

BJP hurts BJD Law body non starter

Bhubaneswar (KCN): The Opposition BJP has hit the State's BJD Government where it hurts.

In the backdrop of the ensuing three tier panchayat elections scheduled in mid February, the saffron party has attempted to harp on the BJD's most popular Cheap Rice scheme and also the Mamata scheme targeting women voters.

Since both the issues are considered as the core of BJD's success in successive elections, the BJP that leads the Government at the centre, issued an advertisement in local dailies claiming that it is Centre which share most of the burden of the cheap rice scheme.

The Centre contributes Rs 19 per kilogram of rice while the BJD Government gives only Rs 2 and Rs 1 come from the beneficiaries.

This is certainly a clear attempt to target the BJD's popular scheme for which Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik used to get credit even during the previous UPA Government at Centre.

An advertisement with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's picture, explains that the Centre contributes most of the Cheap Rice scheme.

Similarly, Mr. Modi's recent announcement after completion of 50 days of demonetization, has also

uncomforted the BJD that used to sanction Rs 5,000 per pregnant women under Mamata Scheme.

However, Mr. Modi announced that the Centre would provide Rs 6,000 per



pregnant woman and the amount will be directly deposited in their bank/post office account.

These two issues have irked the BJD which on Monday drew attention of the State Election Commission here.

The ruling BJD alleged that the newspaper advertisement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi announcing packages for farmers, self-help groups and others is in clear violation of the model code of conduct which is in force for the three-tier panchayat elections in Odisha.

A party delegation led by BJD Vice President Surjya Narayan Patro submitted a petition to

the state election commission alleging that the advertisement of PM's announcement was opposed to the model code of conduct in force since December 27.

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Bhubaneswar(KCN): More than a year after a formal announcement was made about formation of the Law Commission, no one in the State government is able to say exactly when this body would come up.

Notably, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had made the announcement of formation of the law commission while addressing the inaugural session of the Lawyers' Forum of the ruling BJD in November 2015.

Subsequently, the State Government accorded positive nod to such a proposal in February, 2016. State government has finalized that the Commission would be headed by a retired judge of either the Supreme Court or the High Court.

However, 13

months after the announcement the State Government is yet to decide who would head the Commission.

It may be mentioned here that the Union Government has repealed 120 archaic Laws last year.

Union Government's Law Commission, Finance Commission and other agencies have been advising the State Government either to do away with or amend certain archaic and not-in-use laws.

Taking these suggestions in to account, the State Government had made a move to constitute the Law Commission. Interestingly, even as there exists a Law Revision Committee (LRC) under the aegis of the Law Department of the State Government, it

is going headless since last ten years.

One of the senior functionaries of the

vogue in the State now. Even Law made way back in 1894 and 1915 are still in op-



Law Department has been given additional charge of this body.

As is seen from records, LRC used to be a rehabilitation post for retired Judges, Former Secretary Law and political leaders without serving the purpose it was constituted for.

There are as many as 1200 laws and By-Laws in

eration in the State.

Some departments even do not know that certain Laws governing their subjects have become obsolete by now. Had Law Revision Committee been effective, many such Laws would have been repealed or amended by now, said sources familiar with the development.

Lalit gets ADG rank

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Top Cop Lalit Das received his promotion as Additional Direc-

an In-Situ one, he is continuing as Special Secretary Home. 1992 Batch IPS

took over as Special Secretary of the Department of Home in 2011 in the Rank of

and never says "NO". A highly positive and vibrant personality, Mr.Das continues to be the bridge between State Administration and State Police Headquarters.

And he provides seamless connectivity between the two institutions and proposals emanating from Police Headquarters are receiving proper attention of the Department of Home, thanks to his sincerity.

Successfully served in at least six districts as Superintendent of Police (SP) and DIG in Central and North Central Ranges A Recipient of Union Nation Peace Medal, while serving in Sierra Leone with UN Peace Keeping Forces.

Also Recipient of President Police Medal for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service, said a senior officer in Department of Home.

