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CBSE Class X exams to be announced today

NEW DELHI, JUN 2 (PTI): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will announce results for the class X examination tomorrow.

"The results will be announced on June 3 at forenoon," a senior CBSE official said.

A total of 16,67,573 candidates had appeared for the exam this year.

On May 28, the board had declared the results for class XII which had seen a dip of over one per cent in the pass percentage.

Eight schools to get State Green School Awards on World Environment Day

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 JUN:

Eight schools from across Sikkim will be conferred the State Green School Awards 2017 during the state level celebration of World Environment Day on 05 June at Kaluk BAC complex in West Sikkim.

The eight schools are Buriakhop Government Senior Secondary School [South District], Lingmoo Government Senior Secondary School [South District], Passingdong Government Secondary School [North District], Sopakha Government Secondary School [West District], Raley Government Junior High School [East District], Tingda Government Primary School [North District] and Sunshine English School [Melli, South Sikkim].

The award will include trophy, certificate and cash prize.



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HRDD launches mobile app for online admission to govt colleges

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 02 JUN:**

The Human Resource Development Department has launched a mobile application in order to make the Online Admission System in Sikkim government colleges more accessible for students.

HRDD Minister, RB Subba, officially launched a mobile app 'RUSA Sikkim Admission' here at the HRDD conference hall today. According to the Department, this is the first such mobile app in the country.

It has to be mentioned here that the HRDD started Online Admission System for all government colleges last year. This mobile app will



help students access the Online Admission System irrespective of time and place. However, students can also visit www.sgcregistration.com for registration and further

details. The app seeks to bridge the gap between students and the system and to provide a flexible platform where students can use whichever

means to communicate with the system, to provide an effective way for communication between college administration and students using push notification system and

to provide an effective tool for better understanding of Online Admission System.

In his short address, HRDD Minister expressed hope that the

mobile app will help sort out shortcomings related to the online admission system. He also mentioned about other endeavors of the HRDD to provide better platform and exposure to students in various fields.

Director [Higher Education-HRDD], Deepak Pradhan, mentioned that the mobile app is very user friendly and will help the students to fill the forms on time. He added that the app has all the required information and system for online admission.

A representative from SIBin Group gave a presentation on the app and spoke about the objectives, key modules and other details related to the app.

Tea production in FY17 highest ever

KOLKATA, JUNE 2 (PTI): The tea production in FY 17 at 1250.49 million kg is the highest ever in Indian tea industry, Tea Board has said today.

Production during the year was up by 1.41 per cent over compared to 2015-16 output of 1233.14 million kg.

North India's production in 2016-17 stood at 1043.11 million kg of which the estates' share was 681.87 million kg while bought leaf factories (BLFs) contributed 361.24 million kg.

North India production increased by 34.55 million kg up by 3.43 per cent.

West Bengal remained a major contributor with 27.69 million kg with a jump of 8.40 per cent, it said.

Sanju unwinds by training students at his academy

SAURABH RAI

GYALSHING, 02 JUNE:

This is off-season in Indian Football and most of the footballers after grueling six months of matches look for relaxation. Most of them head home or go on a vacation with friends or family. Nothing wrong with that they deserve it. But then there are footballers like Sanju Pradhan who think about football even in the off-season.

Sanju, after playing in the Indian Super League and the I-League, is back in his West Sikkim village of Sombaria and the first thing he did was to visit his initiative, the Sanju Football Academy, and train the boys there.

"I felt it's my duty to have a look at the boys as it has been a while I have been away from Sombaria. It was nice to see that the boys have improved a lot I think they can now soon play in the senior



levels. I will try to have them inducted in better academies and clubs," said Sanju.

Most of the boys at the Academy are under-18 years of age and currently their exams are underway and very few are turning up for practice.

Sanju has plans to set up a hostel and a ground for the Academy but he knows this will not be too easy.

"I am planning to soon approach the Sikkim Government for help. Since setting up a hostel and ground is a difficult task for me, hope they will support me as for infrastructure development help from the Government is required," adds Sanju.

Sanju also admitted that the Government is doing its bit but more effort from them will give confidence to the sportspeople from across the state.

He made a valid point when he said, "Through Sports also lot of unemployment can be solved, so Government should encourage youngsters to take up sports. It will not only help them to be employed but also bring name and fame to the state of Sikkim, which will be a wonderful thing."

Sikkim to host North-East Health Care Summit

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 JUN:

A steering committee meeting of doctors from Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital [STNM], representatives of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences [SMIMS] and Public Health Foundation of India [PHFI] was held today at a local hotel in the capital. The meeting was chaired by Member of Parliament-Lok Sabha, PD Rai, who is also the Chairperson of the Steering Committee of the Centenary Celebrations of STNM Hospital.

A press release informs that the 2nd edition of the North East Health Care Summit will be held at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok on 08-09 Sept. The Summit will be hosted by STNM Hospital as a part of its centenary celebrations.

The objective of this year's summit is to strengthen the focus and deliberate on key issues in the North East Region, explore emergent avenues for collaboration between various agencies and stakeholders and to provide a platform

for interaction between healthcare providers, policy makers, researchers, government officials, private sectors and Non Governmental Organizations.

Speaking about the Summit, Mr Rai stated, "I welcome the decision to organize the North East Healthcare Summit in Sikkim. This event organized by PHFI and hosted by STNM under the aegis of 100 years celebration is a great step towards bringing the North Eastern States closer to discuss and deliberate the aspects of healthcare collectively. The Government of Sikkim has already given approval for the same and we believe that this summit will be a landmark for the future of health care and wellness for the North East in general and Sikkim in particular."

He further added that sustainable development goals will be an integral part of the summit.

The meeting deliberated on the processes of arranging the summit and stakeholders also provided their inputs to further add value to the summit.

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When cricket is more than just a game

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 02 JUN:

Come Sunday June the 4th and the country will almost reach a standstill as would normal life on the other side of the country's western border. A hiatus in the exchange of firepower along the Line of Control can also be predicted with a degree of certainty, for on that day India plays Pakistan in the ongoing Champions Trophy in faraway England.

That is the effect of cricket in India and Pakistan. It is not just a game in either country. And when it comes to an on field engagement between the two nations, everything else, even the routine animosity, takes a backseat. That is the power of the game.

Diplomatic ties between India and Pakistan currently is scraping rock-bottom. Track two diplomacy is not working either as signs of



both nations drifting further apart become more prominent by the day. Cricket against such a backdrop is the only sanity people of both countries can cling to. June 4 will provide such an opportunity for a change.

For the past few days the coun-

try has been on the boil over the debate whether India should play Pakistan in a bilateral series. The majority opinion and that of the Centre's too has been against the idea in view of the simmering tension along the LoC and the Kashmir

situation, which is believed to be the handiwork of Pakistan.

All these lead to the crucial question that if we are policy wise so against engaging with Pakistan socially, then why keep the diplomatic mission open in that country or why allow Pakistani panelists on Indian television talk shows?

In recent times, a certain section of television news channels have been the most vociferous, almost jingoistic in their approach on the issue, but inviting Pakistani guests on their panels at the same time. Speaking of double standards!

So, cross my heart and hope to die, people of both countries have been thirsting for a cricketing tie and that includes those too who are not cricket enthusiasts in particular. That is how infectious a game of cricket between the two countries is.

Just check around the neighbourhood and you will be amazed to find how much preparation has gone in among the people for the June 4 match. Engagements have been cancelled or rescheduled, special menus thought of and despite not being Diwali, there is a sudden spurt in the sale of firecrackers in sweet anticipation of a win.

The country will now fasten its collective seat belt, clear its throat to yell and cheer every time a Pakistani wicket falls or an Indian batsman sends the ball out of the boundary and the youth will make wild dashes riding two-wheelers in the middle of the night after the game on June 4, provided we win.

Just one word of caution - watch the game, enjoy, but do not let your guard down. For with Pakistan you never know.

Driver injured in tipper accident

GANGTOK, 02 JUNE: A tipper vehicle plying towards Theng, North Sikkim, from Makha in East Sikkim fell down approximately 45 ft below the road on reaching Ambithang on 01 June wherein the driver sustained head injuries. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and has been referred to Gangtok from Mangan District Hospital for medical treatment.

School vandalized

GANGTOK, 02 JUNE: ON THE night of 31 May, some unknown miscreants entered the office of the Principal of Tika Niroula Government Senior Secondary School in Central Pendam, East Sikkim, and vandalized the room. The school property was also vandalized by the miscreants. The case is under investigation.

Survival Sikkimese Party petitions Governor on Assembly seats expansion issue

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 02 JUNE: Survival Sikkimese Party called on Governor Shrinivas Patil at Raj Bhavan on 01 June, a party press release informs, and submitted a "distress petition" regarding what they see as "misrepresentation" of the Bhutia, Lepcha and Sangha (BLS) communities in the State ever since the merger. A press release issued by SSP president, KL Kaleon, alleges that the BLS community is not represented "lawfully" either in the Legislative Assembly or the Parliament of India.

In the petition, the party has termed the Home Ministry's recent endorsement of the state government's proposal to expand the number of seats in the State Legislative Assembly from 32 to 40 and reservation of 05 seats for the Limboo-Tamang communities as "naked violence and invasion on the sovereign rights of the Bhutia, Lepcha and Sangha communities over their motherland."

SSP has further alleged in the petition that this reveals the "failures" of both the State and Centre in their respective duties.

"Our friends want BLS reservation including the Article 371F of the constitution to go. We welcome it. It was indeed a mill stone hung around our neck for preventing us from demanding freedom from the colonial yoke," contends the SSP president in the release.

SLTTJAC marks anniv of Jantar Mantar protest with deliberations on MHA circular

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 JUNE:

The central executive body meet of Sikkim Limboo Tamang Tribal Joint Action Committee was held today in Gangtok in order to observe the first anniversary of the dharna and hunger-strike held at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi under the banner of SLTTJAC last year demanding reservation of LT seats in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, a press release informs.

The daylong meeting discussed the recent circular issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs wherein MHA has sought suggestion and opinions from stakeholders on reservation of LT seats. The MHA, it may be recalled, has taken the State Government suggestion to increase the Assembly strength from



32 to 40 members and reserved five seats for the LTs.

