

Budget is Mixed Bag

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik dubbed the Union

pointed out. "Considering inflation, in the real terms, there is no in-

crease at all. The allocation of funds for schemes relating to rural roads, rural drinking water, education, mid-day-meal program and urban development is almost stagnant," he said.

Special Central Assistance and Article 275 grant for welfare of Scheduled Caste as well as Social Security Pensions under the National Social Assistance Program.

Stating that these measures are in line with the state government's development priorities, Mr. Patnaik said: "However, I would have been personally happy if the interest rate on agricultural credit is reduced to one per cent as it has been done by our State government for the benefit of the farmers."

On the allocation for railway development in the State, Patnaik said the state government had demanded Rs 5870

crore for various railway infrastructure projects in the state. "We understand that funds to the tune of Rs 5102 crore have been provided in the budget, which is a meager increase of 9 per cent over the last year's allocation," he said.

"But, what is of real concern is that budgetary allocations of railways are not being spent fully. In 2016-17 only 39 per cent of the allocation has been spent till December 2016. I hope that this trend will change. In fact, we provide 50 per cent funding and land free of cost in many of our crucial railway projects," Mr. Patnaik said.

Noting that Odisha makes a major contribution to railways earnings, Mr. Patnaik said it is therefore reasonable to expect a major share in terms of projects, new trains, remodeling of stations and rail based industries.

On behalf of the people of Odisha, Patnaik said he welcomes the decision of the Government of India to commemorate the bi-centenary of the "Paika Bidroha" led by Buxi Jagabandhu.

"I would also complement the Union Finance Minister for nation-wide implementation of the maternity benefit scheme, which is a replica of our own "Mamta" scheme. It is indicative of the success of the state's model scheme, which has been adopted at the national level," he said.

Assuring the central government that the state will be fully supportive of every initiative taken to bring transparency in public life, Mr. Patnaik said a small beginning has been indicated in bringing more transparency in political funding. "We welcome this" he said.

"I hope this will be taken forward and comprehensive reforms are made in this regard after due deliberation," Mr. Patnaik said.

Asim Basu no more

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Asim Basu is no more. The Eminent Painter, Acclaimed Designer, Theatre Director and above all a loving human being Mr. Basu breathed his last today.

He was 82 and was suffering from acute lungs infection and had also developed cardiac problem last evening, Capital Hospital sources said.

He was shifted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after his health condition became critical. He breathed his last in the late afternoon here today.

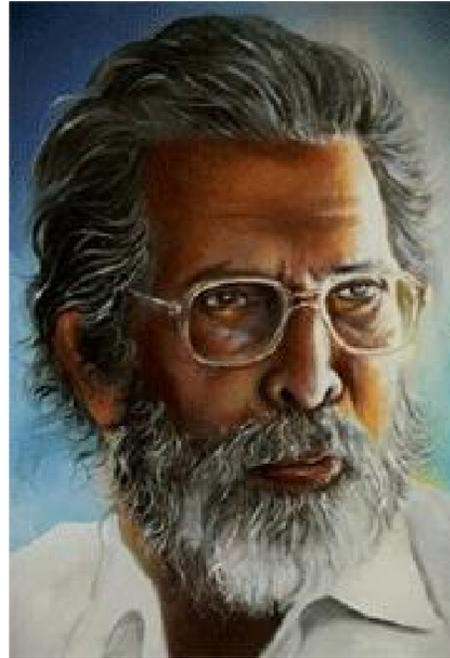
His admirers were at loss as the news broke out about the sad demise of the sensitive writer and a favorite of artists across the state.

A number of cine, theatre personalities, and writers gathered at the Capital Hospital to pay their last respects to Asim Dada.

Governor S C Jamir, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, Union Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan and several other dig-

Media report that his family had shifted



nitaries condoled the death of Asim Babu.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik expressed profound grief over the death of the versatile personality, adding he said Odisha lost an eminent artiste.

Recently, the Department of Culture had sanctioned Rs 1 lakh for Mr. Basu's treatment following

him to their residence from a private nursing home due to paucity of fund.

District Administration of Khurda also contributed Rs 20000 for the veteran artiste's medical expense.

