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International Conference on Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals

NITESH R PRADHAN/IPR
GANGTOK, 04 MAY:

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today inaugurated the International Conference on Biodiversity and Sustainable Development Goals with the theme "Sustainable Livelihood and Protecting the Planet" organised by Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Development Department, Government of Sikkim at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok.

In his inaugural address, the CM expressed happiness to greet a sea of environmentalists, scientists, bilateral & multilateral state agencies and resource persons gathered to deliberate and discuss various issues pertaining to future course of policies and interventions for the Hima-



layan region and the world.

"Twenty three years ago when we took over the reign of governance, we took upon

ourselves the task of defining both short-term and long-term sustainable development programs for our State.

We started taking bold initiatives in wide ranging sectors like environment, education, health, social justice, pov-

erty alleviation, etc. There are many commonalities between our initiatives and the Sustainable Development Goals set-up by the United Nations for 2015-30," he said.

The CM stated that Sikkim may be small but it has played a leading role in judicious use of biodiversity and has given high priority to the green landscapes and conservation and preservation of the fragile Himalayan eco-system of the State.

Stressing on agricultural practices as fully organic, he added that such policy adopted is the strength of the State with only 12% geographical area under agriculture.

Highlighting Sikkim's peaceful and tranquil environment, the CM added that Sikkim has changed the

definition of being a border State to socially, culturally and economically vibrant State in the country.

"Capacity building of people, strengthening institutions and promoting scientific research will help reach our Sustainable Development Goals. Sikkim is open to national and international partnerships in areas of common interest in biodiversity conservation and for global sustainable development," he said.

In her address, noted author and a leading figure of organic movement, Vandana Shiva, praised Chief Minister Pawan Chamling for being "the lighthouse" in showing the way for other Himalayan States and to the world in terms of sustainable development and organic movement.

During the program, a book titled "Rapid Biodiversity Survey Vol. 3&4" was released by the Chief Minister and other dignitaries present in the dais.

Earlier, Pr. Secy-cum-PCF (FE&WM), Dr. Thomas Chandy, in his welcome address said that the world is at a critical juncture and that it is a concern for all to be vigilant towards the environment and its pattern of behaviour. He also said that each year over 100,000 sq. kms. of Biodiversity is lost which is alarming and 'Sustainable Development is the only Model that can help the world' which the state of Sikkim has been doing for the past many years.

Under the visionary leadership of the CM the state has

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Gauhati HC directs CBI probe into Kohima HC complex scam

GUWAHATI, MAY 4 (PTI):

The Gauhati High Court has directed the CBI to conduct an inquiry into allegations of misappropriation of public money and slow rate of construction work of the New High Court Complex at Kohima.

Work at the complex had started in 2007 and is yet to be completed.

The Gauhati High Court had issued the notice to the respondent, Nagland government, after taking note of a news article that appeared in 'The Morung Express', an English daily published from Dimapur. The news article said that the foundation stone for the Nagaland High Court was laid at Meriema in 2007 and till date it has not been completed.

The division bench of Chief Justice Ajit Singh and Justice Prasanta Kumar Deka on May 2 directed the CBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the allegations and submit a report within three months to the registrar general of the High Court.

The court said that after hearing the counsel for the parties and perusing the records, it has found that the allegations made in the news item and the letter petition have some basis.

"There is no denial of the fact that the new High Court complex at Nagaland is yet to be completed and it is an admitted fact that only 35 per cent of the work has been completed till

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LD Kazi Gold Cup nearing final round

Winners to participate in Subroto Cup tourney in Oct

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GANGTOK, 04 MAY: A total of 78 senior secondary schools and 116 secondary schools of the State have participated in the Late LD Kazi Memorial Gold Cup State Level Inter School Boys' & Girls Football Tournament 2018 being organised by Sports & Youth Affairs Department in collaboration with Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim.

The preliminary rounds of the tournament were held at the BAC level from 20-30 Apr at different parts of the State and the selected schools are presently competing in the district-level at their respective district headquarters.

The district-level



matches began on 01 May and are scheduled to conclude on 05 May.

The top-16 schools in boys' and girls' categories from the district-level will be playing in the final round of the tournament. The final round for boys' football will be held from 09-18 May at Chakung School ground

while the girls' football will be held from 23-31 May at Soreng School ground in West Sikkim.

This was informed by Additional Director of Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Kamal Chettri, in a press conference here in the capital today.

He mentioned that

the main objective of the tournament was to inculcate a sense of professionalism among school students and to provide a better platform to large number of boys and girls to encourage and motivate their talents and take them to national and international levels.

He informed that

6208 students from 194 schools of the State have participated in this edition of the tournament. The defending champions are Namchi Senior Secondary School in boys' and Dentam SSS in girls' categories. The tournament carries along cash prizes of Rs 50,000 to winners and Rs 30,000 to runners-up team in both the categories.

Mr Chettri further informed that the champion school of the tournament will be representing Sikkim in the prestigious Subroto Mukherjee International Football Tournament to be held in Delhi.

"There teams from Sikkim that will be participating in Subroto Mukherjee International Football Tournament in Oct this year which includes U-17 Boys, U-17

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Two-day Sikkim Summit for Tribal Status concludes

GANGTOK, 04 MAY (IPR): The two-day Sikkim Summit for Tribal Status 2018 concluded here at Manan Kendra today.

The Governor of Sikkim, Shrinivas Patil attended the valedictory function as the chief guest.

The Summit was organized by Eleven Indigenous Ethnic Communities of Sikkim (EIECOS) in collaboration with the Sikkim Commission for

Backward Classes and Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor said, "I am happy to see that unity has been formed to achieve the collective goal of tribal status to left out indigenous communities who sincerely deserve due protection

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North district officials discuss monsoon preparedness

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 04 MAY:

District officials of North Sikkim today discussed issues related to monsoon preparedness including disaster management plans during a co-ordination meeting that was chaired by District Magistrate, North, Karma R Bonpo, at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan in Mangan today.

Delivering the keynote address, the DM North while focusing on road conditions, inquired about different troubled zones in the district to which the representatives of Roads & Bridges Department and BRO explained developments in detail.

Mr Bonpo stated that the PMGSY roads are also to be maintained and urged the concerned officials to undertake proper monitoring of road blockages so that it takes minimum time for their restoration.

He further directed the District Civil Supplies Officer [DCSO], North to look into the feasibility of opening



one petrol pump in Chungthang.

Early warning systems, flood relief measures, checking the readiness of equipment and communica-

tion systems, advance procurement of necessary relief materials, community-based disaster management and coordinated approach for disaster

response at the district level were highlighted during the meeting.

Mr Bonpo also informed that concerted efforts from all have helped in

minimizing various problems in the district.

"The emergency stocks of essential commodities for Mantam should be for at least three months as the temporary bridge at Mantam will be de-launched owing to monsoon," he added.

The need for coordination among all the Central and State government agencies was re-emphasized. The conference was convened primarily to review the status of preparedness in dealing with any natural disaster that may occur in the district.

Identification of nodal officer and contact number updation, mitigation of Mantam Lake, maintenance of highway from Rang Rang to Mangan Bazaar were also discussed by the officials.

Project developers were also asked about their safety measures in their respective project areas.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by Sub Divisional Magistrate, Mangan, PW Lepcha.

Sikkimese Nepalis have been deprived of their rights: SKM

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 MAY: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has alleged that the statement of the Chief Minister during the two-day Sikkim Summit for Tribal Status reveals that the State government has not been able to place the demand with proper supporting arguments. The party further alleged that the CM has been giving false promises to the people on tribal status to the 11 left out communities.

An SKM press release contends that since the State government has failed to place the issue properly with the Centre, the Sikkimese Nepalis have been deprived of their various rights. If the

State government had placed this issue with proper evidence and documents at the Centre, the summit would not have been necessary, the party argues.

"Instead of just making statements, the government should call an all party meeting and take representatives from all parties to the Centre," the release added.

The party also suggested SDF spokesperson, Bhim Dahal, to come forward for a debate instead of accusing SKM all the time. If the ruling party is sincere, it should make the documents that have been sent to the Centre on this issue available to the public, the SKM adds in the release.

BJP suggests wider collaborations for amendment of Labour Act

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 MAY:

Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim Pradesh has welcomed the announcement of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling to amend the Labour Act 2005 in the interest of local workers. However, the party has also alleged that the ruling party came into power with pro-poor and pro-worker slogans but has always been hurting them with its policies.

A BJP press release states that after a strong voice was raised by the BJP State-unit for workers at different industrial units, the SDF government has been announcing plans for strong laws in the interest of workers.

The party has suggested the State government to include civil society members, political parties and non-governmental organizations before making new laws for workers.

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been plastic free since two decades and protected areas have increased from 13.5% to 30.77%, said Dr Chandu.

The one-day Conference was divided into five technical sessions with specific themes. Among the national and international delegates who facilitated these sessions were Dr. Vandana Shiva [Founder Navdanya], Bernard Geier [Founder COLABORA], Andre Leu [International Director IFOAM], Dr. Saamdu Chettri [Former Executive Director, Gross National Happiness Centre, Bhutan and visiting faculty IIT Kharagpur], Dr. Mira Shiva [Coordinator IHES and Founder Member of Doctors

for food Safety], Maya Goburdhun [Director Navdanya], Neha Raj Singh [Project coordinator Navdanya], Vaidya GG Gangadharan [Ramaiah Indic Speciality Ayurveda, Bangalore], Dr. Vinod Bhatt [Project Director, Navdanya], Dr. Bijju Kumar [Dean, Department of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries, University of Kerala], Dr. HK Badola [Free-lance expert, Biodiversity Conservation, Bio culture and Climate Change], and Neha Upadhyaya [Founder, GUNA and Macrobiotic coach].