The SLTTJAC meeting registered gratitude towards the MHA for pursuing the issue. The Committee will send its suggestion and opinion

after consultation and consent of the community, adds the release.

The meeting was chaired by SLTTJAC advisor, Dhan Subba, and attended by advisor-cum-chairperson (legal cell), Oma Hang Lim-

boo, president SP Limboo, resource person Birbal Limboo, general secretary Indra Hang Limboo, treasurer Adeep Tamang, and other office bearers.

It may be recalled here that SLTTJAC had organized a two-day

dharna and hunger strike at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on 01-02 June 2016 to press for its constitutional rights. More than 300 Limboos and Tamangs from Sikkim had voluntarily participated in the event.



Police haat day inspection in Singtam

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 02 JUNE:

A Sikkim Police team, led by the Station House Officer of Singtam Police Station, Ajay Rai, carried out a surprise inspection drive in and around Singtam Bazaar today in order to ensure that the shops are following the rules and regulations laid out by the Singtam Nagar Panchayat and Urban Development & Housing Department.

The SHO was accompanied by Sub Inspectors

Vijay Basnett and Laxman Gajmer, along with lady constable, Anita Gurung, and other staff.

Such inspections are undertaken on a regular basis by Singtam Nagar Panchayat and the involvement of the Police this time surprised many in town.

"Initiatives like this are supposed to be carried out by the Nagar Panchayat. Why is the Police Department conducting such activity," said one of the locals.

Speaking to SummitTimes, the SHO said, "Well, today's inspection was not officially planned. Today is Haat day in Singtam and to ensure that the shop owners and the proprietors are obeying the instructions given by the Nagar Panchayat and the concerned department, we initiated the drive. Apart from this, the department has been informed that the local merchandise and the shop owners have been bothering

the bastiwallah who operate their business just one day a week which is on Fridays."

The SHO instructed the shop owners to maintain clean and hygienic environment in their respective areas and install dustbins around the premises.

Parking is the next challenging issue on market days in the town.

Accidents and minor hurts on market days is not a new thing here. Today, for instance, a truck

hit a Maruti Alto 800 car outside the old super market this morning.

Also during the inspection, an SNT bus was found to be over loaded with passengers. The SHO instructed the SNT driver to immediately solve the issue of over loading for the convenience of the people and other vehicles as well.

The team will be conducting a similar drive with a different approach next Friday, informed the SHO.

Sikkim-BJP discusses Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Vistarak Yojana and future plans

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 JUNE:

Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh convened a meeting on Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Vistarak Yojana 2017 here at the party headquarter today. The meeting, which was chaired by BJP national mahamantri and West Bengal in-charge, Suresh Pujari, had state-unit president, DB Chauhan, as chief guest and sangathan mahamantri, Panchanan Rawat, as guest of honour.

A BJP press release informs that Mr Chauhan stressed upon the need to expand organization of the party down to the ward level and also suggested that members of different sections of the society need to come forward to take the responsibility of the State.

He urged the party

workers to highlight the endeavors and achievements of the NDA government led by Narendra Modi in all corners of the State.

Likewise, Mr Pujari stressed upon the need to implement the decisions taken in the meeting. He added that party workers should work in the interest of the people. He also explained Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Vistarak Yojana at the meeting.

Mr Pujari encouraged the party workers to prepare to give a strong fight to the SDF in the upcoming Panchayat elections scheduled for later this year and in the assembly elections in 2019. He stated that if BJP formed the government in Sikkim, it would be a big honour to the memory of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.

Golay briefs party workers about his Jan-Jagaran Padhyatra



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 JUNE:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha president, PS Tamang [Golay], held a coordination meeting with party workers here at the party head-office today. He shared his experience, success and details of grievances of the people received during the 27-day "Jan Jagaran Padhyatra" undertaken by him, informs an SKM press release issued by its general secretary, Birendra Tamling.

The release adds that the party president stated that people in remote parts of the State contin-

ue to be deprived of basic amenities and that many of them were compelled to subsist below the poverty line. He also lashed out at the State government on many of projects still lying incomplete.

He further alleged that benefits promised to the people a few years back continue to remain in undelivered and claimed that MGNREGA has become a tool for corruption in the government.

He also urged the party workers to highlight the various issues taken up by the party with people in the grassroots level.

New building inaugurated at Makha Senior Secondary School

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 02 JUNE:

A 12-room school building at Makha Senior Secondary School in East Sikkim was inaugurated today by Tourism Minister Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia, who also happens to be the area MLA, in the presence of NK Pradhan [former HRDD Minister] and Lhakila Tongden Lepcha [chairperson-SDF Health Wing], Mohan Khatiwara [OSD to the CM] and officials from Human Resource Development Department led by the Joint Director.

During the occasion, employees who retired from various departments and who served at Makha were also felicitated.

The programme also included a colourful cultural performances and a presentation on the Hari-



yo Makha initiative.

The area MLA and special guest NK Pradhan were also felicitated by the school committee and social workers of the area were presented with certificates of appreciation from the panchayats of Patuk Singbel

GPU for their contributions to society.

The Panchayats and the public of Patuk-Singbel GPU extended their gratitude to the government for providing the new building for the school which caters to many villages of East and South dis-

tricts including Lingee and Payong villages.

While handing over the school building to the School Managing Committee and the school staff, the Minister sought everyone's involvement in delivering quality education to the children.



HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

ONLINE REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION TO UG COURSES IN ELEVEN GOVERNMENT COLLEGES OF SIKKIM

Registration of students for admission to UG courses in the following Eleven Government colleges of Sikkim for the academic year 2017-18 will be through online. Students seeking admission in Government colleges are directed to apply through website: www.sgcregistration.com / www.rusasikkim.com or through Mobile Application.

Sikkim Government College, Tadong
Sikkim Government College, Burtuk
Sikkim Government Law College, Gangtok
Government College, Rhenock, East Sikkim
Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing
Namchi Government College, Kamrang
Sikkim Government B.Ed College, Soreng
Sikkim Government Science College, Chakung
Arts College, Mangshila
Women Arts College Khamdong, East Sikkim
Government Vocational College, Dentam

IMPORTANT DATES:

- a) Submission of online registration: **28th May 2017 to 10th June 2017**
b) Last date of submission of Fees: **12th June 2016**
c) 01st Merit list generation: **17th June 2017**

Call on help desk no: **8167734520/8167734522** (From 10 am to 7 pm) or visit **www.rusasikkim.com**.

NOTE: Admission for Sikkim Government B.ED College, Soreng shall be intimidated later.

**Gangtok on
Saturday,
03 June**

Temp: 25°C /16°C
Forecast: Periods of clouds and sun with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 04:40 AM
Sunset: 06:27 PM

India continues to record high child mortality rate due to diarrhoea'

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, JUN 2 (PTI): India continues to record one of the world's highest rate of child mortality due to diarrhoea with more than 100,000 under-five deaths reported on account of it in 2015, a new study has found.

The highest rates of under-five mortality due to diarrhoea were in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, with India and Nigeria combined registering 42 per cent of the 499,000 global under-five deaths due to diarrhoea in 2015, according to medical journal 'Lancet'.

"Diarrheal diseases disproportionately affect young children," said lead author Dr Ali Mokdad, of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington.

"Despite some promising reductions in mortality, the devastating impact of these diseases cannot be overlooked.

Immediate and sustained actions must be taken to help low-income countries address this problem by increasing healthcare access and the use of oral rehydration solutions," he noted.

Globally, diarrhoea is the fourth biggest killer of children under the age of five, while India is its third biggest victim.

According to the analysis by US researchers, about half of the all under-five deaths occur in only five countries India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo and China.

Over 100,000 deaths of under-five-year-old children have been reported due to diarrhoea in 2015.

The report also found that mortality from diarrhoeal disease is dropping faster in India compared to globally.

While overall diarrhoea deaths in children under the age of five dropped by 34.3 per cent globally between 2005 and 2015, in India the rate of reduction was at 43.2 per cent.

The number of under-five deaths in India declined from 3.33 million in 1990 to 1.34 million in 2013.

The number of under-five deaths worldwide has declined from 12.7 million in 1990 to 6.3 million in 2013, the study based on data from the 'Global Burden of Disease Study 2015' found. However, diarrhoea is still the fourth-biggest killer of children globally, with almost 500,000 a year dying before their fifth birthday.



PRAGATI THAPA

After the CBSE and the ISC 2017 results were declared earlier this week, a sense of pride and joy overtook the state as all of our candidates had performed brilliantly. However, there are some students that deserve special recognition as their performances were indeed extraordinary.

Interacting with these vibrant and bright minds was a great opportunity, a part of which I would like to share with all the readers.

Here are some excerpts from an interview with **DINESH KUMAR CHETTRI** from Soreng Senior Secondary School and **DECHENLA KAZI** from Tashi Namgyal Academy, both students of Humanities.

So how are you guys reacting to the sudden fame and recognition?

DINESH- I was honestly not expecting these marks, I knew that I had given my best and so I would've been happy with anything. The fact that my results were a cause of happiness to so many such as my teachers and my family is what truly made me happy. But I also believe that marks do not define a person

because I know many of my friends who didn't score high marks but are great at various other things and that's why I don't give much importance to marks.

DECHENLA- More than the fame, the kind of respect that I am getting is amazing. I have earned respect not only for myself but for my parents too and what more can a child ask for right? At the same time, I am not letting this fame get over my head and I am trying to remain grounded.

What is the one thing you've learnt during this process of preparing for your examinations? Something that you would carry with yourself forever.

DINESH- The most important thing that I've learnt would be that nothing comes free of cost, hard work is necessary. I was sincere and dedicated towards my work. My biggest strength was that I didn't pressurize myself and worked according to my capabilities. An example of this is that I never set an alarm and simply woke up whenever my body allowed.

DECHENLA- What I've learnt is that it's not about whether you are

intelligent or not, what matters is whether you are consistent enough and determined to never give up. I know studying is one of the most difficult things in life but at the same time it's totally worth it. Don't take yourself for granted, your hard work can do miracles.

Every student has a different reason for studying and working hard, what was your motivating factor?

