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Heavy rains disrupt normal life in Yuksam

PRITAM LAMA
YUKSAM, 04 AUG:
Heavy rains lashed several parts of Yuksam in West Sikkim on 03 Aug causing landslides and disrupting normal life across Yuksam-Dubdi GPU.

Heavy damage to roads, houses and other infrastructure were reported from several places in Yuksam. Sub Divisional Magistrate-Yuksam, Dr Sonam R Lepcha, has alerted residents located in vulnerable areas and landslide-prone zones advising them to move to safer locations. Quick Response Team [QRT]

from SDM'S office along with the police were alerted on the intervening night of 03-04 Sept. Roads & Bridges Department has deployed excavators to clear roads as of now. The SDM-Yuksam along with Block Development Officer-Yuksam, Nickjey Lamu Bhutia, and Gram Panchayat members visit-

ed the landslide hit areas to assess the damages and take safety measures today. During his visit, the SDM distributed plastic pipes to villagers to restore water supply to the landslide affected villages. No casualties have been reported so far.

St Teresa to be declared as co-patron of Calcutta Archdiocese

KOLKATA, SEP 4 (PTI): The Archdiocese of Calcutta is set to declare St Teresa as its co-patron, Rev Sister Mary Prema, the superior general of Missionaries of Charity said today the first anniversary of her canonisation. The declaration would be formally made by the Archbishop of Kolkata, Thomas D Souza after a holy mass on September 6, 2017, she said. Mother Teresa, the founder of the order of Missionaries of Charity, was declared a saint at a canonisation in the Vatican City on September 4, 2016.

Sister Prema, who inaugurated a two-day exhibition at the Abanindranath Tagore Gallery of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), expressed happiness that the Kolkata-based Indian National Forum of Art and Culture (INFAC) was hosting the event on the first anniversary of St Teresa's canonisation. "Mother touched the hearts of millions of people world-wide with her simplicity, love and kindness," she said. Addressing the young artists, who contributed their paintings of Mother for the exhibition, she said, Your works of art are important. When you painted Mother Teresa's face, you discovered goodness in her eyes and in her smile.

Modi, Xi to hold first bilateral meet tomorrow post-Dokalam

PRİYANKA TIKOO
XIAMEN, SEP 4 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping will hold their first substantive bilateral meeting tomorrow after the Dokalam standoff, which had put ties between the two countries under strain. According to external affairs ministry officials, Modi will meet Xi at 12.30 pm (10 am IST), the prime minister's last official engagement before flying off to Myanmar on a bilateral visit. Modi had arrived here yesterday and attended the BRICS Summit today. During the meeting, which is taking place amidst efforts from the two sides to leave the bitterness caused by the 73-day face-off between their troops in Dokalam in the Sikkim sector, sources said the two leaders are expected to discuss ways to create confidence building measures. However, they refused to divulge details about the issues to be discussed. The sense is that both countries want to "move on" after the standoff. The Chinese and the Indian troops were engaged in a standoff since June 16 after the Indian side stopped the construction of a road by the Chinese Army. On August 28, India's External Affairs Ministry announced that New Delhi and Beijing have decided on "expedient disengagement" of their border troops in the disputed Dokalam area. Asked if there was any link between the BRICS declaration which for the first time named Pakistan-based terror groups for their violent activities and resolution of the Dokalam standoff, Secretary (East) in the MEA Pree-

ti Saran answered in the negative, saying BRICS is a multilateral forum where outcomes are based on consensus. "It cannot be linked," she added. Earlier, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang told the media in Beijing that "details of the meeting we will release in due course." Apart from Xi, Modi will also hold a bilateral meeting with the President of Egypt, which is among the five countries -- Mexico, Guinea, Thailand and Tajikistan -- invited by China as part of 'BRICS Plus' outreach exercise. Xi and his wife hosted a banquet for the BRICS leaders this evening followed by Chinese cultural extravaganza. Modi, who attended the banquet along with other leaders, also interacted informally with the leaders of the guest countries.

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Court turns down WB's transit permit request, grants bail to Sabitri Chamling

PRAKASH CHETTRI
NAMCHI, 04 SEPT:
The West Bengal Police once again returned empty handed from the District & Sessions Court, Namchi, as their transit permit petition for former Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Sabhasad, Sabitri Chamling's [Rai] arrest was turned down by the Court today here at Namchi in South Sikkim.

Ms Chamling, who was arrested by WB Police on 01 Sept from Namchi and then 'rescued' by Sikkim Police, said that she had been illegally arrested by WB police and later detained by Namchi Police after WB Police failed to produce any arrest warrant or case documents at Namchi PS. WB police had been asked to produce a court order for the transit of the accused to West Bengal. On 02 Sept, the District & Sessions Court had turned down the transit permit petition of WB police and provided three days interim bail to Sabitri Chamling on the grounds that WB police failed to produce relevant documents of the case and failed to fulfill formalities on arrest of Ms Chamling. Today, the court granted bail to Ms Chamling on the condition that the petitioner appear before the investigating

agency as and when required for investigation and shall cooperate with the investigation and the petitioner shall not threaten or influence the witnesses acquainted with the facts of this case. Family members of Ms Chamling thanked legal counsels Yangzi Pinasha and KT Bhutia for their support in the case and in helping them acquire bail. Ms Chamling's cousin brother, Ranu Subba, said that they had faith in the courts as they had not done anything illegal. He further extended gratitude to the people and government of Sikkim for supporting the demand for Gorkhaland.

UN diplomats call for more sanctions against North Korea

NEW YORK, SEP 4 (AP): UN Security Council members called for further sanctions against North Korea today after a powerful nuclear test explosion added another layer of urgency for diplomats wrestling with what to do about the North's persistent weapons programmes. Scheduled after North Korea said it detonated a hydrogen bomb underground yesterday, the emergency session comes six days after the council strongly condemned Pyongyang's "outrageous" launch of a ballistic missile over Japan. Less than a month ago, the council imposed its stiffest sanctions so far on the reclusive nation. US Ambassador Nikki Haley said North Korea's relentless actions show that its leader, Kim Jong Un, is "begging for war," and the time has come for the council to adopt

the strongest diplomatic measures. "Enough is enough. War is never something the United States wants. We don't want it now. But our country's patience is not unlimited," Haley said. Speaking one after the other, diplomats from France, Britain, Italy and elsewhere reiterated demands for the regime to halt its ballistic missile and nuclear weapons programs and urged further sanctions. "Pyongyang poses a clear threat to international peace and security," said Sebastiano Cardi, the UN ambassador from Italy, which heads the North Korea sanctions compliance committee. He noted that North Korea is the only country to have tested a nuclear device in the 21st century. The North trumpeted "perfect success" Sunday

Traffic constable dies after being hit by speeding bike

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:
A lady traffic constable was hit by a speeding motorcycle while on duty at Namnang-Deorali junction at around 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. The biker, a 16-year-old boy, is injured while a younger boy riding pillion escaped unhurt. Unfortunately, the traffic constable, Rinzing Ongmu Bhutia, who sustained head injuries succumbed to her injuries at CRH Tadong last night at around 11:30 p.m. She hails from Penlong, East Sikkim, and is survived by her husband and two daughters.

Riding a tiger is never easy, even for Bimal Gurung

SUDIPTA CHANDA
SILIGURI, 04 SEPT:

Pro-Gorkhaland rallies have been the daily exercise since the month of June in the Darjeeling hills. Monday, however, witnessed a rally with a difference, in Mirik though. It was the first of its kind in the past three months demanding peace. Parts of Mirik on Monday also ignored the bandh and returned to normal life. Although still in force, the bandh is showing signs of waning since Binay Tamang unilaterally suspended it till September 12. The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief, Bimal Gurung re-enforced it forthwith from hiding and expelled Tamang from the party. But, the people seem to have warmed up to Tamang's act. Mirik on Monday stands testimony to it. Daring the GJM-sponsored bandh, people made an attempt to restore nor-



The Trinamool-sponsored peace rally at Mirik on Monday

mal life. The peace rally promoted by the Trinamool, which had in the month of May wrested away the local civic body from the GJM, went off smoothly and for the first time in almost three months a few buses plied too. While parts of the foothills groaned back to a semblance of ac-

tivity a fortnight ago, how long before the rest of the hills follow the path shown by Mirik on Monday? Three months is after all a long time for all the sacrifices they have made without recompense. Continuing with the iron grip on the hill society from hiding may not

be simple for Gurung and his hard line associates unless of course they resort to militancy. But, with UAPA charges slapped against him twice and police on the prowl to nab whoever they consider troublesome, strong arm tactics is no more an option for Gurung. A ray of hope, however, peeps out of the gloomy situation. Gurung has decided to send party representatives to the proposed September 12 meeting convened by the state government. That could be the positive indication all sides are looking for. Whether the state government officially acknowledges the presence of the team Gurung sends is for time to tell, but by scaling down from his previous demand that he would negotiate only with the Centre strictly on the Gorkhaland issue and accepting to participate in talks with the state government instead could be

Gurung's way of getting off the tiger he is riding. Too much is at stake for Gurung, both personally and socially, for him not to realize that by going underground he stands to lose extremely. So surface he must sooner or later. Yes, plenty of negotiations and maneuverings would go into the deal prior to his breaking cover. Gurung by now must have further realized that by stretching the bandh any further, he might have a rebellion in hand. The people of the hills, who have stood solidly behind him so far and continue to do so despite the hardship, might balk if he tries to extend the bandh. And so, there is a possibility that the bandh might be suspended in staggered stages after the September 12 meeting. The last bit is, however, an educated guess.