Born at Kakhada in Balasore district in 1935, Mr. Basu got his Diploma in Applied Arts 1959 from

Indian College of Arts and Draughtsmanship, Calcutta; and started his career as an Associate Artist at Silpapuri in Cuttack.

He also served as an Artist in the Directorate of Health Service of the Government of Odisha from 1961 to 1967.

Winner of Orissa Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1998), Mr. Basu was Member, Board of Examiners of Government College of Arts & Crafts, Khalikote and Utkal Sangeet Mahavidyalaya.

He would be remembered for his remarkable performance in Odia films Niraba Jhada, Soutuni, Jaga Balia, Dada Giri, Tara, Mukti Tirtha, Agni veena, and Agni Sanketa. He was awarded State Film Award for Art Direction in 2003 and Orissa Film Technician Award in 2004.

According to sources Mr. Basu would be cremated at Swargadwar in Puri.

Rs 5000 crore crude oil reserve, only solace for Odisha

BHUBANESWAR(K-CN): Even as several demands of the State Government including opening of more bank branches in unbanked gram panchayats and compensation for reduction of CST rates to pave the way for implementation of GST were overlooked in the Union Budget 2017-18, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced setting up of a crude oil reserve at Chandikhole in Odisha.

The proposed five million tonne capacity crude oil reserve will have an investment of Rs 5000 crore. "For strengthening our energy sector, Government has decided to set up Strategic Crude Oil Reserves. In the first phase, three such reserve facilities have been set up. In the second phase, it is proposed to set up caverns at two more locations at Chandikhole in Odisha and Bikaner in Rajasthan," Jaitley said. The railway sector is also going to get a boost with an allocation of Rs 5102 crore for Odisha, the highest ever. Provision for railway sector of Odisha in 2016-17 and 2015-16 budget was Rs 4682 crore and Rs 3712 crore respectively.

The State Government was also banking on scheme related transfers from the Centre. This has increased at a meagre 5.5 per cent over the previous budget, the Chief Minister said and added that considering inflation, there is no increase at all. Allocation of funds for schemes relating to rural roads, rural drinking water, education, midday meal programme and urban development is almost stagnant, he said and added that there is no increase in the provision for special Central assistance to States for the welfare of the SCs as well as social security pension under the National Social Assistance Programme.

Finance Minister Pradip Amat said the State Government had high expectations that after demonetisation, the Union Budget would contain appropriate policy measures to address its adverse consequences and revive the growth momentum in the economy through increased public spending in the social and infrastructure sectors. "The Union Budget, 2017-18 is disappointing on both the counts," he said.



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I was written off by everybody in the south: Taapsee Pannu

Seven years since making her debut as an actress in a Telugu film, Taapsee Pannu continues to seek her own identity. Having worked extensively in the south, the actress has gone on to do films opposite some of the country's biggest stars, including Amitabh Bachchan and Akshay Kumar – and yet, she's yet to achieve stardom.

"Even today I'm considered as a newcomer. People always refer to me as an 'upcoming star' or a 'rising star'. I started out with films in the south, and then just when I was slowly getting a foothold, I decided to switch to Hindi films, where I had to begin from scratch all over again. So even though I have been here for six years now, I'm still considered as a newcomer. One day, I just want to wake up and feel like a star," Taapsee shares.

In an exclusive chat with City Express, Taapsee was brazenly honest, unbelievably grounded and extremely articulate in her thoughts and expressions. Having done intense films such as Baby and Pink, Taapsee will be doing a romantic-comedy in Amit Roy's Runninshaadi.com. The film, interest-

ingly, was shot before Baby and Pink, but wasn't released earlier as the filmmakers felt that it may not be the right time to release it since both Amit and Taapsee were 'newcomers'.

"In a way, it made sense because when you know you have the right product in your hands, you wouldn't want to release it too soon. I owe a lot to this film because it was on the sets of Runningshaadi.com when Shoojit Sircar (director of Pink), who's producing this film, saw an edit of my scene and decided to cast me as Meenal Arora for Pink. He did not know who I am or anything about me, but he took that decision based on what he saw," the actress explains.

