

Lulu is no more Growth in excise revenue

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Fire Brand Congress leader Lalatendu Bidyadhar

While he was suffering from Liver Cirrhosis, later it led to multi organ failure

Odisha Legislative Assembly consecutively from 1995, 2000 and 2004.

He started his career as Joint Secretary, State N.S.U.I, Orissa, 1983, President, State N.S.U.I., Orissa, 1987, President, Pradesh Youth Congress, Orissa, 1996, General Secretary, State N.S.U.I. 1985, Working Member Pradesh Congress Committee, 2000, Member Senate of Utkal University, President, Orissa Students' Congress 1987-1996.

Earlier he was one of the Working Presidents of Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee.

One of the most dynamic and a popular personality in Odisha Congress and was known for his organizational capabilities.

Mr. Mohapatra was a close associate of Former Chief Minister Janaki Ballabh Patnaik, who had all along praised him for his ability to unite the youth power in the State.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik condoled his death and described him as an able organizer.

PCC President Prasad Harichandan condoled sad demise and said he was taking lead in a period of Crisis.

Veteran Congress Leader Niranjan Patnaik said his passing away has created a big vacuum in Congress Politics.

Senior BJP Leader Bijay Mohapatra said he was like my brother and untimely he passed away creating a vacuum in Odisha Politics.

"No one can fill the void created due to Lulu Babu's demise," said Leader of Opposition Narsingha Mishra.

Lulu's political rival and Minister Food Supply and Consumer Welfare, Sanjay Dasburma condoled the death of the Congress leader.

Mr. Dasburma described Lulu Mohapatra as a Popular leader.

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Dull Market conditions, slow-down in Mining Sector and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) not in a mood to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) to the State, Own Tax and Non Tax Revenue Receipts registered negative growth.

However the Saving Grace is collection on Excise Revenue front, which has registered highest growth over 12 Percent and collection was Rs.1502 Crore by 31 October.

With Bishnupada Sethi at the helm of Department of Excise (DoE) target to collect Rs.3300 Crore Excise Revenue for the Fiscal 2016-17 is achievable.

During 2015-16, collection of Revenue from Excise Sector was Rs.2546.97 Crore and this year Rs.800 Crore more revenue is expected.

And looking at the achievement report card, it is expected that the Revenue Collection from Excise Sector will cross the target before 31 March, 2017,

sources feel.

With the Revenue Receipts, show-

years it is registering negative growth, which has turned out

period of 2015-16. Sales tax collection target for 2016-17 was set at Rs.15,000 Crore and by 31 October, collection was Rs.6692 Crore.

However Tax from Stamps and Registration has received huge setback of over less 46 Percent in comparison to the period of last year.

While by 31 October, 2015 collection on this front was Rs.1670 Crore, this year collection is only over Rs.886 Crore.

Land Revenue Collection has received set back with a negative growth of over 30 Percent

On Non Tax collection front revenue generation from Mining Sector received negative growth of over 22 Percent as collection is only Rs.2275 Crore, which was Rs.2944 Crore by 31 October, 2015.

So on both Tax and Non Tax Revenue front the State has collected Rs.15,130 Crore by 31 October, 2016, while collection during the corresponding period of 2015-16 was Rs. 15873 Crore.

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ing negative growth in the State, concerns are raised in several quarters as demand for more funds by the development and infrastructure departments are on rise.

Latest Report of State's Revenue Collection reveals that While Tax Revenue collection received a minor setback, Non Tax Revenue Collection is facing tough time and over the

to be a major concern for the State Government.

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Mohapatra is no more.

Mr. Mohapatra was 52 and is survived by his wife and a daughter

Popularly known as Lulu passed away at 10.14 PM at Medanta Medicity in Gurgaon, where he was under intensive treatment for last one month.

and he succumbed to illness, said sources in Medanta.

Born on 14 February, 1964, Mr. Mohapatra was a dynamic leader having excellent network all over the State in the Congress Party.

