

Election Commission bribery case: ED registers case against Dhinakaran

NEW DELHI(KC-CN): The ED has registered a money laundering case against AIADMK (Aamma) leader TTV Dhinakaran and others in connection with the Election Commission bribery case.

Officials said the central probe agency has registered a criminal case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after taking cognisance of a Delhi police FIR in the matter.

They said the charter under the the accused.



agency will probe the possible "proceeds of crime" as part of its

anti-money laundering law and soon will issue summonses to

A meeting of Enforcement Directorate See Page -7

OLRDS bags social media award

Bhubaneswar (KC-CN): The Odisha Livestock Resources Development Society

Senior officers of Ministry of Information and Commu-

the masses through its platform SM4E. The Facebook page created by

ception without a day's break. The popularity of the OLRDS



(OLRDS) has received Social Media Award for Community Mobilization.

OLDRS is a society under the Fisheries and Animal Resources Development Department has received a Special Award, a trophy and a citation at the Social Media for Empowerment Awards 2017 ceremony in New Delhi, for using social media for community mobilization.

OLRDS had been earlier adjudged a finalist by a Grand Jury of the Social Media for Empowerment Awards 2017 out of 162 entries they received from South Asian countries for using social media for community mobilization.

The jury included well-known national and international ex-

tion, National Rural Livelihood Mission, National Skill Development Corporation were also in the jury.

"Odisha Livestock Resources Society (OLRDS) has been recognized for Chairman's Recommendation for the year 2017 in the category "Community Mobilization" for using social media for information dissemination," said the citation.

Dr. Gopal Tripathy, the Deputy Director of the Animal Resources Development Department received the award ceremony on behalf of the OLRDS.

The award by the New Delhi based Digital Empowerment Foundation honours best social media initiatives for the development of

OLRDS is unique and exemplary in the government sector in terms of reach, content and images with an aim to raise awareness, inspire entrepreneurship, boost sales and disseminate information related to different government initiatives and schemes filling the information gap.

Bishnupada Sethi, Secretary FARD is the key motivation behind the Facebook page. He has played the key role from devising strategy to take it to its logical end.

The sincerity and devotion of the FARD Department and its staffs are evident from the fact that meaningful contents with relevant photos and graphics are being posted every day since the page's in-

Facebook page has grown by leaps and bounds. Today, the page has about 185,000 followers.

It has been viewed by over 70 lakh people by end of February 2017, while its posts received 7 lakh likes.

More than 4,000 people have posted comments while 7000 people shared the posts.

On an average 2300 people stay engaged with the page daily.

With the contents being read by millions, the government initiative has become an example how social media can be used for good purposes.

The stakeholders engaged in the page include officials, farmers and entrepreneurs.

State on labor care

Bhubaneswar (KC-CN) With an eye to provide facilities for the working class, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik today laid foundation stone for construction of temporary shelter homes for laborers in seven places.

And Mr.Patnaik also launched a Social Security Board for workers in unorganised sector, which is an innovative initiative of the Department of Labour & ESI.

International Labour Day was organized here today by the State Government in Department of Labour & ESI. And Construction Workers Service Week was also being organized by the Department also.

Minister Labour & ESI Prafulla Kumar Mallick, Principal Secretary Labour & ESI G Srinivas, State Labour Commissioner Sachin R Jadav and other senior officials graced the occasion.

So the Chief

Minister laid foundation stones for the proposed shelter homes for labourers at Cuttack, Jajpur, Paradip and Berhampur through video conferencing

He had also physically laid foundation stones at three places for temporary shelters in Kharvel Nagar area of the State Capital before attending the function marking the International Labour Day celebration.

Noting that the State Government is committed for the welfare of the labourers, Mr.Patnaik said temporary shelter homes with capacity of 1700 beds for labourers would be set up in 21 places across the state.

