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Guv, CM extend Eid greetings

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Governor Shrinivas Patil and Chief Minister Pawan Chamling have extended Eid greetings to the people.

Governor Shrinivas Patil and the First Lady, Rajanidevi Patil, have extended good wishes to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, a press release informs.

"Eid-ul-Fitr marks the end of 'Ramadan', the holy month of fasting by our Muslim brethren worldwide and is the most auspicious among all festivals celebrated by largest section of human population. The festival has significance beyond religion and rituals as it seek to establish harmony and peace in the world for the entire mankind", the Governor has said.

"On this happy occasion let us pray for the universal peace and brotherhood and commit ourselves towards fostering harmony among all sections of society. May the ideals of Quran ultimately prevail upon the confusion and conflict the world is witnessing today," reads the release.

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and Mrs Tika Maya Chamling convey: "The festival of Eid-ul-Fitr signifies universal peace and harmony as per the teachings of the holy Quran. It is as an occasion of peace, happiness, joy, and festivity. It's a day for special prayers and a day of forgiveness and generosity. The day brings people together as the festival celebrates togetherness and encourages fellowship."

The Chief Minister has called for the need to sustain peace and tranquility of Sikkim and to

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Darj bandh shuts down Sikkim's tourism sector as well

KESANG DOMA
BHUTIA

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Unrest in the neighbouring Darjeeling and indefinite bandh in peak tourist season has severely impacted the economy generated through the tourism industry in Sikkim. The contrast is made starker by the fact that Summer 2017 was developing

into a record-breaking "tourist season".

Gangtok and its surroundings offer numerous attractions and activities like road trips to Tsomgo, sightseeing to Rumtek, Hanuman Tok, and Ganesh Tok. In the backdrop of the indefinite bandh, the inflow of tourist has decreased. Tourists are either forced to cut their trips short or

cancel their bookings altogether. All these have affected the business at a time when it should have been at its busiest.

There have also been instances of tourists spending their final days in Gangtok standing in queues to get a ticket out to Siliguri instead of sightseeing or shopping here.

Lhamu Sherpa, a resident of Bojoghari, who

has set up a stall at Tashi View Point and has been doing good business there for the past six years, stated that due to the situation in the neighbouring Hills and the fall in tourist arrivals it has caused, her business has gone down dramatically. Where earlier she used to easily earn Rs 1,000-2,000 daily, now she takes home a meagre amount of

Rs 200-300 only.

Similarly, Badal Kumar, who has set up a fruit stall at tashi View Point, voiced his concerns over the scarcity of tourists during the expected peak season.

Paridhi Agarwal, who has come to Sikkim with her family from Raipur, Chattisgarh, shared that they had to change their

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GJM offers 12-hr only- for-Muslims 'window' for Eid in Hills

DARJEELING (WB), JUN 25 (PTI): The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha today decided to allow a 12-hour bandh relaxation for the Muslims to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr in the Darjeeling hills on Monday.

"The Muslim community in the hills will be given a 12-hour relaxation on June 26, from 6 am to 6 pm, to celebrate Eid," a senior Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) leader said.

Muslims can also use vehicles with stickers mentioning the purpose to go to the plains and meet their relatives, he added.

"Except this, everything remains the same. The indefinite shutdown will continue," he said.

This is a change in stand in that earlier on Friday, GJM president Bimal Gurung had said that there would be no relaxation for Muslims to celebrate Eid, the biggest festival of the community.

On the same day, the GJM had provided a 12-hour bandh relaxation to the boarding schools of the hills to evacuate the

stranded students.

Meanwhile, the GJM's head office in Singhmari, which was closed after the June 15 police raid, was opened today.

Senior GJM leaders and supporters took out a rally from Chowkbazar to the GJM head office and opened it while shouting "We Want Gorkhaland".

GJM supporters also took part in other processions as the indefinite strike demanding a separate state of 'Gorkhaland', carved out of West Bengal, entered its 11th day today.

In a video message last night, Gurung had urged the people to hit the streets, but also cautioned them that the leaders from the other parties might "try to betray" the Gorkhaland agitation.

"We are ready for talks only on the issue of Gorkhaland, not on any alternative formula.... Remember that one day, everyone has to die. Either my body will go home or I will return with Gorkhaland," he had said in the message.

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Raj Bhawan leads 10-Minutes to Earth dedication in Sikkim



GANGTOK, 25 JUN (IPR): A mass plantation drive was carried out today at Raj Bhawan, Gangtok to mark '10 Minutes to Earth', a unique environmental initiative envisaged by the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling.

The plantation drive at Raj Bhawan was carried out with support from Governor Shrinivas Patil.

This was the ninth edition of the 10 Minutes to Earth programme which is an integral part of the fortnightly Paryavaran Mahotsav observed every year from 15-30 Jun.

The Governor was joined in the drive by First

Lady Rajni Devi Patil, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Speaker, KN Rai, Deputy Speaker, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, cabinet ministers, MLAs, Gangtok Municipal Corporation Mayor, department heads and officers of the Forest Department. Most of the saplings planted during the drive were that of Rhododendron.

Principal Secretary, Dr Thomas Chandy also read out the message of the Chief Minister on the occasion. A compendium of 'Paryavaran Mahotsav 2016' was also released on the occasion by the Governor and dignitaries.

Patriarchy and poor conviction rate embolden rapists

TRISHA MUKHERJEE AND
MANISH SAIN

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI): Three men rape a woman, flinging her child to a pavement. Another three rape a woman for eight hours in a vehicle. A jilted lover and his friend abduct, rape and kill a woman. A neighbour lures a child to a secluded spot, rapes, burns and kills her.

Who are these seemingly ordinary people who turn into brutal violators and killers?

Psychologists, lawyers and the police have been struggling to make sense of what is being described as a culture of rape, especially in Delhi and its neighbourhood.

In Delhi, over six women are raped every day. According to the

National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 95 per cent of all rapes in 2015 in the country were committed by a person known to the victim. A seven-year-old Chennai girl, for instance, was raped, burnt and killed by her neighbour in February.

A spate of rapes in recent weeks - including in Manesar, where a 19-year-old woman was raped in a van and her 9-month-old baby killed, in Sonapat, where the former lover raped, mutilated and killed the victim and the recent case of a woman who was picked up from Gurgaon and raped for almost eight hours in a moving vehicle - has turned the spotlight on the mind of the rapist, capable of unthinkable violence.

The director of the Institute of

Human Behaviour & Allied Sciences, Nimesh Desai, attributes such criminal behaviour to factors like ingrained patriarchy and lack of gender sensitivity, as well as the internal distress and isolation of young men.

Referring to gang rapes, he says a "high risk behaviour" functions in groups, encouraging negative instincts.

"Anti-social and criminal behaviour happens more in groups. Groups provide the comfort, courage and a false sense of bravado and masculinity, resulting in a compromise in judgement," he says.

The senior psychiatrist, however, warns against theories on the "psychology of the rapist", stressing that these can give the impression of the

crime being justified.

"When we try and explain the psychology of a rapist, the intentions are usually good, but what it does to the public mind is that it kind of sanctifies or justifies the act," he told PTI.

But the sheer numbers of rapes in the country - the NCRB states 2,199 rape cases were reported in Delhi and 34,651 in India in 2015 - trigger questions on what makes rapists commit the most horrendous of acts - grievously molesting a child, mutilating a woman's body and raping her for hours in a gang.

Sometimes, the rapists act under the influence of alcohol or substance abuse, which Desai describes as "a ready recipe" for such crimes.

But the experts stress there are

larger issues at play here - such as ingrained patriarchal values.

A male-dominated society "is not comfortable around an independent woman", says Supreme Court lawyer Shilpi Jain.

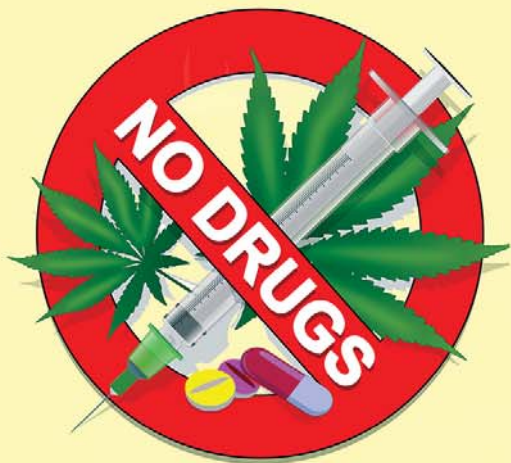
"When men see an independent woman, it hurts their ego.

So this is a way of overpowering her, to show her that 'you are under our control', to send a message to women that they may lead independent lives but if men want to control them, they can," says the defence lawyer, who fought the Bitti Mohanty case, in which a senior police officer's son was convicted of raping a German woman.

What confounds activists and

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MANGAN DEDICATES 10 MINUTES TO EARTH

MANGAN, 25 JUN: Mangan Forest Division, in collaboration with North District Administration, observed '10 Minutes to Earth' by organizing a plantation drive from District Judicial Court to Rafong Khola. The drive was attended by District Collector (North), Karma R Bonpo and the forest officials of the district.

[from SHERING WANGCHUK]

Golay greets Sikkim on Eid

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha President, PS Tamang (Golay), has conveyed his greetings to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. "May this occasion be the harbinger of peace, progress, prosperity and happiness," Mr Tamang has said.

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foster the spirit of brotherhood and cordiality among fellow beings.

"Let us aspire to be kind hearted, benevolent and noble in our thoughts and actions. Let each one of us become ambassadors of peace and harmony and inspire the rest of humanity," the Chief Minister has stated in his message.

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South DC takes stock of essentials, directs rationing of fuel in Namchi

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

An emergency meeting in order to supervise the shortage of essential commodities in south district was conducted under the chairmanship of District Collector (South) on 24 June, a press release from the District Collector (South), Raj Yadav informs.

The meeting was attended by the Sub Divisional Magistrate (Jorethang HQ), Joint Directors from Agriculture and Horticulture Department and Animal Husbandry Livestock Fisheries and Veterinary

Services Department along with the Additional Superintendent of Police (South), Sub Divisional Police Officer (Namchi), Station Head Officer (Namchi Police Station), District Civil Supplies Officer and the training officers.

