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BJP urges fair poll Prez to open odia conclave

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): State unit of BJP today urged Governor SC Jamir to order separate ballot boxes for Zilla Parishad Members and counting of votes on a single day during the upcoming panchayat elections slated from February 13 in five phases.

A delegation of BJP, led by State President Basant Panda handed over a memorandum to the Governor Dr. Jamir seeking his intervention to ensure a free and unbiased panchayat polls across the State.

"As the State Government rejected the party's demands and recommendations of election commission, the party is doubtful about free and fair panchayat polls. The Governor's intervention is required for making the polls impartial," the BJP said.

It said the party had made some suggestions to the State Election Commission in the past two years to ensure free and fair polls. As the

elections were to be Parishad members and



conducted on basis of the party symbols, the party had demanded separate ballot box for the Zilla Parishad election and counting of votes on a single day at the end of the voting, the party said in a memorandum.

"Despite recommendation by the State Election Commission, the State Government did not agree for separate ballot box for Zilla

counting of votes on a single day", it alleged.

The delegation comprised of Vice President Samir Mohanty, General Secretary Pruthviraj Harichandan, Secretaries Kalandi Samal, Dillip Mallick, Lekhashree Samantsinghar, Mahila Morcha President Pravati Parida and Spokesperson Golak Mohapatra.

New Delhi: President of India Pranab Mukherjee will inaugurate the Prabasi Odia Conclave to be held at New Delhi 2017 from January 6 to 8 next year.

Odisha Forum which is going to host this conclave is a leading think tank based in the national capital and is working for the cause and development of Odisha.

Chief Minister Naveen Pattnaik, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan, Industry Minister Debi Prasad Mishra and Tourism Minister Ashok Panda will also grace the three-day event, said sources.

While achievers in different areas of expertise will be honoured with the Prabasi Odia Samman 2017 on January 6 at Hotel Ashok, the evening will be concluded with the cultural program by

ICCR, said the Official.

skill development.

A special lecture



Three significant seminars will be conducted on the topics of Odisha's development issues.

The participative panel discussion will be on future of Odisha, Soft power and Industry, digitalisation and

will be delivered by renowned mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik on "Global, National and Local Mythologies.

Three eminent Odia dancers shall be presenting the Odissi dance of the culturally rich Odisha.

The dignitaries will be greeted with traditional Odia cuisine on January 7 at Hotel Ashok.

The event shall come to its end with the visit to Neemrana in Rajasthan which will be platform for innovative ideas for the development of the state. We aim to create a platform which will help in accelerating the process of development and growth of Odisha, said the Organizer.

Odisha Forum functions as a Think Tank and helps in bringing together prominent persons to meet periodically and deliberate on issues related to Odisha.

The members include former Judges of Supreme Court of India, former Chief Secretaries of Odisha, retired and serving bureaucrats, eminent doctors, academicians, artists, students and other professionals, the Official said.

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On the eve of Holly Christ Mass, 7th Annual gettogether of Sambalpur University – 90 was held at Hotel The Presidency, Bhubaneswar. On the above occasion, Prof./Dr. Madhav Chandra Dash (Life Sciences), Ex – vice chancellor, SU and Prof. Bhabagrahi Mishra (economics) were being felicitated by the Students. Mr. Suresh Kumar Kar, Sanjib Mohyanty, Susanta Mohapatra, Dr. Ashok Patra, Debasis Gaud, Dr. Biswajit Mishra, Bhvani Panda, Dr. Narendra Sahoo, Narendra Jena, Sunil Pradhan, Pradeep Mishra, Mohihit Patel, Balabhadra Jena, Pratap Mohanty, Prof. Bibhuti Sahoo, Manoj Sarangi, Bibeka Nanad Mishr, Pritaranjan Nath, Prof. Malla, Bijaya Sahoo, Archan Sahoo, Minati Sahoo, Usha Pradhan, Sanjita Pradhan, Mamata Das, Biswajita Sahoo, Susmita Mishra, Geeta & Tridib Tripathy, Adhyarashmi Mahapatra, Namita Pattnaik, Padmayala Panda, Pabitra Nepak, Soumya Panda, Pradeep Mishra, Deepak Behera, Pabitra Mohan Samantaray, Ashok Samal, Bishwajiti Tripathy, Sunil Barik, Rasmita Mahapatra, Minati Mahapatra, Asheema Mohanty, Debendra Bhoi, Rohit Sha, Sujeeti Samal, Surya Mahapatra were participated on the above occasion. Old students with their families have joined the programe which added colours and made it a grand success.

