

Padhi Lauds Excise Operations

Bhubaneswar(KCN): While appreciating the efforts of the De-

are on in the districts of Angul, Kandhamal, Ray-

quor has nosedived and to achieve the Revenue collection



partment of Excise (DoE) to control Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) in the State, Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi has urged to gear up enforcement mach-inaries to curb illegal cultivation of Cannabis and Poppy Plants.

Chief Secretary Mr.Padhi while taking up the Review of the activities of Excise Administration in the State recently said coordinated efforts with Odisha Police and State Excise is needed to curb the Menace.

Giving out details on the action taken on this front, Secretary Excise, Bishnupada Sethi reeled out statistics on destruction of cannabis and poppy plants in the State.

State Police in Crime Branch is extending all out support and the Narcotics Control Bureau of India is funding the Project in the State, said Mr.Sethi.

Destruction of Cannabis Plants is taken up on priority basis and by 31 December 2016, over 29.55 Lakh plants have been destroyed and in next three months more plants will be destroyed as the Joint Operations

agada, Malka-ngiri and other Districts.

By 31 December, 274 cases of NDPS have been registered and 293 persons have been arrested. During the period 11,215 KG Ganja and 32 KG of Poppy Straws have been seized.

Poppy cultivation was located in Angul and Balasore by the enforcement authorities.

Due to Demonetization sale of liquor in the State has gone down, resulting less collection of Excise Revenue.

While the target for 2016-17 is to collect Rs.3300 Crore, by 25 January the State Government has collected only Rs.2096 Crore.

So Demonetization has badly hit the State, so far Excise Revenue collection is concerned, admitted officials.

Percentage of Growth has also gone down due to Demonetization and as on 31 December, it was only 11.55 Percent.

During 2015-16 Percentage of Growth was 25.98 Percent. And during 2016-17 it will be much less, admit officials.

For last two months, sale of li-

target seems distant, admit officials.

And the Supreme Court of India order to evict the Liquor Shops has also came as a major deterrent in this regard.

Liquor shops will not be allowed on highways from April, the Supreme Court said today. The license of existing shops will not be renewed. Liquor shops must be at least 500 meters away from state and national highways, said a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice TS Thakur on 25 December.

So steps have already been taken in order to comply the orders within time frame, informed Mr.Sethi.

In order to improve the situation due to Demonetization, the Odisha State Beverages Corporation (OSBC) has gone for cashless operations and e-Payment has been introduced for purchase of liquor from OSBC since December, 2016.

Move is on to reduce detention of trucks from days to hours and introduction of online inventory management on real time basis has been introduced in OSBC, said he.

Give BJP comfortable majority, we'll make Goa most comfortable state: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday appealed to the people of Goa to

torate to put an end to the 'sickness' of political instability in the state.

shoulder to better tourism. While the rally at the Sports Authority Grounds in

Goa benefited the most. Modi also claimed that demonetisation did



ensure the BJP government is voted back to power, assuring the state that the Union government will do all it can to make Goa an ideal tourism state. "I promise you that if you give us a comfortable majority, we will make Goa the most comfortable state in the country," the Prime Minister said, urging the elec-

Rahul Gandhi warns Punjab against Kejriwal's false promises, calls Sukhbir the 'king of corruption'

JALALABAD(KCN): Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi on Friday stormed Sukhbir Singh Badal's stronghold here terming him the 'king of corruption' in India and warning the people of Punjab against the false promises of the dictatorial Arvind Kejriwal.

Taking a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Delhi Chief Minister and National Convener of AAP Arvind Kejriwal for making all kinds of false promises to the people of the country and Delhi, respectively, Rahul said the Congress did not believe in making such fake promises but was committed to delivering on all its promises.