The DCSO informed the house that 10,000 liters of high speed diesel and 90,000 liters of motor spirit arrived at Kamakhya Petrol Pump on 24 Jun. An additional 10,000 liters of motor spirit also arrived on the same day at Surya Sales.

It was therefore decided

that after the arrival of the said HSD/MS at Namchi, rationing shall be done by issuing five liters per vehicle of HSD and 10 liters per vehicle MS by the concerned petrol pump owners and accordingly directions shall be given to them.

Jorethang and Yangang SDM said that minimum stocks of MS were maintained by the petrol pumps of Jorethang and Yangang. It was also reported that the petrol pumps at Melli, Kewzing, Ravangla and Bermiok had sufficient stocks of fuel with them.

The Senior Superintendent of Police (South) was requested to give directions to all the SHOs to inform all the drivers entering Namchi to fill the fuel at Melli and the nearby petrol pumps where stocks were available.

DCSO (South) informed that sufficient food stocks were available with the ration vendors of the district. He was directed to keep check of the ration price at various shops.

Joint Director, Agriculture and Horticulture Department informed the house that sufficient stocks of vegetables

were available in the market and surplus of vegetables will be supplied to Gangtok from Chalamthang Vegetable cluster if the availability of vegetables suffers.

Joint Director (AHLF&VS) informed that meat supply was surplus in the district. However, strict monitoring of meat price was requested by the attendees.

As for the LPG cylinder issue, the District Administration has instructed the Nayuma Indane to stock at least 50 LPG cylinders for emergency purpose. 270 cylinders were

distributed on 24 Jun with only 50 cylinders remaining in the godown.

Emergency contact numbers of the District Collector, Superintendent of Police, SDPO and SHO's were shared to the public through Facebook and social media sites in case any emergency occurs in the district. All the Sub Divisional Magistrates along with the officers of the district were directed to be present in their respective offices even during holidays until the situation normalizes, the release informs.

Chief Administrator check on supplies in North Sikkim

MANGAN, 25 JUN (IPR):

State Chief Administrator, R. Ongmu along with District Magistrate (North), Karma R Bonpo, Sub Divisional Magistrate (HQ), Phurba Wangden Lepcha, District Civil Supply Officer and District Planning Officer inspected the food grain stock at food godown in Mangan on 24 Jun. The food grain stock was found to be sufficient and well maintained.

The inspection team then visited Ridong and Remit Khola to inspect the damage caused recently by torrential rain.

Later, the team visited Mangan District Hospital to inspect the ongoing construction work of the District Tuberculosis Center. The team discussed the availability of medicines at the hospital and assured to make all the necessary medicines available soon.



After the inspection, a brief meeting was convened in the office of the DM-North with District Magistrate, Senior Superin-

tendent of Police, Shammi Rai, Additional District Magistrate and Sub Divisional Magistrates to discuss the stock position of

essential commodities owing to the recent activities in the neighboring state of West Bengal and the onset of monsoon.

South segregates electoral rolls for Panchayat elections

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

A meeting was held regarding Segregation of Electoral Roll for the upcoming Panchayat Election and the Special Drive launched by the Election Commission of India at the Office of the District Collector (South) on 24 Jun, a press release from the DC informs.

The meeting was chaired by DC (South), Raj Kumar Yadav and was attended by Sub Divisional Magistrate (HQ), SDM (Jorethang), Block Development Officers, Under Secretaries from the Election Department, Block Level Officers concerned with the delimitation of newly created wards and Gram Panchayat Units.

In the first session discussion on the Segregation of Electoral Roll for the upcoming Panchayat Election was held. District Collector (S) apprised that the sched-

ule for segregation of Electoral Roll has been fixed by the State Election Commission and is scheduled to be held from 27 Jun and further directed that the schedule for the segregation to be strictly adhered to and should be done as per the boundaries notified by the State Election Commission.

Two wards, East Melli and West Melli were formed bifurcated from Melli Ward at Melli Paiyong GPU. Similarly, Kewzing and Samsing wards have been formed by bifurcation of Kewzing Ward. Further, Lingzo, Dalep and Chujachen wards have been formed by bifurcating Linzo and Dalep wards in Kewzing Bakhim GPU.

Mikkhola Singithang and Boomtar Salleybong GPUs have been formed by the bifurcation of 30-Mikkhola Boomtar GPU. The Mikkhola Singithang GPU will have five wards

namely, Upper Mikkhola, Lower Mikkhola, Upper Kopchey Lower Kopchey and Singithang. Boomtar Salleybong GPU on the other hand will have Boomtar Tangsang, Boomtar Tadong, Upper Salleybong, Lower Salleybong and Tinzir wards under it.

Upper Gangla and Lower Gangla wards have been formed by bifurcation of Gangla Ward at Ravong Sangmo GPU while Lower Kamrang, Middle Kamrang and Upper Kamrang wards have been formed by the bifurcation of Lower and Upper Kamrang wards at 36-Mamley Kamrang GPU.

Mazitar and Basiney wards have been formed by bifurcation Mazitar Compound ward at Sorok Shyampani GPU while Samatar and Harrabotey wards have been formed by the bifurcation of Samatar Ward at Poklok Denchung GPU.

Upper Rabikhola and Lower Rabi Khola wards have been formed by bifurcating Rabikhola ward. Further, Tangzi, Suiram and Ramaram wards have been formed by bifurcating Tangzi Suiram and Ramaram Kali Khola wards at Tangzi Bikmat GPU.

As per the notification, District Collector is appointed as the Panchayat Electoral Registration Office (PERO), who shall have the authority to appoint Assistant Panchayat Registration Officer (APERO) and designated officers for the Segregation of Electoral Roll. During the meeting it was unanimously agreed to the decision, that all BDOs under South district shall be appointed as APERO and BLOs as the designated officers.

All the APEROs were given the direction to identify the polling station in their respective block and to ensure ba-

sic minimum facilities (BMF) in the polling station and suggested that all APERs form a team of 10 efficient officers at their respective BACs for the purpose of reporting during the Election.

During the second session, the Special Drive launched by the Election commission of India which will be commencing from 01-31 Jul was discussed in brief. The drive shall focus on the enrolment of first time voters in the age group 18 - 21 years. During the meeting error list of electors and list of duplicate voters were handed over to the respective Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and direction was given that during the drive all BLOs will do door to door visit of the household falling under their jurisdiction for the enrolment of the persons of the age group from 18 to 21 years.



Phalaichadara JHS goes green

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Phalaichadara Junior High School's 'Green Club' organized a plantation drive to observe '10 Minutes to Earth' at its school premises today, a press release issued by the school's headmaster informs.

Students planted saplings of rhododendron and other ornamental

plants in and around the school campus.

Green Club teachers RB Chettri and Meena Subba conducted the programme which had Tumin Block Officer, Kewal Prasad Rai as chief guest. The programme was also attended by the local residents along with the School Management Committee members.



Dikchu cleans up

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 25 JUN:

Residents of Dikchu spruced up litter around town as a part of their monthly Safai Abhiyan.

The residents have been organizing a monthly cleanliness drive for three years now and it is considered mandatory for ever household to participate.

The New Market area, Old Dikchu Bazar and Dikchu Primary Health Center were cleaned today.

Dikchu Youth Welfare Association members, Dikchu Bazar Committee members, and members of Gyan Jyoti Club along with the students and senior citizens of the area participated in the cleanliness drive.

Patriarchy and poor...

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law-enforcement agencies is that strict laws - which include death - do not seem to deter the perpetrators.

Mumbai-based psychologist Harish Shetty blames delayed convictions for this.

"If you hear that for a rape, a person is convicted in a month's time, then it has an impact. But a death sentence after 20 years makes no sense," Shetty says.

He adds that while there is more awareness about the law, "it has no teeth" unless judgements are on time.

"Acquittals are very high and convictions are very low," he adds.

The NCRB report shows a conviction rate of 21.7 per cent in crimes against women in India during 2015. It means more than 7 out of 10 people accused of such crimes walked free.

The December 16, 2012, case - when a physiotherapy intern was brutally raped and killed by a gang of men - evoked such nationwide horror that a court had sentenced the adult men to

death in nine months.

But this was a rare instance. A 13-year-old girl from Lucknow, who was gang raped in 2005, waited for 11 years for a verdict. The rape of a minor by two presidential guards in 2003 reached a trial court only in 2009.

Jain believes the situation can change only if there is a "complete overhaul" of police structures that allow probes by the lowest rungs of officials. She also suggests expedition of cases in courts.

Former Mumbai Police Joint Commissioner (Crime) M N Singh stresses the need for a "systemic change" to instill fear which he believes will act as a deterrent. To prevent cases such as the gang rape in May of a group of women on the Jewar-Bulandshahr highway, he suggests increased police patrolling.

"If social control and policing are lacking, then howsoever strict the law is, it will only have a limited impact," Singh says.

Will Power Humanitarian gives a hand

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Will Power Humanitarian today organised a special programme under its "Give a Hand" initiative at an orphanage in Bojoghari.

This was the second phase of their initiative and saw the Will Power Humanitarian staff and volunteers from Sikkim distribute school bags and treat them to some entertainment and a special meal.

The programme had Rehna Rai, chairperson, Sikkim Women's Commission, as the chief guest accompanied by chairperson Indira Pradhan, members of the



State Women's Commission and others.

The programme was also attended by members of Stars of Hope, social workers from Syari,

Arithang, members of Round Table Gangtok, and others.

The organisers also presented handkerchiefs with a quote by Will Har-

ris to everyone present at the function and aims to gift 5,000 such handkerchiefs in the state to promote the Give a Hand message.

The function had the presence of executive director of Will Power Humanitarian, Sushmita Shah and Nirmal Mangar.

Gangtok on Monday, 26 June

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Sikkim rides support for Gorkhaland

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

A huge motorcycle rally thundered on the highway from Gangtok to Rangpo today in support of the Gorkhaland demand in the neighbouring hills.

The Bike Rally was organised by the Riders Club of Gangtok in association with the Body Building Association of Sikkim, Arm Wrestling Association of Sikkim and other clubs.

The rally started from the Sikkim Legislative Assembly complex and moved onwards from Rangpo up to Kirney in West Bengal.