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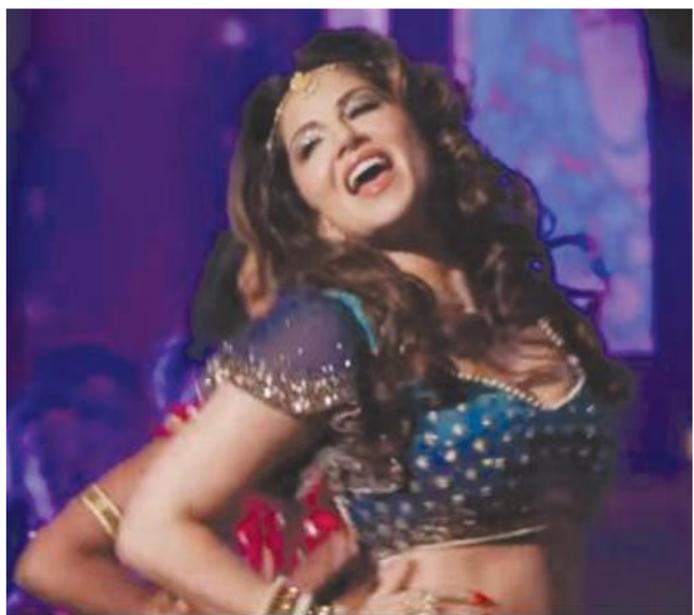
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Sunny Leone is the perfect seductress in 'Laila main Laila'

Laila O Laila tops music awards list

Sunny Leone's Laila O Laila song from the world. The Raees sources are to be believed, Laila O laila



Raees tops the charts amongst international videos. The World Music Awards is an international awards ceremony honouring the best-selling and most popular recording artists from around which is revamped version of the 80's original song, featuring Zeenat Aman. The song is said to have already managed to get 11 million views within 24 hours it hitting the digital medium. If the beat close contenders like Chantaje featuring Shakira, Maluma, and The Chainsmokers featuring Halsey; Starboy (Official) featuring Ricky Martin ft. Daft Punk and more to secure the first position.



From being a 'Viva!' girl to winning the Best Playback Singer (Female) award for her song 'Jag Ghoomeya' from Salman Khan starrer Sultan, Neha Bhasin bares all about her journey in an exclusive chat.

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.