Two truckers arrested for pilfering cement bags

GANGTOK, 04 SEPT: One Santosh K Singh from IBM, Rangpo, has filed a complaint against two drivers for allegedly stealing 21 bags of cement out of their consignment of 150 cement bags. The consignment was being shifted in two trucks from Namli to the store at Lower Sumin on 02 Sept. However, when the consignment was received 10 bags from one truck and 11 from another were missing. The accused, one 24-year-old of Sumin Linchey and one 35-year-old male of Burung in Sangkhola have been duly arrested.

Man arrested for assaulting wife

GANGTOK, 04 SEPT: One 35-year-old male hailing from Jorethang in South Sikkim physically assaulted his 30-year-old wife on 03 Sept causing injuries on her head. Investigation revealed that the victim had filed for their separation in Civil Court at Namchi and had been living separately at Mahigaon. On 03 Sept, the accused went to the victim's house in an intoxicated state and ordered her to let him in. When she refused to do so, he locked her from outside. The victim then requested her neighbor to unlock the door and came out thinking her husband had left the place. The accused, who was hiding in the dark, came out of nowhere and started assaulting the victim. The accused has been arrested and placed under police custody.

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SPCC condemns letter by former CS challenging ST status for 11 communities

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 04 SEPT: Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee has strongly condemned the letter of former Chief Secretary and State BJP member, Sonam Wangdi, to the Union Home Minister and others on the demand for Scheduled Tribe status for 11 communities of Sikkim. The party has demanded a clarification on the letter from the state and the central committee of BJP and from the state government.

The release adds.

SPCC has said that the letter was written on 10 April and after going through various Ministries, the Centre then sent it to the state government for its views. Copies of the letter are now being widely shared

on social media. Addressing a press conference here today, SPCC president, Bharat Basnet, alleged that the letter was a big conspiracy against the majority community of Sikkim. He condemned the contents of the letter which alleges that the 11 communities of Sikkim are immigrants and settlers and hence not qualified to receive ST status.

Further, Mr Basnet alleged that recent statements of BJP leaders also point towards a conspiracy against majority communities of the state. Mr Basnet has urged the Centre not to give importance to such letters but to take into account historical facts in order to maintain peace and communal harmony.

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SKM condoles demise of traffic constable

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has condoled the demise of the lady traffic constable, Rinzing Ongmu Bhutia, who was hit by a speeding motorcycle while on duty at Namang-Deorali junction on Sunday morning. The traffic constable later succumbed to her injuries at about 11.30 p.m. last night at CRH Tadong.

In a press release issued today, SKM has demanded full police honour on her funeral and proper compensation to the family of the deceased.

The party has suggested sheds equipped with safety measures at all traffic points, speed limit for bikes, not to depute lady traffic police on open roads, more street lights and helmets to traffic police personnel.

Financial health of state deteriorating alleges BJP Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 04 SEPT: Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim has expressed concern over the alleged deteriorating financial health of the state and financial indiscipline of the SDF government in Sikkim. Loans borrowed from various financial institutions by the government has touched Rs 50,000

crore with recent borrowings and it accounts to a loan of Rs 83,000 for every person born in Sikkim, claims a press release from BJP state president, DB Chauhan.

The release alleges that government spending on VIPs of the state is unique in the country.

"We have more than 100 VIPs who enjoy

salary, different perks and discretionary funds along with high profile office, security personnel and Fortuner cars to move around from the government exchequer," the release adds.

The party adds that retired government servants have been re-employed for indirect benefit of the ruling party.

Further, it alleges that more than Rs 3 crore have been spent only to make arrangements for distribution of petty government grants in the recent Janta Mela.

All these irresponsible and unethical economic policies of the government is leading the state towards financial crisis, the party adds.

Governor and CM's greetings on Teachers' Day and Indraajatra

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

On the occasions of Teachers' Day and Indraajatra, Governor Shrinivas Patil and First Lady Rajanidevi Patil have extended warm greetings to the people of Sikkim, a press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan informs.

Extending good wishes to the teaching fraternity, the Governor has said, "Teachers, the true nation builders are always the pioneers for any progressive society. Since ancient times, our country is enlightened by 'Gurus' who are revered and respected as deities. Their immaculate guidance has shaped our civilization as knowledge based civilization since ages.

Teaching should not be assumed as a mere profession, rather a life-long responsibility of nation building. Among the most noble of profession, the responsibility to shape the destiny of a nation by empowering the future generation, the role of teachers in any modern and competitive

society is immense.

Let us all pay rich tribute and respect to the great teachers our country was blessed with, for their deeds and also acknowledge the contribution of teachers in our own lives. The nation will remain ever indebted for the sacrifice, dedication and sweat of teachers, past and present, whose effort has transformed ours into a vibrant and enlightened society."

On the occasion of Indraajatra, the Governor has said, "Let the festival of Indraajatra and Kumari Puja add value to our commitment of protecting girl child and enrich our vibrant cultural diversity.

May this festival be an occasion to celebrate Sikkim's cross cultural unity contributing towards peace, harmony and brotherhood among all sections of our society."

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and Tika Maya Chamling have also extended their warm greetings to the people of Sikkim and to the Newar community in particular on the occasion of Indra-

jatra and best wishes to all the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

The CM, in his greeting in a press release, has stated, "Indraajatra is not just a festival, but an occasion and symbol to strengthen the religious and cultural harmony that prevails in our State. Let this festival make the unity stronger and help in maintaining peace and tranquility in Sikkim."

In his message to the teachers, the CM has said, "Teachers play a crucial role in the process of nation-building as they can play a vital role in shaping and moulding the minds and thoughts of young students. They should also aim at making their students good human beings while imparting education.

I thank all the teachers of the State for their role in guiding our students in achieving their goals. I urge them to continue rendering their invaluable services to the Nation with utmost sincerity and dedication and be an inspiration to their students."

Banning charged 'netas': SC to consider setting 5-judge bench

NEW DELHI, SEP 4 (PTI): The Supreme Court today said it would consider setting up a five-judge constitution bench to hear a plea seeking barring of those politicians against whom charges have been framed in serious offences, from contesting elections.

The petition, which was mentioned before a bench headed by Chief Jus-

tice Dipak Misra, has raised a question whether a person against whom charges have been framed be permitted to contest polls.

"We will consider and let you know," the bench, also comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud, said when lawyer Ashwini Upadhyay mentioned the plea seeking early adjudication by a five-judge con-

stitution bench.

The plea, which was also mentioned on January 5 by Upadhyay, seeks setting up of a larger bench on several grounds including that many people facing trial in serious cases could contest and win elections and hence the legal questions needed to be settled.

At present, a person, convicted in a serious

criminal case, is barred from contesting polls and a lawmaker stands disqualified in the event of conviction.

Besides Upadhyay, former Chief Election Commissioner J M Lyngdoh and NGO Public Interest Foundation had filed PILs raising similar issues. The pleas were referred to the larger bench which is yet to be set up.

No info on black money removed by note ban: RBI to Par panel

NEW DELHI, SEP 4 (PTI): The RBI has told a parliamentary panel that it has "no information" on how much black money has been extinguished as a result of demonetisation of Rs 500/1,000 notes or about unaccounted cash legitimised through exchange of currency post note ban.

Stating that an estimated Rs 15.28 (rpt) 15.28 lakh crore in junked notes has come back "subject to future corrections based on verification process", the Reserve Bank also said it has "no information" whether demonetisation is being planned to be implemented at regular intervals.

The RBI has been facing flak from the opposition parties for demonetisation and delay in disclosing figures on the junked notes, even as the government has maintained that the November 8, 2016 decision to ban Rs 500/1,000 notes in circulation at that time has helped in curbing black money, among other benefits.

Last week in its annual report, the RBI finally made public the details of the junked notes that have come back into the system putting the figure at Rs 15.28 (rpt) 15.28 lakh crore. The same figure has now been shared with the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance.

Replying to queries from the panel, the RBI said the verification for authenticity and numerical accuracy are still on, while some of the specified bank notes (old Rs 500/1,000 notes) which were accepted by banks and post offices are still lying in currency chests.

The central bank also informed the panel that the completion of the process of verification will take time in view of the large volume involved.

The process is "going on in full swing" with most RBI offices working in double shifts and with the help of high-end verification machines, the central bank said.

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No info on black money removed by note...

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"Till such time, these notes are processed by the RBI, their numerical accuracy and authenticity, only in estimation of SBNs received back is possible. Subject to future correction, based on verification process when completed, the estimated value of SBNs received as on June 30 is Rs 15.28 trillion," the RBI said in its written reply to the panel.

To a query on how much amount of black money has been extinguished as a result of demonetisation, the central bank said, "The RBI has no information in this regard."

The RBI gave similar reply to another question on how much unaccounted money has been legitimised through exchange of junked currency.

The central bank did not give any direct reply on adverse impact on the informal and unorganised sector, as also about the GDP loss. The RBI said the deceleration in overall economic growth figures for 2016-17 had begun "much before demonetisation" due to weakness in industrial and services sector.

Last week, several members of the panel had sought redrafting of its draft report on demonetisation as the RBI at that time had not provided some crucial details including on the quantum of junked Rs 500/1,000 notes.

The acceptance of the report was deferred as member MPs across party lines including BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, SP MP Naresh Agrawal and BJP MP Nishikant had said that the panel's report on demonetisation needed to be "redrafted" while some of them stated that it "lacks punch".

