

CENTRE LAUDS IRRIGATION MOVE

Bhubaneswar (KC-N): The Centre has appreciated the efforts of the State Government in fast tracking major irrigation projects across Odisha and taking steps for their timely completion, thanks to overdrive of Pradeep Jena, Principal Secretary Water Resources.

Amarjit Singh, Union Secretary Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) has written to the Principal Secretary Water Resources, Mr. Jena in this regard.

He stated that Union Minister of Water Resources has appreciated Odisha for taking up steps on priority basis to complete the projects.

Mr. Singh said that the Central Gov-

ernment has taken up 99 Accelerated Irriga-

99, Odisha has eight projects, which have



tion Benefit Program (AIBP) in the country on a priority basis.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the deadline for completion of these 99 projects by December, 2018.

Out of the total

been included under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY). These projects are targeted to be complete by 2016-17 to 2019-20.

Mr. Singh said during a review meeting taken up by the

Union Minister with Regional Chief Engineers of Central Water Commission (CWC), it has come to notice that two projects—Upper Indravati Irrigation Extension project and Rukura Irrigation Project will be completed by June, 2017.

"This is heartening and three more projects, Lower Indra Irrigation, Ret Irrigation, and Telengiri Irrigation Projects will be completed by June, 2018", said Singh. Subarnarekha Irrigation, Integrated Anandpur Barrage and Kanupur Irrigation Projects need to be expedited, said sources.

Mr. Jena recently visited Subarnarekha Irrigation Project and held discussions with

the Engineers and other officials to sort out issues like land acquisition for distributaries and minor canals.

Timely execution of the Subarnarekha project will be ensured as Mr. Jena is hopeful of completion of the project before time, said sources.

However inter-State issues with the Jharkhand government are needed to be taken up relating to Chandil and Ichha Dams. The Union Ministry of Water Resources has offered its services to sort out the issues and facilitate early completion of the major irrigation projects under PMKSY.

Mr. Jena is in touch with the Union Government and sources said that adequate funds have not been released by the Centre on AIBP front and the State Government has brought it to the notice of the former.

However funding is not improving as the Ministry is lagging in releasing required funds for all the AIBP projects in a time bound manner, said sources.

The State Government has been seeking 60 percent Central Assistance for the AIBP projects and the Union Ministry of Water Resources is yet to respond on the matter, said sources.

Similarly, the State Government is urging the Centre to fund AIBP Projects in KBK Districts as per North Eastern and Special Category States that avail 90 percent Central Assistance.

Now PMKSY grant has been reduced to 60 percent Central Assistance, which was 90 percent earlier, but as far as North Eastern States are concerned it has remained unchanged.

GOP HOUSE PANEL TAKES FIRST STEP TO GUT DODD-FRANK LAW

House Republicans took a major step toward their long-promised goal of unwinding the stricter financial rules created after the 2008 crisis, pushing forward sweeping legislation that would undo much of President Barack Obama's landmark banking law.

A House panel on Thursday approved Republican-written legislation that would gut much of the Dodd-Frank law enacted by Democrats and signed by Obama in the wake of the financial crisis and the Great Recession. The party-line vote in the Republican-led House Financial Services Committee was 34-26.

"I can't do a good James Brown, but I feel good," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, the normally reserved Republican chairman of the committee, referring to the singer often called the godfather of soul. Hensarling wrote much of the overhaul legislation.

Republicans argued that the Dodd-Frank law is slowing economic growth because of the cost of compliance and by curbing lending.

Democrats warned the GOP bill will create the same conditions that led to the financial crisis and pushed the economy to the brink of collapse.

Rep. Maxine Waters, the panel's senior Democrat, called it "a deeply misguided measure that would bring harm to consumers, investors and our whole economy."

"The bill is rotten to the core and incredibly divisive," Waters said. "It's also dead on arrival in the Senate, and has no chance of becoming law."

After attempts in recent years to overhaul the Dodd-Frank

legislation, the Republicans were heartened this time by a sympathetic Republican president now in the White House. President Donald Trump has denounced Dodd-Frank and promised that his administration would "do a big number" on it.

Still, getting the new bill to Trump's desk could be a hard road. It now goes to the GOP-dominated House for a vote, but supporters admit that the path will be much more difficult in the Senate, where Democratic support will be needed.

In a fast-moving session following two days of laborious debate, the panel flew through a series of votes on amendments, as the majority Republicans easily beat back Democrats' attempts to reshape and soften the legislation.