More than 150 bikers participated in the rally today to register solidarity with the movement underway for Gorkhaland.

Working President of the Riders Club, Arun Gurung, informed that the main objective of the rally is to register their support for the people of Darjeeling hills and their aspiration for a separate state of Gorkhaland.

"We are really worried about the present situation in our neighbouring place Darjeeling and condemn the killing to three Gorkhaland activists there," added Mr. Gurung.

GJM offers 12-hr only-for-Muslims...

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Barring medicine outlets, all other shops remained closed in the hills. Internet services remained suspended for the eighth day and the security forces continued to patrol the streets.

Meanwhile, in Siliguri, an outfit named 'Amra Bangali' (We are Bengalees) took out a rally to protest against the "separatist movement" of the GJM.

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Evelyn, still in love with Sikkim

NITESH R PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Actress Evelyn Sharma of "Yaariyaan" and "Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani" fame was recently in the capital to join the sixth anniversary celebrations of Casino Mahjong.

"This is my second time in Sikkim. I fell in love with Sikkim during my first visit here to shoot for Yaariyaan," she said.

She appreciated the Organic farming model adopted in the state and expressed hope that more



states will follow suit.

"I can see the difference from my last visit till now. There has been

a lot a development," she said.

She also held that low crime rate; safety

of women and tourist friendly policies in the state makes it "one of my favorite places".

"Sikkim is clean, green and beautiful," she said.

She also hopes to shoot her future movies in Sikkim.

On the local cuisine, she said that she has tried "some outstanding momos."

When enquired about her journey into modeling and acting she said, "It was out of nowhere

around 9 to 10 years ago I was spotted as a model in MySpace which led to a worldwide contract."

Evelyn, perhaps because of her mixed Indian and German heritage, can speak in German, English, Hindi, French and Dutch.

Her forthcoming projects include an untitled movie with actor Amit Sadh and a cameo appearance in Shah Rukh Khan-Anushka Sharma starrer "When Harry met Sejal."



Foot over-bridges coming up outside TNA

ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 25 JUN:

Gangtok is getting one more foot over-bridge at the TNA complex, the foundation stone for which was laid today by Gangtok MLA Pintso Chopel Lepcha.

Two foot over-bridges are coming up outside

TNA, one in front of the TNA Gate and the on the road heading towards the Old Secretariat.

These are being constructed under the AMRUT scheme at a projected cost of Rs 2.64 cr and are scheduled for completion in two years, it is informed.

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Millennium Park footpath upgraded

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN: Gangtok MLA, Parliamentary Secretary for Urban Development & Housing Department Pintso Chopel Lepcha, in-

augurated the upgraded footpath at Millennium Park in town today.

Also attending the function were Gangtok Mayor Shakti Singh Chaudhary, GMC Coun-

cillors, departmental officers and others.

The upgradation of the footpath was initiated under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transforma-

tion (AMRUT) scheme under the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India at a total cost of Rs 10,50,964. The footpath stretches 104.45 metres.

Legal awareness camp at Freedom Facility

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN: A legal awareness camp under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme and Micro Legal Literacy Scheme was held at Freedom Facility Detoxification Centre here at Tathangchen on 24 June.

The camp was organised by the District Legal Services Authority [DLSA], East and Tatuk Legal Services Committee, East in co-ordination with Freedom Facility Detoxification Centre. The camp held as a part of International Day Against Drug Abuse, which falls on 26 June.



The camp was attended by District and Session Judge, Jyoti Kharga, who is also the Chairperson of DLSA [East] and Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Ranjeeta Prad-

han, also the Secretary of DLSA [East]. Advocate SP Bhutia was also present as a resource person.

The camp highlighted on issues related to Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006, Protection of

Children against Sexual Offenses Act, 2012, Immoral Trafficking Act, legal services and its aims and objectives, Lok Adalat, Domestic Violence Act and other laws.



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MANGAN, 25 JUN: Two wooden houses belonging to Anita Sherpa at Mangan Bazaar below the food supply godown collapsed this morning due to a

landslide as the area. The structures had been rendered vulnerable a few months ago due to a landslide and sinking in the area.

The family residing in house has shifted to a

relative's house for now.

The district administration and Mangan Nagar Panchayat have been requested to look into the matter and arrange relocation for the family.

Shanti Nagar Gaon Sudhar Samity felicitates those who made Rani Khola Mahotsav special

YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 25 JUN:

A felicitation programme was organized by the Shanti Nagar Gaon Sudhar Samiti today to thank the participants of the Rani Khola Mahotsav which was held on 14-16 Jan.

D-Matrix (Dance Academy) Singtam, Sikkim Academy of Music (Singtam), Netra Kala Kendra Gangtok, Reverine Musical Band (Shantinagar) were felicitated with mementos and cash prizes.

"Rani Khola Mahot-



sav was successful due to the hard work and active participation from everybody involved in the organization of the programme. It brought out the best in us and we wit-

nessed various talents take the stage and blow us away," area MLA, Agriculture Minister, Somnath Poudyal said while addressing the function today.



Tapashree Dance & Music Academy hosts annual function

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 25 JUN: Tapashree Dance and Music Academy, Arithang, Gangtok today hosted its annual function at the SDF Bhawan hall here.

The function had Ranya Shaba MP, Hissay Lachungpa, as chief guest accompanied by Gangtok Mayor Shakti Singh Chaudhari, GMC Chairperson Ashish Rai, Film Board chairperson Uttam Pradhan, GMC councillors and other dignitaries.

As part of the day's events, various personalities who have made significant contributions in the fields of music and art were felicitated by the organisation.

The function included colourful cultural performances by students of the Academy.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest congratulated Tapashree Academy on its impeccable training and for provide a platform to the arts-loving students of

the State.

President of the Tapashree Dance & Music Academy, Komal Gurung, highlighted that the day was special since it celebrated an entire year's hard work by the teachers and students. The Academy was established in the year 2014.

The special guest GMC Chairperson Ashish Rai remarked that the Academy was not only providing a platform and training, but also keeping the youth constructively occupied.

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The Aandolan Does Not Need an Action Replay

Nine years on, the similarities are too obvious to ignore

Nine years ago, at exactly this time of the year, Sikkim was reeling under the impact of an indefinite bandh in the neighbouring hills. The demand was the same – Gorkhaland. The party was the same, as was the leader, and interestingly, the claims were the same as well. The Darjeeling outfit was announcing that the indefinite bandh underway there (in 2008) was to be the final battle for statehood. Its leader had proclaimed then, as he must be doing now, that there was to be no compromise on statehood for Gorkhaland. In fact, there are too many similarities between the summers of 2008 and 2017 for these to be dismissed to chance or ignored. Maybe everyone could learn something from the parallels.

Back in 2008, GJM had established itself as the strongest political outfit in Darjeeling after having wrested dominance from GNLF which was hounded out of the hills in a rather violent purge. Change there had started with rejection of the Sixth Schedule model being proposed by GNLF and the hill council model adopted by it, and GJM then leveraged statehood as the idea whose time had come. This worked with the people because statehood is an aspiration that every resident of the Darjeeling Hills holds dear. In the current episode as well, the ill-advised stab at language imperialism by the West Bengal Government provided the setting to dislodge whatever base TMC might have established in the Hills and statehood was invoked again to reject GTA and unite the people behind the GJM afresh. Ironically, even though it was a UPA Government in Delhi at the time, its “advice” to Darjeeling was the same – talk to the West Bengal Government first. Also, much like what we are witnessing at present, what had started out as a strong expression seeking statehood and identity, eventually got entangled in sideshows, ugly ones at that, of ethnic confusions and confrontations which do a lot to keep the region on a boil and people high-strung and even united, but achieve very little when it comes to addressing the root issue – people’s desire to belong to a state instead of a district or a hill council or a territorial administration. Nine years ago, the people of Darjeeling, tired of being played by their own leaders, had embraced GJM as an option because they believed it to remain the civil movement it had begun as with its civil disobedience approach, a movement that prioritised the people and did not hurt them every time its leaders felt slighted. That image could not be sustained, and just when it was becoming apparent that people’s resentment was reaching its breaking point, GJM agreed to talks after a string of bandhs, arson and attacks on political opponents and their sympathizers. We are still talking 2008 here. In the latest instance as well, GJM is reclaiming its leadership role after the brief experiment with an all-party collaboration appeared to be gaining traction as a genuine people’s movement. The manner in which things are playing out, suggest that GJM will try and reinforce its dominance in the Hills before it takes up the option of talks.

Of course, Sikkim invariably gets caught in the crossfire. The highway has remained opened for Sikkim this time, but now Siliguri is upset. Earlier, it used to be Darjeeling. In fact, in 2008, Sikkim had even petitioned the MHA and the Secretary had arrived here to work things around to keep Sikkim open. That had led to Darj leaders, and even Opposition leaders in Sikkim, criticizing the government for not “supporting” the movement in the neighbourhood. It was wrong to have equated suffering for support, and that equation is as wrong today as it was then. This time, Sikkim, its people and its government, have been very vocal in their support for Darjeeling and its aspiration. This, one must bear in mind was made possible when the aandolan there appeared to have become a real People’s Movement, one that was spontaneous and earnest and not necessarily belonging to any party or leader. But that impression is already dulling, and it will soon be time for Sikkim to decide whether it wants to stand with the people or appear to be backing a leader in Darjeeling. It is getting complicated out there.

But the situation at the end of the day is not about what Sikkim does or does not do; it is about what the people of Darjeeling are comfortable with and the amount of trust they are willing to invest in their leaders. They have a much tougher choice to make.

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Why We Welcome Poetic Justice and Despair at Poetic Injustice

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Recently it was reported that a hunter who had shot an elephant was crushed when it fell over dead on top of him. A friend emailed the story to me with one word in the subject line: “Justice!”

Additional (and somewhat less contentious) examples of poetic justice include: a terrorist maimed by his own bomb before he’s able to injure others with it; a moralising, guilt-inducing preacher getting caught for cheating on his wife with a prostitute; and an anti-black racist who discovers through DNA testing that he is partially of African descent.

In my life, I recount a black woman who had been hostile towards me for being a white guy romantically involved with another black woman but who ended up marrying a white guy herself. I smile every time I think about her.

WHAT IS POETIC JUSTICE?