The conference was also attended by Cabinet Ministers, senior officers of the Government of Sikkim, dignitaries from India and abroad, researchers and scientists, and students.

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Girls and U-14 Boys team of Namchi Sports Hostel,' he added.

He informed that the winning boys' team of the tourney have been participating in Subroto Cup since 2015 and winning girl's team and U-14 team of NSH participated in this tournament from last year.

"The main intention is to complete the State-level tournament within May to provide rigorous coaching camp for around four months

for the winning teams under experienced coaches to prepare them well for the upcoming Subroto Cup," Mr Chettri informed.

He also shares the plan of the department to start an inter-school competition in football and other disciplines at BAC level after completion of the LD Kazi tournament to provide equal opportunity and exposure to rural students and to prepare them for the prestigious National School Games.



Red Ribbon Club launched in Mamring SSS

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 MAY:

Mamring Senior Secondary School, East Sikkim and Voluntary Blood Donors Association of Sikkim [VBIDAS] jointly organized a counseling programme at the school premises on 03

May wherein Mamring SSS also launched its Red Ribbon Club [RRC], a press release informs.

A team of resource persons comprising of Dr Chintamani Sharma [Senior Blood Bank Officer, STNM Hospital, Gangtok], Zigma Bhutia [East

district president, VB-DAS], Deepak Rai [general secretary, VB-DAS], Bikash Pradhan [VB-DAS coordinator], and Kishore Baniya [coordinator, State AIDS Control Society] addressed the gathering of students and teachers on HIV/

AIDS, substance abuse, moral value education and voluntary blood donor motivation.

Two nodal teachers and four peer educators from Mamring SSS have been selected to carry out the activities of the school's RRC.



GPU level programme on organic farming at Patuk Singbel

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 MAY:

International Panaacea Limited [IPL] organised a Gram Panchayat Unit level programme on Internal Control System [ICS] for organic certification and vegetable production at Patuk Singbel Gram Prashasan Kendra in East Sikkim on 03 May, a press release informs.

Panchayat member of Kokalay Ward, East Sikkim, Hari Har Sharma, attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by Deputy Director, FS&ADD, Sushma Pradhan, Deputy Director, H&CCDD, KL Koirala, Village Level Worker cum Mission Officer, Narseen Thapa, Panchayat president of Patuk Singbel, KB

Chettri, vice president, Bobby Gurung, along with farmers and IPL field functionaries.

Deputy Director, FS & ADD, Ms Pradhan, emphasized on the present market value of leafy and leguminous vegetables.

"Farmers should learn about crop rotation, land and manure preparation, organic seeds and seed treatment for different crops before sowing," she added.

Deputy Director, H&CCDD, Mr Koirala, explained about the schemes under H&CCD, Government of Sikkim and urged the participants to follow the policy and methods of organic farming practices in the villages. Further, he

also mentioned about the recently inaugurated "Kisan Bazaar" located at Lal Bazaar in Gangtok which is mainly for local produce grown by local farmers.

Block in Charge, IPL, Tashi Bhutia, mentioned about the standard of organic certification and mandates for ICS such as Aadhaar Card number and Bank Account of each farmer for documentation. He also briefed about the standard of National Programme for Organic Production [NPOP] and National Organic Program [NOP] technical standards [USA].

Chief guest Mr Sharma, while highlighting the present scenario of organic farming and cer-

tification process, said, "Through organic farming practices, many farmers are getting better price for their produce such as ginger, turmeric and green leafy vegetables."

He also urged the farmers to grow vegetables and fruits in large quantity which can help fulfill the demand of the consumers and requested farmers of Patuk Singbel to come forward for betterment of their socio-economic condition.

Mr Sharma further extended gratitude to FS&DD and H&CCD Departments, service providers and farmers for conducting the programme.

ITBP observes Save Environment Week



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 MAY:

The 11th Battalion of Indo Tibetan Border Police stationed at Pegong observed "Save the Environment Week" as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission from 27 Apr to 04 May. The main aim of the observance was to keep the unit's surroundings and the forward posts (located at heights of 17000 ft and

above) clean, a press release informs.

During a cleanliness drive organized under the guidance of Commandant Rajesh Kumar Tomar, collected waste was disposed off according to their classification and the materials which can be re-used were stored for future use. Further, action is also being taken to convert biodegradable waste into manure.

WB rural polls: SEC seeks booth categorisation report from dists

KOLKATA, MAY 4 (PTI):

The West Bengal State Election Commission (SEC) has asked the district magistrates and superintendents of police of various districts to prepare a comprehensive report on the categorisation of booths in their respective districts for the May 14 panchayat polls.

According to SEC sources, the booths have been categorised as "super sensitive", "sensitive", "low sensitive" and "normal".

The SEC, based on this categorisation, will ask the police to decide on deployment of se-

curity personnel in the booths.

"We have asked the district administration to prepare a report on the categorisation of booths. The DMs and SPs will jointly prepare this report. We will get the report by early next week," said an SEC official who did not wish to be named.

The SEC wants deployment of armed police personnel in every booth, he added.

The SEC, earlier this week, had held a meeting with state home secretary, DGP and ADG (law and order) on security arrangement for the panchayat polls in the state.

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and recognition under the constitution. Over the decades Sikkim has established itself as an abode of peace, stability and progress. The harmony and mutual trust among all communities of Sikkim is exemplary. I have seen numerous instances where one community is seen advocating the rights of another community. Sikkimese society has shown exemplary passion and sincerity to foster the peace and tranquility all along.

"I am confident that by ensuring equal constitutional right to all Sikkimese we can preserve its unique identity and ethos for centuries to come. With the involvement and sincere efforts of all the stakeholders, they will be able to put forth our legitimate demands in a conclusive and

logical manner to the union government for its early fulfillment," the Governor added.

The Governor thanked the organizing committee for inviting him to be part of the convention.

Earlier, Member of Parliament, PD Rai said, "It was indeed a wonderful learning for all of us and I would like to thank the Hon'ble Governor for raising the dignity and stature of this summit. It is with all humility that I stand here to talk on a subject which is very close to our hearts."

Referring to the address of Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling who inaugurated the Summit, MP Mr Rai said, "The Hon'ble Chief Minister delivered with such clarity that there is historical evidence to suggest that Sikkimese of Nepali ethnicity have had to face

injustice at several instances. 1978, without any prime reason, the left out communities and indeed at that time the Limboo-Tamang were dropped from the tribal status. So this historical injustice needs to be corrected."

He further stated that when more and more aspirations come up, this kind of demand would always come to the fore and it is with this view that the Chief Minister has been pursuing this matter relentlessly for almost over a decade.

He spoke about the difference between Indian Nepalis and Sikkimese Nepalis referring to quotes from various panelists of the summit.

"This particular kind of Tribal Summit was organised to resolve conflicting issues that are there before us. Over the last two days we have in-

deed seen so many ways and means that we have under the constitution of India within the 371F for the protection of all ethnicity in Sikkim. We are here to build solid argument and justification for proper justification."

The second session of the Plenary Lecture for the second day was chaired by Principal Secretary of IPR Department, Bhagwan Shanker where Former Speaker of Sikkim Legislative Assembly, KT Gyaltsen, DN Thakarpa and Former Vice Chancellor of Sikkim University, Prof. TB Subba delivered their plenary lecture.

The third session of the second day was chaired by Prof. TB Subba where plenary lecture was given by Supreme Court advocate, Shomona Khanna and Director of Indira Gandhi Manav Sanghralaya, Prof. Sarit K

Chaudhuri which was followed by discussion and suggestion by the speakers.

The two-day convention had 7 prominent Resource Persons from various parts of India.

The valedictory function was attended by Chairperson of the Sikkim Commission for Backward Classes, TN Sharma, Sikkim Commission for Backward Classes Department Secretary, HK Sharma, Social Justice and Welfare Department, Secretary, Sarala Rai, EIECOS chairperson, Dr. SK Rai, presidents and members of EIECOS, Officials from various department, faculty and students from Sikkim University, students from different government colleges and schools.

During the programme prominent resource persons were felicitated by the Governor.

Gangtok on Saturday, 05 May

Temp: 24°C / 12°C
Forecast: Mostly cloudy with a thundershower in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 04:54 AM
Sunset: 6:11 PM

Gauhati HC directs CBI probe into Kohima HC complex scam

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date," the bench said.

The foundation stone for the new court complex was laid way back in 2007 and "It is highly surprising to find that the progress of the work is pitiable during the last 10 years. At the same time, Rs 52.63 crore have already been withdrawn for the said purpose," the bench said.

"If the Central Bureau of Investigation is of the view that there is any material to support the allegations, it will take action as per law by registering FIR etc and the state government shall fully co-operate with the investigation", it said.

The bench directed the CBI director to depute an officer to immediately collect all the relevant records from the Nagaland government related to the PIL.

Respondent Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of Justice and Law, in the affidavit-in-opposition, said that as per the detailed project report, the total project cost was Rs 161,10,72,200 based on Nagaland Public Works Department Schedule of Rates, 2010.

Due to escalation of price if the DPR is revised as per NPWD SoR 2016, the total project cost will become more than Rs 200 crore, the affidavit added.

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ANTHEYESTI KRIYA

The Antheyesti Kriya of **Bikash Prasad** falls on **05 May, 2018, Saturday**, and will be held at the **Nepali Dharma Sala, Singtam**.

Uncle (9932963921)
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WHO CARES, YOU ASK?