In its annual report for 2016-17, the RBI had disclosed that all but about 1 per cent of the scrapped currency notes have come back into the system.

The government had on November 8, banned old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes in an attempt to weed out black money in the country. The old notes were allowed to be deposited in banks, with unusual deposits coming under income tax scrutiny.

The government replaced old Rs 500 notes with new ones, but no replacement for Rs 1,000 notes has been made. Instead, a new Rs 2,000 note was introduced post note ban.

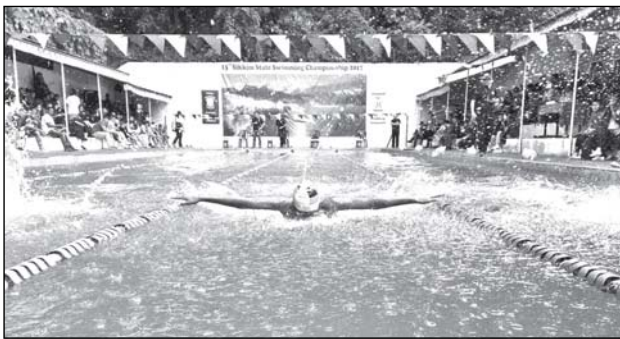
REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

The 13th Sikkim State Swimming Championship 2017, organized by the Sikkim Amateur Swimming Association [SASA], at the Tashi Namgyal Academy swimming pool in Gangtok concluded on 03 Sept.

Minister of Buildings & Housing Department, DT Lepcha, attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by president-Sikkim Olympic Association [SOA], BK Roka, general secretary-SOA, Jasral Pradhan, and Director-cum-Principal of Tashi Namgyal Academy, VK Pillai, as guests of honour.

The meet was de-



clared 'Open' by Mr Pillai on 02 Sept and had the presence of Chairperson of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Ashish Rai.

Over 120 swimmers from Tashi Namgyal Academy, Nimitar Government Junior High School,

Nim Valley School, Manjusri Public School, Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School, Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School, Ranka Public School, Greendale Senior Secondary School, GD Goenka Public School

[Siliguri], Delhi Public School [Siliguri], Taktse International School, St Augustine's School [K Kalimpong], Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Water Garden Swimming Team & SASA participated in the event.

Fashion designer Omi Gurung to get The Telegraph Northeast Excellence Award

PALZOR MACHUNGPA

GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

Fashion and Lifestyle columnist and the founder of Sikkim's first eco-friendly boutique, Green Sikkim, Omi Gurung has been selected by 'The Telegraph' to be honored with 'The Telegraph Northeast Excellence Award' which is scheduled to be presented on 07 Sept at Guwahati.

Omi is among one of the 10 recipients from Northeast India to be honored with the prestigious award of excellence. He has been chosen for his contribution towards the growth and development of the State



and Northeast region.

Born and raised in Sikkim, Omi Gurung is the son of former Secretary of State Department

of Mines, Minerals & Geology, RK Gurung.

At 22, he was the editor of Dateline Bangalore and is featured as fashion columnist and editor of several magazines and newspapers of the country.

Omi also runs a social group Oh My India [OMI]. OMI catalyses change in the lifestyle of people in India by creating awareness to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle domestic waste and helping them to get started. Omi believes in following the 3R concept and going green to protect the environment.

His eco friendly boutique in Sikkim named 'Green Sikkim' houses an

array of exciting fashionable green choices in apparel, accessories and artifacts. The products are natural, up-cycled as well as sustainable and fair. It is his noble attempt to promote the green trend and propagate sustainable consumption among urban consumers.

He was chosen as Top Ten Cutest Vegetarian Next Door 2013 by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals [PETA], India, the Coolest North Easterners 2014 by webzine of North East India 'The Thumb Print' and the Young Naturalist Award in 2016 by Balipara Foundation.

Voice of Zion grand finale to be held in Gangtok

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

The grand finale of Voice of Zion, a state-level solo singing competition, will be held on 06 Sept here at Tadong Government College auditorium in Gangtok. Finalists of the event are Jeena Rai of Gangtok, Jennifer Lohagun from Ranipool, Isaac Berdewa from Singtam, Bibesh Rai from Namchi and James Rai from Mangalbaria.

The event is being presented by Zion Music Ministries and supported by the United Christian Welfare Society of Sikkim [UCWSS]. The winner of the event will get to record a music album and cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.

Addressing a press conference here today, Voice of Zion Director, John Bhutia, mentioned that the main objective of the event was to provide a better and bigger platform to talented singers. He added that the event also seeks to lead the young generation towards music and productive path.

He informed that more than 260 contestants participated in auditions held in all four district headquarters starting from June last year.



"For the convenience of the contestants short-listed from auditions we conducted the first three rounds of the event at their respective district headquarters and finally 65 singers were short-listed for the next round," he informed.

The 65 singers and then the top 25 performed at Jorethang in South Sikkim after which 15 were shortlisted who performed at Gyalshing in West Sikkim. The top ten semi finalists then performed at Namchi in South Sikkim from which five have made it to the finals to be held in the capital on 06 Sept.

The event has Samuel Lepcha from Darjeeling and Rev Jonah Gurung from Gangtok as judges. The organisers have also provided LB Baraily, Santosh Baraily, Marina Rai and Nitin Bagdas as

mentors.

Mr Bhutia informed that the winner will get a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh along with the chance to sing in an album. He informed that other contestants in the grand finale will also get cash prizes and chance to sing in the music album.

"Apart from top 5, we have also selected 10 talented and promising singers from the entire event who could not make it to the grand finale. They will be given a chance to sing in a separate music album," he informed.

Mr Bhutia expressed hope to continue to hold the event annually and in a grander manner.

"From next year we have plans to upgrade the event to 'Zion Got Talent' by including solo song, group song and dance competitions in the re-

gional level by including contestants from neighbouring hills as well," he informed.

Zion Music Ministries have been working among the youth through music since 2014.

UCWSS president, Elder Patrus Gurung, expressed his happiness in supporting such a creative and youthful initiative. He added that the UCWSS has always been working towards encouraging the youth and their activities. He further stated that such events will not only provide a better platform to talented youth but also motivate others to take up music or other constructive activity. Elder Gurug assured to support such event in the future as well.

The grand finale will also see performances from the mentors. The organisers have also decided to honour senior Christian musicians and singers for their contributions towards music.



Pushpawati Guru Garima Award

ARPAN PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

In a felicitation programme held today at Tadong Senior Secondary School ground in Gangtok, Primary Teacher of Tadong SSS, Meena Rai, was conferred with the Pushpawati Guru Garima Award 2017.

It is to be informed here that the Pushpawati Guru Garima Award is an annual award presented by Tadong SSS to its teachers in order to recognize and encourage them in the field of teaching and to recognize and respect their outstanding contribution to the school.

Introduced by Principal-Tadong SSS, Doma L Zimba, in the year 2014, the award is presented in memory of the founding headmistress of Tadong SSS, Pushpawati Chettri.

"The award stands for respect and recognition of the contribution and outstanding efforts made by the teachers towards school and for the students," said Ms Zimba.

Addressing the gath-

ering, she informed about the progress made by the school, its students and teachers during the past years. She urged students to do their best in everything they do and be an example for others. She also highlighted various other issues of the school and expressed her gratitude to all the teaching and non-teaching members of the school for their hard work and contribution in making the school best in every aspect.

The principal congratulated the awardee teacher, Meena Rai, and thanked her for her enormous and dedicated contribution towards the school and its students.

The school felicitated four retired primary teachers namely Mano Rai, Radhika Chettri, Sarita Chettri and Manu Tamang and posthumously felicitated one teacher who passed away few months back.

Speaking to SummitTimes, Vice Principal, KD Bhutia, said that the school is not celebrating Teachers'

the prizes for the 'Best Swimmers' in all the categories including the 'Most Promising Swimmer Award'.

President-SASA, Kuber Bhandari, read out the association's report during the programme wherein he informed about the activities of the association. He further encouraged the swimmers to do well and informed them about the Governments' initiatives and incentives for swimmers.

The members of SASA have extended gratitude to all the sponsors and others involved in making the 13th State Swimming Championship 2017 a grand success.

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

A Support System for Quality Education

Help teachers make learning relevant and fun

Education is reasonably universal now, so access to classrooms is no longer an issue. And today is also Teacher's Day, which makes it even more apt to speak some about the profession which arguably has the deepest impact on our lives. More than the details of lessons learnt from textbooks, the memories that stay longer with most people are of the teachers who taught them. Every person invariably has a teacher who either inspired the entire class to chase their dreams or toed the other end of the spectrum and actively engaged in stifling imaginations, enforcing norms and dictating conduct. This Teacher's Day, let's go over what role teachers can play in preparing students for life.

The pressure of examinations and competition, and the tendency to prioritise rote over comprehension has handicapped the teaching fraternity into becoming problem solvers, handing out answers and solutions for students to mug-up instead of assisting students find their own answers and expressions, encouraging them to enquire more and develop faculties that question more often instead of accepting things as dished out. Several attempts have been made to correct this approach and at least in the Indian context, all efforts have failed thus far. Because students look up to teachers, it is important for teachers to offer themselves as role models, but it would be even better if teachers could introduce their wards to personalities worth emulating and inspiring students to excellence. Teachers should ideally motivate and inspire students towards learning, not hand-hold them through the syllabus till the exams and then pick up another batch to repeat the same.