DECHENLA- I just believed in myself and I knew that if I would put in effort like I'd never done before, I would be rewarded.

DINESH- My motivation was a combination of many factors, first of all my school has a very good reputation in the sense that we've always had a history of producing good results. So, all my teachers and seniors had faith in me. My brother was one of my biggest sources of motivation. He studied science but still encouraged me to follow my heart and I knew that I had to prove to everyone that a student studying Humanities too had a great future ahead of them.

There must be so many distractions out there and you might have also faced certain influences from your peer groups. How did you keep yourself focused under these influences?

DECHENLA- Honestly speaking, I don't get distracted easily and I think that is one of my strengths. About the influences from my peer group, they were always a positive influence as they would tell me which teachers were good from their coaching classes

etc. **DINESH-** My answer to this question would be that at the end of the day, we need to have self control in order to not be influenced by what others are doing. I follow a very simple principle which can be explained with the help of an example. When a ship is in the ocean, the ship keeps floating on its own even with all the water surrounding it but once even a small amount of water gets into the ship, it's almost impossible to prevent the ship from sinking. I've always imagined myself as the ship and have made sure that I don't allow the water to get in.

Did you face any shortcomings while preparing for these exams?

Like something you wished your school should offer, some change that would benefit all students?

DINESH- I didn't face any



shortcomings while preparing for the exams as such. My teachers were extremely supportive and helpful but on the whole I think students in my school would benefit if there were discussions regarding various world events and debates, etc. We do get newspapers and have a wonderful library but a more active participation will help all of us.

DECHENLA- While studying there was no such shortcomings but now after looking at the prospectus of different colleges and understanding the kind of courses

they offer, I wish TNA offered Humanities students both economics and mathematics. In school, we have to choose between these two subjects. Personally if I had the choice I wouldn't mind taking both.

Would you like to say anything about the intense competition that students today face? Do you find it discouraging or encouraging?

DECHENLA- The competition is not discouraging at all. I always try to use the intense competition around me positively. Just a few days back after the CBSE results, I was thinking if the all India topper can score 99.6% so can everyone else, because god made us all right? I am always trying to find ways to push myself harder.

DINESH- I think competition is necessary but the need to compete with others is not. I believe in competing with the person I was yesterday. I give my 100% but I am not bothered about the results, what matters most is self satisfaction.

You are both Humanities students and there exists a well established bias against this stream. Was everybody supportive of your choice? And would you want to change the way people think about it?

DECHENLA- When I first told my parents that I'd like to take up Humanities, they had their doubts, and well I can't blame them because they were considering my future. However, they didn't pressurize me at all. I was allowed to make my own decisions and was confident about all my subjects. I wouldn't want to change the way anybody



thinks because at the end of the day people will continue saying many things but you just have to shut out all those voices and listen to yours.

DINESH- Yes, there does exist a very strong bias against the Arts stream and people think that only those who score low marks should take up these subjects. But for me, even though I did well in my 10th standard nobody pushed me into choosing science. Everybody was very supportive especially my brother who encouraged me to follow my heart. Yes, I would like to change the way people think and that's one of the reasons why I chose these subjects. I want to prove to people that you can do well even if you take Arts.

What would you like to say to those people who still hold a prejudice against the Arts stream?

DECHENLA- To all those people who think humanities is for stupid people, I'd like to tell them that nobody is born stupid or intelligent. Even when you take science or commerce you are not guaranteed a successful life. It's not like people who take arts are going to fail in life. Just increase your

hard work and remain stubborn enough never to give up regardless of the stream you take.

DINESH- I want to tell those people that they are wasting their lives pursuing something they aren't truly interested in. They should just follow what they love and they will be happy.

What would be your ultimate goal? It doesn't have to be a career goal but something that would be your contribution to the world?

DINESH- I want to change the education scenario as it exists today. Today, all parents are running after private schools because they think government schools aren't good enough. I want to reverse the situation and increase the standards of government schools in such a way that parents are running after government schools for their children. I want to see children that have received their entire education from government schools excel.

DECHENLA- My ultimate goal is to change somebody else's life for the better. I want to work for the United Nations and travel to all the places where people need extra help and care like Africa.

Vodafone launches first global store in Gangtok

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 JUN: Vodafone India inaugurated its first global store in Gangtok today through the hands of Business Head, Kolkata and Bengal Circle, Arvinder Singh Sachdev.

The store located at New Market in Gangtok will offer various customer services with warm and customer-friendly design to offer clear and intuitive navigation.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Sachdev said that the old regular store was upgraded to the new global store to provide live and engaging experience of Vodafone's wide variety of products & services.

He added that the store aims to provide customers with best class service experience.

"Consumers have always been important in



everything the company does. We need to focus on our customers and provide innovative concepts, products and services that enrich the lives of the customers," said Mr Sachdev.

The store has been especially adapted and customized after testing

and validating a full suite of customer insights which are relevant to customer needs in India, he informed.

He also informed that Vodafone India has plans to expand its network all over the state and launch 4G network on a larger scale. He

mentioned that it is an important step in line with Vodafone's 'Retail of Tomorrow' initiative to deliver world class service experience to its customers.

The Vodafone Global Store has a space of around 1200 sq ft including two floors.

Modi presents 'Urga Kanjur' to Buddhist temple in Russia

AMMAR ZAIDI

ST PETERSBURG (RUSSIA), JUN 2 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today presented over 100 volumes of 'Urga Kanjur' to the head priest of the Datsan Gunzechoinei Buddhist Temple here.

'Urga Kanjur' is a sacred Tibetan Buddhist text.

"PM presents Urga Kanjur to

Jampa Donor, Buda Balzheivich Badmayev, Head Priest, Datsan Gunzechoinei Buddhist Temple, St Petersburg," Office of the Prime Minister said in a tweet.

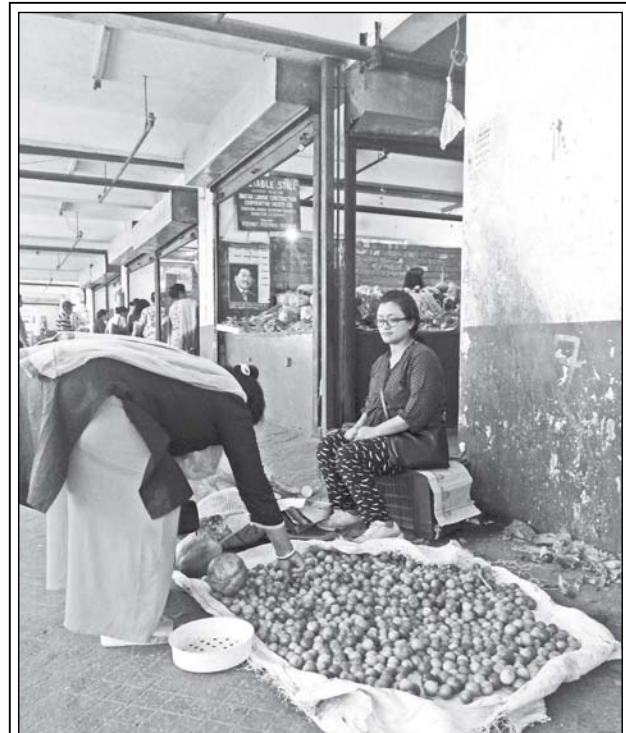
Modi also shared some pictures of his visit to the State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg.

Modi, who is on an official visit here, met President Vladimir Putin

yesterday.

The Urga edition of the Tibetan Kanjur was unknown till 1955 when Prof Raghu Vira brought to India its complete set of 104 volumes with a volume containing the catalogue. It was presented to him by Mongolian prime minister as a unique bibliographic rarity.

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It's plum time

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 02 JUN:

Peaches and plums, anyone? This is after all the season for these delicious fruits that come in different shapes and sizes. Different varieties of peaches and plums are now available in Lall Bazaar.

Selling the season's harvest at Lall Bazaar is Mamta Sharma of Aho near Pakyong. On sale at her stall are plums sourced from Bermiok. She earns around Rs 1500 a day and has been selling fruits and vegetables at the market since 2010.

Unfortunately, Mamta suffers from a brain related disease and uses whatever she earns for her medication. After undergoing a successful surgery in 2005 she still has to go for regular check-ups and take medication.

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Cleaning Up, the Singapore Way

And no, we don't mean cleaning of the Swachh Bharat kind

Sikkim often invokes Singapore when it speaks of its aspirations and plans. The country is taken as a role model more for emulating the "litter and spit free" environs or to underline the growth made possible by stable and unchanged government. May be Sikkim should also look towards Singapore to inspire a cleanliness drive against corruption. Of course, the other comparison that Sikkim draws - with Switzerland - would also work, because where Singapore is the only country from Asia in the top-10 least corrupt nations (it ranks 7th), Switzerland figures two rungs higher at 5 on the same list. Would not be a bad idea for Sikkim to link similarities with these two countries beyond sharing same first letter. But let's stick to Singapore for today.

Yes, corruption is a shared problem between India and Singapore and was also of the same colonial carryover kind of the privileged few and the omnipresent government. The latter, however, managed to sweep it away after first accepting that wherever there was development underway, the attendant demand of professionals and the importance of projects, fostered corruption. In a recent conversation with some officials from Singapore, some interesting tidbits were collected about how their country combated this dishonest mode of profiteering. This Singaporean lesson is worthy of duplication here.

The Singapore government effectively cleaned up a corrupt developing society in a very short time through three clear strategies, we are told. These, broadly, were a "strong-arm theory", a "strong-men theory", and a "strong-wage theory". The format has obviously worked for Singapore and Sikkim could do well to borrow another of its tried system and replicate it here. The strong-arm theory included strict laws and efficient anticorruption agencies. These are already in place in Sikkim as they are elsewhere in the country, although the actual enforcement is far from satisfactory in many cases. The investigations are tacky, hence convictions are few and the penalties rarely deterrent enough. The strong men theory is interpreted as an unwavering political will from the top leadership. No matter what we might believe about smart bureaucrats corrupting naive politicians, if the public representatives put their foot down and demand transparency and fix accountability, corruption will start faltering. The next step beyond those forced by groundswells of public opinion need to be taken as well. For instance, the requirement to file property returns while filing nomination papers during elections is welcome, but now, there should have been an independent body of auditors to check whether what is disclosed is a true reflection of assets. The strong wage theory is high wages for the top leadership. This, on the understanding that corruption at high levels is far more difficult to deal with than petty corruption because the former is better connected and more deeply entrenched. Paying them well is an incentive to remain clean. For instance, the Singapore Prime Minister, even after a pay-cut taken some years back, earns more than the U.S. President, the Chancellor of Germany, and the British Prime Minister put together! Little reason left for him to be corrupt then.

