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Rural Sikkim registers 76% voter turnout



GANGTOK, 03 Nov: Rural Sikkim posted an impressive 76% voter turnout for the panchayat polls today. As per statistics released by the State Election Commission, North Sikkim recorded the highest turnout of 83% followed by South Sikkim where 77% of the electorate exercised their franchise followed by West and East districts tied at 75%. Voting was held for 84 zilla territorial constituencies and 849 gram panchayats at 849 polling booths across the State today. These seats were contested by 1,290 candidates.



75% voter turnout in East

GANGTOK, 03 Nov (IPR): East Sikkim has recorded a voter turnout of 75% in the Zilla and Gram Panchayat elections held today. Two EVMs malfunctioned which were replaced by the Reserve EVMs.

Polling parties reached the control room of Modern Senior Secondary School where the EVMs were handed over and stored at the Strong room in the presence of the candidates/election agents.

No law and order situation was reported in East district and the polling process went off smoothly and successfully. The EVMs stored in the strong room will be opened on the counting day i.e. 05 Nov in the presence of candidates at 7 a.m. and counting will begin from 8 a.m. onwards.

During the counting, only the candidate, his or her election agent/counting agent will be allowed inside the Counting Hall. Total 14 counting tables have been set up for counting purpose with one Postal Ballot table.

North records highest voter turnout

MANGAN, 03 Nov (IPR): North District has recorded 83% voter turnout which is the highest percentage of voter turnout in the State. Voting went off peacefully today at all 76 polling stations in the district.

10,386 out of the 12,455 eligible voters in the 13 contested Zilla Territorial Constituencies and 22 Gram Panchayat wards, exercised their franchise. A total of 5202 male and 5184 female voters cast their votes bringing the voting percentage to 83%.

The voting percentage will further increase after the postal ballots are counted. The Presiding Officers, polling officers along with the EVMs and Election materials have started arriving at Zilla Bhawan Control room.

The first team to arrive was the all women polling party led by CDPO Chungthang, Sonam Lhaden Lachungpa.

South records 77% voter turnout

NAMCHI, 03 Nov (IPR): South Sikkim saw voter turnout of 77% [55,757 voters] for the Zilla and Gram Panchayat elections with the highest voter turnout percentage of 95% recorded at Rolak Kabey Ward under Ben Namprik GPU. The highest number of voters turned out at Tshalamthang Ward under Namphing GPU where 650 voters cast their vote today. The total number of voters in South district is 86,377.

The South Returning Officer (RO), Raj Yadav informed that no law and order situation was reported from any of the 233 Polling Stations located in the South district.

The polling process went off smoothly except for one polling station at Upper Rangang Ward under Yangang Rangang GPU which was taken care of by the concerned Sector Magistrate. The security arrangement **turn to pg02**

West posts 75% turnout

GYALSHING, 03 Nov (IPR): The Panchayat Elections concluded at 4pm here today. As per information received from the office of the Returning Officer, West, no unlawful activities were reported from any of the 305 designated polling booths of the district.

However, slight malfunctioning of the EVMs was reported in five places of the district which were dealt with by the Sector Magis-

trates and the BEL Engineers. Mock polls were also conducted in various places as per the information received from the Returning Officer, Kapil Meena.

According to the latest available data, the total voter turnout for the district stands at 75%.

The counting of votes will begin on 05 November from 8 AM onwards at the District Control Room, Kyongsa Auditorium Hall.

Banks, telecoms to indicate deadline for linking Aadhaar: SC

NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI): The Supreme Court today made it clear that banks and telecom service providers will have to indicate the last date of linking bank accounts and mobile numbers with Aadhaar in their communications with customers.

Currently, the last date to link Aadhaar with bank accounts is December 31 this year while for mobile numbers, it is February 6, 2018. The top court did not pass any interim order on the pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Aadhaar Act as well as linking of 12-digit unique biometric identification number with bank accounts and mobile numbers.

It said that final hearing in all Aadhaar-related issues would start before another bench in the last week of November and that bench would decide on the issue. Moreover, the Centre has already extended the deadline till December 31.

A bench comprising Justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan was told by the advocates representing the petitioners that "panic" was being caused among the people as the messages sent by the banks and mobile service providers were warning

them the services would be deactivated if Aadhaar is not linked.

"We make it clear that in the messages sent by banks and telecom service providers, the date of December 31, 2017 and February 6, 2018, shall also be indicated as the last date of linking Aadhaar with bank accounts and mobile numbers," the bench said. The court issued notice to the Centre on four separate pleas and tagged them with the main petition which would come up for final hearing before a constitution bench.

At the outset, the bench said that since another bench was scheduled to commence the hearing on Aadhaar-related pleas from the last week of November, the matters listed before it should also be decided by that bench.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, representing one of the petitioners, referred to the recent affidavit filed by the Centre and said it has been told by the government that the December 31 deadline for linking Aadhaar with bank accounts may be extended up to March 31, 2018.

"The notification says the process (of linking Aadhaar with bank accounts)

should be completed by December 31, 2017 or else the accounts would cease to operate. Now, they say it may be extended till March 31, 2018. Therefore, till March 31, bank accounts should not be made non-operational," he said.

He said Attorney General K K Venugopal had recently mentioned the matter before Chief Justice Dipak Misra but not made a statement that no coercive action would be taken till March 31, 2018 against those who have not linked their mobiles or bank accounts with Aadhaar.

"The whole idea is not to coerce people. If they are extending the deadlines, this aspect must be clarified," Divan argued while also raising the issue of linking of Aadhaar with mobile numbers.

When the bench asked the Attorney General about it, Venugopal referred to the apex court's judgement declaring right to privacy as a fundamental right and said in that verdict, Justice D Y Chandrachud had emphasised on a robust regime for protection of data.

He said the report of Justice Sri Krishna committee, which has initiated the

process of reviewing the entire issue of data protection, is likely to be ready by first week of March and that is why he had mentioned the matter before the CJI for extension of time till March 31, 2018 for linking of Aadhaar to avail the benefits of various government schemes.

"It was opposed tooth and nail (by the petitioners). The court had said it will hear it in the last week of November," the Attorney General said.

When the petitioners again said the Centre should not take coercive action against anyone till March 31 next year, the bench said, "till December 31, time is already there".

"Since the final hearing in these matters would start in the end of November and time is already extended up to December 31, 2017, there is no need to pass any interim order at this stage.

"However, liberty is granted to the petitioners to press prayer for stay in case the hearing does not take place or continue beyond that," the bench said.

At the fag end of the hearing, senior advocates Arvind Datar, Anand Grover and

KV Vishwanathan, representing the petitioners, said the Centre cannot compel the citizens to link Aadhaar either with bank accounts or mobile numbers.

Datar said that under the prevention of money laundering rules, the government cannot say that bank accounts would be discontinued after December 31 unless linked with Aadhaar.

"There is no doubt that these arguments need consideration. The matter is going to come up in the last week of November and the time (to link Aadhaar with bank accounts) has been extended till December 31," the bench said.

Vishwanathan argued that the Centre should tell the banks and mobile service providers not to send messages to customers threatening them of deactivation of accounts or mobile numbers if they fail to link it with Aadhaar as the "public is in a panicky situation due to this".

On October 30, a bench headed by the CJI had said that a constitution bench would be constituted and Aadhaar-related matters would come up for hearing before it in November last.

NPF Youth wing sit-in-protest continues for the 10th day

KOHIMA, Nov 3 (PTI): The Shurhozelie Lieziet-su faction of Naga People's Front (NPF) Central Youth Wing continued with its indefinite sit-in-protest for the 10th day today protesting the delay of the State Assembly Speaker Imtiwapang Aier in passing ruling on three issues.

NPF Central Youth Wing has been protesting since October 23, with two days break on October 28 and 29, demanding that Aier pass his ruling on three issues pertaining to appointments of NPF Chief Whip, recognition of NPF Legislature Party Leader and disqualification petition against 36 dissident NPF MLAs led by Chief Minister T R Zeliang.

Speaking at the dharna site NPF MLA Yitachu demanded that the Speaker should either accept or reject their petition without further delay.

He said the ongoing dharna would continue till justice is delivered.

NPF Youth Ambassador, Imtibenla Wati in her address alleged that NPF legislators had "betrayed" the trust of the party workers and also the people of Nagaland for the lust of power and money.

NPF Central Youth Wing working president Bendangtoshi informed that since tomorrow and Sunday are public holiday, the sit-in-protest would continue from November 6 next.

State Level Athletics/Painting Competition for children of Child Care Institutions

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 03 NOV:**

The Sikkim State Child Protection Society, under ICPS, SJE&WD, hosted a State Level Athletics/Painting Competition for the Children of Child Care Institutions funded under Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) at Khel Ground, Ranka, Gangtok with the guidance and cooperation of the IRB Team of Ranka.

The winners will be participating in 'Hausla 2017', an Inter - CCI festival hosted by the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India to celebrate the Child Rights Week from 14 Nov (Children's Day) to 20 Nov (International Child Rights day) in New Delhi, informs a press release.

The Child Care Institutions (CCIs) funded



under ICPS are the Children's Homes registered under the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2017 currently functioning in the State for Children in Need of Care and Protection (CNCPS) under the

Act.

