi.

An open house discussion among the State Administration, Air Port, Custom Authorities and leading exporters from the State was held at the Air port on this historic occasion.

Joining the open house discussion as the Chief Guest, Chief Secretary Mr. Padhi said that resumption of modern international cargo operation at BPI Air Port has completed the 3 principal routes of exports from Odisha viz. electronic route, sea route and air route.

Secretary Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Bishupada Sethi, Special Secretary,

Chithra Arumugam, Chief Commissioner Customs, Rakesh Sharma, Regional Executive Director Air Port Authority of India Sanjaya Jain, Director BPI Air Port Yudhisthir Sahoo, Director Export Promotion & Marketing BK Das along with senior officers from customs, Air Port Authority, departments of MS & ME, Industry dept, OSIC and export houses participated in the open house discussion.

Mr. Padhi added that export facilities through air route would boost production, processing, packing and other allied activities in the sectors like gems, jewelries, costly minerals, fruits, vegetables, marine products, applique works, stone artefacts, handicrafts, manufacturing and

tary Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Laxmi Narayan Gupta said that the total export worth from the State in the FY 2015-16 was around Rs.20591 Crore. The export worth has already crossed Rs.18,300 Crore by October, 2016 of current FY i.e.2016-17. In the scenario of growing exports from Odisha, resumption of international cargo facility would be an added advantage to the exporters in various sectors.

Replying to Media query after the open house discussion, Chief Secretary Mr. Padhi said that international cargo operation was started at Bhubaneswar air port in the year 1995 which continued up to 2003. Because of some unavoidable reasons, the opera-

ports would be made in a more systematic and scientific manner. The consignments can directly be dispatched to various countries of the world.

In the open house discussion the exporters shared their concerns with regard to early custom clearance, operationalization of cold storage facility at the airport, scanning of the fish and other marine product packets instead of opening and repacking for security checks etc with the respective authorities. Commissioner Customs, Deepak Arora assured that due care would be taken for early dispatch of the consignments with special attention on dispatch of the perishable products.

More particularly, he assured that

Constituent Assembly Passe'

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Even as India celebrates the 68th Republic Day, none tries to recall the leaders from State who were members of the Constituent Assembly which played a key role in the framing of the Constitution of India.

There were nine from Odisha in the 299 member Constituent Assembly. Ironically history has ignored their contribution.

The leaders included Bichitrananda Das, Biswanath Das, Krushnachandra Gajapati Narayan Deb, Harekrushna Mahatab, Laxminarayan Sahoo, Loknath Mishra,

Nanda Kishore Das, Rajkrushna Bose and Shantanu Kumar Das.

As detailed information about the Constituent Assembly and the contribution of Odisha's leaders in the framing of the Constitution is not precisely mentioned in the courses of studies, the students and youths of today's era are virtually ignorant about them.

The Constituent Assembly was formed in 1946. The draft of the Constitution was passed by the Constituent Assembly on Nov 26, 1949 after thorough brainstorming and amendments.

ments viz. marine products of Mahalaxmi Exports and spices products of Bharat Spices were booked at the time of resumption of this modern facility today.

Available data show that BPI Air Port has been growing at an encouraging rate during last couple of years.

Presently, the airport is operating on H24 basis with connectivity to Bengaluru, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Port Blair, Vizag and Varanasi air ports.

The passenger traffic during 2016-17 up to 31st December has grown at the rate of 23.11% over the last year i.e. 2015-16. The cargo traffic has also grown at 19.10 Percent during the same period.

The Constitution was implemented on January 26, 1950 and the day is celebrated as the Republic Day of India.

There were a total 299 members, including 70 from princely states in the Constituent Assembly headed by Dr Rajendra Prasad. Of these 15 were women, including State's veteran freedom fighter Malati Choudhury.

However, Malati Choudhury made history by resigning from the Constituent Assembly to join a pada Jatra with Mahatma Gandhi to help establish communal harmony in the country.