If one agrees that these are the qualities one seeks in teachers, the obvious question that follows is, can one be trained for such a role? And do the existing models of 'training' focus enough on these aspects of teaching? Only trained teachers will be able to answer these questions, but fact remains that these should not even be issues that distract from more important policy interventions. Teachers, ever since modern education was introduced, were required to be qualified. For how long have B. Ed. courses, for example, been offered? For a very, very long time. And yet, it is only now that precious resources and attention is being invested in getting even already appointed teachers with impressive on-job experience to acquire these degrees. If the teacher appointment process had not been blatantly usurped by enthusiastic proponents of nepotism, India and Sikkim would have been deliberating weightier issues of education by now. Appointment of deserving and qualified teachers should always have been a given, and then one could engage in more meaningful discussions on how to retain the better teachers, appoint better facilities in schools and update syllabus and teaching methods.

Sikkim's pursuit of quality education is welcome, but for it to get anywhere, the ennui that HRD Department has become will have to be shaken off first. Ironically, this is the one aspect that remains missing from all discussions on the delivery of quality education. The ideal teachers and the perfect students, will after all, need the support of at least a reasonably functional Human Resource Development Department which is as motivated to appoint better facilities in schools [by way of libraries, laboratories and even basics like electricity, toilets and running water] as it is excited by the opportunity to conduct trainings, order books or organize workshops. Sikkim is lucky to have a substantially big pool of new teachers who are motivated and genuinely interested in making a difference in the lives of students under their care. It is important that the school management committees and local communities support them in efforts to make classrooms more vibrant and learning more fun and relevant. It is important for people to find ways to get more involved with their neighbourhood schools (to begin with) even if their wards are not enrolled there and offer assistance and support to these institutions to be able to deliver quality education.

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Football's Summer Transfer Window Showcases Changing Power Dynamics

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The summer transfer window has once again seen records broken and the financial viability of football questioned. When Paris Saint-Germain activated a €222m buyout clause in Brazil star Neymar's FC Barcelona contract, it more than doubled the world record fee for a footballer. It is the standout deal in a bout of trading during which 14 out of 20 English Premier League clubs have broken their transfer record for a single player.

PSG's investment in Neymar over five years comes in at about €500m once wages are taken into account. And the club has added to that burden with a one-year loan deal for Monaco and France striker Kylian Mbappe as the window closed. It boggles the minds of most fans who, let's not forget, will be paying the ticket prices and TV subscriptions which help fund the spending. However, as with any large investment, those making it believe that potential returns justify the risk.

The fanfare around PSG's deals for Neymar and Mbappe risks obscuring perhaps the major trend shown in this latest window: the growing power of Premier League clubs. For six summers after Cristiano Ronaldo's £84m record move to Real Madrid from Manchester United, at least one major Premier League star moved to a European rival. Now English clubs have resisted moves from players wanting to leave.

That has included Philippe Coutinho at Liverpool and Diego Costa's stand-off with Chelsea as well as less-fashionable Southampton's refusal to sell Virgil van Dijk. Costa may yet leave, but it is clear that rising revenues in the English top league means many clubs now do not have to sell.

MONEYBALL

Underpinning Premier League summer spending – which has set another record and totalled over £1 billion for the second year running – has been a windfall of TV cash. The end of Sky TV's virtual monopoly over live Premier League rights enabled BT to



emerge as a rival bidder and sparked a dramatic spike in the bidding. Premier League television revenue rose from £1.773 billion for 2010/13, to £5.136 billion for 2016/19. On top of this, clubs will also share just over £3 billion from the overseas TV rights.

To put this into perspective, the BBC had just under £5 billion to spend on its entire output in 2016/17, less than was paid for the right to show 168 live football matches in the UK alone.

Sky had been capturing much of the value generated by interest in the Premier League, but the clubs have now clawed it back and are able to flex their financial muscles over the acquisition and retention of star players. Economic theory tells us that those who capture the economic rents generated by an activity typically hold the power. It also tells us that inequality will rise. The huge amounts being spent on players in their prime is a signal that the gap between those at the top and the rest will continue to grow.

That said, the repeated failure of English clubs to prosper in Europe's most valuable club competition, the UEFA Champions League, shows just how difficult it is to make a mark on the biggest stage. To break any such power base requires a lot of money. And that brings us back to PSG and Neymar.

POLITICAL FOOTBALL

The Paris club is wholly owned by state-funded Qatar Sports Investments. With the 2022 FIFA World Cup being held in their country, officials in Doha have joined the tide of foreign owners seeing the huge interest and growth potential in the world's favourite sport. Thanks to the advent of online and mobile coverage, football has a global reach like never before – and having the biggest names and winning trophies is vital if you want to profit from a global brand. That is even more the case if you have just five years to prove your country's footballing credentials to a sceptical world.

The finances behind Neymar's transfer and Mbappe's loan deal have not been questioned by UEFA under their Financial Fair Play rules and there is much doubt about how easy those rules are to enforce. That may mean in practice that, however powerful the position of Premier League clubs is thanks to TV rights, they can still be challenged by spectacular moves for European clubs and players from rich Chinese, Russian or Middle Eastern investors with similar ambitions to Qatar.

Setting aside the "Leicester miracle" for a moment, studies show that the best predictor of a club's success is the size of its wage bill. So with revenues in the game rising we should see more records being set

and clubs splashing the cash just to stand still. Expect further transfer inflation in coming years as dominant club brands try to further their global standing while ambitious clubs (and new owners) try and break in and gain wider recognition.

For Premier League teams trying to plan their future, it all depends how success is defined. For some it is survival in the top division, for others it might be mid-table mediocrity and the sniff of a spot in European competition. Everyone will have to spend more, either way. But one thing this latest transfer window has made very clear – if you want to punch your weight with the very best and compete for the biggest prizes, then that is where transfer hyperinflation is at its most startling and the investment risks of failure at their most dramatic.

And there might yet be another fire lit beneath football transfer prices. With Amazon winning the rights to show top-flight tennis outside the four grand slam tournaments, it looks likely that Sky and BT will be joined by other big hitters in bidding for English football TV rights. If Amazon or Netflix decide that Premier League football will aid subscriptions, then we may look back on a record 2017 transfer window as a time of admirable restraint.

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Why Princess Diana conspiracies refuse to die

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August 31 was the 20th anniversary of the stunning, tragic death of Princess Diana in Paris, France, when Diana's chauffeured Mercedes hit a pillar inside an underpass just after midnight, killing her, her boyfriend, Dodi Al Fayed, and her driver, Henri Paul.

As the news quickly circulated, theories about the causes of the crash also spread, with some veering into conspiracy. Did the ruthless paparazzi, in hot pursuit of the car, cause the driver to panic? Had the royal family murdered her to avert an embarrassing marriage?

Twenty years later, these conspiracy theories still persist.

I've taught classes and researched the nature of conspiracy theories for over a decade, and I'm especially interested in the role of logic in these conspiracies – how it's used to warp and concoct stories that explain extraordinary events.

In the end, our reasons for entertaining conspiracy theories about luminaries, whether it's the princess of Wales or John F. Kennedy, often have more to do with our lives than theirs.

WHAT PEOPLE WERE SAYING

Shortly after Princess Diana's death, numerous notions started to circulate suggesting conspiracies against her.

Some suggested that MI6, the British Secret Intelligence Service, caused the crash by blinding Diana's driver with a strobe light. The thinking went that the royal family wanted to prevent Princess Diana from marrying her boyfriend, Fayed, the son of a prominent Egyptian billionaire. (Others say that Diana was pregnant with Dodi Fayed's baby.)

Some have also been suspicious about the emergency response to the accident. The initial call notifying emergency services came at 12:26 a.m.; she arrived at the Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris (3.5 miles away) at 2:06 a.m., over 90 minutes later.

Could she have been saved? Why was the response so slow?

Most of these theories were proven to be either wrong or misleading. In 2008, after a lengthy investigation, the U.K.'s Metropolitan Police reported the death a "tragic accident," noting that Diana's driver had been drunk.

But even this didn't end the intrigue.

THE NATURE OF CONSPIRACY

I've found that belief in conspiracy theories is more about a refusal to accept the randomness of life and tragedy than it is about the existence of evidence (or lack thereof).

Indeed, many are drawn to what science writer Michael Shermer has termed "agency" – the tendency to infuse patterns with meaning and agency. It's the idea that someone, somewhere – from God down to human conspirators – plays a role in what happens to us.

As political scientist Michael Barkun details in his book "A Culture of Conspiracy: Apocalyptic Visions in Contemporary America," conspiracy theories usually hinge on three core beliefs:

- Nothing happens by accident. For this reason, the horrible machinations of "evil" conspirators become more believable than a fluke or an accident.

- Nothing is as it seems. Successful conspirators hide their identities and actions; we must, therefore, always be wary, even when there's little reason for suspicion.

- Dots can always be connected. Though conspirators attempt to hide their actions, patterns exist everywhere.

Yet many conspiracy theories routinely contradict Occam's razor, a philosophical principle based on the idea that the more assumptions needed to explain something – whether it's a scientific law or a conspiracy theory – the less reliable the explanation.

In short, the simpler your explanation, the better. Speculating the royal family enlisted MI6 to cause a car accident by using a strobe light in a Paris tunnel during a chaotic attempt to avoid paparazzi chasing Princess Diana – all while suppressing any video footage – would require an unbelievable level of coordination and choreography.

So, why then do the Diana conspiracies refuse to disappear?

CONSPIRACY TRUMPS LOGIC

Conspiracy theories make for interesting stories; they often involve breathtaking action, complicated plots and shadowy villains. They give us access to lives we normally never get to see.

