

SummitTIMES

Vol 02 | Issue 159 | Gangtok | Monday | 19 June 2017

ON TOP OF THE NEWS

RNI No. SIKENG/2016/69420

Pages 8 | ₹ 5

'It has become a People's movement now'

**Stray incidents of
arson in Kalimpong,
processions in Darj**

**SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG/ DARJEEL-
ING, 18 JUN:**

A public library, two panchayat offices and a police vehicle were targeted with arson in Kalimpong district today even as emotions ran high in the Hills. Thankfully, there was a pause in violent clashes and even Darjeeling, the hub of the GJM-led agitation for a separate Gorkhaland, remained incident-free.

In Darjeeling, thousands turned up for the funeral procession of two GJM party supporters killed in police action yesterday. The funeral procession took the shape of a protest march, but remained incident-free.

The protesters, carrying black flags and the tricolour, assembled at Chowkbazar. They shouted slogans in support



A file foto of a people's rally outside the DM's office in Kalimpong

of Gorkhaland and demanded that the police and security personnel be "removed immediately" from Darjeeling.

Carrying bodies of the two supporters in

a hearse with GJM flags and posters terming them as "martyrs of Gorkhaland", thousands of locals, including GJM activists, shouted slogans like "police, go back".

Meanwhile, Kalimpong witnessed its largest turnout for a rally in nearly a decade when people from surrounding villages also walked to the main town to join the

all-party protest march here.

The people here were observing today as a Black Day in protest of the police firing and killing of Gorkhaland sup-

porters in Darjeeling on Saturday.

The turnout was so massive and the passions so genuine here that it prompted Jan Aandolan Party president, Dr Harka Bahadur Chhetri, to announce that from tomorrow onwards, he and his party colleague would join the movement without their party flags.

"We will not use party flags from tomorrow and join the people as lay citizens in their movement for statehood," he announced.

Similar sentiments were voiced by his party colleague, Bishal Rai, who, while addressing the impromptu public meeting held at Damber Chowk on the conclusion of the rally, said: "This has now become a people's movement, and all of us need to join this movement and take it to its logical end."

This was also the first time that JAP was partic-

turn to pg02



Don't resort to violence, have dialogue: Rajnath to GJM protesters

NEW DELHI, JUN 18 (PTI): As Darjeeling remained on the boil over a separate statehood agitation, Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh today appealed to protesters not to resort to violence and, instead, hold dialogue to resolve any issue.

He said resorting to violence would never help them in finding a solution and asked the people living there to remain calm and peaceful.

"All concerned parties and stakeholders should resolve their differences and misunderstandings through dialogue in amicable environment," Singh said.

In a democracy like India resorting to violence would never help in finding a solution, he said, emphasising that "every issue can be resolved through mutual dialogue".

"I appeal to the people living in Darjeeling and nearby areas to remain calm and peaceful. Nobody should resort to violence," the home minister said in a series of tweets.

Singh also spoke to West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today and discussed with her the situation prevailing there.

"She (Banerjee) has apprised me of the situation prevailing in Darjeeling," he said.

Singh had yesterday also spoken to Banerjee

and asked her to take all possible steps so that peace is restored in the picturesque hill station where people are protesting against "imposition" of Bengali in schools by making the language mandatory.

The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM), which is in power in the semi-autonomous Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, is spearheading the agitation there demanding a separate state -- Gorkhaland.

Darjeeling remained on the edge today as thousands of protesters assembled at the central Chowkbazar carrying the body of a GJM activist, who was killed during clashes with police, and raised slogans demanding a separate state of Gorkhaland.

Security personnel in large numbers were deployed in the hill district of West Bengal after widespread clashes between Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) activists and the police were witnessed yesterday.

The GJM has claimed that two of their supporters were shot dead by police in Singmari yesterday. The police rejected the allegations of firing by its personnel, and said one person was killed during the clashes.

This was the first death since violent protests returned to Darjeeling on June 8, after a gap of a few years.

GJM plans to revive GLP

DARJEELING JUNE 18 (PTI): With GJM gearing up for a prolonged confrontation with West Bengal government over the Gorkhaland statehood issue, the party's leadership is planning to revive Gorkhaland Personnel (GLP) - its "peace-keeping" wing.

"The situation is getting worse with each passing day. We feel that a head-on collision is just a matter of time. So we need to prepare ourselves to counter the state government democratically," GJM central committee member and former in-charge of GLP Colonel (retd) Ramesh Alley told PTI.

"We (GJM) will revive and recruit more youths in GLP our own peace-keeping force. We are not into any kind of violence nor is GLP into this. But we have to prepare ourselves," he said.

GJM, Alley said, wants to raise a 8000-strong force in Darjeeling hills which will be well prepared to tackle "any kind of situation".

The idea of setting by GLP by recruiting youths from the hills was first mooted by Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) supreme Bimal Gurung during the Gorkhaland agitation of 2008.

Gurung had then held a meeting with former army personnel and officers from the hills and requested them to take charge of selection, recruitment and training of the youths. The outfit was first named Gorkhaland Police, but after opposition from various quarters it was renamed Gorkhaland Personnel (GLP).



SIKKIM BOYS WIN SECOND PHASE OF OORJA U-19 FOOTBALL

GANGTOK, 18 JUN: Sikkim Boys' team have emerged champions of the second phase of Oorja U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament 2017 held at Jammu. In the final match played today, Sikkim defeated Assam by a lone goal to lift the champion's trophy. Kunal Tamang scored the winning goal for Sikkim. Meanwhile, the Girls team finished third by defeating Himachal Pradesh 4-0 to secure the bronze.

Blackout in solidarity with the Gorkhaland movement

**PALZOR MACHUNGPA
GANGOK, 18 JUN:**

Social media users took to Facebook and Instagram in the hours following the death of three people in the violence that took place in Darjeeling on Tuesday to protest against Mamata Banerjee and the West Bengal Government with a black box in place of a profile picture.

Pegged #WeSupportGorkhaland, the movement, which is quickly gaining traction online, is a way to "create unity" among a seemingly divided people. Here are some of our favorite Facebook statuses regarding the issue so far.

Local youtuber and journalist, Yougan Tamang took to Facebook and wrote: "The videos of #Darjeelingunrest floating on social media and the numbers of videos sent to our media house by our



followers are so disturbing me that I am even failing to upload or update on our page. Had I even thought in my life that I would see my neighbour weeping in pain, Darjeeling crying. I am so numb at this point while updating this post, can't express the level of frustration I am having for now. Deeply in anguish, I ex-

press that the Centre has to act now and let our people have their land Gorkhaland. I am in a state of shock today after seeing some board members from Darjeeling attending the meeting called by Mamta at Kolkata. I am frustrated today when the people's movement is being related to terrorism by the so called CM of West

Bengal. I feel handicapped today when I see the media reporting with tips and toes with the state and being bias in all aspects. Nothing can set me free for now. So frustrated I am. I stand for Darjeeling! I stand for Gorkhaland!"

Anujay Rai wrote: "May gorkhas remain peaceful, May khukuris not be provoked to harm. #gorkhaland #jai-gorkha #ourcauseisbeautiful #separationfrombengal #maypeaceprevail"

Local reporter, Rebyna Rana uploaded this as her facebook status: "A big salute to those three brave souls who laid down their lives for the cause of Gorkhaland. May God rest their souls in peace."

The guitarist of Agyaat, Sharad Dipesh uploaded a photo to with the caption: "You love our tea, You love our toy-train but what about the people?"

Founder of NE Taxi, Rewaj Chhetri wrote: "Thought it was just politics until today but firing at innocent people is not acceptable. I stand for Gorkhaland."

The last time people made their profile pic in Facebook and Instagram black was in November 2016 when Donald Trump was elected the President of the United States of America.

The main reason why the matter escalated anew was the West Bengal government's decision on May 18 to make Bengali compulsory in all schools including the Hills. The GJM then called a strike on 01-02 June to protest the government's decision. The tension between the WB government and GJM finally went out of hand on 08 June when Darjeeling boiled down in violence and Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) supporters clashed with the security force-

es of the state government.

The violence has led to many complex emotions and reactions among the masses and as is so often the case these days, social media has become the go-to outlet for those feelings. With many Gorkhas feeling betrayed by the West Bengal government the #WeSupportGorkhaland Facebook blackout hashtag is one way they've been able to express that sentiment.

The Centre has called tripartite talks on 19 June to discuss the Gorkhaland Territorial Authority. GJM, however, has said that it will attend the talks only if a separate State is discussed. Various companies of the Army and Central forces have been deployed in neighbouring Darjeeling, besides a huge contingent of the State police and the top-brass of the WB police force.

SRP supports Gorkhaland demand, condemns WB Govt

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUN:

Sikkim Republican Party president, KB Rai, expressed his sorrow and condoled the lives lost in the ongoing crisis in Darjeeling hills.

"This is a national shame and we condemn the Bengal government perpetrating violence on the people," he said while addressing a press conference here today.

He also expressed dissatisfaction with Sikkim's political leadership and questioned the silence of political leaders here on developments in Darjeeling and has appealed to all political parties and organizations in the State to support the movement as "Indian citizens and as Gorkhas".

He stressed that the Constitutional and long-pending demand of the people of the Darjeeling Hills must be granted. He also hailed Gorkhas as protectors of the nation and said that the Mamata Government has treated the community as an enemy by firing bullets at them.

He has also asked all the people and the political leadership of Darjeeling not to compromise on the issue of statehood.

Republican Party rejects 40 seat options, wants proportionate seat distribution from 32

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 18 JUN:

Sikkim Republican Party today rejected the 40-seat proposal floated by the Ministry of Home Affairs to make room in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly for Limboo-Tamang seats. The party wants the existing 32 seats to be divided in proportion to population and the LT seats worked out from within the present Assembly strength.

Addressing a press conference here today, SRP president KB Rai, informed that the party

has written to the MHA in response to its circular on the 40-seat option. MHA has proposed an increase in assembly strength to 40, retaining the existing reservation numbers and reserving five of the 8 new seats as LT seats.

"We want reservation in Sikkim Legislative Assembly as per the proportion of population," Mr Rai said, arguing that the Representation of People (Amendment) Act of 1980 reserved seats disproportionately by setting aside

41% of the seats for 18.4% of the population.

"If all reserved seats are brought to proportion of the population, the Limboo and Tamang can be easily provided seats from the existing 32 seats," he pointed out.