The children of these CCIs participated in various activities like painting competition, essay writing competition on child rights, and athletic events like 100 meters race, 100x4 meters re-

lay race, long jump, high jump, chess and football match.

The festival has been organized by the Ministry to inspire and motivate the children residing in these CCIs and mainstreaming them. Under

the aegis of the Ministry, the State level competition was thus organized by the team of ICPS, to enable the children of our State to participate in the National level, the release mentions.

Visually impaired cannot recognise new Rs 50 note: PIL in HC

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and listed the matter for further hearing on December 6.

The plea, filed by three advocates and a company secretary, has claimed that the new Rs 50 notes do not bear any identification mark for visually impaired persons to differentiate between denominations.

They have sought a direction to the RBI to issue the new Rs 50 notes with identification mark for visually impaired persons which should be then approved by the Centre.

The petition by advocate Rohit Dandriyal also sought directions to the authorities to withdraw the Rs 50 notes which do not have any identification marks and stop printing.

It said that according to the RBI, a special feature has been introduced on the left of the watermark window on all notes except the Rs 10 note.

This feature is in different shapes for various denominations. For example, a vertical rectangle denotes a Rs 20 note, a square means Rs 50

(in older notes), triangle and circle for Rs 100, a diamond denoted the Rs 1,000 currency which is not a legal tender now, it said.

These designs are etched into the notes, the plea said.

It has claimed that by issuing such notes, the respondents (government and RBI) "violated the constitutional right of visually impaired persons, which is confirmed by article 14 of the Constitution India i.e. the state shall not deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of India".

Man critically injured in bear attack

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 03 NOV:

A youth was mauled by a Himalayan black bear at Tingzey, Upper Mangshila in North Sikkim this morning. Eshor Limboo [32 years] was attacked while he was collecting fodder in a forest at around 8 a.m. today. Fortunately, his friend shouted and chased the bear away.

He was grievously injured and has been referred to Central Referral Hospital Tadong from STNM. Two major surgeries were performed on the victim and his condition is said to be critical.

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ments made by the District Police were in place and also the various line departments stayed alert to provide essential services in and around the Polling Stations.

The first polling party to reach the strong room was Mikhola Boomtar. Thereafter, various polling parties reached with the EVMs at the strong room in Namchi Senior Secondary School auditorium. It was also informed that all the items have been received and

stored at the strong room under lock and seal with 24/7 security.

The RO further notified that that the EVMs will be opened on the counting day i.e. on 05 Nov in the presence of representatives from various polling parties at 7 a.m. and that the counting will start from 8 a.m. onwards. The RO has requested all contesting candidates to reach the venue on time on the day of counting and that details will be intimated to all contesting candidates

through SMS.

Mr. Yadav also updated that all the polling parties reached the polling stations at 5 p.m. on 02 Nov and that the mock poll was conducted at 7 a.m. on 03 Nov in all the polling stations before the commencement of the actual polls from 8 a.m. onwards. The RO elucidated that some of the EVMs had some problems and that these EVMs were replaced on time by the concerned Sector Magistrates.

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Parents get more control over what kids watch on YouTube

NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI):

With more parental control and a revamped look, the updated kids-friendly video streaming service YouTube Kids will now allow parents to create separate profiles for younger and older children.

Celebrating its first anniversary in India, the update puts parents position of higher control of the content their children in the age group of 2 to 10 years are accessing.

The video application will now let parents create separate profiles for each of their kids and choose between younger or older content levels to manage the types of videos they can watch.



"We're delighted to bring the updated premium experience tailored to kid's age with parents still in charge. We look forward to the next phase of growth with popular Indian language kids content scaling in India and abroad," Don Anderson, Head of Family and Learning Partnerships, YouTube, said.

More in the update,

now the kids can also protect their profiles with a passcode, presumably from their siblings, but parents can still override it.

According to the company, the user interface has also been improved with a new setup process that will give parents detailed information to help them make the right choices before the kids

use the app.

The child-oriented video service was launched last year catering to the growing demand for kids content with Indian creators like HooPlakidz and Chu Chu TV along with some of the global creators.

"It has been an incredible year of growth and adoption of YouTube Kids in India. With improved connectivity and affordable data plans, we have seen enormous growth in creation and consumption of learning and educational content in India, making India the fastest growing YouTube kids country in Asia Pacific," Anderson said.

North East Fest kicks off in Delhi

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 03 NOV:**

North East Festival began at New Delhi today with a roaring performance by the popular heartthrob and singer, Zubeen Garg at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Janpath. Earlier in the day, the North-east Rock Battle set the stage for an exhilarating musical experience with standout performances by many promising rock bands.

A press release informs that the rock battle competition will continue throughout the festival with the finale scheduled to be held on Sunday.

The evening turned haute couture when designers and models from the regions displayed their colourful, chic, and charismatic fabrics from the region.

During a B2B Tourism meet, there was an encouraging discussion on the potential of tourism in the region attended by many thought leaders of the sector. Representatives from Ministry of DoNER, North East Tourism Development Council (NETDC) and many others deliberated about ways and means to push the scope of business of tourism in the region.

More than 30 tour operators from the North East interacted with India's top tour operators about the various tourist attractions that the region offers, the release mentions.

North East icons Papon and Anshu Jamsem-pa were also present at the tourism meet and invited people to visit North East India. Papon emphasised on clean air, clean water and noise free homestays in North East and said that the region is completely peaceful now and ready to welcome tourists.

Among many other events that happened during the day, many dance troupes performed

throughout the day. All these troupes performed more than 30 exotic dance forms like Bamboo Dance from Mizoram, Hojagiri from Tripura, Wangala dance from Meghalaya, Lion dance of Arunachal Pradesh and many more. As a special attraction, there was a Mukha Bhaona from Samuguri Sattri in Majuli, Assam that mesmerized the audience.

With support from NEHDC (North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation), a Buyers-Sellers Meet and Design weekend is being organized, showcasing the top designs of North East to be presented by beautiful North Eastern models and celebrity showstoppers.

North East is famous for its organic fruits and vegetables. With support from NERAMAC (North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation), an Organic hub was presented various organic products of the region including food processing products. North East Festival has helped in creating North Eastern food brands, and many new restaurants have emerged from the Festival. This year also around 30 stalls will present delectable North Eastern cuisines for a mouthwatering experience.

An exhibition of North Eastern films, an Exhibition of Art and Photography, Graphiti, Doodle Art is also an interesting platform for the young artistes of the region who showcased their works.

The North East Festival this year has been a collaborative attempt of IGNC, NEHDC, various Governments of North Eastern States and driven by well-known Socio Cultural Trust, Trend MMS which also organizes the famous Rongali Festival of Assam and Colours of North East in Mumbai.



**Gangtok on
Saturday,
04 Nov**

Temp: 23°C /09°C
Forecast: Mostly
sunny and pleasant.
Sunrise: 05:47 AM
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Drunken driving ends in accdt in Legship

**SUMMIT REPORT
GYALSHING, 03 Nov:**

A driver, the sole occupant of the taxi at the time, was injured in road mishap here at 8th Mile Turning, Legship, at around 9 PM on 02 November.

As per police records, the 32 year old driver, proceeding towards 4th Mile, Gylashing, from Legship lost control of the vehicle at this spot and tumbled around 150ft off the road.

The accident was noticed by people and the injured driver immediately evacuated to the District Hospital at Gyalshing where he is undergoing treatment and likely to be taken in custody on charges of rash driving.

Police records reveal that the Medical Officer on duty when the injured driver was brought in attested that the driver was under the influence of alcohol at the time of examination.

3 charged with assaulting SDF candidate

SUMMIT REPORT

RABONGLA, 03 Nov: The SDF candidate for Samruk ward here, Lachi Rai, has filed a police complaint against Hissey Ongmu Bhutia, Narmaya Rai and Tseten Bhutia, alleging that the trio assaulted here on Thursday evening when she was in the residence of one Sanchu Kumari Rai. She has suffered simple injuries and efforts are reportedly underway to trace the accused.

Brothers beat each other up

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 03 Nov: Two brothers ended up beating each other to the hospital at Kolbung in South Sikkim here on Thursday night. Eye witness accounts recorded in police reports suggest that both were under the influence of alcohol at the time and quarreled over Panchayat election related matters.

The case came to light when the wife of one of the brothers filed an FIR against her 75 year old brother-in-law alleging that her husband was assaulted at home by his brother. Now, both are under medical observation at the District Hospital here and the case is under investigation.

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IFOAM delegation visits South Sikkim

NAMCHI, 03 Nov [IPR]: A day-long field visit to showcase Sikkim's organic development at various villages under South district organized by the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture for a team from International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movement (IFOAM) was held today.

The IFOAM delegates from countries such as Germany, Vietnam and Zimbabwe were accompanied by Secretary, Horticulture Department, Khorlo

Bhutia alongside senior officials and field functionaries of the host department.

The team during its visit examined and observed various aspects involved in the process of organic farming. The delegates were also briefed about the varied processing activities; methods of propagation used for different fruit crops and also enlightened over how mix crops including fruits, vegetables, cash crops are cultivated as an organic produce.

Use of organic wastes which includes usage of crop, animal and farm waste and other biological materials to release nutrients to crops for increased sustainable production in an eco-friendly pollution free environment were also spelt out during this visit.