SINGTAM, 04 MAY: Volunteers of Kalimpong-based NGO, Who Cares, Indu Chettri and Anju Subba, who hail from Singtam in East Sikkim, have been working actively to bring happiness and hope to the less fortunate. They were spotted in Singtam trimming the hair and nails of the destitute and feeding and bathing them. [Yogen Thatal]

Mevedir conducts training on vermi composting in Rumbuk

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GANGTOK, 04 MAY:

Mevedir organized a training cum demonstration camp on vermicomposting today at Moonew Basti in Rumbuk, West Sikkim, a press release informs.

The specialized training targeted the progressive farmers from Moonew village in Rumbuk GPU to build their capacity on vermicomposting technique as the demand for this compost is very promising and it is difficult for the existing farmer groups to meet the demands, the release adds.

Twenty progressive farmers attended the training which had resource person, RN Sharma, talking about the special features of vermicompost.

He outlined the flowchart for preparing the vermicompost and the special requirements that needs to be taken care of during its preparation. He in-



formed about special worms, *Eusina foetida* and *Eudrilus Eugenia*, which are used for the production of the vermicasts.

"This compost is packed with nutrients and has several qualities that enriches the soil. The surrounding environment of the vermicompost heap needs to be kept warm, moist, dark with ad-

equated biomass for food as they proliferate and produce eggs from which more earthworms multiply in the vermicompost heap," Mr Sharma added.

Materials required for vermicompost and caution that needs to be taken in order to make the ground of the vermicomposting unit impermeable

either with a layer of concrete or laying a plastic sheet was also demonstrated to the farmers.

Master trainer from Mevedir, Kamal Kumar Sharma, summarized the preparation of vermicompost and highlighted the application, dosage and benefits of the compost.

Delhi court sends journalist Upendra Rai in 3-day CBI custody

NEW DELHI, MAY 4 (PTI): A Delhi court today sent journalist Upendra Rai, arrested for his alleged involvement in dubious financial transactions, to CBI custody for three days.

Special CBI Judge Santosh Snehi Mann remanded Rai to police custody after the agency said a large number incriminating material were recovered during the probe and he has not been cooperating in the investigation.

CBI Public Prosecutor Manoj Shukla had sought seven-day custody of the accused.

Rai's counsel said he was was neither hiding, nor running away and his custody was not required to complete the probe. He said he

has not tampered with the evidence and there was no allegation that he has tried to influence any witness.

Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court had refused to interfere with his arrest, saying it has not gone through the application filed by Rai seeking protection.

The CBI had yesterday arrested the Delhi-based scribe for allegedly indulging in dubious financial transactions and getting an airport access pass made by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) by furnishing false information.

Rai has claimed he has been framed in the case as he has been writing against an ED officer who was part of the team probing the

2G spectrum allocation scam case.

Rai was questioned at the agency headquarters along with two others for the entire day before being arrested yesterday, officials had said.

Prasun Roy, chief security officer of Air One Aviation Pvt Ltd, was also booked by the CBI in the case, they had said. The probe agency had carried out searches at eight locations in Lucknow, Noida, Delhi and Mumbai.

In its FIR, the agency has alleged that going by the value of the transactions of over Rs one lakh during 2017, Rai's accounts received Rs 79 crore while Rs 78.51 crore was debited from it during the same period.

Preparations in final stage for PM Modi's Nepal visit



KATHMANDU, MAY 4 (PTI): Final touches are being given to the preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming two-day visit to Nepal from May 11, an official said today.

Security has been stepped up in Mustang district, home to famous Hindu pilgrimage site Muktinath, which Modi is scheduled to pay a visit.

Modi will arrive in Muktinath from Janakpur, famous for Janaki Temple, from Bihar's capital Patna on May 11. From Muktinath he will fly to Kathmandu on the same day.

"Security has been tightened throughout the district with the Nepal Police, the Armed Police Force, the Nepal Army and the National Investigation Department conducting security surveillance," Chief District Officer Sishir Poudel said.

Arrangements have also been made for emergency medical service while the 76-km Beni-Jomsom road which is otherwise closed for eight hours daily for repair and maintenance has been opened for three days in view of Modi's visit, National News Agency of Nepal reported.

A team from India, including the officials of the Indian Army, arrived in Mustang on Wednesday to take stock of the security situation and the preparations for Modi's visit.

Last month, a pressure cooker bomb went off outside an Indian consulate office in Nepal's Biratnagar, damaging the wall of the mission. Another blast happened at the office of a hydroelectricity project developed with the Indian assistance in the eastern part of the country.

"There are two helipads near Muktinath and a third one is being constructed as an alternative," Poudel said.

"Modi's visit to Muktinath is expected to further strengthen the Nepal-India relations at the people-to-people level and promote religious tourism," civil society leader Chandra Bahadur Thakali said.

A committee has been formed under the coordination of Chhemchok Chheten Gurung, chairman of Bhraagon Mukti Shetara Rural Municipality, to extend warm welcome to Modi.

Last month, Nepal's Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli had visited India during which both sides had vowed to step up the overall engagement and take the relationship to newer heights on the basis of "equality, mutual trust and respect".

After his talks with Oli, Modi had said India would always stand by Nepal in its quest for all-round growth, asserting that deeper cooperation between the two neighbours would strengthen democracy in that country.

CHANGE OF NAME

Pujan Rai son of Late Budhibal Rai, resident of Ranka Rai Gaon, P.O. Dhajey, East Sikkim, solemnly declare that previously my name has been recorded/known as "**Pujan Rai Sampang**" I have changed my name from **Pujan Rai Sampang** to **Pujan Rai** for all purpose and further records before the Oath Commissioner, East Sikkim, vide affidavit Si.No. A 132138 Dated : 3rd of May, 2018.



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CORRIGENDUM

The Examination Centre for male candidates having Registration No. from **0003/A/E to 2207/A/E** has been mentioned at Centre No:-2 (Sir Tashi Namgyal Sr. Sec. School, Development Area, Gangtok) in the Notice for Written Examination for recruitment in Sikkim Police on 13th May 2018 vide Notice No. 161/POL/SRL/ADM/1989 dated 28/04/2018 published in the Newspapers and hosted on Sikkim Police website.

Now the Examination Centre for male candidates bearing Registration No. from **1799/A/E to 2205/A/E** shall be at **Centre No.- 3 (Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok)**.

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R.O. No. 66/jpr/pub/classi/18-19 dt. 4.5.2018

KUTSE SHEGU

The 49th Kutse SHEGU of former mangan **SHO late. Karma Denzongpa** who left for heavenly abode on 21st March 2018 falls on **8th May 2018**. All relatives, friends, and well wishers are requested to join us for offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence **Kesang Residency, Ranipool, Gangtok**. We also would like to take the opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards all those who extended their support their support during the time of bereavement.

Tshering Doma Bhutia(wife), Kesang Choden Bhutia (daughter), Kunzang Tshering Bhutia (son) and all family members.



Ghewa

The 49th Day Ghewa of our mother Late Indra Maya Lama w/o Harka Singh Lama who left for her heavenly abode on 18th March 2018 falls on 5th May 2018. We request all friends, relatives and well wishers to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at Chongey Busty (below POC, School), Gangtok, East Sikkim. We also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement.



Harka Singh Lama (husband), Urmilla Lama & Passang Pakhrin, Sharmila Lama & Samden Dorji Lama (daughters & sons in law). Ph 9733029453, 9933733062, 8945812246.

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Monitor and Evaluate, Then Hold Accountable

There will be fewer complaints and less resentment

Monitoring & Evaluation have always been part of governance. The least paid-attention-to part, but a part nevertheless. Their presence is token and piecemeal, extended by pick and choose when it should have been institutionalized and extended at all levels. Occasionally, one hears of moves underway to elevate this aspect of administration to the hierarchal prominence it deserves – right at the top – but nothing really moves beyond the talk of such things. M&E, however, should be prioritised. It is high time, especially now when those who control the release of funds and opportunities are demanding achievement records in black & white and funds have been scarce because utilization certificates have been inconsistent.

Too many doles, projects, funding and sponsorship have been invested in Sikkim without a scientific, unbiased or transparent appraisal of how far the buck travels in the State or what this investment has achieved.

Frankly speaking, monitoring & evaluation is a simple science. Projects get drafted, funds get allocated, the release of payment requires numerous NOCs and clearance certificates to endorse that the work was done – that's monitoring. People look at roads carpeted a few months ago disintegrate with the first showers – that's evaluation.

So, when the government spends precious funds training its officers on monitoring and evaluation, it is expected that they bring something more to the table than the thumb rule by which people have been monitoring and evaluating already.

What is it that 'training' can deliver that one does not already know?

Definitely the science to be able to monitor and evaluate so well that when things go wrong, the figures align themselves in a way that a shortlist of those responsible for the bungle is ready even before the Vigilance Police wakes up.

That said, M&E exercises can be carried out endlessly without delivering any results unless the most important follow-up to the monitoring & evaluation process – accountability – is codified. And one does not speak of fixing criminal culpability and corruption charges on failed or compromised projects here. The M&E exercise should lead to pulling up lethargic officials who contributed to failed projects, those who compromise the impact of good initiatives with their poor delivery and those who routinely fail to see the larger picture. These can be departmental action leading to a red-inked ACR or a compulsory enrolment into re-learning school so long as action is seen to have been taken after the 'culprit' has been correctly identified.

That would be true monitoring and evaluation because it would be delivering accountability. Such follow-up will also ensure that people do not have a reason to grow too resentful, because that is a common condition among the lay people who see expansive promises get processed with shallow intentions, and then tall claims being made without even a token gesture to evaluate or hold agencies to account.

10 years after, Cyclone Nargis still holds lessons for Myanmar

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When Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar 10 years ago, 140,000 lives were lost and 800,000 were displaced. The category 4 storm slammed into Myanmar's low-lying Irrawaddy Delta, an area that usually escapes major typhoons. High winds and a 12-foot storm surge devastated the area, affecting millions.