The 40-seat formula, he said, did not provide equality to all Sikkimese.

In 32-seat legislative assembly, SRP wants 06 seats to Bhutia-Lepcha, 05 seats to Limboo-Tamang, 02 seats to Scheduled Caste and 19 seats to be

General.

Similarly, in case of seat increase to 40, the party suggests 07 seats to BL, 06 seats to LT, 02 seats to SC and 25 seats for general.

This, he claimed, was based on Census 2011 figures.

In the letter to the Home Ministry, the party has also demanded reserved assembly on the basis of community as per the provisions of 371F (f), in which case, seats can be reserved for the entire Sikkimese "Gorkha" community.

GAC condemns police action in Darjeeling

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUN:

The Gorkha Apex Committee has condemned the police firing and killing of Gorkhaland supporters in Darjeeling yesterday.

The committee has also expressed its frustration over the recent attempt to impose Bangla language in the Darjeeling hills, saying that the 'agitation in Darjeeling hills was ignited by the dictatorial attitude of West Bengal Government over the imposition of Bengali Language in the hills'.

In a press release issued by GAC chief convener, Passang Sherpa, the organization argues that the Bengal Government has, through the years, tried to suppress the Gorkhaland demand by using brutal force.

"The Gorkhas have sacrificed their lives for the in-

turn to pg03



Renovated badminton hall inaugurated in Jorethang

JORETHANG, 18 JUN (IPR): Sikkim Legislative Assembly Speaker, KN Rai, inaugurated the renovated Badminton Hall at Jorethang today.

The Speaker was accompanied by Health Minister, area MLA Arjun Kumar Ghatai, Nayabazar Jorethang Municipal Committee chairman, Tika Legai Gurung, officials from Alkem Pharmaceutical and members of Jorethang Badminton Association. The new badminton court consists of two halls comprising of one single court and one double court.

Free veterinary camp by Sai Seva Org



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUN:

Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation of Sikkim's Gangtok and North District units organised a free veterinary camp at Middle Syari, East Sikkim, today.

The camp was attended by Joint Director, Dr Sanjay Gajmer and Dr Tshering Bhutia from the Animal Husbandry Department.

The camp was especially organised by the Sai youth as

a part of their social engagements. The camp was facilitated by 30 Seva Dal members of the Sai organisation.

Health check-up and treatment of pets was conducted and free medicines distributed.

'It has become a People's movement now'

ipating in a joint effort here. Till today, it has taken out its own rallies and protests independent of the all-party events here.

The rally raised strong anti-WB Govt slogans and condemned the police action in loud sloganeering and while the situation appeared tense, no direct confrontation occurred.

That said, while the meeting was underway at Damber Chowk, at the other end of town, some people attempted to set the Sub-Divisional Library near Novelty Cinema Hall on fire. However, since there was strong police presence in the area, the fire was detected in time and the fire brigade called in. Although the library was saved, the night-guard's room right at the entrance took some damage.

Overnight reports of arson continued with two panchayat offices torched last night in Gorubathan and a police vehicle set on fire in Pedong.

Police officials inform that a TMC party worker was also attacked in Pedong.

The GJM has, however, denied its involvement in the incidents of arson or attacks and alleged that these were the "handiwork" of the Trinamool Congress to "malign" it.

Meanwhile, internet services have been blocked in Darjeeling Hills since 9 a.m. According to police sources, the step was taken to stop the GJM activists from

using social media to spread "messages and provocative posts".

Sources inform that a 48-hour internet blackout has been ordered. There is however no official communication on this count.

Army contingents were present in Darjeeling in the morning, but later a heavy deployment paramilitary and police force personnel was made.

The Muslim community also took out a silent rally demanding restoration of peace in the hills and creation of Gorkhaland.

Darjeeling MLA Amar Singh Rai has been quoted in media reports as criticising the TMC government, saying the situation could have been prevented from "going out of control".

"The police and the security forces should immediately be removed from the hills as a confidence-building measure," he said.

Media reports have also quoted him as accusing the BJP-led government at the Centre for "not doing enough", despite Darjeeling having an MP from the saffron party.

"The central and the state governments are using us as pawns to serve their own political interests. We are ready for talks with the Centre, but the agenda has to be only Gorkhaland," Mr Rai has been quoted as saying.



informed, inquisitive, relevant



IMI Dr R.S. Tolia Award 2017: Call for Nominations Open

The Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), a pan Himalayan civil society initiative working for sustainable development of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) and ensuring prosperity of the people in the region, has announced the Dr R.S. Tolia Award for 2017 in memory of its founding President Dr R.S. Tolia who passed away on 6th December 2016.

Dr R.S. Tolia, IAS (Retd.) was the former Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand. He also served as the first Information Commissioner of Uttarakhand. In addition to being the top administrator in the state, he was a staunch advocate for holistic mountain development that must be rooted in the mountains. Throughout his lifetime, Dr Tolia was committed to the cause of development of the Indian mountain systems and communities. His vision and commitment for the formation of a pan-Indian mountain movement not only unified diverse mountain states of India but also inspired others. In the spirit of unifying committed individuals and institutions for integrated action for the mountains of India, Dr Tolia conceptualised the idea of IMI, got like-minded people on board and led it from the front as its founding President. His deep understanding of the links among people, cultures, livelihoods and mountain environment influenced a generation of researchers, organizations and policymakers. He was a true mountain person and believed that there must be safe, sustainable and equitable mountain development.

IMI has instituted the Award for encouraging passionate individuals to carry forward the cause of integrated mountain development. The purpose of the award is to recognize and reward the exemplary work of individuals whose work has created an impact / has the potential to impact sustainable prosperity and well-being of the people of the Mountain states in India. In exceptional cases organizations will also be considered for the Award. The value of the Award is Rs. 1 lakh cash, citation and a medallion.

A jury with eminent persons working for social development in the country has been appointed to carry the selection process for the award.

The call for nomination is now open and applications will be accepted till 30 June 2017. The details and the nomination form can be viewed on the organisation's website: <http://inmi.in/get-involved/dr-r-s-tolia-award-2017/> Interested individuals/organisations can download the nomination form and send in their application along with a recent CV by 30th June 2017 to pd.inmi@inmi.in.

Gangtok on Monday, 19 June

Temp: 24°C / 18°C
Forecast: considerable clouds with thundershowers; not as warm. Watch for flooding
Sunrise: 04:41 AM
Sunset: 06:33 PM

SKM convenes meeting of zonal executives

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUN: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha held a meeting of its zonal level executives at Karthok under Namchey-bong constituency today.

The meeting, chaired by vice president cum East District in-charge, Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara, general secretary Anand Lama, and Zone-I president (Gangtok) Navin Karki, was attended by vice presidents DR Nirola, Tilak Ruchal and co-ordinator (East), BB Chettri, Prabha Pradhan, DB Chettri, Sonam Sherpa and other functionaries, a press release from the party informs.

The meeting discussed various issues on party's future activities and also decided to form zonal constituency level committee, block level committee and ward level committee for Pakyong Zone-II.

During the meet, retired Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sukey Rai, formally joined SKM.

The meeting also formed an ad-hoc constituency level committee for Namcheybong constituency with Ganza Bhutia as the CLC president, Indra Bahadur Chettri as vice president, Hari Rizal as general secretary, Kumar Rai and Samdup Bhutia as joint secretaries and Bikash Rana and Harka Bahadur Chettri as the publicity secretaries.

Sikkim forms committee in support of democratic people's movement in Darj Hills

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 18 JUN:**

In a move to extend support to the people's movement for Gorkhaland state in neighbouring Darjeeling, a group of people from various walks of life and professions came together here today and formed "Ganatantrik Jan Andolan Samarthan Samiti, Sikkim" (Committee in Support of Democratic People's Movement).

The committee elected former Minister, Thukchuk Lachungpa as the president and nominated journalists Rupesh Sharma and Prabhin Khaling as secretaries.

The committee also has Nepali Sahitya Parishad president, Rudra Poudyal, former Secretary, KN Sharma, Sikkim Kalakar Sangh president, Chunnal Ghimire and senior journalist



KK Chettri as vice-president, Press Club of Sikkim president, Bhim Rawat, journalist Amber Gurung and social worker, Khangendra Dhakal as assistant-secretaries and social worker, Chandra Rai and poet Deepa

Rai as treasurer.

Meanwhile, journalists Nirmal Mangar, Bishal Gurung, Prakash Adhikari, Jagann Dahal and Yougen Tamang have been appointed as media cell in-charge and former Members of Parliament, Pahalman Subba and Sikkim University lecturer, Dr Pushpa Sharma nominated as advisors.

Likewise, senior advocates KT Bhutia and Yangjay Pinase will assist the committee on legal issues.

The committee has members from different sections of the society as executive members.

The committee also passed various resolutions in support of the Gorkhaland movement in Darjeeling and has decided to hold a meeting on 20 June to decide the future strategies and programme.



DESPERATE TOURISTS EXPLORE DHARNA ROUTE TO GET HOME

GANGTOK, 18 JUN: Around five dozens of tourists, along with their children sat on dharna at MG Marg today after they failed to get vehicles to return to their homes due to the uncertainty prevailing on National Highway 10 which has sharply reduced the number of vehicles plying the route to Siliguri. "Even the state transport has failed to provide us with buses. We don't know what to do next so we came here to share our grievances," shared one of the tourists. "Some of us have our flights scheduled for tomorrow. We have children and women who are scared. We want to go home," a tourist said. According to them the SNT officials shut down their ticket windows when asked about the buses saying "we cannot do anything". [Sandeep Prasad]

Death toll in Bangladesh landslides rises to 163

DHAKA, JUN 18 (PTI): The death toll today rose to 163 in Bangladesh's landslides as five more persons, including three children, were killed due to incessant rains in two districts.

The fresh landslides occurred in the wee hours in Khagrachhari and Moulvibazar districts.

Three children died in Bangladesh's south-eastern Khagrachhari district, Dhaka Tribune reported.

"The incident took place due to the torrential rain early today. The death toll might increase," a police official was quoted as saying by daily.

A woman and her daughter were killed in a landslide in north-eastern Moulvibazar district this morning, the report said.

Afia Begum, 50, from Moddhodimai village and her daughter Fahmida Begum, 13, were killed after their house was

crushed under a landslide mass from a hillock, a local official said.

Locals recovered the dead bodies of the duo removing the landslide mass.