On welfare of Odia labourers working in Telangana, the Chief Minister said he had a discussion with the Telangana Home and Labour Minister N Narasimha Reddy in this regard.

"The State Government has been working to bring

labourers to the mainstream and provide social security to them," he said.

Mr.Reddy lauded initiative of the Odisha Government in this regard.

The Chief Minister pointed out that a number of projects were launched today, including a social security board for workers in unorganised sector, a welfare board for workers in organised sector and a Help Desk for migrant workers in the state of Telangana. He said that the State Government has prepared an action plan worth Rs 134 crore to curb labour migration and for their rehabilitation.

The National Child Labour project has been expanded to remaining six districts of Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Boudh, Phulbani, Bhadrak and Puri. The objective is to ensure Odisha become a child-labour free state, he said.

Minister Labour & ESI Mr. Mallick

said the State Government will provide houses to labourers at low price in five towns including Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Jajpur, Paradip and Berhampur soon. The houses will be provided through the Housing and Urban Development Department, Mr.Mallick announced.

The Minister said registration of unorganised and domestic labourers will be undertaken through the Odisha State Construction Workers Welfare Board (OSCWWB). He further said special action plan would be chalked out to abolish child labour in the state.

Over 18 lakh construction workers have been registered so far in the state. The Government has provided Rs 389 crore to more than 7 lakh labourers as assistance under several programmes. The assistance centre has been set up for Non-Resident Odia workers in various states.



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Just Go To Hell Dil: Dear Zindagi's breakup song

Gentle, soft and relatable, Dear Zindagi's new song is out!

Sung by Sunidhi Chauhan, the second single track features Alia Bhatt, who is trying to do away with her emotions.

Beautifully written by Kausar Munir and composed by Amit Trivedi, the song has a unique melody that gets you hooked to it. Just Go To Hell Dil is a feeling we all have gone through in our lives and it is very well portrayed by Alia.

A budding cinematographer, Alia plays Kaira, who is in search of a perfect life. A chance encounter with Jug, an unconventional



thinker, helps her gain new perspective about life. She discovers that happiness

is all about finding comfort in life's imperfections.

Dear Zindagi has

been helmed by Gauri Shinde, the director of the critically acclaimed English

Vinglish, Gauri Shinde and has been jointly produced by her along with Gauri

Khan, Karan Johar.

The film will woo movie buffs on November 25.

'We are not promoting sex'

Do you think the film industry is welcoming to newcomers like you?

It's really difficult to get into Bollywood – it's a matter of time and the luck factor counts too. It's tough; and it was tough for me. It has been a very long and difficult struggle for me, I have enjoyed my journey though because it was not like I was just struggling and doing nothing ... I have taken a little long to do the kind of film I really wanted and desired. But it has finally happened and I am here.

Wajah Tum Ho

can be termed as your proper debut film. What are your expectations from it?

My expectations are very high because this film has given me everything that I have ever dreamt of. I feel amazing as I have experienced everything I wanted in this film - being a solo lead, performing to the best songs, playing a very strong character. The first teaser poster was my solo poster! Moreover, I have good chemistry with director Vishal Pandya - at most times, newcomers lack this when you cannot match up with the director. Like we

say - uparwala jab bhi deta hai, chhappar faad ke deta hai.

The steamy scenes in the film have created a major buzz. What is your reaction?

It's no big deal in the industry. Every film has a kiss – no matter how big the names in the film. It's according to the requirements. It's necessary to show a little romance because a pure thriller gets boring. It's okay and there should be no big halla as if people have never seen anybody kissing on screen before.

Some people are just overreacting. I

don't care as long as

We are not promoting



it is creating a buzz. Once people watch the film in the theatre, they will understand that whatever is done, is done rightly. It's not like there's nothing to do so we are doing those scenes.

sex. The film has lots more to offer.

So many people come on social media and say 'What did you do!' Arrey why are you wasting your time by coming to my

page and following me? Just do your own work. If you don't like it, keep it to yourself.