Poetic justice is usually defined as an outcome in which “vice is punished” in a “peculiarly appropriate” or “especially apt” manner. But it’s not clear that punishment is really what is happening in the above cases. People are undergoing harm or discomfort, but these bads are not being intentionally inflicted by an agent to censure wrongdoing, a straightforward understanding of punishment.

In addition, even if one wants to count these bads as “punishments” in a broad sense, the natural question to ask is: What, exactly, makes them peculiarly or especially appropriate?

Some other dictionaries suggest an answer to this question: that the punishment is delivered in an ironic way. But this doesn’t strike me as quite right. Yes, an agent ends up in a (bad) situation that he or she did not expect, but getting caught and sentenced by a court does not amount to poetic justice, even if unexpected.

Furthermore, irony is often meant to signify incongruity, but what stands out for me about poetic justice is that it is so fitting. There is a kind of harmony – or aesthetic unity – in poetic justice that the usual definitions fail to capture.

Let us try this: poetic justice is typically a person having wrongfully harmed another and then received harm of the same sort from an extra-legal source, or harm of a different sort caused by his harmful act, or (best of all?) harm of the same sort caused by his harmful act.

THE REALITY OF POETIC INJUSTICE

A virtue of this understanding of poetic justice is that it naturally grounds a parallel analysis of poetic injustice. People do not often speak of this category, but some events are aptly described this way.

I think of Miya Rodolfo-Sioson, an undergraduate classmate of mine who was smart, beautiful and kind and who worked to advance peace and justice in Central America. She was shot on campus in her mid 20s by a deranged gunman and paralysed from the neck down for the rest of her life. Despite this, she engaged in charity work until her 30s — only to



get breast cancer and die at the age of 40.

The more well-known case of the 1993 killing of American Fulbright exchange student Amy Biehl also comes to mind as an example of poetic injustice. She was a young anti-apartheid and pro-democracy activist who was stabbed and battered to death outside Cape Town by a group of black people because she was white. (There is, in contrast, some poetic justice in the fact that two of her killers came to work for a foundation named in her honour.)

Poetic injustice, I suggest, is characteristically a matter of a person having gone beyond the call of moral duty to help others and then received harm, perhaps of the same sort she was trying to alleviate, and (worst of all?) from those she was trying to help.

REACTING TO POETIC IN/JUSTICE

Why can poetic justice sometimes be awesome and poetic injustice awful? Why do we tend to welcome poetic justice, and shake our heads in despair at poetic injustice?

Poetic injustice seems terrible to me in part because of the absurdity, futility or meaninglessness involved. Although philosophers distinguish between these things, what these bads have in common is the failure to achieve desirable goals in the

face of having tried. Or, worse, the bringing about or suffering of undesirable conditions in the face of having sought to promote desirable ones. Beyond the injustice of not deserving bad when one has tried to do good, there is something pointless here, or a waste involved.

Now, what makes poetic justice so delicious, at times? Sometimes we like poetic justice because the law is not in a position to mete out what is deserved. Returning to the cases above, it was presumably legal to shoot the elephant and to exhibit racist attitudes. Only poetic justice could do the job.

But this point doesn’t get to the nub of the issue, because the law could deal with, for example, a terrorist. Why is it better, in a way, that he is injured by his attempted bombing than that he is sentenced to jail for having made such an attempt?

Part of the explanation might be that other people do not have to perform the unpleasant and morally questionable task of inflicting penalties. We can never be absolutely certain that someone deserves to be punished, or that we are justified in giving someone the punishment he does deserve. Better if God, or nature, or the guilty person himself inflicts the harm.

But this point, too, is not enough. Presumably it’s also better, in some respect, that the guilty person’s wrongful act ends up harming him than that the deserved harm to him comes from an omniscient God or an ignorant nature. Why?

I cannot say for sure at this point. But I’m tempted to think it has something to do with the effects not merely on the guilty party, but also on those threatened or affected by them. If someone has behaved poorly, all the better that this person gives us something to smile about.

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Why we love (and fear) mummies

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Somewhere in Iraq, the tomb raider Nick Morton (a never-ageing Tom Cruise) flies over the desert. This is where Egyptian queen Ahmanet lies in her tomb for eternity. Or so we thought.

The plot of Alex Kurtzman’s latest Hollywood blockbuster, *The Mummy*, which cost US\$125 million to make and was released on June 14, brings back a classic cinematographic and literary theme: mummies unleashed.

In Kurtzman’s film, the desiccated queen, played by French-Algerian actress Sofia Boutella, is exotic, sensual and, in turn, monstrous. Enraged at her unearthing, she chases Morton and his cohort to the other side of the world with a millennium’s worth of pent-up resentment.

Kurtzman’s flick revives a long-standing franchise dating back to the 1930s, this time with the novel twist of a woman playing the role of desiccated protagonist. Generally telling tales of forbidden love, terrible curses, eroticism and death, mummy flicks have entertained generations of spectators.

Why this fascination for Egyptian corpses?

ENTER EGYPTOMANIA

It all started in the 19th century.

In 1822, the French scholar Jean-François Champollion, who’d been awed by Egypt since Napoleon Bonaparte’s 1798 military campaign there, cracked the mystery of Egyptian hieroglyphics, and the whole world became fascinated with this ancient north African civilisation.

A few decades later, the *Romance of the Mummy*, by French novelist Théophile Gautier, associated for the first time eroticism and death in the form of the mummy.

The 1857 book, in which archaeologists discover the body of Queen Tahoser (inspired by a real queen from the 12th

century BC) – a magnificent young woman who also happens to be perfectly preserved – became an instant bestseller.

By the 1880s, European archaeologists had discovered the mummies of pharaohs Ramses II, Ahmose and Thutmose III and their research had a huge following in Europe and North America, nourishing the West’s growing Egyptomania.

The public was particularly fascinated by the sophisticated techniques used to preserve the ancient bodies. When the 3,000-year-old mummy of Pharaoh Seti I was discovered in 1881, it looked like he’d only just fallen asleep.

In 1892, best-selling author Sir Conan Doyle published *Lot No. 249*, in which a mummy bought at auction is revived by an Oxford student who then uses the creature as a weapon. This theme would go on to inspire horror films into the 20th century.

Egyptomania reached its peak with the discovery of Tutankhamun’s tomb, in 1922, in the Valley of the Kings. When Lord Carnarvon, the wealthy British amateur Egyptologist who had funded the excavation of the tomb, died the following year, the Western press was quick to spread the rumour of a fatal curse that would kill all European archaeologists associated with the expedition.



Thus a legend was born.
MUMMY FEVER

Films clearly engender and play on a fear of mummies and their ancient curses. But mummies also fascinate us, making us feel we can vanquish time by preserving the most perishable part of our bodies: the flesh.

Ancient Egyptians developed the art of embalming cadavers to ensure eternal life, emptying the body of its viscera, removing the brain via the nostrils using bronze hooks, and placing the body in a bath of natron, a sodium carbonate mix, for approximately 40 days, which desiccated it completely.

Only the heart, necessary for the deceased to be resurrected in the afterlife, was kept in its place. Is it any surprise, then, that other leaders with dreams of reigning eternal should want their bodies to be embalmed, too?

When Alexander the Great died in 323 BC, his mummy was placed in a mausoleum at the centre of Alexandria, the city he founded, and worshipped. Luminaries such as Julius Caesar and Augustus visited to his tomb.

The communist era also saw its share of mummifications too. Joseph Stalin and Chairman Mao were both embalmed, and Lenin’s mummy, on display in Moscow’s Red Square, is consid-

ered a sacred relic. A team of scientists maintains and retouches it so frequently that the 147-year-old leader actually seems to be getting younger.

WHEN CINEMA TAKES OVER

All of this has proven irresistible for filmmakers.

Unfortunately, the last copy of an 1899 French mummy film, *Cleopatra’s Tomb*, directed by Georges Méliès, disappeared in the 1930s.

In 1932, Universal Pictures made the first major mummy film in cinematic history. Directed by Karl Freund, *The Mummy* features the inimitable Boris Karloff, who had played Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein the year before. As the undead Im-Ho-Tep, Karloff’s make-up was inspired by the head of Pharaoh Seti I.

Universal would go on to produce another five mummy films between 1940 and 1955, including the slapstick *Abbott and Costello meet the Mummy*.

In 1999, the studio produced a remake of their 1932 blockbuster, *The Mummy*, directed by Stephen Sommers, and released its sequel *The Mummy Returns* in 2001. Both were major hits.

This, despite the fact that the plots rarely diverge from the obvious: illicit love between an Egyptian queen and a layman; an embalmed victim buried alive in a tomb for eternity, sometimes with beetles inside; a long awaited revenge.

These horror films are often not B but Z movies, and apart for a few exceptions – Kurtzman’s latest attempt not among them – they generally receive bad press. Still, audience interest in macabre fantasies and thrillingly dark stories has not faded.

Egyptomania remains very much alive on the big screen.

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And now, Sikkim runs for Gorkhaland

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 25 JUN: In another expression of support for the demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland, Marathon Man of Sikkim, Amar Subba, joined by his students ran from Ranipool to Gangtok on Sunday.
The event, tagged 'Run for Gorkhaland', was organised by the Press Club of Sikkim.
The run started from Ranipool Bazaar and ended at Titanic Park. Amar Subba was also joined by his students in training, with 9-year-old Kunga Nima Kazi impressing all with his resolute legs staying strong throughout despite the stifling heat.
Speaking to media persons later, Mr Subba explained that the run was undertaken to register support for on-going movement for Gorkhaland in Darjeeling.
Kunga Nima Kazi and other runners also expressed their happiness on being part of this run for a cause.



Indo-Nepal border to be sealed ahead of Nepal civic polls

MAHARAJANJ (UP), JUN 25 (PTI): India's border with Nepal will be sealed tomorrow, 48 hours before the municipal polls in the neighbouring country, to prevent anti-social elements from crossing the international boundary and vitiating the election atmosphere.
This was decided at a high-level meeting of a coordination committee, said V K Singh, District Magistrate, Maharajganj, here today.

The meeting was attended by officers of the local administration, police, border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Army, customs, immigration and other departments of both the countries. SSB, which works under the command of the Union home ministry, guards the 1,751 km long Indo-Nepal border.