I was a senior humanitarian assistance officer at the United States Agency for International Development at the time. Myanmar, then under a military dictatorship, was clearly unprepared for a storm of this magnitude.

Not only did the country lack a weather radar network that could predict cyclones, it also had no early warning system, storm shelters or evacuation plans. Housing, built largely of bamboo and thatch, was hardly cyclone resistant.

In the 10 years since the storm, Myanmar has made significant progress on disaster preparedness. But the government's relationship with international and local relief agencies remains fraught – potentially putting future lives at risk.

UNNECESSARY MISERY

I spent the immediate aftermath of Cyclone Nargis negotiating with the government to gain access for humanitarian organizations to access the country and provide emergency relief.

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, was then largely a closed country run by the military. Battling many internal insurgencies over nearly 70 years, the military tended to spend money on security, undermining the growth of social programs. Disaster preparedness was extremely weak.

The security-obsessed Myanmar government made disaster recovery after Nargis infinitely harder than it needed to be because of resistance to international help, which was seen as a potential threat to internal security. The generals I worked with refused visas for international relief staff, delayed entry of ships carrying relief supplies and even arrested citizens for undertaking local relief efforts.

These delays left millions of people injured, hungry and homeless. More than 700,000 homes were fully or partially destroyed. Nearly 75 percent of health clinics were destroyed.

Two weeks later, under pressure from regional leaders, the U.N. secretary general, and critiques from the U.S. and other Western countries, the Association of South East Asian Nations, a regional governance body, brokered an agreement that allowed international organizations into the country to provide relief.

Numerous agencies came into the country, and several, such as Save the Children and World Vision, greatly expanded their programs and staff. It is estimated that more than 1.1 million received food assistance and other relief.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES

A few years later, political change began to open Myanmar up to the outside world.

In 2010 a referendum allowed citizens to vote for their first elected leaders in two decades and eased tough restrictions on foreign access to the country.



This political opening also pushed the country to collaborate with neighboring countries and international partners on disaster preparedness. Myanmar worked with ASEAN on several regional storm risk-reduction programs, signed onto international agreements to boost its disaster resiliency and joined the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

It also passed laws aimed at building national, state and local disaster response mechanisms, with the support of the U.S., Japan, the Myanmar Red Cross, the U.N. and other relief agencies.

Similar efforts had been shown to help neighboring Bangladesh greatly reduce its storm deaths in recent decades. In 1991, for example, approximately 135,000 people died in Cyclone 2b. By 2007, just 3,000 were killed in Cyclone Sidi, though it was one of the largest storms ever to hit Bangladesh.

Myanmar is also making an effort to replant coastal mangrove forests. Evidence shows that deforestation of this critical coastline ecosystem worsened the storm surge of Cyclone Nargis.

During Cyclone Nargis, many in the path of the storm doubted weather reports because of the unreliability of previous storm reporting. The country has now made dramatic improvements to its national weather forecasting and disaster warning systems, installing three new radar facilities and 30 new weather observation stations.

The new weather reports, which are broadcast regularly through radio and television, have evidently earned people's trust. When severe weather is predicted, warnings will also be issued via newly installed loudspeaker systems.

The government also hopes to build 50 concrete shelters in cyclone-vulnerable Rakhine state and offer more training to government officials in "resilience training" – teaching them best practices in disaster management and social protection.

RISE OF THE SMARTPHONE

The most significant disaster mitigation development, however, has nothing to do with government legislation. It is the explosion of smartphones in the country.

In 2008, when I worked in Myanmar, only 3 per-

cent of the population had mobile phones. By June 2017, about 90 percent of the country's 54 million people had access to a phone with internet service.

Now, even the 85 percent of Myanmar citizens who live in rural areas will soon be able to receive storm warnings directly via a smartphone app.

DIFFICULTIES REMAIN

While Myanmar deserves praise for learning from the Cyclone Nargis disaster, I fear that the government's continued resistance to outside influence will undermine progress.

Even with the leadership of the elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for advocating democratic reforms, Myanmar remains something of a rogue state. Most notably, the country is accused of atrocity in its treatment of the Rohingya, a minority Muslim community from Rakhine state.

Thousands have reportedly been killed since August 2017 and many of their villages razed. Some 600,000 Rohingya are now refugees in Bangladesh.

Myanmar has consistently blocked the U.N. and international aid agencies from assisting Rohingya refugees. Just as it did in 2008, when I was negotiating with generals to get foreign aid workers into the country, the government still limits visas and operations for international nonprofit relief groups.

In my assessment, the government's dual strategy – cooperating on disaster preparedness while obstructing humanitarian relief in conflict areas – still puts Burmese lives needlessly in danger.

By hindering relief organizations seeking to provide humanitarian relief to the Rohingya, Myanmar is creating confused and ineffective relationships with the same agencies that it will depend on after the inevitable next natural storm.

Myanmar has made great strides in disaster preparedness since Cyclone Nargis. But unless it builds more open and transparent relationships with international partners, it risks a repeat of another tragedy.

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Why do we stay on Facebook? It's complicated

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Lately I can't log onto Facebook without being asked to consider my own motivations for using the site. As a researcher who focuses on online communities, I'm accustomed to this running meta-narrative about what it is I'm actually doing online – but usually, that narrative plays inside my head, not all the way down the feed I'm scrolling through. It's like my research questions have sprung to life these days: What's Facebook all about, anyway? Is this even fun? If it's not fun ... what is it, exactly?

This is an exciting time in the very short history of social media use.

Facebook's users are becoming critical of the systems into which they've been scripted. This is an important moment: Will public opinion follow the same well-worn cycle of outrage and acceptance, or will it jump the tracks and begin engaging Facebook on new, more challenging terms?

Researchers have been asking tough questions about Facebook for the past decade, but even armed with the most prestigious credentials, they pose a much smaller threat than educated consumers. And without consumer outrage, government regulation seems unlikely to move forward.

'SOUND AND FURY'

So far, at least in my own feed, the same old script is being followed to the letter. The soul-searching is punctuated by passionate crisis-de-cœur from the feed's more opinionated characters: Wake up, sheeple! If you're not paying for the product, you are the product – remember? Quit Facebook! Encrypt your data! Smash your phone under the heel of your steel-toed boots!

Next, right on cue, the incisive social commentators swoop in to remind us that these calls are coming from inside the house. "Pretty ironic that you're posting all this stuff on Facebook!" To which everyone silently rolls their eyes in resignation. Cue the gallows



humor about how we're all under constant surveillance, rinse and repeat. The human condition's same old two-step. Sound and fury, signifying nothing.

That this discursive cycle was triggered by the revelations earlier this year that voter profiling company Cambridge Analytica obtained the Facebook data of 50 million American accounts is beside the point.

This is only the latest in a long series of such leaks about data mining. In 2017, approximately 200 million registered voters' personal data stored by voter profiling company Deep Root Analytics was accidentally made public. The previous year, Russian hackers accessed a large cache of voter information owned by the Democratic National Committee.

What this latest go-round is revealing is that these are industry practices that will carry on undisturbed, regardless of what Mark Zuckerberg says or does. This is not a Zuckerberg problem anymore; it's a problem with an advertising model that is the industry standard.

Most of us Facebook users have been on the platform for about a decade, and perhaps our outrage is

our growing pains.

We've gained some critical distance through time spent on the platform. We are less easily distracted by the ostensible fun the platform offers. And we appear to be compelled to ask questions about Facebook we've never asked before.

MUST ASK DIFFERENT QUESTIONS

Fenwick McKelvey, co-director of the Media History Research Centre at Concordia University's Milieux Institute for Art, Culture and Technology, wishes that the media would start asking different questions about how data is

being used by platforms like Facebook.

"The media narrative still assumes that the goal of these platforms (like Facebook) is to expose people to information," McKelvey told me. "But it's less and less about that – the goal is to manage and control people's behaviour."

Among the urgent questions media commentators should be asking, McKelvey believes, is how online advertisers are deploying user data to subtly nudge people. He provides the illustrative example of SnapChat – a company with relatively strong privacy settings in place – that leaks data to advertisers with dizzying granularity that reflects the industry standard.

Through SnapChat's protocols, your phone informs advertisers how much time passes between the moment you're served one of their ads and the moment you make a purchase at their business, either online or in person.

Every time you walk into a retailer with your phone's location services on, you are leaking data

about your consumption habits.

Perhaps we should be burrowing even deeper into Facebook's business practices.

Facebook tends to rely on the fact that most of its data collection practices are laid bare in its terms of service. But according to Martin French, an assistant professor of sociology at Concordia, Facebook's notion of "consent" is flimsy at best.

MOST UNAWARE OF HOW THEIR DATA IS BEING USED

"Facebook reportedly changed its policies after 2015 to stop app developers accessing information on app users' network. But for me the question is: Are Facebook users, in the real world, actually aware of the changing ways their data is being used, and the policies that purportedly govern these uses?" wonders French.

French posits that based on research that has been done on who reads and understands social media privacy policies, most users are unaware of how their data is actually being used. The "consent" that Facebook is talking about when they refer to an agreement with their users is not really a kind of consent that conforms to any dictionary definition of that term.

The consensus among social scientists who study life online is that whatever dynamics play out online have offline analogs.

We've had a decade to incorporate Facebook into our lives, and like any learning process, our success with it has been uneven.

We're at a critical moment as users of Facebook. It's our responsibility to educate ourselves about the implications of our participation. Deactivating our accounts won't change how our personal data is valued to advertisers.

But perhaps, as we become mature users of social media, we can begin to demand that limits be set on how and when our data is bought and sold.