Taapsee admits that jumping into Hindi films after spending years in the south wasn't an easy task. "Though Hindi is my native tongue, it was suddenly awkward to do a film in Hindi, since I was used to doing films in Tamil and Telugu. I had dubbed my own voice for my films in the south, so to suddenly speak in Hindi felt a bit weird. But it was during RunningShaadi.com that I discovered my true potential, where I realized how much

I can play with my language and nuances," she observes.

Taapsee plays a Sardarni in the film, in a role that the actress says, is exactly how she's like in real life. Taapsee also says

like how it's shown in the movies. So in this film, I made sure I stayed to my true self," Taapsee explains, passionately.

Running Shaadi.com will clash with another of

forward to see how people receive it," she reveals.

With films like Baby, Pink and now Ghazi – Taapsee has been the go-to person in doing intense roles on films dealing with

and pushing my barriers," Taapsee expresses.

And while she's busy with Hindi films, Taapsee says she hasn't completely gone away from doing films in the south. The actress, however, admits that she wasn't treated very well in the south by certain people during her stint in films here.

"It's a bit funny, because when I was here, they had written me off and were extremely mean to me. And now that I've done a few films in Hindi, they ask me why I don't do Telugu films anymore," she quips, sarcastically.

When asked to elaborate, she says, "People from both within and outside the industry had written me off here. I wouldn't like to take names but some people had dubbed me as 'bad luck'. They said I had 'Iron Legs' and were quite mean to me. People in the south are extremely auspicious, and at the time, doing a film with me wasn't very auspicious for them. It hurt because I worked very hard, dubbed my own voice and put in so much effort, only to be treated so harshly."

Get engaged

Actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Chaitanya Akkineni got engaged in a private ceremony in Hyderabad on Sunday. Actor Nagarjuna took to Twitter to announce the good news about his son Chaitanya saying: "#Chaisam It's official now. My mother is my daughter now."

Couldn't be happier!! more pics to come" (sic) a few hours after the event. The actor was hinting at Samantha (who played his mother in the Akkineni family magnum opus Manam in 2014), turning his daughter once she steps into the household as his eldest daughter-in-law. He shared photographs of the couple exchanging rings and a family photograph too, featuring the new couple, his younger son Akhil Akkineni and soon to be



the film attempts to break stereotypes about the portrayal of Sardarnis and Delhi girls.

"North Indian girls are often portrayed on screen in a very clichéd manner. There is a certain notion about Sardarnis and Delhi girls. They are always shown as these loud, abusive and melodramatic girls. I'm a Delhi girl who hails from Punjab and believe me, we are not at all

Taapsee's film, Ghazi, a trilingual film. While she has a much shorter role in Ghazi, Taapsee says that it was extremely special. "I play a Bangladeshi Refugee in Ghazi. My role is more of a special appearance since it's a war film based on the navy during the 1971 war. There's not much scope for women characters in such a setting. But it was a challenging role and I'm looking

serious subjects. The actress, however, wants to do a few lighter roles as well and is keen to show her versatility as an actress. "I don't want to keep doing the same thing, just because they have been successful. I don't want to take names but there are a few actresses out there, who get comfortable doing the same kind of movies over and over again. I want to keep experimenting

Gigi and Bella Hadid join anti-Trump rally

NEW YORK (KCN): Models and sisters Gigi and Bella

Jordanian-American, Muslim and of Palestinian descent, were

"We are all Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, Atheists, Christians,

coloured knit turtle-neck which cropped

jacket. They were joined by their mum



Hadid took to the streets here against US President Donald Trump's ban on entry of citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries.

The sisters, whose father Mohamed Hadid is

seen at the Battery Park shouting "No hate, no fear, immigrants are welcome here", reports aceshowbiz.com

When marching down a blocked-off roadway, they held up a sign which read:

Jews."

Certain key letters from each denomination written in the protest sign were highlighted to spell out: "We are all humans."

Bella flashed her tummy in a cream

above her pants. She donned a pair of skintight jeans and sneakers.

Gigi sported a cropped pair of denim with a red stripe on the sides, completing her look with a red puffer

Yolanda Hadid at the rally.