Sikkim has already tried out this last trick and has among the better paid officials in the country. Sikkim has already tried out one of the other two options as well, but when will it find the political will to get serious about containing the problem? Of course, these options don't work in isolation, they have to come together. If they do, they can't possibly fail. Will Sikkim be interested?

Of late, there has been another option that desperate people have resorted to; the options which have given us Kejriwal in Delhi, and also, even though they hail from completely different ideologies, Modi in India to a large extent, Trump in the US and Duterte in the Philippines. It is now universally accepted that the interplay of corruption and inequality feeds populism, a populism of a very dangerous kind. When traditional politicians fail to tackle corruption, people will grow cynical and seek out options from the opposite end of the spectrum. People around the world, especially in ill-informed or desperately unequal societies, have been turning to wildly populist and alt-Right leaders who promise to break the cycle of corruption and privilege, win them pride and secure them their place in world. Unfortunately, they almost never deliver. What they end up doing is exacerbating the already vexed situations.

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Will the Paris Agreement still be able to deliver after the US withdrawal?

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In the short term, the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Agreement will certainly have ripple effects globally. But rather than fatally undermine the Paris Agreement, it will likely cause other countries to reaffirm their firm commitment to the full implementation of the climate deal.

We are already seeing this effect in the forthcoming accord between the EU and China on climate and energy, focused on increasing ambition in the Paris Agreement.

In the White House Rose Garden, US President Donald Trump said he wanted to start to renegotiate to see "if there's a better deal".

"If we can, great. If we can't, that's fine," he added.

LESSONS NOT LEARNT FROM THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Given the location of today's announcement, some might be tempted to draw an analogy with the Kyoto Protocol, which President George W. Bush famously repudiated in the White House Rose Garden, following pressure from fossil-fuel interests, notably Exxon.

The lessons from this analogy do not flatter the United States. Although the Kyoto Protocol did not meet its full potential as a consequence of US non-participation, countries that engaged actively in its implementation not only succeeded in achieving the emission-reduction targets they set for themselves, but are much better positioned now to take advantage of the necessary transition to a low-carbon future.

As a result of the Kyoto engagement, the European Union's legislative climate policy framework is now the most comprehensive and far-reaching in the world. The EU now has all the tools needed to deliver the greater ambition that will be needed.

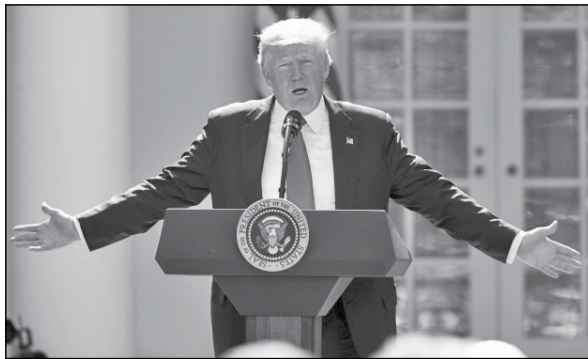
Learning from the Kyoto experience, China, Korea, Mexico, Chile and other developing countries are now putting in place emissions-trading systems that will generate the cost-effective emission reductions of the future.

By choosing the Rose Garden for this second announcement, the Trump White House is only underscoring that the lessons from past mistakes may not have not been learnt.

THE US COULD BE LEFT BEHIND

The world of 2017 is a very different place from what it was in 2001. Back in 1997, when the Kyoto Protocol was adopted, the US accounted for 19% of global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and 20% of the world economy (measured in GDP MER) whereas China accounted for only 12% and 7% respectively. By 2015, when the Paris Agreement was adopted, China had grown to become the largest emitter (23%) and the largest economy (17%), with the USA accounting for a proportionately lower share of global emissions (13%), and a smaller share of the world economy (16%).

India, a rising power of the 21st century, had nearly doubled its relative economic weight over this period (from 4% to 7% of the world economy). Both China and India are now seizing the future, working to bend their emissions pathways while growing their economies and creating thousands of green jobs through



massive investments in renewable energy and plans to move towards electric vehicles by the end of the next decade.

Leadership and economic growth is now finding a new center of gravity – one in which the US risks being left further and further behind.

The scientific understanding of climate change and its effects on natural systems, human societies and economies has also progressed immensely since 1997 and engaged much larger communities including regions, cities and businesses.

Climate change is emerging as a geopolitical issue alongside more traditional geopolitical concerns and, depending on how a country deals with its role and the problem, its geopolitical standing is affected. China has begun to move into the space, tentatively, but nevertheless with effect.

In other words, the US is less important and less fundamental than it used to be in the sphere of climate policy action.

However, in some places, it may empower climate-change deliaists to call for a slowdown on action, or even to support the deployment of so-called "clean coal".

But, such risks appear limited at this stage. Russia, for example, has yet to ratify the Paris Agreement, but has recently signalled that it will continue to support the implementation of the Agreement.

Public opinion in many parts of the world may also be invigorated in favour of strong climate action, as a positive effect of the much-elevated attention for climate change as a global problem in the press and social media.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY INDUSTRY IS GROWING

US emissions have been declining since 2015. Trump's Executive Order aimed at rescinding US domestic measures will result in flattening emissions at around present levels for the next 5 to 10 years.

Because of the decline in renewable energy and battery-storage prices, natural gas displacing coal, as well as ongoing actions in states such as California implementing the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, methane controls and motor vehicle standards, it seems unlikely that US emissions would increase again before 2030.

It is also clear that Trump's promises to the coal-industry workforce cannot be met. Coal use and mining is projected to continue declining because of changes in the energy markets, including lower natural-gas prices and overwhelming competition on price from renewables and storage.

On the other hand, employment in the renewable-energy industry is growing rapidly in the United States (and around the world), and far ex-

ceeds that in coal mining.

The latest review by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) shows rapid growth of employment in the US renewable energy sector, now employing approximately 800,000 people.

The increase in employment in solar energy alone over the past three years is more than twice the total number of jobs in the coal mining industry in the United States (which are declining). This remarkable development contains a lesson and a guide for the future: maintaining the growth of job opportunities requires a continued rollout and expansion of renewable energy. If this does not happen, job opportunities will be lost.

A GOAL MORE DIFFICULT TO MEET BUT MORE UNITY

President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, combined with the repeal of domestic actions resulting in halting the decline in US emissions, will likely make it more difficult and costly overall to meet the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding warming well below 2°C, and limiting it to 1.5°C.

If sustained, the additional US emissions, above the levels that would have occurred with the full implementation of the Obama-era package of climate policies, could add an additional warming of about 0.1 to 0.2°C by 2100. This will need to be compensated by larger and faster reductions by others than would otherwise be necessary.

In the longer term, the Paris Agreement temperature goals are likely not be able to be met unless the US rejoins global efforts within the next five to ten years, so that globally aggregated CO₂ emissions can be reduced to zero by around mid-century.

Working against the fossil fuel-driven Trump agenda are profound market developments in renewable energy and battery storage, affecting demand for coal-fired power along with the oil demand depressing effects of the ramping up of electric vehicle production.

The effects of rapidly reducing prices of renewable energy technology and battery storage are far-reaching and some argue, may be unstoppable. Recent industry assessments show that the levelized cost of electricity from many renewable technologies is now lower than gas or coal in the USA. Last week in Arizona, for example, solar and battery storage beat gas power on price for peaking electricity, possibly for the first time anywhere. More broadly, the ongoing cancellation of planned coal-power plants in India, China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and other places is indicative of the market transformation that is beginning.

This dynamic of reducing renew-

able energy and storage technology prices driving displacement of fossil-fuel power sources will play a very large role in determining the ultimate positive or negative fallout of US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement and the negotiations that Trump seems to want to impose.

In reaction to the uncertainty about US intentions, the EU and China are coming closer together on climate and energy, united around the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Many more countries are also beginning to realise the great risks and costs that climate change will bring unless global warming is limited. In Marrakech, over forty-five countries belonging to the Climate Vulnerable Forum committed to 100% renewable energy goals and are beginning to work on how to achieve this.

RISKS AND NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD

Nevertheless, there will be countries, political parties, and fossil-fuel interests that will attempt to use US withdrawal to advance a climate-denialist agenda, or at the least seek ways to defend the market dominance of fossil-fuel industries.

It can be expected that a US withdrawal may lead a number of countries to lag in ramping up their climate pledges (NDCs or Nationally Determined Contributions) under the Paris Agreement or go slow on implementing policies.

Another risk that will be exacerbated by the US withdrawal relates to the large global pipeline of coal-plant proposals, which – if built and operated – would curtail any chance of holding warming well below 2°C and limiting to 1.5°C.

Coal is projected to grow rapidly in India, Southeast Asia, Turkey, parts of the Middle East and Africa. It will take concerted diplomatic leadership, as well as courageous domestic action to ensure that this does not come about. Such a task would be difficult even with the US in the Agreement, but a US withdrawal has made it a little harder.

One of the questions now is to know if the US president can find a way to engage any new negotiations.

The longer the US remains idle the harder it will be for all of us. So what are the prospects of the US rejoining the agreement?

Looking beyond the next 3 to 4 years, rising levels of public concern and anxiety over climate change, the accelerating employment from the renewable-energy industry give grounds for optimism.

If Trump doesn't come back to the Agreement, we will have to wait 2020 to see what happens. A new president could seek to reenter the climate deal quickly to catch up with the market leaders, likely China, the EU and India, and to recover its political, technological and economic leadership that will be squandered by the withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.

With this outlook in mind and with California taking a strong lead, many states, municipalities, companies and civic society are expected to move ahead with climate action over the next few years, and if successful the US may well be in a position to catch up quickly once the Trump period passes.