Uttar Pradesh shares a 599.3 km long open border with Nepal touching seven districts - Pilibhit, Lakhimpur Kheri, Bahraich, Sravasti, Balrampur, Sidharthnagar and Maharajganj.

Municipal elections will be held in Nepal on June 28. Some Madhes-centric parties have opposed the elections seeking that the Constitution is amended to accommodate their demands for more representation in parliament and redrawing of provincial boundaries.

The Nepal government has tabled a new Constitution amendment bill in Parliament to address the demands of the agitating Madhesis.

Kitchens and pockets are feeling the bandh pinch hard in Darj

REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 25 JUN: With the general strike in Darjeeling for Gorkhaland entering its sixteenth day on Monday, scarcity of basic commodities in the region, mostly in the hilly parts looms large.
SummitTimes spoke with some of the residents over the phone to learn about the situation and availability of commodities.
Ganga Rai, a resident of the Ava Art Gallery area, said, "We

are running out of essentials, especially vegetables. Almost everything including rice, pulses, vegetables, mobile re-charge cards and petroleum products are in short supply."
Families are now finding it difficult to arrange a proper meal since the vegetable hubs in the region have been shut due to the protracted bandh. Some shoppers have tided over the shortage with supplies from nearby fields but that is a very limited source.

"My phone rings off the hook," said Ghanshyam, a shopkeeper in the region, when mentioning the number of enquiries he receives from people about possible supplies.
"I am not allowed to open my shop during the day, but I sneak supplies to my regular customers after 9 p.m.," he shares.
Devi Maya of Ging Tea Estate who makes her living by plucking tea leaves and selling organic alcohol said, "We are not short of vegetable supplies yet, but we

are feeling the brunt. I cannot make the organic rakshi because of the shortage of rice. We have to ration everything if we have to survive the bandh".
The residents said they are living in extreme shortage of food and supplies. However they are wary of speaking out, lest they offend the Morcha or Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Their only option as they watch the bandh take its toll is to pray for a miracle to end the bandh.

Most peaceful polls in 6 decades in local body in Assam

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI): Karbi Anglong, one of the most volatile regions in Assam, has witnessed the most peaceful elections to an autonomous body in more than six decades, Chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal said today.
The recently concluded election to the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), comprising the two districts of Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong, has been termed as the most peaceful polls held since 1952, when the council was created under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The election was held without any untoward incident during the whole process and it was the most peaceful election to an autonomous body in more than six decades, Sonowal said in a statement here.

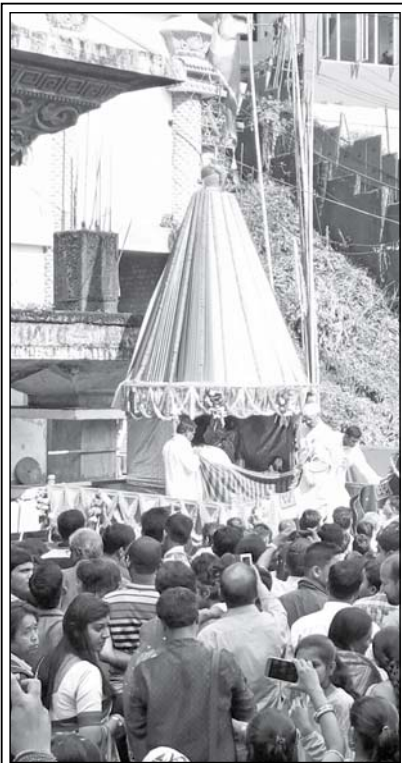
The chief minister said even the Assam State



Election Commission has on record acknowledged this fact.
This has been a great achievement for the state police who worked tirelessly in close co-ordination with the district administration and other sister agencies and relentless support of public, he said.
The Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC), which was known as Mikir Hills District Council, came into existence on June 23, 1952.
The Council which is

empowered to legislate on various inherent and entrusted subjects is the most important administrative entity for all except few subjects like law and order, relief and rehabilitation etc.
Hence, the elections to the Autonomous Council always assumed paramount significance characterised by enormous campaigning activity and extreme volatility.
Ever since its formation, the KAAC went to polls 11 times and the election process for the 12th

council just concluded.
These elections have always been a challenge for the civil and police administration as the area is sparsely populated with population density just over 93 per sq.km, hilly and rolling terrain draped from Singhason hills.
With forests occupying 47 per cent of the geographical area, it has been one of the active fields for terrorist activities.
Since the region shares border with Nagaland and Meghalaya, the terrorist organisations having understanding with various extremist groups operating in these neighbouring states, make the general law and order of the region more vulnerable and made the KAAC elections a challenging task.
A conglomerate of 24 organisations which was later joined by two more organisations became active just few months before the scheduled period of elections with demands like complete change of electoral process and de-enfranchisement of certain sections of people.
The sensitive issue was hired by these organisations to stall the election process.
Extreme methods of protests were adopted by these groups to popularise their demand and to get public rallied behind them with motive of scuttling the election process.
The chief minister said the police administration tackled the protests meticulously by careful planning, domination and visibility of security forces, posing continuous psychological deterrence to these organisations with utmost perseverance, resulting in gradual dissipation of the issue and brought a conducive atmosphere for conduct of elections.



The Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath was drawn in Gangtok at the Thakurbari complex here on Sunday with religious fervour, enthusiasm and a spirit of camaraderie. The Rath Yatra ritual is the culmination of the nine-day journey of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra to the Gundicha Temple and back to their abode at Puri's Lord Jagannath temple which re-enacted at temples across the country.

[Sandeep Prasad]

Darj bandh shuts down Sikkim's...

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itinerary which included a two-day stay at Darjeeling and are enjoying their last day doing sight-seeing in Gangtok, hoping to get a vehicle to Siliguri by Sunday afternoon.
The drivers at the Taxi stand located at Chandmari, providing services to Kupup, Tsomgo, Zuluk, Nathu La, stated that during the tourist season almost 30-40 vehicles are hired for the tourists alone. Otherwise there are only eight daily local services. But the past week has marked a sharp decline in their business. And this, immediately after a bumper season in the earlier days of summer.

The Sikkim Hotel and Restaurant Association (SHRA) president, Pema Lhamu Lamtha, informed that the prevailing circumstances has paralysed the tourism sector in Sikkim.
Hotels had bookings upto mid-July, but in light of uncertainties in the region, tourists have

cancelled their bookings and this has affected the marginal business even harder.
She went on to state that it is out of their control, the tourists want to get away from the tensions and conflicts. The SHRA is working in collaboration with Travel Agents Association of Sikkim (TAAS), Motor Vehicles Division, and the Police Department in providing safe passage for the tourists stranded due to the unrest.
The Sikkim Tourist Information Centre is located at MG Marg and all the information required by the tourists are made available there. The SHRA has instructed all the travel operators and the Hotels to inform the tourists about the travel arrangements provided by the State Government. SHRA has requested the respective hotels to provide free accommodations and meals to the tourists in emergency situation.

Islamic lore: New book features 28 stories from Quran

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI): Here's an Eid gift for children from author Anita Nair a book of 28 stories from the Quran as narrated by Muezza, a cat, to a young camel Baby Jaan.
The enchanting nuggets of Islamic lore range from God breathing life into the first man and woman to Iblis, the djinn-turned-angel to the 99 names of Allah, the blessed she-camel, the mighty King Sulaiman and much, much more.
Baby Jaan, with an appetite for stories, and Muezza, who loves to snooze, are lost in the unending desert. Finding each other amid the lurking perils of the dunes, their dodged fight for survival fosters an unlikely friendship.
As Muezza spins tales, Baby Jaan can't help but be mesmerised.
Nair wanted to write about Islamic lore - stories culled from the

Quran and the Hadith.
"And I was certain that the book had to be for children - for young minds are what we need to invest in for a chance of change. Let children everywhere - Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Jain or otherwise - discover the stories from the Quran and delight in them and learn from them.
Stories are, after all, stories; and no religion can stake claim to them," she says.
"Suddenly I knew where to begin. And then, as it usually happens with each book I write, two characters - a cat and a camel, in this case - appeared from nowhere, and I had my epiphany on how to take the book forward," she says about the plot.
According to Nair, "Muezza and Baby Jaan: Stories from the Quran"

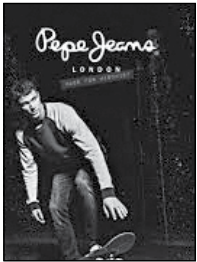
is for young readers but it is also a book for anyone who wonders what the Quran contains, apart from the teachings of a religion.
"In fact, al-Quran literally means 'the reading'; and how can a work that means this most beautiful of phrases be limited to just being a scripture? The wealth of its stories, and the lyricism, poetry and flow of its narrative make it as much a literary text as a holy book," she says.
The book, published by Puffin, has illustrations by Harshad Marathe.
The idea of the book came to Nair post the September 21, 2013 attack on an upscale

mall in Nairobi. The mass shooting had left 67 people dead and more than 175 people injured.
"Amidst all the kerfuffle of reportage, one thing struck me in particular. An eyewitness was reported to have said that the attackers had asked Muslims to leave, declaring that only non-Muslims would be targeted. Among other aspects of the vetting process, the hostages were asked to name Prophet Muhammad's mother as a litmus test that would distinguish Muslims from non-Muslims," she says.
Nair found it both astounding and horrific that

a piece of information could have saved a life. But why was this information not out there for all to know, she asked.
"In many parts of the world, including India, almost every non-Christian knows that Jesus' mother was Mary and his father, Joseph; and of the story of Jesus' birth and his crucifixion. Non-Hindus know that the Ramayana is about Rama and Sita and Rama's battle against Ravana; that the Mahabharata is about the Kauravas and the Pandavas, that Krishna was an avatar of Vishnu.
"But even the most erudite among non-Islamic people know nothing about the Quran or what is in it," she says.
Teaching a faith demands expertise; but what of the accompanying lore that goes into fleshing

out the wisdom? she asks.
"Why is it that we barely know anything of Islamic lore? Religious preachers have always sought parables to explain a tenet. But even in isolation and removed from doctrine, these allegorical stories have an appeal of their own. The storyteller in me roused and shook herself," she says.
On her writing stories based on the Quran, Nair says, "I have been told that I am entering dangerous territory. That, as a Hindu writing about the holy book of Islam, I'm inviting trouble. That to me smacks of prejudice more than anything else.
"How can any religion close its doors to someone who knows nothing of it? How does one learn about a religion unless one is given access to it?"