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Son attacks parents for property

**SUMMIT REPORT
SILIGURI, 04 MAY:**

A couple was allegedly attacked by their son and daughter-in-law on 01 May at Church road in Siliguri. The couple has alleged that their son wanted them to transfer the family's property to his name and refusal to do so resulted in the attack. They were also reportedly thrown out of their house and are currently living in a hotel. The aggrieved parents have filed a complaint at Siliguri Police Station. The accused son and his wife are absconding. Police are trying to trace the accused.

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State of anarchy, chaos prevailed during Gorkhaland agitation in Darjeeling: NCW

NEW DELHI, MAY 4 (PTI): The National Commission for Women (NCW) has observed that a complete state of anarchy and chaos prevailed during the Gorkhaland agitation in Darjeeling Hills in West Bengal in 2017 and people lived in a state of fear and helplessness with no support from the administration.

In a report on atrocities against women during the

statehood agitation, submitted to Home Minister Rajnath Singh today, the commission highlighted many cases of atrocities committed by the police and noted that a large number of innocent civilians including women were implicated in various cases and had been languishing in jails or out on bail.

According to an official

statement, the commission noted that notices were being issued to many civilians for striking down their names from the electoral roll.

The women's panel has recommended that immediate medical and psycho-social counselling/intervention should be provided to the victims and proper inquiry should be conducted in cases

where women were implicated as criminals and languishing in jails or have to visit courts frequently because of a large number of cases against them.

Officials against whom departmental inquiries are pending should be expedited, it stated.

"The issue of arbitrary removing of names of civilians from the electoral roll needs to

be brought to the notice of the Election Commission," it said.

The NCW, in its statement, also mentioned that the administration was hostile and non-supportive of the inquiry and most of the officials were either on leave or refused to meet its inquiry committee, while most of the victims were threatened not to interact with the team.

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Sonowal urges Centre to start direct flights to SE Asia countries from Guwahati

NEW DELHI, MAY 4 (PTI): Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today urged the Centre to take initiative for starting direct flights to Southeast Asian countries from Guwahati, saying Rs 100 crore should be provided from the ASEAN-India Fund to fill the viability gaps in this regard.

Addressing an interactive session of the chief ministers of northeastern states on 'Act East Policy' that was chaired by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj here, he also urged the Centre to do the needful for reopening of the British-era Stilwell road connecting Ledo in Assam with Kunming in China.

The chief minister said launching of direct flights connecting the northeastern region with the capitals of Southeast Asian countries would play a vital role in making the region a lucrative destination for potential investors, a statement issued by the state government said.

Sonowal urged the External Affairs Ministry to contribute an amount of Rs 100 crore from ASEAN-India Fund to fill the viability gaps for starting flights from Guwahati to Singapore, Dhaka, Bangkok, Mandalay or Yangon. Rs 100 crore has been committed by the



Assam government for the purpose, he said.

The chief minister stressed on the urgent need for early completion of the Asian Trilateral Highway as well as the reopening of the Stilwell Road upto Kunming in China and importance of connecting the waterways of Barak, Brahmaputra and Koshiyara rivers with Chittagong and Mongla ports in Bangladesh.

"Improved connectivity and infrastructure will lead to exponential growth in tourism sector in the region in days to come as northeast India has a lot to offer on the tourism front. The region can also expect increased flow of patients from Southeast Asia," he said.

Sonowal also urged the External Affairs Ministry to simplify existing visa regime for facilitat-

ing free movement of people, including introduction of provisions like visa-on-arrival in the capitals of the northeastern states and relaxing restricted area permit for ASEAN countries for visiting the region.

The chief minister called for improved access to international submarine fibre-optic cable network internet landing station at Cox Bazaar in Bangladesh and urged the Centre to take initiatives to make the region a hub of IT and ITES by providing fast internet connectivity from this international gateway.

Lifting of restrictions on tradable items and upgradation of international border trade centres like Sutarkandi and Moreh were some of the other key suggestion made by the chief minister, the statement said.

5 leaders of tribal party killed in Bangladesh hills, violence grips 2 dists

DHAKA, MAY 4 (PTI): Tension gripped two hill districts in southeastern Bangladesh today after five leaders of a tribal party's breakaway group were killed and 10 others injured in an attack by unidentified gunmen, police said.

According to media reports, tension gripped Khagrachhari and Rangamati districts following the attack on the United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) leaders, prompting police and army troops in the neighbourhood to intensify security vigil fearing eruption of further violence among the four factions of two regional tribal parties.

The UPDF faction, called the UPDF-democratic, alleged that the attack was carried out by the party's original group, which, however, denied the charge.

"Five leaders of the breakaway faction of the UPDF were gunned down while 10 others sustained injury when they were on way to join the funeral of Shaktiman Chakma, who was killed yesterday in Rangamati hill district by unknown assailants," a senior police official said.

Chakma was the chairman of a Rangamati sub-district and factional leader of Janasanghati Samity, popularly called JSS-Reformist, which is said to be friendly to the UPDF's breakaway group.

"Unidentified miscreants fired gunshots, killed the five leaders and injuring 10 others on the borders of Rangamati and Khagrachhari hill districts," the police officer told PTI over phone.

Rangamati additional police chief Jahangir Alam said they came under assailants ambush while

travelling in a bus to join Chakma's funeral at his hometown in Naniarchar upazila sub-district.

"Three of the UPDF faction leaders died instantly and two others succumbed to their injuries on way to the hospital while injured were being treated at the (nearby port city of) Chittagong," he said.

The JSS had led a nearly two-decade long insurgency in the hills, demanding ethnic minority hill peoples regional autonomy, until striking a landmark peace deal with the government in 1997 but soon witnessed the emergence of the UPDF as a rival regional party.

Led by former insurgent commander Shantu Larma, the JSS suffered a split nearly a decade ago while the UPDF witnessed an internal divide last year.

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Judiciary-Executive showdown in SC over judges' appointment

NEW DELHI, MAY 4 (PTI): The ongoing turf-war between the judiciary and the executive over the appointment of judges in the higher judiciary today witnessed an open showdown in the Supreme Court with the Centre taking the Collegium head on for recommending few names to fill up huge vacancies in the high courts. The apex court also hit out at the Centre for keeping the names recommended by the Collegium pending.

"Tell us, how many names (recommended by the Collegium) are pending with you," a bench comprising Justices Madan B Lokur and Deepak Gupta asked Attorney General (AG) K K Venugopal.

When the AG said "I will have to find out", the bench retorted "when it comes to the government, you say 'we will find out'".

The strong remarks by the bench came after Venugopal said though the court was dealing with a matter relating to the vacancy of judges in the high courts of Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura, the fact was that the Collegium has been recommending only three names for high courts where the vacancy was for 40 judges.

"The Collegium will have to see the broad picture and recommend more names," the AG said, adding, "some high courts have 40 vacancies and recommendation of the Collegium is only for three. And the government is being told that we are tardy in filling up the vacancy."

"If there is no Collegium recommendation, nothing can be done," Venugopal said.

The bench then reminded the government that they have to make the appointments.

The Collegium had on April 19

recommended to the Centre for appointing of Justice M Yaqoob Mir and Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar as the chief justices of the Meghalaya High Court and Manipur High Court respectively, which have not yet been cleared.

During the hearing, Venugopal said the issues related to Justice Sudhakar and Justice Yaqoob Mir would be dealt with and orders would be issued "shortly". "What shortly? 'Shortly' could be three months," the bench reacted.

On April 17, while hearing a petition filed by a man seeking transfer of his case from Manipur High Court to Gauhati High Court, the apex court had noted that the situation in the high courts in North-East states like Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was "critical" due to the vacancy of judges there.

It had noted that Manipur High Court had only two judges against a sanctioned strength of seven, Meghalaya High Court had one judge against the sanctioned strength of four, while Tripura High Court had two judges against sanctioned strength of four.

The top court's remarks assume significance as the Centre, after almost three months of Collegium's recommendation, returned for reconsideration the file of Uttarakhand High Court Chief Justice K M Joseph for elevation as an apex court judge.

The AG during his arguments also referred to the Collegium resolution of March 6 relating to the appointment of Justice Songkhup-chung Serto, an additional judge of Manipur High Court who was functioning on transfer in the Gauhati High Court, as a permanent judge.

In this resolution, the Collegium had recommended that Justice

Serto be appointed as a permanent judge of the Manipur High Court and would continue to function in Gauhati High Court.

Venugopal referred to the resolution and said it was "very strange" that Justice Serto should continue to function from the Gauhati High Court.

"That time, only two judges were there in Manipur High Court. It should not have been said that he (Justice Serto) would continue in Gauhati High Court. It was necessary to bring him back to Manipur High Court," he said.

To this, the bench observed, "may be the Collegium does not want to get him back to Manipur. We do not know".

The court then told the AG that it was not only a problem in the Manipur High Court as the situation was similar in the high courts of Meghalaya and Tripura.

Venugopal said he had inquired about Manipur High Court and once Justice Sudhakar goes there, the high court would have three judges and problem will be solved.

"People from the Northeast, what are they supposed to do? They come to Delhi before us, to say that please transfer our case to other high courts. They spend money for this," the bench observed.

The AG then said the Collegium should recommend more names for filling up the vacancies.

When Venugopal said the recommendation related to Justice Mir for Meghalaya High Court was being processed, the bench said, "once the chief justice goes there, the chief justice and the other judge may recommend somebody who can be made the third judge there".



2 IPL play-off matches shifted to Kolkata from Pune

KOLKATA, MAY 4 (PTI): The historic Eden Gardens on Kolkata will host two play-off matches that were originally scheduled in Maharashtra's Pune, Indian Premier League governing council confirmed today.