But the drama contained in such explanations can cloud our thinking, impeding our ability to make logical conclusions that refute such conspiracy theories. We might think only others are susceptible to these "foolish" stories, but in reality, we're persuaded just the same.

A 2008 study found that students were able to adequately assess how their classmates might be influenced by conspiracy theories about Princess Diana's death; but they overestimated their own ability to resist being persuaded by them.

Today's 24-hour news cycle also cultivates an opening for conspiratorial thinking. Among journalists, the race to break a story can lead to gaps or errors in reporting. We also tend to forget that as readers, many stories, especially breaking ones, are a work in progress. It can take months – even years – to ever know the full story.

People exploit gaps or inconsistencies in the coverage to construct their own conspiratorial puzzle. For example, two researchers from the University of Iowa found that reporters – especially those on social media – made errors about the 2012 Sandy Hook mass shooting in a rush to be among the first to break various developments. Alternative narratives developed as a result, which fomented the growth and spread of conspiracy theories.

Meanwhile, stories that would have never filled our newspapers or evening news segments in the past now find homes on websites and in social networks. In the quest for "eyeballs," outlandish stories – no matter how steeped in conspiracy or conjecture – can easily gain traction.

LIFE ISN'T LOGICAL

But perhaps the biggest reason we tend to give credence to conspiracy theories is our own mortality.

Studies have shown that many of us feel that we have little control over our own lives. This leads to something called "anomie," a type of weariness that makes us view the world as an adversary, with people and systems out to get us. So when we interpret tragedy through a lens of conspiracy – whether it's the death of Princess Diana or the assassination of JFK – it's weirdly reassuring. Smaller details and nuggets of logic can get washed away in our compulsion to "connect the dots," creating a black-and-white world of hypercompetent villains and good guys. Our worldview is reaffirmed. Everything can be explained.

To simply think of Princess Diana's death as a "tragic accident" gives us less control over our own fate. No matter how logically messy the details of a conspiracy theory might be, they do, strangely, soothe our own sense of worth and place in our world.

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Explosives recovered from Darj hills

DARJEELING (WB), SEP 4 (PTI): A huge amount of explosives were recovered from Lebung area of Darjeeling hills today, with police suspecting that they were stolen from a power plant.

"In July it was reported that a huge amount of explosives were stolen from a power plant in Bijanbari area. We suspect that these are part of the explosives," police said.

Meanwhile, the search operation launched by police on Friday night in Darjeeling hills and adjoining areas to arrest absconding GJM supremo Bimal Gurung, continued.

The indefinite shutdown demanding a separate state entered its 82nd day today.

Rallies in support of the ongoing shutdown and Gorkhaland were taken out in Darjeeling, Kurseong, Mirik, Sonada and Kalimpong.

IIM Shillong announces 6th entrepreneurial summit

EmergE'17

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GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:

The E-Cell of Indian Institute of Management, Shillong, has announced the launch of the 6th edition of its flagship entrepreneurial summit, EmergE'17.

A press release informs that the yearly event, converging the frontrunners of the country's entrepreneurial circuit, will be held on 21-22 Oct 2017 in Shillong.

The programme, encouraging the startup ecosystem in the region, will also felicitate entrepreneurs from across the North East under the award ceremony- Udyamita.

The Institute has invited people to apply for nominations or visit the website emerge-iims.com to know more about the awards. The winners, selected by a panel of eminent personalities, will be awarded in a ceremony scheduled during EmergE, the release adds.

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ITANAGAR/ NEW DELHI, SEP 4 (PTI): The Army today carried out a major operation against Naga insurgent group NSCN(K) near the Indo-Myanmar border in Arunachal Pradesh in which one hardcore militant was killed and another injured.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is travelling to Myanmar tomorrow on a three-day visit during which the issue of defence and security cooperation, including cross-border activities by certain insurgent groups, are likely to figure in his talks with the leadership there.

The Army team today destroyed a temporary hide-out of the NSCN(K) militants and recovered an AK 47 rifle, ammunitions and radio sets in the operation near Votnu village in Longding district, a senior army official said.



In New Delhi, Army chief General Bipin Rawat met Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, who hails from Arunachal, and the operation against the Khaplang faction of the NSCN is believed to

have figured in the discussion.

Myanmar is one of India's strategic neighbours and shares a 1,640-km-long border with a number of northeastern states including Arunachal Pradesh, militan-

cy-hit Nagaland and Manipur.

India has been concerned over some militant groups from the Northeast region taking shelter in Myanmar. The country has been assuring India that it would not

allow any insurgent group to use its territory against India.

In June, 2015, the Indian Army had carried out an operation in areas near the Indo-Myanmar against the NSCN (K) militants, days after militants had killed 18 Army men in Manipur.

Gen Rawat, however, sought to downplay the operation saying such encounters occur regularly.

"It was a normal encounter. These operations go on everyday. Nothing big about this operation," he told reporters after the meeting.

Army sources said similar operations against NSCN(K) have been taking place in Changlang and Kunnu areas in the last 10 days. An NSCN (K) militant was killed near Kunnu village on September 1.

The Army today launched a "swift and stealthy" oper-

ation after getting specific inputs about presence of NSCN(K) militants in near Votnu village, said an army official.

The forces came under heavy fire from the rebels and retaliated in which one militant was killed and another was injured, Defence spokesman Colonel Chiranjit Konwer said in Itanagar.

Today's operation has struck a blow to the illegal activities being carried out by the underground outfit in the area, he added.

Using the cover of dense vegetation, the remaining militants escaped. The team later located and destroyed a shelter, the officials said.

A massive search operation has been launched in the area to capture the militants who managed to escape, they said.

PIC to organise 'Pune Dialogue on National Security' 2017

PUNE, SEP 4 (PTI): India and the emerging new world order, extremist trends in Islam and India, and the rise of China and its impact on India are some of the key themes of this year's Pune Dialogue on National Security (PDNS)- 2017, organised by Pune International Centre (PIC).

The third edition of the two-day conference, which revolves around pertinent national security subjects such as maritime security, nuclear deterrence, cyber space challenges and opportunities, national resources, is scheduled to begin from September 15.

Experts from India as well as

from other countries such as Afghanistan, China, Russia, UK, Japan and US are expected to participate in the event.

Renowned economist and vice president of PIC Vijay Kelkar, while addressing a press conference, informed about the third edition of Pune Dialogue on National Security and said PDNS-2017 will deliberate on three themes over two days which include India and the emerging new world order, extremist trends in Islam and India, and the rise of China and its impact on India.

"Dr Dmitry Suslov, Director of Research at Council on Foreign and Defence Policy, Moscow, Prof John Hemmings, Director, Asia

Studies Centre, Henry Jackson Society, London, Prof Shen Dingli and Prof Tsutomu Kikuchi will be some of the key speakers," said Kelkar.

He added experts such as the vice-chairman, Niti Aayog, Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India, former Intelligence Bureau Chief, RAW Chief and some of the former foreign secretaries of India will be attending the conference.

Kelkar said post PDNS, a detailed report on the salient aspects of discussion and key recommendations will be compiled by PIC and will be shared with the PMO, NSA and other stakeholders in the domain of national security.



UN diplomats call for more sanctions against...

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in its sixth nuclear test blast since 2006.

Today's Security Council meeting was requested by the United States, Japan, France, Britain and South Korea.

"We cannot waste any more time. And in order to do that, we need North Korea to feel the pressure, but if they go down this road there will be consequences," Japanese Ambassador Koro Bessho told reporters ahead of the council meeting.

French Ambassador Francois Delattre said France was calling for the adoption of new UN sanctions, swift implementation of existing ones and new separate sanctions by the European Union.

The council aimed to take a big bite out of the North Korean economy earlier this month by banning the North from exporting coal, iron, lead

and seafood products. Together those are worth about a third of the country's USD 3 billion in exports last year.

The council could look to sanction other profitable North Korean exports, such as textiles. Another possibility could be tighter limits on North Korean laborers abroad; the recent sanctions barred giving any new permits for such workers.

The US also suggested some other ideas earlier this summer, including air and maritime restrictions and restricting oil to North Korea's military and weapons programmes.

However, Russian Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia told the council Tuesday that "addressing the issues plaguing the (Korean) Peninsula through sanction pressure alone is impossible" because "that path does not propose any options

for engaging (North Korea) in constructive negotiations."

Russia and China have both proposed a two-pronged approach: North Korea would suspend its nuclear and missile development, and the US and South Korea would suspend their joint military exercises, which they say are defensive but Pyongyang views as a rehearsal for invasion.

The North recently requested a Security Council meeting about the war games.

Washington says there is no comparison between its openly conducted, internationally monitored military drills and North Korea's weapons programs, which the international community has banned.

Neither North Korea nor South Korea is a Security Council member.

Rain batters Tripura, Sikkim; flood hit Assam, UP crawl to normalcy

GUWAHATI/AGARTALA/ KOLKATA/LUCKNOW, SEP 4 (PTI): Torrential rains today led to inundation of large swathes of land in Tripura and landslides in Sikkim, even as the situation in flood-ravaged Assam and Uttar Pradesh inched closer to normal.

Around 20,000 rain-affected people in Agartala left their homes and took shelter in 25 relief camps, a senior official said.

West Tripura District Magistrate Milind Ramteke said 12 boats were engaged in relief and rescue work and NDRF personnel were on alert.

"Water of the How-

rah river is flowing above the danger level mark in Agartala," he said.

The weatherman said 109.25 mm of rainfall was recorded in the morning and heavy rain was likely tonight.

Also, a heavy downpour pounded parts of West Sikkim, triggering landslides in the area.