Pepe Jeans plans to open 50 stores in India this year

MUMBAI, JUN 25 (PTI): Global denim and casual wear brand Pepe Jeans will step up its presence in the country by opening 50 more stores this year and is also looking to enter the innerwear segment, a senior company official has said.

In the innerwear segment, the company is planning to begin with men's products and then will subsequently move into other categories.

"Our target is to open 50 stores in India, which will take our store count to 270 by the end of this year," Kavindra Mishra, MD and CEO of Pepe Jeans India, told PTI.

"We are also looking at launching a separate company for innerwear through a joint venture this year," he added, without divulging any further details.

Pepe Jeans has been in the process of stepping up its presence here by launching different product lines in the past few years.

Last year, it entered the kidswear segment and hopes to manufacture up to a million pieces for category this year, Mishra indicated.

The company has also been manufacturing and exporting for its global supply chain. "We are manufacturing nearly a million pieces every year for the global line of Pepe Jeans taking forward the prime minister's Make In India initiative," he said.

Pepe Jeans is also piecing together its omni-channel strategy, which will roll out by March this financial year, he said.

While Mishra did not reveal the investments in their new initiatives, he said the marketing spends for the company have gone up by 50 per cent.

Pepe Jeans India presently sells through 1,500 points of sale and about 5 per cent of its sales comes through online channels.

When asked about online discounting, Mishra said, "Online is a great method for discovery. It is not meant for discounting. People have abused discounting model."

"It is the brand's responsibility that the consumer does not feel cheated whether he shops in a departmental store or online. I believe in maintaining price parity," he added.

In the run up to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) implementation on July 1, clothing brands are slashing prices to liquidate their existing stocks.

When asked about GST preparedness, Mishra said the company is about "95 per cent GST-ready", and has been working with compliant vendors only since the beginning of 2017.

Ankush claims gold, Devendro gets silver at Mongolia tourney

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI): The fast-rising Ankush Dahiya (60kg) clinched a gold while the experienced L Devendro Singh (52kg) settled for a silver medal on the final day of the Ulaanbaatar Cup boxing tournament in Mongolia.

The 19-year-old Ankush, who is a former Asian youth silver-medallist, defeated Korean Man Choe Chol in a split verdict, while Devendro lost to Indonesia's Aldoms Suguro, again a split decision.

India thus signed off with a gold, a silver and three bronze medals from the tournament. K Shyam Kumar (49kg), Mohammed Hussamuddin (56kg) and Priyanka Chaudhary (60kg) -- lost their respective semifinal



bouts to settle for bronze medals yesterday.

Devendro, a Commonwealth Games silver-medallist besides a former Asian Champion-

ships silver-winner, was the first to step inside the ring for India today and was his usual aggressive self against Suguro.

The diminutive Mani-

puri, who is getting back to form after recovering from some niggles, exhausted his rival with a fine display of tempo-boxing, not letting the

intensity slip even once.

Denied a clear shot due to Suguro's shell guard, Devendro did well to connect fine body blows.

However, much to the Indian camp's disappointment, Devendro's overall dominance did not find favour with the judges who ruled 3-2 in Suguro's favour.

However, the disappointment soon made way for celebration when Ankush edged past Man Choe Chol.

The youngster put his long reach and height advantage to good use and landed some lusty straight blows, which swung the contest in his favour.

This is Ankush's maiden international medal at the senior level.

Renzong and Devendra FC register easy wins in C-Div league

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 25 JUN

Renzong Football Club and Devendra Football Club registered easy victories in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association C-Division Sikkim League here at Paljor Stadium on Sunday.

Renzong FC defeated Buzz FC 4-0 with Sang Dorjee scoring a brace in the 49th and 67th minutes while his teammates Gyamtsa Bhutia [16th] and Chunku Sherpa [56th] scored one goal each.

In the other match of the day, Devendra FC thrashed Yeti Football Club 6-0.

Jigmi Dorjee scored a brace, while Kalyani Thapa, Devendra Gurung, Abhilash Rai and Sandeep Tamang contributed one goal each to the Devendra FC victory.

On Monday, Broader Football Club will take on Renzong FC Junior in the first match at 12:30 PM, which will be followed by a match between Sumin FC and Football Club Fighter.

85 strength-lifters sign up for two-day c'ship

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Eighty-five lifters participated in the second edition of Sikkim State Strength Lifting & Incline Bench Press Championship 2017-18 for Junior, Senior, Master and Differently Able Person [Men & Women], which started here at White Hall complex today. The two-day championship is being organised by the Sikkim Strength Lifting Association [SSLA].

Indian Strength Lifting Federation general secretary, Babul Bikash Patranobis, was present as the chief guest today.

The championship has Mr Patranobis, Dwaipayan Chakraborty [international referee World Strength Lifting Federation] and Chayan Kumar Das [national referee] as judges, while Pema Dorjee Bhutia, Ram Dhoj Rai and Karma Tseten Bhutia are serving as referees.

On behalf of the feder-

ation, Mr Patranobis congratulated the state association and strength lifters for dedicatedly working for the promotion of the sport in the State. He also spoke briefly about the history of strength lifting in the country.

Mr Patranobis also appreciated the efforts of SSLA chief coach, Pema Dorjee Bhutia, for consistently working for the promotion of strength lifting in the State.

"It is really appreciable that the state strength lifters have been winning medals at national and international levels due to the hard work of Pema Dorjee Bhutia," he said.

He also encouraged lifters to take him as an inspiration and make the State and the country proud.

SSLA president, TD Denzongpa, informed that the association was currently working on getting itself registered and also shared details about future plans of the association.

India lose 2-3 to Canada, finish lowly 6th in HWL semis

LONDON, JUN 25 (PTI): A misfiring and inconsistent India finished a disappointing sixth in the Hero Hockey World League Semifinals after being stunned 2-3 by lowly Canada here today.

It was India's second upset loss against a lower-ranked side in the tournament after having lost to Malaysia in the quarterfinals.

Gordon Johnston (3rd, 44th minutes) scored two goals while Keegan Pereira (40th) found the net once for the 11th ranked Canadians.

Harmanpreet Singh (7th, 22nd) converted two of India's eight penalty corners.

By virtue of this win, Canada not only finished fifth in the tournament but also qualified for next year's World Cup to be held in the Indian city of Bhubaneswar.

The loss, although, didn't deter sixth-ranked India's qualification to the Hockey World League Final, to be held later this year, and the World Cup as they are already assured of places in both the events being the hosts.

Sublime Srikanth lifts Australian Open Super Series

SYDNEY, JUN 25 (PTI): A resolute Kidambi Srikanth clinched his fourth Super Series title with an incredible straight-game triumph over reigning Olympic and world champion Chen Long in the Australian Open final here today.

The world no.11 Srikanth won 22-20 21-16 in a 45-minute clash against the world no.6 Chinese, who is also a two-time All England champion.

The triumph is his second successive after clinching the Indonesia Open Super Series Premier title last week.

"As a whole I played very well, but since I arrived in Sydney I have gastroenteritis and have had diarrhoea, so I have not been at my best physical condition. But since I made the final I wanted to continue to play as well as I could," an ecstatic Srikanth said after the victory.

"It's just that I'm not thinking of winning or losing. I missed competitive badminton and wanted to enjoy the match.

It's like it happened because I missed that period of competitive badminton. It's like I wanted to hang in and play as many matches as possible," he added.

Entering the summit showdown, Srikanth was only the fifth player in the world to contest three successive Super Series finals (Singapore and Indonesia prior to this).

The Indian, a semi-finalist in the last edition of the tournament, was the one to grab the early lead. Following a sedate start, Srikanth capitalised on his opponent's rather sluggish game to clinch a 10-6 lead.

"These conditions are such that you can't really attack, it's a bit slow, you have to be prepared for a long match. In all the breaks I had the advantage, the coach told me to keep it going, not to make simple mistakes and allow him back into the match. My attack worked really well," Srikanth said.

But perhaps jolted by the lead he had conceded, Long gathered himself just in time, starting with a deftly-placed smash, to make it 11-11.

The Chinese shifted gears quite suddenly to add pace to the proceedings and his baseline strokes stood out for both ferocity and



accuracy.

But the Indian was no pushover and played the catch-up game quite well, coming up with a couple of brilliant smashes of his own.

"I'm playing better after the Sudirman Cup. I should thank my physio for keeping me fit for these two tournaments.

It was tough for me on Tuesday and Wednesday," he said.

And it was this tenacity which got Srikanth a 17-15 lead even though Long continued to breathe down his neck.

But Srikanth did not let the momentum slip, and helped by Long's erratic play, the underdog earned his first game point at 20-19.

Long managed to save that with a rasping smash but Srikanth's perseverance fetched him another at 21-20 when the Chinese was foxed by a low backhand return. This time, Srikanth made no mistake and sealed the first game in 23 minutes.

The second game began with an engaging baseline rally, which ended with Srikanth smashing his way to earn the first point.

"There was a long rally early in the second game and after I won that I got more

confident. If he had won it he would've kept doing it (rallies)," Srikanth explained.

The see-saw battle continued for a while before Srikanth broke away to lead 6-3, dominating the rallies with his accurately, rather awkwardly, placed shots, which Long found difficult to return.

But it was not to say that Long was completely out of the contest. He did manage to keep the gap in check with flashes of brilliance that make him among the best in the world.

However, Srikanth seemed determined to end his winless streak against his fancied rival and led 11-9 at the lemon break of the second game.

Srikanth did not let the lead slip from that point, raising his game by quite a few notches against an increasingly faltering Long.

It took Srikanth a minute less than the first game to wrap up a rather comfortable victory.

The triumph was a morale-boosting jinx-breaker for Srikanth, who had lost all his previous five encounters to Long.

"I'm just happy to be doing well for now," he said.

Photo campaign to shed light on male child sex abuse

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI): A filmmaker whose husband was abused sexually as a child is seeking to bring into focus the plight of such men through a photo campaign which encourages the survivors to speak out about their ordeal.