UP CM Akhilesh Yadav Writes To PM Modi To Shift Budget After Assembly Polls Addressing an audience of over 35,000 people - brought in from all 40 constituencies - Prime Minister Modi said for Goa's economic development, both, the Centre and the state government are working shoulder-to-

Panaji was to begin at around 3.30 pm, it was delayed till 4.30 pm, with the Prime Minister arriving a few minutes before 5 pm. In his 30-odd minute speech, Modi highlighted the steps taken by the Centre to improve tourist arrivals in the state, saying facilities such as visa on arrival and e-visa have ensured that

not have an adverse effect on the tourism industry in Goa. Modi also had a word of praise for Defence Minister and former Goa CM Manohar Parrikar, to which the crowd roared in applause. "Desh ko mazboot rakshamantri diya hai Goa ne, poora vishwa surgical strike ki charcha kar *See page - 7*

woman's death in Bhubaneswar

BHUBANESWAR(KCN): The family of a woman who succumbed to injuries at a private hospital in the City on Friday has levelled allegations of torture against her husband. The couple hailed from Puri and was residing at Dhenkanal.

The woman, Ratnamani Jena, was admitted to the hospital on January 19 after she sustained severe injuries allegedly after the couple picked up a quarrel over a domestic issue. The husband, who is jobless, was peeved over Ratnamani as she was working to run the family.

They were married for 13 years and have a son. Ratnamani's sister Basant Manjari Jena alleged that though Dhenkanal Police registered a case under Dowry Protection Act and Section 302 of the IPC, it is unable to arrest Karunakar who is on the run since the incident.

Demanding justice for the family, Achyutant Trust founder Roma Dasmohapatra said the matter should be taken up on priority and Karunakar arrested immediately. Basant Manjari has demanded a Crime Branch inquiry into the death of her sister.

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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.

Sofia Vergara's son Manolo Gonzalez makes modelling debut

WASHINGTON(K-CN): Manolo Gonzalez Vergara, the only child of Sofia Vergara, recently made his plunge into modelling industry following in his mother's footsteps.

The 24-year-old son made his modelling debut in a photo spread for Paper magazine's latest issue, inspired by the films of Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, reports E! Online.

In one photo, Gonzalez Vergara wears a black suit and poses along model Stevie DeFelicce who is sporting a red top, skirt and blazer as the duo hold a Bloody Mary each and sit on the floor that has a



shattered mirror reflecting them.

The young model also took to his Instagram handle to thank the magazine.

"And for allowing me to sit next to Stevie DeFelicce. I hope she wasn't too traumatized," he added.

Vergara's 44-year-old mom had modelled for years before she moved from her native Colombia to the United States to concentrate on an acting career. Her son, who she raised as a single, working mother, has also dabbled in acting and appeared with her in a Head & Shoulders commercial in 2014.

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

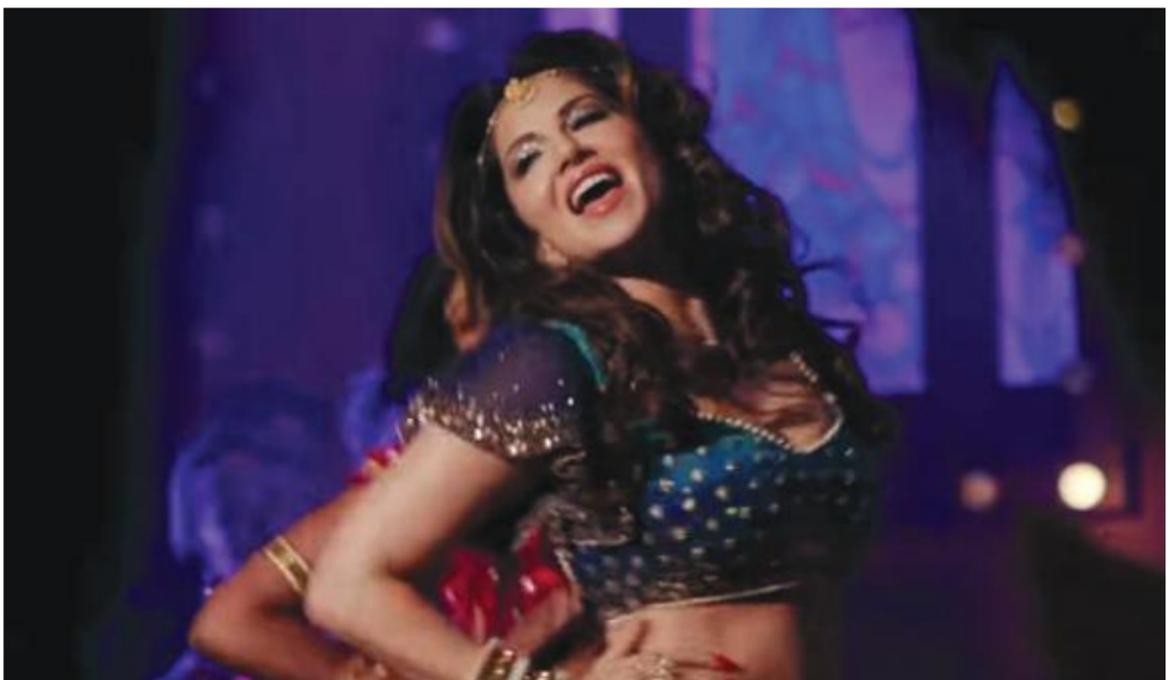
NEW DELHI (K-CN):Sunny Leone's much-awaited song from 'Raees' is out and it has all the ingredients to make it to the top of every chartbuster!