The landslips damaged roads, houses and other infrastructure at several places in Yuksam.

The situation in deluge-battered Assam was slowly crawling back to normal though 44,618 people in the districts of Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Chirang, Morigaon, Nagaon,

Jorhat and Cachar continue to bear the brunt of the flooding.

Nagaon is the worst affected district with 16,484 people marooned. 15,007 were battling floods in Dhemaji and 12,513 in Morigaon.

Altogether 6,580 people are putting up in 19 relief camps in the affected districts.

Around 5,700 hectares of crop area has been affected. Floods claimed 158 lives in the three waves that hit the state this year.

The situation in flood-ravaged districts of eastern Uttar Pradesh also inched closer to nor-

mal, officials said.

The number of flood-related fatalities in the state has plateaued at 108. No deluge-related death was reported over the last three days, the flood control room at the office of relief commissioner told PTI today.

The flooding in 24 districts of eastern UP affected 27.92 lakh people this year.

A number of deluge-affected people continue to put up in relief camps.

The state government is running 279 flood outposts and 72 centres for distribution of relief material, the officials said.

Women, children most at risk from floods in India, Nepal, B'desh



KOCHI, SEP 4 (PTI): Women and children continue to be most at risk from the floods in India, Nepal and Bangladesh, international development organisation WaterAid warned today.

The flood waters have affected 40 million people -- a population the size of London and Tokyo combined causing significant damage to water and sanitation facilities, the charity said in a release here.

These devastating floods have wiped out fragile infrastructure, compromising families ability to get clean drinking water and destroying toilets and hygiene facilities, it said, putting lives and livelihoods at risk and inflicting countless indignities on those who survive.

"For women and girls, who

usually bear the burden of water collection, exposure to dirty water sources heightens the risk of infection.

"The loss of sanitation infrastructure means greater risk of disease transmission, heightened risks of infection, of harassment or attack when girls try to find a safe place to relieve themselves, as well as the indignity and health risks of being unable to manage periods hygienically," WaterAid said.

India is the worst affected country with 943 deaths reported and 30 million people affected, according to the UN.

VK Madhavan, Chief Executive of WaterAid India said though the flood waters are beginning to recede, the situation

is getting more critical.

"People are unable to access safe sanitation or clean drinking water as household toilets are waterlogged and water pumps have been submerged. In this situation the outbreak of disease is highly likely," he said.

Madhavan said as an immediate response, WaterAid India plans to chlorinate existing water sources and distribute essential hygiene kits, including soap and sanitary napkins.

The organisation was also exploring short-term options for safe sanitation, he said.

"Given that floods have become a constant problem in Madhubani district of Bihar, one of the severely affected flood areas, in the long term, we are planning to advocate for infra-

structure that is resilient to such disasters like raised water hand-pumps and appropriate toilet designs," he said.

In Bangladesh, the UN estimates that eight million people have been affected across 32 districts.

It's the fourth time this year that the country has been hit by flooding.

In Nepal, where 1.7 million people have been affected, the flood waters are starting to recede and residents are beginning to return to their homes. However the risk of disease remains high.

In Siraha district, cases of diarrhoea, skin infections, and viral fevers have all been reported due to lack of clean water and sanitation, WaterAid said.

Indian women biggest participants of adventure tourism in S Africa

MUMBAI, SEPT 4 (PTI):

Indians, mostly women, travelling to South Africa are keen on signing up adventure activities, including bungee jumping, shark-cage diving and mountain hiking, according to data given by South African Tourism.

"The Indian traveller has visibly shifted from seeing to experiencing and the uptake in adventure activities as a part of the South African itinerary is testimony to this evolution. We pride in offering some of the most value for money adventure activities coupled with top safety standards.

These are two factors which play a decisive role for Indian tourists," South African Tourism India Country Manager Hanneli Slabber said in a release issued here.

She said, Indian travellers visiting South Africa buy five to six adventure activities per day, which is comparatively higher than tourists from other nationalities.

"The demand for adventure activities is largely driven by the Indian women traveller. Indian women are the biggest participants of the adventure tourism sector in South Africa with majority of them taking part in hardcore adventure such as bungee jumping, sky diving, shark-cage diving and mountain hiking," she added.

In fact, she said, Indians are the top second nationality to bungee jump off the Bloukrans bridge and the top third nationality to undertake shark-cage diving in South Africa.

Argentina, Chile seek advantage in S America race

MONTEVIDEO, SEP 4 (AFP): Lionel Messi and Argentina will seek to maintain the pressure on Chile with a victory over Venezuela tomorrow as South America's 2018 World Cup qualifying race enters the home stretch.

A faltering campaign has left Argentina fifth in the standings with three games remaining, just outside the top four spots which guarantee automatic entry to next year's finals in Russia.

It would still take a dramatic sequence of results for the unthinkable -- a World Cup without Argentina and Messi -- to become reality.

Even if Jorge Sampaoli's side fail to lock up automatic qualification, and finish fifth, they would still be favourites to qualify via a two-leg playoff against a team from Oceania, almost certain to be New Zealand.

Yet the gloom that has enveloped the Argentinian squad throughout the qualifiers means that little is being taken for granted



ahead of yesterday's game at the Estadio Monumental in Buenos Aires.

An uninspiring 0-0 draw with Uruguay in Montevideo on Thursday left Argentina level on 23 points with fourth-placed Chile, who lead on goal difference.

Sampaoli is expected to persist with the bulk of the team who started against Uruguay, with

Messi leading a potent front three that features Paulo Dybala and Mauro Icardi. Javier Mascherano could return for the suspended Gabriel Mercado, while Ever Banega may replace Guido Pizarro.

Argentina were frustrated by a Uruguayan side which defended in depth and packed the midfield. With Venezuela likely to use similar tactics,

Sampaoli has urged his team to be more aggressive tomorrow.

"We have to be more aggressive in the last third and get more people in the area," he said following the Uruguayan stalemate.

"We have to ensure that the team wins. We have to win so that Argentina can be at the World Cup in Russia."

Despite the nervousness of Argentina's campaign, their fans can console themselves by the thought that Chile have hardly been any more convincing.

The South American champions owe their fourth place in the table to a FIFA sanction which converted a 0-0 home draw with Bolivia into a 3-0 win after the Bolivians

fielded an ineligible player.

The Chileans face Bolivia again tomorrow in La Paz, an awkward tie at altitude even if their opponents, who are already eliminated, have little to play for.

Chile's faltering qualification campaign suffered a fresh jolt last week with an abject 3-0 home defeat to Paraguay in Santiago.

The Chileans, who clinched back-to-back Copa America titles in 2015 and 2016, have been beset by turmoil, with Arsenal's Alexis Sanchez struggling to find his best form and captain Arturo Vidal raging at his media critics.

Vidal, who scored a spectacular headed own goal in the loss to Paraguay, took to Twitter to vent his frustration after the loss, even hinting that he may quit the national team.

"I'm sure all the critics are happy now," Vidal wrote.

"But don't worry, each time I'm closer to

leaving."

It was left to Chile coach Juan Antonio Pizzi to strike a defiant note as his team head to La Paz, insisting that his squad would rediscover the attacking vigour that won them their Copa America crowns.

"We are convinced that we will find the identity that made us champions of South America twice," Pizzi said.

Elsewhere tomorrow, second-placed Colombia host Brazil, who have already qualified and are guaranteed top spot.

Third-placed Uruguay meanwhile face a testing away trip to seventh-placed Paraguay, who could thrust themselves back into the qualification reckoning with a win. Paraguay are on 21 points, just two behind Argentina and Chile.

Peru (21 points) could also enhance their chances if they manage to score a third consecutive win in their assignment in Quito against eighth-placed Ecuador (20 points).

With Mulyo on board, Saina returns to Gopichand Academy

NEW DELHI, SEP 4 (PTI):

Three years after parting ways, Saina Nehwal has once again resumed her partnership with long-time mentor and former coach Pullela Gopichand and would be starting her training at his academy in Hyderabad after recovering from a thigh strain.

The London Olympics bronze medallist, who had suffered a slight thigh strain en route to winning a bronze at the recently-concluded World Championship, had discussed about her intention with chief national coach Gopichand and her current coach Vimal Kumar.

"For a while I've been thinking about moving



my training base back to the Gopichand academy and I had a discussion about this with Gopi sir and I am really thankful to him for agreeing to help me again," Saina, who is now in Hyderabad recovering from the strain, wrote on her twitter handle.

"At this stage in my career I think he can help me achieve my goals. I m very happy to b back

home and train in Hyderabad," added the Indian, who had hurt herself after falling down during pre-quarterfinals clash against Scotland's Kristy Gilmour.

Saina returning to Hyderabad has more to do with Mulyo Handoyo, best known for coaching Indonesian legend Taufik Hidayat, who was appointed as a singles coach early this year by

the Badminton Association of India (BAI).

Under Mulyo, India has achieved unprecedented success with P V Sindhu returning with a World Championship silver besides winning the India Super Series. Kidambi Srikanth also clinched back-to-back titles at Indonesia and Australia, while B Sai Praneeth won his maiden Super Series at Singapore.

"Saina on her return from the World Championships, asked my opinion on her working with the Indonesian coach, Mr Mulyo, brought in by Sports Authority of India, for looking after the singles players in National camps," Vimal said.