It has been raining hard in the district since yesterday submerging most of the roads.

With the addition of these two new landslides, the death toll from landslides in the country has risen to 163.

Earlier last week, the southeastern Rangmathi, Chittagong and Bandarban hill districts were worst affected regions in Bangladesh where incessant monsoon rains have triggered a series of landslides and caused water-logging in many parts, besides submerging a number of villages.

The disaster-hit Rangmathi district, which borders Mizoram and Tripura, is the worst

turn to pg05

**HAVE
A STORY TO
SHARE?**

whatsApp
Summit TIMES
@
7001622863

GAC condemns police action in Darjeeling

contd from pg03

tegration of the Union of India, yet they are subjected to utter humiliation for centuries in their own land. The selfless service provided by the Gorkhas in nation building has completely been ignored by the Governments and the people of India," reads the release.

"At this hour of crisis, the people of Sikkim stand in solidarity with our

brothers and sisters of Gorkhaland. We stand united in the pursuit of the legitimate demand of our brothers and sisters for a separate state. The people of Sikkim will provide all possible help and support," reads the release.

GAC has also lashed out against the Sikkim Government, the MP and political parties here for their silence over the developments in Darjeeling.

**HAVE
A STORY
TO SHARE?**

email
news @ summittimes.com



Kutse Shegu

The Kutse Shegu of our beloved mother **Lhamu Gurung** who left for heavenly abode on 03.05.2017 falls on **20.06.2017 [Tuesday]**. All relatives, friends, and well wishers are requested to join us for offering of prayers to her departed soul at **Dhan Subba building, Top floor, near A.I.R.**

Qtrs, Arithang, Gangtok, Sikkim. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to those who extended their support during our time of bereavement.

Contact: Ansu Gurung (Daughter) :- 8509159752, Anup Gurung (Son) :- 7908527160, Bikash Gurung (Nephew) :- 9083051369, Devendra Gurung (Nephew) :- 7602202799

GRAND OFFER RAMOLA CELLULAR LALL MARKET ROAD GANGTOK

APPLE IPHONE	MRP	OFFER PRICE	EXTRA OFFER
IPHONE 5C 8GB	31500	15000	(free cover & temper glass)
IPHONE 5S 16GB	25000	19000	(free cover & temper glass)
IPHONE SE 16GB	39000	28000	(free cover & temper glass)
IPHONE 6S 32GB	62000	41000	(free headset move with the beats . Rs.3499)
IPHONE6S 64GB	72000	51000	(FREE MINI SPORT BT SOUND BOX)
IPHONE6S PLUS 16GB	72000	51500	(FREE BOSE SPEAKER)
IPHONE 7 & 7plus (available on discount price)			
OTHER BRAND AVAILABLE -			
OPPO / VIVO / GIONEE (free selfi stick) (Samsung xoami)			
(GET DISCOUNTED PRICE OFFER ON ALL GADGETS & TRENDY ACCESSORIES)			
FEEL FREE TO VISIT US FOR FREE DEMO			
CONTACT - 9832062684 / 9733115163 (limited period offer till stock last)			
(BAJAJ FINSERV EASY EMI 0% INTREST & PROCESSING FEE . ALL MOBILE HANDSETS AVAILABLE)			

ADMISSION OPEN

ZUMBA & Studio

Music in Motion Dance Academy

REGD. NO. IV/VOL.12/SL.NO.336

Contact 9933546862

Zumba Class
Time : Morning 6:30 am
3:15 pm Evening / 4:30 pm Evening
5:30 pm Evening and also for the Housewife timing 9:00am

Contact 8906319715

Dance Class for Adults & Children
Timing 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Every Saturday & Sunday

BELOW STNM HOSPITAL, GANGTOK, EAST SIKKIM

MIM

musicinmotion77@gmail.com
musicinmotiondanceacademy

Work Harder at Inspiring Excellence

More attention should be diverted to stem the regression from privileges to entitlement

A recent discussion on ideas of identity teased out something which should have been obvious all along – a lot of the passion behind reinforcing and reasserting identities, as much as they may be about ideas of self and belonging, are also about privileges which accrue when such claims fructify. Privileges, however, are only one step away from ingraining a sense of entitlement, and that is where futures can get compromised.

Maybe the minds that should be applying themselves to finding solutions are too occupied with other pursuits or maybe because the fire in the belly is just not burning strongly enough, whatever the reason, measures aimed at securing the futures for the present and coming generations remain perennially short-term in Sikkim. We speak of employment here. Quotas, reservation and guaranteed employment are short-term measures; options put in place till such time that the 'local' workforce acquires the skills and training required for the opportunities available. Make these protections permanent and the policy ends up rewarding mediocrity because it stops placing a premium on excellence. Why, after all, will a 'local' work hard at becoming employable when the carrot of guaranteed placement keeps dancing in front of him/ her? In fact, to do so [work hard at becoming employable] would be seen as a waste of energy by many. But this approach is self-defeating. Sikkim is growing, both, in census figures and aspirations, and the job opportunities here will never be able to keep pace. Every job opportunity that opens in Sikkim in the next five years, once it is filled, will remain occupied on an average for the next thirty years. Even if all these job openings are made available only to locals, one still looks at an increasing number of job seekers entering the job market every year. School enrolments are up and the number of graduates has been consistently rising in the State, why, despite the density of "universities" here and one proper Central University, the State is in the process of establishing a state university as well. Given how young the pursuit of education is in Sikkim and the manner in which the population is growing, the number of job-seekers will keep multiplying every year. The State, even after 100% reservation, will soon run out of job opportunities.

The policy makers in government and noise makers outside have to realise that the solution is not in reserving jobs in Sikkim, but grooming generations to become employable anywhere in the world. Once that happens, jobs in Sikkim will automatically go to locals and this will come bundled with pride because they would have been earned on merit and not recommendations or old-fashioned laws. This cannot happen though if people are spoilt for doles. It is not suggested that jobs in Sikkim should not be reserved for locals; what is being suggested is that celebrating protectionism only grooms mediocrity. Protections exist and should be maintained as a safety net, but aspirations have to be set much higher. One way to do this would be by fixing accountability not just on those who organise skill development programmes [by checking up on how many self-employed youth emerged from the training], but also following up on the funds the government invests on students by way of free education, text books, scholarships and other aids. It would not be a bad idea to release figures on how much the State spends on an average on its youth since the time they join school to the time they graduate. When the figure stares them in the face in black & white, maybe more of the youth will be inspired to put their education to better use than demanding a job from the government. If this happens, they will inspire more to follow in their footsteps. That is the chain reaction of achievers that the State has to aim at setting off, not pampering the youth with a policy that makes them lazy.

WRITE US: Readers are invited to comment on, criticise, run down, even appreciate if they like something in this paper. Letters carrying abusive/ indecorous language and personal attacks, except when against people responsible in this newspaper (who are fair game), will have to be ignored. Letters which carry forward a conversation or initiate a dialogue will command immediate attention and receive prominence. Mail us at: letters@summittimes.com

Yes, the Grenfell Tower fire is political – it's a failure of many governments

DUNCAN BOWIE
theconversation.com

One of the key functions of the state is to protect its citizens. Much of the debate in the UK's recent general election focused on the government's role in protecting citizens from terrorists. This was, perhaps, understandable given the recent series of attacks in London and Manchester. But it also diverted attention from the state's equally important duty to ensure a safe, secure and decent quality of life for all its citizens.

With the weight of many years' experience writing and advising on London's housing and planning strategies behind me, I think it fair to say that the inferno at Grenfell Tower – a publicly owned housing block for lower-income households – represents an acute failure of government at all levels. The facts of the case are subject to a major enquiry – and new information is emerging on a daily basis. We still do not know whether the death toll is 30 or 100.

At this early stage, it is premature to attribute blame. Yet residents who have lost their homes and possessions – and in many cases their relatives and friends – are justified in their anger and their need to seek justice and redress. It is unlikely that we will see any of the parties involved admitting responsibility for the disaster. Certainly, should any charges of corporate manslaughter be laid – as Labour MP David Lammy has demanded – they would be subject to legal disputes for months and possibly years to come.

What is evident in this turmoil, is that for several decades no government has focused sufficiently on the need to provide good quality, safe and secure homes for lower-income households. So far as governments have considered housing at all, the focus has been on market-led supply for prospective homeowners. Only in recent months – in the housing white paper released by Theresa May's government in February – did we see any recognition of the need for more rented housing.

AT ARM'S LENGTH

Over the course of successive governments, we have seen an emphasis on redeveloping estates to provide high-density flats for the private market, rather than improving the homes of the council tenants and leaseholders who live there. The last Labour government invested in the decent homes programme to improve existing council housing. But given the events at Grenfell, it is open to question whether enough attention was paid to protection from fire.

Increasingly, it has been government policy to leave decisions on housing provision, maintenance and improvement to local councils. Some councils transferred their stock to housing associations; others set up "arm's-length" housing organisations to manage their stock. It was, in fact, Tony Blair's Labour government which promoted separating the management of the stock from the local authority's housing and homelessness duties.

I never understood the logic of this proposition. It weakened the local authority's ability to deliver on its legal responsibilities, while at the same time leaving tenants confused about the division of responsibilities between the owner of the housing (the local authority) and the managing body. Elected councillors could offload responsibility by referring complainants to the managing organisation

– something many councillors were relieved to be able to do.

It is perhaps ironic that, in Kensington and Chelsea, the arm's-length management organisation was actually constituted as a Tenant Management Organisation (TMO) – a corporate body created for residents, tenants and leaseholders to enable them to manage their own homes. Tenants of Grenfell Tower seem to feel as though the KCTMO did not lead an adequate response to their concerns. In a blog post, dated November 2016, a residents' action group said:

"It is a truly terrifying thought but the Grenfell Action Group firmly believe that only a catastrophic event will expose the ineptitude and incompetence of our landlord, the KCTMO, and bring an end to the dangerous living conditions and neglect of health and safety legislation that they inflict upon their tenants and leaseholders."

This raises major concerns about accountability within such organisations. KCTMO said in a statement: "It is too early to speculate what caused the fire and contributed to its spread. We will co-operate fully with all the relevant authorities in order to ascertain the cause of this tragedy." A spokesperson for the council said: "We have heard a number of theories about the cause of the fire at Grenfell Tower. All of these will be thoroughly investigated as part of the formal investigation which has already begun."