The bill would repeal about 40 provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. Banks could qualify for much of the regulatory relief in the bill so long as they meet a strict basic requirement for building capital to cover unexpected big losses.

Republicans argued that big banks have done well under Dodd-Frank, but that community banks and credit unions are struggling to keep up with the regulatory burdens imposed by the law.

"This economy is poised to take off, but it's not going to take off as long as Dodd-Frank in its current form remains on the book," Hensarling said. "It's important that we get tax reform done. It's important we get health care reform done, but it's also important we pass the Financial Choice Act."

While the measure is expected to pass the full House, in

the Senate, it will need 60 votes to become reality, meaning the GOP will need several Democrats to join their effort. Leaders of the Senate panel with jurisdiction over a Dodd-Frank overhaul have said they would like to work together to find areas of common agreement to enhance economic growth.

Such agreement was nonexistent during the House hearings this week. Instead, the hearings turned into a contentious debate over Democratic efforts to cast a spotlight on President Donald Trump's business empire and his refusal to release his tax returns.

The Republican bill also goes after an agency that enforces consumer protection laws and scrutinizes the practices of virtually any business selling financial products and services. That ranges from credit card companies to mortgage servicers to auto lenders. The bill removes some of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's powers and replaces its guaranteed funding from the Federal Reserve with whatever Congress determines would be the appropriate amount, a move Democrats said would gut the agency.

The advocacy group Consumers Union criticized the legislation, saying the consumer agency has worked to win almost \$12 billion in refunds and relief for an estimated 29 million Americans.

"This bill strips the CFPB of most of its power and would leave consumers vulnerable to fraud, hidden fees and costly gotchas by banks and unscrupulous financial firms," said Pamela Banks, senior policy counsel for Consumers Union.

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Befikre's new song Je T'aime proves French is language of love

After giving us songs to groove on, Befikre filmmakers have released a romantic song with flavours of Paris in it. French is the language of love and this song proves the dictum all over again. The song explores the bond between the characters of Ranveer Singh and Vaani Kapoor, which is shown transforming from a casual relationship into love and commitment. The lyrics, which have been written by Jaideep Sahni, are poetic, relatable and beautiful. He has penned down all those sweet miseries

that you will experience being in love. The music, which has been given by the very talented duo Vishal-Shekhar, sets even a bit of Salsa, you a bit uncomfortable more romantic. And you free from the notion that one cannot dance on a romantic number. If you know you have your moves ready too. Unlike other lovey-dovey songs which made



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Hot, Hot, Hot! Padma Lakshmi Shows Off Her Beach Body In Teeny Bikini, Radar Online

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher welcome second child

LOS ANGELES(KCN): Actors Mila Kunis and Ashton

day, the website E! News reported. The actors and

Kunis, 33, met as co-stars on the set of "That '70s show," a

"Two and a Half Men," among his other roles, shot to



Kutcher announced the birth of their second child together, a spokeswoman for Kunis confirmed on Thursday.

The couple has yet to name the baby boy born on Wednesday,

producers have a two-year-old daughter, Wyatt. They became engaged in February 2014 after a two-year relationship and married in July 2015.

Kutcher, 38, and

television series aired in the United States between 1998 and 2006 in which their characters were also in a relationship.

Kutcher, who also starred in the television series

international fame when he began dating actress Demi Moore, to whom he was married from 2005 to 2013.

Kunis previously had a long-term relationship with actor Macaulay Culkin.

UAE's Omar Abdulrahman named Asia Player of Year

Abu Dhabi(KCN): Omar Abdulrahman, uae football, afc football, Omar Abdulrahman afc, football news, Omar Abdulrahman (R) admitted he would like to play in Europe. (Source: AP)

Omar Abdulrahman, arguably Asia's biggest star, was crowned AFC player of the year in a glittering ceremony in his home country of United Arab Emirates.

The left-sided midfielder and winger is the second Emirati to win the trophy in consecutive years and his award was greeted with a huge cheer in the Emirates Palace Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

The victory was even sweeter as he was nominated last year but lost out to compatriot, Ahmed

Khalil. But he said the trophy would not make up for his Emirati league side Al Ain losing the Asian Champions League final last month to South Korea's Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors.