From Sunny's sexy dance moves to Shah Rukh Khan's killer looks, the remixed version of Zeenat Aman's 'Laila O Laila' is sure to make you groove.

Set in a dance bar, it seems the song is an important part of the development of SRK's character of a liquor baron in Gujarat.

The 70's classic rendition has been recreated by Ram Sampath and sung by Pawan Kalyan.

Directed by Rahul Dholakia, 'Raees' is all set to release on January 25 next year.



ORSAC Bags In'tl Award

New Delhi (KCN): Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC) has been selected for "Special Achievement in GIS (SAG)" award by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). ESRI is an international developer of geographic information system (GIS) software, web GIS and geodatabase management applications.

The organisation is headquartered in Redlands, California. Sandeep Tripathy, Chief Executive, ORSAC team received the award today on 19 January at Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, Delhi from ESRI president Jack Dangermond.

"Each year, the SAG Awards highlight extraordinary achievements and efforts to improve our world," says Esri president Jack Dangermond. "At Esri, we are always deeply impressed with the work of our users. This recognition is well deserved for how they've applied geospatial technology to address the needs of their industries and communities. They are defin-

ing GIS best practices". Organizations from around the world honored at the Esri user conference including agriculture, cartography, climate change, defense and

ustrial Portal for Land Use and Services) project which is a web enabled platform to display real time information with regards to land bank, utilities and in-

ORSAC for the Industries Deptt. to display real time information with regards to land bank, utilities and infrastructure around land bank besides information about existing indus-



intelligence, economic development, education, government, health and human services, telecommunications, and utilities. SAG awards recognize users who have applied geospatial technology innovatively to address the needs of their industries and communities, defining GIS best practices. This is the result of exemplary work done by ORSAC in GOiPLUS (Government of Odisha's In-

frastructure around land banks besides information about existing industries. GOiPLUS project is developed by ORSAC for Industries department.

The project team comprises Dr. S.Tripathi, CE, ORSAC, Dr.Debajit Mishra, Project Coordinator, Dr.S.Das, Dr.S.D.Sahoo and Sri M.K.Sanabada, Scientists of ORSAC.

The GOiPLUS is a web-enabled platform developed by

tries. GIS, space applications, ICT and DGPS technologies are used to develop GIS database and web portal. Odisha Space Applications Centre is one of the pioneering state of the country in introducing web-GIS based Portals for development of Decision Support Systems as per the requirement of State administration. ORSAC is being engaged in space technology applications in the state for last three decades.

Market makes tepid recovery, banks take the lead

MUMBAI(KCN): The stocks today showed resilience in

as announced in the earlier budget and the additional require-

Nifty settled 12.45 points up, or 0.15 per cent, at 8,412.80. In-

provide further push to the current trajectory," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit BNP Paribas Financial Services.

