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**Bihar
governor
Ram Nath
Kovind is
NDA's pick
for prez**

NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI): The BJP today named Dalit leader and Bihar Governor Ram Nath Kovind as the NDA's candidate for the post of president.

Kovind is likely to file his papers on June 23, BJP president Amit Shah said after a nearly two-hour meeting of the BJP Parliamentary Board.

He said political parties had been informed of the NDA's choice.

"I hope all will agree to the name," he said at a press conference.

**WB demands
250
paramilitary
personnel,
MHA sends
half**

NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI): The West Bengal government has sent a report on the ongoing violence in Darjeeling to the Home Ministry, which has dispatched a company of 125 women security personnel to help restore peace in the hills. The state government's report is under examination of the ministry, official sources today said.

Home Secretary Rajiv Mehrishi has also spoken to the state's chief secretary, who had demanded that two companies -- 250 personnel -- of women paramilitary personnel be sent there, they said. However, the ministry decided to send only one company, the sources said.

Earlier, the Home Ministry had put on hold the dispatch of 400 additional paramilitary personnel to Darjeeling for want of a report on the situation from the state government.

Ten companies -- about 1,250 personnel -- are stationed in the region marred by violence during the ongoing agitation by the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) for a separate state of Gorkhaland.

The sources said tripartite talks with all stakeholders concerned, including the GJM, to resolve the crisis have been deferred and a new date for the same are yet to be communicated to the Home Ministry.

State admn deploys buses, arranges escort for safe travel to Siliguri and back

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In order to ensure smooth passage for tourists and locals travelling to Siliguri for medical and other emergencies, the State Administration has deployed buses which will leave for SNT Bus stand, Siliguri, on convoy with Police escort from Rangpo at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. every day. The convoy will return from SNT Siliguri at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

On the same a meeting was held today which was attended by ADGP, Akshay Sachdeva, District Collector, P Prabhakar Rao, SP East, Tenzing Loden Lepcha, officials from department of Tourism, department of Transport, DSP Traffic, Ongmu Bhutia, OC Sadar PS, Bijay Subba and representatives of Travel Agents Association of Sikkim, Luxury Taxi Vehicles Association, Sikkim Hotels and Restaurants Association and representatives from the media.



It was decided that police escort will be provided to convoy of vehicles plying to Siliguri everyday starting from Rangpo at 8 a.m. and 11

a.m. and to convoy of vehicles plying to Gangtok from Rangpo at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Convoys from Siliguri will start at SNT stand.

Tourists and local travellers alike can ask for a drop to Rangpo within Sikkim and board many of the buses put in service by the Sikkim government including many buses procured from pharmaceutical companies, NHPC and other corporates and companies.

SP East informed that he has been informed by his counterpart in Kalimpong that police pickets have been put up in most places like Kirney, Chitray, Lohapul, Kalijhora, etc. Tourism stakeholders were also requested to inform tourists in their respective hotels about the same. Also if for any reason, tourists are stranded in Sikkim, SHRA has requested and appealed to hotels to provide free accommodation and fooding in this emergency situation.

Hotels which do not help fellow travellers will be penalised and strict action taken against them by Sadar Police.

The Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim, in a press release issued today has also requested all hoteliers of Sikkim to extend all possible help and hospitality to stranded tourists and provide all necessary support to help them return home.

Meanwhile, speaking to media today, SP East, Tenzing Loden Lepcha said that today around 40 SNT buses including some requisitioned from pharmaceutical companies ferried tourists to Siliguri. In the morning, a rally on the West Bengal side of Rangpo had halted traffic for some time, however, later the convoy of buses made it through Rangpo, he informed.

Mr Lepcha has appealed to the public not to listen to rumours and assured that the state administration in coordination with the West Bengal government will provide safe passage to tourists travelling to Siliguri.

Sikkim's MGNREGA initiatives bag 5 national awards

NEW DELHI, 19 JUN [IPR]: In a first since the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was implemented the State, the Rural Management and Development Department has been bestowed with five National Awards. The awards were handed over at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today. Sikkim was the only state in the country to have received awards in three categories - at the state level, district level and Gram Panchayat level.

The state team, headed by DR Nepal [Secretary, RMDD] along with Sarika Pradhan [PD cum Additional Secretary, RMDD], Jigme Basi [Deputy Secretary, RMDD] and Dr Subash Dhakal [OSD, RMDD], received the three awards under



state category for Transparency & Accountability, Sustainable Livelihood Through Convergence, and Geo-tagging of assets under Geo-MGNREGA from the Union Minister

for Rural Development, Narendra Singh Tomar.

East District received the National Award as the Best Performing District and the team headed by AB Karki [ADC-

Dev, Gangtok], Roshni Rai [ADC-Dev, Pakyong] along with the district team received the Award.

In the GP level category, Maniram Phalidara Gram Panchayat, Namchi

Block, South Sikkim received the award for the Best Performing Gram Panchayat in implementation of MGNREGA. The award was received by Topda Bhutia [Panchayat President] and his team.

In addition to the five National Awards, the state RMDD was also awarded under rural housing for Commendable Performance in Registration, Geo-tagging & Sanctioning. The unique rural housing scheme of the state government has been highly appreciated and recognized by the Ministry.

It may be mentioned here that RMDD has been implementing MGNREGA schemes in the state since 2006 and it stands as one of the best models for innovative implementation. Various

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Tanker driver group to halt Sikkim service in support of Gorkhaland demand

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KALIMPONG, 19 JUN:**

Sikkim may face fuel scarcity due to the ongoing people's movement in the Darjeeling hills. The Pragatishil Tankers Drivers Association, an association of Oil Tanker drivers transporting Petrol and Diesel from NJP to Sikkim, has decided to shut down their service from 22 June onwards in support of the Gorkhaland demand.

The decision may result in fuel scarcity in Sikkim as the association has claimed that it has 80-100 tanker vehicles which transport fuel to Sikkim from NJP on a regular basis.

President of the association, Bigen Lama,

said, "We had a meeting yesterday at Lohapul, NH 10 where we unanimously decided that until and unless the centre intervenes in the ongoing agitation we will shut down the service."

He also condemned the Police firing of 17 June that took the life of three Morcha supporters.

Himalayan Rajmarg Chalak Sangathan, one of the biggest truck organizations, has also decided not to ply its trucks on NH10.

Sangathan secretary, Uttam Rai, said, "We support the ongoing strike in demand of Gorkhaland."

He informed that they have appealed to Sikkim counterparts not to ply their vehicles.

Darjeeling perched on a powder keg, Centre still mum

**SUDIPTA CHANDA
SILIGURI, 19 JUN:**

The West Bengal government has already spotted the shadow of terrorist organizations from the Northeast and meddling by some foreign nation in the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) sponsored movement in the Darjeeling hills.

Prior to leaving for The Netherlands on Monday, West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee dropped another bombshell vis a vis the movement that it was being propelled towards a communal riot.

All three charges, if true, are extremely serious in nature and demand the Centre's immediate intervention. But, there is no indication so far that the Centre is taking the initiative to bring the warring factions to the table and sooth frayed nerves. A part of the NDA government at the Centre, the GJM must be realizing it is being used as a pawn to keep the volatile situation



Photo: Roshan Rai

alive and trouble the West Bengal government.

The Centre's stand in relation to the Darjeeling situation smacks of double standards. On the one hand it is complying with the state's request to supply additional security forces to quell the movement. On the other, Union Home

minister, Rajnath Singh is issuing appeals through media for all to maintain peace and indulge in talks.

That the Army has been deployed to keep matters under control is indication enough that the situation is more than worrisome. Still, the silence from the Cen-

tre except words of advice through social media.

The GJM has in the meantime stated clearly that it would not enter into a dialogue with the state government and wants the Centre to hold the talks instead. One call from a Union minister or a visit to the hills by a Union

team would have worked miracles to save the situation.

But, no, neither is the Centre inviting the GJM leadership nor sending any team to the hills to bring the situation under control. And, that raises the question, why?

Most strangely, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who likes to pontificate on almost all issues under the sun, is maintaining a studied silence on the Darjeeling situation. Again why?

Now place the Kashmir situation against the Darjeeling faceoff. How much time, financial and other resources have successive Union governments including the incumbent NDA government spent the past 70 years to bring the Kashmir situation under control without avail?

Agreed, the Kashmir problem entails the Pakistan angle and is several times dangerous than the Darjeeling mess. But, if what Mamata Banerjee alleged two days ago is true,

the foreign country angle is involved in the Darjeeling upheaval too. How long before it turns as dangerous as the Kashmir problem unless addressed?

There is, however, one distinct difference between the Kashmir unrest and the Darjeeling conflagration. The Darjeeling hills produce the country's finest soldiers who for generations have laid their lives on national duty. Their integrity and patriotism is beyond question.

People of the Darjeeling hills might be wanting a separate state, which again is a 110-year-old demand. One may agree with the demand or not, which is fair enough. The hill people could be agitating violently for the demand, which definitely is not the way. But, neither secession nor sedition is involved here.

The Centre knows it too and is that why it is taking its chances? Hope it does not prove one chance too many.