It's not the first time Gigi has expressed her political views. Earlier, she voiced her support for a Women's March in Washington.



daughter-in-law Shriya Bhupal, along with wife Amala. The date for the high-profile wedding is yet to be announced.

Rupee extends gains, up 24 paise Budget aims at fiscal improvement; debt a rating constrain: S&P

MUMBAI(KCN): Hitting a positive note for the sixth session, the rupee today strengthened by another 24 paise to 67.63 against the dollar early on after banks and exporters continued to cut back on the US currency.

Dealers said dollar's weakness against a basket of other currencies overseas gave the domestic currency more muscle. Moreover, a higher opening in the domestic equity market provided some support.

The rupee had gained 8 paise to close at one-month high of 67.87 against the US currency yesterday on sustained selling of the dollar by exporters and banks ahead of the



Union budget to be presented today. Meanwhile, the benchmark BSE

Sensex rose 64.15 points, or 0.23 per cent, to 27,720.11 in early deals

Bosch to pay out \$327.5 million over Volkswagen 'dieselgate'

FRANKFURT(KCN): German car parts maker Bosch said Wednesday it will pay out some \$327.5 million (303 million euros) in compensation to US buyers and dealers of Volkswagen-made diesel cars affected by the 'dieselgate' scandal. Bosch made some elements of the sophisticated software, known as "defeat devices", that VW installed in 11 million diesel engines worldwide to minimise emissions during regulatory testing. Bosch said in a statement that a compensation agreement "would settle the claims of consumers and dealers of used vehicles against Robert Bosch GmbH, its

affiliates, employees, and directors" in the United States.

US customers who bought vehicles from Volkswagen and Audi with 2.0-litre diesel engines between 2009 and 2015, as well as 3.0-litre VW, Audi and Porsche cars produced between 2009 and 2016, will receive compensation.

The agreement must still be approved by a US federal judge in California, with a hearing slated for February 14.

While agreeing to pay out to VW buyers who have accused the firm of helping conceal the existence of the "defeat devices", Bosch said it "neither acknowledges the facts as alleged by the

plaintiffs nor does Bosch accept any liability." With the proposed agreement affecting only civil law claims, Bosch added that it "will continue to defend its interests in all other civil and criminal law proceedings and to cooperate comprehensively with the investigating authorities in Germany and other countries."

"We wish to devote our attention and our resources to the transition in mobility and in other areas of activity," chief executive Volkmar Denner said in the statement.

Presenting provisional results for 2016 last week, the Stuttgart-based, family-owned firm said it was investing billions in transitioning to

electric cars and connected objects from its traditional car components and domestic appliances business.

Bosch reported 73.1 billion euros (\$79 billion) in revenue and operating profit of 4.3 billion euros for the year.

NEW DELHI (KCN): Telecom regulator TRAI has said the tariff plans of Reliance Jio are in compliance with its regulations and the existing tariff orders.

TRAI is expected to communicate the

NEW DELHI(KCN): Union Budget 2017-18 shows India's commitment to improve fiscal performance but heavy debt burden and weak public finances remain key rating constraints, S&P Global Ratings said today.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presented the Budget for next fiscal in Parliament yesterday in which he planned to cut fiscal deficit to 3.2 per cent and 3 per cent of GDP for next financial year and 2018-19 respectively. The deficit in the current fiscal is estimated to be 3.5 per cent of GDP.

"India's 2017-2018 budget illustrates the government's commitment to improving its fiscal performance over the medium term, despite the hit to near-term growth from the

demonetisation initiative," S&P said.

Jaitley in his Budget speech has said the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) review committee has favoured lowering government's debt to GDP ratio to 60 per cent by 2023. Currently, the ratio stands at 68.5 per cent.