There were expectations that Finance Minister Arun Jaitley may address the transient pain of demonetisation by lowering corporate tax rates in the upcoming Budget for 2017-18, which backed the recovery.

SBI surged 1.93 per cent. HDFC Bank, too, rallied 1.21 per cent, in line with the overall upmove, while Axis Bank rose 1.07 per cent. ICICI Bank gained 0.62 per cent.

Asia closed lower and European indices weakened in early session.

Overseas, Asian stocks ended lower, reversing initial gains. Key indices in China, Japan and Hong Kong dropped by up to 1 per cent.

Europe was also trading lower in early deals and key indices like France, Germany and the UK fell by up to 0.75 per cent.

Foreign investors extended their selling and sold shares worth a net Rs 117.59 crore last Friday, as per provisional data released by stock exchanges.

The recovery in Sensex was supported by gains in Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Adani Ports, Hero MotoCorp, HDFC, Lupin, Power Grid, Asian Paints, L&T, Bajaj Auto and Cipla, rising by up to 2.69 per cent.

Infosys, ONGC, RIL, Sun Pharma, GAIL, Bharti Airtel, M&M, NTPC, Coal India, ITC, Maruti Suzuki and Wipro ended lower and capped the gains.

In the Sensex-30 kitty, 17 ended higher while 13 lost.

Sector-wise, the BSE realty index climbed the most, rising 1.61 per cent, followed by consumer durables 0.99 per cent, bankex 0.98 per cent, metal 0.97 per cent and auto 0.56 per cent.

In broader markets, the BSE small-cap rose 0.57 per cent while mid-cap ended 0.27 per cent higher.



the face of lurking inflation fears as the Sensex edged up to end at 27,288, helped by financial stocks, amid buzz that the finance ministry is likely to finalise the capital infusion plan for public sector banks.

However, global markets turned nervous after reports surfaced about a hard exit of Britain from the European union.

The funds infusion will be more than Rs 25,000 crore

ment will reflect in the final batch of supplementary demand for grants to be presented in the upcoming budget session, sources said.

Companies held up well on the earnings front so far, which came as a positive.

The 30-share Sensex ended at 27,288.17, up 50.11 points, or 0.18 per cent. The gauge had shed 9 points on Friday.

The broader NSE

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Hotel Rigopiano following an avalanche in Farindola, Italy, early Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017. A hotel in the mountainous region hit again by quakes has been covered by an avalanche, with reports of dead. Italian media say the avalanche covered the three-story hotel in the central region of Abruzzo, on Wednesday evening. (Italian Finance Police via AP) This photo taken from a video shows

show piles of snow and rubble inside the hotel Rigopiano in Farindola, Italy, early Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017. (Italian Finance Police via AP) "We don't know yet how many people are unaccounted for or dead," he wrote on his Facebook page. "What is certain is that the building took a direct hit from the avalanche, to the point that it was moved by 10 metres." Farindola mayor Ilario Lacchetta said on his Facebook page that "the dimensions of the avalanche were huge. "It took the whole hotel with it," he said. It was not clear if the two confirmed survivors had been at the hotel or had been out skiing when the avalanche occurred.

This photo taken from a video shows the snow inside the

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avalanche covered the three-story hotel in the central region of Abruzzo, on Wednesday evening. (Italian Finance Police via AP) This photo taken from a video shows the snow inside the Hotel Rigopiano following an avalanche in Farindola, Italy, early Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017. (Italian Finance Police via AP)

One of them was helicoptered to a hospital in Pescara suffering from hypothermia but was not in a life-threatening condition. The region was hit by four seismic shocks measuring above five magnitude in the space of four hours on Wednesday, when at least one person was confirmed to have died. The hotel is located around 90 kilometres from the epicentre of the

quakes at Montereale, a small village south of Amatrice, the town devastated in an August earthquake in which nearly 300 people died. Avalanche warnings were issued across the region which is dominated by Gran Sasso, a majes-



tic 2,912 metres peak. The area has numerous small ski resorts popular with day-trippers Mewanwhile, Premier Paolo Gentiloni has urged the authorities to maximise their efforts in order to reach people isolated by the earthquakes and unusually heavy snow. He told the media the priority is to reach all isolated townsthat have been buried under snowfall for days and then jolted by four powerful quakes on Wednesday. He also appealed to politicians and authorities to multiply their efforts. "I ask everyone if possible to multiply their efforts. I ask politicians to show sobriety respecting the difficulty of the situation and the commitment of civil and military crews who are responding."