Sikkim cannot remain silent: Former Minister KN Upreti

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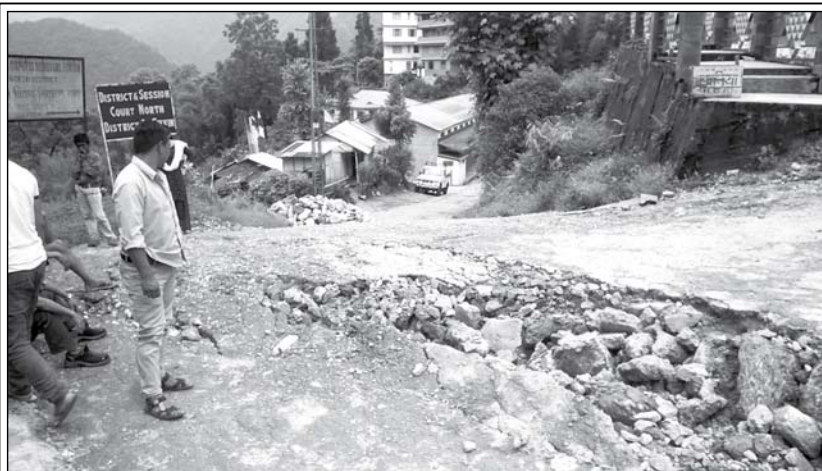
GANGTOK, 19 JUN: Former HRD Minister, KN Upreti, issued a press release today condemning the violent measures adopted by the West Bengal Government to suppress the Gorkhaland movement in the district of Darjeeling.

"We must condemn it. Sikkim cannot remain a silent spectator when Darjeeling is burning. Although, it is West Bengal's internal matter yet undemocratic means and adoption of tyrannical measures to control the situation cannot be justified. Use of excessive force can only precipitate the already volatile condition. The Central Government must come forward to resolve the issue," adds Mr Upreti in the release.

He has further opined that the Sikkim Government and Chief Minister Pawan Chhangling on behalf of the Sikkimese people should speak out against Mamata Banerjee's handling of the situation in Darjeeling and suggest ways and means to the Centre to resolve the issue.

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HEAVY RAIN CAUSES CRACKS AROUND MANGAN

Mangan, 19 Jun: Due to incessant downpour of 17 Jun, several areas around Mangan in North District have developed cracks. The Mangan food godown has developed several cracks around it. The area from Gosh Khan Dara to Lower Singhik area alongside Rimit Khola is in critical condition endangering the houses and footpath located there. *[Wangchuk Bhutia]*



Phalaichadara JHS conducts parent-teacher meeting

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GANGTOK, 19 JUN: Government Junior High School Phalaichadara in East Sikkim conducted a meeting with guardians and teachers of the students of the school to discuss the performance of students in the recently concluded first term examination, a press release informs.

Class teachers appraised the guardians about the performance of their wards and requested for their care and attention in the future for better performance. The result will be declared on 24 Jun, it was informed.

The guardians had agreed to voluntarily help the school in repairing the playground on 22-23 Jun, a significant part of which was washed away last year due to incessant rain during monsoon.

On behalf of all guardians, ex-Panchayat, Mandeep Nepal, expressed his satisfaction over the overall performance of the school and assured to provide all possible help to the school in the near future.

The meeting also discussed upon the upcoming medical camp that will be organised in the month of July, adds the release.

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GANGTOK, 19 JUN: A joint meeting was held today between College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology [CAEPHT], Ranipool, and Tuljaram Chaturchand [TC] College, Baramati, Maharashtra, for signing of the Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration on teaching, research and extension activities, informs a press release received from CAEPHT, Ranipool.

Dean, Dr RP Misra, Head of Department-Process & Food Engineering, Dr Sujata Jena, HoD-Farm Machinery & Power, Dr SN Yadav, HoD-Renewable Energy, Dr MS Seveda, and HoD-Irrigation Drainage Engineering, Dr BC Kusre, were the representatives of CAEPHT, Ranipool. Faculty members from various departments of the college also attended the meeting.

Likewise, Principal, Dr Chandrashekhar V

Murumkar, Registrar, Abhinandan Shah, and HoD-Food Technology & Research, Dr Wazid Ali Khan, represented TC College, Maharashtra.

A brief discussion session was conducted on the matter of the MoU among the members present in the meeting. The signed MoU documents were exchanged between Dean CAEPHT, Dr Misra, and Principal-TC College, Dr Murumkar.

Dr Misra further stated that there will be mutual benefit for both the institutes and the states of Sikkim and Maharashtra.

Sangha MLA condemns Bengal Govt's high-handedness

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GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

Sangha MLA, Sonam Lama, has strongly condemned the West Bengal Government and its Chief Minister's high-handedness in dealing with the popular aspiration and demand of the people of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts.

A press release issued by Mr Lama states, "The killing of three hill youths was uncalled for. It is an act of barbarism and police-terrorism. Bullets and ammunitions can never be a medium to solution and the Bengal Chief Minister must realize this at the earliest.

As the closest neighbor, I cannot sit in peace when my own kith and

kin are going through utmost suffering and difficult days across the political border. I will do my best to support the cause and raise the matter with the visiting Union Home Minister of State, Kiren Rijiju, in Gangtok on Wednesday."

Mr Lama has further extended heartfelt condolences to the family members of the deceased who were killed by West Bengal Police in Darjeeling on 17 Jun and has prayed for the deceased.

The Sangha MLA has also appealed to the hill brethren to let the movement not hinder transportation on the National Highway and has urged for peace while continuing with their democratic fight.

Meeting with political parties on drive to enroll young voters

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 JUN: A meeting with all recognized political parties was held at the District Administrative Centre in Sichey today under the chairmanship of Additional District Collector, M Bharani Kumar.

A press release issued by Sub Divisional Magistrate of Gangtok informs that the main agenda of the meeting was to discuss the special drive scheduled to be launched on 01 July and

which will continue till 31 July in order to enroll left out electors with focus on first time electors in the age group of 18-21 years.

During the meeting, it was discussed and decided that an orientation programme will be organized for all Booth Level agents. It was further informed that the office of the District Election Officer-East will be installing a telephone for easy access of voters to file any suggestions or complaints.

Man crushed to death

GANGTOK, 19 JUN: One 45-year-old hailing from Takuthang in Chepleti, West Sikkim, was crushed to death on 18 Jun after a huge tree trunk fell on him.

The deceased, along with three other companions, was trying to cut a fallen tree lying on a slope near Pareng Khola in Lower Parengaon, West Sikkim. As the deceased and his friends were making efforts to adjust the fallen tree trunk before they could start the cutting process, he ended up getting caught beneath the tree trunk and succumbed to his injuries on the spot.

Due to the large size of the tree trunk and difficult terrain, the deceased could not be removed from beneath the tree for hours after he came under it.

Break-in and robbery at Jordhara

GANGTOK, 19 JUN: In a house break-in and robbery reported from Ranipool PS, the rented room of one Avinash K Singh near Jordhara at 5th Mile, Gangtok, was broken into on 17 Jun and around Rs 35,000 in cash and gold ornaments amounting to approx Rs 4-5 lakh stolen.

BJP-Sikkim holds WB Govt responsible for Darjeeling violence

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh has alleged that Mamta Banerjee's government in West Bengal is fully responsible for the deaths and destruction in neighboring Darjeeling district. The party has alleged that the intention of the Mamta Banerjee government, since its inception, has been to divide and suppress the minority community of Gorkha Nepali in West Bengal. The party has further alleged that to impose Bengali language forcefully is

clearly autocratic.

A BJP state-unit press release issued by its president, DB Chauhan, states that the BJP has been committed towards the protection and rights of the Gorkha community at the national level and even the Prime Minister has promised to provide justice to Gorkhas of the country. The BJP state-unit has strongly condemned the West Bengal government's attempts to suppress the democratic demand of Gorkha people of Darjeeling.

The party has stressed that leaders of West Bengal and the

country should look at the history of Darjeeling regarding the Gorkhaland demand and not see it as the division of West Bengal. The killing of innocent people asking for their rights is the murder of democracy, the party has alleged.

The BJP state-unit has also expressed its deep condolences for those who recently lost their lives in Darjeeling.

The party has further suggested that MPs, MLAs, councilors and elected representatives should pressure West Bengal government to protect its people.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Gangtok on Tuesday, 20 June

Temp: 24°C / 18°C
Forecast: Dull and dreary with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly early on.
Sunrise: 04:41 AM
Sunset: 06:33 PM

SDF reiterates support for Gorkhaland, condemns killing of statehood activists

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 JUN: Sikkim Democratic Front today reiterated its full support to the demand of the people of Darjeeling Hills for a separate state of Gorkhaland. The ruling party has also strongly condemned the killing of three Gorkhaland supporters on 17 June in Darjeeling. The party has also appealed to keep the National Highway open for the people of Sikkim.

Addressing a press conference here today, SDF spokesperson, Bhim Dahal, highlighted that the demand for Gorkhaland was within the Constitution and democratic.

He further pointed out that the SDF has consistently been supporting the aspiration of the people of Darjeeling Hills for a separate State and added that the party remains steadfast on this position.

Mr Dahal mentioned that around 1,300 persons have sacrificed their lives so far in the Gorkhaland movement. On behalf of the party, he also strongly condemned the attack of Bengal police on a peace rally in Darjeeling on 17 June which led to the death of three Gorkhaland supporters in police firing.

"It is a heinous and inhuman act and totally intolerable in a civilised society. SDF party strongly condemn the police firing and the killing of people," he said.

Mr Dahal mentioned that the SDF party president, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has supported the demand for Gorkhaland at several platforms.

"Our leader has supported and placed the demand for the formation of Gorkhaland in various platforms and to national leaders on many occasions," he said.

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Gangtok MLA convenes meeting with Lead Bank to discuss support for young entrepreneurs

ARPAN PRADHAN GANGTOK, 19 JUN: In a bid to mobilize adequate funds through different banks under the various Central and State Government schemes, the Gangtok MLA, Pinto Chopel Lepcha, convened a meeting in his office today with the concerned agencies to explore ways and means to bring such access to finances to fruition.

"The only objective of the meeting is to make the banks understand problems of the local people and young entrepreneurs who want to start businesses through bank loans. The idea is to make it easier for people here to get loans sanctioned by banks here under different schemes," the MLA explained.