The 68th Republic Day Parade on Rajpath was a colorful affair — tableaux from 17 states and Union Territories showcased the varied historical, art and cultural heritage of the country.

Congress projects itself as only alternative to BJD

BHUBANESWAR(K-CN): Congress today projected itself as the only alternative to the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) in Odisha and announced that it will work towards empowerment of panchayatiraj institutions, development of villages and growth of agriculture. "Miseries of people, mainly villages, grew manifold during the 17 years of BJD rule. BJP is equally responsible for this as it shared power with BJD for 9 years," Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee

in the interest of people of Odisha. The party is committed to build a self-reliant Odisha by truly strengthening the Panchayati Raj system and making it corruption free, he said. "Our resolve is to establish Lok Raj and Gram Swarajya in Odisha," the manifesto said and added, "a self reliant Odisha is our aim where people will not be dependent on government's dole."

In order to ensure progress and prosperity of people in villages, Congress

ing more than 500 population, the manifesto said.

An entrepreneurship development centre, agro service centre and mandi will be established in panchayats, while IT kiosk would be set up in every village, Harichandan said. The manifesto a village in a panchayat will be adopted under Gramodaya scheme and converted into a model village. Wherever possible banking and ATM facilities will be made available in rural areas, Harichandan said. On



(OPCC) President Prasad Harichandan said while releasing the manifesto of the Congress for the panchayat elections beginning from February 13.

Alleging that Odisha and its people suffered a lot due to corruption, misrule and inefficiency for the last over 17 years, the OPCC chief said that Congress alone was capable of effectively empowering the three-tier Panchayati Raj system. Congress is not in power in the state for the last 17 years, the manifesto said and vowed to launch a fight against corruption and inefficiency

manifesto emphasised on rural development, social security, empowerment of panchayati raj institutions, growth of agriculture and farmers and progress of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes.

Romising concrete steps to provide revenue village status to hamlets having more than 1,000 population, Harichandan announced that all villages will have all weather pucca roads, drinking water facilities and electricity supply. Anganwadi centres, school buildings and health centres will be set up in villages hav-

social security, he said that the Congress was committed to make the youths self-reliant and empower them by forming youth self-help groups, besides taking steps for providing Rs 5,000 monthly pension to farmers and Rs 2,000 monthly allowance to people aged above 80 years.

Steps would also be taken to provide land patta to all tribal families and forest dwellers, he said. Besides, OPCC treasurer Mohammed Moqim, general secretary and convenor of manifesto committee Sulochana Das and other members were present.

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Koffee With Karan: Katrina Kaif, Anushka Sharma have a fan in Deepika Padukone

If you are of the same view that the latest

Deepika Padukone thinks on the same

sassiest best, leaving host and filmmaker

of a kind ever seen on the celebrity chat

from calling Deepika Padukone their

to our head – Ranbir Kapoor. Now that Ranbir is out of both Deepika and Kat's lives, looks like our Piku has extended an olive branch towards Katrina, by posting a tweet praising the two girls and the episode. Deepika Padukone has always stayed away from both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma, due to the connection of her former and current boyfriends Ranbir Kapoor and Ranveer Singh, with the two girls.



episode of Koffee With Karan was one of this season's best, and both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma were on fire, there is someone else who agrees with us.

lines too. This, when neither Kat nor Anushka preferred to call Deepika their 'friend' on the show. Surprised? Katrina and Anushka were at their

Karan Johar in total 'meltdown'. So much so, that it even left the viewers sweating due to their hysteric connotations and reactions on every petty thing – definitely one

show. The two beauties accepted that they are not like the typical actor-friends in the industry and comfortably give each other space. They, however, refrained

'friend'. While we never saw Deepika and Anushka bonding (one word: Ranveer Singh), and keeping distance, her cold vibes with Katrina only brings one name

There was a time when Deepika and Katrina were never seen under the same roof and shared cold vibes. But after years of rivalry, they reportedly buried the hatchet at a recent awards night with Shah Rukh Khan being the pacemaker. Sometimes, heart-breaks help in mending ties. And these two girls are the latest example.