The GC has confirmed that Kolkata will host the Eliminator and Qualifier 2 on May 23 and 25 respectively, IPL GC chairman Rajeev Shukla told PTI.

As per the original schedule, Pune was scheduled to host the Eliminator and Qualifier 2 but the venue became Chennai Super Kings' adopted home for six matches owing to security concerns for the Cauvery protests in Tamil Nadu.

The 67,000 capacity Eden Gardens emerged as the frontrunner and was adequately compensated by the IPL GC.

We are happy to host the play-off matches and are looking forward to it, Cricket Association of Bengal joint-secretary Avishek Dalmiya said.

Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium will play host to the Qualifier 1 and the Final on May 22 and 27 respectively.

Thupden Kunga Bhutia Table Tennis Tourney commences at White Hall

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 04 MAY:**

The fifth edition of Thupden Kunga Bhutia Memorial East District Inter School & Open Table Tennis Tournament 2018 has started here at White Hall complex in Gangtok today. The three-day tournament is being organised by Sikkim Table Tennis Academy, Tadong.

The tournament was inaugurated by Additional Director of Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Kamal Chettri, this morning. He encouraged young paddlers to give their best efforts and practice continuously with a target to reach national and international levels.

The inaugural function was followed by the commencement of matches in the tournament. More than 80 paddlers from eight schools



and different parts of East Sikkim are participating in the tournament. The finals of the tournament will be played on 06 May.

State Table Tennis Coach, Norden Bhutia, thanked Sikkim Table Tennis Academy, Tadong for providing platform to local players through

such tournaments to encourage young upcoming paddlers.

He stated that the present fraction in Sikkim Table Tennis Association has affected the young upcoming players of the State.

"There is no State level and other tournaments in the State and our play-

ers have not been able to participate in national tournaments since last year. The lack of tournaments has mainly affected our young upcoming players of the State," he said.

He stated that no initiative and action has been taken and if this continues, then it will

greatly affect the development and promotion of table tennis in the State.

"In such a scenario, this is a highly appreciable initiative taken by Sikkim Table Tennis Academy for providing better platform to local young players," the coach said.



Cricket Association of Bengal to offer exchange programmes for NE players

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 04 MAY:**

President of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), Saurav Ganguly, who is also chairperson of the Technical Committee of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) called a meeting on 03 Apr in Kolkata to discuss

development in Cricket and exchange programmes between CAB and North East States. The meeting was jointly chaired by Mr Ganguly and chairperson of New Areas Development Programme [NADP], Avishek Dalmiya, a press release informs.

President of Sikkim Cricket Association [SCA], Lobzang G Tenzing, SCA general secretary, Sonam Palden Bhutia, and other representatives from six NE States attended the meeting.

During the meet, Mr Ganguly emphasised on

having a route map for cricketing facilities especially sand based cricket ground, coaches grooming programmes, longer version Tournament [2/3 days] matches in NE States and also offered exchange programme with Cricket Association of Bengal involving tour-

naments at Kolkata in Nov/Dec.

He also discussed about having a special vision programme for 30 selected players, 05 each from NE States, and extended full support in other aspects of the game, the release adds.

Delhi face uphill task against in-form SRH

HYDERABAD, MAY 4 (PTI): The young Delhi Daredevils batsmen, striving hard to keep the team afloat, face a stern test when they face formidable bowling attack of hosts Sunrisers Hyderabad, in an IPL match in Hyderabad in the south-eastern state of Andhra Pradesh on Saturday.

Just like previous editions, the Daredevils once again had a stop-start campaign in the ongoing IPL and are standing on the verge of yet another early elimination.

The Delhi outfit is currently placed sixth with just three wins out of nine games and with five more matches remaining this season, the Daredevils cannot afford to slip any further if they wish to make it to the four-team play-offs.

But having suffered a string of losses under Gautam Gambhir who stepped down from captaincy on his own, the Delhi side looked in a much better shape under young Shreyas Iyer's leadership.

The Daredevils have a reason to smile after it got back to winning ways, beating fellow lag-guards Rajasthan Royals in their last game at home ground on Wednesday.

Young Prithvi Shaw, skipper Iyer himself and Rishabh Pant are mainly spearheading the batting unit but the Delhi outfit would also want its foreign recruits Colin Munro and Glenn Maxwell to fire and if that happens they would definitely give any bowling side reasons to worry.

But unfortunately that has not been the case this season and with just five matches left, it's high time for Munro and Maxwell to come good to propel Delhi's chances.

Among the bowlers, Trent Boult has been among wickets for Daredevils, claiming 13 scalps so far. He has been been impressive in death overs too. The likes of young Avesh Khan, Liam Plunkett and spinner Shahbaz Nadeem, though, need to do more.

SRH, on the other hand, are sitting pretty at the top with 12 points from eight games.

The Sunrisers' journey has been a fairytale one so far this season with their bowling unit turning out to be a revelation by defending low scores.

The Hyderabad side boasts of probably the best bowling attack in the ongoing IPL, comprising Siddharth Kaul, Rashid Khan, Sandeep Sharma, Basil Thampi besides all-rounders Shakib Al Hasan, Mohammed Nabi and Yusuf Pathan. The bowling attack earned kudos when they successfully prevented rivals from chasing down even low totals in recent matches.

In their last game here, SRH bundled out formidable Kings XI Punjab for just 119 in 19.2 overs while defending a target of 132. In another instance, on April 29, while defending a modest target of 152 the Hyderabad bowlers halted Rajasthan Royals' chase at 140 in 20 overs.

The most heartening thing about SRH's bowling show is that the produced the brilliant performances despite missing the services of its star bowler Bhuvneshwar Kumar in the last few matches owing to a back injury.

But captain Kane Williamson expects Bhuvneshwar to be fir for tomorrow's game.

Though the team lost its regular captain David Warner in the wake of the infamous ball tampering row, its new skipper Williamson has stepped up and consistently delivered the goods for the side.

While Williamson emerged as the batting mainstay, SRH would hope its other batsmen, including Manish Pandey, Wriddhiman Saha, Deepak Hooda and Yusuf Pathan, also deliver in the remaining games.

SRH head coach Tom Moody said having done the tough work, the team is now focussed to finish on a good note.

Jinnah: A controversial figure decades after his death

NEW DELHI, MAY 4 (PTI): Almost seven decades after he died, Pakistan's founding father Mohammad Ali Jinnah continues to trigger controversies -- be it over praise by some BJP leaders or merely because of a portrait of him hanging on a university wall.

The BJP is working overtime to put a lid on a row, which was ignited after its leader and Uttar Pradesh minister Swami Prasad Maurya called Jinnah a "great man" after some party leaders sought removal of his portrait from Aligarh Muslim University, but it is only a reminder of the bigger storms the Pakistan's founder has caused in the saffron party.

Jinnah, who became became the Governor-General of Pakistan after partition, died in September 1948.

His praise of Jinnah in 2005 had cost L K Advani -- the longest serving BJP president -- his job as the party chief eventually and, many believe, it caused a permanent strain in his relations with the RSS from which he could never recover.

The BJP stalwart's tall stature within the party and impeccable Hindutva credentials as the leader behind the Ram temple movement helped him weather the storm and remain a formidable force for several years.

There was no such comfort for party veteran Jaswant Singh, who was summarily expelled from the organisation in 2009 for his praise of Pakistan's founder.

On a sentimental trip to Pakistan in June 2005, Advani, who was born in Karachi in 1927, had showered praise on Jinnah, calling him a great man and suggesting that he

was a secular leader.

In a visit to the Pakistan founder's mausoleum in Karachi, the then BJP president wrote, "There are many people who leave an inerascable stamp on history. But there are very few who actually create history."

Advani further wrote, "Quaid-e-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah was one such rare individual. In his early years, Sarojini Naidu, a leading luminary of India's freedom struggle, described Mr Jinnah as an Ambassador of Hindu-Muslim Unity."

Continuing with his encomium, he said, "His address to the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on August 11, 1947, is a classic, a forceful espousal of a Secular State in which every citizen would be free to practise his own religion but the State shall make no distinction between one citizen and another on the grounds of faith. My respectful homage to this great man."

Still reeling from its shock defeat in the 2004 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP was convulsed from its president's praise of a man, who has been a hate figure for the Hindutva movement.

The party tried to distance itself from his comments while its ideological mentor RSS publicly expressed its disagreement with Advani's statement.

Taken aback, he declined to withdraw his statement but offered to resign immediately upon his return to India. He continued for some months before Rajnath Singh replaced him in December 2005.

Many believed at that time that Advani's lavish praise of Jinnah was driven by his

desire to shun his Hindutva hardline image and project a soft and moderate image of him as a leader of a party keen to mend relations with Pakistan.

The ghost of Jinnah came back to haunt the BJP again when Jaswant Singh, a party veteran who held external affairs and finance portfolios in the Vajpayee government between 1998-2004, showed praise on the man blamed by most Indians for division of India in 1947.

In his book 'Jinnah- India, Partition, Independence', Singh blamed the Congress and its stalwart Jawahar Lal Nehru for the partition and said Jinnah was "demonised".

Gujarat had also banned the book for its critical reference to Sardar Patel. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was then the state's chief minister.

Singh, never a favourite of the party hardliners, was expelled from the party. Advani later played a key role in admitting him back into the party.

BJP leaders believe that praise for Jinnah by leaders like Advani and Singh underlined their discomfort with the party's hardline image as they believed that it affected the party's adversely in elections.

Under Modi and Amit Shah, the BJP is unambiguous and unapologetic about its stand on Jinnah, that he was the man responsible for India's division.