The IFOAM delegates visited Agro-mart in Temi Zero, Temi Tea factory, Joubari and Bull where they visited various organic farmlands and interacted with the farmers.

A detailed presentation on

Temi tea and its organic journey since the year 2008 was presented by MD, Temi Tea, Mrinalini Shrivastav.

It may be mentioned here that the nine-member delegation who are on an eight-day visit to Sikkim will be attending the Organic Congress – "The transition to Organic: Experiences and the way forward" and workshop on marketing at Gangtok on 04 Nov which will be also attended by Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling.

SMIT Chemistry Dept organises two-day lecture workshop

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 03 Nov:**

A two-day lecture workshop on 'Emerging Trends in Chemistry and its Pharmaceutical Applications' was held at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology (SMIT) on 30-31 Oct.

As per a press release, the workshop was organized by the Department of Chemistry, SMIT and sponsored by Indian Academy of Sciences [Bangalore], Indian National Science Academy [New Delhi] and The National Academy of Sciences [Allahabad].

The Coordinator of the lecture workshop was Prof. (Dr.) Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya, Professor, Department of Chemistry, SMIT and the Convener was Prof. (Dr.) Brindaban Chandra Ranu, FASc, FNA, INSA Senior Scientist, Department of Organic Chemistry, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Jadavpur, Kolkata.

On 30 Oct, the work-



shop was inaugurated by the chief guest Lt. Gen. (Dr.) M D Venkatesh, VSM (Retd), Vice Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University. Also present were Dr. A Garg [Director SMIT], Prof. (Dr.) Arun Chattopadhyay [Dept. of Chemistry and Centre for Nanotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati] and Prof. (Dr.) Sangeeta Jha [HOD

Chemistry, SMIT].

Among the participants, students from Department of Chemistry (SMIT), NIT Sikkim, Sikkim University and Himalayan Pharmacy Institute (Sikkim) as well as faculty members from SMIT and other institutes were present.

Eight lectures were delivered by various resource persons from

SMIT and other premier institutes in these two days of the workshop, the release mentions.

Prof. (Dr.) Brindaban Chandra Ranu, IACS Kolkata, Prof. (Dr.) Arun Chattopadhyay, IIT Guwahati and Prof. (Dr.) Pratim Kumar Chattaraj, IIT Kharagpur were some of the eminent resource persons of the workshop.

The Coordinator of

the workshop Prof. (Dr.) Nayan Kamal Bhattacharyya said that the objective of the workshop is to motivate students to pursue higher studies and take up research as their future career. He also stated that Department of Chemistry, SMIT will organize similar workshops for the graduate and post graduate students in the near future.

About 18 lakh service personnel enroll as voters

NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI): Nearly 18 lakh service personnel, including members of the armed forces, have so far enrolled as voters in the fresh electoral rolls prepared by the Election Commission from scratch to do away with errors.

At a recent seminar on service voters, the commission had hoped that 23 lakh such electors would be enrolled.

This was for the first time that the registration process was carried out online using the service voter portal of the poll panel, the EC said in a statement.

Members of the armed forces, central armed police forces, personnel of state police forces posted outside their state and employees of the Centre posted

outside India are eligible to be enrolled as service voters.

The wife of a service voter, if she is residing with him, is also entitled to be enrolled as a service voter in the constituency specified by that person.

While the final publication of electoral rolls was done on October 23, the commission has allowed remaining service personnel to register as voters, the EC said.

The poll panel had found that the electoral rolls of service voters were faulty as many of those who had ceased to be in service or had passed away, continued to be part of the rolls, EC functionaries explained.

The draft rolls, published on October 4, contained names of 17,60,392 service personnel.

Competence best judged by higher judiciary, not IB: SC Collegium

NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI): Professional competence of those being considered for appointment as judges can best be determined by the members of the higher judiciary and not by the Intelligence Bureau (IB), the Supreme Court collegium has said.

The apex court collegium, headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra, has said this while recommending the names of three of the four advocates for appointment as judges of the Jharkhand High Court.

"As regards comments of Intelligence Bureau about professional competence...we are of the view that professional competence can best be determined by the members of the higher judiciary who have the opportunity to observe his performance on a daily basis," the collegium, which also comprised Justices J Chelameswar and Ranjan Gogoi, said.

"As regards comments touching upon his integrity, the same are qualified by Intelligence Bureau's own statement that 'there is nothing on record'. In our view, it would not be appropriate to take cognisance of any unsubstantiated information based on dis-

creet inquiries made by the Intelligence Bureau," the collegium said.

The apex court collegium has recommended the names of advocates Rajesh Kumar, Anubha Rawat Choudhary and Kailash Prasad Deo for appointment as judges of the Jharkhand High Court after finding them suitable for elevation to the bench.

"Their inter se seniority be fixed as per the existing practice," it said.

Similarly, the collegium has also recommended the name of advocate Arindam Lodh for elevation as a judge of the Tripura High Court.

The collegium also dealt with proposal for appointment of three additional judges as permanent judges of the Gauhati High Court.

It noted in its resolution that terms of two out of these three additional judges was going to expire shortly on November 21.

The collegium has said that at present, the two out of these three judges be appointed as additional judges for a fresh term of one year with effect from November 22, while one of them be appointed as additional judge for a fresh term of one year from January 7, 2018.

UBA signs hoopster Satnam Singh



MUMBAI, Nov 3 (PTI): Satnam Singh has become the first Indian player to be signed by the United Basketball Alliance for its season 5.

AC Green, Director of Sport at the UBA of India, has announced the signing of Satnam, who two years ago became the first Indian national to be drafted into the NBA League.

With this signing, UBA continues to reaffirm its commitment towards the growth of Indian basketball by giving the players an opportunity to play at the highest level.

Satnam made history when he was drafted in the second round of the 2015 NBA Draft by the Dallas Mavericks with the 52nd overall pick.

The 7'2" hoopster from Punjab played for the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA's Summer League and spent two years with the Texas Legends, a G-League affiliate of the

Mavericks.

Satnam was awarded a scholarship in the USA at the IMG Academy Florida in 2010, and spent the next five years honing his talent to a level worthy of being drafted in the NBA.

His inspirational life story was the subject of a documentary "One in a Billion".

Praising Satnam's game Green said, "I watched Satnam play in the NBA during his time in the United States while I was working with the Los Angeles Lakers. We are happy that Satnam has the opportunity to play in India in front of his friends, family and fans in the upcoming UBA Season 5."

Hailing from Ballo Ke village in Punjab, Satnam was just nine years old and almost six feet tall when he arrived at the Ludhiana Basketball Academy to train under the tutelage of India's legendary coach Dr Subramanian.

Talking about his association with UBA and his desire to take basketball in India to the next level, Satnam said, "I want to play an active role in the journey to take Indian basketball to the next level. I'm very excited to play in the UBA along with the best players from India and abroad."

"I've been working for an opportunity to show what I can do and this will be the perfect stage for me to compete at the highest level in front of my fans in India. UBA also gives me an opportunity to work on my game and see the love for basketball grow in this country."

Satnam had few opportunities to play for India over the years due to his training commitments and constraints in the United States.

Now at the age of 21, this will be the first time Satnam will play in front of Indian fans when he makes his UBA debut this season.

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Unfortunately, Even Etiquette Needs To Be Enforced

Honking curtailed, let's try and curtail mobile phone urges now

Drive out to any section of road in Sikkim where traffic cops are unlikely to spy on the driving habits of the hands controlling the wheels, and you are bound to come across drivers chatting away on their mobile phones. An occasional driver might have the hands-free option to service his telecom-dependence, but a majority will have a hand pressed to their ears to keep conversations going. The frequency of such sightings is unnerving, but the practice continues. As the town limits approach, so do the artful dodges to evade detection. And this is only one of the risks and irritations one suffers on Sikkim roads.

Driving into Gangtok is not an experience recommended for those short on patience. The windfall of EMI-option ownership has littered the roads with more vehicles than can move unhindered on the capital's hemmed by buildings roads. For a highway, a national one at that, NH10 in Gangtok is ridiculously ambushed by bottlenecks in its course up the Gangtok hill, and any drive to town needs lurching and stalling through serpentine stretches of idling vehicles and groaning engines and moaning passengers. What is now noticeably missing from the experience is the harassment of near ceaseless honking by the more impatient drivers who somehow believe that the horn helps clear out jams. Well, they didn't, at least not in Sikkim, but the relative calm of reduced honking on Gangtok roads has made the traffic snarls slightly less unnerving. This, largely thanks to the bordering on facetious sight of traffic police personnel displaying banners discouraging avoidable honking. Drivers and commuters are not used to traffic cops making such sober 'appeals', given that its reprimands or tough traffic management that they are normally seen doing, and it is perhaps for this reason that the placard effort was initially either not noticed, or suspected of being even a prank. But the uniform is a powerful medium to convey messages it seems, and thus, without any challoans being cut or drivers embarrassed on the highway, the Gangtok propensity to honk every time the vehicle ahead so much as slows down, has been quelled. Of course, the occasional instinctive pressing of the horn still happens, but more and more drivers are learning to control their urge only because the cops have been strict.