Which hero would you like to work with next?

The only dream in my life is to work with Shah Rukh Khan that's it. He is my childhood love.

You said you are a very animated person. Tell us more about what you are like in real life? I am the way people have seen me in Bigg Boss – there is not even one percent difference between me and the girl on that show.

No break for the 'Breakup Song' singer

Bombay (KCN): 'Mental Manadhil' from OK Kanmani, 'Mei Nigara' from 24, and now, 'The Breakup Song' from Ae Dil Hai Mushkil... Jonita Gandhi is on the crest of a wave. Over

telephone from Mumbai, the 27-year-old says with a laugh, "My phone has been buzzing with messages ever since the ('Breakup') song released. ... it was dramatic," she says. Jonita has a lot on her plate, from recording for movies to performing live gigs. But she also talks about a dream that she has been holding on to for sometime now. "Writing music... I want to sing something that I have written from scratch. How cool would that be," she

says, a little lost in thought. "I have written in the past, but I am just very picky. So I am not sure whether many of those will see the light of day," she adds after a pause.

Meanwhile, she is consciously making sure that her YouTube channel (Jonita Music has over half a lakh followers) thrives – given that's where she began her journey as a musician. "I used to record my song videos, all covers, on my phone and post them," she recalls. Later, as her channel continued to gain visitors, she started making professional videos, self-produced videos and collaborating with different artistes. "This was way back in 2011, and that's how far I could reach Bollywood from Toronto. But it helped me get a foot in the door, as several music composers recognised me, and next thing I know, I was doing a tour with Sonu Nigam in North America,"

she says. Following the tour, Jonita debuted in Bollywood with Chennai Express.

"Till then, I had only performed in live shows. I hadn't recorded a Bollywood song from scratch. Understanding and learning a composition on the spot was new to me. So I was extremely nervous," she recalls. The first song she recorded was the title song of Chennai Express for Vishal-Shekhar. "The song was already done, and the male voice was by SPB sir. There was a small part in the song that features Deepika Padukone in the visuals and they wanted a female voice. I just happened to be around then, so they told me to try it out, and it all came out well," she says.

She was then spotted by A.R. Rahman, with whom she worked on the album Raunaq and Tamil film OK Kanmani, among others. "I was

in Chennai once, so he asked me to come to

completely on who ever was directing the



his studio and record in Tamil. Thankfully, I had people around me who really supported me. I had no idea how well I was singing the words. I had to rely

videos to visually set everything right," she says with a laugh. "On my first trip to Chennai, while working with Rahman sir, I had no idea who we

were recording for. But I was just happy to be working with him. He is an amazing person and makes people super comfortable, and while most think that he is quiet, in reality, he is a very funny person," says Jonita, who is trained in Western Classical music.

Looking back, while her academic degrees (she has two undergraduate degrees in Health Sciences and Business) did little to contribute to her career as a singer, she says, "Music was always there on the side. I used to come home from school during weekends and perform at events. It was already my part-time job. Even at home, there were always old Hindi songs — those of Rafi, R.D. Burman, Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle — and 90s Bollywood music by Shreya Ghoshal and Sonu Nigam — playing. I grew up listening to them."

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.

Hike in petrol, diesel rates deferred

NEW DELHI(KCN): PSU oil companies have deferred a planned Rs 2.26 a litre hike in petrol and Rs 1.78 increase in diesel.

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corp (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp (HPCL) revise rates, particularly when a price cut is necessitated, on 1st and 16th of every month based on average international price in the

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(ED) and Delhi police officials has taken place recently and it is expected that after the central probe agency registered a separate case, a few more such meetings could be held to take the probe forward.

Dhinakaran and his aide Mallikarjuna were sent to the Tihar Jail till May 15 by a court here yesterday after the police said that the accused were not needed for custodial interrogation.