UNHEEDED WARNINGS

There are clear concerns as to the nature of refurbishment and regeneration programmes – and the conflict between competing aims. The refurbishment of council blocks such as Grenfell Tower appears to be as much about making cosmetic improvements as about upgrading the facilities and securing the structure of the block. At Grenfell, the cladding was justified as a means of improving insulation, but also in terms of "modernising" the appearance of the block – a common practice for 1970s concrete blocks, which are today appearing increasingly worn.

There is obviously a question as to whether the refurbishments actually contributed to the spread of the fire – and there is considerable expert advice suggesting that this might have been the case. To learn that other countries, including the US and Dubai, have banned the use of certain cladding materials demonstrates the need for tougher building regulations.

What's more, it has been widely reported in the press that the cladding used on Grenfell tower was the cheaper and more combustible of two types of panel available is a hint that issues of cost and energy efficiency may perhaps be more important than issues of basic health and safety – supposed to be central objectives of building regulations. Worse, it has been reported that the London Fire Authority actually wrote to all boroughs as recently as April, advising them of their concerns on the use of some kinds of cladding panels.

A number of expert reports have argued in favour of revising the building regulations, notably following the inquiry into the 2009 Lakanal House fire in Southwark in which six people died. The fact that the Lakanal House fire was eight years ago and building regulations have still not been updated demonstrates a complete failure to learn the lessons from previous disasters and take speedy cor-

rective action.

The construction company behind the recent refit of Grenfell has said it would "fully support" an investigation, and that the work met all required building control, fire regulation and health and safety standards.

NOW WE MUST LEARN

The fire has rightly raised the question of why we should build tower blocks at all. After the collapse of the 22-storey Ronan Point block in 1968, and following changes in the subsidy system, councils generally stopped building high rise. Having families living in social housing above the fifth floor was actually a measure of deprivation with the national index of multiple deprivation, which generated additional central government funding for local authorities.

Many councils in the 1970s and 1980s, notably in East London, set about demolishing towers and rehousing the tenants in low and middle-rise housing. Other local authorities moved families out of upper floors and re-let the flats to singles under "hard-to-let" schemes. Yet Kensington and Chelsea opted to keep some of its high-rise blocks – and even develop more. In fact, Grenfell Tower was started in 1972 and completed in 1974 – six years after the Ronan Point explosion.

In recent times, though, successive London mayors and many boroughs have encouraged the development of new high-rise residential blocks. Most of these are destined for the home ownership market, though many are bought for investment, rather than occupation. The argument goes that safety standards have improved and that home owners are less likely to present management problems than social housing tenants – the subtext being that problems with tower block living were primarily related to the occupants, rather than the structures themselves.

Based on his approach so far, it seems London's current mayor, Sadiq Khan, like his predecessors, has an enthusiasm for densification. He is currently considering reviewing the city's density policy, which in theory seeks to constrain over-development – though in practice it has failed to do so. Khan is said to be considering allowing schemes with higher densities – and his office has published a research report regarding residents' perceptions of high-rise developments and the impact of high density on quality of life.

Previous fires and other incidents, such as a helicopter crashing into St George Wharf tower in Vauxhall, have not led to a fundamental review of mayoral policy on high-rise buildings: policy which, in the past, has been driven by the impact of high-rise buildings on views of or from historic locations.

Perhaps this time the lesson will be learnt: London's leaders must stop giving planning consent for high rise and they must make it illegal to wrap existing towers in flammable cladding. They must also rehouse all families, all elderly people and other vulnerable people in lower-rise housing. This was done by many councils during the 1980s – and if they are able to build the lower-rise social rented homes that Londoners need, then it can be done again.

[the writer is Senior Lecturer in Planning and Transport, University of Westminster]

Can we predict political uprisings?

MOHAMMAD REZA FARZANEGAN
theconversation.com

Forecasting political unrest is a challenging task, especially in this era of post-truth and opinion polls.

Several studies by economists such as Paul Collier and Anke Hoefler in 1998 and 2002 describe how economic indicators, such as slow income growth and natural resource dependence, can explain political upheaval. More specifically, low per capita income has been a significant trigger of civil unrest.

Economists James Fearon and David Laitin have also followed this hypothesis, showing how specific factors played an important role in Chad, Sudan and Somalia in outbreaks of political violence.

According to the International Country Risk Guide index, the internal political stability of Sudan fell by 15% in 2014, compared to the previous year. This decrease was after a reduction of its per capita income growth rate from 12% in 2012 to 2% in 2013.

By contrast, when the income per capita growth increased in 1997 compared to 1996, the score for political stability in Sudan increased by more than 100% in 1998. Political stability across any given year seems to be a function of income growth in the previous one.

WHEN ECONOMICS LIE

But as the World Bank admitted,

"economic indicators failed to predict Arab Spring".

Usual economic performance indicators, such as gross domestic product, trade, foreign direct investment, showed higher economic development and globalisation of the Arab Spring countries over a decade. Yet, in 2010, the region witnessed unprecedented uprisings that caused the collapse of regimes such as those in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

In our 2016 study we used data for more than 100 countries for the 1984–2012 period. We wanted to look at criteria other than economics to better understand the rise of political upheavals.

We found out and quantified how corruption is a destabilising factor when youth (15–24 years old) exceeds 20% of adult population.

Let's examine the two main components of the study: demographics and corruption.

YOUNG AND ANGRY

The importance of demographics and its impact on political stability has been studied for years.

In his 1996 book, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order*, US academic Samuel P. Huntington explained how youth are agents of change.

Several examples can be found throughout the early 2000s. Young people were particularly active in Yugoslavia's Bulldozer Revolution,

(2000), Georgia's Rose Revolution (2003), the Ukraine's Orange Revolution (2004), the Iranian Green Movement of the post-2009 presidential election, and finally during the Arab Spring (since 2011).

But a bulk of population being under 25 years old in a given country does not necessarily lead to revolution. It's when leaders of such countries deceive and fail their younger citizens through systematic corruption, for instance, that the risk of upheaval is much higher.

ENTER CORRUPTION

Political corruption allows non-democratic leaders to build political support through networks of dependency, extending the duration of their regimes.

A 2014 study by political scientists Natasha Neudorfer and Ulrike Theuerkauf, suggests the contrastability effects of corruption: the beneficiaries increase their income while a larger portion of the population feels the inequality as economic growth and investment stagnate. It particularly affects the youth population who are not yet inserted in the system and have fewer economic opportunities.

Autocratic corrupt states also allocate a larger portion of their budget to military and security forces, under-spending on education and health. This situation might stimulate youth adhesion to anti-establishment

movements, including radical ones.

According to Nigerian scholar Freedom C. Onuoha, political corruption is behind the formation and durability of terrorist groups in Iraq, Syria and Nigeria. These groups succeeded in attracting the marginalised parts of the population that are mainly from the youth bulge.

But corruption alone, like age, is not creating political unrest. A combination of the right amount of youth within the overall population suffering from corruption is necessary.

THE CASE OF IRAN

A good example is Iran. The country experienced one of the most significant political changes of the 20th century when the 1979 Islamic Revolution ended its monarchy and has been thriving on oil revenues since.

Oil revenue-dependency was less than 1% of total economy from 1970 to 1973. Substantial increase in oil prices from the mid-1970s led to a massive increase in the Iranian economy's dependency on it – from 0.3% in 1973 to 31% in 1974 according to the World Bank.

Based on my calculations of the World Bank's Health Nutrition and Population Statistics, the share of 15 to 24-year-olds among the overall adult population has been higher than 20% from 1960–2016 (with an exception of 19% in 2016).

For this time period, we observed

turn to pg07



New childcare clinic in Siliguri

GANGTOK, 18 JUN: Dr. Kumar's Childcare and Polyclinic was inaugurated at Shaktigarh in Siliguri today. Opened by Child Specialist Dr Biresh Kumar, the clinic has several reputed and experienced specialists on its rolls. A press release informs that proper arrangements have been made for vaccination and the clinic has also incorporated SMS alerts to remind patients of their appointments and parents about approaching vaccination dates.

Six killed in Meghalaya landslides

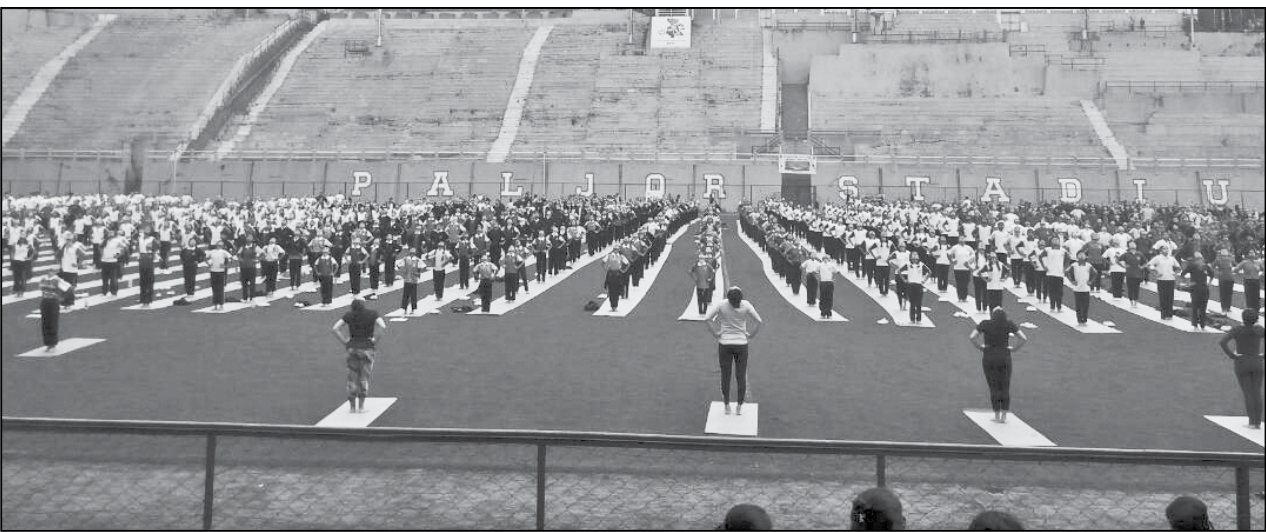


SHILLONG, JUNE 18 (PTI): The death toll rose to five with the recovery of two more bodies in a rain-hit landslide in Ri-Bhoi district today, while a child was killed in a separate landslide in Meghalaya. While three persons were killed in the landslide at Umiam industrial area yesterday, bodies of two missing women were found this afternoon, SP Ramesh Singh said. All the five persons belonged to two families, he said. Nine injured persons were admitted to hospital. He said the incident

took place at around 5 AM when the people were asleep inside the makeshift quarters of a sawmill at the Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation area. In another landslide at Mawjong in East Khasi Hills district one child was killed yesterday, a delayed report said. The parents of the victim escaped with minor injuries, police said. The incessant rain in the past 48 hours have triggered several landslides in the state causing extensive damage in several roads.