The honking on Gangtok roads has come down for this reason and not because of a realisation that it is irritating, disturbing, unnecessary or [noise] pollution-causing, and with that is reinforced the dejection that despite everything, even etiquette, unfortunately, needs to be enforced. Since the traffic personnel have achieved so much so quickly for Gangtok and Sikkim's other towns, it is hoped that they also fashion some means of saving commuters from irresponsible driving common on Sikkim roads, the perpetually talking on phone syndrome requiring immediate attention. And this effort needs to move beyond the city roads and needs interventions along the otherwise not-policed stretches.

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Particle physicists discover mysterious structure in Great Pyramid – here's how they did it

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Particle physicists have uncovered a large, hidden void in Khufu's Pyramid, the largest pyramid in Giza, Egypt – built between 2600 and 2500 BC. The discovery, published in Nature, was made using cosmic-ray based imaging and may help scientists work out how the enigmatic pyramid was actually constructed.

The technology works by tracking particles called muons. They are very similar to electrons – having the same charge and a quantum property called spin – but are 207 times heavier. This difference in mass is quite important as it turns out it determines how these particles interact when hitting matter.

Highly energetic electrons emit electromagnetic radiation, such as X-rays, when they hit solid matter – making them lose energy and get stuck in the target material. Due to the muon's much higher mass, this emission of electromagnetic radiation is suppressed by a factor of 207 squared compared to electrons. As a result, muons are not stopped so quickly by any material, they are highly penetrative.

Muons are commonly produced in cosmic rays. The Earth's upper atmosphere is constantly bombarded with charged particles from the sun but also from sources outside of our solar system. It is the latter that provide the more energetic cosmic rays that can produce muons and other particles in a chain of reactions.

As muons have a relatively long lifetime and are pretty stable, they are the most numerous particles seen from cosmic rays at ground level. And although a lot of energy is lost on the way, muons with very high energies do occur.

DOING SCIENCE WITH MUONS

The particles are fairly easy to detect. They produce a thin trail of "ionisation" along the path they take – which means that they knock electrons off atoms, leaving the atoms charged. This is quite handy, allowing scientists



using several detectors to follow the path of the muon back to its origin. Also, if there's a lot of material in the way of the muon, it can lose all of its energy and stop in the material and decay (split into other particles) before being detected.

These properties make muons great candidates for taking images of objects that otherwise are impenetrable or impossible to observe. Just like bones produce a shadow on a photographic film exposed to X-rays, a heavy and dense object with a high atomic number will produce a shadow or a reduction in the number of muons being able to pass through that object.

The first time muons were used in this way was in 1955, when E. P. George measured the overburden of rock over a tunnel by comparing the muon flux outside and inside of the said tunnel. The first known attempt to take a deliberate "muogram" happened in 1970 when Luis W. Alvarez looked for extended caverns in the second pyramid of Giza, but found none.

Within the last decade or so, muon tomography has experienced a bit of a fresh boost. In 2007, a Japanese collaboration took a muogram of the crater of the volcano Mt Asama to investigate its inside structure.

Muon scans are also being used to investigate the Fukushima reactor remnants. In the UK, the University

of Sheffield is proposing to use measurements of the muon flux to monitor carbon storage sites.

EXPLORING KHUFU

The easiest way to use muons to investigate large objects such as a pyramid is to look for differences in the muon flux coming through it. A solid pyramid would leave a shadow or a reduction in the number of muons in that direction. If there is a large hollow void inside the pyramid the muon flux would be increased in the direction of that void. The bigger the difference between "solid" and "hollow" the easier it becomes.

All you need to do is sit somewhere near the ground, look a bit upwards from the horizon towards the pyramid and count the number of muons coming from every direction. As cosmic muons need to be somewhat energetic to pass through a whole pyramid and as our detector "eyes" are relatively small, we need to sit there and count for quite a while, typically several months in order to count enough muons. In the same way as we have two eyes to get a 3D image of the world in our brains, we want two separate detector "eyes" to get a 3D image of the void inside the pyramid.

The interesting thing about the approach of this team is that they have chosen three different detector technologies to investigate the pyramid. The first one is a bit old fash-

ioned but offers a supreme resolution of the resulting image: photographic plates which get blackened by the ionisation. These were left for months inside of one of the known chambers in the pyramid and analysed in Japan after data taking was finished.

For the second method plastic "scintillators" that produce a light flash when a charged particle passes through them were employed. These kinds of detectors are used in several modern neutrino experiments.

And finally chambers filled with gas, where the ionisation caused by the charged particles can be monitored, were used to look directly along the direction of the newly discovered cavern.

The electronic signal of those detectors was directly phoned back to Paris via a 3G data link. Of course a pyramid with three known caverns and a large hollow gallery inside is a bit of a complex object to take a muogram of (it only shows light and dark). So often these pictures need to be compared to a computer simulation of the cosmic muons and the known pyramid, with warts and all. In this case, a careful analysis of the pictures of the three detectors and the computer simulation yielded the discovery of a 30 metre long void, up to now unknown, inside of the Great Pyramid of Giza. What a great success for a new toolkit.

The technique can now help us study the detailed shape of this void. While we don't know anything about the role of the structure, research projects involving scientists from other backgrounds could build on this study to help us discover more about its function.

It's great to see how cutting-edge particle physics can help us shed light on the most ancient human culture. Perhaps we are witnessing the beginning of a revolution in science – making it truly interdisciplinary.

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Is drinking wine really good for your heart?

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As the weekend approaches, people are opening wine bottles in bars and restaurants and homes around the world, ready to kick back and relax.

This relationship with wine has a long history. The oldest known winery, dating back to 4100 B.C., was discovered in 2010 by archeologists in an Armenian cave. Wine was used in ceremonies by the Egyptians, traded by the Phoenicians, honoured by the Greek God Dionysus and the Roman God Bacchus. By 2014, humanity was consuming more than 24 million liters of wine every year globally. Now there is some fear that extreme weather events in western Europe during 2017 have reduced production substantially and prices of this high-demand commodity are set to rise.

So why is wine so popular? Aside from its flavours, and capacity to help people relax, wine has gained something of a reputation as a "healthy" alcohol — with researchers in the past noting associations between red wine drinking in France, and lower incidence of heart disease.

However, wine drinking is also known to increase risks of serious health issues, including liver cirrhosis, sudden cardiac death, alcoholic cardiomyopathies and cardiac rhythm disorders. Excessive consumption and chronic misuse of alcohol are risk factors contributing to an increase in global disease.

How does the average drinker know what to believe? And how much wine is safe? As medical researchers, we recently published an in-depth analysis of the anatomy of wine. This included analysis of the risks and benefits of consumption, comparisons with other alcoholic beverages and a discussion around wine's much publicised health benefits.

WINE AND HEART DISEASE

Modern scientific intrigue surrounding wine has grown immensely since the 1970s, when large, international studies first reported a link between light-to-moderate consumption of alcohol and lower rates of ischemic heart disease (IHD) occurrence and associated deaths. IHDs are a group of diseases characterised by a reduced blood flow to the heart, and account for significant deaths worldwide.

Similar results have been reported individually for wine, specifically red wine. This phenomenon was eventually coined "the French paradox" after Renaud and de Lorgeril, two scientists who became known for this work, observed a relatively low risk of IHD-associated mortality in red wine drinkers de-

spite a consumption of a diet rich in saturated fat.

Does this mean red wine is good for the heart? This is a complex question and as yet there is no consensus on the answer. More than one factor needs to be considered in order to explain this situation. Drinking patterns, lifestyle characteristics and dietary intake are all important for individuals to obtain a healthy cardiovascular profile.

The Mediterranean diet has been put forward as one explanation. This diet emphasizes consumption of plant-based foods in addition to the moderate consumption of red wine and has been labelled as beneficial by scientific advisory committees.

In the Mediterranean diet, the low-consumption of saturated fat, emphasis on a healthy lifestyle, and more independently, alpha-linoleic acid (an essential fatty acid) and red wine, may allow this diet to confer the much researched cardio-protective benefits.

CHOLESTEROL, INFLAMMATION, BLOOD PRESSURE

Red wine contains over 500 different chemical substances. One class, called "polyphenols," has been widely investigated for imparting the apparent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects of red wine.

Alcohol and polyphenols are thought to have several positive health impacts. One is a contribution to an increase in HDL-cholesterol or "good cholesterol" and a decrease in LDL-oxidation or "bad cholesterol." They also contribute to a decrease in inflammation. They are thought to increase insulin sensitivity. And they are understood to improve blood pressure.

There is no consistent pattern when wine is compared to beer and spirits. Some report wine's superiority in a reduction from IHD and mortality. Others report it for beer and spirits. Others suggest there is no difference. This suggests that alcohol and polyphenols both contribute to explaining the French paradox, in addition to lifestyle factors.

Despite the beneficial effects of wine and alcohol consumption, drinking is still a potential risk-factor for atrial fibrillation, the most-common "rhythm alteration" of the heart.

HOW MUCH SHOULD YOU DRINK?

In much of the research, adverse effects were increasingly observed with excessive or binge-consumption of wine, while low-to-moderate intakes lowered IHD and mortality risks.

In response, various governing bodies have come forth with guidelines for alcohol consumption. These follow similar patterns, but vary remarkably by country and source. And the definition of "one standard drink" used in each guideline

is highly variable, and discrepant between country borders. This causes great confusion. Readers should be wary of this when interpreting alcohol consumption guidelines.

The World Health Organization recommends low-risk alcohol consumption of no more than two standard drinks per day with at least two non-drinking days during the week. Here one standard drink is defined as 10 g of pure ethanol.