He represented Brahmagiri Assembly segment in the

Who is Abhimanyu?

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Who is Abhimanyu in Odisha Politics?

Union Minister Dr. Arjun Pradhan has said that the ruling BJD has been trying to forge an alliance with the Congress to defeat BJP in the state.

Mr. Pradhan dubbed the possible handshake between the Governing BJD and the Opposition Congress as an "Unholy" Alliance.

"They are forging an unholy alliance to kill 'Abhimanyu'. But this unholy nexus will be defeated before the truth," Mr. Pradhan said while addressing a party meeting here held ahead of BJP National President Amit Shah's meet on November 25.

However, Mr. Pradhan did not mean whom he says the "Abhimanyu". Is it he himself or the party as a whole?

If he is Abhimanyu, then Mr. Pradhan must be ready to be killed in

the political battlefield of Odisha. And if BJP is Abhimanyu, then it should also be killed as the son of Arjuna had laid his



life while fighting.

The political circle here, however, prefer to see Mr. Pradhan in the role of Abhimanyu as he has been fighting alone in the battle field against the Mighty BJD while other senior leaders are silent.

Recently, senior

Congress leader and former Minister Suresh Chandra Routray had described Niranjan Patnaik as the

pany.

"We would welcome the selfish and immoral alliance if BJD goes for. This alliance is the work of most unethical people. Everybody knows no BJD leader can utter a single word without an instruction from the Third Floor and Mr. Mahtab is not an ordinary parliamentarian. He has given a fresh indication in Odisha politics", Mr. Pradhan said.

"Many things have happened in the last 48 hours. First, Mr. Mahatab was asked to raise the matter and 24 hours after the remark, his leader and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik denied the claim. Then, a leader from Congress-Srikant Jena- who is very nominal in his party now, said that Congress-BJD alliance is impossible", Mr. Pradhan pointed out.

Mr. Mahatab on his part said Mr. Pradhan's statement is **See page-2**



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Santhu... is out-and-out Yash's show

Film : Santhu Straight Forward
Cast: Yash, Radhika Pandit, Devaraj, Shyaam, Anant
Director: Mahesh Rao

Santhu Straight son's open nature. Enter Ananya (Radhika Pandit) an architecture student and it is love at first sight for Santhu. But his dreams suffer a crushing blow when

languages and of well known films such as Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge and 3 Idiots. Having said that, the director succeeds in bringing out an enter-

screen. Shyaam as antagonist and Devaraj as Santhu's father keep the movie going. Girish who plays the hero's friend brings in a dose of



Foward is a perfect example of a commercial film. It follows a safe storyline -- boy meets girl story, and with a little help from friends and a loving family, the two end up together. All a steady march towards a happy ending.

Though it is a tried and tested template, this still makes for a one-time watch because Yash keeps the show going. The title character Santhu is a carefree youngster, who believes in being straight forward and his parents are proud of their

he gets to know Ananya is engaged to Deva (Shyaam) a builder and her maternal uncle. The rest of the story is whether Santhu plans to propose to Ananya and how he wins her over.

Director Mahesh Rao, who has also written the story, did scream from the roof top that his film Santhu Straight Forward is an original script and not a remake. Sadly, the plot not only carries the thread from Tamil film, Vaalu, but also sees other elements that are borrowed — scenes from other

tainer that has the right amount of love, family sentiments, songs and action sequences that pop up dutifully at regular intervals.

This role is a cake walk for Yash, who carries the film on his shoulders. He knows what best works for him at present and has followed it in style. Joining Yash is Radhika Pandit, who not only makes for a pretty picture, but adds to the film with her presence. Of course, one should look out for the good chemistry the duo share on-

comedy. Supporting them are Anant Nag, Sumithra and Seetha among the ensemble cast.

Santhu... has rich production qualities thanks to cinematographer I Andrew.