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EVM challenge on as scheduled tomorrow: EC

NEW DELHI, JUN 2 (PTI): The Election Commission tonight said its much-hyped EVM challenge is "on" as scheduled tomorrow after the Uttarakhand High Court rejected a plea questioning the constitutionality of the move.

"The EVM challenge is on as scheduled. The NCP and the CPI-M have nominated three persons each for the challenge," a Commission spokesperson said.

He said the two parties will get separate halls to try and tamper with the machines. The challenge will take place between 10 am and 2 pm.

The challenge was organised after several major opposition parties had

claimed that the faith of people in the machines has eroded.

The BSP and the AAP had alleged that the machines used in the recent assembly elections were tampered with and favoured the BJP. Later, several other parties had joined the chorus and wanted the EC to revert to paper ballots.

The Commission has pulled out from its strong rooms in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand 14 electronic voting machines used in the recent assembly polls there for the challenge.

The NCP and the CPI-M were the only parties which had applied to participate in the challenge. The poll panel

had invited the seven national and 49 state parties recognised by it for the challenge. It had left out smaller parties and Independents who had contested the recent polls from participating. Even foreign experts are barred.

Since the two parties had not given their preference for the EVMs they would like to tamper with during the challenge, the Commission has brought to Delhi 14 machines -- from Ghaziabad and Gautam Buddha Nagar in UP, Patiala and Bhatinda from Punjab and Dehradun from Uttarakhand.

While each participating party can use a maximum of four EVMs for the challenge, sources in the commission said extra machines were also

kept as back up keeping in mind any eventuality.

The challengers will get four hours each to tamper with the machines. The challenge will begin at 10 am and end at 2 pm.

Members of a technical committee which helps the EC evaluate the EVMs would judge the proceedings.

Announcing the contours of the 'EVM challenge', the EC had said it has been divided into two parts. First, the parties will have to prove that the EVMs used in the assembly elections in the five states were tampered with to favour a particular candidate or political party by altering the results stored in them.

118 held for communal clashes in Bhopal

BHOPAL, JUN 2 (PTI): The police have arrested 118 people in connection with the May 30 communal clashes in Old City area here.

"We have arrested 118 people since May 31. More arrests in connection with the violence will be made," Superintendent of Police (Bhopal North) Arvind Saxena told PTI today.

"Those who fomented trouble and added fuel to the fire via social media will be arrested. We want to send a strong message to the troublemakers that communal violence won't be tolerated at any cost," he said, adding a special cell is investigating the matter.

Members of two communities had clashed and pelted stones at each other in Old City area here on May 30, leaving some persons, including policemen, injured.

Tension had gripped the area after the "remnants of a structure" reportedly surfaced during the construction of a building two days ago, with people of both communities claiming that the structure was linked to their faiths.

Around a dozen vehicles were torched in the clashes.

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GJM forewarns hoteliers to be ready to evacuate tourists within half an hour if required

SUMMIT REPORT DARJEELING, 02 JUN:

Gorkha Janmukti Morcha president Bimal Gurung has asked hoteliers and transporters to remain prepared to evacuate tourists notice as short as half an hour. He said this today while threatening to launch an agitation against the "forceful imposition of Bengali language" from 04 June onwards.

His diktat comes on the

heels of the Darjeeling police initiating suo moto cases against key GJM leaders, including Bimal Gurung, along with representatives of education institutions and organizations for the two-day closure of schools and colleges here in support of the GJM protest.

Mr Gurung has meanwhile already announced an agitation programme against the alleged imposition of Bengali language on schools and col-

leges. The agitation includes closure of education institutes on 01 and 02 June; regular protest marches displaying black badges and arm-bands from 04 to 08 June from Ghoom to the District Collectorate, Darjeeling.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to visit the Hills from 05 June.

"We will carry on with our protest programme. If any of our school representatives,

members of the civil society or intellectuals are arrested by the police or our rally is stopped, the Hills will burn. It will spread like wildfire. Hoteliers and transporters should be ready to evacuate tourists at a notice of half an hour," threatened Mr Gurung hinting at an indefinite bandh call.

Mr Gurung believes that Mamata Banerjee is trying to create unrest in the Hills.

"She will be to blame for any untoward situations in the Hills and not me. I will choose the jungle over the jail. I tried to do everything democratically but there is too much suppression by the Bengal Government," he said.

A GJM team will be visiting Delhi soon to meet BJP leaders and Ministers. Another team will be visiting Kolkata to meet BJP state president Dilip Ghosh.

Modi presents 'Urga...

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On the second day of his Russia visit, Modi visited Institute of Oriental Manuscripts. He also left a message in Gujarati language at the institute, said a tweet by the Indian Embassy in Moscow.

The institute has manuscripts and early printed books consisting of more than 100 thousand items in 65 living and dead languages.

It also has the archives of the Orientalists that contains some

valuable documents on the history of the Oriental Studies in Russia. It has manuscripts and xylographs.

He also met Tigran Sargasyan, Chairman of the Eurasian Economic Commission and former Prime Minister of Armenia.

India and Russia yesterday agreed on early commencement of negotiations for a free trade agreement with the five-nation Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU).

US quits Paris climate deal cribbing about benefits only for countries like India and China

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WASHINGTON, JUN 2 (PTI): President Donald Trump today declared that the US will withdraw from the 2015 Paris climate accord, saying the "draconian" deal unfairly punished America but benefited countries like India and China, drawing strong condemnation from across the world.

"I was elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris," Trump said, immediately triggering global condemnation on the move by the world's second-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases.

"We're getting out," he said. "And we will start to renegotiate and we'll see if there's a better deal. If we can, great. If we can't, that's fine."

The Paris agreement commits the US and other countries to keeping rising global temperatures "well below" 2C above pre-industrial levels and "endeavour to limit" them even more, to 1.5C. Only Syria and Nicaragua did not sign up to the deal.

He said India would get billions of dollars for meeting its commitment under the Paris agreement and it - along with China - would double its coal-fired power plants in the years to come, gaining a financial advantage over the US.

He then cited the example

of China and said that under the agreement, the Communist giant will be able to increase these emissions by a staggering number of years - 13.

Trump's decision drew widespread condemnation from entrepreneurs, politicians, world leaders and environmentalist for abandoning the single most important international effort to curb global warming.

The Paris Climate Agreement is a historic treaty signed by over 190 nations and cannot be renegotiated on the request of a single nation, the United Nations's Framework Convention on Climate Change has said.

The UNFCCC, under which the landmark Paris agreement was negotiated and adopted, said it "regrets" the announcement by President Trump that his government will withdraw from the agreement.

The leaders of France, Italy and Germany indicated in a joint statement that the US could not unilaterally renegotiate the agreement.

French President Emmanuel Macron said Trump had made a historic error by abandoning the Paris agreement.

Trump has "committed an error for the interests of his country and a mistake for the future of our planet," Macron said, adding: "The

United States has turned its back on the world."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel today vowed "more decisive action than ever" to protect the climate after the US pullout from the landmark Paris accord.

"We in Germany, in Europe and the world will band together to take more decisive action than ever to confront and successfully surmount major challenges to humanity such as climate change," she told reporters.

Former US President Barack Obama and other political leaders today slammed Trump's decision to withdraw the US from the historic deal, saying he has squandered America's global leadership and put the country with "a small handful of nations that reject the future."

"The nations that remain in the Paris agreement will be the nations that reap the benefits in jobs and industries created. I believe the United States of America should be at the front of the pack," Obama said in a statement.

Tesla founder Elon Musk said he would quit White House advisory councils on business in protest. "(I) am departing presidential councils. Climate change is real. Leaving Paris is not good for America or the world," Musk wrote on Twitter.



A new Dzire arrives for Sikkim roads

SANDEEP PRASAD GANGTOK, 02 JUNE:

The new Dzire sedan was launched here at Entel Motors, simultaneously with its national unveiling by Maruti Suzuki today and is all set to impress the Indian market with its refined design and a whole new world of technologies.

The launch at Entel Motors had Gyatso

T Bhutia of Ranka as chief guest, Managing Director-Entel, Guru T Ladakhi, Rashmi Jhulka of Entel Motors, Sales Head Devasish Sarkar, and managers of various finance companies.

With the inclusion of auto gear shift technology, the new Dzire comes in diesel and petrol variants and claims to be a superior fuel efficient

car. In its newest form, the Dzire promises to delight its riders with superior ride handling.

It was also informed today that Entel Motors will be providing a special exchange offer for its regular customers. In addition to that, financial assistance from any finance companies is also accepted at Entel Motors.

Assam's Cotton College becomes Cotton University

GUWAHATI, JUN 1 (PTI): The 117-year-old historic Cotton College in Guwahati today merged with Cotton College State University to form Cotton University.

Assam Education Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma unveiled the new identity of the institute during a renaming ceremony.

Though the renaming ceremony was held amid protests by Cottonians, the Cotton College Teachers Association (CCTA) welcomed the decision and announcement of the state government to upgrade Cotton College to a university with effect from today.

Sarma at the ceremony said he wanted the new university to be not only a centre of excellence of the North East region but a front ranking university of South East Asia.

The Cotton College had observed its last foundation day on May 27.

It marked the end of the journey in the north eastern region of India that began 117 years ago in 1901.

The Assam government had proclaimed Cotton College, the premier college of Assam and eastern India, as a full-fledged university under the name Cotton University in January 2017 by an Act and merged Cotton College and Cotton College State University together.

The year 2011 saw the declaration of the historic Act of the



Government of Assam whereby the institution was upgraded to Cotton College State University (CCSU) with Cotton College as its sole constituent college.

Cotton College was also declared as a Special Heritage College in 2015.

The journey of higher education in the north eastern region had begun in 1901 with prominent public figure of the state Manick Chandra Barooah strongly advocating for setting up of a college in Guwahati with suitable boarding facilities.

Students of the province had to go to Kolkata (Calcutta) for higher studies then.

According to historical records, Manick Chandra in his letter (1899) to the British government had stated that Assam was the only province without a college and it would be cheaper for people of Upper Assam to stay at Guwahati than in Calcutta (Kolkata).