Bigg Boss 10: Who will win the show? Cast your votes

Bigg Boss 10 will come to an end on January 29 with Salman Khan an-

ment: From the beginning of the season, Manveer Gurjar at-

herself with dignity on the show and unlike many other contestants, she never

Manu Punjabi entertained the audience from the very first day. His mimicry

Lopamudra Raut became everyone's favourite inside the house because of her

In tax clarity bid to foreign entities

NEW DELHI(K-CN) : In a bid to bring clarity in tax rules for foreign entities in India and their transactions, the Central government on Friday said the General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) aimed at plugging taxation loopholes, yet recognising genuine players, will be applicable from 2017-18.

"Stakeholders and industry associations had requested for clarification on implementation of GAAR provisions and a working group was constituted by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) to examine the issues raised," an official statement said.

"Accordingly, CBDT has issued the clarifications on implementation of GAAR provisions today," it added.

Among the provisions, if the jurisdiction of a foreign portfolio investor is finalised based on non-tax commercial considerations and the main purpose of the arrangement is not to obtain tax benefit, these rules will not apply.

They will also not interplay with the right of the taxpayer to select the method of implementing a transaction. Further, grandfathering (or the application of old rules on certain transactions) will be available in investments made prior to April 1 this year.



nouncing the winner of the show. The commoners, Manu and Manveer, have been giving a tough competition to celebs Bani and Lopamudra. Manveer's humongous fan following is no news whereas Bani's supporters have already declared her a winner of the show.

However, Manu Punjabi and Lopamudra are still trying to catch up on the votes by keeping themselves available for the cameras all day long. With only a few hours left for the voting lines to close, we ask our readers to cast their votes for their favourite contestant.

More from the world of Entertain-

tracted all the limelight with his rough and tough personality. But, he managed to get into action only after teaming up with fellow commoner Manu Punjabi. He emerged as the only contestant who never indulged in back-biting. The short-tempered man surprisingly never lost his temper with infamous Swami Om. He also became a topic of discussion for his link-up with Nitibha Kaul. Manveer has managed his journey by staying true to his friends and his beliefs.

Also read | Bigg Boss 10: Manveer Gurjar is a potential winner of the show. Here's why banijudge Bani J carried

stoooped to win. Despite having ugly fights with Lopamudra, Priyanka Jagga, and Swami Om, she never let her confidence go. But she disappointed her fans when it came to performing physical tasks. The fitness freak left many tasks in between and was even heard saying that she does not have that passion for performing the tasks wholeheartedly. But her popularity worked in her favour and she managed to survive despite being nominated many times. The star host of the show, Salman Khan too supported her, which didn't go down well with other contestants who found Salman biased.

skills brought a smile on many faces and his friendship with Mona Lisa became a topic of discussion not only inside the house but also in the outside world. His popularity got affected after he had to make an unceremonious exit because of his mother's demise. He returned to the house as a changed man and was seen back-biting about his dear friend Manveer many times. His changed attitude didn't go down well with the audience and with Salman Khan. Though he tried to get back on track in the last few days but his scuffles with Manveer has portrayed him in a bad light. lopamudra-raut-1

habit of taking a stand against the wrong. Salman Khan too praised her for standing up against all the wrongs that were happening inside the house. She was the first one to warn Swami Om to watch his words. Her strong will power and confidence made her the winner of many tasks. But the beauty queen lost the track in last few weeks. Her shrieking voice and her crude comments left a negative impact on her dignified personality. Even Manu and Manveer who always looked her in a good light developed a dislike turned against her. Things got worse after she questioned the decisions of Bigg Boss.