The meeting had the presence of the Lead District Manager of the Lead Bank, State Bank of India, Gopal Lama, GMC Councillor Lalita Sharma and officers from the UD&HD.



During the meeting, various Central schemes which provide subsidies to applicants, various loan provisions of the banks, status of loan applicants from Sikkim and applicants from schemes under the UD&HD were discussed.

The MLA urged the Lead bank to simplify the

loan sanctioning process and ensure that applicants are briefed properly about the various aspects of the schemes they were approaching the banks under.

"The youth of Sikkim are the first generation of entrepreneurs of the State and may not hence be very conversant about

bank processes, so it is the duty of the bank to make them understand and sensitize youth about the procedures," he said.

"Their desire to become self-reliant should be supported by all concerned," he stressed.

The MLA also requested the Lead Bank

to organise sensitization programmes for the youth on how to apply for loans and avail various subsidies.

He pointed out that complaints come to him frequently about bank officials harassing applicants and refusing loans on flimsy grounds when they should in fact be assisting the growth of entrepreneurship in the State.

He also urged the Lead Bank to raise these issues during national level meetings and promote schemes which are viable and suitable for the State.

The Lead District Manager assured the MLA that he will take up the issues with the higher authorities and pay special attention to the interests of young entrepreneurs here.

Other issues discussed were Prime Minister's Housing Schemes, PMAY and other schemes under the UD&HD.

Students lead protest in Kalimpong

SUMMIT REPORT KALIMPONG, 19 JUN:

Students from various schools and colleges along with young teachers led a mass procession today in Kalimpong and were accompanied by the general public who were in the thousands. Later the procession gathered at Damber Chowk where compelling speeches were given by students. An appeal was made to all the students to come together and strengthen the agitation for a separate state.

An effigy of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was also burnt in Damber Chowk today as the Gorkhaland supporters sloganeered 'Mamata Banerjee hai-hai'. The people here now want the leaders to be strong and accept no interim settlement.

It was also informed that last night, at around 7:30 p.m, TMC cadre, Kalyan Gurung's house at BL Dixit Road was vandalised with people pelting stones at his house. A police vehicle on Upper Cart Road was also reportedly damaged.

In the afternoon, a vehicle in Seti Jhora was torched. One Aniket Chettri has sustained burn injuries and has been taken to Siliguri for treatment, informed Superintendent of Police, Ajit Singh Yadav.

Gairibas out post [Jaldhaka PS] was also torched at around 2 a.m.

Meanwhile, more than 15 people from ward number 19 resigned and dissolved TMC Committee and

joined Gorkha Janmukti Morcha.

Elsewhere, 14 people of Biswakarma Youth Association, Dr Grahams Home's branch committee, resigned to support the cause of Gorkhaland.

"This is a time when people have come together to fight for the soil and it would be inappropriate to be in the banner of development boards," expressed chief advisor of BYA, TR Gazmer.

Executive member, Naratmani Ghatanay, said that there is no point in having houses with green or blue roofs when people do not have a land [Gorkhaland] of their own.

Meanwhile, All Hills Ex-Army has decided to call the Gorkhaland Personnel Force which they had recruited during the 2007 agitation. Some more force will be recruited soon as the Police have withdrawn their service of protecting the Morcha chief, Bimal Gurung.

On the other hand, Jan Andolan Party has said that they have joined the agitation as common citizens and will hoist the party flag only on the day Gorkhaland is acquired.

JAP president, Dr Harka Badhur Chettri, said, "If Gorkhaland is asked bearing a party flag, a party's self interests will take over, dividing the masses with political flags, hence no one should come with their flags."

Also, internet services were down in the district for the second day today.

TNA students adopt the Ridge

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

Students of Nature Club and National Service Scheme of Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok, along with teachers Ms Sujata, Ms Choden, Ms Laden and Mr Parasmani, under the guidance of Zero Waste Himalaya have started the 'Adopt the Ridge' programme that focuses on maintaining cleanliness in the Ridge Park area in the capital.

A press release informs that during their regular visits to the Ridge Park area, it was observed that the major factors contributing to the irresponsible dumping of waste in and around the area were lack of awareness and sensitivity, non availability of public dustbins, snack vendors and their customers dumping their waste below the road, Tsomgo Lake taxis returning and stopping in the area and their drivers and tourists disgorging their accumulated waste on the road side, illegal dumping of household waste into the TNA jhora and the area Safai Karmachari being irresponsible regarding the waste being dumped below the road.

On 20 May, National Service Scheme and the Nature Club members of TNA, with the help of advisors, Ms Sujata and Ms Choden, organized a cleanliness drive from TNA main gate upto White Hall and collected a large volume of waste.

During this drive, students also called on the householders in the locality and requested them not to dump their waste in the TNA jhora. It was observed that the TNA jhora culvert had a badly designed narrow passage which resulted in constant blockages. Members of the club



collected more than 75 plastic bottles which were used by the club for recycling into pen stands, toys, etc.

In order to make the TNA students further aware about the extent of Gangtok's waste issues, 19 students along with Ms Sujata were taken for a visit to the 32 Mile landfill site by Zero Himalaya Coordinator, Khushboo Sharma, accompanied by two volunteers. The visit was part of a programme to take school students to the landfill site to sensitize them on waste issues, TNA being the first of many schools lined up, adds the release.

At the site, the students came face to face with the sheer volume of waste reaching the landfill and the challenges for managing this waste such as the difficulty of segregating mixed waste. They also observed the harsh conditions under which the waste workers had to toil in order to retrieve recyclable waste, a task which society hardly acknowledges.

Looking at the waste situation around Gangtok, the students expressed that they feel more work needs to be done for it to deserve the title of the 'Cleanest City'.

The students of TNA further conducted a cleanup drive of the area below the TNA road on 17-18 Jun. They have appealed to the local residents, tourists, taxi drivers and the general public not to throw litter in the area and practice the use of dustbins provided.

They further plan to put up signboards, install new dustbins and also set up a compost pit in their school. It is hoped that their example will lead other schools to take up a similar approach and adopt areas for spreading the Swachh Sikkim message by example, adds the release.

Plantation drive by SSB in Gyalshing

SUMMIT REPORT

Gyalshing, 19 Jun: The 36th Battalion of Sashastra Seema Bal-Gyalshing, organized a plantation drive today at the 36th Bn Headquarter in Gyalshing under the aegis of 'Sandiksha'. A press release informs that during the occasion, 250 local varieties of trees were planted at the premises of 36th Bn Hq by the members of Sandiksha, officers, and jawans of 36th Bn.



Kutse Shegu

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

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

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IPHONE 5S 16GB	25000	19000	(free cover & temper glass)
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To stop things is a short-term measure

The recent decision to order a stop on all ongoing construction works and unloading of construction material on roadsides is welcome. At the same time, it is reflective of how little the State has learnt and prioritised its defence against monsoon-related calamities. The move is welcome because construction sites are invariably poorly managed tinder boxes with the potential to amplify the damage that rains can wreak. Given that most roadsides already have buildings on them, the new constructions are coming up behind these, and this requires for construction material to be dumped on the road and then carried by the head-load to the sites. Most of the drains run along the roads and sand and stone chips flow fast when it rains and add to the debris content of slush which tear up tarmac and clog drains. Trucks dripping construction material on the highway are potential disasters in the making and travel could become more relaxed without them on the roads at this time of the year. Construction sites with their rudimentary safety measures are other accidents in the making during wet weather that the State can do without.

For all these reasons, the direction to stop all construction works is welcome. But it is not enough and is too knee-jerk. To begin with, this, if past government press releases are to be believed, should have happened at least two weeks before they eventually did, with the arrival of the pre-monsoon showers. The decision that construction related works should desist with the arrival of monsoons was taken some years back, but every year, the order gets issued only after the rains have wreaked some damage. If the state is looking at long-term mitigation efforts as far as constructions are concerned, then the ban should be lifted and instead of that builders should be required to make their sites monsoon-proof. This would entail storing of all construction related material on site with proper care taken to ensure that none of it joins a water courses. A relaxation can be made to accommodate the time taken between unloading on the road side to transfer to work site. Take a drive along the highway and one will invariably come across orphaned sand and stone chip dunes probably left over from a completed construction as well. They lie unattended and pose a larger danger than kitchen waste which shares the road side with it. A ban on construction during monsoons is a short-term measure that Sikkim has been taking for the past decade, it is time that its officers prescribed and monitored the construction habits better. That will make the town safer than a row of incomplete buildings awaiting the dry winters. What cannot be ignored either that it is not just constructions, but also finishing works which require better material management, and when the focus is on “stopping” construction works, loopholes are found and potential risks continue to remain present, which is why the focus has to be on improved oversights and construction practices.

When a river is a person: from Ecuador to New Zealand, nature gets its day in court

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In the early 2000s, the idea of giving legal rights to nature was on the fringes of environmental legal theory and public consciousness.

Today, New Zealand's Whanganui River is a person under domestic law, and India's Ganges River was recently granted human rights. In Ecuador, the Constitution enshrines nature's “right to integral respect”.

What on earth does this all mean?

FIGHTING FOR NATURE

The theory of giving rights to nature was proposed in the 1970s by the American legal scholar Christopher D. Stone as a strategic environmental defence strategy.

In environmental litigation, many cases are unsuccessful because the people who bring the suit lack the legal standing to do so. It is hard for a plaintiff such as the US environmental protection organisation the Sierra Club to demonstrate why it – and not, for example, a property owner – has the power to sue over environmental damage.

In other words, it's difficult for nature's de facto representatives to defend its interests in court.

As a workaround, Stone suggested giving rights to the environment itself, because, as a rights holder, the environment would have the standing to bring a suit on its own behalf. Rights of nature, then, are not rights to anything in particular but simply a way to enable nature to have a legal hearing.