Death toll in Bangladesh landslides rises to 163

contd from pg03 hit among other district sand has alone seen 116 deaths. The death toll from the landslide stands at 32 in Chittagong, six in Bandarban, two in Cox's Bazar and one in Khagrachhari, according to the disaster management ministry. Densely populated Bangladesh is battered by storms, floods and landslides every rainy season but this year's rain is the worst since 2007 when landslides killed 127 people in the port city. Experts and environmentalists attribute the latest spell of landslides to illegal hill cuts exposing the sandy hills to quick erosion during protracted rains. The landslides triggered by the monsoon rains came two weeks after Cyclone Mora hit Bangladesh, leaving eight people dead and damaging hundreds of homes.



Final rehearsal held for Yoga Day mega event at Paljor Stadium

GANGTOK, 18 JUN (IPR): Students, police personnel, and various organizations came together at Paljor Stadium here this morning for the final rehearsal of the State level celebration of 03rd International Day of Yoga event to be held at the same venue on 21 Jun. The rehearsals were coordinated by the officers of the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) wing of the State Health Department along with officials from the Human Resource and Development Department.

The students were accompanied by the faculty members and yoga trainers. Each organization was represented by their concerned officers. Officers of line departments extended necessary support to ensure that all aspects were taken care of for the rehearsal as well as for the final event. It may be mentioned here that the common yoga protocol comprising fifteen yoga postures, pranayam and meditation designed by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India is being followed. On 21 Jun the same yoga protocol will be followed throughout the

country from 7 a.m. Over 2,600 participants are expected to participate in the mass yoga demonstration on the International Day of Yoga event here at Paljor Stadium. The State level event will be attended by Governor, Shrinivas Patil as the chief guest and Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling as the guest of honor. Mass Yoga demonstration will be organized simultaneously at all the district headquarters and various other government establishments throughout the state.

Assistance extended for 6 yr old cancer patient

REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 18 JUN: Arithang Mahila Kalyan Karisangh and All Scheduled Caste Women's Association have handed over Rs 20,000 for the treatment of six-year-old Adarsh Jairu who was recently diagnosed with blood cancer. Adarsh is currently undergoing treatment at Vellore in Tamil Nadu. The cash was handed over during an special function held at the Press Club of Sikkim office in the capital. The family has expressed gratitude towards all who supported and helped them in providing treatment for Adarsh.



According to the family, the doctors at Vellore have informed them that the medical cost for Adarsh will come to Rs 6 lakhs. The family further informed that from various donations and organizations, Rs 4 lakhs has been arranged so far. They have appealed to the people to help and pray for the treatment and recovery of their son.

Prez poll: Ministers, ally leaders to propose, second BJP nominee

NEW DELHI, JUN 18 (PTI): The BJP has lined up its Union ministers and senior leaders of its allies as proposers and seconders for filing the nomination papers of the presidential candidate whose name will be announced soon. The party has also called a meeting of its MPs on June 19 and June 20 to brief them about the process of polling for the presidential election on July 14, BJP sources said today. The proposers and seconders, who will also include MLAs, are likely to carry out the formalities on June 20. A party leader said the BJP-led presidential candidate's name can be announced around June 20-21 and the nomination papers filed by June 23. There is also a possibility of the meeting of the BJP Parliamentary Board, its highest decision making body, he said. The party has prepared four sets each comprising 60 proposers and an equal number of seconders. Besides names of cabinet ministers and other leaders of the NDA, the names of independent MPs are also in list of proposers and seconders who have extended their support to the BJP for the presidential election. The Election Commission of India had started the process of filing the nomination for the next President of India on June 14. The nomination process will close in two weeks -- June 28. But the nomination of the BJP's presidential candidate is likely to be filed by June 23, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leaving for the US on June 24. The nomination papers will be scrutinised on June 29. Only those candidates backed by 50 'electors' and seconded by another 50 can contest the presidential poll. Voting will take place on July 17 from 10 am to 5 pm at the places of polling fixed under the rules. The result will be out on July 20. The electoral college for the presidential poll consists of the elected members of Parliament and the assemblies of the states and the Union territories of Delhi and Puducherry. BJP President Amit Shah has formed a panel comprising senior cabinet ministers Rajnath Singh, Arun Jaitley and M Venkaiah Naidu to consult with allies and opposition parties for the presidential candidate.

Bankers to meet from Monday to decide on large defaulters

MUMBAI, JUN 18 (PTI): Bankers are meeting from Monday to finalise their next course of action on six of the 12 bad loan accounts for immediate referral to NCLT after the RBI named the largest defaulters to face bankruptcy proceedings. The first set of six troubled accounts are Bhushan Steel (Rs 44,478 crore), Essar Steel (Rs 37,284 crore), Bhushan Power and Steel (Rs 37,248 crore), Alok Industries (Rs 22,075 crore), Amtek Auto (Rs 14,074 crore) and Monnet Ispat (Rs 12,115 crore), a banker said. According to RBI, these 12 accounts owe Rs 2.5 trillion to the system, which constitute around 25 per cent of gross bad loans. The other accounts named for bankruptcy action, according to bankers, include Lanco Infra (Rs 44,364.6 crore), Electrosteel Steels (Rs 10,273.6 crore), Era Infra (Rs 10,065.4 crore) Jypae Infracore (Rs 9,635 crore) ABG

Shipyard (Rs 6,953 crore) and Jyoti Structures with a defaulted loan of Rs 5,165 crore. Last week, the RBI's internal advisory committee (IAC) had sent the list of 12 accounts to bankers for immediate reference under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). These 12 accounts are led by SBI (six of them), PNB, ICICI Bank, Union Bank, IDBI Bank and Corporation Bank, according to bankers. "Beginning Monday, banks are meeting to discuss six of the 12 accounts named by the RBI before referring accounts to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) by the end of this month," a banker told PTI. Since these are large accounts and involve multiple banks, the lenders will try to take a common view on all administrative requirements before referring these accounts to the NCLT. Another banker said "they will also decide on appointment of insolvency professional (IP) who will later decide on the resolution plan and submit it to the lenders for their consideration". While ABG Shipyard, Amtek Auto, Alok Industries, Bhushan Steel, Bhushan Power and Steel, Electrosteel Steels, Jaypee Infracore, Jyoti Structures and Monnet Ispat and Energy did not respond to e-mails sent to them, Era Infra and Lanco Infra could not be contacted. When reached out for comment, Essar Steel spokesperson said, "We are not aware of any such development." These 12 accounts referred by the RBI have an exposure of more than Rs 5,000 crore each, with 60 per cent or more classified as bad loans by banks as of March 2016. Once a case is referred to the NCLT, there is a time line of 180 days to decide on a resolution

www.summittimes.com | news@summittimes.com | advertise@summittimes.com | letters@summittimes.com

Pakistan sink India to lift maiden Champions Trophy



KUSHAN SARKAR

LONDON, JUN 18 (PTI): An inspired Pakistan hammered a blundering India by 180 runs to lift the ICC Champions Trophy, riding on a scintillating hundred from rookie opener Fakhar Zaman and a sensational bowling spell from Mohammad Amir.

This is Pakistan's first ICC title triumph since their 2009 World Twenty20 win but more importantly it broke the jinx of not performing against India in big ticket matches.

For a team that can't play international cricket at home due to security issues, the victory has far-reaching implications.

If Zaman announced his arrival in international cricket with a match-defining knock, Pakistan cricket's enfant terrible Amir finally managed to sing a redemption song that he has been longing for.

It was a charged-up performance from Sarfraz Ahmed's underdog team with left-handed opener Zaman, after a lucky reprieve, scoring a pulsating 114 in their imposing 338 for 4.

Amir (6-2-16-3) then tormented the Indian batsmen with a devastating first spell and eventually the defending champions were bundled out for 158 in only 30.3 overs.

The match turned out to be one of the most nightmarish under Virat Kohli's captaincy.

It was a match where everything went awry for the Men in Blue from the time Kohli went out for the toss.

On a flat deck, Kohli surprised everyone opting to field, a decision prompted by the current team's ability to chase any target.

It started on a wrong note when a beautiful delivery from Jasprit Bumrah was nicked by an edgy Zaman only to be called no-ball due to overstepping. Zaman scored a ton.

The two spinners Ravichandran Ashwin (0/70 in 10 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (0/67 in 8

overs) were then taken to the task with not a single wicket-taking delivery being bowled by the duo.

With no assistance from the pitch, their limitations were thoroughly exposed against batsmen, who were ready to use their feet.

The Law of Averages were certainly going to catch up with India's Big Three after their brilliant run in the tournament. Worse, it happened in the final.

Rohit Sharma (0), Shikhar Dhawan (21) and Virat Kohli (5) were snuffed out by Amir in a devastating first spell with three brilliant deliveries. The fate of the match was sealed.

Hardik Pandya smashed 76 off 43 balls, hit half a dozen of sixes to provide some entertainment, before being run-out due to a horrible mix-up with Jadeja. Pandya was livid but he was only delaying the inevitable.

As the final wicket fell, Oval, immersed in a Sea of Green, was euphoric in its celebration along with those eleven on the field.

The victory was achieved by one of the most de-glamorous outfit under one of the most unassuming captains in the history of Pakistan cricket Sarfraz and he deserved it more than anyone else for showing the composure one expects from model captains.

Earlier, playing his first ODI tournament, the 27-year-old left-hander got a "life" when he was batting on four as Bumrah overstepped while MS Dhoni took a simple catch behind the stumps.

Zaman made full use of the opportunity to punish the Indian attack on a day when it mattered most.

Along with senior pro Azhar Ali (58 off 71 balls), Zaman set the platform with a 128-run partnership for the opening wicket and consolidated it further with a whirlwind 72 off 63 balls with Babar Azam (46 off 52).

By the time Jadeja took a well-judged catch off Hardik Pandya to remove Zaman, the team's total had reached 200.