The American Heart Association recommends alcohol in moderation — less than or equal to one to two drinks per day for men and one drink per day for women. Here one drink is defined as 12 oz. of beer, 4 oz. of wine, 1.5 oz. of 80-proof spirits, or 1 oz. of 100-proof spirits.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2015 – 2020 developed by the United States Department of Agriculture recommends a moderate consumption of alcohol. This equates to up to two standard drinks per day for men and one for women. Here, one standard drink is defined as 14 g of pure ethanol.

The Canadian Centre for Addiction and Mental Health guidelines recommend low-risk alcohol consumption — up to three drinks per day for men and two for women. One drink is defined as 12 oz. of 5 per cent beer, 5 oz. of 12 per cent wine, and 1.5 oz. of 40 per cent spirits.

FUTURE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Observational data around alcohol consumption and heart health suggests that a light-to-moderate intake, in regular amounts, appears to be healthy. However, when mathematical models have been applied to determine causation (an approach known as Mendelian randomization) the results have been mixed.

Some studies have found light-to-moderate drinking beneficial, while others have reported long-term alcohol consumption to be harmful for the heart.

For doctors, it is quite clear what to recommend to patients when it comes to diet, exercise and smoking. Given the inconsistencies in the findings relating to alcohol, and wine specifically, recommendations for consumption are less obvious.

For wine drinkers too, definitive answers on wine and health remain elusive. There is, however, immense research potential in this area for the future.

And as all the guidelines say, one or two glasses of red wine tonight will be just fine.

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Mizoram
govt for
CBI probe
into Central
subsidy
scam: CM

AIZAWL, Nov 3 (PTI): Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla today said the state government has given its consent for a CBI probe into the Central subsidy scam.

Addressing Congress workers here, Lal Thanhawla, who is also the president of Mizoram Pradesh Congress Committee said the state government has the power to request the CBI to investigate the scam.

In the Central subsidy scam, a company, Mizo Carbon Products had been accused of receiving crores of rupees under the Central Transport Subsidy (CTS) and the Central Investment Subsidy (CIS) by allegedly forging government documents.

Meanwhile, the opposition Mizo National Front (MNF), in a press statement said that Lal Thanhawla government had initially refused a CBI probe into Central subsidy scam and it was the Gauhati High Court that had decided to order the CBI investigations.



SSB SEIZES RS. 12 LAKH WORTH OF COUGH SYRUPS AND N10 IN SLG

RANIDANGA, 03 Nov [PIB]: Today, in a joint operation with Narcotics Control Bureau, the 41st Bn SSB at Ranidanga, acting on the basis of "specific inputs" seized prohibited drugs and apprehended one lady of Haidarpara, Siliguri with a sizeable consignment of prescription drugs much abused in the region. The banned drugs are Phencyrex syrup (5,400 bottles), Rexdryl syrup (4,680 bottles), Wiroyf syrup (200 bottles), Onexer syrup (1,199 bottles) and 8,000 Nitrosun-10 tablets. The total cost of these prohibited medicines is projected at Rs. 12 lakh.

BJP to contest all seats
in Mizoram

AIZAWL, Nov 3 (PTI): The BJP would not forge any pre-electoral alliance with Mizo National Front, a constituent of the BJP-led North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) and would contest all the seats in the Mizoram Assembly election to be held next year, a senior party leader said today.

BJP National Secretary for Scheduled Tribe Morcha, Hayithung Bill Lotha told media persons here that the BJP would contest all the 40-seats in the Mizoram Assembly election.

He claimed the BJP would win the Mizoram Assembly election and would form the government in the state.

Lotha said the party would not announce the name of the chief ministerial candidate for the Mizoram Assembly election.

The BJP National Secretary for Scheduled Tribe Morcha said he and other party leaders had so far visited 20 assembly constituencies including the remotest Siaha and Lawngtlai districts.

Lotha also claimed that the BJP would also form the government in Tripura and also form coalition government with like-minded parties in Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Assembly elections in Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland are due next year.

Jharkhand govt gives
approval for production
of 20 films

RANCHI, Nov 3 (PTI): The Jharkhand government has given its approval for production of 20 films in the picturesque state which was blessed with an abundance of natural beauty.

The approval was given on the recommendation of members of the technical committee of the Jharkhand Film Development Corporation (JFDC), an official release said yesterday.

Of the 20 films approved for production in the state, it includes four Santali films, three films each in Nagpuri, Bhojpuri and Bangla, Khortha one and six Hindi films, it said.

Majority of the shooting of these films would take place at various locations in the state.

'Begam Jaan', 'A death in the Gunj', 'Ranchi Diary' and 'Ajab Singh ki Gajab Kahani', which were filmed at various locations in Jharkhand, have been released since the formation of the JFDC in 2016, the release said.

At present, six films produced in the state were on the floor. Santali Film 'Rofa' was ready for release.

The JFDC would be granting a sum of Rs one to two crores to films produced in Jharkhand.

On the directive of Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das, a Jharkhand Film Policy was framed by the Information and Public Relation Department under the guidance of his Principal Secretary Sanjay Kumar in 2015.

The objective was to develop Jharkhand as a favorable film making destination as well as to attract maximum tourists through publicity of its natural beauty, tourists spots, culture, folk dances etc.

Apart from providing a proper platform for artistes and film producers, the aim was to attract investment through film industry and generate employment opportunities, the release added.



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 - Class XII passed certificate and mark sheet from a recognized Board.
 - Certificate of Diploma in Computer Application from a recognized Centre.
 - Certificate of Typing with a minimum speed of 35 words per minute from a recognized Institute.
- The application along with attested copies of the documents mentioned in paragraph (3) above should reach the office of the Member Secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok on or before **30th November, 2017 (Thursday) between 10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.** No applications will be entertained after 30.11.2017 on any ground.
- Names of the candidates found eligible on preliminary scrutiny of their applications will be displayed on the 'Notice Board' of the Office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on **8th December, 2017 (Friday) between 10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.**
- Candidates found eligible on scrutiny of the applications for the post of Data-Entry Operator will be required to appear for **Technical Test on 15th December 2017(Friday)** in the morning at 10:00 a.m. followed by **the Viva-Voce** on the same day (afternoon) in the Office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok.
- Admit Card for the candidates eligible to sit for the interview may be collected from the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on **8th to 14th December, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.**
- No separate calling letters will be issued to the eligible candidates.
- Candidates are required to bring all their documents in original when they appear for the technical test and viva-voce. No T.A./D.A. shall be paid for appearing in the interview/Viva-Voce.
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Bleaching powder won't
do, crush eggs to tame
dengue: Expert

KOLKATA, Nov 3 (PTI): As West Bengal is grappling with the outbreak of dengue, an expert has observed that spraying of bleaching powder or insecticides will be ineffective as mosquito eggs cannot be crushed by it.

The senior entomologist is of the view elimination of mosquito eggs is the only way to tame dengue.

"Spreading bleaching powder or spraying insecticide will not help in controlling dengue because bleaching powder does not crush the eggs laid by dengue mosquitoes. Effect of these insecticides lasts half-an-hour or at the most one hour.



It kills only mosquitoes, a scientist of the Zoological Survey of India, Dr Devi Shankar Suman told PTI.

"The primary source of dengue mosquito is larval habitat which they lay around. So the most important part is to finish off the eggs," he said.

The West Bengal government has ordered civic bodies to spread bleaching powder in areas where dengue cases have been reported.

So far, there have been 13 deaths in state-run hospitals due to dengue while over 20,000 cases reported from parts of the city and its surrounding suburbs.

Describing eggs of dengue mosquitoes as the "strongest stage in the life-cycle of mosquitoes carrying the virus", Suman said that the biological characteristics of this mosquito were very different and unless and until they were understood, it would be difficult to destroy it.

"To smash the eggs, you have to spray insecticide within 24 hours because after that the eggs create a protective layer around them and not let any insecticide penetrate it. So you need a 1,000-time more stronger dose of insecticide to quash them. Egg is the strongest stage in the life-cycle of dengue mosquitoes," he added.

The entomologist has been conducting a research work on mosquitoes and has collected samples from several areas like New Alipore, Maheshtala, Garia and Botanical Gardens and other places in the city.

He disagreed with doctors' claims that dengue this season had changed character making it more difficult to deal with.

Elaborating on the character of the mosquitoes, he said that dengue mosquitoes lived in the periphery of houses and it could breed in one-litre of water as well as in water contained in a bottle cap.

"Locating the breeding place is more important before spraying insecticides here and there. Recent research shows that there is no successful method to penetrate in those bottle caps or cans we use daily. Only people can eliminate the vector. If it is not repetitive, it will not be effective.

We do not have the tools and techniques to smash the eggs," he said.

Dengue mosquitoes lay eggs on moist soil which can last up to a year, until the ground is flooded again, he said.

According to the ZSI scientist, dengue mosquitoes can fly up to 200 metre and people should be very cautious if any dengue case is reported from a particular locality.

"It bites mostly during day time when humans are active but not at night. We must remember that dengue mosquitoes do not lay eggs in dirty water but in water which are kept in a place for over a period of time," he said.

"Once dengue mosquitoes enter a locality, it is almost impossible to drive them away from that area. Once they lay eggs, those will remain intact for the next six months or even a year," he said.