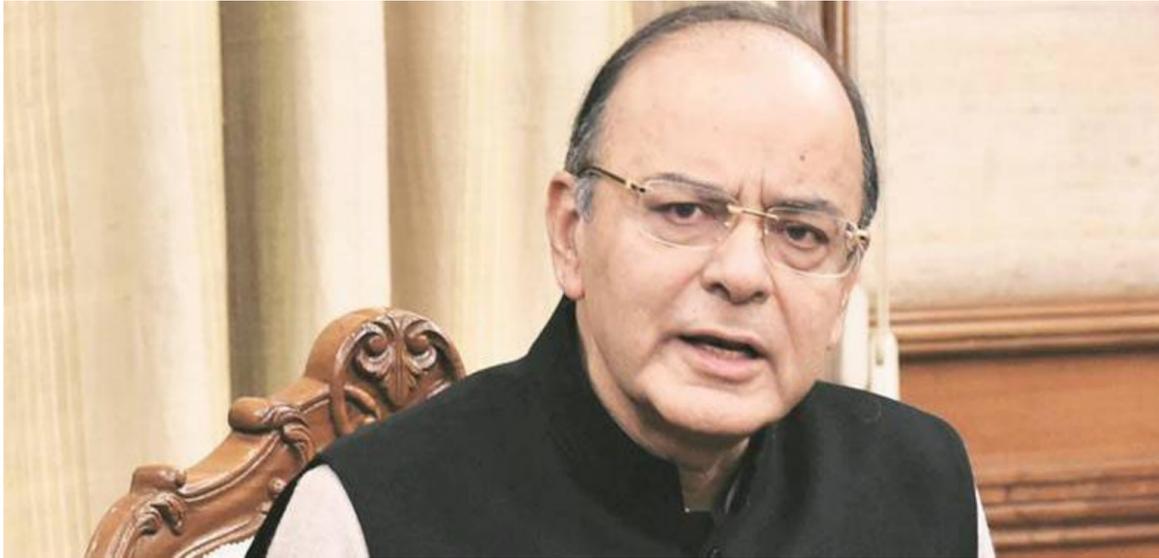


episode of Koffee With Karan was one of this season's best, and both Katrina Kaif and Anushka Sharma were on fire, there is someone else who agrees with us. lines too. This, when neither Kat nor Anushka preferred to call Deepika their 'friend' on the show. Surprised? Katrina and Anushka were at their 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.

India needs globally compatible tax rates: Arun Jaitley

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley Monday said a lower level of taxation that is globally compatible is necessary if the country has to have a broader base of economy. He said gone are the days of high taxation will bring greater revenues and that since 1991 the course of economy has altered itself. Watch what else is making need is a broader base of economy and therefore your taxes have to be globally compatible," Jaitley said while inaugurating the professional training of IRS officers.



He said competition is not merely domestic but global and therefore in the last two-and-a-half decades, governments have been guided by these principles. Tracing the behaviour of people in the last 70 years, the Finance Minister said there has been an impression if avoidance could be done of government revenue, there is nothing "improper or immoral" about it. This was, he said, considered to be "commercial smartness" and of course some people were visited with very serious consequences. He told the young revenue service officers that in coming future decades they should see that voluntary tax compliance has to increase in India. "And the mindset of the tax payer (should be) that payment of legitimate taxes is a responsibility and then it should be reciprocated by you with a confidence in the tax payer. The tax payer is to be trusted, except when it's proven otherwise. And therefore only in those select cases, very objectively selected, you go in for a wider audit or a wider scrutiny itself," Jaitley said.

Rs 100-cr deposit: Mumbai diamond firm under ED scanner
Mumbai (KCN): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) searched three locations in Mumbai on Monday in connection with deposits of Rs 100 crore by a city-based diamond firm post withdrawal of the old currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 denominations on November 8. ED sources familiar with the development said out of the total export remittances of Rs 600 crore, at least Rs 100 crore was deposited after demonetisation. "This deposit has come under the scanner as it is of suspicious nature," said an ED source. The agency is probing if the amount deposited by the firm is genuine export remittance, the source added. In a separate development, the ED is investigating the role of four private banks in allegedly aiding a bullion trader to exchange scrapped currency of Rs 150 crore through shell firms.

24 lakh people have income above Rs 10 lakh but 25 lakh cars bought per year since 2011

India has just 24.4 lakh tax payers who declared an annual income of over Rs 10 lakh when compared with their annual income of being more than Rs 10 lakh and there were 1.47 lakh tax



lakh yet 25 lakh new cars, including 35,000 luxury cars, are being bought every year for last five years, a top official said. A nation of over 125 crore people had only 3.65 crore individuals filing their tax returns in the assessment year 2014-15, the official said alluding to a huge number of individuals being outside the tax net. "Car sales on an average in last five years has been about 25 lakh per year. In the last three years the car sales were 25.03 lakh, 26 lakh and 27 lakh," he said adding the statistics points to a large number of people having income to buy cars are outside the tax bracket. A car normally has a life of seven years and a second car is purchased not before five years by a common man, the official said. The income tax data collated shows only 48,417 persons reporting income of more than Rs 1 crore in a year. Yet luxury brands like BMW, Jaguar, Audi, Mercedes, Porsche and Maserati sell almost 35,000 cars every year. Of the individuals filing returns, 5.32 lakh were with income of less than Rs 2 lakh per annum, and so not within the tax bracket. He said 24.4 lakh filers declared