Known for his love music and cycling, Mr.Das finds time for hobbies and continues to be an active member of the Bhubaneswar Cycling and Adventure Club.

He participated in Cycling from Manali to Leh and Bhubaneswar to Bhutan and also participated in Delhi Half Marathon.



tor General of Police (ADGP) and as it was

Officer, Mr.Das, a versatile personality

Inspector General of Police (IGP) and after five long years he continues in the sensitive assignment.

He is most fortunate to receive ADGP Rank, thanks to override of the Principal Secretary Home Asit Tripathy and unstinted support of the Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi.

An M.Tech by education and also the Best All Rounder of 1986 batch of NIT Rourkela, Mr.Das is the longest serving Special Secretary Home and he has seen at least five Principal Secretaries of Home. Interestingly, all the Top Mandarins love him as Mr.Das is a sweet person unlike some of his counterparts in Police Administration.

So State Bureaucracy likes him and he also loves people

Another New Year...

Bhubaneswar (KCN): There were in fact competitions among various groups of people to offer greetings to the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik at Naveen Niwas on 1 January and on 2 January at State Secretariat.

Though Naveen used to receive people on the New Year Day every year, this time, the rush was unusual and the mood was poised.

Beginning from the Ministers to Lawmakers and senior officers, all joined the competition to greet

the Big Boss at his residence on 1 January.



From employees

unions to businessmen, police officers to petty employees all were in a hurry to carry flower bouquets to the Naveen Niwas.

And on Monday there was rush at State Secretariat, where the Members of the elite IAS Association of Odisha met the Chief Minister, which he reciprocated them with a "Happy New Year".

Rush was equally seen to meet Biggies of the State Administration- Chief Secretary and Two Additional Chief Secretaries. There was great rush in See Page-7

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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 DeFelicie 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 DeFelicie. 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.



Banks go for cuts, lending rates down by up to 90 bps

Mumbai (KCN) ROLLING OUT one of the steepest cuts in borrowing rates in recent times, leading banks lowered their lending rates on Sunday by up to 90 basis points, or a little less than one per cent, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggested that they should focus on the poor, lower middle class, middle class and senior citizens, and act in "public interest".

After the deadline for the demonetisation of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes ended Friday, **From Page-1** the Second Floor of the State Secretariat to greet Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi. In fact there was a beeline to meet the Top Mandarin and wish him in the New Year on 2 January. Mr. Padhi was

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest bank, reduced the overnight marginal cost of funds

are 8 per cent against 8.90 per cent for one-year loans, 8.10 per cent for two-year loans and 8.15 per

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others can avail of home loans at 8.25 per cent. On November 2, SBI had cut home loan rates to 9.1 per cent — the lowest in six years — as part of a festive scheme.

Delhi-based Punjab National Bank cut the overnight lending rate by 70 basis points to 8.20 per cent while Union Bank of India slashed the rates by 65-90 bps for different tenures. IDBI Bank's three-year loans will now be at 9.30 per cent, down by 40 basis points. However, borrowers may not get the full benefit of the MCLR cut due to the spread that banks charge on loans.

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based lending rates (MCLR) to 7.75 per cent from 8.65 per cent. The new rates sharing good wishes.

And all along jovial and intelligent KBK Chief Administrator S P Thakur was seen cracking jokes and making the environment lively.

Agriculture Production Commissioner G K Dhal was

cent for three-year maturity, SBI said.

Watch what else is making news:

Secretary Labor & ESI G Srinivas, Principal Secretary Rural Development Madhu Sudan Padhi Secretary Health & Family Welfare Pramod Kumar Meherda, Secretary ST & SC Development and I& PR Surendra Kumar,

Bandopadhyay's Arrest

The new loan rates will be effective from January 1. Women home-loan borrowers of SBI will be able to avail loans at interest rates of 8.20 per cent while

China to ban ivory trade by end of 2017

BEIJING (KCN): China will ban trade and processing of all domestic ivory by the end of 2017 in a bid to save the fast dwindling tusk population in the country, a "historic move" hailed as a "game changer" for African elephants.