"My main ambition was to win the Champions League trophy," he said. PM Modi Is More Interested In TRP Politics Rahul Gandhi At Congress Parliamentary Meet PM Modi Is More Interested In TRP Politics Rahul Gandhi At Congress Parliamentary Meet. Row Over West Bengal "Military Coup" Issue Escalates: Who Said What Row Over West Bengal "Military Coup" Issue Escalates: Who Said What

Here's How Mohammad Kaif Replied To Virender Sehwag's Birthday Wish

BT Exclusive! Nadira Zaheer Babbar

Bombay (KCN): Nadira Zaheer hasn't done till date in her life. In an exclu-



Babbar will soon be seen enacting both her mother and herself in a play to be featured at the Prithvi Theatre Festival.

The soon-to-be 70 actress wishes to do everything she

sive chat with Bombay Times, she opens up on finally being able to write a play on her mother and work with Makarand Deshpande at the same time.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Union Cabinet clears National Steel Policy, confirms Finance Minister Arun Jaitley

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the National Steel Policy, 2017, which aims to in-

crease manufacturing of quality steel in the country, boost domestic steel consumption and turn India into a globally competitive steel industry. India is already the third largest producer of steel worldwide. The industry contributes around 2 per cent of the country's GDP, and employs over 25 lakh people.



Following the

ment is looking to triple steel production to 300MT by 2030; India crossed the 100 MT mark in 2016. Further, it is hoping to increase per capita steel consumption from the current 60kgs to 160kgs by 2030.

Through the policy, the government is trying to support and guide companies towards making India self suffi-

nient in steel, ensure cost-efficient production, ensure domestic availability of iron ore, coking coal and

natural gas and raise foreign investment for the sector. In 2015, India was the only large economy in which steel demand showed a positive growth at 5.3 per cent. In China, the growth rate was (-)5.4 per cent and in Japan, (-)7 per cent, reported PTI.

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Honda raises full-year profit outlook on lower costs, weaker yen

TOKYO(KCN): Honda Motor Co on Friday lifted its annual profit forecast for the second time in as many quarters due to cost-cutting and the impact of a weakening yen, while sales in China remained

strong. Japan's third-largest automaker said it expected net profit for the year through March at 545.0 billion yen (\$4.82 billion), up from previous guidance upgraded in November, and 58.2 percent more than a year earlier.



It also raised its operating profit forecast to 785.0 billion yen after posting 207.6 billion yen for October-December - up 27.4 percent from a year prior and exceeding the 157.07 billion yen average of 11 analyst estimates in a Reuters I/B/E/S poll. Analysts expect the automaker to post full-year operating profit of 753.27 billion yen and net profit of 533.44 billion yen.

The automaker also forecasts the local currency to average 107 yen to the U.S. dollar through

March, compared with an earlier forecast of 103 yen.

The results come as business is booming in China, where surging sales led by the Civic and the XR-V have prompted the automaker to invest

the U.S. trade deficit.

The new president has focused on protectionist trade policies in his first weeks in office, formally withdrawing the United States from Trans Pacific Partnership trade

\$436 million in its seventh plant in the country. It raised its full-year sales outlook for Asia including China to 1.945 million vehicles from 1.915 million. The automaker expects to sell 5.005 million vehicles globally in the year through March, up from a previous forecast for 4.98 million. In the U.S., strong demand for Honda's latest CR-V sport utility vehicle (SUV) and the latest generation of its Civic sedan have also led to record sales in the automaker's biggest market during calendar 2016.

Honda is among global automakers which have come under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, who has demanded that more cars sold in the United States be made locally to increase jobs and shrink

the company's management of objectionable conditions at a facility. Strides Shasun Group CEO Shashank Sinha said: "This is a strong endorsement of our significant investment and ongoing focus on compliance integrity." The company remains committed to meeting and exceeding the expectation of the authorities in the challenging regulatory landscape as it continues to evolve, he added. The scrip was today trading at Rs 1,048 in the afternoon trade on the BSE, up 0.60% from its previous close.

STRIDES SHASUN'S PLANT COMPLETES USFDA INSPECTION; NO OBSERVATIONS MADE

Drug firm Strides Shasun today said the US health regulator has not made any observations after inspection of its manufacturing facility in Puducherry.

It notifies the



The company's "active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) manufacturing site in Puducherry was recently inspected by the US FDA and the approval was renewed with 'Zero 483' status", Strides Shasun said in a statement.

With this, the company's last four United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) inspections were successfully completed without any observations, it added.

An FDA Form 483 is issued to a firm's management at the conclusion of an inspection when an investigator(s) has

SC removes BCCI president

NEW DELHI(KCN): Supreme Court of India removed Anurag Thakur 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 against Thakur by seeking his response as to why he should not be held liable for obstructing the implementation of the court's directions aimed at reforming BCCI.