Dhinakaran was arrested on April 25 after four days of questioning by the Delhi police for allegedly attempting to bribe an unidentified EC official to get the undivided AIADMK's 'two leaves' election symbol for his faction for a by-election to the R K Nagar Assembly seat in Tamil Nadu which was later cancelled by the Election Commission.

Middleman Sukesh Chandrasekar, who was the first to be arrested in the case, had struck a deal for Rs 50 crore to help the faction

previous fortnight. But an increase that was warranted because of a rise in international gasoline (petrol) price to USD 62.82 per barrel from USD 57.43 and that of diesel to USD 60.97 from USD 56.79 was deferred today.

The surge in international price, which was moderately tempered by strengthening of the rupee to Rs 68.05 from Rs 68.23 a dollar, had necessitated Rs 2.26 a litre keep the 'two leaves' symbol.

The EC had frozen AIADMK's 'two leaves' symbol after two factions led by Sasikala and former chief minister O Pannierselvam staked claim to it.

The AIADMK (Amma) faction leader has been accused of allegedly arranging the amount from undisclosed sources and getting it transferred from Chennai to Delhi through illegal channels. The court had on April 26 remanded the duo to five-day custody of Delhi Police which said it needed to unearth the money trail and the entire conspiracy in the case.

Mallikarjuna, who had been accompanying Dhinakaran everywhere ever since the arrest of alleged middleman Sukesh Chandrasekar on April 16, was arrested for facilitating the alleged Rs 50 crore deal between Dhinakaran and Chandrasekar.

Chandrasekar is in judicial custody till May 12.

tre hike in petrol and Rs 1.78 in diesel, officials said.

This increase was excluding local levies. The actual hike after considering VAT would have been about Rs 2.90 per litre and the same for diesel would have been Rs 2.10. Petrol in Delhi currently costs Rs 66.10 a litre and diesel Rs 54.57. Rates were last revised on December 1 when petrol price was hiked by a marginal 13 paise a litre, but diesel rates were cut by 12 paise.

BSNL to set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura

Shillong(KCN): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) Chief General Manager K K Saxena today said the company will set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura to improve customers service and its reach in these states.

"We are adding 111 new Base Transceiver Stations (Towers) in our NE-1 circle comprising Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura," Saxena who heads the circle told reporters here.

He said 56 of these towers will be in remote Meghalaya (existing 244), nine in Mizoram (existing 141) and 46 in Tripura (existing 386) which will add to 771 existing towers in these states as part of the phase 7 project costing Rs 50 crore.

According to the BSNL NE-1 circle chief, each of these

Reliance Jio tariffs in line with regulations: Telecom Regulatory body

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.

TRAJ is expected to communicate the

in 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 incumbent 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.

"TRAJ has exam-

Jio tells TRAJ

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.

TRAJ had asked for the Attorney Gen-

lator 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.

BSNL to set up 111 base towers in Meghalaya, Mizoram & Tripura



towers is expected to cater to a population of 5000 people. The state-owned telecom operator, which caters to 14 per cent of

the 1.24 crore customers in the region, saw a 1 per cent increase in its market share in the past one year, the official said.

Both NE-1 and NE-2 (comprising of Assam and rest of NE states) cater to about 17.4 lakh customers of which 8.7

lakh are in NE-1 circle, he said. Earlier, Saxena announced the launch of three new plans costing less than Rs

400 for prepaid services where customers can avail free calls and data costing less than Rs 2 per GB.