It took decades for lawyers to turn theory into reality. But in 2006, Tamaqua Borough in Pennsylvania became the first US community to recognise the rights of nature within municipal territory. Since then dozens of communities have adopted similar local ordinances.

ENTITLED TO “INTEGRAL RESPECT”

Nature is gaining rights internationally, too.

In Ecuador, article 71 of the 2008 Constitution states that nature “has the right to integral respect for its existence and for the maintenance and regeneration of its life cycles, structure, functions and evolutionary processes”.

In practice, that means that all persons, communities, peoples and nations can demand that Ecuadorian authorities enforce the rights of nature. One of those rights, according to article 72, is the right to be restored.

Ecuador's approach to nature's rights, which was soon emulated in Bolivia, were notable in two ways. First, it grants nature positive rights – that is, rights to something specific (restoration, regeneration, respect).

It also resolves the issue of legal standing in the most comprehensive way possible: by granting it to everyone. In Ecuador, anyone – regardless of their relationship to a particular slice of land – can go to court to protect it.

The first successful case was brought in 2011 by the Vilcabamba River. Its representatives in court were an American couple with riverfront property, who sued the provincial government of Loja, arguing that a planned road project would deposit large quantities of rock and excavation material into the river.

Overall, however, Ecuador and Bolivia have seen mixed results. In both countries, extractive indus-



Whanganui river in New Zealand

tries continue to expand into indigenous territory, pursuing oil (in Ecuador) and mining (in Bolivia).

In Ecuador, civil society groups have struggled to exercise nature's rights effectively, in part because the domestic economy depends on the very environmentally-damaging activities they would like to target.

PERSONHOOD FOR THE WHANGANUI

Things are going better in New Zealand, which passed its first rights for nature law in March 2017.

There, the Whanganui River, which flows across the North Island, has been granted rights of personhood. That means the river – but not nature writ large – can act as a person in a court of law; it has legal standing.

New Zealand's law also designates the river's representatives: a committee composed of representatives of the indigenous community that fought for these rights, as well as representatives of the Crown (New Zealand is part of the British Commonwealth).

This formulation, which more closely resembles the American theoretical origins of the rights of nature, diverges markedly from Ecuador and Bolivia's model by naming specific guardians and not granting positive rights.

If the Whanganui had the right to flow in a certain way, for example, then any change to its course would be a violation of its rights. Absent this kind of right, the river is simply empowered to stand for itself in court; its legal guardians determine the positive content of its rights.

It is thus theoretically conceivable that the river might one day argue for its course be changed because that change is necessary for its long-term survival (say, as an adaptation to climate change).

PRIORITISING INDIGENOUS DEFENDERS

Because indigenous communities play an important role in fighting for nature's rights in all three

countries, it is often assumed that they are and will continue to be the obvious guardians of nature.

After all, from China to El Salvador, indigenous peoples are on the front lines of environmental defence.

But there are problems with this assumption. The indigenous of the world are not a homogenous group that inherently cares for nature.

Additionally, unless the law designates a specific community the legal representative of nature, as in New Zealand, there is no guarantee that the intended community will be the one that ends up speaking for nature.

In Ecuador and Bolivia, the relevant legal texts use morally loaded language and rich references to indigenous communities that make clear the intended guardians of the nations' natural treasures.

But standing is in fact granted broadly, and neither of the two legal cases settled in favour of nature to date in Ecuador was brought by an indigenous group.

One suit was won by Americans (in the name of the Vilcabamba River) and the other, lodged on behalf of nature in San Lorenzo and Eloy Alfaro districts in 2011, was brought by the state, which sued to stop illegal small-scale mining operations in the area. The spirit of the law might have been violated in these cases, but the letter surely was not.

Ambiguous language could also permit abuse. In theory, given a sufficiently wide definition of standing and of nature, oil companies themselves could use the rights of nature to protect Ecuador's hydrocarbon reserves.

New Zealand's narrower approach may prove more effective in the long run. By granting natural entities personhood one by one and assigning them specific guardians, over time New Zealand could drastically change an ossified legal system that still sees oceans, mountains and forests primarily as property, guaranteeing nature its day in court.

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‘I’m so sorry’: when Indian advertisements turn around sexism

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Social marketing in India has become increasingly focused on gender roles, family hierarchy, and traditional marriage practices. Different forms of “femvertising” – female empowerment through socially-focused marketing – has taken hold there in unexpected ways.

To illustrate how this is happening, we selected for this article three emblematic advertisements that not only challenge but also reverse the traditionally dominant roles that Indian fathers, sons, and husbands assume with the women in their lives.

ROLE INVERSION

Role inversion highlights men acting “out of script” to improvise a new way of assuming inherited, highly codified familial roles. In these ads, Indian men, like their western counterparts, appear to have grown weary of the limiting script and role that's been passed down to them.

The Ariel detergent ad opens with an older gentleman sitting at a dinner table, observing his grown daughter performing a dizzying array of evening tasks while her husband sits watching television, calling out for his evening tea, oblivious to her multi-tasking a work call, preparing dinner, and supervising kids' homework.

Her father's off-screen voice reads a “Dear Daughter” letter in Hindi as he witnesses the gaping disparity of her duties during the unpaid portion of her work day. Stunned by the pressures his “baby girl” is facing, the lamenting dad acknowledges his direct responsibility for this state of affairs.

Admitting that he provided the example that she internalised, the dad resolves to change this once he's back home with mom, confiding that he is “so very sorry” for not having provided a different role model.

Cut to the next scene and dad is loading the machine with his dirty laundry, much to mom's surprise, and the viewer is left with Ariel's parting slogan “Share the load” because “why should laundry be a

mother's job”?

GENDERED SCRIPT

When we act out our roles in everyday life, we internalise received information on our identity in the form of social “scripts” that we repeat and perfect over time. Ever since sociologists John Gagnon and William Simon's landmark work on sexual scripts and the learned predictable sequences of gender identity construction, Sexual Conduct: The Social Sources of Human Sexuality, was published, researchers have been applying the idea of scripting practices to a variety of fields.

Popular culture often provides striking examples of such gendered scripts, as evident from studies on television and advertising as well as in social media and music. The advertising culture in India seems ripe for revisiting these scripts, as our current research on Indian women's identity has revealed.

In many homes, the kitchen still embodies gender segregation. Research into gender choice and domestic space suggests that kitchen design preferences are gendered and linked to professional status: women versus men, working versus non-working.

The women's clothing company BIBA questioned this gendered space in a popular 2016 advertisement that went viral in India and beyond.

In the opening scene, a young woman is preparing for a family encounter between intended fiancés in the typical arranged marriage scenario. The boy's family has arrived for tea and samosas. Now is the time to verify the girl's cooking and home-making abilities; nothing new here so far.

In the course of the discussion, the girl's father asks about the boy's cooking ability. His smiling mother retorts proudly that he cannot even boil water – microwaved noodles are his speciality. Father then informs the potential in-laws that his daughter deserves better than noodles, getting a surprise smile from his appreciative daughter. The groom-to-be responds by inviting his in-laws to come to over for dinner in 10 days, to give him time to learn how to cook.

A somewhat contrived, albeit hopeful subversion of the norm, Indian feminist critics such as Shamolie

Oberoi underscore the ad's perpetuation of female passivity and lack of autonomy, noting that “...the ability to feed oneself shouldn't depend on one's gender.”

Regardless, the ad's popularity shows that incremental change in India's gender relations is already in motion.

DISCUSSING SENSITIVE ISSUES

Along this continuum of change, the BIBA brand's role-reversing approach to women's issues can be seen in another ad, which also went viral.

In this ad, dowry negotiation is being discussed. Illegal since 1961, dowry continues to be a widespread and fraught practice across all strata of Indian society. It is seen as compensation to the parents taking on the bride-to-be, who is considered a “burden” and the property of the husband's family.

This practice is often intergenerationally and violently perpetuated.

In the discussion between a middle-aged man and his mother about his own son's marriage, it becomes clear that he supports the exchange of dowry – but as long as he is, in fact, paying it. To his mother's astonishment, he explains his logic: since they are obtaining something precious, the bride, they should be paying.

Gender bias is by no means unique to India, and unconscious gender bias research shows us that it's particularly prevalent when women shift into power or authority positions.

In India, the prevalence of femvertising is not yet sufficiently impacting entrenched inequities. A 2016 UN report on gender inequality ranks India at 131st out of 185 countries overall. Other studies and indicators of gender discrimination in India show there's a lot of room for new initiatives in areas, such as female entrepreneurship, where gender balance remains among the lowest in the world.

We are also seeing new feminist films from India that are challenging scripted stereotypes with intelligent, thoughtful, and rebellious female voices.

This is a significant development, especially since a 2014 UN-sponsored study on women in film indi-

cates that men receive a strong preference in leading roles across the world.

As director Alankrita Shrivastava lamented in a June interview: “...multi-dimensional roles that project women as complex characters are mostly absent from mainstream Bollywood”. Women are largely given roles as sexual objects.

Shrivastava's recent film Lipstick Under my Burkha, which challenges many norms, is struggling to get a release certification from the Indian censor board.

INVOLVING MEN

Indian men are showing increasing signs of involvement in the conversation about the nation's gender divide. An episode from Bollywood star Aamir Khan's popular social-issues talk show Satyadmev Jayate, for instance, examined how Masculinity Harms Men, revealing that many men in India still feel societal pressure to act tough, never cry, and treat women as less than equal.

A combination of patriarchal culture, religion, Bollywood and TV shows share the responsibility. That's why the impact of femvertising in India should not be underestimated.