Nifty breaches 9,300-mark for first time

Market benchmark Nifty surged past the 9,300-level for the first time today, fuelled by a rally in Reliance Industries and other bluechips on upbeat earnings. Nifty closes at record 9,306.60, up 88.65 points. Positive Asian cues and a higher opening in European markets also added to the momentum. The 50-share NSE Nifty soared 82.45 points, or 0.89 per cent, to quote at its new lifetime high of 9,300.40. It broke the previous record of 9,273.90 reached on April 5. The BSE 30-



share Sensex was quoting at 29,926.96 at 1430 hrs, up 271.12 points, or 0.91 per cent. The rupee appreciating to 64.21 against the dollar (in-

tra-day) at the forex market too boosted sentiments. Shares of Reliance Industries surged 1.21 per cent to Rs 1,433.50 after the company yester-

day reported a record fourth quarter net profit of Rs 8,046 crore.

Other major gainers that supported the key indices were M&M,

Bharti Airtel, Hero MotoCorp, Asian Paints, Power Grid, ITC Ltd, HUL, ICICI Bank and HDFC Ltd, rising by up to 3.36 per cent. Globally, Japan's Nikkei surged 1.90 per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 1.31 per cent, while Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.16 per cent. In Europe, London's FTSE rose 0.22 per cent, Paris CAC 40 gained 0.18 per cent and Frankfurt's DAX inched up 0.03 per cent in early deals. For all the latest India News, download Indian Express App now

IPL 2017: It will be a big loss if India doesn't play in the Champions Trophy, says David Miller

South African opener Hashim Amla and middle order batsman David Miller have

holders," David Miller told PTI in an interview. Hashim Amla on

further added, "Which team will come in as replacement for India, I do

ministrators (COA) has directed the Board of Control for Cricket in India



claimed that it would be a huge loss if the Indian team pulls out of the Champions Trophy.

"If they do not participate in the Champions Trophy, it is going to be a big loss because India has a huge cricket followers in the world. Hence, it is not going to be great for stake-

the other hand said, "If India pulls out, it will be a huge loss for Champions Trophy getting exposure. If somebody wants to see an exciting Champions Trophy, then all eight top teams in the world should be participating."

Fellow teammate David Miller

not know. Nor do I know what they are going to do."

Doubts of India's participation in Champions Trophy continue to linger as the BCCI after missing the April 25 deadline is yet to announce the squad.

It may be recalled here that the Committee of Ad-

(BCCI) to announce Indian team for Champion Trophy immediately. This warning comes ahead of the Special General Meeting (SGM) on May 7 of the BCCI as the COA has reportedly issued this warning to not take any decision that may be "against interests of Indian cricket".

Shiva Thapa, Sumit Sangwan enter final, Vikas Krishan settles for bronze

It turned out to be a mixed day for Indian boxers at the Asian Boxing Championships in Tashkent as two boxers proceeded to the final of their respective categories while one had to settle for bronze medal after losing his semi-final bout.

Fourth seen in the men's 60kg Shiva Thapa made it to the final after defeating Mongolia's Otgo-ndalai Dorjnyambuu, Rio 2016 Olympic bronze medalist, in the semifinals with a split verdict while it was a dramatic win for Sumit Sangwan, who

beat Jakhon Qurbonov of Tajakistan in the men's 91kg category. But it was curtains for middleweight boxer Vikas Krishan in the men's 75kg category after he gave a walkover to fourth seeded Korean Lee Dongyun. gold medal in 2013 and

bronze in 2015. With only three medal this year, India could not better their performance from last edition where they had won four medals, one silver and three bronzes though this time, there is a chance they can win two gold medals.

Ronaldo scores on return home as Portugal loses to Sweden

FUNCHAL(KCN): Cristiano Ronaldo scored on his emotional return home, but Portugal squandered a two-goal lead to lose 3-2 to Sweden in a friendly on Tuesday.

Ronaldo found the net 18 minutes into his first match with the national team in his hometown of Funchal on the Madeira Islands, delighting the nearly 10,000 fans who packed the tiny Estadio do Maritimo to see their local hero.

Ronaldo was the main attraction from the start, getting a loud ovation from the crowd even before the match started by lifting and displaying the trophy that he helped Portugal win for the first time in last year's European Championship.

With his mother and son watching from the tribunes, Ronaldo opened the scoring with a close-

range shot after a right-flank cross by Gelson Martins. He then set up the move that led to an own goal by Sweden defender Andreas Granqvist in the 34th.