On November 3, 1899 in Guwahati, the then Assam province Chief Commissioner Sir Henry Cotton made the announcement to establish a college in Assam, the records state.

In a meeting, the public here had decided to name the newly established college after the then Chief Commissioner Sir

Henry John Stedman Cotton.

He had formally declared Cotton College open under Calcutta University at a public meeting here on May 27, 1901.

Prof Fredrick William Sudmersen then arrived at Guwahati on that day to take charge as the first principal of the college.

After establishment of Gauhati University in 1948 as the first university of the province, the affiliation of Cotton College was transferred from Calcutta University to Gauhati University in the same year.

All departments of Cotton College were offering post graduate courses since 1994.





Paraplegic drives from Leh to Kanyakumari in record time

KISHOR DWIVEDI
NEW DELHI, JUN 2 (PTI): Conquering disability, 29-year-old Eric Paul has made it to the pages of the Limca Book of Records after driving from Leh to Kanyakumari in record time.

Eric, who is paralysed from chest below, covered a total distance of 3,917 km in the record 159 hours and 59 minutes in a customised hatchback with hand controls.

"It feels really good but I think I have just crossed a milestone and there is a long way to go," said Eric, who has been confined to a wheelchair since February 2012 following a road accident.

"There were many challenges on my way like no toilets, restrooms, shelters or any public place which is wheelchair-friendly. Neither are people aware about offering help.

Instead they look at me with pity, which makes a special person uncomfortable.

"Other challenges were instant changing weather conditions, no mobile network, petrol pumps at long distances in hilly areas, poor condition of roads, and land-slides.

Language barrier while getting food and shelter was also a task," he told PTI.

However, he is happy to have overcome all the

challenges in the journey, including the world's highest motorable road passes in Leh.

Employed with the Taj group of hotels here, Eric said it was important to "believe in yourself and never give up," if one was to take challenges head-on.

A passionate driver, Eric had last winter completed the 'Golden Quadrilateral' road task of the Limca Books to set a record.

He had driven 6,000 km -- from Delhi to Mumbai and then Bengaluru and Chennai to Kolkata -- in less than seven days to enter the Limca Book of Records.

The Leh to Kanyakumari drive, published in the Limca Book recently, is his second record.

A keen follower of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', Eric has campaigned for cleanliness during his two expeditions across the country.

Now he is gearing up for another record-setting road trip, while also working towards raising awareness about issues of disabled people.

"I want to see a new India which is accessible for people like me or with any other disability. It is only possible when the whole society comes together and works in this area. I'll try my best to contribute towards this," he said.

Fake doctors have spread to different corners of Bengal : CID

KOLKATA, JUN 2 (PTI): Fake doctors have spread to different corners of West Bengal and a number of them are attached to renowned private medical establishments, state CID said today.

"It's like opening a can of worms. Our investigation revealed that these fake doctors are spread all over the state. And there are many who are attached with some of the popular private medical hospitals in Kolkata as well as in the districts," a senior CID officer told PTI.

Sleuths suspect that several health department officials, former medical college employees as well as doctors are involved in the racket of forging documents besides appointing doctors.

The CID had yesterday submitted a report to Bengal Director General of Police (DGP) Surajit Kar Purakayastha stating that there could be around 500 fake doctors practising in the state.

Asked whether these fake doctors are attached to any of the state-run hospitals, the CID sleuth said, "It's still unclear. We have got an idea about the matter. There can be some who are working with state-run medical estab-

lishments but we are yet to catch hold of anybody. Our investigation is on and hopefully we will be identify those culprits."

The CID has sought assistance of the West Bengal Medical Council (WBM) in connection with its probe, he said.

"We have evidences that these people are using registration numbers which are either used by doctors not from that area or of those who have expired. We are trying to nab them tracking the registration numbers," he said.

CID sleuths visited the Indian Medical Association (IMA) office in the city in connection with the probe.

The officer said there are several fake doctors from neighbouring states like Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha besides others who have sneaked in and are practising here in West Bengal for quite sometime.

"We are trying to monitor their current location," the CID officer said.

The fake doctor issue surfaced after the CID last month arrested two persons working as doctors with forged documents in north Bengal.

Sikkim's pickleball squad to leave for national c'ship



ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 02 JUNE:

A 12-member team from Sikkim will be participating in the upcoming Pickleball National Championship scheduled to be held in Uttarakhand from 09 to 11 June. The team will be leaving for the tournament on 05 June.

A special programme

was organised here at the Baha'i School today to see off the Sikkim squad. Area MLA, Timothy William Basnett, GMC Chairperson, Asish Rai, Tshewang Bhutia from Sports Department and others.

The team includes both junior and senior members and will be led by Sangay T Lepcha.

It may be mentioned here that Sikkim is the only team from the entire Northeast to take part in the National Pickleball Championship.

Pickleball is a new sport and has recently been introduced to Sikkim.

During today's event, a friendly demonstration match was also played.

Indian-American girl wins National Spelling Bee title in USA

WASHINGTON, JUN 2 (PTI): Ananya Vinay, a 12-year-old Indian-American girl, today won the prestigious Scripps National Spelling Bee, taking home USD 40,000 cash prize after correctly spelling "marocain" to become the 13th consecutive winner from the community.

A sixth-grader from Fresno, California, Ananya won the spelling competition after numerous rounds against Rohan Rajeev, another Indian-American student, underscoring the overwhelming dominance of Indian-Americans in the competition.

Ananya and Rajeev were the last two standing of the initial 291 spellers.

Ananya captured the 90th championship title by correctly spelling "marocain", which is a



dress fabric made from silk or rayon, during the 36th round of the annual competition held at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in suburban Washington.

"It's like a dream come true, I'm so happy right now. I just focused on my word and tried to spell it right," said Ananya upon receiving the winner's trophy.

In a post-victory in-

terview, Ananya told reporters she was able to recognise one of the final words as it had been mentioned in her social studies book.

"You can find words in interesting places," she was quoted as saying by the 'USA Today'.

Ananya is the 13th consecutive Indian-American winner of the competition and the 18th of the past 22 win-

ners with Indian heritage, a run that began in 1999 with Nupur Lala's victory, which was featured in the documentary "Spellbound."

Ananya honed her skill in highly competitive national bees that are limited to Indian-Americans, the North South Foundation and the South Asian Spelling Bee, although she did not win either.

Ananya's victory broke the Bee's three-year streak of ending in a tie. She wins USD 40,000 in cash, a trophy and other prizes, the report said.

Asked about her competitor, Rohan, Ananya said, "It was interesting to go back and forth for so many rounds".

The annual contest opened on Tuesday with a record 291 spellers from across the country and the globe. The field was narrowed to 40 finalists on Wednesday, based upon two oral rounds of spelling and the results of a written spelling and vocabulary test.

By yesterday afternoon, just 15 spellers were still standing and went on to compete for the championship whose final rounds were broadcast live.

The National Bee is a

high-profile, high-pressure endurance test as much as a nerd spelling match and spellers spend months preparing for it.

The stress of competing against the dictionary was etched on many spellers' faces as they took their turn at the microphone and in front of the television cameras.

"I'm pretty nervous," Nikhil Lahiri, 14, of Painted Post, NY, confessed from the stage, just seconds before correctly spelling "outarde", which is a Canadian goose.

This year's 291 spellers represented all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Schools in Europe. 11 came from the Bahamas, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, Japan and South Korea.

Guha Resignation: Questions Kohli, Dhoni, Ganguly, Gavaskar

NEW DELHI, JUN 2 (PTI): Indian cricket's "superstar culture", unadressed conflict of interest issues and BCCI's "insensitive" handling of coach Anil Kumble noted historian Ramachandra Guha has opened a Pandora's box in his resignation letter to the Committee of Administrators.

Guha spared no one and questioned skipper Virat Kohli's role in selection of coach, besides alleging conflict of interest on part of Sunil Gavaskar, Sourav Ganguly, and Rahul Dravid.

The letter also questioned the move to give former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni a Grade A Central Contract despite not playing all three formats.

In a seven-page letter, Guha has expressed his disgust to Rai for the "extremely insensitive and unprofessional manner" that the speculated Kohli-Kumble fallout was handled by BCCI CEO (Rahul Johri) and the BCCI office-bearers (Amitabh Chaudhary).

He accused the COA of "silence and inaction", claiming that the panel was "unfortunately being complicit in this regard."

In his parting shot, he recommended Javagal Srinath's name as his replacement as a former cricketer in the Committee of Administrators.

While Guha, in his submission to Supreme Court cited personal reasons for quitting COA, his letter



asks a lot of uncomfortable questions to the powers that be of Indian cricket.

Guha has directly questioned Kohli's "veto power" on deciding matters like appointment of a coach and even the commentators' panel. It also makes it clear that Kumble-Kohli rift is a reality.

He writes: "If indeed the captain and the Head Coach were not getting along, why was not this attended to as soon as the Australia series was over in late March? Why was it left until the last minutes, when a major international tournament was imminent, and when the uncertainty would undermine the morale and ability to

focus of the coach, the captain and the team."

"And surely giving senior players the impression that they may have a veto power over the coach is another example of superstar culture gone berserk? Such a veto power is not permitted to any other top level professional team in any other sport in any other country," he categorically states.

In a veiled dig at Kohli, Guha writes that on Friday, players are interfering in matters pertaining to appointment of coaches and commentators (Harsha Bhogle was removed for on-air criticism of Virat Kohli), tomorrow it may well be that they would like to

have a say on office-bearers.

"Already, in a dismaying departure from international norms, current Indian players enjoy a veto power on who can be the members of the commentary team. If it is to be coaches next, then perhaps the selectors and even office-bearers will follow?"

Guha lambasted the superstar culture prevalent in the Indian cricketing set-up that has allowed Dhoni to retain a 'Grade A' contract when he has given up on Test cricket in 2014.

"Unfortunately, this superstar syndrome has also distorted the system of Indian team contracts. As you will recall, I had pointed out that awarding M S Dhoni an 'A' contract when he had explicitly ruled himself out from all Test matches was indefensible on cricketing grounds, and sends absolutely the wrong message," he wrote.

He was also severe on the likes of Rahul Dravid for having dual contracts with both the BCCI and IPL franchises.