Kerala to host global poetry fest with Racism as theme

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 3 (PTI): An array of global poets will recite their verses in the Kerala capital as part of an international poetry festival beginning here on November 9.

The 11th edition of Kritiya International Poetry Festival is expected to have participants from various countries, including Turkey, Estonia, Spain, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Sweden, Mexico, Canada, Egypt, Mongolia and South Africa, its organisers said.

The three-day event, whose theme is 'Poetry against Xenophobia and Racism', would also have participation from various Indian languages including Malayalam, Gujarati, Urdu, Hindi, Panjabi and Marathi.

The theme has become more relevant in present times when all over the world there is an atmosphere of hatred and crime against all kinds of minorities such as gender, race religion, language and culture, Kritiya Literary Trust, the organisers, said in a statement. State-run Bharat Bhavan here and Raza Foundation, New Delhi, are the co-partners of the event.

The main aim of the festival is to plant a seed of global harmony and love across the societies especially among the young generation, they said.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will inaugurate the poetry fest at Bharath Bhavan and the function would be presided over by poet Ashok Vajpeyi, who is also the Managing trustee of Raza Foundation.

Followed by the inaugural ceremony, a tribute to renowned Malayalam poet late O N V Kurup would be paid by way of live painting along with recitation of his poems in five foreign languages by well known international poets. Live painting will be done by eminent artist and painter B D Dethan, it said.

As part of the festival, a session of 'Poetry Therapy' would be held for prison inmates of Poojapura Central Prison here.

India look to wrap up series, New Zealand aim fightback

SS RAMASWAMY

RAJKOT, Nov 3 (PTI): India are poised for their third T20 International series triumph in five years but would be wary of a strong fightback from the usually plucky New Zealand when the two sides clash in the second game of the three-match series here tomorrow.

The comprehensive 53-run victory in the series opener at Delhi has put India firmly in the saddle for sweeping to a winning 2-0 lead at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium here in Kandheri.

The resounding victory, riding on the exhilarating batting exploits of their top-order and, in particular openers Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma, was the country's first-ever over the Kiwis in the shortest form of the game.

The 2007 World T20 champions have produced impressive death bowling with Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah leading the pace department, while the spinners also pitched in with some excellent bowling in the middle overs.

Considering the immense all-round strength that the hosts boast of, it's going to be a Herculean task for the Kane Williamson-led New Zealand to prevent India from surging to a third T20I series victory in eight contests, going back to 2012-13, three of which were drawn encounters.

The last game is scheduled at Thiruvananthapuram on November 7.

The Indian top order batting,



with superb stroke-makers in Dhawan, Sharma and Kohli, has to be tamed early if New Zealand hope to carry on the fight till the series-ending game.

Dhawan and Sharma put on a record 158-run partnership that went into the 16th over to ensure that India ended up with a plus-200 total despite a brief wobble towards the end.

The Black Caps' new ball attack of Trent Boult and Tim Southee lacked discipline in Delhi. It's a bit of a surprise that these two experi-

enced Kiwi bowlers have been ineffective with yorkers at the death, unlike the Indian duo of Bumrah and Bhuvneshwar.

And the catching too has let the Black Caps down in contrast to some superb outfield efforts by the Men in Blue.

"We were outplayed in all the areas, fielding included, which is something we pride ourselves on and something we need to be much better at in Twenty20 cricket," Williamson had said after the Delhi loss to Virat Kohli-led India.

Kohli has led the team from the front and is himself fast approaching the 2000-run landmark in T20Is.

If the top batsmen fall cheaply, there are others spearheaded by former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni to come to the home team's rescue.

In slow bowling too leggie Yuzvendra Chahal has continued to trouble the Black Caps' batsmen, in particular captain Williamson and senior pro Ross Taylor who is unable to read the twirl on the ball off

the wrist spinner's hand.

Only the left-handed Tom Latham, among the visiting team's batsmen, has shown a consistently sound and effective approach against the spin bowlers.

India had clinched back-to-back wins in the last two games of the 50-over ODI rubber for a 2-1 verdict in their favour.

Incidentally, this would be the second T20 International to be played at this venue on the outskirts of the city which was the home venue of IPL side Gujarat Lions earlier this year. The first one was against Australia in October, 2013, won by the home side.

It has also hosted two ODIs at this stadium in 2013 and 2015 and in both these games India ended up on the losing side against England and South African respectively.

It became a Test venue last season when India played against England.

Teams (from):

India: Virat Kohli (capt), Rohit Sharma, Jasprit Bumrah, Yuzvendra Chahal, Shikhar Dhawan, Mahendra Singh Dhoni, Shreyas Iyer, Dinesh Karthik, Kuldeep Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohammed Siraj, Manish Pandey, Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, KL Rahul.

New Zealand: Kane Williamson (capt), Todd Astle, Trent Boult, Tom Bruce, Colin de Grandhomme, Martin Guptill, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Henry Nicholls, Adam Milne, Colin Munro, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee.

Migratory birds arrive in Bhitarkanika National Park



KENDRAPARA (ODISHA), Nov 03 (PTI): Much to the ornithologists delight, migratory birds have started arriving at the wetland spots of the Bhitarkanika National Park in Kendrapara district.

The marshy and swampy wetland spots in the Bhitarkanika National Park have again emerged as a congenial and human-interference-free winter habitat for feathered guests from cool northern hemisphere, officials said.

"Their flight has started from the past one week. Roughly around 20,000 birds have so far been sighted. Their number will rise steadily in coming days," said Divisional Forest Officer, Rajnagar Mangrove (wildlife) Forest Division, Bimal Prasanna Acharya.

For the past one week, flocks of these winter guests are crowding the Satabhaya, Habelikhathi, Eka-kula, Raipatia water bodies and creeks. The habitat of these birds

extends around ten km stretch, he said.

There is ample food for the birds as the place is crisscrossed by innumerable water inlets and nullahs and is free of human interference, the DFO said.

Prominent among the winged visitors to Bhitarkanika this time are Indian Skimmers, Grey Pelicans and White-backed Vultures, Lesser Adjutant and Grater Spotted Eagles. All of these sighted species are conferred endangered status under the International Union for Conservation for Nature (IUCN) s Red Book Data containing the list of highly threatened animals worldwide, said forest officials.

Other delicate and prominent birds sighted this time are Black-tailed Godwit, Northern Pin-tail, Lesser Whistling Duck, Grey Plover, Egret Spotted Bills, Oriental Darter, White Belley Seagull and Black-necked Stork.

These species barring the White-backed Vultures are winter migrant avian creatures from northern hemisphere and cool places like Ladakh. They prefer Bhitarkanika wetlands for its unique eco-system and cool and serene environment.

Unbearable cold during winter months forces these migrant species to temporarily leave their original habitat.

The Chilika lake and the Bhitarkanika wetland spots are the favoured destination of migratory birds, officials said.

Lack of human interference, ideal climatic condition, cool breeze and the river system here have emerged to the liking of these delicate chirpy winged species. This itself is a positive sign and thus further research on the behavioural pattern of these threatened species is being taken up, said wildlife officials.

A museum which offers kids the space to dream

LEKSHMI GOPALAKRISHNAN

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Nov 3 (PTI): It was a place where the city children's dreams got wings long before the advent of amusement parks.

The decades-old Dolls Museum here, though may have lost its old sheen now with competition from mobile games and TV cartoons, still offers a space for children especially the underprivileged to entertain themselves at an affordable rate.

Named after the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the museum, set up in 1980s, has more than 3,000 dolls, made of China clay, papier mache, cloth, coir, wood, rubber, ceramics, mud and plastic.

The dolls, displayed in six rooms of the museum, not only kindle dreams in the minds of children but also teach them the first lessons about India's culture and heritage.

Set up on the lines of Shankar's International Dolls Museum in New Delhi, the state-run 'Chacha Nehru Children's Museum' at Thycaud in this Kerala capital city is one of the two such facilities in the country recognised by the Museums Association of India, official sources say.

Government schools in the city and outskirts, which cannot afford tours to expensive amusement parks, bring their students to this low-key museum which take them down a wonderland of dolls, ranging from ordinary festival puppets to rare ethnic figurines, in different sizes, shapes, costumes and expressions.

One inch to six feet tall dolls, decked up in traditional attires of various Indian states, give the children a glimpse of the



country's rare cultural diversity.

Besides dolls, the museum houses an impressive collection of stamps and ethnic masks also.

A science museum, set up in a separate room with various theory-based exhibits, is also an attraction.

Besides, government schools, some private kindergarten schools also bring the children to the museum as part of their annual tours.

Tucked away in the first floor of the

headquarters of Kerala State Council for Child Welfare (KSCCW) at Thycaud, the museum had been a hotspot of city children once when amusement parks and TV cartoons were just a hearsay.

The museum is also a solace for the underprivileged inmates of KSCCW.

"Even children from remote village schools come in large numbers here as part of their annual tour. There were days we had welcomed up to 300 children at one go," Anju, a KSCCW staff, told PTI.

Rs 5 is charged from each child as entrance fee. But, it may be reduced further on occasions based on the request of school authorities, she said.

The variety and simplicity of Dolls Museum at times also attracts senior citizens and foreigners.