Sikkim kickboxing team leaves for National Championship

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 04 SEPT:**

A 52-member contingent of Sikkim Association of Kickboxing Organisation [SAKO] left today to represent Sikkim in the National Kickboxing Championship 2017 to be held from

06-10 Sept at Raipur in Chhattisgarh. The team comprises of 27 women and 25 men kick boxers of the State. The SAKO contingent is being led by general secretary cum chief technical director of SAKO, Bidhan Ballav Subba.



Winds from the East: CFSI Journey to NE India

RESPONSE FROM DR. SHRAVAN KUMAR, CEO, CFSI:

Q: Thank you for bringing such a great festival for the first to Nagaland and the second edition in North East? What made you decide to build a version of the International Children Film Festival for North East India?

A: We have in the past organised many films festivals and events for children and undertook extensive exhibition activity. Over the period we have learnt that such an initiative binds them closer to the country and its people, when we showcase various CFSI films, which essentially cover the entire gamut of culturally rich country. To extend our initiatives so far, we decided to bring this as a precursor to our upcoming 20th Golden Elephant, ICFFI, we came to Nagaland.

Q: There has been great lack or we could say paucity of children cinema and stories coming out of NE India- throughout the festival here - we saw children and younger film-makers who participated keenly wanting to know how this issue can be addressed?

A: North East has a huge talent, both in terms of production and acting. We have in the recent past seen many professionals coming up and focusing upon film-making and especially around the subjects and issues related to North-East. For example, a recent CFSI film ISHU, made around the social evil



of witch-hunting is a classic example. We at our end plan to encourage the film-makers from North-East working towards this cause.

Q: We witnessed for the first time in Nagaland and second time in NE India the 'Little Director' initiative which was overwhelming enjoyed by the students and even the Nagaland Board of School Education found great educative merit

in this wonderful endeavour. What was the genesis of the programme? And how can it be built into a much larger initiative for the NE India?

A: Little Directors has received great response since its inception from across the country. Children have great amount of imagination and thereby can express their creative faculties in much more ways. We experimented this concept at 18th Golden Elephant, ICFFI in

2013 at Hyderabad, which was well-appreciated and received huge accolades. We took it further in the 19th edition of ICFFI in 2015 and created a competition section. Now we plan to reach out to every nook and corner of the country using this programme.

Q: Mostly film making is not highly considered as a career choice for children, what do you think we can do to help them

understand that this can be a full-fledged career option?

A: Films were a taboo in yester-years, but gone are those days. Today's media and outlets of expressions have grown multi-fold along with a change in the mindset and perceptions of the parents. You have more devices like mobile phones that allow children to experiment with their expressions and produce creativity. Today, you have an internet that allows chil-

dren to build their knowledge base and learning, which can then be applied to film-making. And there are many opportunities to learn and upgrade their skills apart from the institutions like CFSI, which has been tirelessly and in committed fashion working towards this cause and especially in the last 5 years. With more and more experts from the current film fraternity moving towards this cause will result into a higher impact.

Q: We read about the overwhelming success and outreach of the Children Film Bonanza being held every year in all states of North East India what is your vision behind doing such screenings and festivals in these states?

A: Our CFSI Film Bonanza has been a great success with lakhs of children having been covered through this initiative. We will continue and escalate this in the NE states in India apart from covering the rest of the country.

Q: How can the children of Nagaland and other parts get an access to the catalogue of CFSI? Also would it be possible to integrate some form of Children led cinema education programme in the near future closely with the local education board in NE India?

A: Children can use CFSI Mobile app to know more about the catalogue. Our mobile app is available on Android and i-OS both platforms.

Farrukhabad hospital deaths: No action to be taken on FIR, says Govt

LUCKNOW, SEP 4 (PTI): The UP government today said that no action will be initiated on the basis of the FIR lodged against the CMO and CMS of the Farrukhabad district hospital in the case related to deaths of scores of infants there.

"The way things have been presented is not that has happened. No action is, therefore, being initiated on the basis of the FIR registered against the CMO and the CMS in Farrukhabad last night," principal secretary health Prashant Trivedi told reporters at a hurriedly convened press briefing here.

"For us it is a report, we will examine it for further action," he said.

To a question on removal of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Umakant Pandey and Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS) Akhilesh Agarwal, Trivedi said, "They have been removed for the simple reason that the DM is the head of administration in a district and they should have co-ordinated with the DM.

"If there were any issues, then the same should have been brought to the notice of the administration. What happened actually - medically or technically - will be clear in probe."

'World is waiting' for Suu Kyi to act against Rohingya unrest: Malala

LONDON, SEP 4 (PTI): Education activist Malala Yousafzai has called on her fellow Nobel laureate Aug San Suu Kyi to condemn the "shameful" violence against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, saying the "world is waiting" for her to condemn the unrest.

The 20-year-old winner of the Nobel Peace Prize urged Myanmar's State Counselor and de-facto leader to act against the violence that has seen tens of thousands of people flee into neighbouring Bangladesh.

She also called on Pakistan, the country of her origin and where she was shot in the head by Taliban militants, to provide aid to the Muslim refugees.

"Over the last several years, I have repeatedly condemned this tragic and



shameful treatment. I am still waiting for my fellow Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi to do the same," she said in a statement.

"The world is waiting and the Rohingya Muslims are waiting," she noted.

"Stop the violence. Today, we have seen pictures of small children killed by Myanmar's security forces. These children attacked no-one, but still their homes were burned to the ground.

"If their home is not Myanmar, where they have lived for generations, then where is it? Rohingya people should be given citizenship in Myanmar, the country where they were

born."

Malala, who is set to begin her philosophy, politics and economics (PPE) course at Oxford University, was made the youngest ever UN Messenger of Peace earlier this year and was also the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize aged 17 in 2014.

She was shot in the head on her way home from school after writing her anonymous diary about life under Taliban rule in the Swat Valley of northwest Pakistan.

She became internationally known after the incident and relocated with her family to Birmingham for further rehabilitation.

"Other countries, including my own country Pakistan, should follow Bangladesh's example and give food, shelter and access to education to Rohingya families fleeing violence and terror," she added.

Last week, UK foreign secretary Boris Johnson had also urged Suu Kyi to curb the violence against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar.

"Aung San Suu Kyi is rightly regarded as one of the most inspiring figures of our age, but the treatment of the Rohingya is alas besmirching the reputation of Burma," he had said.

Soldiers and armed residents have been accused of carrying out a killing spree against Rohingya Muslim men, women, and children in Chut Pyin village, leaving more than 200 dead.

About 58,600 Rohingya civilians have left Myanmar and fled to neighbouring Bangladesh.



UN says 87,000 refugees arrive in Bangladesh from Myanmar: A total of 87,000 mostly Rohingya refugees have arrived in Bangladesh since violence erupted in neighbouring Myanmar on August 25, the United Nations said today. Thousands of the stateless Muslim minority have poured over the border since the latest round of fighting broke out, piling pressure on the already overcrowded camps in Bangladesh.

'N Korea's nuclear test caused no radiation across border': China



S Korea detects signs N Korea preparing missile launch

SEOUL, SEP 4 (AFP): South Korea has detected signs that the North is preparing another missile launch, the defence ministry said today, adding it could involve an intercontinental ballistic missile.

The ministry said signs that North Korea was "preparing for another ballistic missile launch have consistently been detected since Sunday's test", referring to Pyongyang's sixth nuclear test.



It did not give details, or indicate when a launch might take place.

Sunday's blast had a strength of 50 kilotons, defence ministry officials told a parliamentary briefing.

Pyongyang on Sunday triggered global alarm with by far its most powerful test to date, after it claimed it had successfully tested a hydrogen bomb that could

be mounted onto a long-range missile, which analysts say is a major advancement in its nuclear programme.

"The explosive power of the North's nuclear test is estimated to be 50 kilotons," a senior ministry official told lawmakers at an emergency parliamentary briefing.

That would make it five times the size of the North's previous test in September last year, and

more than three times bigger than the US device that destroyed Hiroshima in 1945.

The official did not confirm whether the tested device was a hydrogen bomb but said "a variety of nuclear material" appeared to have been used.

The North -- which in July carried out two intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launches that apparently brought much of the US mainland into range -- has rapidly made progress with its weapons programme in defiance of seven sets of UN sanctions.

BEIJING, SEP 4 (PTI): China and Japan said today that no atmospheric radiation has been detected following North Korea's most powerful nuclear test to date, amid fears of a leak from a "cave in" during the underground blast.

North Korea yesterday carried out a powerful nuclear test, claiming to have developed an advanced hydrogen bomb that could sit atop an intercontinental ballistic missile.

China's Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) said in a statement that all monitoring stations in China's northeastern border areas in the provinces of Heilongjiang, Jilin, Liaoning and Shandong recorded radiation at normal levels.

The MEP had yesterday started monitoring the radiation levels in the border areas in an emergency response to the nuclear test. The monitoring data will be made public, it said.

The China Earthquake Administration reported that a magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) at 11:30 AM yesterday with an epicentre depth of zero km, saying that it might have been caused by explosion.

The state-run Korea Central Television announced yesterday that North Korea had successfully detonated an H- bomb, a hydrogen bomb that can be carried by an intercontinental ballistic missile.

China's Foreign Ministry has issued a statement expressing firm opposition to and strong condemnation of the test.

Japan's top government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters in Tokyo that there was "nothing special detected from monitoring posts across the country", nor from air samples taken by the Air Self-Defence Force after yesterday's blast.

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5th Prize Rs.500/-
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6th Prize Rs.250/-
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2nd Prize Rs.9500/-
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A 130-YEAR-OLD STORY FOR OUR TIMES! Judi Dench and Ali Fazal walk the red carpet ahead of the screening of their movie "Victoria & Abdul" and Jaeger-LeCoultre Glory to the Filmmaker Award 2017 during the 74th Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy.