The final flourish was provided by veteran Mohammed Hafeez (57 off 37) with help of four boundaries and three sixes. He added 71 for in 7.3 overs with Imad Wasim (25 no off 21).

To add insult to injury, India bowled 13 wides and three no-balls in what was a woeful day for all, save Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/44 in 10 overs).

Ashwin and Jadeja got a pounding from Zaman, who would clear his front leg and muscle the deliveries through on-side, occasionally hitting the inside out shot through extra cover.

He got a few streaky boundaries upfront but then settled in to give each Indian bowler, a mighty thwack.

There was no looking back after that and was liberal help from all the Indian bowlers, who erred in length, gave away needless extras to release the pressure completely.

In humid conditions and on flattest of decks, Kohli decided to field first but his bowlers did not do justice to the faith he had shown in them.

Especially both the spinners looked clueless with no help from the pitch. Zaman and Ashar were ready to use their feet and with no turn on offer whipped them on all parts of the ground with ease. In between the two lead spinners, they were hit for 12 boundaries and five sixes.

The second Powerplay (Overs 11-40) were fully utilised by Pakistan, who scored 191 runs and bulk of those came off the spinners.

Jadeja was guilty of not varying his pace. He bowled too quick and too flat which made strokeplay easier.

Zaman's batting didn't have the grace that one normally associates with left-handers but on a true pitch where hitting through the line was easy, it suited his style.

The best part about Zaman was his ability to find the boundary at ease during the second Powerplay.



CHUNG CHING RUNS IN SIXTH IN MUMBAI MARATHON

GANGTOK, 18 JUN: Long distance runner from Sikkim, Chung Ching Bhutia, secured sixth position in Mumbai Running & Living Monsoon Madness Cross Country Half Marathon held at Aarey Colony, Goregaon East in Mumbai on Sunday. He expressed happiness and satisfaction on finishing the marathon.

This win is a much-needed boost ahead of World C'ship: Srikanth

JAKARTA, JUN 18 (PTI): India ace shuttler Kidambi Srikanth today said the Indonesia Super Series Premier triumph is a much-needed boost for him ahead of the World Championship.

Srikanth clinched his third Super Series title (two Super Series Premier and one Super Series) after laying claim to the USD 1,000,000 Indonesia Super Series Premier men's singles crown with a straight-game victory over Japanese Kazumasa Sakai in the final here today.

"I think it was a fantastic game for me. I started off really well in the first game but he was playing well in the second game, leading 11-6 at the break and fighting it out.

But overall, I think my game was going great, my attack was going well for me," Srikanth said.

"It is a much-needed win for me. After losing the finals at Singapore Open, to reach another final here was a good thing for me. It has been a while since I won a super series tournament," he added.

World No. 22 Srikanth, who had reached the finals at Singapore Open in April, outclassed Sakai, ranked 47th, 21-11 21-19 in just 37 minutes to take home a cheque of USD 75,000.

The 24-year-old hopes more success would come his way as he gears up for Australia Open next week ahead of the World Championship in August.

"I am playing Australian Open next week. It is the last tournament before the World Championship. I am looking forward to that. It is a big confidence booster for me ahead of the World Championship. I would give my 100 per cent. I hope there is a lot more to come," he said.

Srikanth, who had a long injury lay-off after the Rio Olympics, said it was tough to come out from the injury.

"I was out of badminton for some time after the Olympics, it was the longest time that I have been out ever since I started playing, so that phase kept motivating me. It was tough to come out of that injury phase and so I am really happy with this win," he added.

Srikanth, who became the first Indian shuttler to win all three titles -- Grand Prix gold, Super Series and Super Series Premier -- went down the memory lanes and spoke about his Olympic



moments which made him a better player.

"It was my first Olympics and playing Lin Dan was one of the biggest matches of my career and I was under pressure. I don't know if I am in a better position now but I know no match can push me to that limit. That match gave me a lot of positives," he revealed.

Talking about his final opponent, Srikanth said: "Sakai played really well. He has been playing from the qualifying and he understands the conditions really well. His smash is fast and powerful and he is very fit. It was a tricky game for sure and I am happy I could win," said Srikanth.

Sakai said though he failed to cross the finishing line, he was satisfied with his performance this week.

"I was very tired in the first game and my serve was not as good as I hoped. In the second game, I had hoped to maintain my lead but he got back to 13-13 and then got lead when I was 19-18. I wanted to win but I am satisfied overall with my performance here. I am happy to play at a high level here and I appreciated all the support I received," he said.

Badminton Association of India (BAI) president Dr.

Himanta Biswa Sarma announced Rs. 5 lakh cash award for Srikanth for winning the Indonesia Open.

"It is a matter of huge joy for the entire country to see Srikanth triumph in Indonesia. I called him right after the match to congratulate him on this stellar win. He has made the whole country proud once again and I am quite confident he will keep doing so in future as well," Sarma said.

No card, only hard cash for Prez nomination in Digital India

NEW DELHI, JUN 18 (PTI): Despite the Centre's push for digital payments post demonetisation, candidates who wish to be president have to pay Rs 15,000 in cash.

Under the rules, candidates have to deposit the amount with the returning officer while filing their nomination papers for the post.

A bank official sitting there would count and check the notes, sources said.

The candidate can also deposit the cash at the Reserve Bank of India, enclosing the receipt with the nomination papers.

The sources said candidates were not allowed to make payments digitally or by cheque.

So far, 15 people had filed their papers for the top constitutional post. Seven of them were disqualified because of lack of proper documents.

The remaining candidates were also liable to be rejected at the time of scrutiny for none had the signatures of 50 proposers and as many seconders from the list of electors -- essential for a valid nomination.

Elected members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha and of state legislative assemblies are the electors.

The presidential poll is scheduled to be held on July 17 while the counting of votes is on July 20.

Farmers' body members to do yoga on streets as protest

Lucknow, Jun 18 (PTI): A farmers' body said today that its members would do 'asanas' on the streets in various cities on the occasion of the International Yoga Day as a form of protest.

Many of the protesting farmers may even be seen doing the 'sirsasana' or the head stand pose.

Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) spokesperson Rakesh Tikait said, "Our party office bearers along with farmers will be performing yoga on the streets in various cities across the state. This will be our way to lodge protest against the government's attitude towards farmers."

BKU general secretary Dharmendra Malik said that BKU supporters will be performing sirsasana.

"This will be done to extend our support to the farmers.

Invitations have already been sent in this regard," Malik said.

CONTACT
Summit TIMES
@
9832556698,
9832369520

China includes CPEC in scientific expedition to Tibet

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, JUN 18 (PTI): China has included the controversial USD 50 billion China Pakistan Economic Corridor in its second scientific expedition to the 4,000-metre-high Qinghai-Tibet plateau to study changes in climate and environment over the past decades in the region. The expedition will take scientists to a pass linking to South Asia, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. The expedition will also take scientists to the CPEC which passes

through the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) over which India has conveyed its protests to China. The area covers the Karakoram mountain ranges including the Siachen glacier. The last expedition of similar scale in Qinghai-Tibet plateau, regarded as roof of the world, was conducted in the 1970s. This time, the expedition will last five to 10 years and the first stop will be Serling Tso, a 2,391-square-km lake that was confirmed to have replaced the Buddhist holy lake Namtso

as Tibet's largest in 2014. In the coming months, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) will take more than 100 scientists to the lake area and the origin of the Yangtze, China's longest river. They will be divided into four groups and make a comprehensive survey of the plateau glaciers, climate change, biodiversity and ecological changes, Yao Tandong, an academician with the CAS, was quoted as saying by the report. "Great changes have taken place in the plateau's resources and en-

vironment since the first scientific expedition," said Yao, director of the CAS Institute of Qinghai-Tibet Plateau Research. "We need further research to find out ways to cope with these changes." China's first comprehensive scientific expedition to the Tibet plateau began in the 1970s and covered more than 50 disciplines including geologic structure, prehistoric life, geophysics, climate, zoology and botany. "The scientists reported major discoveries and filled many gaps in pla-

teau research," Yao said. The new round of research, he said, will focus on changes. Zhu Liping, a CAS researcher leading the lake observation team, said the surface of Serling Tso Lake, for example, had expanded 40 per cent between 1976 and 2009. Since 1990, water in the plateau's 1,000 lakes has increased by 100 billion cubic meters. "The volume is equal to three times the water in Three Gorges Dam," Zhu said. The study will measure the impact on

the ecology and its potential link to flooding and drought in the low-lying eastern monsoon region. Zhu said data will be collected by scientists using automatic boats for the first time and a topographic map will be drawn. "The plateau climate is becoming warmer and more humid," said Xu Baiqing, who is leading another team to the glaciers. The team will drill ice cores at three major plateau glacier groups. Buried in the cold interiors of glaciers, ice cores con-

tain well-preserved and detailed records of climate change in a century. The impact of climatic changes would be assessed and proposals for conservation and rational development of resources formulated. On the archaeological front, scientists will look for evidence that can prove an earlier archaeological discovery of a Paleolithic ruins in the Serling Tso suggesting that humans might have been lived on this part of the world since some 30,000 years ago.



At least 43 people have been killed in a number of forest fires in central Portugal, as temperatures pass 40C. The Portuguese government said many of the victims died in their cars as flames swept over a road. Interior Ministry official Jorge Gomes said 16 people lost their lives in their vehicles between the towns of Figueiro dos Vinhos and Castanheira de Pera. About 20 people have been hurt, 14 of them seriously.