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England's Hare and tortoise tactics: Mixing up the rippers with slower ones

Mumbai (KCN): TYMAL MILLS all-railled when a fast bowler with a pen-pace. For him, it was the reverse – from when you know he can bowl at 100mph kmph pace on occasions, it can com- many things can go wrong, especially if



lowed MS Dhoni to score just 8 runs off the 7 balls in the end overs during the T20 at Kanpur. Those deliveries included a snorter aimed at Dhoni's ribs at close to 90 mph and five slower balls, including Mills' slowest of the day — a 66.4 back-of-the-hand short ball that flummoxed the former Indian captain.

A batsman's momentum can be de-

chant for fiery pace suddenly slow it up. This tactic has become a norm in modern-day cricket. As we see in the list below, it's the genuinely quick bowlers who are of late bowling the slowest deliveries as well, some dropping their pace by 20-25 miles per hour, without any significant change in action.

The late Martin Crowe talked about the scary prospect of facing change of

slow to fast but it gives one a great idea about what goes through in the mind of a batsman. Here is his quote on facing Michael Holding, who according to him was one of the first to develop a lot of different types of deliveries "without discerningly changing his action". Crowe put it thus: "He could bowl 100mph or 70mph with the same beautiful, classical action. It's very scary

and you are coming forward to a slow outswinger, because he is deliberately doing that. He is getting you forward, and you are thinking about that fast one. He was a very thoughtful, intelligent bowler."

In limited-overs scenario, it's usually the opposite. You are setting up yourself for the fast one and when suddenly the ball is drastically slower — down to almost 20-25

pletely upset your batting rhythm. Tymal Mill is a case in point. The pace dropped from 93.1 mph to 66.4 – 71% change in pace. Or Pakistan's Wahab Riaz.

Just imagine the batsman's psyche. You are preparing for the quick one – it dictates your bat-speed, foot movement, the balance and then you need to change all that in a blink. So

you are trying to hit that particular delivery.

At times the fast bowlers operate with short cover which means you can't even just check your shot at the last instant as you might end up chipping it to the fielder. You have to quickly erase all the pre-formed trigger movements and come up with an adequate response.

Else, game over.

Manchester City's Gabriel Jesus set for first start, tipped for greatness by Roberto Carlos

London (KCN):

Gabriel Jesus, Man City new signing, Gabriel Jesus Man City, Manchester City news, Manchester City football club, Gabriel fit to start, English Premier League, Pep Guardiola, Roberto Carlos on Gabriel Jesus, football news, indian express news Gabriel Jesus arrived for Brazilian club Palmeiras this month after a big-money summer deal. (File Photo)

Manchester City's new signing Gabriel Jesus is poised for his first start for the club on Saturday and could become one of the world's best players, according to former Brazil great Roberto Carlos. Teenager Jesus, who arrived for Brazilian club Palmeiras this month after a big-money summer deal, enjoyed a lively cameo role when he came off the bench in last weekend's 2-2 draw with Tottenham Hotspur and had a goal ruled out for offside. City manager Pep Guardiola will probably shuffle his squad against Crystal Palace in the FA Cup fourth round on Saturday and could unleash the tricky young forward against Sam Allardyce's relegation-threatened side. "He's fit and he's already had three weeks with us. We will see tomorrow," Guardiola told a news conference on Friday. Former

Real Madrid left back Carlos said his compatriot was in the right place to fulfil the potential that has marked him out as one of Brazil's most exciting young players.

"He won a superb Brazilian title with Palmeiras. With Brazil, he plays alongside Neymar who raises the game and the level of Gabriel Jesus," he told Squawka. "At Manchester City, he has (Sergio) Aguero, David Silva. He has players alongside him that will help him adapt slowly. Eventually he'll become one of the best players in the world."