Priyanka Chopra's BOLD avatar for Vogue!

Priyanka Chopra brings sexy and red lips back with style on the September issue of Vogue. Though her look is not really that new or something we haven't seen her pull off before. But we always love to add a little bit of sexy to our Mondays. You can never go wrong with the black and red combination. We love the addition of the net that PeeCee is posing with. It doesn't look like a 'done to death' cover considering black and red have been stylists' favourite combination since forever. Priyanka shared the cover picture on her Instagram and captioned it, "Unstoppable. Unruly. Unconstrained. Call it what you like. It is what it is. Thank you @VOGUEIndia."

What we couldn't help noticing was Kareena Kapoor Khan's name on the issue of the magazine. While it looks like the actress is a part of a feature story in the mag, PeeCee dominates the magazine with her sexy photo shoots. If the Quantico actress looks so hot on the cover, we can't even imagine how the rest of the pictures are going to be like. Priyanka returns to New York today, thanks to her work commitments.

what's TRENDING

ADELE TO STAR IN OLIVER! REMAKE?

Adele has reportedly held talks over playing Nancy in a new film of the musical 'Oliver!'.

The Grammy Award-winning star could be set to make the switch to Hollywood,



one of the central characters from Charles Dickens' iconic novel, which was turned into a film in 1968.

A source close to the singer, who has four-year-old son Angelo with her husband Simon Konecki, told The Sun newspaper: "It would be a major part for her and she's seriously considering it."

"She's talked about Angelo being her number one priority and she sees this as a role that he could appreciate too. It would be a new challenge for her but one she would definitely be up for."

Adele has never before appeared in a movie, but the chances of her making the switch into the film business are thought to have increased after hinting in June she no longer wished to tour.

The 29-year-old star was forced to cancel her planned shows at Wembley Stadium on July 1 and July 2 after damaging her vocal cords.

And Adele revealed the news to her fans in an emotional social media post.

At the time, she wrote: "To say I'm heartbroken would be a complete understatement. I'm already maxed out on steroids and aids for my voice."

"I've considered doing Saturday night's show but it's highly unlikely I'd even make it through



with movie bosses having approached Adele about playing

Baadshaho beats the lifetime collections of Emraan Hashmi's nine in just three days!

Emraan Hashmi, congratulations Baadshaho beats the lifetime collections of Emraan Hashmi's nine in just three days!

Ileana D'Cruz's chic styling during Baadshaho promotions proves she is a fashionista in the making

Esha Gupta's chic styling during Baadshaho promotions proves she is the new fashionista on the block Esha Gupta and Ileana D'Cruz end their catfight to promote Baadshaho together? - view pics

Ajay Devgn and team Baadshaho snapped at the airport Emraan Hashmi was, at one point in time, enough to bring in the crowds to the theatres.

Jannat, too, had excelled despite being released during the IPL season. But later, things turned sour for his films. He has seen back-to-back disappointments in last few years. His last big hit was Raaz 3D and we are talking about 2012 here. Baadshaho thus has come as a big relief for him as it has already earned Rs 43.30 crore in three days. With the way it has managed to charm the audience, it can become his next hit after Raaz 3D.

Post Raaz 3D, Emraan has done a lot of movies and all of them are as diverse as possible. He wanted to delve in different genres - an attempt which was pretty clear from the choice of films. But all fell flat at the box office. The nine films which he did were, Rush, Ek Thi Daayan, Ghanchakkar, Raja Natwarlal, Ungli, Mr. X, Humari Adhuri Kahani, Azhar and Raaz Reboot. As you can see, these are all different genres, that he tried but they couldn't live up to his and the audience's expectations. Baadshaho changed it all for Emraan now.



Critics, too, had the nicest things to say about his performance in the film. The actor seemed to be completely in his zone and thus managed to put up a really good act. This will help him make people forget all about his last disappointments. Check out the lifetime collection of his last couple of films and you will realise what we are saying.

Raaz Reboot - Rs. 30 crore
Azhar - Rs. 33 crore
Hamari Adhuri Kahani - Rs. 39 crore
Mr. X - Rs. 25 crore
Ungli - Rs. 23 crore
Raja Natwarlal - Rs. 29.20 crore
Ghanchakkar - Rs. 34 crore
Ek Thi Daayan - Rs. 28 crore
Rush - Rs 2.10 crore

Raaz 3D, which released in 2012, had earned over Rs 70 crore in its lifetime and is Emraan's biggest hit in recent times. Well, Baadshaho is showing a good trend. Hence, it is expected to make Emraan enjoy box office dividends after a long wait.

BOLLYBUZZ!!!

ARIES: Learning about things that interest you most is something you may want to do today. At work and home, there's a schedule to tend to. On your own time, you're free to learn about anything your heart desires. Intellectual growth is something you enjoy. Whether you delve into cooking, astrophysics, or genealogy, you'll find something new.

TAURUS: If you meet new people today, Taurus, be careful. Some can appear interesting because they're bold or dangerous. Perhaps they do things you'd never dream of doing. While this may be intriguing, it can lead to trouble and hurt you if you aren't careful. Stick to your usual standards and ethics. If danger ex-

cites you too much, it may be time to make some changes in your life. **GEMINI:** You might have to make a choice between telling the truth and a lie. Sometimes this can be a difficult choice, especially if you're afraid you'll hurt someone's feelings. However, a lie can take far more energy than the truth. Consider what you'd want the other person to do in your place. Stick to your ethics, even if it's tough.

CANCER: Kindheartedness is wonderful, but being taken advantage of can be a danger. You really need to trust your instincts to keep this from happening. If what you hear doesn't match what you feel, trust your feeling. In the event that

you get used, move past it. It would be a shame if resentment permanently dampened your giving nature. **LEO:** You have an intense nature. You probably feel things deeply and spend time lost in thought. Too much intensity can take a toll on your well-being. It might be time you got out and enjoyed yourself. Get up from your chair and take a walk. Meet someone for lunch or do a little shopping. Find something active to do to break the monotony of your routine.

VIRGO: Feed your mind today, Virgo. While you enjoy being active and social, you do get bored quickly. You'll need to give your-

self a constant supply of intriguing, fresh material in order to feel your best. Explore an interesting subject or learn a new hobby. Stimulate your mind and your body will become more energetic. Go online if you can't get away.

LIBRA: If you're trying to prove you have something valuable to offer, Libra, think this through. You're naturally friendly and can get along with almost anyone. This may already be your strength, and you probably have something great to bring to a crowd. Consider just being you and not always trying to feel a part of things. Start by looking at your good qualities to prove your worth to yourself.

SCORPIO: Consider putting your problem-solving skills to the test today, Scorpio. You have a real flair for investigating situations and figuring out what happened. If something comes your way that seems mysterious, deal with the problem directly and wrestle out the truth. If you're baffled, use the process of elimination. Stick with it and you'll learn what's what in no time.

SAGITTARIUS: Sagittarius, try not to be fooled by others. If you don't know a person well and you aren't sure about him or her, trust your instincts. You tend to care about others, so it can be easy for you to feel sorry for someone and bend over backward to help. Make

sure that the person you help really deserves it and you know the whole story. This can save you problems down the road.

CAPRICORN: It can be very easy to get carried away today, Capricorn. You might get caught up in some excitement. You need to use your head on a day like this. Double-check everything and moderate your activities. Keep your limitations in mind. There's nothing saying you can't do whatever it is that catches your eye. Just use caution and keep yourself safe.

AQUARIUS: The energy you feel today may have you so jittery that others don't know what to do. The day's aspects can re-

ally bring a boost and you'd be wise to plan to do things so you have an avenue to spend it all. Get busy with physical chores. Pull things out, organize, move furniture around - whatever it takes. It's better to be productive than drive everyone crazy.

PISCES: Venturing into something completely new and different may be what you need, Pisces. You have a solid practical side, but the need for excitement and adventure is likely just as strong. If you've been putting your nose to the grindstone a lot lately, take time off for some fun. Visit a friend or drive to a place you haven't been to before and explore.

However, it now appears she could turn her attentions towards Hollywood, with Sir Cameron Mackintosh and Working Title Films, who helped make 'Les Miserables' in 2012, set to produce the remake of 'Oliver!'.



05TH SEPT WORLD HISTORY

1793: The Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counter-revolutionary activities.

1816: Louis XVIII of France dissolved the chamber of deputies, which had been challenging his authority.

1864: British, French & Dutch fleets attacked Japan in Shimonoseki Straits.

1910: Marie Curie demonstrated the transformation of radium ore to metal at the Academy of Sciences in France.

1996: Computer scientists found the largest known prime number while testing a Cray T94 computer system. It has 378,632 digits and can be expressed as two to the 1,257,787th power minus 1.

1997: In England funeral services for Princess Diana were

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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

held in London.

INDIAN HISTORY

1612: The East India Company's marine under the British Government was founded with four small fighting ships.

1698: A rival East India Company was founded in England.

1763: Mir Qasim fought the British at Udayana near Rajmahal and lost the battle.

1888: India's second President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born. This day is celebrated as Teacher's Day all across India.

1997: Mother Teresa, the Calcutta nun who worked on behalf of the destitute, died of heart failure in Calcutta. In 2003 Albania declared 2004 to be "Mother Teresa Year" and set aside Oct. 19 as a national holiday in her honor.

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"LEROY'S USING HIS SMARTPHONE TO MAKE ANOTHER DUMB PURCHASE."

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