Traditional scripts require rewriting to fit new and previously unimagined situations. A new generation of feminist Indian marketers are using publicity to reach larger consumer audiences and to reframe the dominant gender discourse, recognising the hugely important role that women play in global consumption.

Socially-sensitive advertisers and filmmakers are shaping a new vision that will hopefully cascade to the millions who may be observing, but are not yet part of the conversation.

Although much remains to be done, in India today things are changing in essential ways, and the above examples do manage to get a message across to the millions in the audience. That's something to not be sorry about.

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GJM questions BJP MP's absence from hills

DARJEELING (WB), JUN 19 (PTI): The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) today expressed its "displeasure" with the Centre and questioned the absence of Darjeeling BJP MP S S Ahluwalia at the time of crisis.

"The role of alliance partner the BJP is very unfortunate and very disappointing. We had expected something positive from the Central government.

"We feel that we are being used as pawns by the Centre and the state," Darjeeling MLA and senior GJM leader Amar Singh Rai said.

The GJM is an ally of the BJP and it was with the help of the GJM that the saffron party won the Darjeeling Lok Sabha seat twice in 2009 and 2014.

"We are ready to sit with the Centre anytime. But with the state, the condition would be that they withdraw all forces and allow normalcy to return as a confidence building measure. And we will sit for dialogue with Gorkhaland as the sole agenda," Rai said.

Questioning the absence of local BJP MP S S Ahluwalia, Rai said it was very "unfortunate" that he chose to stay away from his own constituency during this hour of crisis.

"Where is Mr Ahluwalia? The MP should have been here, everyone feels the same. He should have been here in this hour of crisis. We are very disappointed with him," Rai said.

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350 animals in Darjeeling Zoo face shutdown heat

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DARJEELING (WB), JUNE 19 (PTI): Over 350 zoo inmates of a specialised zoo located in Darjeeling, known for its conservation and breeding programmes of highly endangered animals, are facing the heat of the ongoing shutdown with food supplies fast drying up.

The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP), popularly known as Darjeeling Zoo, is a specialised zoo known for its conservation and breeding programmes of Red Panda, Snow Leopards, Tibetan Wolf and highly endangered animal species of eastern Himalayas. It houses animals of 49 species.

But with the supplies drying up, officials of this largest high altitude zoo in the country, are apprehensive about how to arrange food for the animals if the indefinite shutdown continues for a few more days.

Zoo director Piar Chand said, on a daily basis the zoo requires nearly 100 kg of meat, 80 kg fodder, 50-60 kg fruits, 50 kg grams, wheat and flour.

DARJEELING (WB), JUN 19 (PTI): The current agitation for a separate Gorkhaland state has struck a chord with the hill people and local political parties, a throwback to the 1980s when a prolonged movement led by the GNLf under Subash Ghisingh had rocked Darjeeling.

Cutting across religious, political and ideological divides, the overwhelming view is that Gorkhaland is a "sentiment" that can no longer be ignored.

"Such unity among the people of the hills was last witnessed in the 80s. Gorkhaland is a sentiment of the people of the hills, which you cannot afford to ignore. It can be suppressed for some time but can't be wiped out," Jan Andolan Party (JAP) chief Harka Bahadur Chetri said as tension continued to simmer, 11 days after the Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) called for an indefinite shutdown on June 8.

Chetri, a former GJM MLA, had formed his own political outfit last year after differences with GJM supremo Bimal Gurung.

He has now extended his full support to the cause of Gorkhaland as have GJM's arch-rivals Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF),



Photo: Smriti Rai

All-Bharatiya Gorkha League (ABGL), Gorkhaland Rajya Nirman Morcha (GRNM), Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangh (BGP) and the Communist Party of Revolutionary Marx-

Stone-pelters of Darjeeling giving hard time to law-keepers

DARJEELING, JUNE 19 (PTI): Stones and bottles in hand, the highly motivated youths are giving a tough time to the security forces in keeping law and order in the restive Darjeeling hills.

Meet 18-year-old Pranab, a student of class XII, who has become a regular stone-pelter since June 8 when the first stirring of disturbance appeared after the 'imposition' of Bengali language in schools.

We want Gorkhaland. We want a separate state. It is a fight for our own identity and future. It is my right and I will have it, he asserted.

He is one of thou-

sands of youths who have come out in open support for Gorkhaland and have challenged the security forces when they were lathi-charged.

India is a democracy and in democracy everybody has the right to hold peaceful protest. How can someone stop us from organising protest? We did not resort to violence first, but if we are beaten up we will not sit idle. The police will be paid back in their own coin, a third year student, whose face was covered with a black cloth, told PTI.

Well-versed with the ideals of communists like Karl Marx and Che Guevara, the student said,

"I have my own identity and don't want to get it mixed up with others. I respect all communities and religions. But everybody should understand our sentiments."

Most of the youths who have indulged in stone-pelting are educated and come from good families.

I am not a goon or a street guy whom the police can just beat up whenever it wants to. I am fighting for my right.

Several of my family members have been in the Army and have served the nation. We are not anti-nationals. We just want a state of our own, said 25-year-old

Binay who has completed his masters in English from Calcutta University.

With the state government making it mandatory to learn Bengali in the schools of Bengal, the people of Darjeeling, whose local lingo and mother tongue is Nepali, felt that it was a threat of infringement into their cultural rights.

Had the state government come out with a statement declaring that Bengali would not be imposed in the hills, the situation would not have turned so violent, said a student of renowned college of Darjeeling.

With their agility and intimate knowledge

of the local terrain, the youths frequently switch positions while pelting stones giving the police a hard time.

To be honest, the youths have stayed away from hurling stones at the Army, as defence forces have a passionate place in their heart with as many as 90 per cent of the families in Darjeeling having either a serving or a retired army personnel in their families.

Indian Army has a special place in our heart. You will not find a single family in the hills which doesn't have either a serving or a retired army personnel, a 20-year-old youth said.

ists (CPRM).

In a disturbing development for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, a section of local leaders of her Trinamool Congress (TMC) has backed the statehood demand along with local CPI-M leaders.

"Gorkhaland is not a political rhetoric, but a sentiment and a passion which has grown stronger over the years," said a leader who did not want to be named.

There were signs of a split in views in the local BJP leadership as well.

BJP district general secretary Shanta Kishore Gurung said, "I may have difference with the GJM and its style of functioning, but on the issue of Gorkhaland we are on the same page. I am also a Gorkha, how can I betray my Gorkha brothers and sisters?"

State BJP secretary Dilip Ghosh, however, declined to comment on what Gurung said, but maintained that his party was against creation of a separate state.

GNLF, an ally of West Bengal's ruling TMC and an archrival of the GJM, has also broken ranks with the TMC and thrown its weight behind the

agitation for a separate state.

"We have our own differences, but... we have decided to keep aside our differences and fight for Gorkhaland. The GNLf has, since its inception in the 1980s, been fighting for Gorkhaland. We now feel that the atmosphere in the hills and at the Centre is fully conducive for the creation of a separate state," Neraaj Zimba, GNLf spokesperson, told PTI over the phone.

Such unity was witnessed during the Gorkhaland agitation in the 1980s then spearheaded by the GNLf under Subash Ghising.

The ABGL, whose founder-chief Madan Tamang was murdered in broad daylight on a street in Darjeeling in 2010 supposedly by the GJM, also endorsed the agitation.

"Yes it is true we have our differences. But presently we need to keep aside differences and respect the sentiments of the hill people," a senior ABGL leader said.

Asked about the "imposition" of Bengali language, the trigger for the current revolt, GJM general secretary Roshan Giri said, "Our mother tongue is Nepali, why would we learn Bengali? Now if someone says

that everybody in India needs to learn Sanskrit, will Bengal accept? This is the reason all of us have united."

Opinion on the street also appears to veer towards supporting the movement, although the current turbulence has rekindled bitter memories of the 80s disturbance which had all but destroyed the local economy overwhelmingly dependent on tourism.

"We have been branded as foreigners, but the fact is that our land and our forefathers were born here. Darjeeling is being treated as a holiday home by the people of Bengal.

Gorkhaland is not just a state for us, but a matter of our identity," Smreeti Rai, a professor of St Joseph College, Darjeeling, told PTI.

Mahendra Pradhan, a retired school teacher, echoed Rai.

"We are the most neglected community in this country who did not get their due."

Mustaq Ahmed, a shop-owner who has lived in Darjeeling for five decades and considers himself a "Gorkha Muslim," also feels that the demand of Gorkhaland is completely justified as every community has the right to its own identity.

Slain GJM men's families vow to carry on fight for Gorkhaland

DARJEELING (WB), JUN 19 (PTI): Family members of those alleged to have been killed in clashes with police might have lost their sole bread winners, but they vowed to continue their fight for a separate state of Gorkhaland.

Family members of Sunil Rai (23), Mahesh Gurung (25) and Bimal Shashanker (28) alleged that the three were killed during clashes with police on Saturday.

The police, however, confirmed the death of only one person but did not identify him nor gave the reason for his death.

"Is it wrong to fight for your own right? Gorkhaland is our right and we will have it. His death will inspire other youths. We can starve but will continue our fight," Sunil's uncle, Aita Singh Thami told PTI.

Sunil, a driver by profession, is survived by his wife, a 10-month-old son

and ailing parents. He used to live in Bijanbari area of Darjeeling.

Bimal Shashanker, a farmer, was killed while he was with other GJM activists during a protest on Saturday, said Ramesh, a relative of Bimal.

"Everybody started to flee once the lathi charge started. Suddenly Bimal fell down. He was a close friend and is the sole bread winner of the family. His death inspires us to take forward our fight for Gorkhaland," Ramesh said.

Bimal is survived by his 8-year-old son, wife and parents.