The decision came after China had imposed a three-year ban on ivory imports in March this year, in an escalated fight against illegal trading of wild animals and plants.

"China will gradually stop the processing and sales of ivories for commercial purposes by the end of 2017," the official Xinhua news agency said, citing a government statement.

The move will impact China's 34 processing enterprises and 143 designated trading venues, with dozens to be closed by the end of March 2017, state-run Xinhua news agency quoted an official statement as saying.

Before that deadline, law enforcement agencies will continue to clamp down on illegalities associated with the elephant's tusk, an official told the agency.

China's move, if implemented, strictly could be a "game changer", specially the African elephant conservation as hundreds killed every year by poachers to feed into the burgeoning markets in China and Hong Kong.

As a result the numbers of Africa's savannah elephants dropped to 3.5 lakh thousand in 2014.

China's move to ban ivory trade fol-

lowed a resolution at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) in South Africa in October.

China has the biggest ivory market in the world - some estimates suggest 70 per cent of the world's trade ends up there. Ivory's price can reach USD 1,100 per kg in China.

Conservation group WWF welcomed the latest news, calling it a "historic announcement", signalling an end to the world's primary legal ivory market and a major boost to international efforts to "tackle the elephant poaching crisis in Africa", BBC reported.

Elly Pepper, deputy director of wildlife trade for the Natural Resources Defence Council, praised China for its "great leadership" on the issue.

"Setting such an aggressive timeline to close - once and for all - the largest domestic ivory market in the world is globally significant, Pepper said.

"It's a game changer and could be the pivotal turning point that brings elephants back from the brink of extinction," she said.

While the international market in ivory has been closed since 1989, legal domestic markets have continued in many countries around the world.

A surge in the killing of elephants over the past seven years has seen populations across Africa shrink by a third, according to the recently published Great Elephant Census.

Send 40 percent currency to rural areas, RBI tells banks

MUMBAI: The RBI on Tuesday said the supply of currency

tribution in these areas. "Banks should

bank chests to obtain supply of coins on priority basis and if



notes in rural areas was not adequate and asked banks to send at least 40 percent of the supply to their rural branches.

"The bank notes, being supplied to rural areas, at present, are not commensurate with the requirements of the rural population," the Reserve Bank of India said in a notification.

With a view to ensure that at least 40 percent bank notes were supplied to rural areas, the banks were advised to increase the issue of currency towards the main channels of dis-

advise their currency chests to step up issuance of fresh notes to rural branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and commercial banks, white label ATMs and post offices on priority basis which are considered main rural channels of distribution," it said.

RBI asked the banks to issue notes in denominations of Rs 500 and below in rural areas with liberal issuance of existing stock of notes below Rs 100.

It also asked the

required even get it issued from the central bank.

As the rural requirements could vary depending on variations in the rural and urban mix of each district, a certain percentage of allocation has been assigned to each district by RBI to facilitate a need based approach.

"The indicated proportion may be maintained on weekly average basis at each chest level as it may be difficult to stick to the proportion on daily basis," RBI said.

Adventz group not keen on Paytm stake

KOLKATA (KCN): Saroj Poddar-controlled Adventz group today said it

ahead with it," a top official of the group told PTI today. According to sources,

alists Sunil Munjal and Saroj Poddar were in talks for a secondary deal to buy



was approached for buying a minority stake in Paytm, but has decided against it.

"We were approached by a few merchant bankers for a minority stake in Paytm. But we have decided not to go

Saroj Poddar's son Akshay Poddar was negotiating the deal.

Valuation is the key reason for not buying into the leading wallet company, the sources indicated.

According to media reports, industri-

a minority stake from IDFC Securities analyst Nikhil Vora who holds some 0.35 per cent in One97 Communications, the parent of Paytm. Paytm last received funding from Taiwan's MediaTek in August.