Maruti Suzuki hikes prices by up to Rs 8,014 with immediate effect

Country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India on Friday hiked prices of its entire product range

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said in a statement. "The hike in car prices is because of increase in com-

modity, transportation and administrative costs," it added. 5 Instances Of BJP-Shiv Sena Standoff

The company

sells a range of models starting from hatchback Alto 800 to premium crossover S-Cross, priced be-

Brezza by Rs 20,000 and that of premium hatchback Baleno by Rs 10,000. On a select range of models,

Mahindra, Nissan, Toyota, Renault, Mercedes-Benz India and Tata Motors had announced hikes



by up to Rs 8,014 with immediate effect. The price hike is in the range of Rs 1,500 to Rs 8,014 (ex-showroom Delhi) across models,

modity, transportation and administrative costs," it added.

5 Instances Of BJP-Shiv Sena Standoff

The company

tween Rs 2.45 lakh and Rs 12.03 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). In August last year, MSI had hiked the prices of its compact SUV Vitara

the price hike was between Rs 1,500 and Rs 5,000.

Last year, various car makers like Hyundai Motor India, Mahindra &

in prices of their vehicles from January citing rise in input costs and adverse foreign exchange impact.

Sania Mirza-Ivan Dodig through to Australian Open mixed doubles final

Sania Mirza and her Croatian partner Ivan Dodig made their way to the mixed

Sebastian Cabal in the final who got the better of Elina Svitolina/Chris

out. Before the start of the second set, Groth received treat-



doubles final at the Australian Open by getting the better of the Aussie pairing Samantha Stosur-Sam Groth. In a contest that lasted an hour and 18 minutes, Mirza-Dodig emerged triumphant by 6-4, 2-6, 10-5.

Stosur and Groth had earlier beaten the much fancied but wildcard pairing of Leander Paes and Martina Hingis in the previous round.

Mirza and Dodig will face Abigail Spears/Juan

Guccione 7-6, 6-2 in the other semifinal on Margaret Court Arena.

India's other mixed doubles pairing in Rohan Bopanna and Gabriela Dabrowski had lost in the quarterfinals to Mirza-Dodig.

In the semifinal, all four players struggled with their serves with as many as seven breaks of serves - five of them coming in the opening set with the men struggling to serve it

ment on his neck and was forced into taking a medical timeout with the physio tending to him for an extended period.

In the deciding match tiebreak, Dodig served out with an ace and a strong serve to give the Indo-Croatian pairing an 8-3 lead. Mirza would then go on to close the match on the second set point opportunity with Dodig playing well at the net to hit the volley into Stosur's body.

India's investors brace for taxation hike, less friendly budget

Mumbai(K-CN): India's investors brace for taxation hike, less friendly budget Among the potential to raise tax measures could involve a second consecutive annual hike in the Securities Transaction Tax for futures and options markets, currently set at around 0.05 percent for every 10 million trades.. (Representational image)

Investors in India are bracing for higher taxes and fewer incentives from the government's annual budget on Feb 1 as the focus shifts to wringing out revenues to finance giveaways and higher public investment. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration is widely seen as being friendly to businesses and investors, it not expected to announce any dramatic moves at a time when the economy is under pressure from a cash squeeze.

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5 Instances Of BJP-Shiv Sena

Standoff Among expected measures are a hike in a transaction tax on

ernment on Friday provided some, but not all, key clarifications.

lower corporate tax rates or provide incentives to sectors hit by government's sur-

improve India's competitiveness rankings and attract foreign investors," said Rajesh

creased since Modi said in December that market participants needed to make a

at around 0.05 percent for every 10 million trades. India could also lower the

For foreign investors, the budget is expected to provide guidelines behind the General Anti Avoidance Rule (GAAR) that will start in April that are intended to crack down on tax avoidance.

The government eased some of the doubts on Friday by saying that GAAR would not apply for foreign investors based in a jurisdiction for genuine commercial reasons, while saying investors meeting key conditions of individual tax treaties would not be subject to GAAR.