Mahesh, who used to work in Rajasthan, had come home in Darjeeling for holidays, GJM sources said adding that he was a bachelor and is survived by his ailing parents.

Since June 8, Darjeeling has witnessed violent clashes between GJM activists and police over the demand of a separate state of Gorkhaland.

Bar Association of Kalimpong condemns killing of Morcha supporters

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 19 JUN:

The Bar Association of Kalimpong has condemned the death of three Morcha supporters on 17 Jun in police firing at Darjeeling. The association held an urgent meeting at the Bar Office chaired by its vice president, CK Kumai.

Two-minute silence was observed over the death of Mahesh Gurung, Sunil Rai and Bimal Shashanker during the meeting wherein the attendees prayed for the departed souls. The meeting strongly condemned the unprovoked Police brutality by resorting to senseless firing and killing of innocent people.

Mr Kumai, while ad-

ressing the press, said, "We condemn the Police atrocities and demand immediate judicial inquiry into the firing by a team headed by not less than a retired or standing Supreme Court Judge."

He informed that the meeting condemned the baseless statement of the government of West Bengal that the peaceful agitation for creation of a separate state of Gorkhaland within the framework of the constitution of India, within the Union of India, was sponsored by insurgent and terrorist groups of North East.

Mr Kumai also added that the association supports the constitutional demand for the creation

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WB: Internet still suspended, GJM activists take out protest march

DARJEELING (WB), JUN 19 (PTI): Security forces patrolled the streets in the hills and Internet services remained suspended for the second day today as Gorkha Janmukti Morcha supporters held protest march here demanding Gorkhaland and burnt effigies of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Carrying black flags, protesters, especially the youth, marched on the streets of Chowkbazar area shouting slogans against the state government and the chief minister.

Protesters also burnt effigies of Banerjee and vowed to continue their fight for Gorkhaland.

"Three of our activists were killed. We are ready to give our lives but will not stop protesting till we get Gorkhaland," Sirish Pradhan, a GJM worker, said.

Several small processions were taken out by GJM activists in various parts of Darjeeling.

Internet services remained suspended for the second day today.

According to police

sources, the step was taken to stop GJM activists from using the social media to spread "provocative posts".

Security forces patrolled the streets as the situation remained tense on the fifth day of GJM-sponsored indefinite shutdown.

"The situation is still very tense. Since morning there has been no incident of violence. But we are on high alert and are prepared for any eventuality," said a senior police officer.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee urged all concerned parties and stakeholders to attend an all-party meeting called by the state government in Siliguri on June 22 on the prevailing situation in Darjeeling.

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had appealed to the protesters yesterday not to resort to violence and instead, hold dialogue.

GJM expressed their "displeasure" with the Centre and questioned the absence of BJP MP from Darjeeling SS Ahluwalia at the time of crisis.

"The role of alliance

partner BJP is very unfortunate and very disappointing. We had expected something positive from the part of the Central government. We feel we are being used as pawns by the Centre and the state," Darjeeling MLA and senior GJM leader Amar Singh Rai said. GJM is an ally of BJP and it was with the help of GJM that BJP won the Darjeeling Lok Sabha seat twice in 2009 and 2014.

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Police pickets and barricades were placed in front of the government and GTA offices and various entry exit points of the hills while Rapid Action Force (RAF) and a sizable number of women police personnel were also deployed.

Except medicine shops, all others shops and hotels were closed in the hills.

Now, ride an ATV at Bulbulay

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

Tourism Minister Ugen T Gyatso today inaugurated an All Terrain Vehicle Bike Riding facility at Bulbulay above Gangtok.

ATV Bike Riding is considered an adventure tourism activity and has been started by local entrepreneur, Tashi Gyalpo [Bhaichung Bhutia].

The service has four ATVs available for interested thrill-seekers. Speaking to SummitTimes, Mr Gyalpo said that he has plans to add two more ATVs shortly. "We conducted a trial run for one week and have found that there is a huge demand for this kind of adventure tourism activity which has long term sustainability," he informed.

He added that his main objective behind opening the facility was to become self-reliant while generating employment opportunities for others. The group has four employees on its staff, including a tour guide. The total length of the ride is 3 KMs.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ugen Gyatso congratulated the entrepreneur and his team for bringing this new adventure option to the state of Sikkim and commented that this will help boost tourism as well as create employment opportunities.

The inauguration was also attended by Ministers Tshering Wangdi Lepcha and Tulsi Devi Rai, MLAs Pinto Chopel Lepcha and Ugen Nedup, and other officials from the Tourism Department and also had the presence Former Minister Thukchuk Lachungpa, Managing Director-State Bank of Sikkim, Tourism students from Arunachal Pradesh, area Councillor and the general public.



Afghan president inaugurates first air corridor with India

KABUL, JUN 19 (AP): Afghan President Ashraf Ghani has inaugurated the first Afghanistan-India air corridor during a ceremony at the Kabul International Airport - a direct route that bypasses Pakistan and is meant to improve commerce.

Ghani says the aim of the route is to create more opportunities and make Afghanistan an exporter country. His adviser Sediquallah Mujadedi says Afghan agricultural products will for the first time head to India on cargo planes.

Mujadedi says the first India-bound flight on Monday included 60 tons of natural plants; a second flight will follow, with 40 tons of dry fruits to be sent from Afghanistan's southern Kandahar province.

Afghanistan is a mountainous landlocked country and all imports and exports depend on neighbouring countries.

Relations between Kabul and Islamabad have become strained over accusations of harbouring militants.

Bar Association of Kalimpong condemns killing...

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of a separate state of Gorkhaland within the framework of Constitution of India and have suggested the creation of a common platform for all political parties, NGOs, individual, intellectuals, etc to come together.

The house further resolved to call upon and request all stakeholders and citizens to maintain and lead peaceful, democratic and constitutional agitation and have appealed to everyone to refrain from getting involved in any kind of violence or activities for the achievement of a separate state.

The resolution copies will be sent to all concerned including the Government of India and the Prime Minister of India, informed Mr Kumai.

INTACH Sikkim awarded Best Chapter Award

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage [INTACH] -Sikkim Chapter has been awarded the Best Chapter Award for organizing the All India Heritage Quiz in Sikkim in the year 2016, a press release informs.

INTACH Convenor-Sikkim Chapter, PK Dong, said, "In Sikkim we may not have huge forts, palaces and 'hawelis' like in other States, but in Sikkim we do have very rich natural and cultural heritage, especially intangible heritage. Hence, presently INTACH (Sikkim) Chapter has been giving more emphasis on creating awareness about importance of local heritage sites, natural and cultural, including traditions, customs, costumes, food etc. of diverse communities of Sikkim. Our target audiences are teachers and students because through them we can reach the parents and ultimately the community."

Mr Dong added that INTACH-Sikkim Chapter is working on holding a Quiz of all India level for school students in the last week of July 2017.

It is to be informed that INTACH is one of the world's largest heritage organizations with over 170 Chapters across India. It was established as a registered Society in 1984 under the Chairmanship of Late Rajiv Gandhi, who was then just a Member of Parliament. Later the same year, he became the Prime Minister after the assassination of his mother, Indira Gandhi.

The INTACH-Sikkim Chapter in collaboration with the Heritage Education and Communication Service [HECS] Division of Central Office has been organizing many Heritage Education training workshops for school teachers and heritage awareness programmes like heritage quiz, painting and essay writing competition for school students.

In May 2017, INTACH-Sikkim Chapter had organized an Interactive Forum for College and University students where persons having interest and experience in heritage such as Shivaa Rawat from HECS Division and local resource persons like Sunita Kharel, Sonam Gyaltzen and Joanna Wongden, made presentations which were highly appreciated by an audience consisting of 70 college and university students and 10 faculty members, adds the release.

Sikkim's MGNREGA initiatives bag 5 national awards

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implementation strategies devised by the state has been up-scaled in the National level. The Ministry considers Sikkim as a laboratory for devising good and effective implementation strategies.

Dhara Vikas, or Spring Shed Management, which was successfully conceptualized and grounded by the state has now captured the attention at the National level with Sikkim being recognised as the resource state for Dhara Vikas. Other North eastern and Himalayan states as well as the neighbouring countries of Nepal and Bhutan frequent-

ly visit the state to understand the technique on ground and replicate the same in their respective areas.

Dhara vikas also found a place in the Resource Book of Good Practices released by the UNDP in 2015. Recently, the Niti Aayog has constituted a working group for Sustainable Development of Indian Himalayan Region to suggest policy and action and RMDD Sikkim has been brought in as a member for the thematic committee on Revival of Springs for Water Security.

Further, the Sikkim Model of Social Audit has been applauded at the National level as the best example of Social

Health Minister takes stock of Yoga Day preparedness

GANGTOK, 19 JUN [IPR]: Minister for Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, chaired a departmental meeting at his office today. The Minister emphasized on the importance of International Yoga Day and stressed upon grand accomplishment of 3rd International Yoga Day to be held on 21 Jun.

He directed officials to leave no stone unturned to make the event as success and informed that it will also be attended by the Governor, Chief Minister and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju.

Mr Ghatani has appealed to the organizations, students and individuals to attend the function of International Yoga Day and follow the yoga protocol in scheduled period of the programme.

Earlier, Director General-cum-Secretary, Dr K Bhandari, briefed about the ongoing preparation which is being carried out in coordination with various line departments and their given responsibilities assigned in the meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim.

The meeting was also attended by Principal Director-Health, Dr PT Bhutia, Director-Health Services, Dr Uttam Pradhan, Additional Director-AYUSH/CATCH, Dr Keshree Rai, Superintendent Engineer, Youn K Rai, Divisional Engineer, Rakesh Sundas, and other officials.