fillers who had an income of over Rs 50 lakhs in a year. Also during the 2014-15 Assessment Year, there were 1.61 crore people whose tax deducted at source (TDS) were deducted but they did not file income tax return (ITR), he said. India's tax revenue as a percentage of its GDP was 16.7 per cent in 2016, compared with 25.4 per cent in the United States and 30.3 per cent in Japan. The official said the numbers point to a significant number of people who are liable to pay taxes aren't doing so. The government, he said, is shoring up its efforts to check tax evasion. The November 8 decision to junk old 500 and 1000 rupee notes are one of the steps to tackle the menace, he said adding by mandating people to deposit the old currency in banks was a way to account for the unaccounted money and tax them.

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Virat Kohli chosen as captain of Cricket Australia's ODI team of the year

Accolades continue to pour in for India's dynamic Test captain Virat Kohli, who was today named skipper of Cricket Australia's ODI team of the year which also featured young yorker specialist Jasprit Bumrah.

Kohli, who was earlier also picked captain of the ICC's ODI team of the year, was preferred over Australia's Steve Smith. Smith was, however, picked in the 'All-Star' team.

"India's skipper played only 10 ODI matches in 2016, but he again underlined his status as one of the best in the 50-over format," CA said in a statement.

"The right-hander scored 45 or more in eight of his 10 innings for the year, notching back-to-back centuries in a run feast against Australia in January and

then a magnificent 154 (not out) in a suc-

CA said Bumrah made the cut riding

ing to a minimum that impressed us the

dia, captain), David Warner (Australia),



successful pursuit of 289 against New Zealand, more than half of his team's total.

"He now averages an incredible 90.10 in 59 successful run chases for India, and has been out in the middle for the winning runs on 20 occasions," it added.

on his consistency.

"India's unorthodox paceman Jasprit Bumrah was a stand-out in 2016, his first year as an international player.

"While nine of his 17 wickets for the year came against Zimbabwe, it was his ability to keep scor-

most; he conceded more than 40 runs in an innings just once all year and his extraordinary economy rate of 3.63 is easily the best in the world for 2016," the CA stated.

Cricket Australia's ODI Team of Year: Virat Kohli (In-

Quinton de Kock (wk) (South Africa), Steve Smith (Australia), Babar Azam (Pakistan), Mitchell Marsh (Australia), Jos Buttler (England), Jasprit Bumrah (India), Imran Tahir (South Africa).

Suresh Kalmadi, Abhay Chautala made life president of Indian Olympic Association

In a significant development, former IABF President Abhay Singh Chautala was

Vijay Kumar Malhotra, who served as acting IOA chief between 2011 and

former Congress Member of Parliament, was a powerful sports official in his

Chautala served as the president of Indian Olympic Association from Decem-

tions, the IOC revoked the suspension on IOA in February 2014.



on Tuesday made honorary life president of the IOA, along with ex-IOA chief and 2010 CWG corruption scandal tainted Suresh Kalmadi. Chautala served as president of the IOA from December 2012 to February 2014 when it was suspended by International Olympic Committee.

Before Kalmadi and Chautala, only

2012, was made the Life President, according to IOA's official website.

Kalmadi served as IOA president from 1996 to 2011 and was jailed for 10 months for his involvement in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games corruption scandal but later released on bail.

The Pune-born administrator, also a

heydays. He was the president of Asian Athletics Association for 13 years from 2000 to 2013. He was last year made Life President of the Asian athletics body last year.

Kalmadi, now 72, was also a member of the powerful ruling council of the International Athletics Federation (IAAF) from 2001 to 2013.

ber 2012 to February 2014 when the IOA was suspended by the parent International Olympic Committee for fielding charge-sheeted candidates at the elections. His election as IOA chief was annulled by the IOC.