IPL 2017 Live Score DD vs SRH: Karun Nair leads Delhi Daredevils chase against Sunrisers Hyderabad

After put into bat first, Sunrisers Hyderabad got off to a fluent start but were slowed down in the middle overs when Mohammed Shami picked two wickets in quick succession. Top-order, unlike previous matches, got off to starts but none of them – David Warner, Kane Williamson and Shikhar Dhawan – could convert it into a big one. Yuvraj Singh and Moises Henriques, after the quick wickets, steadied the ship and launched an assault in the final five overs. After a slow period, Yuvraj led the show in the final overs and, with Henriques, scored 71 off the last 30 balls. The left-hander finished with an unbeaten 41-ball 70, and helped SRH post 185/3. Catch the IPL 2017 Live Score of Delhi Daredevils vs Sunrisers Hyderabad match here (Results | Fixtures | Points Table)

IPL 2017 Live Score DD vs SRH: Live Scores and Updates of Delhi vs Hyderabad

Toss: Delhi Daredevils win toss and elect to bowl against Sunrisers Hyderabad

SRH XI: D Warner, S Dhawan, K Williamson, M Henriques, Y Singh, D Hooda, N Ojha, B Kumar, R Khan, S Kaul, M Siraj



We can come back into title race: KXIP's Shaun Marsh

MOHALI(KCN): title race of the ongoing by 26 runs while



Kings XI Punjab have lost five of their eight games so far but top-order batsman Shaun Marsh feels the team can still pull itself back into the

ing Indian Premier League. The 33-year-old Australian's solid knock of 84 against Sunrisers Hyderabad here yesterday went in vain as KXIP lost

chasing a target of 208.

The inconsistent Punjab, who are yet to win the IPL trophy, were let down by their bowling and

batting units and only Marsh's performance stood out. "Full credit goes to the Sunrisers. They played well and outplayed us in all three facets of the game. We were not on tonight," Marsh told reporters after the match.

Marsh justified asking Hyderabad to bat first, saying it was a fair decision as his side is good at chasing even big totals. "We have chased really well in this tournament. But we didn't get off to the start we were hoping for and lost three quick wickets inside six overs," he said.

IPL: Comprehensive RPS dash RCB's hopes of play-offs

PUNE(KCN): Virat Kohli looked like a man lost for words. Only thing he could do was look exasperatedly at his Royal Challengers Bangalore teammates as they departed one after the other. Despite managing to restrict Rising Pune Supergiant to a commendable 157, their batting department failed spectacularly once again.

The visitors ended up with 96/9 in their allotted 20 overs. With the loss, Bangalore are virtually out of the tournament. Even if they win their remaining games, they will reach 13 points. A lot of variables need to come good if RCB are to make it through to the play-offs. From

runners-up last time around, to almost out of the IPL with four games still to be played. The entire team management must be mightily displeased. With the victory, Pune now have 10 points from 9 outings but remained fourth. A must win fixture for the team, and trying to pursue a very chaseable total, the Bengaluru franchise must have thought the batsmen will come good this time around. But the match, from RCB's perspective was a classic example of Murphy's Law. Anything that could have gone wrong for RCB, did indeed go wrong!

Stats tell the whole story. RCB have lost 17 wickets during Powerplays in this edition of the IPL. Their Powerplay run rate of 6.64 is also the lowest among all teams. These don't auger well for any side hoping to make it big in this format.

Chris Gayle did not make it to the playing XI. He was replaced by Adam Milne. Travis Head accompanied his skipper out to the middle. But he didn't last long as he was cleaned up by Jaydev Unadkat for 2. What followed was a horror show for Kohli standing in the non-striker's end.

Kohli did score a half century (55 off 48) but it proved to be in vain. Except for Kohli, all players ended up with single-digit scores. An occurrence that has hap-

pened 37 times for RCB. A damning statistic indeed! More than any fancy bowling or snazzy field placement, it was RCB's woeful display with the willow that contributed to their seventh loss. Earlier, after Kohli had won the toss and decided to bowl was a rather subdued batting effort from Pune as at the end of their 20 overs, they managed to muster 157 for the loss of three wickets.

Rahul Tripathi (37 off 28) continued his rich vein of form as he scored his sixth consecutive 30+ score in this edition of the IPL. RPS skipper Steve Smith (45 off 32) was the other star for the hosts with the bat.