Meet convened on refugee issue in Arunachal

ITANAGAR, JUN 19 (PTI):

An all party meeting convened by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu here today unanimously decided to move the Union Ministry of Home Affairs to revive the Joint High Powered Committee on Chakma and Hajong refugee issue.

It was also decided that the minutes of the decision of the all party meet would be put forth before

the State High Powered Committee headed by the chief minister.

The meeting was called to discuss the issues relating to granting of citizenship to Chakma and Hajong refugees in the state.

The Supreme Court had on September 17, 2015 in an order directed the Centre as well as the state government to grant citizenship to the



Chakmas and Hajongs residing in the state.

The AAPSU on November 19 the same year filed a SLP at the apex court. The state government had also filed another SLP on September 14 last year. However, both the SLPs are lying pending with the court for hearing.

Representatives from BJP, Congress, PPA, Trinamool Congress, NCP, Aam Admi Party and All

Arunachal Pradesh Students Union participated in the marathon meeting that stretched to six hours.

The chief minister was joined by his cabinet colleagues, all the advisors, Advocate General of Arunachal Pradesh and his legal group, Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary (Political), Secretary (Political) and IGP during the meeting.

SDF reiterates support for Gorkhaland...

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He mentioned that the SDF government had, in 2011, also passed a resolution in the Legislative Assembly in support of the demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland.

SDF spokesperson KT Gyaltzen also echoed these sentiments and stressed that the killing of three young people in police firing was totally illegal, unconstitutional and undemocratic.

On behalf of the party, he conveyed his deep condolences and prayers to the grieving families and people of the neighbouring hills.

He also read out the relevant portions of the resolution passed by the SDF government in support of Gorkhaland in the State Assembly in 2011. He also expressed hope that peace will prevail soon in the region.

US shoots down Syria warplane that ‘hit allies’

BEIRUT, JUN 19 (AFP): An American fighter jet has for the first time downed a Syrian warplane that Washington accused of attacking US-backed fighters, in a new escalation between the United States and regime forces.

The incident further complicates the country's six-year war and comes as a US-led coalition and allied fighters battle to oust the Islamic State group from its Syri-

an bastion Raqa.

Government ally Iran also yesterday launched missiles from its territory against alleged IS positions in eastern Syria for the first time, in response to an IS-claimed attack in Tehran.

Analysts say neither Washington nor President Bashar al- Assad's regime appear to be seeking further confrontation, but warn that the risks are high in Syria's

increasingly crowded battlefields.

The Syrian jet was shot down yesterday evening after regime forces engaged fighters from the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), an alliance battling with US support against IS, in an area close to Raqa.

The American F/A-18E Super Hornet shot down the Syrian SU-22 around 7:00 pm as it "dropped bombs near

SDF fighters" south of the town of Tabqa, the coalition said in a statement.

It said that several hours earlier, regime forces had attacked the SDF in another town near Tabqa, wounding several and driving the SDF from the town.

The coalition said the Syrian warplane had been shot down "in accordance with rules of engagement and in collective self-defence of Co-

alition partnered forces".

Syria's army disputed the account, saying its plane was hit while "conducting a mission against the terrorist Islamic State group."

It warned of "the grave consequences of this flagrant aggression".

Regime ally Moscow also condemned the downing of the Syrian plane, with deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov saying: "This strike has to be seen as a contin-

uation of America's line to disregard the norms of international law...

What is this if not an act of aggression?"

The incident was the latest skirmish between the US-led coalition and regime forces in the increasingly tense and crowded space in Syria's north and east.

The coalition has for months backed SDF forces in their bid to capture Raqa, an operation in which the regime has not been involved.

The SDF entered

Raqa for the first time earlier this month and now holds four neighbourhoods in the east and west of the city.

Damascus has instead turned its focus further east, to the largely IS-held oil-rich province of Deir Ezzor, where government forces are besieged in part of the provincial capital. It is advancing towards the region on three fronts, south of Raqa, through the Badia desert region in central Syria, and along Syria's eastern border.

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CBI team goes to JNU to probe Najeeb’s disappearance

NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI): A CBI team today visited Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) to probe the disappearance of Najeeb Ahmed, a student who had gone missing from his hostel on October 16, 2016.

The team is looking into allegations of a scuffle between Ahmed and ABVP students in JNU's Mahi-Mandvi hostel and the circumstances that may have led to it as well as other events that preceded his disappearance.

It is likely to meet the suspects and people whose names have cropped up in the matter, sources said.

Najeeb's mother Fatima Nafees recently met CBI officers investigating the case. She gave details of the events before her son disappeared from his hostel.

Najeeb had returned to the



university on October 13, 2016 after a holiday. On the intervening night of October 15-16, he called his mother to tell her that something was wrong. His roommate later told Fatima he had been injured in a fight, she had said.

Following the conversation, Fatima took a bus from Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh to reach

Delhi in the afternoon.

After reaching Anand Vihar, she spoke to him over the phone and asked him to meet her at the hotel.

She said in her complaint that there was no trace of Najeeb when she reached his room in Mahi Hostel room 106.

With Delhi Police failing to find her son, Fatima approached

the Delhi High Court demanding a CBI probe.

On May 16, a bench of Justices G S Sistani and Rekha Palli handed over the investigation to the CBI with the direction that it has to be monitored by an officer not less than the rank of DIG. The matter has been posted for hearing on July 17.

The high court had time and again come down heavily on the police for failing to trace the student after several months of investigation and even remarked that it was looking for an "escape route" and was "beating around the bush".

The court had also questioned the conduct of the police saying that it was trying to sensationalise the matter as it was filing reports in sealed covers when "there was nothing confidential, damaging or crucial" in them.

One dead in “potential terror attack” near London mosque

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, JUN 19 (PTI): A man rammed a van into worshippers coming out of a mosque in north London after special Ramadan prayers today, killing one person and injuring 10 others, in a terror incident described by police as a deliberate attack on Muslims.

The attack - the fourth terror assault to jolt Britain in four months - occurred just after midnight outside the Muslim Welfare House, which houses a mosque, on the Seven Sisters Road when a group of people were helping a man who had collapsed. The site of the incident is close to another mosque near the Finsbury Park on the same road. One man was pronounced dead at the scene and eight others were injured. Two others were treated for minor injuries.

A 48-year-old man, the driver of the van, was detained by members of public at the scene and then arrested by police on suspicion of attempted murder.



continues,” said Basu, London’s senior counter-terrorism coordinator.

“All the victims were Muslim and there are currently no other suspects,” he added.

Eyewitness Abdul Rahman said the driver said he wanted to “kill all Muslims”.

“When the guy came out from his van he wanted to escape, run away and he was saying ‘I want to kill Muslims. I want to kill Muslims.’

“I hit him on his stomach... and then me and the other guys... we held him to the ground until he couldn’t move. We stopped him until the police came,” Rahman said.

Another witness said: “The van was driving towards us to try and basically hit us at speed. When he got arrested, he was taunting, saying, ‘I’d do it again, I’d do it again.’

A spokesperson for the Metropolitan Police said the man has been taken to hospital as a precaution, and will be taken into custody once discharged. He will also be subject of a mental health assessment in due course.

Toufik Kacimi, chief executive of the Muslim Welfare House, said the man who was arrested

had to be rescued by the imam at the centre to stop him being attacked.

Kacimi said when he did so, the driver said to him: “I’ve done my bit.”

Met Police Commissioner Cressida Dick said there is now an ongoing investigation by the Counter Terrorism Command to establish why this attack was carried out.

“London is a city of many faiths and many nationalities.

An attack on one community is an attack on all of us.

Terrorists will not succeed in their attempts to divide us and make us live in fear,” the commissioner said.

British Prime Minister Theresa May had earlier described the incident as a “potential terrorist attack”.

“All my thoughts are with those who have been injured, their loved ones and the emergency services on the scene,” she said.

Opposition Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, who is an MP from the area, visited the area and said: “I’m totally shocked at the incident at Finsbury Park tonight. My thoughts are with those and the community affected by

this awful event.”

London Mayor Sadiq Khan condemned the attack and said more officers were being deployed at places of worship to reassure the community.

He said the attack was deliberate and targeted “innocent Londoners, many of whom were finishing prayers during the holy month of Ramadan”.

“Terrorism is terrorism...While this appears to be an attack on a particular community, like the terrible attacks in Manchester, Westminster and London Bridge it is also an assault on all our shared values of tolerance, freedom and respect,” he said, adding that the city was grieving and still recovering from the Grenfell Tower fire tragedy.

“This is a resilient city. There is far more that unites us than divides us,” he added.

Scotland Yard said armed police were at the scene, with the investigation being carried out by Counter Terrorism Command and an extra officers deployed to reassure Muslims.

The Muslim Council of Britain has called for extra security around mosques, describing the

attack as “the most violent manifestation” of Islamophobia.

The council’s secretary general Harun Khan said he expected authorities to step up security “as a matter of urgency”, adding many would feel “terrorised” following the incident.

London’s transport authority said that the Seven Sisters road had been closed due to an “emergency services incident”.

The city’s ambulance service said in a statement that it had sent “a number of resources” including ambulance crews, paramedics and specialist response teams to the scene.

“An advance trauma team from London’s Air Ambulance has also been dispatched by car,” the statement said.

At least two witnesses told Sky News that there were three men in the van, but the Met Police statement seems to directly contradict that, saying no other suspects had been identified or reported to police.

Another eyewitness, who lives in a flat on the Seven Sisters Road, said the van seemed to have hit people who were coming out of the Finsbury Park mosque after prayers finished, the BBC reported.

Today’s attack marks the fourth terrorist incident in the UK in four months, after attacks in Westminster, Manchester and on London Bridge.

Eight people were killed and 50 injured on June 3 when three Islamist militants drove into pedestrians on London Bridge and stabbed people at nearby restaurants and bars.