"No person under contract with an India team, or with the NCA, should be allowed to moonlight for an IPL team too," he writes.

Taking an indirect dig at Dravid (India A coach), and R Sridhar (fielding coach), the former COA member questioned BCCI for allowing them to have IPL contracts with Delhi Daredevils (Dravid) and

Kings XI Punjab (Sridhar).

An excerpt of the letter states: "The question of conflict of interest, which had laid unaddressed ever since the Committee began its work, and which I have been repeatedly flagging since I joined.

"For instance, the BCCI has accorded preferential treatment to some national coaches, by giving them ten month contracts for national duty, thus allowing them to work as IPL coaches/mentors for the remaining two months."

"This was done in an ad-hoc and arbitrary manner; the more famous the former player-turned-coach, the more likely was the BCCI to allow him to draft his own contract that left loopholes that he exploited to dodge the conflict of interest issue," Guha wrote with fingers clearly pointed at Dravid, someone whose reputation till date has been unquestionable.

Apart from taking on Kohli and Dravid, Guha also had strong reservations about Sunil Gavaskar's business interests in Professional Management Group (PMG) and his firm managing a current player -- Shikhar Dhawan. He, in fact, told Rai how he had apprised them of PMG signing up Dhawan's endorsements.

"Sunil Gavaskar is head of a company which represents Indian cricketers while commenting on those cricketers as part of the BCCI

TV commentary panel. This is a clear conflict of interest. Either he must step down/withdraw himself from PMG completely or stop being a commentator for BCCI."

After Gavaskar, Guha then trained his gun on another former captain Sourav Ganguly, who is a TV pundit apart from being current president of the Cricket Association of Bengal.

"Conflict of interest is rampant in the State Associations as well. One famous former cricketer is contracted by media houses to comment on active players while serving as President of his State Association (read Ganguly)."

Guha urged Rai and his colleagues to take some "bold decisions" on which the credibility of the committee rests.

"COA's credibility and effectiveness hinges on our being able to take bold and correct decisions on such matters. The 'superstar' culture that afflicts the BCCI means that the more famous the player (former or present) the more leeway he is allowed in violating norms and procedures.

"Dhoni was captain of the Indian team while holding a stake in a firm that represented some current India players.

(Referring to Rishi Sports that had Suresh Raina, Karn Sharma, RP Singh in its rolls). This must stop and only we can stop it," he writes.

Destitute woman’s body put in garbage cart

MUZAFFARPUR(BIHAR), JUN 2 (PTI): A destitute woman's body was taken to the Sri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH), here in a garbage cart for autopsy, prompting the District Magistrate to order a probe into the matter.

“We have ordered a probe into the unfortunate incident (corpse of a destitute woman being pulled inside a garbage cart to be taken for post-mortem at SKMCH)...strict action will be taken against those found responsible for negligence,” District Magistrate Dharmendra Singh said today.

Muzaffarpur District Civil Surgeon Dr Lalita Singh too expressed disgust over the incident and said that a probe was on in the matter.

She said that the SK-MCH has several mortuary vans which could

have been pressed into service to bring the destitute woman’s body for post-mortem.

The destitute woman had died near a park inside the SKMCH hospital on Wednesday last after battling illness for over two weeks.

After her death, the woman’s body was put in a garbage cart by two hospital employees on way to being taken for post-mortem, an incident that has shocked the civil society after several news channels beamed footage of the incident.

A gardener Kanchan Bhagat, employed by SK-MCH, said that he had noticed the ailing woman writhing in pain and had informed doctors about it. He alleged that none of them paid any attention to her.

After battling illness for two weeks, she died on Wednesday last, Bhagat said.



Beef protesters barge into Kerala House, additional security sought

NEW DELHI, JUN 2 (PTI): Kerala House Resident Commissioner Vishwas Mehta today sought more security for the state guest house to protect it from “groups with vested interests”, who could create trouble over the ongoing beef controversy.

The development comes after members of a “cow vigilante” group, claiming to belong to the Bharatiya Gauraksha Kranti, allegedly barged into Kerala House last evening to protest the beef festivals recently held in the southern state.

They entered Kerala House around 8 PM and started distributing cow milk as a mark of protest.

“We have written a complaint to the Connaught Place police station, besides urging senior police officials to take action against the protesters

and seeking additional security to protect Kerala House from groups with vested interests,” Mehta told reporters.

He condemned yesterday’s incident and said such protests should not take place at Kerala House and its sanctity should be maintained.

“Kerala House should not be turned into a protest venue.

The issue is political and Kerala House should not be dragged into it,” said Mehta.

He added that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal’s office had been informed of the incident.

Mehta refused to comment on lapses on the part of the police to stop the protesters from barging into Kerala House, saying he was not present at the time of the incident.

PIO raises Rs 5 crore for needy pilgrims to take Hajj

JOHANNESBURG, JUN 2 (PTI): A South African Indian-origin Muslim man has raised Rs 5 crore by selling his coffee table book of over 500 mobile phone pictures during his Hajj to assist indigent people who want to undertake the same pilgrimage.

Yusuf Abramjee, donated the money here yesterday to two South African charities that assist needy pilgrims traveling for the annual Hajj Pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia.

The proceeds of the coffee table book, #Hajj2016 #AbramjeeOnHajj, published by social activist and former journalist Abramjee, were presented to

Awqaf SA and Crescent Lifestyle.

Abramjee published hundreds of photographs taken with his iPhone during his Hajj journey last year in a high-gloss A3 coffee table book that became an instant hit, with support from sponsors to place 500 copies in libraries , schools and religious institutions as well.

“The idea was to create awareness of Hajj, which is compulsory for all Muslims who can afford it at least once in their lifetime,” Abramjee said.

“Also, it brought back many memories for those who have been on Hajj. We need to promote social cohesion and religious tolerance and that’s what the book does,” he added.

“South African Muslims are a key part of South Africa as they became completely integrated into society and influence all areas of life of SA culture,” Saudi Arabia’s Ambassador to South Africa, Ghorm Said Malhan, said at the handing over ceremony as he pledged further donations to the two organisations from his embassy as well.

“The book is indeed a clear example of the strong relations between Saudi Arabia and the South African Muslim community in particular, and the entire South Africa in general,” Malhan

said as he lauded the reputation of South Africans for their religious tolerance and diversity.

“The donation will be invested in the Awqaf SA Hajj Waqf Fund and its proceeds will be used on a sustainable basis to assist poor and needy pilgrims with an opportunity to experience the sacred journey,” said Zeinoul Abedien Carjee, chief executive officer of Awqaf SA.

Hajj is an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, the most holy city of the Muslims, and a mandatory religious duty for Muslims that must be carried out at least once in their lifetime.

DRI arrests national-level shooter Prashant Bishnoi

NEW DELHI, JUN 2 (PTI): The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has arrested national-level shooter Prashant Bishnoi, a key accused in multi-crore gun-running and wildlife smuggling case.

The arrest comes a month after raids conducted by the DRI at Bishnoi’s residence in Uttar Pradesh’s Meerut resulted in the recovery of about Rs one crore in cash besides over a hundred illegally imported firearms, 117 kg of nilgai meat, horns and skins of leopards and blackbucks.

Bishnoi is alleged to be the kingpin of a global syndicate involved in smuggling of fire arms and wildlife.

He appeared before the DRI officials yesterday in response to a summon issued against him. Following interrogation, Bishnoi was arrested, official sources said today. During the interrogation, he was confronted with evidence gathered during the probe. Bishnoi accepted to be the part of the global smuggling racket, the sources claimed.

Three accused including Slovenian national Boris Sobotic Mikolic have already been arrested for their alleged involvement in the case.

The trio were intercepted after their arrival at the Delhi airport by a Turkish Airlines flight from Slovenia’s capital Ljubljana via Istanbul on April 29.

They were carrying 25 illegally imported lethal

weapons and other items worth about Rs 4.5 crore with them, according to a senior DRI official.

They had incorrectly declared the quantity and value of the arms and ammunition to the customs officials and tried to get these items cleared by misusing the scheme meant for renowned shooters, he said.

The rules permit professional shooters to import a limited quantity of arms and ammunition for practice.

The accused -- Amit Goyal, Anil Kumar Langan and Mikolic -- were arrested for allegedly violating customs rules to evade payment of import duty, the official said.

Following the detention of the accused, the DRI had carried out searches at multiple places including the house of the Prashant Bishnoi, son of a retired army colonel, and seized over hundred illegally imported firearms, 117 kg of nilgai meat, horns and skins of leopards and blackbucks, he said.

Unaccounted cash of about Rs one crore and two lakh cartridges were also seized during the searches, the official said.

The firearms of various make and models -- Glock (Austria), Italy-made Beretta, Arsenal, Benelle and Blaser (Germany) -- were seized along with expensive cameras, thermal imaging binoculars and cartridges during the raids.

Schoolgirls boycott classes in Jammu to protest harassment on streets

BHADERWAH (J&K), JUN 2 (PTI): Students of a girls’ school boycotted classes and blocked a busy road today to protest against sexual harassment on the streets.

Nearly 700 students of the Government Girls Higher Secondary School here came out on the roads after their morning prayers and raised slogans against the police and the administration for not taking action against men on bikes who harassed them.

The protesters from the school in Bhaderwah tehsil, Doda district, said they were subjected to abusive language and were often also physically harmed.

They blocked the D-mail-Seri Bazaar Chobia link road, disrupting traffic for about two hours.

The demonstrators alleged the police were “mute spectators” to unlawful activities” near the school.

Despite several verbal and written complaints by the school administration, no action had been taken, they said.

Yesterday, a speeding bike hit a XIIth standard student outside the school premises. She is being treated for serious injuries at the Bhaderwah hospital.

Later, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bhadarwah, Imam Din Kichloo, along with Tehsildar Masood Ahmed and SDPO Birjesh Sharma, told the students that security would be tightened and stern action taken against the offenders.

“A police party will be deployed near the school premises and two speed-breakers will also be constructed on either side of the school to check speeding bikers,” the ADC assured the students.