Asserting this line of thinking, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath yesterday said in a TV interview, in the midst of the AMU controversy, that "Jinnah divided this country and How can we celebrate his achievements?"



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2018 Nobel Literature Prize postponed after #MeToo turmoil

STOCKHOLM, MAY 4 [AFP]: For the first time in almost 70 years there will be no Nobel Literature Prize this year, as the Swedish Academy that selects the laureate finds itself in turmoil over links to a man accused of sex crimes amid the #MeToo campaign.

“We find it necessary to commit time to recovering public confidence in the Academy before the next laureate can be announced,” the Academy’s interim permanent secretary Anders Olsson said in a statement Friday, adding two prizes would be announced in 2019.

The body has been plunged in crisis since November, in the wake of the global #MeToo campaign, when Swedish newspaper of reference Dagens Nyheter published the testimonies of 18 women claiming to have been raped, sexually assaulted or harassed by Jean-Claude Arnault, an influential figure on the Swedish culture scene.

Arnault, the French husband of Academy member and poet Katarina Frostenson, has denied the allegations.

The revelations have sowed deep discord among the Academy’s 18 members about how to handle the matter, and in recent weeks, six of them have chosen to resign, including permanent secretary Sara Danius.

“The active members of the Swedish Academy are of course fully aware that the present crisis of confidence places high demands on a long-term and robust work for change,” Olsson said.

Twitter urges users to change passwords

SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 4 [PTI]: Twitter today asked its over 300 million users to consider changing their account passwords after the social media giant identified a bug that stored “unmasked” information.

However, Twitter assured its users that the bug has been fixed and its investigation has found no breach or misuse on any account.

The advisory by the San Francisco-headquartered company comes as debates on data privacy online intensified in the wake of social media giant Facebook’s reported data breach by UK-based analytics firm Cambridge Analytica to influence elections and market campaigns.

“When you set a password for your Twitter account, we use technology that masks it so no one at the company can see it. We recently identified a bug that



stored passwords unmasked in an internal log. We have fixed the bug, and our investigation shows no indication of breach or misuse by anyone,” its chief technology officer Parag Agrawal said in a blog.

“Out of an abundance of caution, we ask that you consider changing your password on all services where you’ve used this password. You can change your Twitter password anytime by going to the password settings page,” he added.

Twitter said it masks passwords through a process called “hashing” using a function known as bcrypt, which replaces the actual password with a random set of numbers and letters that are stored in its system.

“This allows our systems to

validate your account credentials without revealing your password. This is an industry standard,” the Indian-origin CTO of Twitter said.

The company said that due to the bug, passwords were written to an internal log before completing the hashing process. “We found this error ourselves, removed the passwords, and are implementing plans to prevent this bug from happening again,” Agrawal added.

Twitter, which reportedly has over 30 million users in India, had last month said it is committed to protecting users data and their right to privacy.

“I will be working to continue our longstanding commitment to protecting you and upholding your right to privacy,” Twitter’s Data Protection Officer Demien Keiran had said in a blog.

China, US reach ‘agreements’ on some eco, trade issues to avert trade war

BEIJING, MAY 4 [PTI]: China and the US have reached “agreements” on some of the issues but both sides were still “very divided” on several others during the economic and trade talks held here to end the tariff spat between the two major trading partners, according to a media report today.

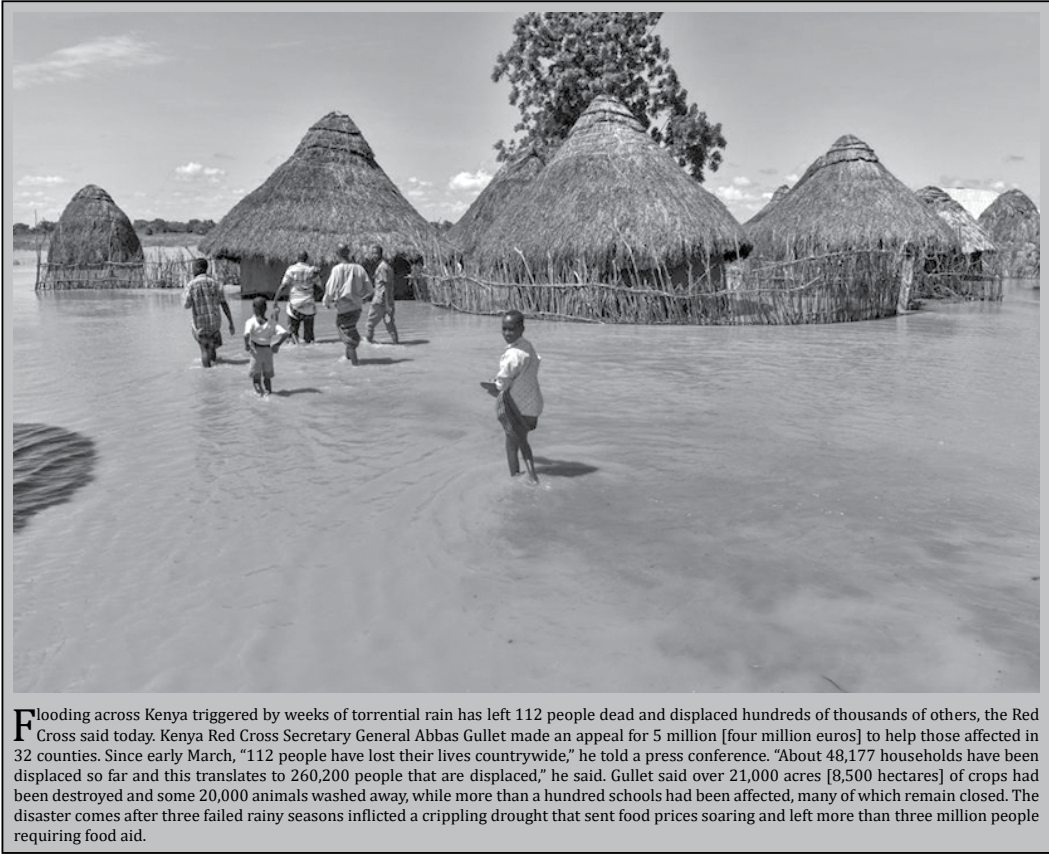
The US delegation, led by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who is also President Donald Trump’s special envoy and Chinese side, led by Vice Premier Liu He, also a member of Politburo of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, met yesterday and today, and “agreed to set up a work mechanism to keep close communication”.

A trade spat between the top two economies of the world began last month with Trump imposing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports into the US from China, which also retaliated by imposing additional tariffs worth about USD three billion on 128 US products.

The two countries have not yet implemented their tariff increases to reach a negotiated settlement.

“China and the US reached agreements on some issues in their economic and trade consultations in Beijing from Thursday to Friday,” the state-run Xinhua news agency said in a brief report.

They have agreed to set up a work mechanism to keep close communication, it added.



Flooding across Kenya triggered by weeks of torrential rain has left 112 people dead and displaced hundreds of thousands of others, the Red Cross said today. Kenya Red Cross Secretary General Abbas Gullet made an appeal for 5 million [four million euros] to help those affected in 32 counties. Since early March, “112 people have lost their lives countrywide,” he told a press conference. “About 48,177 households have been displaced so far and this translates to 260,200 people that are displaced,” he said. Gullet said over 21,000 acres [8,500 hectares] of crops had been destroyed and some 20,000 animals washed away, while more than a hundred schools had been affected, many of which remain closed. The disaster comes after three failed rainy seasons inflicted a crippling drought that sent food prices soaring and left more than three million people requiring food aid.

Technology can help India leapfrog into inclusive growth: Bill Gates

WASHINGTON, MAY 4 (PTI): The use of technology coupled with bold decisions can help India leapfrog into inclusive growth and improve the quality of health and education, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has said.

Appreciating Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Digital India’ campaign along with the socio-economic reforms, Gates said that digitisation can help monitor quality and eventually help the education system.

The idea is “if you take care of their health, including nutrition and you improve the education system then the promise for India is really unbelievable,” Gates told PTI in an interview.

“Absolutely yes,” Gates said when asked if digitisation and modern technologies would help India achieve the goals of an ideal society as being articulated by top Indian leaders’



post-independence.

“The idea of growing up is having very high survival rates, growing up without malnutrition, giving birth without the mother’s life being at risk; the next 20-25 years India will make a lot of progress on these things,” said Gates, who now is involved in major philanthropic activities globally as head of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

“It’s not the only thing... it will help with the gender imbalance that we see,” Gates said.

He said by driving innovation and better measurement one could actually accelerate

the process of growth.

“I do think that for a lot of these issues, India is very much on the cutting edge. For a lot of things, we do, we work with partners in India and the ones that are most successful are Aadhaar linked things related things,” Gates said.

“Then we looked at how the countries that are in earlier stage of development can benefit. So a lot of these ideas will have a positive impact in Africa over time,” he said.

Referring to India’s demographic profile, Gates described it as a young country.

He was highly appreciative of the steps being taken by Prime Minister Modi.

“Certainly, some of the things he’s taken on as priorities, like financial inclusion, improvements in sanitation, improving the vaccine system and adding new vaccines. I think that’s really good,” Gates

said.

Gates said he has had some interactions with Modi, even independent of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

“Because he’s been a leader on some climate change issues. He came to the Paris event and talked about the need for innovation and actually coined the term mission innovation that over 30 countries have signed up to about increasing R&D,” he said.

Gates, while responding to a question, said that a critical mass of digital accounts at the time of demonetisation would have made things easier for Indians in the immediate aftermath of demonetisation.

Well, the idea that over time a lot of the financial transactions will be done digitally instead of using hard currency, I think that’s a good trend, both for efficiency and visibility, he said.