S&P said if the government's reforms "markedly im-

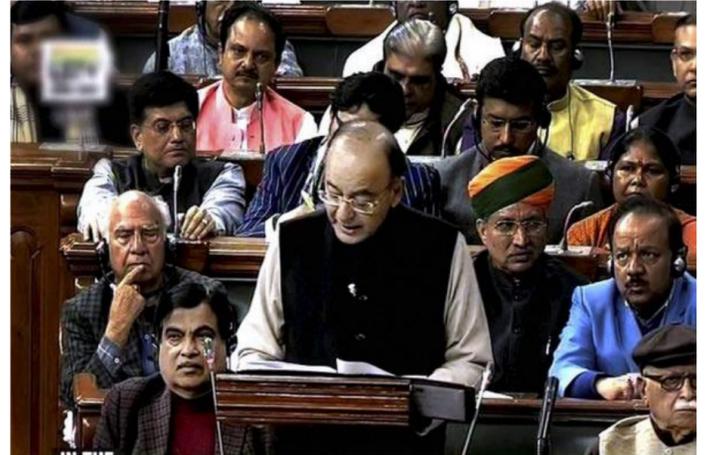
prove" its general government fiscal out-turns so that this ratio falls below 60 per cent, "positive upward pressure on India's sovereign ratings may build".

"At the same time, we continue to see India's overall heavy burden and weak public finances as key rating constraints," the US-based rating agency said.

In November

S&P had ruled out

any upgrade in India's sovereign rating through 2017 saying it wants to see more efforts to lower government debt to below 60 per cent of GDP and that it did not expect revenues to rise enough to meaningfully lower the deficit over the medium term. It maintained the lowest investment grade rating of 'BBB-' with a 'stable' outlook.



Reliance Jio tariffs in line with regulations: Telecom Regulatory body

ined the tariffs and has found that the tariffs are in compliance with regulations and existing tariff orders," sources said.

Impose 'highest' penalty on Airtel for 'misleading' ads on mobile data offers,

eral for views on Jio's free voice and data offering till March 2017, that rivals have termed "predatory".

Sources said during the hearing at TDSAT yesterday, TRAI counsel submitted that the regu-

lated as predatory" and also explain why its tariffs were not in violation of existing regulatory guidelines.

In its response, Jio had stated that its latest Happy New Year offer is substantially different from

payment after the 4 GB limit was exhausted, but in the fresh offering, one can recharge both data and the promised speed. In terms of market dominance, Reliance Jio said it accounts for 6 per



same to the incumbant operators including Bharti Airtel and Idea Cellular, which had moved telecom tribunal TDSAT against the regulator for allowing the Mukesh Ambani-led telecom venture to continue free promotional offer beyond the stipulated 90 days.

"TRAI has exam-

Jio tells TRAI The decision comes just days after the Attorney General communicated to TRAI that Reliance Jio's tariff plans do not violate any existing regulation or order issued by the regulator, and therefore it should not intervene in the matter.

TRAI had asked for the Attorney Gen-

erator has already taken a decision on the issue, after which TDSAT directed TRAI to file its decision. The next date of hearing on the matter is February 6.

On December 20, 2016, TRAI had asked Reliance Jio to clarify as to "why the offer of free data under the promotional offer should not be

the Jio Welcome Offer -- which commenced on September 5 -- as in the initial offer, it had provided 4 GB of free data per day, while in the new one, the same was capped at 1 GB under Fair Usage Policy.

Also, it contended that in the first, there was no option of renewal or

cent market share in the country whereas the Competition Commission of India (CCI) norms specify 30 per cent threshold to trigger the misuse of market dominance clause.

"The two tariff plans are not the same, in terms of data on offer and other aspects," TRAI sources said.

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Maria Sharapova boxes clever as return nears

MOSCOW(KCN): Maria Sharapova said she refused to feel sorry for herself during her doping ban, by studying at Harvard, writing a book and even learning how to box.



The former world number one and five-time Grand Slam title winner told a Russian chat show that she particularly enjoyed lacing up a pair of boxing gloves as part of her fitness regime.

"I tried boxing as I needed to keep myself in good form.

It was great as I could imagine some particular people whom I wanted to hit," said the 29-year-old, without elaborating on the identity of her imagined targets.

Sharapova was banned from the sport after testing positive for meldonium at the 2016 Australian Open last year.

However, she will return to action at the Stuttgart claycourt tournament on April 26 after her initial two-year ban was cut to 15 months.