Sensex breaks seven day fall, but logs weekly loss

Mumbai (KCN): Breaking a seven-day losing pattern, the Sensex today reclaimed the key 26,000-mark by recovering 61 points, helped by gains in pharma, auto and capital goods, but both indices registered a weekly drop. For the week, the Sensex lost 448.86 points, or 1.69 per cent, while the broader NSE Nifty dropped 153.70 points, or 1.88 per cent.

This is their biggest weekly in five, which is since the week ended November 18. Domestic investors backed up and covering-up of short positions gave equities a push too. But a weak trend in Asia and a muted opening in Europe cast its shadow.

The rupee appreciated 21 paise intraday against the dollar, to 67.78, which had a positive influence too, brokers said. After a subdued opening, the

Sensex dropped as foreign funds liquidated bets ahead of Christmas. But emergence of value-buying later meant it wiped off early losses before settling higher by 61.10 points, or 0.24 per cent, at 26,040.70.

The 50-share NSE Nifty ended up 6.65 points, or 0.08 per cent, at 7,985.75 points. Intra-day, it shuttled between 7,942.05 and 8,022.60.



seen warmly receiving the officers, employees, scribes and people of cross section of the society.

Honest and humble Top Mandarin was reciprocating with sweet words with people and wishing for happier times in 2017.

Simplicity is the hallmark of the Chief Secretary, who fondly talked to the Bureaucrats and Visitors, while wishing for a better times.

R Balakrishnan, Development Commissioner received the enthusiastic visitors with a charming smile and wished for a "Happy New Year".

There was good rush for meeting the Additional Chief Secretary to Chief Minister Upendra Nath Behera in the Third Floor. Sweet and suave, Mr. Behera was equally reciprocating the visitors for a bright New Year.

Mr. Behera, seen in a jovial mood in presence of "Intimidating Biggies of 1986 IAS Batch" and

also greeted by Bureaucrats and others and humble Mandarin was seen sweetly reciprocating with them with good wishes.

Great Rush was seen to meet the Special Secretary to Chief Minister V Karthikeya Pandian.

The Powerful Bureaucrat was also seen receiving the officers, employees and others in a friendly manner.

There was rush to meet the Principal Secretary Home Asit Tripathy and Principal Secretary Finance Tuhin Kanta Pandey who were equally reciprocating the visitors.

Meeting the Principal Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Pradipta Kumar Mahapatra, Principal Secretary Energy, Rajesh Verma, Principal Secretary MSME L N Gupta, Principal Secretary Water Resources, Pradeep Jena, Principal Secretary Steel & Mines Raj Kumar Sharma, Principal

Secretary Women & Child Development Vishal Dev, Secretary Fisheries, ARD & Excise Bishnupada Sethi and Special Secretary General Administration Ashok Meena was a pleasure for the officers and employees.

There was equal amount of enthusiasm to meet Top Mandarins like Principal Secretary Higher Education, G V V Sarma, Principal Secretary Tourism Arti Ahuja and others.

Principal Secretary Works Nalini Kanta Pradhan was also greeted by a large number of officers and engineers.

During the day it was almost a festive look and holiday mood in the State Secretariat. Prasad Sevan was conducted at various floors.

There was a full-fledged puja of Trinity in Department of Works and Department of Commerce & Transport, where Prasad were distributed.

SC removes BCCI president Anurag Thakur and secretary Ajay Shirke

NEW DELHI(KCN): Supreme Court of India removed Anurag Thakur

against Thakur by seeking his response as to why he should not be

passing the direction for nominating the persons in committee of admin-

ister order on July 18 by the court, most of BCCI office bearers were in-

ence.

"If you want to escape perjury charges, you ought to apologise. At every stage you have been trying to obstruct. Everyone wants to go around and continue to hold the post even after 70 years. This is such a lucrative business that everyone wants to go on forever" the bench had said.

It had also referred to a letter by ICC chairman Shashank Manohar and said even he has stated that Thakur had asked for such a letter.