The 27 million-pounds (\$33.9 million) signing will give Guardiola options up front as he attempts to revive City's flagging Premier League title challenge, although the Spaniard's immediate priority is making progress in the Cup. "Of course we want to go through and win that competition. Tomorrow is a final for us," he said.

"Every game is complicated, so it will be tough – because of the stadium, Palace's position, because it's away." Defender Vincent Kompany could also return to the starting line-up having been out since injuring his knee in the league fixture between the sides in November. "The last game he was on the bench which means he's ready," Guardiola said.

Serena Williams wins Australian Open for 23rd Grand Slam crown

Melbourne (KCN): Serena Williams pushed sentiments aside in an emotion-charged 6-4 6-4 defeat of sister Venus to win the Australian Open on Saturday and a record 23rd grand slam title in the professional era.

Tortured by nerves in a tense family affair, Serena had to produce some of her best tennis to overcome Venus who won the crowd at Rod Laver Arena by scrapping hard to the end.

The American's seventh title at Melbourne Park was won with an aggressive charge to the net and a desperate defensive backhand from Venus that floated into the tramlines.

Williams slumped to the ground, with hands in the air and eyes wide with joyous disbelief, before congratulating her sister for inspiring

her run in Melbourne.

"She's an amazing person, there's no way I would be at 23 without her," the second seed Serena said, cradling the Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup at the trophy ceremony.

"There's no way I would have anything without her.

"She's the only reason the Williams sisters exist, so thank you for inspiring me to be the best that I can be."

The win moved her past Steffi Graf on the list of all-time slam winners and she now sits just one shy of Margaret Court's long-standing record of 24.

Tennis - Australian Open - Melbourne Park, Melbourne, Australia

The victory also wrested back the world number one ranking from Angelique Kerber who swiped it away during her winning

run to the U.S. Open championship.

Kerber, like a number before her, may yet be remembered as another caretaker for the ranking before its return to its rightful owner.

and won huge admiration for her unlikely run to the final.

"Serena Williams, that's my little sister, guys," she said beaming.

"Congratulations Serena on num-

ber 23, I've been right there with you, some of them I've lost with

you. "Your win has always been my win, you know that.

"I'm enormously proud of you, you mean the world to me."

At 35, an age at

for several years, Serena's powers appear undiminished and she will now train her sights on Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 major titles.

Rightly or wrongly, many will feel Serena's top ranking in history is already assured, with Court's haul split between the amateur and professional eras and the American's silverware amassed despite numerous physical setbacks.

In the ultimate throwback tournament, Serena met her sister on the same Rod Laver Arena court where 14 years before she had edged her in three sets to claim her first Melbourne Park crown.

Eight years had passed since their last grand slam decider at Wimbledon in 2009, and their combined ages in Melbourne added up to the "old-

est' major final ever contested.

They walked down the corridor silently prior to the match, with Serena tuned into headphones and Venus focusing only ahead.

It was a tense start and neither player was able to hold serve until Venus took the fifth game.

Serena was the worst afflicted by the nerves, and she smashed her racket in a rage in just the third game after she slipped behind the baseline when chasing down a ball.

She double-faulted three times to be broken a second time, causing a gasp from the crowd.

But galvanised by her serve, Serena soon settled and the blistering groundstrokes from the baseline began to find their mark as she surged to a 5-3 lead before sealing the set

by thumping a pair of aces.

With Serena renowned as one of the best front-runners in the game, Venus showed her readiness to scrap, and she saved three break points to hold in the third game.

But she was never on safe ground, with Serena feasting on her second serve.

Serena pounced in the seventh game, firing a searing backhand return to break and served out to love to come within a game of the title.

Having dragged Serena to 15-30 at 5-4 on her serve, Venus dropped her racket in despair as she hammered a forehand into the net to give up match point.

Serena needed no further reason and after a furious exchange of shots, she charged in to the net swinging to claim yet another major title.



Venus was oldest finalist in Melbourne in the professional era

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