Overseas portfolio investors will also seek more details after India's tax department said in December that foreign companies with more than 50 percent of their assets in India could be liable to pay indirect transfer taxes when exiting from their investments.

The comment was seen as potentially ensnaring foreign funds that have more than half of their portfolios invested in India.



stock derivatives trading and a less beneficial approach to long-term capital gains tax exemptions, according to analysts.

India could also provide additional details for new rules in April that will crack down on tax havens, after the gov-

Foreign portfolio investors are also seeking clarity behind "indirect transfer" rules that could increase tax liabilities for overseas funds.

But any negative impact from such measures could easily be offset should the government also

prise decision in November to abolish high-value banknotes, analysts said.

"We can certainly see a sensitivity for investor concerns, and the government wants to do things like ease the cost and complexities of doing business,

H Gandhi, a tax partner at Deloitte Haskins & Sells.

"However, at the same time the government has revenue pressures as it seeks to meet its fiscal targets."

Expectations for higher taxes for investors have in-

"fair contribution" to nation-building, without providing any details.

Among the potential measures could be a second consecutive annual hike in the Securities Transaction Tax for futures and options markets, currently set

time threshold for long-term capital gains.

Currently, investments sold after at least a 12-month holding period are exempt from taxes, while anything below that is taxed at up to 20 percent of the gains.

Rafael Nadal beats Grigor Dimitrov to reach Australian Open final

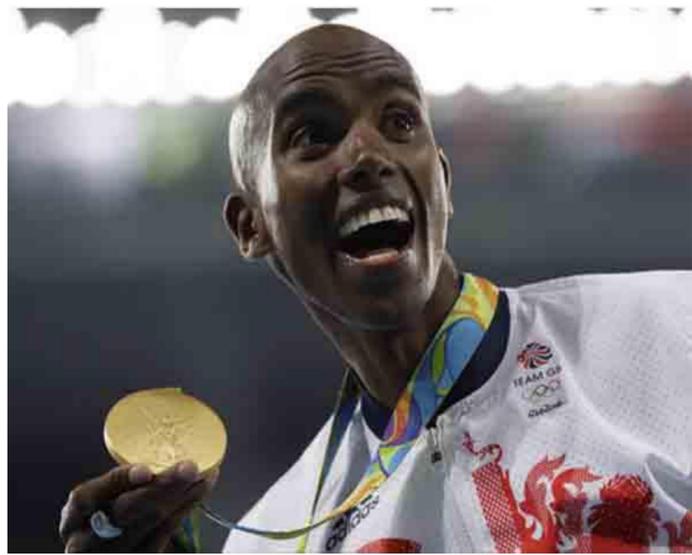
Australian (KCN): Rafael Nadal beats Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-4 to advance to the final of the Australian Open and set up a title match with his old rival, Roger Federer. The ninth-seeded Spaniard fought off two break points in the eighth game of to win in 4 hours, 56 minutes. Nadal improved his record in 2009. Nadal has a 23-11 head-to-head



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Promised my kids that I'd win them a gold medal each: Mo Farah

NEW DELHI (KCN): Four-time Olympic champion distance runner Mo Farah has revealed when it came to retaining my golds," said the 33-year-old. "At the same time, you have to be of the hardest races of my life, so falling over nearly finished my chances there and then. The whole thing afterwards."