The apex court had also said that by asking ICC to write such a letter, BCCI has intended to defeat the purpose of the verdict, that too when the bench had made it clear that appointment of CAG nominee would bring about transparency in the cricket body.

The bench had accepted the recommendation that one person should hold one post in the cricket administration to avoid conflict of interest and scrapping of all administrative committees in BCCI after the CAG nominee comes in.



as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) with a show cause notice issued in regards to charges of perjury and contempt of court, saying he should "forthwith cease and desist from" the board's work. The apex court also removed Ajay Shirke, secretary of BCCI.

A bench headed by Chief Justice T S Thakur and comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud also decided to initiate contempt proceedings

held liable for obstructing the implementation of the court's directions aimed at reforming BCCI.

The court ordered that the working of BCCI will be looked after by a committee of administrators and requested senior advocate Fali S Nariman and senior advocate Gopal Subramanian, who was assisting in the matter as amicus curiae, to assist the court in nominating persons as the members in the committee of administrators in two weeks. The matter for

istrators will be taken up on January 19, said the bench.

Until the new administrators take over the working of BCCI, the senior most vice president of the board will act as the president and the present joint secretary will assume the work as secretary, added the bench.

The apex court directed that all office bearers of BCCI and state associations will have to give their undertaking that they will abide by the directions of the court. In an ear-

eligible to carry on and the panel headed by former chief justice of India R M Lodha had asked the court to remove them.

The court reminded the BCCI top brass that Thakur as president of the board had asked for a letter from International Cricket Council (ICC) CEO Dave Richardson that the appointment of a Comptroller and auditor general (CAG) nominee in the cricket body would compromise with autonomy and amount to government interfer-

I'm a team player, says Manchester United striker Ibrahimovic

MANCHESTER(KCN): Veteran Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic's recent flurry of goals has helped power Manchester United's resurgence but he says he is not content because he hasn't created many chances for his team-mates.

The 35-year-old, who United manager Jose Mourinho claimed earlier this week is set to sign an extension to his year-long contract which he agreed to when he joined in July from Paris Saint Germain, told MUTV he is not happy with just having three assists to his name thus far.

"When I scored (in the Boxing Day 3-1 win over Sunderland) it was 50 (goals in 2016)," he said.

"That is not one of my objectives because if a player starts to focus only on scoring goals it means he's focusing only on himself.

"Like I said, I'm not here to focus on myself because I'm

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The steep cut has been facilitated by the surge in deposits during the demonetisation period, which led to a substantial fall in cost of funds for lenders. Banks have mobilised an estimated Rs 14.9 lakh crore of deposits following demonetisation during the last 50 days. The interest rate cut is expected to boost sentiment, and spending, too, all of which have been hit because of demonetisation. Other banks are expected to follow suit in the coming days.

Deposit rates are also expected to slide further. The RBI has cut the policy rate — the repo rate — by 175 bps since the start of 2015 but banks were slow in passing on the benefits to customers.

Prime Minister Modi had on Saturday advised banks to "keep the poor, the lower middle class, and the middle class at the focus of their activities" and act with the "public interest" in mind.

On Sunday, BJP president Amit Shah welcomed the cuts in a series of tweets posted on his official account.

"Declining interest rates will prove to be a boon for the

here to help my team-mates win. The goals come in the second wave — the first wave is my team, the collective part that I want to win with them.

"If the collective does well, the individual will do well and I prefer to have it that way.

"If you know the way I play my game, I'm the one who scores or tries to help my team-mates score."

One of Ibrahimovic's three assists, though, will remain long in the memory for one of the goals against Sunderland.

His cross found Armenian midfield dynamo Henrikh Mkhitaryan who converted it with a spectacular 'scorpion kick'.

"That was perfect because I said to myself 'if I put it a little behind him he can do the backheel' - exactly like we have been training for these couple of weeks and it worked," said Ibrahimovic.

"I was the one jumping higher than

poor, neo middle class and middle class while providing a boost to our economy. After demonetisation, banks are flush with funds & reducing lending rates up to 1%, which will make housing, vehicle & enterprise loans cheaper," Shah posted.