However, Viktor Claesson started the comeback for the visitors with a shot from inside the area in the 57th minute and then netted the equalizer from a corner kick in the 76th.

An own goal by Joan Cancelo in the third and final minute of stoppage time handed victory to Sweden.

The fans chanted Ronaldo's name several times, including when he was substituted by veteran Ricardo Quaresma in the 58th minute.

On Wednesday, the Madeira airport outside Funchal will be renamed after Ronaldo in a ceremony attended by the

Real Madrid player and his relatives. Funchal already features a Ronaldo statue, a museum about the player, and a HOTEL complex named after him.

Ronaldo grew up in the city sharing a room with his older brother and two older sisters before moving to the mainland to join the youth squads of Sporting Lisbon. From there, he made it to Manchester United and eventually to Madrid, becoming one of the world's biggest soccer stars. He received his fourth world player of the year award in January.

Ronaldo is regarded as a promoter of Madeira, which is considered one of the world's top travel destinations. The islands are located about 500 kilometers (310 miles) from the African coast, and some 1,000 kilometers (620

miles) from the European continent.

Portugal was coming off a convincing 3-0 win over Hungary in World Cup qualifying on Saturday in Lisbon, when Ronaldo scored twice and youngster Andre Silva added another. Ronaldo is the leading scorer in European qualifying with nine goals, one more than Poland's Robert Lewandowski.

Ronaldo has scored nine goals in his last four European qualifiers with the national team.

Portugal has 12 points from five matches in qualifying, three points less than Group B leader Switzerland. Hungary is five points behind Portugal. Only the group winner automatically qualifies for the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

Two uncapped players in Sri Lanka Test squad for series against Bangladesh

COLOMBO(KCN): Sri Lanka on Wednesday named two uncapped players in a 15-member squad led by spinner Rangana Herath for the two-Test home series against Bangladesh starting next week.

All-rounder Malinda Pushpakumara, 29, was brought into the

squad after he led Sri Lanka A to a three-wicket victory over England Lions in an unofficial Test on Monday, the Sri Lankan board said.

Fast bowler Vikum Sanjaya Bandara, 25, was called up for a second time. He was first named into the Test squad in December for the South African

tour, but did not play.

Sri Lanka's regular skipper Angelo Mathews has been left out of the two Tests against Bangladesh, but the Sri Lankan board has not ruled him out of the three one-day internationals and the two Twenty20 games. The first Test starts in Galle on March 7.

Mathews returned home in January, halfway through the South African tour, after twisting his ankle.

Herath filled in for Mathews during Sri Lanka's tour of Zimbabwe in November, when he led his side to victory in both Tests.

Sultan Azlan Shah Cup: India lose 0-1 to Malaysia in crunch game

India lost their last and final group game at the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh, Malaysia to rule

ing going forward. This helped hosts Malaysia easily contain India who came into it with four goals

penalty shoot out with Great Britain. But as things transpired, India never looked good enough

Singh who passed it to Sardar Singh but the latter was unable to push the ball home after a nice variation.



themselves out of playing in the gold medal match. Shahril Saabah scored the only goal of the game in the 51st minute after Malaysia converted their fourth penalty corner chances with Akash Chikte beaten down the centre. This helped Malaysia to first win in the tournament while handing India their second defeat. The four-time champions India didn't produce a strong display of hockey with many stray passes and didn't look convinc-

in the previous match (vs Japan) which kept their hopes alive. But on Friday, these heroics were not to be repeated with none of the players standing up and making themselves count - the way Mandeep Singh did against Japan.

India came into the match with a clear knowledge of their fate in the tournament. They needed to win by two goals or three goals to book their berth in the final against Australia. 1-0 wouldn't have been enough and 2-1 would have forced a

to win and produced proper scoring chances only in the final few minutes of the game. On the day, Great Britain beat New Zealand 3-2 and Japan triumphed in sensational manner to beat two-time reigning World Cup champions Australia 3-2 as well.

India bagged five penalty corners but failed to test the goalkeeper on more than one occasion. The best of the lot was the last one where Chinglensana Singh trapped the ball for Rupinder Pal

Malaysia were 0/3 from penalty corners until they broke their duck of two straight games without a goal. A blistering strike by Saabah once again brought into question India's vulnerability in goal in the absence of PR Sreejesh.

The defeat means India won't contest the gold medal match, which will be played between Australia and Great Britain, but will face off with New Zealand in a third-fourth place match on Saturday evening.



Preity Zinta maintained that the IPL is not solely for entertainment but to give a platform for youngsters to perform (Source: BCCI)