"Recently, a senior couple from Nilambur in north Kerala came here. They said they came to know about the dolls museum from some of their friends in the city. They spent around an hour here

watching each doll," she said.

"It was really nice to see how the dolls brought a smile on the face on the senior citizens," she said.

Museum curator Sumod C R said it had been designed in a way to provide entertainment as well as impart knowledge and information to children.

"We have a total of 3,200 dolls at our museum. Ours is not at all a profit motive institution. Many people express doubt that whether today's children are interested to visit a dolls museum at a time when variety of entertainment are on offer at their finger tip," he told PTI.

"But, there are a large number of underprivileged children also in our society. And our humble museum is still a hope for them," he said.

Detailing features of the museum, the official said children would get a clear picture on the lifestyle of people in various states of the country without going there through the dolls here.

"There are a large collection of dolls decked in traditional attires of each state with glittering jewellery and in the typical costumes of the respective places. Puppets, displaying cultural forms of various states, can also be seen in our museum," he said.

Besides Indian men and women, the facility also displays models of English people, cartoon characters and figurines of Hindu gods and animals and birds.

The museum has got a new look after the recent renovation undertaken as part of the silver jubilee celebrations of KSCCW.

Insolvency rules for individuals & firms by Dec 17'

KOLKATA, Nov 3 (PTI): The rules of the new insolvency regulations to bring individual businesses under its purview are likely to be in place soon, an official of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) said today.

"The rules and regulations for the first phase for Insolvency Regulations for Individuals and Firms is expected to be in place by December this year," IBBI DGM Ranjita Dubey said on the sidelines of Merchants' Chamber of Commerce interactive session.

The draft rules dealing with insolvency resolution process of individuals and firms was put on the website for public comments with a deadline of 31 October.

IBBI is continuing with interactions on the draft rules and indicated that feedbacks can be considered if they reaches them till November 10. Dubey said initially firms, individual business and corporate guaranters will be brought under the purview.

Ready to work with India to promote bilateral relations: China

KJM VARMA BEIJING, Nov 3 (PTI): China today said it was ready to work with India to promote "constant progress" of bilateral relations, amid fresh strains in ties after Beijing again blocked Pakistan-based JeM chief Masood Azhar's designation as a global terrorist by the UN.

China yesterday for the fourth time blocked India, the US and other nations' bid to list Pathankot terror attack mastermind Azhar as a global terrorist, saying "there is no consensus" within the members of the sanctions committee.

India reacted sharply to China's move, saying "accommodating with terrorism" for narrow objectives was both short-sighted and counterproductive.

China's Assistant Foreign Minister Chen Xiaodong today told the media that China attached great importance to its relations with India.

"India is an important neighbour of China," Chen said, adding China plans to step up ties with neighbours under the "neighbourhood diplomacy with Chinese characteristics in the new era" enunciated by President Xi Jinping during the recently concluded key Congress of the ruling Communist Party of China



(CPC).

"We are ready to work with India to promote constant progress of bilateral relations guided by this diplomacy with Chinese characteristics for the new era," Chen said without elaborating.

He said China has been following this concept and vision over the past few years in its co-operation with the neighbours and deepening mutual political trust promoting practical cooperation with them.

In the last two years, China has stonewalled efforts by India to declare Azhar as a global terrorist.

Last year in March, China was the only member in the 15-nation UN organ to put a hold on India's application with all other 14 members of the Council supporting New Delhi's bid to place Azhar on the 1267 sanctions list that would subject him to an assets freeze and travel ban.

The relations between the two neighbours are also

strained by a 73-day standoff at Dokalam over Chinese army's plans to build a strategic road in the area also claimed by Bhutan.

Officials here said Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi will travel to India next month to New Delhi to attend the Russia, India, China (RIC) Foreign Ministers meeting during which he would also hold talks with the Indian leadership on the bilateral relations during the second term of Xi.

Dina Wadia fought a long legal battle for Jinnah House

MUMBAI, Nov 3 (PTI): The seafront bungalow on Malabar Hill built by Pakistan founder Mohammed Ali Jinnah was at the centre of a prolonged battle between his daughter Dina Wadia and the Indian government.

Wadia died in New York yesterday at the age of 98. Her petition to regain control of her childhood home is still pending for a final hearing the before a division bench of the Bombay High Court.



years in the house in Mumbai where she had spent her childhood years.

Wadia, in the petition, had claimed that the bungalow could not be classified as "evacuee property" as her father had died without leaving behind a will.

The petition last came up for hearing before a division bench of Justices S V Gangapurwala and A M Badar on July 28 this year which adjourned it simply to September 7. It has not come up for hearing since then. Soon after her petition was filed, the high court had directed the Union government to file their affidavit in response.

In October 2007, the government filed its affidavit stating that the Jinnah House belongs to the government and that only Jinnah's sister Fatima or her legal heir can claim right over the property.

Wadia had, however, claimed that

she was the only heir of Jinnah and hence the title of the house should be handed over to her.

According to Wadia, the (then) state of Bombay took over the property, because Fatima was the trustee of Jinnah's will, and had been declared an evacuee (those who migrated to Pakistan post-partition) in 1949.

Wadia, in her petition, claimed that her father's will was not probated by the Bombay High Court and therefore had no effect on any operation of law.

Fatima, therefore, could not be the legal owner and so the house should be handed over to his (Jinnah) legal heir.

Also, she (Wadia) is the sole legal heir of Jinnah's property, both under Hindu Law (applicable to Khoja community-to which Jinnah belonged-before Independence) or the Shia Muslim law, her petition claims.

In its reply, the Union government had claimed that her petition is not maintainable and is barred by prolonged and unexplained delay.

The reply filed by G Balasubrama-

nian, deputy secretary to the Ministry of External Affairs, had stated that Government of India had issued a notification on June 27, 1949 under the Bombay Evacuee Property Act, by which the possession of Jinnah House was vested with the Custodian.

On June 10, 1955, another notification was issued under the Displaced Persons (Compensation and Rehabilitation) Act, by which the right, title and interest was vested in Government of India.

Jinnah had bequeathed the Jinnah House to his unmarried sister Fatima by his will dated May 30, 1939. Fatima migrated to Pakistan at the time of partition and was declared an evacuee and hence the property was taken over by the Indian government under the Bombay Evacuee Property Act, the affidavit filed by the government had said.

In August 2010, the high court had ordered for status quo to be maintained in the matter, but had permitted the Centre to complete the renovation work of the bungalow without making any structural changes.

Wadia wanted the mansion, built by her father in 1936 at a cost of Rs 2 lakh, be called South Court.

In a newspaper interview during a visit to Mumbai in 2008, she had said, when asked about the Jinnah House bungalow in south Mumbai, "Why do you keep calling it Jinnah House? That's the name the British gave it. Its real name is South Court. Why don't you refer to it by its original name?"

In 2004, she visited Jinnah's tomb in Karachi, along with Nusli and his two sons. In the visitors' book, she then wrote, "May his dream for Pakistan come true."

SC seeks Centre's reply on pleas challenging Aadhaar Act

NEW DELHI, Nov 3 (PTI): The Supreme Court today sought the government's response on four petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Aadhaar Act and linking of bank accounts and mobile numbers with the 12-digit biometric identification number.

The apex court did not pass any interim order in the matter saying that final hearing in all Aadhaar-related issues would start before another bench in the last week of this month and the Centre has already extended the deadline till December 31.

A bench comprising Justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan, however, said that the banks and telecom service providers should indicate the last date of linking bank accounts and mobile numbers with Aadhaar in the messages sent by them to their customers.

"We make it clear that in the messages sent by banks and telecom service providers, the date of December 31, 2017 and February 6, 2018, shall also be indicated as the last date of linking Aadhaar with bank accounts and mobile numbers," the bench said.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for one of the petitioners, referred to a recently filed affidavit by the Centre and said the government has said the deadline for linking Aadhaar may be extended till March 31, 2018.

The bench, however, said the petitioners can raise this issue before the court which would hear all Aadhaar-related matters in the last week of November.

"There is no doubt that these arguments

need consideration. The matter is going to come up in the last week of November and the time (to link Aadhaar with bank accounts) has been extended till December 31," the bench said.

On October 30, a bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra had said that a constitution bench would be constituted and Aadhaar-related matters would come up for hearing before it in November last.

Several petitions challenging the Centre's move to make Aadhaar card mandatory for availing various services and benefits of welfare schemes have been filed in the apex court.

Recently, a nine-judge constitution bench of the apex court had held that Right to Privacy was a Fundamental Right under the Constitution.

Several petitioners challenging the validity of Aadhaar had claimed it violated privacy rights.

The Centre had on October 25 told the top court that the deadline for mandatory linking of Aadhaar to receive benefits of government schemes has been extended till March 31, 2018 for those who do not have the 12-digit unique biometric identification number and were willing to enroll for it.

Some petitioners in the top court have termed the linking of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) number with bank accounts and mobile numbers as "illegal and unconstitutional".

They have also objected to the CBSE's alleged move to make Aadhaar card mandatory for students appearing for examinations, a contention denied by the Centre.

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'Village Rockstars' set me free as a filmmaker: Rima

RADHIKA SHARMA

DHARAMSHALA, NOV 3 (PTI): With her second feature, "Village Rockstars", Rima Das channelled her inner one-woman- army and she says working on the movie liberated her as a filmmaker.