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Daddy Love: Victoria Beckham surely led the charge of celebrity posts celebrating Father's Day by sharing a photo of David cuddling up to Brooklyn, 18, Romeo, 14, Cruz, 12, and Harper, 05 - before praising him as the 'best daddy in the world'.

Wonder Woman Relinquished Her Top Box Office Spot to Cars 3

Diana of Themyscira has officially been unseated by talking cars, but it's cool, because c'mon, now: Even Wonder Woman herself would be moved by the inspirational tale of Lighting McQueen's horse-powered comeback.

Wonder Woman, the reigning champ of the box office, has stepped aside for the latest animated feature from Disney/Pixar and handed title to Cars 3. The third installment of the high-speed franchise brought in \$53.5 million thanks to its showings in over 4,200 theaters, thus ousting Wonder Woman by about \$13 million.

As much as this is a great thing for Cars 3 fans, it's still a weekend to be celebrated for DC fans, too, as Wonder Woman's \$40.6 million showing for its third week in theaters is nothing to sneeze at, especially when its global gross passed the \$571 million



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mark. If Wonder Woman keeps drawing audiences at this rate — which

it probably will, as it shows no signs of stopping — it'll break Mamma Mia's record for the highest-grossing live-action feature film helmed by a female director.

To sum it all up: Congrats, Cars 3, on a great opening weekend, and congrats, Wonder Woman, for continuing to kick ass in theaters the world over.

DEADPOOL HANGING OUT AT THE X-MANSION!

Ryan Reynolds is working on the hotly anticipated sequel to Deadpool, and he's throwing fans a couple of bones via Instagram that show the raunchy Marvel maverick taking a breather in a familiar, beloved place that's bred some of your favorite superheroes.

The X-Mansion — home to Charles Xavier's Institute for Higher Learning, and X-Men HQ — is a gorgeous backdrop for a very chill portrait of Deadpool, who will be swinging through the sprawling digs in the follow-up to 2016's R-rated smash.

Reynolds has been teasing Deadpool updates throughout 2017, most notably in a short that ran before screenings of Logan in March that featured a clumsy quick-change in a phone booth and some prominently displayed butt cheeks, as well as an excited post showing off Josh Brolin's insane muscles once he was confirmed to be taking on the role of Cable.

If you're dying for Deadpool updates and you haven't followed Reynolds yet on social media, what are you even doing?! This is where we're getting these tiny hints about the forthcoming flick, so it's a safe bet that Reynolds's Instagram is the platform to watch for Deadpool news in the future.

Keep 'em coming, Reynolds. 01 Jun, 2018 can't get here soon enough!



20TH JUNE

1837: Britain issued its first stamp, one penny Queen Victoria

1874: First US Lifesaving Medal was founded and awarded

1895: Canal of Suez officially opened

1939: Test flight of first rocket plane using liquid propellants was launched

1990: Asteroid Eureka 5261 was discovered

1996: Space Shuttle STS 78 [Columbia 20], was launched into space

Indian History

1756: Around 146 British soldiers were captured by Sirad ud-Daulah's [Nawab of Bengal] men. The British prisoners of war were held in a small dark chamber called the Black hole of Calcutta. Around 123 Britishers in the cell died due to suffocation, heat exhaustion and crushing in cramped situations

1921: The workers in the Spinning Department of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills in Chennai, India began an official four month strike. The workers suffered issues such as low wages and poor working conditions and despite repeated protests, they were ignored. The protest was led by V Kalyanasundaram Mudaliar [Congressman] and supported by various nationalists

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Dr. RAJEN UPADHYAY
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1869: Founder of Kirlaskar Group Laxmanrao Kashinath Kirlaskar was born on this day in a small village, Gurlahour in Belgium District. Because of his interest he studied art and painting in Bombay until it was found that he was partially colour blind. Although he continued his studies in Mechanical Drawing and became a teacher in the same field. His hard-work paid off when he formed the company [Kirlaskar Group] headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra. The company deals with production of pumps, compressors, electrical motors, etc

1984: Film actress, model and martial artist Neetu Chandra was born on this day in Patna, Bihar. She has represented India in the 1997 World Taekwondo Championships in Hong Kong and has acted in various Bollywood and South Indian films

1985: Mother Teresa was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by the then President Ronald Reagan. It is a medal that is bestowed upon by the President of the United States to any worthy individual

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"LOSING YOUR TWO DOLLARS DOES NOT MEAN THE ROBOT REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN."

TIGER SHROFF FLAUNTS HIS PERFECTLY SCULPTED HOT BOD IN THE FIRST LOOK OF Munna Michael song 'Ding Dang'

Tiger Shroff is all set to win us over with his extraordinary dancing skills in the first song from Munna Michael which is titled Ding Dang. The first look of Tiger from the foot - tapping dance number was released today and we just cannot stop drooling over that perfectly sculpted hot bod! He looks super hot flaunting his abs in this one. The teaser of the song was released a couple of days ago and it does look pretty damn good. We must admit that the teaser has left us with high hopes!

Also, everyone knows that he is a fabulous dancer. All this while, Tiger has impressed us mightily with his kickass dance moves in all his films and now we want to see what he has to offer with Munna Michael. Es-



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pecially when we know that the film is based on Michael Jackson. Yes, for all those who don't know, Tiger plays the role of Munna who is a street dancer cum fighter who worships Michael Jackson and imitates his dance moves in the film. So, if you are someone who is a die-hard fan of his dancing skills, you are definitely in for a treat!

Talking about the film, Munna Michael is Tiger and Sabbir Khan's third film together after Heropanti and Baaghi. If this one turns out to be super hit too, then it will turn out to be a

hat-trick for the actor - director duo. Munna Michael also stars Nidhi Agerwal, Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Ronit Roy in lead roles.

ARIES: You might feel a bit restless today, Aries. You may want to get the word out to others. Unfortunately, your tongue may be tied and it could be hard for you to express yourself exactly the way you want. Balance is key. You should work to foster harmony among your associates. This is a good time to get out and be social.

TAURUS: If you keep waiting for things to happen, Taurus, you may wake up one morning and realize that your life has passed and you never did half the things you dreamed of doing. The time to take action is now. Put your plan into effect. You may need to make some compromises, but you will find

that, in general, people will follow your lead.

GEMINI: Remind your loved ones how much they mean to you today, Gemini. Words are especially powerful. Don't use them lightly. Be thoughtful about how you treat others. Do your best to maintain peace. It isn't a good idea to hold grudges or carry hatred for anyone. Good manners and a neat appearance are key elements to the day.

CANCER: Feel free to express your independent attitude today, Cancer. Break out of any restrictions that might be keeping you from doing what you want to do. Also, make sure you aren't compromising your own needs for

those of others. Things should naturally flow your way, and you should be in a good mood for most of your waking hours. Smile at the people around you.

LEO: Have fun today and don't be so serious about anything, Leo. This is a good time to lay low and enjoy the scenery. Go to a movie or see a play. Go to a party and celebrate. Dress up in your most attractive garb and go in for the kill. This is a day to be talkative, lighthearted, and social. Heavy emotional issues will only weigh down the positive mood.

VIRGO: You can do no wrong today, Virgo. In fact, you can navigate through the cracks without anyone

noticing. You may find that you would rather be up on center stage. This is fine, too, just as long as the choice is yours. Independence is a key theme for you today. You will find that the more you can break free, the better your mood will be.

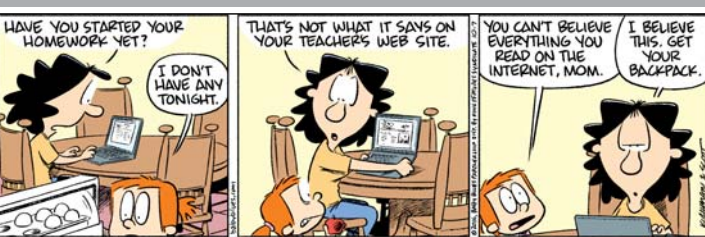
LIBRA: Have some fun today, Libra. It's time to balance all the work you've been doing with a little bit of fun. Yesterday's honest efforts are turning into today's rewards. There's no need to be shy when it comes to receiving what is rightfully yours. Be proud of your accomplishments. If you can't find someone to take you out to dinner, take yourself out!

SCORPIO: The pace will be

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jumping today and your wit and cheerful words will be welcomed in almost every setting you enter, Scorpio. Do things with others and see what kind of "trouble" you can stir up together. This is a time to get out and be social. Beautiful things and relaxing music are all favored on a day like this. You can do no wrong by just being your usual, outlandish self!

SAGITTARIUS: Many people may have a great deal to say today, Sagittarius, but you could find that you'd rather sit and listen. Feel free to do so. A lot of what's going around is gossip, so you might not want to get involved at all. This is probably a wise move. Keep your

nose clean and simply absorb what you hear. Feel free to filter out anything that doesn't sit right with you.

CAPRICORN: Don't be selfish today, Capricorn. This is a time to think about others. Instead of plowing ahead with a project by yourself, consider enlisting the help of a partner or friend. Things are better accomplished cooperatively, regardless of how badly you may want to do something on your own. The effort put out by a team will produce unexpected results that prove quite favorable.

AQUARIUS: If you don't say exactly what you mean today, Aquarius, you might get into trouble.

Don't compromise your values just to maintain the peace. Love and romance are favorable for you, but only if your attitude is relaxed and carefree. Your emotions will be quite strong, so do your best to balance them with a rational frame of mind.

PISCES: Today is apt to be favorable for you, Pisces. You should keep the lines of communication open so you can spread your knowledge to others and receive the important information that is due to come your way. Your energy might come in erratic yet powerful bursts. You should find that your ego and emotions are quite strong.