"It is vision of PM @narendramodi, which is rooted in concern for the poor and under privileged, that such a move has been possible," he wrote.

SBI chairman Arun Dhatia Bhattacharya said, "Initiatives aimed at benefiting the lower income segments of the country is indeed a welcome move by the government. It is fairly evident that the government is serious about comprehensive inclusion. Low cost housing should witness growth in the medium to long term. The government's commitment to a less cash society will also aid in reforming the tax structure for the better."

However, bankers don't expect the deposits collected during the 50-day window to remain in the system.

In an interview earlier with The Indian Express, Bhattacharya had

everybody else when we were celebrating! I was super happy, especially for Micki. I know how it feels to score a goal like that.

"I'm happy they (the officials) didn't give it offside because a goal like that has to be (a) goal."

Ibrahimovic, who enjoyed a good relationship with Mourinho when they were together at Inter Milan in Italy, said he intended to improve his number of assists.

"I haven't had many assists so far and that is part of my game that I've been missing here in my six months at United," said Ibrahimovic, who retired from the national team after a disappointing Euro 2016 having hit 62 goals in 116 appearances over 15 years.

"At my other clubs I've been scoring goals but I've also done a lot of assists.

"I'm happy to give an assist because for me it is just like you have scored yourself.

said: "All these deposits will not stay back. Most of it will be drawn back. Our own reckoning is that only 10-15 per cent will probably stay. We're still a cash intense economy. Though we're trying hard to modernise and become digital, it will take time. Ultimately, it's a cultural phenomena and it's also a question of good infrastructure."

With lending rates coming down, bankers expect credit offtake to pick up. The growth in non-food bank credit in November 2016 was down at 4.8 pc is as compared with an increase of 8.8 per cent in November 2015.

The Reserve Bank had revised downward the growth for 2016-17 to 7.1 per cent from 7.6 per cent, with evenly balanced risks, due to demonetisation. In the December monetary policy review, all six MPC members acknowledged that the impact of demonetisation on the economy is still uncertain, but they expect the impact to be transitory and hence not necessitating a monetary policy response, which could affect the medium-term inflation outlook.

Williamson, Broom sweep series for New Zealand

NELSON(KCN): Fill-in batsman Neil Broom and skipper Kane Williamson produced a match-winning 179-run stand for

two wickets to sweep the series 3-0.

For the 33-year-old Broom, battling to prove he deserves to stay in the squad, it

runs, was recalled for the Bangladesh series after nearly seven years in the wilderness to cover the number four batting slot while

and elected to bat in Nelson, Imrul Kayes and Tamim Iqbal produced a century opening stand in 21 overs to set the tourists up for a big finish.

But when Imrul slashed at a Mitchell Santner delivery and the ball flew high behind the wicket, Broom sprinted nearly 20 metres and dived to take a spectacular one-handed catch and break the partnership.

Imrul's dismissal for 44 opened the floodgates and despite the pitch holding no dangers, most of the remaining Bangladesh batsmen were unable to settle in.

Broom was again in the play to catch Tamim for 59 as the top six Bangladesh wickets fell for 68 runs and only Nurul Hasan with 44 from 39 balls offered late resistance.

Bangladesh briefly felt they could defend 236 when Tom Latham (four) went in the second over, Martin Guptill retired hurt on six and Broom edged Mashrafe Mortaza straight to Imrul at first slip before getting off the mark.



New Zealand to crush Bangladesh in their final one-day match in Nelson on Saturday.

Williamson was left unbeaten on 95 while Broom fell just before the close for 97 as New Zealand overhauled Bangladesh's 236 for the loss of only

was his second consecutive match-winning performance after his unbeaten 109 when New Zealand won the second match by 67 runs.

Broom, who scored 22 in the first match, which New Zealand won by 77

Ross Taylor recovers from eye surgery.

He has since been the home side's stand out performer, not only with his prolific scoring, but also his magic touch in the field.

After Bangladesh won the toss