V Harikrishna has mastered the art of blending music with the film's storyline.

The film has a thin plot but it keeps you entertained.

It's out-and-out Yash's show that cannot be missed by his fans.

Truly proud of 'Ventilator': Priyanka Chopra

MUMBAI(KCN): Actress Priyanka Chopra says she is proud of her maiden Marathi production "Ventilator". "Ventilator", my first Marathi venture, is a film I'm truly proud of, and I can't wait for you guys to see it! November 4," Priyanka, who has also done a cameo in the film, tweeted on Wednesday.



She shared the trailer of the film, which stars as many as 116 actors, including filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker.

"Ventilator" is written and helmed by "Ferrari ki Sawaari" fame director Rajesh Mapuskar.

The film revolves around an ailing senior member of a family who is being put on the ventilator just days before the Ganapati festival, leading to varied degrees of speculation and panic among the large clan he belongs to.

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.

Deepika stuns in latest trailer of 'xXx'



Deepika Padukone's fierce Serena avatar in her Hollywood debut 'xXx: The Return of Xander Cage' is a treat to our eyes.

Paramount Pictures recently released the latest trailer of the action-adventure film starring Vin Diesel in the lead. The 30-year old actress is seen in a bold look and her action sequences give us the chance to see a different side of the 'Piku' star in this new trailer of the film.

For the Indian audience, Paramount Pictures India also released the trailer in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu.

The movie also stars Donnie Yen, Samuel L. Jackson, Tony Jaa, Nina Dobrev, Ruby Rose, Rory McCann, Kris Wu and Ariadna Gutierrez. Directed by D.J. Caruso, 'xXx: The Return of Xander Cage' is slated to hit the big screens on January 20, 2017.

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all imaginary. "His allegation is nothing but figment of his imagination. Perhaps being representing Bihar in Rajya Sabha, he has lost touch to the ground realities of Odisha. To build up his party, he should not indulge in innuendoes and cast aspersions on me or honorable CM Naveen Patnaik. He should concentrate more on the huge responsibility that has been given to him by honorable PM", Mr.Mahtab said.

"Mr.Pradhan's speech is only for his self-satisfaction. Why does he give such remark even after the BJD president and CM confirmed that our party would not make any understanding with Congress? Even

Mr.Mahatab himself has admitted that the statement he had made was purely personal", BJD Spokesperson Sameer Das said.

Mr. Mahtab two days ago had said that his party should reconsider its policy of maintain equal distance from Congress and the BJP.

"I do not see any logic behind maintaining the equal distance policy in case of Congress as the national party is not the same as it was earlier. The BJD should make an amendment to its policy, if required," Mr.Mahtab had said.

BJD Supremo Mr.Panaik while rejecting Mr.Mahatab's statement had said: "There is no question of any kind of alliance with Congress.."



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SORTED SEMEN - A GAME CHANGER FOR DAIRY SECTOR

Cattle husbandry among farmers in the past was an activity aimed mainly to cater to the agricultural operations. Due to mechanization, the draft utility of the cattle is diminishing and the objective of cattle keeping is turning towards dairying. As per the estimates, contribution of the draft animals to the total energy requirements in the farming sector has reduced from the levels of 71% in 1961 to 23.3% in 1991 and keeps on declining further. This necessitates the production of more number of heifers.

If India has witnessed a tremendous growth in dairy sector, it is primarily due to the growth in the crossbred population, which is growing at an annual rate of around 7.6%. Among the growing crossbred population, males have almost no value or negative value because of the declining need for draft animals coupled with the legal ban on cattle slaughter. The crossbred male animals are eliminated either through early calf

mortality due to neglect, or release into the village commons where they roam uncared for. The stray bulls become a nuisance due to indiscriminate crossing and transmission of venereal diseases, while also causing damage and loss to farmer crops and a significant loss of feed resources. Therefore, a technology, which can boost production of crossbred heifers without generating unwanted males, is highly desired for building a profitable small holder based dairy sector.