Mumbai-based Insia Dariwala, a survivor of child sexual abuse herself, has also launched an online petition through Change.org, urging the government to conduct a study on cases of male child sexual abuse.

The campaign, a first such initiative in the country, so far has over 1,000 endorsers.

"Over the years, I have met many more survivors living a life of penance for a crime they did not commit. One of them is my husband," she said.

In the petition, Insia describes how she and her husband lived

through an extremely painful process of coming to terms with their abuse.

"His, and others' stories, I heard from friends, made me realise even men can get sexually abused. Millions of men are living an isolated life of pain endured as a child. Then why were their stories never told?" she writes in the petition.

Insia, her husband Rajeev Pandey, the co-founders of The Hands of Hope Foundations, and documentary photographer Deepti Asthana will launch the photo campaign to encourage such men to speak out about their experience.

"Indian males are not supposed to cry or complain. I was just 5-years-old when I was repeatedly abused by a household help who promised me to teach how to ride a bike, just like my father.

"Then he'd take me to a room and abuse me. For years, I have been suspicious of people who have been nice to me. I have not been able to make friends or be in relationships," said Pandey, 40, a writer for TV shows in Mumbai.

He said he associated himself with the campaign as he wanted to ensure that no child faces what he went through and to make families aware that it can also happen to their boys.

Gender rights activist Harish Iyer said as far as sexual abuse was concerned men were the "forgotten gender".

"Now, there is a silence on the issue and if this (study) works, it will break the myths and expose how vulnerability is not gender-specific," he said.

No recent study has been con-

ducted by the government on the number of such cases in the country. A 2007 study had, however, found that more male children in the country were victims of sexual abuse than girls.

The study conducted by the Women and Child Development Ministry said 53.2 per cent of children had experienced one or more forms of sexual abuse. Of this, 52.9 per cent were boys.

Boys of all ages, backgrounds and across states had reported sexual abuse.

In 2012, the government passed the Protection of Children Against Sexual Offences Act which is a gender neutral law.

However, it is invoked primarily in cases of female child abuse.

"It is quite unfortunate that while on one hand, a girl's sexual abuse is

149 killed, 117 injured as oil tanker explodes in Pak

M ZULQERNAIN

LAHORE, JUN 25 (PTI): About 150 people were charred to death and 117 others injured today in a massive blaze that erupted after an oil tanker overturned and crowds rushed to collect the fuel that spilled over on a highway in Pakistan's Punjab Province.

The oil tanker coming from Karachi and headed to Lahore overturned early this morning on the national highway at the Ahmedpur Sharqia area of the Bahawalpur district, some 400 km from Lahore, after a tyre burst.

The fire was apparently caused by someone who lit a cigarette after people from nearby localities gathered on the highway to collect spilt petrol, officials said.

The blaze from the oil spill engulfed scores of residents, killing 149 people and injuring 117 others, officials said.

District Coordination Officer (DCO) Bahawalpur Rana Salim Afzal termed it a "huge tragedy" in the history of Pakistan.

"At least 123 people were killed before getting any medical help while the rescue officials shifted more than 100 injured to the district headquarters hospital and Victoria Hospital in Bahawalpur where the condition of most of them is critical," Afzal said, adding some 50,000 litres of petrol



spilled from the oil tanker.

Afzal said women and children were among the victims.

The death toll later rose to 149 and rescue official Jam Sajjad said most of the dead bodies were completely charred and they will be identified only by DNA tests.

Muhammad Hanif, 40, who suffered burns, told reporters at the Victoria Hospital that he was present at his house when his cousin called him informing that the village people were rushing to the highway to collect "free oil".

"My cousin told me to pick bottles and come out of the

house. When I came out of the house I saw many people rushing towards the highway and some going there by motorcycles. Me and my cousin Rashid reached the highway and joined the people busy in collecting the petrol spilling from the tanker.

"Suddenly the tanker burst and the people gathered near it were burnt alive. Rashid and I were a little away from the tanker therefore we are alive," Hanif said.

He said it was "greed" of the villagers which took them to the "valley of death".

The Punjab government

said three helicopters were shifting the critically burnt people to Multan's combined military hospital and Nishter Hospital for providing better health facilities.

Regional Police Officer Bahawalpur Raja Rifat said the motorway police personnel had reached the spot when the oil tanker overturned.

"The people from nearby village Mauza Ramzan had also gathered there. The police personnel asked them to leave the place but they started collecting petrol. Suddenly the tanker exploded and within seconds the fire erupted giving no

chance to the people present there to leave the place," Rifat said.

Dozens of motorcycles and cars were also burnt at the site.

"Most people reached the site on motorcycles to collect spilling petrol," he said.

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif directed the authorities to ensure best medical treatment to the injured.

He also sent his chopper for shifting the injured to Multan hospitals.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, President Mamnoon Hussain, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan and Pakistan Peoples Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto condole the tragedy.

Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa ordered the Army to assist the civil administration in the rescue effort.

Army helicopters have been deployed in the rescue operations.

The tragedy came a day ahead of Eid ul-Fitr celebrations in the country, marking the end of the holy fasting month of Ramzan.

The oil tanker tragedy comes about two years after 62 people, including women and children, were killed in a fire after a coach collided with an oil tanker travelling on the wrong side of the road, on the outskirts of Karachi.

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Kutse Shegu

The Kutse shegu of late Palden Yeshey Lepcha who left for heavenly abode on 11th of May 2017 falls on **28th June 2017 [Wednesday]**. All the relatives well wishers & friends are requested to join us for offering prayers to the departed soul at our residence at **Pamrang Gaon, Upper Tathangchen, Chandmari, Ganton, East Sikkim**. We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards those who extended their support during the time of bereavement.

(Daughters) Mrs. Dikit Ongmu Lepcha, Mrs. Padma Lhanzey Lepcha, Mrs Passang Choden Lepcha, Mrs. Sonam Choden Lepcha and Hissey Shalden Lepcha. Tenzing Wangyal Lepcha (grandson) contact No.8768772413/ 9609868265.



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Aadhaar not valid for travel to Nepal, Bhutan: Home ministry

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI):

Aadhaar is not a valid identification document for Indians travelling to Nepal and Bhutan, the Union home ministry has said.

Indians can travel to Nepal and Bhutan--both countries for which they don't need visas--if they possess a valid national passport or election ID card issued by the Election Commission.

Moreover, to ease travel, persons over 65 and below 15 years can show documents with photographs to confirm their age and identity. These include PAN card, driving licence, Central Government Health Service (CGHS) card and ration card but not Aadhaar. "Aadhaar (UID) card is not an acceptable travel document for travel to Nepal/Bhutan," a communique issued by the ministry said.



Jeremy Corbyn gets rapturous reception at Glastonbury festival. In his speech to thousands of festival-goers, the Labour leader urged Theresa May to call another General Election. Teenagers lined up with "Jezza" written on their faces in red lipstick, and flags saying "We heart Corbyn" flew above the crowd of thousands who gathered rhythmically chanting "Oh Jeremy Corbyn". The Labour leader gave a stirring and impassioned speech on the Pyramid stage at Glastonbury, preaching to his core fan base, the youth. He attacked Donald Trump, sexism and the greedy and defended the poor, refugees, and women's rights, insisting peace and unity must win.

Race for Raisina Hill: Odds favour Kovind

SANJEEV CHOPRA

NEW DELHI, JUN 25 (PTI):

Set for a comfortable victory, NDA presidential nominee Ram Nath Kovind may bag over 62 per cent votes but fall short of the 69 per cent votes polled by incumbent Pranab Mukherjee in 2012.

With the battle lines drawn in the first-ever Dalit versus Dalit presidential contest, the odds are heavily stacked in favour of the saffron brigade candidate Kovind who is set to get around 7 lakh votes which is around two-thirds of the total 10,98,903 votes of the electoral college.

The joint opposition candidate Meira Kumar is likely to bag around 4 lakh votes despite the support of many regional parties like the RJD, traditional rivals the SP and the BSP and the TMC and the CPI-M.

Chances of Kovind registering a comfortable win brightened after some major non-NDA parties like the JD-U, the BJD, the AIADMK, the TRS and the YSR-Congress extended their support to him. Aware of its chances in the

July 17 presidential election, the opposition now views it as an ideological battle.

As per vote projections after some non-NDA parties extended their support to the BJP nominee, Kovind has an assured 6,82,677 votes in his kitty.

Kumar on the other hand has 3,76,261 committed votes, which is 34 per cent and one-third of the total collegium vote.

This time around, there are around 39,965 votes of fence sitting parties like the AAP, the INLD, the AIMIM and some Independents, who have not yet opened their cards about which candidate to back.

Which way this block tilts will mainly depend on the campaign strategy of the contestants of the ruling party and the opposition.

Of the total 776 MPs in the presidential election collegium, Kovind has the support of 524, including 337 of its BJP, while his opponent Kumar has the support of 235. The value of one MP vote is 708 votes.

Accordingly, the NDA nomi-

nee will get 3,70,992 MPs votes.

The rest of Kovind's vote value -- 3,11,685 will come from state legislators.

Meira Kumar has 1,66,380 votes of MPs while the remaining 2,09,881 committed votes for her are coming from legislators in states.

Among state assemblies, UP MLAs have the highest vote value of 83,824 votes, with 208 votes per legislator, while Sikkim House has the lowest value of 224 votes with each MLA commanding just 7 votes.

Incidentally, the opposition is already on the back foot as it announced Kumar's name later than the BJP announced Kovind's. Kumar is yet to file her nominations and is likely to do so on June 28, while Kovind has scored an early lead by embarking on his campaign starting from Uttarakhand and then Uttar Pradesh. Some central ministers are accompanying him too.

Despite numbers on its side, the BJP is going into the battle aggressively. It also has a lead in almost all states barring West Bengal, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab,

Tripura and Himachal Pradesh.

The total strength of the collegium which votes to elect the president comprises all elected MPs and members of legislative assemblies of all states and UTs of Delhi and Puducherry.

The total vote value comes to 10,98,903. The vote weightage of an MLA depends on the population of the state he or she represents. A candidate needs 50 per cent plus votes to win the poll.