Only after the IOA Constitution was amended to ensure that charge-framed candidates are not allowed to contest elec-

Chautala had served as president of erstwhile Indian Amateur Boxing Federation which was terminated from recognition in the world body AIBA in 2013 for possible manipulation in IABF elections.

Recently, he was elected as president of one rival faction of the Haryana Olympic Association, which was reportedly given recognition by the IOA.

Desolate Olympics leads to new federation, boxers hope again

NEW DELHI(K-CN): Four years of administrative bedlam culminated into a medal-less Olympic campaign before Indian boxing took its first steps towards a possible revival of fortunes in a tempestuous 2016 during which the globally money-spinning professional circuit gained foothold in the country.

To count the biggest positive, a new national federation was finally in place after four years of continued tug of war between administrators, who ought to shoulder the maximum blame for the barren run in Rio.

Also not to be missed, was the rapidly-growing circuit of professional boxing in India, the highlight being superstar Vijender Singh winning and successfully defending the WBO Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title in front of delirious fans in Delhi.

But it is still some time before professional boxing catches up on the popularity charts in a country obsessed either with cricket or Olympic medals. And on the Olympic medal front, it was a disappointing year for India's boxers.

Just three men -- Shiva Thapa, Manoj Kumar and Vikas Krishan -- could make the cut for the quadrennial sporting spectacle, a sharp decline from the seven men and one woman who represented India in the 2012 London Games.

Unlucky with their draws and severely short of international competitive experience, courtesy India's suspension which ended only after the Games, the three could not add to the two bronze medals -- Vijender Singh (2008) and MC Mary Kom (2012) -- that India had secured in the past two Olympics.

The performance in Rio was perhaps the loudest wake-up call that the administrators got given that their wranglings had mostly been covered

up by the boxers' resolute performances in the past four years.

At each of the limited tournaments they competed in before Rio, Indian boxers did the country proud by fetching medals but at the biggest stage of them all, they needed more than sheer grit to deliver results.

The Rio debacle in August proved to be the proverbial last straw and after several delays, elections were finally held in September to put together a new federation -- the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) -- almost unanimously.

The body has been doing its bit to make up for the lost time and conducted the National Championships for both men and women within a month of assuming office.

Away from the boardroom sparring and going solely by the performance inside the ring, the boxers have a lot to be proud of barring the blip in Rio.

The year started with the Olympic qualifying tournament for the Asian region in China from where Shiva became the first boxer to qualify for the Rio Games with a silver medal-winning per-



formance.

The ones who came close to a Rio ticket included L Devendro Singh (52kg) and Mary Kom (51kg), both of whom won bronze medals but were unlucky to miss Olympic berths.

In fact, Devendro and Mary Kom can be considered the most unlucky in Indian boxing this year as both failed to make the Olympics despite consistently producing admirable performances.

But what can be considered some consolation for at least Mary Kom, she ended the year by winning the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) Legends' Award for her five world titles among several other accolades.

She also decided to drop a rung to 48kg at the end of the year amid speculation that her favourite weight category could soon be included in the roster for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The women boxers had one more reason to celebrate in Sonia Lather. The featherweight (57kg) boxer, who took to the sport for anger management, was the lone Indian to win a medal at the World Championships this year, claiming a silver.

Among the men, Shiva, Manoj and Vikas were without doubt India's top performers with Vikas also trying his hand at the AIBA Pro Boxing (APB). The former Asian Games gold-medallist, who lost in the quarterfinals in Rio, capped the year by winning the AIBA APB Best Boxer award, a historic first for an Indian boxer.

Shiva and Manoj, on the other hand, decided to go

higher after the Olympics and shifted to lightweight (60kg) and welterweight (69kg) divisions respectively. Both of them put behind the heartbreak in Rio by crowning themselves national champions earlier this month.

Even as the boxers in amateur circuit tried to regain lost ground, professional boxing, which took off in a big way after Vijender's entry into the circuit last year, continued to gain momentum.