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MANE ATTRACTION! Girlfriend of Kristen Stewart, Stella Maxwell, embraced ladylike light blue chic tweed co-ord as she strutted forth with her blonde locks billowed as she strutted forth at the Chanel Cruise 2017-18 collection show in Paris.

Kylie Minogue speaks candidly about heartbreaking split from fiancé Joshua Sasse...

And Kylie Minogue has insisted she doesn't think of her love life as a "failure" in a new interview with Graham Norton for Radio 2's Kylie Minogue from A-Z.

The pop icon, 49, who split from actor Joshua, 30, last February, has had a string of unsuccessful relationships with singer Jason Donovan, actor Olivier Martinez, musician Michael Hutchence and model James Gooding, but said she is content with her past.

She said: "My love life is often painted as being a failure and I don't think of it that way. Yeah, there's not that postcard moment but is that for everyone? Is that for me?"

Discussing marriage, she added: "It was never that goal that I felt like I had to reach."

The Spinning Around hit-maker also said she believes the marriage question is something that will follow her around "probably forever".

The full interview will be aired on 07 May at 10 pm.

There have been rumours on the heels that the Can't Get You Out Of My Head singer is in a relationship with GQ Creative Director, Paul Solomons.



Earlier this month, The Sun reported that Kylie's spending plenty of time with Paul - showing she's well-and-truly over ex-fiance Joshua Sasse.

"Kylie is in no rush to get into a serious relationship but she's certainly enjoying the attention," the anonymous insider told the publication of the pair. "It's no secret she was left feeling very

bruised and vulnerable after her break up. She needed time by herself to get over it. Now she feels ready to move on."

Kylie and Paul were reportedly set up by shared friends in February, a year after she and Joshua ended their engagement. According to those close to the couple, Paul's been supportive of Kylie's "comeback".

Sisters Gigi & Bella jets home to NYC after issuing public apology for controversial "black face" Vogue Italia cover...

It's been fraught few days for Gigi, who apologised for Vogue Italia "using black face" on a cover image of her for their May 2018 issue on 03 May.

But Gigi Hadid put the drama behind her as she prepared to fly home to New York City on Friday morning after storming the runway at the Chanel Cruise show in Paris with sister Bella, 21, the previous evening.

Shot by acclaimed American photographer Steven Klein, the photo shows a heavily-bronzed Gigi sharing the cover with male model Justin Martin.

Sharing a throwback photo of herself shortly after her Vogue shoot, the model wrote on Instagram: "This is a photo of me returning home from my Vogue shooting on April 03... you can see the level I have been bronzed to on set that day. Please understand that my control of a shoot 1. is non existent in terms of creative direction. 2. ends completely when I leave set,



and anything done to a photo in post is out of my control fully. The bronzing and photoshop is a style that S.Klein has done for many years and I believe was what was expected from the shoot [to show me in a different way creatively]. BUT, although I understand what Vogue Italia's intentions were, it was not executed correctly, and the concerns that have been

brought up are valid. I want to address this for those who were offended by the editing/retouching/coloring of the cover. Please know things would have been different if my control of the situation was different. Regardless, I want to apologise because my intention is never to diminish those concerns or take opportunities away from someone else, and I hope this can

be an example to other magazines and teams in the future. There are real issues regarding representation in fashion - it's our responsibility to acknowledge those issues and communicate through them to work towards a more diverse industry."

The same day, Gigi put the backlash behind her to walk the runway for Chanel's Cruise 2018/2019 fashion collection at Le Grand Palais in Paris.

Vogue Italia also issued a public apology amid the outcry.

A spokesperson at Condé Nast International said in a statement released to MailOnline: "Throughout its history, Vogue Italia has respected and encouraged the creative viewpoints of commissioned photographers. In our latest cover shoot by Steven Klein, the vision was to create a beachwear-themed story with a stylized bronzing effect. We understand that the result has caused some debate with our readers, and we sincerely apologise if we have caused any offence."

Shantanu Maheshwari on his US Dance Reality Show "World of Dance 2"!

After winning Rohit Shetty's Khatron Ke Khiladi 8, Shantanu Maheshwari has another ace up his sleeve. The actor-dancer, along with his group 'Desi Hoppers', has qualified for the American dance reality show, World of Dance 2, which has American pop-star Jennifer Lopez as a judge alongside singer Ne-Yo and actor-choreographer Derek Hough, and actress-dancer Jenna Dewan as the host. The group scored the highest in their division in round one of the show. The show goes on air on 29 May.

"We've already shot for the first round. Last year, we participated in a stage event in the US and the show runners really liked our performance. They asked us to send our videos so we could be a part of the show. That's how it started, and we ended up



Shantanu Maheshwari with his group

on one of the biggest reality shows in the world," Shantanu told Mirror.

He adds that it has turned out to be an overwhelming experience.

He says, "Before entering the arena, the judges and audience bang the

stage and that is goosebumps-inducing but energetic. Being the first Indian group on the show is an awesome feeling. The judges loved our performance, Derek was jumping out of his chair and JLo had a smile on her face. Ne-Yo

was surprised that we performed so well."

Shantanu has made some friends with participants from Mexico, Netherlands, London and France, among other countries.

"After the shoot, we parted together," he smiled.

Audience calls Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor's 102 Not Out a MUST WATCH!

102 NOT OUT released today. It was supposed to hit theatres last December but due to Padmaavat's date shuffle, it got pushed to this year and finally released today.

The coming together of Amitabh Bachchan and Rishi Kapoor after 27 years has everyone pretty excited about the film. Plus, there's Umesh Shukla directing the film, who knows what exactly is needed to make a film count. We loved OMG! Oh My God too, remember? Turns out the au-



ience is absolutely loving this film as well. They can only talk about how the

film has left them in awe of the actors even more.

There are a few, who even recommended the film to youngsters, who should know how to behave with their parents. Interestingly, there were many youngsters in the audience, who loved the film too. They have labelled it as a 'Must watch' unanimously.

The film is essentially about two old men - a father and a son. While the father is full of life, the son is someone who has already resigned to his fate.

ARIES: Pivotal career matters may need to be thought through today, Aries. A lot could be at stake at work in the very near future. Whatever tasks you need to tend to could require a lot of effort and concentration. There's a danger of sinking into a gloomy mood over it, but try to avoid this trap. You'll probably accomplish whatever it is you're hoping to do, so hang onto that thought. Go to it! **TAURUS:** Today you might find that a long-term dream finally comes true. Perhaps a trip that you've fantasized about for a long time finally shows promise of actually happening, Taurus. A practical and methodical approach to arranging the details should make it seem that much more real to you. However, do take care to

plan each step carefully so that you don't end up working harder than necessary.

GEMINI: Some strange and rather gloomy dreams could come your way tonight, Gemini. They could, if you let them, catapult you into a rather depressed mood during the day. Writing them down might help exorcise the negative emotions. You could also be a bit depressed over money. This isn't a good day to make investments, start a new business, or open up a savings account. Wait a few days until the planets relax a little.

CANCER: A lack of communication with an unhappy family member could have you feeling a little downhearted, Cancer. You might wonder if you've done something to offend this person.

Chances are you haven't. The best way to handle situations like this is to encourage the person to communicate with you. If there's no response, wait a day or so and ask again. The gloomy mood will pass, so don't make yourself crazy over it.

LEO: The promise of a promotion or raise could be on your mind today, Leo. You might try to visualize the next steps and anticipate tasks that take more effort and concentration than you're used to. Don't panic. It's better to not push yourself so hard. Wait a few days until the planets relax a little and just do what you need to do - no more, no less. You'll be successful in the long run.

VIRGO: You might decide to spend a large part of the day work-

ing on a project that requires a lot of mental energy. Plans to spend some time with either a close friend or lover might not turn out to be quite what you'd hoped, Virgo. Your friend could be in a rather gloomy mood. A relaxing evening, perhaps a concert or funny movie, can release tension and boost bad moods. Enjoy! **LIBRA:** A gloomy guest could arrive today, Libra, and likely need some cheering up. Do the best you can, but don't try to do it by cooking a meal. The results of your efforts might not be all that exciting. This is a great day to go for fast food. Take your friend to a movie, concert, or art gallery. This could get your mind off his or her troubles and your mind off your friend!

SCORPIO: Some rather depressing information could come your way, Scorpio, but don't take it at face value. It might not be as bad as it seems. Check the facts before making yourself crazy. This isn't a good day for visiting or running errands in your neighborhood, as the traffic could be a nightmare. Anything you try to read today could seem boring, so movies are likely to be the best entertainment now.

SAGITTARIUS: Gloom over money matters might catch up with you at some point today, Sagittarius. However, there's nothing really major to worry about. Financially, your business affairs should be going well, so you're probably doing better than you think. A little caution might

be in order, especially regarding impulse buying or purchasing luxuries. You don't want to end up having to take items back to the store.

CAPRICORN: Today you might find yourself feeling a little low, Capricorn, but it doesn't seem as if there's any real reason for it. You may just have had a bad night and need some extra sleep. Some good news from far away could cheer you up in the afternoon. You might receive an invitation to go out to dinner with a close friend. You should be feeling like your old self again by evening.

AQUARIUS: Old memories, traumas, and phobias from the past could affect your mood today, Aquarius. You might feel depressed without really know-

ing why. An event in your life has brought these feelings near the surface without revealing the source. If you've had any disturbing dreams or visions lately, write them down. They might offer a clue as to what's bothering you. Meditation or free association could also bring the release you need.

PISCES: A friend might be feeling a little depressed today and need some cheering up. Social events or group activities could be of great help in doing that, and it would do you some good as well, Pisces. A long-term goal may finally be reached, justifying a celebration. Interacting with a group could take up a lot of your time and concentration, but take care not to get too tired.