The halfway mark is 5,49,452 votes. Voting is through a secret ballot and the party whip does not apply.

In the 2012 elections, Congress led UPA nominee Pranab Mukherjee garnered 7,13,763 votes which was 69.31 per cent of the total collegium vote. UPA's candidate Pratibha Patil had in the 2007 election secured 6,38,116 votes, polling 65.82 of the total electoral college vote.

Both Mukherjee and Patil were Congress nominees and defeated joint opposition candidates P A Sangma and Bhairon Singh Shekhawat respectively.



EYE SEE YOU: Katy Perry performed at day three of the Glastonbury Festival in England on Saturday.

PITCH PERFECT 3: THE BELLAS TAKE THEIR SHOW ON THE ROAD IN FIRST TRAILER

Pitch Perfect 3 doesn't open until December, but fans got an early Christmas present Saturday with the release of the threequel's first trailer, which premiered at VidCon.

Two years after the highly-successful Pitch Perfect 2, the Barden Bellas are back, and having graduated, they're taking their talents on the road — more specifically, on the USO tour in Europe. It wouldn't be a Pitch Perfect movie without some friendly competition, and from the looks of things,

this "Farewell Tour," as a title card at the end of the trailer describes the movie, there's also quite a bit of action this time around. Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson, Brittany Snow, Anna Camp, Hailee Steinfeld, and Elizabeth Banks



all return, along with new additions John Lithgow and Ruby Rose. While Banks reprises her role as a cappella commentator Gail Abernathy-McKadden-Feinberger, after directing the

last installment, she's ceded the behind-the-camera reigns to Step it Up: All In filmmaker Trish Sie.

Pitch Perfect 3 sings its way into theaters on Dec. 22, 2017.

JOHNNY DEPP APOLOGIZES FOR DONALD TRUMP ASSASSINATION JOKE

Johnny Depp is apologizing for joking about assassinating President Donald Trump. "It did not come out as intended, and I intended no malice," Depp's apology read. "I was only trying to amuse, not to harm anyone."

As previously reported, the Pirates of the Caribbean actor, 54, quipped "When was the last time an actor assassinated a president?" during the Glastonbury Festival on Thursday, June 22. The actor was introducing his 2004 film The Libertine at a drive-in movie theater when he started talking about Trump, 71. "I think he needs help, and there are a lot of wonderful dark, dark places he could go," Depp also told the crowd.

"It is just a question — I'm not insinuating anything. By the way, this is going to be in the press. It will be horrible. I like that you are all a part of it," he continued before asking: "When was the last time an actor assassinated a president?"

Depp's "bad joke" was in



reference to when John Wilkes Booth shot and killed Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

His comments made it all the way to the White House. As previously reported, Secret Service staff assistant Shawn Holtzclaw told CNN that the

agency was aware of what Depp had said. In a statement to CNN, the White House called the comments "sad."

"President Trump has condemned violence in all forms and it's sad that others like Johnny Depp have not

followed his lead," a statement read. "I hope that some of Mr. Depp's colleagues will speak out against this type of rhetoric as strongly as they would if his comments were directed to a democrat elected official."

"THE CRITICS WERE REALLY GOOD..." SAYS SALMAN KHAN ABOUT TUBELIGHT

While all of us are aware of Salman Khan's crazy fan following and how he's been 'critic-proof' always, Tubelight he believes the critics were good and he did not expect so much.

As the film hit the theatres yesterday, it opened to a fair business at the box office and the fans of course loved it. But critics on the other hand aren't as happy as they always are with Salman's film.

At an event recently, when Salman was asked about the same, he was quoted saying, "The critics were really good.. I was expecting -3 and -4, they have given me 1-1 1/2 stars apparently. Yeah, so I am very pleased with that."

Further when asked about the film receiving mixed reviews, Salman said, "Yes, they were expecting a different kind of film. I have been receiving text messages saying that they got emotional watching the two brothers dance, also the scene where I cry when Bharat is leaving for war and the Tinka song, so we had prepared the audience for a beautiful, simple, emotional film about two brothers, every film will have mixed reviews, some might like it some might not." Although Tubelight did not live up to the opening day collections of other Salman Khan films released on Eid, it managed to earn an impressive sum of Rs 21.15 crore on its first day. The film witnessed a slight boost in its collection on Saturday and raked in Rs 21.17 crore, taking its total collection in the first two days to Rs 42.32 crore.

Tubelight is doing well in overseas markets like Dubai and Abu Dhabi, where it is running to packed houses.

Tubelight, directed by Kabir Khan, is an official remake of the 2015 American war drama Little Boy. Salman plays the simpleton Laxman, whose only goal is to bring his brother, Bharat (Sohail Khan), back home. Bharat was selected in the Indian Army and set to the border to fight against the Chinese forces in the 1962 Sino-Indi-



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an War. The film also features Zhu

Zhu, Matin Rey Tangu and late actor Om Puri in pivotal roles.



26TH JUNE

WORLD HISTORY

1721: Dr. Zabdiel Boylston gave the first smallpox inoculations in America.

1819: The bicycle was patented by W.K. Clarkson, Jr. of New York City.

1843: Hong Kong was proclaimed a British Crown Colony.

1896: The first movie theater in US opened and charged 10 cents for admission.

1945: The United Nations Conference on International Organization (UNCIO) was held in San Francisco. Officials gathered to draft a UN Charter, and 50 countries signed the Charter on this date. This event signifies the birth of the UN.

INDIAN HISTORY

1539: Sher Shah Suri crossed the Ganges and attacked Humayun, the Second Mughal ruler of India. Humayun saved his life and fled to Agra. Even-

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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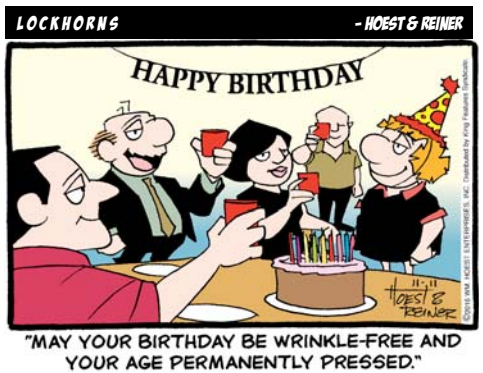
tually, on 17th May 1540, Sher Shah defeated Humayun in the battle of Bilgram and assumed the royal title of Farid al-Din Sher Shah.

1955: Poland and India affirmed to be abided with the Panchsheel agreement.

1975: President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed signed the declaration of Emergency Rule in India. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed emergency in India for two years.

1992: The Tin Bigha corridor was leased to Bangladesh as per the Indo-Bangladesh agreement.

1997: As part of its signatory obligations to the Chemical Weapons Convention, India declared its chemical weapon stockpiles and storage facilities.



THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: Your nurturing instincts are strong today, Aries. This is an excellent day to reveal your opinions. You've probably been sitting in the background, quietly observing and collecting data for quite some time. Now is the time to come out of the shadows and let your conclusions be heard. Don't let others push you around. Take a stand for what you know is right.

TAURUS: Things aren't necessarily going to go well today, Taurus. There is the potential for conflict. You may feel a bit lost in the fog. Strap on your compass and you will be fine. Realize that you will make it through this day much better if you approach every situation from

the other person's perspective. Think more of others than of yourself. Be sensitive and receptive.

GEMINI: Today is a day of reckoning in some ways, Gemini. Attention to detail is important, but make sure it doesn't become your only focus. Situations are likely to crop up in which you've analyzed and considered every single detail but failed to see the big picture. This is a wonderful day to remedy such situations. Take care of anything that needs a broader perspective.

CANCER: Be more sensitive to other people's space today, Cancer. Respect their feelings and give them room to breathe. This is a great day to pursue creative proj-

ects. Do things involving art or music. Sing, play an instrument, or give your music collection a boost. There are opportunities open now that involve other people who share the same interests as you.

LEO: Think about old times and people with whom you've had strong connections, Leo. Remember the good times you shared with people of common interests and similar hobbies. Be sentimental and mushy. Mend bridges and bring resolution to sticky issues. Be harmonious with the people and situations around you. World peace begins with you. Incorporate more of this ideal into your life.

VIRGO: You may have to make

some serious adjustments to your approach today in order to chime in with the energy of the group, Virgo. Adopt a more inwardly directed attitude and see what you can learn by tuning into others' subtle messages. The masculine and feminine sides of your nature are working harmoniously. You might find that they're both asking for a quiet night in.

LIBRA: You should feel a renewed sense of confidence today that will help anchor your emotions and give strength to your thoughts and ideas, Libra. Don't take a pessimistic attitude toward everything around you. Look at the good instead of the bad. By maintaining a negative viewpoint about things, you're only

adding to the problem. You have every right to be happy.

SCORPIO: Many people spend their whole adult lives trying to discover their true self, Scorpio. A great deal of social conditioning by parents and our environment plays a role in shaping our minds. Realize that many of these influences don't necessarily ring true with your inner self. Take this day to uncover some of those early influences and discard the ones that don't belong to you.

SAGITTARIUS: Today is an extremely creative day for you, Sagittarius. You should allot time and space to pursuing an artistic goal. You're like a magician who has the power to bring fantasies to life.

Spread the magic to others and don't second-guess your incredible healing ability. You have a strong presence that radiates powerfully. Be charitable and generous to others.

CAPRICORN: There's nothing worse than last-minute details, Capricorn. Concentrate on an important upcoming event. Make sure you have everything in line now so you don't get caught dealing with that one thing that ends up putting a monkey wrench in your plans later. Anticipate the problems that you're likely to encounter and take actions now that will nip these situations in the bud.

AQUARIUS: Your intuitive side is aligning with your rational side to-

day, Aquarius. Listen to your emotions. Take a sensitive approach to all people and situations. Your head may be up in the clouds. Take elements of this lofty perspective and incorporate them into your consciousness. Run away with your fantasies. Nurture your loved ones.

PISCES: Slow down the pace today, Pisces. This is a day to sit back and observe and contemplate. Your mind may go in a hundred different directions, and you may be unsure which route to take. Try to quiet the buzzing chatter within. Be receptive to the loving, sensitive forces around you. Try not to disturb the flow by bringing up unrelated issues and hurtful gossip.