If history has its way, Prez poll will see a contest

SANJEEV CHOPRA

NEW DELHI, JUN 18 (PTI): Political parties may be in hectic huddles to forge a consensus for the upcoming presidential poll, but history shows that all presidential polls -- barring one -- in India have seen a contest, some keen, most a walkover. Going by precedence, the 15th presidential election scheduled to be held on July 17 this year will see a contest, notwithstanding the frenetic political confabulations for a consensus candidate. Of the 14 presidential elections held in the country so far, the only one which saw a candidate getting elected without a contest was the seventh poll, which Neelam Sanjiva Reddy won unopposed. The election, caused by the sudden death of serving President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, saw 37 candidates filing their nominations, of whom 36 were disqualified. This led to Reddy's unopposed victory on July 21, 1977. This (the seventh Presidential election) was the first time a candidate was declared elected to the highest office of the President of India without a contest," the Election Commission of India records. All the other elections witnessed contests, mostly insignificant ones, though some were close. The most noted fight was that between V V Giri and Reddy in the fifth presidential poll held on August 6, 1969. Held at a time the Congress was plagued by bitter rivalries, Giri, backed by then Prime

Minister Indira Gandhi, polled 4,01,515 votes against Reddy. The anti-Gandhi camp candidate, supported by the old guard of the party known as the Syndicate, was not far behind with 3,13,548 votes. The margin of victory for Giri was 87,967 votes, the smallest ever in the history of the election. The fourth presidential election on May 6, 1967, was also closely contested between Dr Zakir Hussain and Kota Subbarao, the two respectively garnering 4.71 lakh and 3.64 lakh votes. This election was historic for another reason. It saw the maximum number of candidates 17 ever to take part in a presidential poll in India. It is another matter than many of the candidates failed to get even a single vote. Historical records on presidential polls throw light on the early practice of contests. The first such election, held on May 2, 1952, saw five candidates. Among them was Dr Rajendra Prasad, who became India's first president after polling 5.60 lakh votes and defeating his nearest rival, K T Shah, who got less than a lakh votes. The second election, held on July 6, 1957, saw a triangular contest. Rajendra Prasad was elected after he won 4.60 lakh votes. He was followed by Choudhry Hari Ram, an inveterate contender, who won a mere 2672 votes. Hari Ram contested the first four elections, giving up the race only after scoring a zero in the last poll he contested on May 6,

1967. To weed out "non-serious" candidates, the EC recommended amendments to the law governing the poll. The first such amendment to the Presidential and Vice Presidential Election Rules was introduced in 1974, making it mandatory for a candidate to have 10 proposers and 10 seconders to be able to contest. Prior to this, candidates could enter the fray without the slightest chance of winning. The 1974 rules also enhanced the limit of security to be deposited by a candidate to Rs 2500. The law was again revised in 1997 to raise the number of proposers and seconders for each candidate from 10 to 50 and the security deposit amount to Rs 15,000. Since the 1997 amendment, all four Presidential polls have seen direct contests between two candidates, starting with the 11th Presidential election on July 14, 1997, in which K R Narayanan defeated T N Seshan. The 12th election held on July 15, 2002, saw NDA nominee APJ Abdul Kalam win against the opposition candidate, former Indian National Army officer Lakshmi Sahgal. UPA candidate Pratibha Patil won the 13th presidential election against opposition NDA's Bhairon Singh Shekhawat on July 19, 2007. The 14th Presidential poll was held on July 19, 2012. It ended with the victory of ruling UPA nominee Pranab Mukherjee against the NDA's PA Sangma.

LOST: The original Class X pass certificate (ICSE board) belonging Sajana Gurung bearing Index No. T/1868/032, passed from St. Joseph's School, Rhenock Kingstone, East Sikkim has been lost. If found contact: 7872095323

DIRECT B.ED ADMISSION FOR THE SESSION 2016-17 THROUGH UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR
[NCTE & UGC APPROVED]

College - Maxwell College

Eligibility - 40-45% [OBC/SC/ST]; 45% [General]

Course fee – Rs. 60,000 [in 3 installments]

For more details contact +91 8101510140, +91 90551 03632

MIZORAM STATE LOTTERIES
DEAR HAWK MORNING
Draw No:44 DrawDate on:17/06/17
1st Prize Rs.50 Lakhs/- 97D 54807 (Including Super Prize Amt)
Cons. Prize Rs.8,000/- 54807 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9500/-
01225 50144 51377 53778 56889
64342 65997 79333 80093 94290
3rd Prize Rs.9000/-
00171 05677 09444 09569 09931
29252 31722 57585 67036 98987
4th Prize Rs.1000/-
3167 4615 6191 6491 6580 7449 7451 7954 8644 9817
5th Prize Rs.600/-
1746 2327 3129 5987 7155 7250 7346 7794 9495 9500
6th Prize Rs.250/-
0000 0028 0048 0403 0433 1223 1227 1254 1472 1485
1559 1672 1705 1716 1765 1768 2087 2127 2144 2246
2570 2638 2713 2928 3012 3039 3165 3324 3325 3394
3408 3493 3646 3871 3887 4093 4271 4293 4347 4373
4398 4402 4485 4495 4508 4815 4818 4827 4871 4884
4978 5058 5260 5436 5541 5550 5729 5738 5763 5798
5878 5879 5940 6025 6061 6122 6309 6453 6484 6711
6729 6930 6935 6949 7007 7030 7103 7195 7384 8048
8062 8337 8458 8608 8627 8665 8867 8884 8981 8983
9050 9234 9348 9383 9406 9580 9653 9820 9911 9989
Issued by: The Director, Mizoram State Lotteries, For results please visit: www.mizoramlotteries.com

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES	NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES
SINGAM RUBY MORNING	DEAR GENTLE EVENING
Draw time: 11:55 am onwards Draw No:7 DrawDate on:18/06/17 1st Prize Rs.10 Lakhs/- 96J 18522 (Including Super Prize Amt)	Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards Draw No:112 DrawDate on:18/06/17 1st Prize Rs.50 Lakhs/- 87E 15648 (Including Super Prize Amt)
Cons. Prize Rs.9,100/- 18522 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)	Cons. Prize Rs.8,000/- 15648 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9,000/-	2nd Prize Rs.9500/-
01834 02149 19884 20246 21757	05882 18130 34240 35546 42286
36928 70914 73318 77615 98320	48129 51194 59602 82543 86487
3rd Prize Rs.500/-	3rd Prize Rs.9000/-
1167 1937 2420 2891 3582 3761 4180 6304 8335 9805	10294 14373 20136 22907 26743
4th Prize Rs.300/-	45805 54265 62991 84253 94835
0288 0901 3872 5053 5216 6153 7454 9326 9463 9476	4th Prize Rs.1000/-
5th Prize Rs.130/-	0092 1143 1909 3491 4940 4769 6411 7597 8041 9652
0043 0241 0313 0352 0463 0807 0903 1028 1075 1111	5th Prize Rs.600/-
1334 1597 1607 1831 1864 2022 2040 2220 2359 2397	0910 1441 5063 6330 6496 7114 7359 8301 8623 9155
2450 2640 2880 2922 3096 3121 3146 3160 3199 3331	6th Prize Rs.250/-
3574 3724 3780 3954 4059 4172 4226 4257 4344 4497	0043 0087 0181 0266 0402 0440 0447 0477 0486 0519
4584 4650 4717 4740 4771 4806 4822 4864 4889 5181	0578 0617 0772 0913 1032 1099 1127 1218 1404 1452
5198 5222 5556 5799 5828 5904 5939 6299 6317 6336	1493 1502 1616 1634 1738 1967 2092 2399 2694 2883
6487 6508 6707 6871 6900 7411 7525 7586 7599 7683	2917 2927 3034 3035 3039 3089 3237 3290 3490 3567
8016 8262 8348 8364 8380 8398 8569 8640 8675 8694	3623 3983 4014 4160 4242 4290 4409 4430 4511 4600
8602 8879 8909 8914 8918 8924 8965 9170 9307 9310	4634 4651 4664 5024 5133 5155 5338 5446 5512 5597
9363 9386 9418 9493 9514 9637 9697 9736 9749 9832	5659 5756 5955 6220 6235 6236 6264 6322 6403 6561
Issued by: The Director, Nagaland State Lotteries, Kohima, Nagaland. For Results, please visit: www.nagalandlotteries.com	6728 6759 6780 6987 7123 7139 7149 7162 7182 7294
	7344 7406 7423 7439 7529 7559 8182 8284 8294 8381
	8411 8569 8631 8688 9212 9529 9735 9792 9845 9852
KINDLY CHECK THE RESULTS WITH THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.	

SIKKIM STATE LOTTERIES	
DEAR PROSPECT	SINGAM ZEAL EVENING
Draw No:48 DrawDate on:18/06/17 1st Prize Rs.50 Lakhs/- 99D 44838 (Including Super Prize Amt)	Draw No:19 DrawDate on:18/06/17 1st Prize Rs.10 Lakhs/- 94B 31779 (Including Super Prize Amt)
Cons. Prize Rs.8,000/- 44838 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)	Cons. Prize Rs.9,100/- 31779 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9500/-	2nd Prize Rs.9,000/-
04126 06333 06942 14128 23010	09649 15295 51551 57839 61377
41560 68301 71312 94381 95651	61845 63465 72535 81534 96915
3rd Prize Rs.9000/-	3rd Prize Rs.500/-
13220 20979 21753 24479 31976	0222 0954 0972 1464 1822 2180 5062 7603 7680 9446
34070 48015 71577 73794 81305	4th Prize Rs.300/-
4th Prize Rs.1000/-	2567 2927 3388 3683 5947 6120 6590 7665 7981 8600
1334 2282 2759 5166 6710 6911 7602 8272 8650 9702	5th Prize Rs.130/-
5th Prize Rs.600/-	0026 0144 0189 0377 0497 0635 1118 1191 1193 1237
0287 2828 3049 4049 4306 5544 8300 8982 9238 9825	1425 1516 1540 1609 1729 1768 1782 1931 2124 2246
6th Prize Rs.250/-	2401 2473 2561 2633 2644 2838 2957 2997 3024 3071
0005 0036 0122 0182 0249 0422 0452 0538 0573 0677	3331 3340 3593 3670 3674 3700 3711 3800 3837 4058
0172 0806 0866 1528 1550 1551 1623 1770 1910 1910	4102 4222 4389 4411 4416 4606 4821 5145 5240 5316
1985 2152 2325 2484 2555 2558 2893 3054 3055 3147	5332 5565 5713 5717 5727 5789 5854 6023 6064 6138
3289 3343 3510 3583 3669 3679 3718 3737 3796 3878	6207 6237 6508 6539 6581 6614 6678 6820 6840 6872
3901 3917 3982 4039 4135 4266 4452 4480 4571 4642	6950 7057 7123 7213 7303 7310 7361 7669 7780 7881
4374 4925 5054 5436 5552 5720 5906 6171 6200 6372	8261 8347 8493 8543 8706 8718 8759 9176 9342 9447
6389 6525 6553 6812 6834 6871 6883 7081 7118 7190	9456 9513 9619 9640 9710 9817 9899 9963 9979 9999
7236 7424 7778 7794 7919 7945 7955 8086 8151 8179	Issued by: The Director, Sikkim State Lotteries, Deorali-737102 Please visit: www.sikkimlotteries.com
8323 8432 8516 8764 8860 8986 9003 9042 9045 9047	
9085 9306 9539 9591 9622 9629 9742 9873 9915 9949	
KINDLY CHECK THE RESULT WITH THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.	

ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE LOTTERIES	
MAHA GANAPATHY	KUMBHA RASI
Draw No:94 DrawDate on:17/06/17	Draw No:94 DrawDate on:17/06/17
1st Prize Rs.10,000/- A 02654	1st Prize Rs.10,000/- A 07295
2nd Prize Rs.5,000/-	2nd Prize Rs.5,000/-
0633 1557 4006 4327 6216 6658 6945 7943 9109 9910	2128 2631 2836 2940 3340 6166 7917 8709 9338 9848
3rd Prize Rs.500/-	3rd Prize Rs.500/-
1760 2328 2713 5356 6392 6697 6734 6796 8888 9956	0144 2963 3830 4848 5082 5981 6512 7876 8084 9835
4th Prize Rs.250/-	4th Prize Rs.250/-
1373 2001 2149 3100 4937 5120 5285 6210 6233 6671	0510 2133 3249 3304 3572 5571 7354 8111 8683 9849
5th Prize Rs.100/-	5th Prize Rs.100/-
2188 2617 2625 3993 4126 4146 4980 5013 9102 9837	0468 1063 1576 1640 4858 6952 7688 7832 9008 9999
6th Prize Rs.50/-	6th Prize Rs.50/-
0117 0732 1946 2681 4052 5109 6681 7340 8325 9025	0000 1164 1939 3121 3955 4651 5527 6728 8045 8813
0143 0993 1999 3017 4093 5656 6720 7383 8336 9168	0214 1200 2159 3136 4018 4665 5601 7014 8083 8871
0195 1022 2002 3114 4266 5682 6726 7391 8343 9217	0343 1286 2337 3300 4073 4809 5694 7265 8345 8991
0381 1050 2031 3343 4308 5773 6762 7404 8410 9265	0406 1325 2390 3388 4143 4834 5753 7311 8423 9190
0485 1056 2058 3400 4348 5836 6802 7449 8535 9366	0442 1378 2468 3402 4025 4851 5827 7347 8448 9197
0528 1140 2451 3586 4359 6200 7002 7957 8796 9413	0801 1493 2726 3563 4226 4876 5894 7554 8458 9205
0589 1216 2527 3657 4414 6283 7087 7979 8843 9460	0848 1643 2802 3608 4339 4997 6181 7700 8540 9496
0594 1282 2633 3816 4423 6286 7096 8003 8892 9644	1037 1669 2845 3702 4582 5191 6259 7702 8554 9653
0622 1294 2668 3889 4514 6438 7127 8198 8959 9777	1060 1727 2869 3818 4609 5208 6554 7737 8635 9790
0701 1759 2675 4022 5037 6665 7275 8218 9014 9797	1135 1826 2914 3869 4612 5329 6589 9976 9846 9828
Issued by: The Commissioner, Arunachal Pradesh State Lotteries, Itanagar.	



A ROYAL AFFAIR: Duchess Kate, Prince William and their children, Princess Charlotte and Prince George, enjoyed the Trooping the Colour parade in London.

BTS CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY WITH 3 NEW SONGS



K-OP

After a historic win at the Billboard Music Awards last month, K-pop act BTS took the past two weeks to give back to fans in celebration of their fourth anniversary. The group's BTS Festa event began at the beginning of the month and ended on Wednesday, the day after the boy band's June 13 anniversary. Over the two weeks, the seven members held several special events directed at fans and released videos and songs, including Rap Monster and V's collaborative track "4 O'Clock." Meanwhile, Jungkook and Jimin released a cover of Charlie Puth's "We Don't Talk Anymore," and Suga worked with Jin and Jungkook to revamp his previously released Agust D mixtape track, "So Far Away." The three songs were uploaded to the group's SoundCloud and YouTube pages, much like other non-album tracks and mixtapes that the boy band has released throughout their career. "4 O'Clock" is a guitar-driven melancholic soft rock ballad dominated by V's deep, breathy tone. Rap Monster joins in with both a punchy rap and a mellow singing verse that diverges from his usual role as a

rapper. The track was co-produced by the two BTS members. The two other tracks were previously released by the group's members on different occasions. Jungkook covered "We Don't Talk Anymore" in February on his own -- and gained Puth's nod of approval on Twitter -- while Suga's "So Far Away" appeared on his mixtape last year and originally featured the indie vocalist Suran. In a note on BTS' blog, Suga wrote that the new version featuring Jin and Jungkook has a fresh set of lyrics and is "closer" to the original sound he had planned for the song than the Agust D version. Along with the songs, BTS also gifted fans with a variety of performance videos and held a live stream on Tuesday to mark the anniversary. Over the four years of their career, BTS has become a major player in the K-pop industry and built up a powerful fanbase and social-media presence, the latter of which helped propel the act to take home the top social artist award at May's BBMAs.

ARIES: You may feel like your resources are depleted and you want to throw in the towel, Aries. Don't give up yet. Today may not be the best day of your life, but that doesn't mean you should write everyone off and become a hermit. You may be moodier than usual, but you will snap out of it. You may need to be a bit more adaptable in order to roll with the punches today.

TAURUS: Your energy is running high, Taurus, and you have a great deal of fire that you can use to transform anything. You have a wonderful capacity to turn a bad situation into a good one. You know exactly how to lift others' spirits when they're down. Today certain issues may be a bit too emotional for you to handle comfortably.

ably. There's an aggressive, combative tone to some people. Keep your guard up.

GEMINI: Every time you bring up a sensitive, important, or deep subject, does someone squash it? You may feel like you aren't relating well to other people today, Gemini. You may want to dive deeper into issues while others prefer to skim the surface. There are many ways to see the same things and deal with the same problems. Find people who see things your way rather than fight those who don't.

CANCER: This is a wonderful day. You feel emotionally strong. Cancer, You have all of your energy available for use. Don't miss this opportunity by feigning

JAB HARRY MET SEJAL MINI TRAILS: SHAH RUKH KHAN IS 'CHEAP', ANUSHKA SHARMA'S GUJARATI ACCENT IS POINT-ON



Jab Harry Met Sejal mini trailer: Shah Rukh Khan and Anushka Sharma feature in the first video teaser from the Imtiaz Ali directorial, giving us a hint about what their new film is going to be like. The video introduces us to the two lead characters - Harry and Sejal, and their interesting chemistry. Jab Harry Met Sejal - the name itself gives us a hint that the story is going to be a romantic tale between Anushka Sharma's Gujarati character Sejal and Shah Rukh Khan's Punjabi act as Harinder Singh Nehra aka Harry. And when it's all about romance, you can truly believe in SRK to spread his charm and own the screen.

Ofcourse, because he has been the master of hearts for over two decades. But, in this Imtiaz Ali's film, Shah Rukh's character has gone for a switch. The actor, who has always shown his chivalrous side, is now a man with cheap thoughts about women. On the other side, Anushka's character is so innocent that she does not understand anything he wants her to. Instead, she questions 'ladka ladki main hota kya hai?' to which Shah Rukh's reaction is just epic. But one thing is for sure, the moment you see the mini trailer (trail), you are instantly in love with Har-

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

BEYONCE GIVES BIRTH, WELCOMES TWINS WITH JAY Z



The Carter clan is growing! Beyoncé and Jay Z welcomed twins earlier this week, multiple sources confirmed to media. Queen Bey, 35, announced in February that she and the rapper, 47, were expanding their family. "We would like to share our love and happiness," Beyoncé captioned an Instagram photo of her bare bump at the time. "We have been blessed two times over. We are incredibly grateful that our family will be growing by two, and we thank you for your well wishes."

The "Hold Up" singer documented her pregnancy on social media and made several red carpet appearances while expecting. Although she had to pull out of her headlining Coachella appearance, she attended the Grammys, the Beauty and the Beast premiere and the inaugural Wearable Art Gala at the California African American Museum. The couple's

new twins join their daughter Blue Ivy, 5. "Beyoncé and Jay Z tied the knot in 2008 and recently celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary.

ry's character who is lively, friendly and trying to be the macho, yes we know that because he is drinking, clubbing and doing everything like a Casanova. You want to see more of him. And as far as Anushka is concerned, the highlight of her character in this clip is her accent. The actor just nails her Gujarati avatar. We just cannot wait to know more of both the characters. Well, the Phillauri actor has a screen presence which reminds you of her debut

film Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi. We could not forget how she had stood equal to SRK's caliber in the film, despite being a debutant. The same compatibility Anushka and SRK have shown in the past, comes alive yet again when you meet Sejal, a chirpy character who is full of life and sailing with Harry on the boat full of madness. Going by the mini trailer, one can stay assured that this journey till the release of Jab Harry Met Sejal is going to be a fun ride.

19TH JUNE WORLD HISTORY

1464: French King Louis XI formed a postal service.
1862: Slavery was outlawed in U.S. territories. President Abraham Lincoln outlined his Emancipation Proclamation.
1903: A young Italian school teacher, Benito Mussolini, who later founded Fascist Party, was placed under investigation by police in Bern, Switzerland.
1917: King George V ordered the British royal family to dispense with German titles and surnames. The family took the name "Windsor."
1919: Mustafa Kemal founded the Turkish National Congress at Angora (later Ankara) and denounced the Treaty of Versailles.
1963: Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova returned to Earth after spending nearly three days as the first woman in space.
INDIAN HISTORY
1966: Political party Shiv

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Dr. RAJEN UPADHYAY
Assistant Professor in History,
Namchi Govt. College

Sena was founded in Mumbai. The Party was founded by Bal Thackeray, the political cartoonist. The party developed from a movement, in Mumbai, which promoted Maharashtrians to be treated specially over the migrants of the city.
1979 - After Raj Narain and Charan Singh pulled out of the Janata Party, Morarji Desai resigned from office and took retirement from politics at the age of 83.
1981: India's Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment (APPLE) satellite, 1st to be stabilized on 3 axes, launched.

LOCKHORNS - HOEST & REINER



"HE TACKED ON AN EXTRA HOUR'S LABOR FOR YOUR ADVISING HIM."

ARCTIC CIRCLE - HALLATT



BABY BLUES - KIRKMAN & SCOTT