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WILL.I.AM CONFIRMS FERGIE LEFT THE BEP

Fergie, who joined the group as a lead vocalist in 2002 and helped it become one of the most famous pop and hip-hop bands in the world, has not commented. She has not recorded new music with the Black Eyed Peas in more than five years, opting to concentrate on her solo career, and last performed with the group at the 2015 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

Black Eyed Peas members Will.i.am, Taboo and apl.de.ap spoke recently, ahead of their concert at the opening ceremony of the 2017 UEFA Champions League Final at the National Stadium of Wales in Cardiff, that Fergie has left the band. Will.i.am explained the "situation" like this:

"Since the beginning of Black Eyed Peas, we've always had amazing vocalists that appeared on the mic with us. People like Macy Gray, Es-thero, Debi Nova, Fergie. On Elephunk, there were several females that appeared on that album. Obviously Fergie was the featured female, but on songs like 'Let's Get it Started,' it's Noelle [Scaggs], and then Fergie, songs like 'Latin Girls,' it's Debi Nova, and 'Request Line,' it's Macy Gray. We'll always work with good females."

Fergie and will.i.am appeared to be on good terms and in good spirits when they were last photographed together last September, during London Fashion Week.

When asked about replacing the singer, Will.i.am said, "As for replacing, what people know The Black Eyed Peas to be, nobody is replacing Fergie. She's working on



her solo project at the moment, we're on this brand-new experience, celebrating 20 years of Black Eyed Peas putting out music. We worked on a bunch of songs on her solo record, we're proud that she has her label, but Black Eyed Peas are pushing it forward in terms of content, technology and experiences on our new project, Masters of the Sun—The Zombie Chronicles, a zombie alien invasion hip-hop graphic novel he co-created that will be released by Marvel in July. Will.i.am also responded to rumors that Nicole Scherzinger will replace Fergie, saying, "Nicole is on the new BEP project as well. I don't want to go into details how she's involved yet."

He is referring to Black Eyed Peas Present: Masters of the Sun—The Zombie Chronicles, a zombie alien invasion hip-hop graphic novel he co-created that will be released by Marvel in July. Will.i.am also responded to rumors that Nicole Scherzinger will replace Fergie, saying, "Nicole is on the new BEP project as well. I don't want to go into details how she's involved yet."

who dated the actor on and off for three years—was found dead in her Los Angeles home in September 2015 in what coroners later ruled was a suicide from an overdose of painkillers, including Ambien, Propranolol and Percocet.

White's mother, Brigid Sweetman, sued Carrey in October 2016, blaming him for her death and claiming he gave her the drugs that even-

tually killed her.

Sweetman also alleged Carrey "knowingly" gave her "three sexually transmitted diseases without warning her", then "lying to her about it, dumping her out of concern for saving his own public image, calling her a 'whore' and shaming her, and then using his high-priced Hollywood lawyers and 'fixers' to intimidate and threaten her in an effort to silence her".

Carrey filed a response



what's TRENDING

a trial jury in the wrongful death case regarding his late girlfriend and makeup artist Cathriona White.

The 30-year-old—who dated the actor on and off for three years—was found dead in her Los Angeles home in September 2015 in what coroners later ruled was a suicide from an overdose of painkillers, including Ambien, Propranolol and Percocet.

White's mother, Brigid Sweetman, sued Carrey in October 2016, blaming him for her death and claiming he gave her the drugs that even-

to Sweetman's lawsuit in December seeking to strike the "numerous irrelevant, false and improper" allegations she had made and calling the lawsuit a "shameful shake-down for money".

Carrey and his lawyer, Raymond Boucher, argued the allegations under drugs legislation were likely to fall outside the statute of limitations and said the wrongful death claims were too vague.

However, on Wednesday, Judge Deirdre Hill of the Los Angeles Superior Court said she still needs more time to consider the case. Thus, she indicated she would not throw it out as requested by



Carrey's lawyer and went forward in setting a trial date for April 2018, estimating it could last about 20 days.

SO DOWN FOR SOME NEW FIFTH HARMONY MUSIC!

After plenty of suspense and excitement, Normani Kordei, Dinah Jane, Lauren Jauregui, and Ally Brooke Hernandez delivered their first single without Camila Cabello.

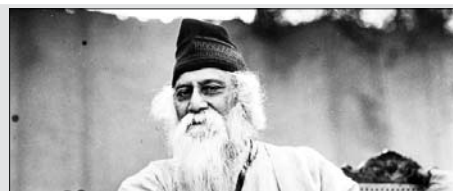
Titled 'Down', the hot new track features Gucci Mane and is already climbing the charts. The new music comes as the ladies of Fifth Harmony have been teasing exciting news for their fans on social media. Back in January, the X-Factor alumni posted a photo from the music studio with the caption 'bounce back'.

And during recent award shows, the ladies have promised their followers that the wait for new music will be worth it.

Fifth Harmony is scheduled to hit Good Morning America's Summer Concert Series where they will perform their new song 'Down' as well as the fan-favorite 'Work From Home' today.

As for former member Camila, she remains focused on her solo career. Earlier this month, the 20-year-old dropped two songs including 'Crying in the Club'.

The song—off her album, The Hurting, the Healing, the Loving—was written by Benny Blanco, Camila and Sia. Benny produced the song with Matt Beckley, Cashmere Cat and Happy Perez.



3RD JUNE

WORLD HISTORY

1928- Captain Arrachart and Major Rignot are forced to stop during their flight in Constantinople. They were on their way to India while trying to set a long distance record. Bad weather was stated as the reason for their early landing.

1938- Germany passed a law related to Entartete Art making art robbery legal

1943- The Russian army takes down 162 of 500 Nazi planes in one of the biggest air battles of World War II. The German attack lasted nearly 10 hours over Kursk

1962- An Air France Boeing 707 crashes on take-off at Orly Airport in Paris, killing 130 people on board

INDIAN HISTORY

1915- Rabindranath Tagore was conferred the prestigious Knighthood by the British Government

1947- Lord Mountbatten released

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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the 3 June Plan or Mountbatten Plan on partition of India. As per this plan The Independence Act of 1947 was implemented

1999- India and Pakistan are once again in conflict over the area of Kashmir with reports of hand-to-hand fighting and ground and air strikes by Indian forces on Pakistan backed guerrillas in areas close to the LOC in Kashmir province which is separated into a Pakistan side and an India Side, the LOC was agreed in 1949 following a ceasefire between the two countries

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"THE VOICES IN MY HEAD ALL SOUND LIKE LORETTA."

ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



9TH ANNUAL AUSTRALIANS IN FILM HEATH LEDGER SCHOLARSHIP: Actor Mo'Nique [left] accepts the 2017 Heath Ledger Scholarship from Kim Ledger [Heath Ledger's father] during the 9th Annual Australians In Film Heath Ledger Scholarship Dinner in West Hollywood, California. Established in 2008 in memory of the late actor, the scholarship is awarded to an actor who exhibits distinctive and unique potential.

ARIES: You don't have to be a genius or do something extraordinary in order for people to notice you, Aries. It's time you abandon the notion that you can't play a musical instrument because you don't have perfect pitch or that you can't sculpt because you don't have Michelangelo's genius! Dare to engage in any hobby or interest that you fancy.

TAURUS: You aren't free enough, Taurus. This is especially true in your relationships. With the current astral energy, you can expect to break free of your chains. It's time for you to participate more in life. Speak your mind. Tell people what you want and when you want it. Surely one of your desires

is freedom. Overcome your fear of rejection and ask for it! It really is as simple as that.

GEMINI: If you were in charge of a company's human resources department, Gemini, today you would begin to completely overhaul the recruitment procedure. You would focus more on the human element rather than any diplomas and awards people wave around as evidence of their abilities. Confidence in people combined with trust in your instincts could prove profitable in more ways than you imagine.

CANCER: Cancer, the romantic side of your life may be rocked by a storm of emotion. You may go from intense rage to ecstasy in an instant.

The day may instruct you to get hold of your emotions. If you hope to build a stable relationship, it's necessary to maintain psychological coherence and physical health.

LEO: The day may be somewhat oppressive, Leo. It's possible you will receive some unpleasant news related to your domestic life. Perhaps in the past few years you haven't been especially careful about your home budget. Or you may have postponed an important maintenance task for too long. While this may not be the day the roof literally falls in, it's time to take care of repairs.

VIRGO: You seem frustrated today, Virgo! There's only one person

who could possibly arouse your anger to such a degree, and that's you. Today's aspect is favorable for crises of conscience that result in a change of attitude. You're likely to remember to choose your words more carefully from now on.

LIBRA: This is a contemplative day, Libra. You seem to be developing new techniques, means, therapies, and methods to use in your main occupation. Today you're likely to question your underlying reasons for so much innovation. Why reinvent the world? Although you may not make any major changes in your activities, you could find new justifications for them.

SCORPIO: You will have to ex-

pect the day to be somewhat frustrating, Scorpio. Your friends may insist that you be more cooperative and less individualistic. They could resent your refusal to be part of the team. In fact, your rebelliousness may be earning you quite a reputation! How you deal with these clashes will set the stage for your future. Think carefully before taking action.

SAGITTARIUS: You mustn't expect to do whatever you like today, Sagittarius. Quite the contrary! You may be restrained by technical limitations. Perhaps your financial resources will be insufficient. In other words, you won't be able to follow your usual pattern of taking refuge

on a spiritual island and quietly contemplating your inner thoughts.

CAPRICORN: Science, space exploration, and certain other fields require the participation of all with a very strong team spirit. Stubborn as you are, it doesn't make you the greatest specialist in group dynamics. Certainly no one would ever accuse you of enjoying working in a group, unless you're the one in charge. Just such a miracle is possible, Capricorn, provided you take the first step.

AQUARIUS: What good does it do you to resist change, Aquarius? Everyone knows that you have trouble adapting to change in the world around you. Unfortunately, that's

life and you can't do much about it. However, you aren't powerless. You will find that life is more stable when you can surf the waves of change. Embrace change and make it work for you rather than resist it all the time.

PISCES: If you work in a helping profession such as psychotherapy, you're probably breaking quite a few rules and protocols right now, Pisces. You may even be going against theories that were a fundamental part of your education. Don't be troubled by your rebelliousness. It's important that the status quo be challenged from time to time. It's people like you who advance the field!