On whether he agrees with all those who are describing him as the greatest ever distance runner, Mo Farah said: "It's every athletes' dream to have your name in the history books. I never thought I would be up there alongside the sporting greats like Viren or Haile Gebrselassie. As a junior, I only thought one medal was possible, so to win four Olympic titles and five World Championship medals is a dream come true. "I will leave it to others to judge where I rank against the others, but it's great to be compared to some of the legends of the sport," Mo Farah, who idolises Muhammad Ali, said. Mo Farah said he was looking forward to peaking at the World Championships in London this summer. "I would love to end my track career by winning gold in the Olympic Stadium – going back to the place where I had my greatest ever moments during London 2012. After the World Championships, I'll start looking at what I can do on the road and I've said before that I want to focus on the marathon. Asked if his fans might see him run in the marathon in 2020 Tokyo Olympics, Mo

Virat Kohli slips to third, MS Dhoni rises to 13th in ICC ODI rankings

Indian captain Virat Kohli slipped a rung to third in the ICC rankings for ODI batsmen but his predecessor Mahendra Singh Dhoni gained a spot to be 13th in the latest list issued. Rohit Sharma slipped three places to be 12th, while Shikhar Dhawan was in the joint 14th spot with Englishman Jos Butler. Among the bowlers, no Indian found a place in the top-10 with Akshar Patel being the highest placed at 12th, a drop of three positions. Following him closely was Amit Mishra at the joint 14th position. The Indian team was unchanged at the third position in the team rankings. Meanwhile, Australia opener David Warner wrestled the top spot after India's 2-1 win over England in a series that ended on Sunday. England bats-



man Jason Roy's three half-centuries have taken him into the top 20 for the first time as he has gained 23 slots to reach 17th. For India, Kedar Jadhav's 232 runs have helped him gain 57 slots to reach 47th ranking. There were other batsmen to gain too

McIlroy aiming to return from injury at WGC-Mexico in March

Rory McIlroy is targeting the Mexico Championship in March as his return to tournament action from injury. McIlroy aggravated a rib stress fracture while finishing runner-up at the SA Open in Gauteng two weekends ago. Those injuries typically take about six weeks to heal, and he believes he'll be ready to play again in the first World Golf Championship of the year, from March 2-5. "I feel like I can maybe get back before that, but if I were to play (the) Honda (Classic) and then go straight to Mexico, I'd be playing two weeks in a row. I'd like to ease my way back in gently," he said on Tuesday. world No. 2, has already missed the Abu Dhabi Championship jury down to an extra-busy offseason, when he hit a lot of balls to



He said the Mexico Championship in Mexico City was ideal because there was no cut. "I can see how everything feels, and I have a week off after that," he added. McIlroy, the ship, and pulled out of the Dubai Desert Classic next week. The injury means he will also miss the Genesis Open in California and Honda in Florida next month. He put the rib injury down to an extra-busy offseason, when he hit a lot of balls to

Ricky Ponting predicts Australia will struggle in India

Australia will struggle on their tour of India where they will play four Tests against the world's top-ranked side in spin-friendly conditions, former captain Ricky Ponting has predicted. Steve Smith's men will travel to India next month having been beaten 4-0 four years ago. They were also whitewashed 3-0 in Sri Lanka last August in similar conditions prompting Ponting to issue a grim outlook for the team. "I think they'll struggle," the 42-year-old, who played 168 Tests for Australia told Sky Sports Radio. "Every team that goes there struggles. "It's become harder and harder for visiting teams to go to India. They probably make wickets to suit them more than ever before." The last time India lost a Test at home was against England at the end of 2012 and Virat Kohli's side have won their last five series to climb to the top of the Test rankings. South Africa, New Zealand and England have all lost series in India in the last 15 months and Australia's last success in the country was in 2004 when they won a four-Test series 2-1. "I went there for a lot of tours and we obviously played in some tough conditions," added Ponting. "But the wickets were good for the first couple of days of the game and then they started to turn. "But now, even looking at what happened in Sri Lanka, whenever the Australian team tours anywhere on the subcontinent you can guarantee the wicket is going to turn, and turn quite a bit, from day one of the game." Following the 3-0 drubbing in Sri Lanka, Australia's Test team plunged into a crisis with successive home defeats to South Africa. After a national outcry forced wholesale changes, they recovered by winning the final Test against South Africa in Adelaide before beating Pakistan 3-0.