He reappearance in the sport will come seven days after her 30th birthday.

"I found out that I'm very good in rest-

ing," added Sharapova when she was asked what lessons she had learned during her enforced absence from the tour and which has left her now without a world ranking.

"Formerly I couldn't imagine what to do during such a huge period of free time. I had almost 12 months to think, to read books etc."

She added: "I also had a vacation in Croatia, I celebrated the New Year in Hawaii. I've never been in London as a tourist before. I've seen almost nothing there while playing at Wimbledon."

Sharapova, who has studied at Harvard Business School to help expand her candy business, is also involved in a book about her life. "I wrote a book which will be out in September. First it will be issued in English and then translated into Russian."

Kohli maintains top slot in T20 rankings; India upto second

DUBAI(KCN): Virat Kohli maintained his top spot in the latest ICC rankings of T20 batsmen while India have gained a spot by virtue of their series win against England to climb to the second spot in the team rankings.

Kohli leads number-two ranked Aaron Finch of Australia by 28 points, while Glenn Maxwell of Australia is third.

Kohli is ranked second in Tests and third in ODIs which makes him the only Indian batsman in top five across all formats.

Jasprit Bumrah also maintained his second position in the bowlers' table with a four-point difference between him and Imran Tahir.



Ravichandran Ashwin is 8th in the list while Ashish Nehra is 24th.

England's Joe Root and India wrist-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal have made impressive gains after rankings released today following the



three-match series, which concluded yesterday.

Root finished as the leading run-scorer in the series with 126 runs for which he has been rewarded with a two-place jump putting him in fifth position.

Among Indian batsmen, next best is KL Rahul, who gained 15 places to be at 15th.

India's Yuzvendra Chahal, who took six for 25 in the series decider – the third-best figures in the shortest format of the game to date – has rocketed 92 places to claim 86th position.

Amitabh Chaudhary attends ICC's Chief Executive Committee meet in Dubai

NEW DELHI(KCN): Armed with approval from the Supreme Court, BCCI joint secretary Amitabh Chaudhary today attended the (CEC) meeting in Dubai even as Indian board will seek approval from ICC so that two people including Vikram Limaye can attend the 'Board' Meeting.

As per the ICC Constitution in a 'Board Meeting', two representatives from the same cricket board can be allowed wherein one is a participating 'Director' and the other an 'Observer'.

The 'Observer' as per constitution will have no role to play and cannot participate in any of the discussions of the 'Directors' of the Board.

However, BCCI will need to apply and get an approval of the ICC Board that in this meeting, they would be needing two repre-

sentatives with Committee of Administration

ably be better off as an observer in this important Finance & Commercial Affairs

nated member' of the BCCI, which is man-

The CEC meeting is a forum where

been carrying out a complete review of the 2014 resolutions and constitutional changes," chairman Shashank Manohar has written in his column for the ICC website.

"The group will present their findings at the ICC Board meeting this week and I look forward to discussing them with my Board colleagues and considering the next steps," he further said.

"Another widely discussed area of focus for our sport that we hope to make progress on in 2017 is around the structures of international cricket. We must ensure we protect and promote three vibrant formats of the game that each have context and meaning in relation to global events, along with an event pathway that is open to every member."

ideas and proposals are discussed but it is subject to approval from the ICC Board. This ICC Board meeting is significant as the apex body of world cricket is mulling some significant structural changes.

"We have had a working group in place for the last 12 months and it has

meeting with either treasurer Chaudhary or CEO Johri participating in the discussions. But it can be another way round also," a former BCCI office bearer with experience of attending ICC Meetings told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

With India not being a part of the im-

(F&CA) committee, one does not know whether BCCI's first ever CEO Rahul Johri will be representing the board in any of meetings or not.

Johri, in his capacity, could have attended CEC meet but former top cop Amitabh was allowed as he is the 'nomi-

datory clause as per ICC Constitution. Pakistan was represented by Subhan Ahmed, Cricket South Africa by Haroon Lorgat, Cricket Australia by James Sutherland -- all paid CEOs but in case of BCCI they nominated their joint secretary instead of CEO.

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