The earliest research on semen sorting was done in the 1980's and this technology has been continually improving. Sexed semen is a sorted semen either containing X or Y chromosomes and the use of it would produce a desired sex i.e., male or female animal. Semen sexing uses the principle of DNA concentration of X and Y chromosomes. X chromosomes contain 3.8% more DNA than Y chromosomes. The sorting of chromosomes (X or

Y) is done using the flow-cytometer technology. Semen sexing technology was introduced in the late 1990's in dairy industry.

Under Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), a pilot project has been taken up in Odisha for using 3138 doses of Jersey sexed semen, which have been procured from Viking GENETICS, DENMARK. Similarly, BAIF Development Research Foundation is also going to use Sex sorted semen in 25 high performing Cattle Development Centres (CDCs) in five districts by March 2018. It is planned to use 5100 sex sorted semen. The sorted semen from HF pedigreed bull namely, Regancrest Tabber Benhart and Phil - RU Bogart Kronk ET and Tollenaars Mascoltea 718 ET with average milk yield of more than 12500 Kg per lactation will be used. Similarly, sorted semen from the Jersey pedigreed bulls namely, Wilsonview Jevon Magnum ET and GR Comsdale CC Celebrity Cindy ET with average milk yield of 10403 Kg per

lactation and 9566 Kg per lactation respectively will be used. These bulls have genetic merit to



produce cows to yield maximum 40 litres milk per day.

This intervention will help the state to benchmark the conception rate of Sorted Semen under different agro climatic and socio economic conditions; and benchmark the conception rate of Sorted Semen in different categories of the cows i.e., heifers and multi-parous cows, of different localities; and to also benchmark the sexing ratio in the progeny produced from sorted

semen usage.

Use of sexed semen will result in the birth of heifer calves 90% of the

will result in indirect costs associated with maintaining male calves in the herd is also to be considered. The overall gain from use of sorted semen will be much higher compared to the use of Frozen Semen. Our country needs to create own sex-sorted semen technology for the indigenous cow breeds like Gir, Rathi, Red Sindhi, Sahiwal, Binjarpuri and Haryana etc. since the US companies have technology primarily for exotic cow breeds such as Holstein Friesian and Jersey. There are a large number of indigenous non-descript breedable cows, which could result in birth of female calves only in 50% of the times. The additional heifer calves will help to expand the dairy herd at a faster pace. Internal herd growth using sexed semen will help to get disease free herd. Further the farmer also can ensure that the calves are produced from his own elite dams in a shorter period of time. Production of such genetically superior daughters

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Currently, female calves born in the State are a limiting resource for the dairy development, limited by the rate at which female calves are born from breeding with conventional frozen semen. There is short or under-supply of good quality replacement dairy cows, leading to a rise in the purchase price of heifers. Small to moderate use of female sexed semen will increase the supply of replacement heifers enough to satisfy the demand and in turn would have a significant impact. Using sexed semen will increase the supply of good dairy cows, leading to overall enhancement of milk production.

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Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Union Minister for Culture and Tourism inaugurated the Odisha Pavilion in presence of Vinod Zutshi, Union Secretary Tourism, Government of India.

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and Bjorn Deniese and others of Mayfair Group were present in the opening ceremony of the Odisha Pavilion.

International Travel Organizations are taking lot of interest in Odisha Tourism.

International Media Houses are visiting the Odisha Pavillion, said Mr. Mahapatra of Mayfair Group.

More foot falls are experienced in Odisha Tourism Pavilion, which is

sea beauty, luxuriant forest, captivating wildlife, mystic waterfalls, beautiful handicrafts, and vast water bodies.

And some of the State Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers and Minister Tourism are also attending WTM.

An Indian Exhibition Centre at the Reed Exhibition Centre is going to be dedicated to India and Indian-based programs for the three days of WTM.