The self-taught director says she worked on the critically-acclaimed movie all on her own in her village Chhaygaon and had her cousin play assistant to her in different departments.

In an interview with PTI, Das says, "Village Rockstars" changed my life. When I was doing my first film last year



('Antardrishti' or 'Man will the Binoculars'), I was dependent on so many people for everything.

"But this film gave me the confidence and freedom to be a filmmaker in my own right. But I know I still have a

lot left to learn."

Now a critically-acclaimed director, she had initially come to Mumbai to

pursue acting as a career but things did not go according to plan.

"I was not doing well as an actor in Mumbai. But that was not the reason that I picked up direction. I thought as a filmmaker I'll get a chance to tell the stories the way I want to than act in films. You can't do that with acting. With direction, you have a control over the narrative."

Das says although it is scary to see independent filmmakers struggle to get funds for their films, she is "relaxed" about not being burdened with the expecta-

tions of a producer.

"Ever since I made the film, it brought me a kind of relief that even after 'Village Rockstars', I don't get people to finance my films, I'll be able to make something good out of a shoestring budget. I won't stop making movies because I don't have a producer."

Besides being the director and producer, Das has also written and edited the film.

The filmmaker says the contrasting name for the film came up spontaneously.

"Children in villages are not exactly aware about what being a rockstar means. In the film, the word rockstar represents the spirit of these kids.

"It also has subplots where we see people grappling with floods, which is an annual event in Assam. How they know that floods will destroy their crops yet they

continue to face the challenges like poverty in their village," she says.

Das says people tend to glorify poverty in films and in real life, it is the government that has the power to improve the infrastructure to benefit the people.

"As a director, I'm just narrating a story, which is my responsibility. I don't consider myself an activist. I try to address the issue in a different way and that doesn't mean I'm trying to avoid the issue."

Das says she is in talks with producers to help in the theatrical release of "Village Rockstars", which is expected to be in March-April.

Her next project will be a teenage love story, the production for which is underway in Chhaygaon.

"Village Rockstars" will close the sixth edition of Dharamshala International Film Festival on November 5.

Snoop Dogg stands over Trump's dead body on new album cover



LOS ANGELES, NOV 3 (PTI): Snoop Dogg stirred up controversy when he posted a photo of his "Make America Crip Again" album cover on Instagram, which portrayed the dead body of President Donald Trump.

The since-deleted picture featured Snoop Dogg wearing a blue hat looking over a lifeless body draped in an American flag with a toe tag reading "TRUMP".

The 46-year-old rapper's publicist told Variety his album is already out with a different cover.

The new cover features

a blue baseball cap reading, "Make America Crip Again," mocking Trump's red hats with "Make America Great Again" campaign slogan.

Not only the cover, Snoop Dogg takes aim at Trump in the title track of the album as well, rapping, "The president said he wants to make America great again. F*** that s***, we gon' make America crip again."

Earlier this year, Snoop Dogg drew controversy after the release of his "Lavender" music video in which he pulled a fake gun on a clown dressed as Trump.



Food Truck festival returns to Delhi with 2nd edition

NEW DELHI, NOV 3 (PTI): Over 50 varieties of waffle, an assortment of barbeque treats, and a wide range of homemade cocktails, will be up for grabs at the second edition of the food truck festival here.

Organised by Pepsi, the festival, 'Horn OK Please', scheduled to begin tomorrow at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium here, will play host to over 40 food trucks such as Something Saucy, The Lalit Food Truck, Eggactly, Foodrath, Burnout, Grubtrotters and Street Junction from Ludhiana among others.

"We're super excited to associate with a giant brand like Pepsi, India's most beloved beverage brand and this time around, we intend to make the festival much bigger with elements of newness and many food trucks debuting at Horn OK Please,"

Digant Sharma, organizer of the festival and founder of So Delhi, said.

Some of the major highlights to watch out for will be a 60-foot-long barbeque trailer, India's first barbeque bike, and a waffle mart that will have over 50 varieties of waffle by brands like Waffle Factory, Waffle Chowk, and The Waffee.

An array of dessert carts, and a marketplace featuring homemade goodies will also be part of the two-day gastronomic event.

To ensure a memorable experience for the visitors, a flea market selling everything from stationery to accessories, and from apparel to handcrafted goods, along with a vibrant music scene with performers like Tarkash band, Chizai, Sejal Morris Duo, Bhavya Raj, have also been organised.



Sophie Turner to appear in 'Girl Who Fell From the Sky'

LOS ANGELES, NOV 3 (PTI): Actor Sophie Turner is attached to star and produce the "Girl Who Fell From the Sky".

The project will be helmed by Stan Brooks, reported Deadline.

The film is based on the book by Juliane Koepcke and Beate Rygiet, which tells the true story of Koepcke who was the lone survivor of an air crash in the Peruvian rain forest.

17-year-old high school senior, Koepcke, was aboard LANSA flight 508 on 24 December 1971 and lived to tell the tale when the plane was struck by lightning.

Brooks has adapted screenplay for the movie and is also producing the project along with Lotus Entertainment's Jim Seibel, Bill Johnson and Steve Glick.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

04 NOV, 1958: Pope John XXIII the son of a poor Italian farmer was crowned 262nd pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church on the balcony of St Peters Basilica with 200,000 spectators watching from St Peters Square in a 4 hour ceremony. He was elected pope at age 76 after 11 ballots. His selection was unexpected, and he himself had come to Rome with a return train ticket to Venice. He was the first pope to take the pontifical name of "John" upon election in more than 500 years, and his choice settled the com-



plicated question of official numbering attached to this papal name due to the antipope of this name. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962-65), the first session opening on 11 October 1962.

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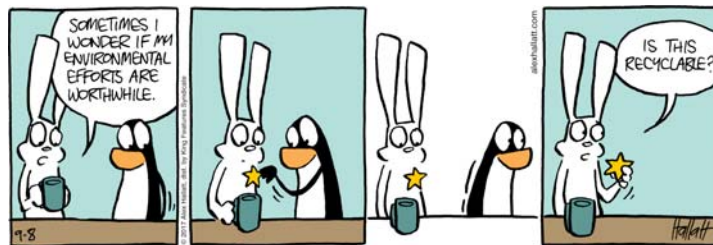
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"COULDA KILLED CONOR MCGREGOR IN MMA SESSION":

The guy who plays "The Mountain" on "Game of Thrones" says he MAJORLY "held back" when he sparred Conor McGregor back in 2015 ... because he coulda Prince Oberyn'd the guy for real. You remember the video ... 6'9", 400-pound Icelandic strongman Hafthor Julius Bjornsson toyed with the 5'9" UFC star in a training sesh in Ireland before Conor's big fight against Jose Aldo. Hafthor talked about the throwdown with RT Sport and said he went easy because, "If I would push all my power into him, I would crush him. Crush him."

ARIES: Chance is on your side in commercial transactions. In your private life, you have been planning changes which your family will agree with. In the afternoon you may make future plans with your loved one, but you are advised not to count on a certain sum of money that you are supposed to receive soon.

TAURUS: You will have a very busy time today, with a lot of professional and personal problems to solve. Intuition and creativity will help you succeed. Relationships will go very well, provided you will be

more flexible. Consider what the younger members of your family have to say!

GEMINI: Unexpected events might occur in the morning, preventing you from keeping your schedule. You may have guests from out of town, or you may pay a visit to relatives. A relative will help you solve a business issue.

CANCER: You are advised not to make a tight schedule today, for unexpected events may occur. In the morning you might meet with a former school

mate with whom you will spend the whole afternoon. Today you can make major decisions for solving family issues. Financial speculations are to be avoided!

LEO: You will have the opportunity to put your artistic talent to good use. Creativity will help a lot, and co-operations will go smoothly. Don't hesitate to start a new activity! You have great chances to succeed professionally and in business. In the evening, friends will invite you to a party. Keep in mind that you need to rest more!

VIRGO: You want to make a change in your private life and are considering a creative solution. To this end you will have to make several short trips together with your loved one. You are advised to make a detailed schedule. Take advantage of this favorable moment and of a relative's support!

LIBRA: A business partner may prove to be unfair, which will make you feel disappointed. You are advised to be cautious and avoid making promises you are not sure you can keep. The mixed feelings you have in the morning

will vanish when you will receive guests from out of town.

SCORPIO: Intuition and talent will lead you to great achievements in the professional and social departments. Don't let yourself carried away, and don't push things! You may have to leave on a long trip for a family interest.

SAGITTARIUS: Today is a favorable time for you to make future plans and get involved in new social activities. In the evening you will have a good time with friends and your loved

one. Don't rush when making major decisions!

CAPRICORN: In the morning you will have a rich imagination, and intuition will prove to be very helpful. Finances may not be great today, but you are enthusiastic and anxious to get in business. You'd better put your creativity and artistic talent to good use. In the afternoon you might experience a sentimental disappointment. Don't take it to heart!

AQUARIUS: Creativity will help you solve work problems quickly.

Your superiors' expectations are high. In the afternoon you will pay a visit to friends and will plan a short trip together. You are advised to consider your loved one's opinion.

PISCES: Creativity and intuition will allow you to have major achievements in the social and professional departments. You may have to leave on a business trip. You will manage to solve some personal issues as well. In the evening you could make a major decision in a sentimental matter. You are advised to be more cautious.