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Letter not even processed when WB Police began extra judicial action, Sikkim Police clarifies

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:**

Sikkim Police today confirmed that the Siliguri unit of the West Bengal Police's CID wing had submitted a letter to SP (South) on 01 September seeking assistance in the arrest of three "fugitives" from Darjeeling wanted in cases there and believed to be in hiding in South Sikkim. Sikkim Police has also explained that while such a request was made by only one agency (Siliguri CID), as many as three groups of Bengal Police were active inside Sikkim on the day and carrying out activities for which they had neither received "assistance" of Sikkim Police nor had sanction under any tenet of the law or due process.

ADGP Sudhakar Rao, who is also

the spokesperson for Sikkim Police, made these clarifications this evening after media reports referred to a letter from Siliguri CID to SP (South), Sikkim Police, informing his office of their proposed raids. Quoting sources, these media reports suggested that Sikkim Police was always in the know of things (about Bengal police raids inside Sikkim) but was pretending that no information was shared at the Bengal Police had gone rogue in Sikkim.

It may be recalled that Sikkim Police had confronted Bengal Police teams when they carried out raids and made arrests in Namchi on 01 September. A meeting of Gorkha Janmukti Morcha central executive committee members was held in Namchi on the day. The arrested people include two Sikkimese

and all were taken away from Bengal police when they could not present any documents to warrant either the raids or the arrests.

During the day, one team led by the Kalimpong SP was also allegedly involved in a fatal shooting on a public road in Sikkim.

Addressing media-persons here today, ADGP Rao clarified that to begin with, the letter presented by the Siliguri CID to SP South did not carry any specifics and did not attach any supporting documents.

Further, even as the SP [South] was studying the request and before he had taken any decision on the request, a second team of West Bengal police personnel under the Darjeeling SP had already started raiding and arresting

people inside Sikkim near Namchi.

Sikkim Police had not been adequately briefed about this second team in the vicinity. The Siliguri CID team was reportedly at the Namchi Police Station at the time when the Darjeeling team had begun operations, without permission or any authorization, the ADGP highlighted.

The manner in which the West Bengal police team acted was wrong, the ADGP reiterated today.

Even as Sikkim Police was dealing with this twin situation, a third team of Bengal Police, this one led by the Kalimpong SP had entered Sikkim "as tourists wishing to visit Rabongla" but had de-toured towards Sadam in South Sikkim and were moving up towards Namchi.

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Sitharaman is India's first full-time woman Defence Min

NEW DELHI, SEP 3 (PTI):

In a big promotion, Nir-mala Sitharaman today became the first woman to become a full-time Defence Minister of the country as she faced the challenge of speeding up modernisation of the three forces in her new role.

58-year-old Sitharaman, a Rajya Sabha member, is the second woman to take charge of the crucial ministry as Indira Gandhi, as the Prime Minister, had also held the portfolio in the seventies.

Her elevation is seen as reward for her good work as the Commerce Minister. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was handling the Defence Ministry after Manohar Parrikar quit to become the Goa's chief minister in March.

Sitharaman will now be a member of the crucial Cabinet Committee on Security whose members include the prime minister, home minister, external affairs minister and the finance minister.

"Somebody who has come from a small town, grown into the party with all the support of the leadership, and if given such responsibility, it just makes you feel sometimes that cosmic grace is there. Otherwise, it is impossible," she told reporters.

Sitharaman said she was just overwhelmed and humbled.

"I am sure, now that I have an extremely competent successor in Nir-mala Sitharaman, she will carry the road forward," Jaitley said congratulating Sitharaman.

One of the BJP's chief spokespersons before its ascent to power, Sitharaman is an alumna of the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

As the Defence Minister, Sitharaman will face several challenges, including strengthening of the combat capabilities of the



Army, Navy and the Air Force due to changing regional security matrix and geo-political dynamics.

Defence experts feel the frequency of incidents of incursions by the Chinese Army may go up in the coming months and years after the Doklam face-off, and Sitharaman may face a challenge in handling such complex issues.

The government has been focusing on domestic defence production and Sitharaman will have to carry forward a number of big-ticket reform initiatives, including implementing the ambitious "strategic partnership" model with several countries like the United States and Russia.

Under the new model, select Indian private firms will be roped in to build military platforms like submarines and fighter jets in India in partnership with foreign defence majors.

On August 30, the government had announced major reforms in the Indian Army to enhance its combat capability which will include redeployment of nearly 57,000 officers and other ranks. She will have to play a key role in implementing this initiative.

Sitharaman also faces the challenge of modernising the defence research organisations and various other defence public sector undertakings.

Parrikar's tenure as the Defence Minister saw the clearance of a raft of arms deals, besides simplification

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Binay dares Bimal to return to Darjeeling

DARJEELING (WB), SEP 3 (PTI): Expelled GJM leader Binay Tamang today alleged that he was receiving death threats and challenged party chief Bimal Gurung to come out of hiding and return to Darjeeling.

Tamang, who asserted that no one has the right to expel him as he is the founding member of the Gorkha Janmukti Party (GJM) party, today wrote a letter to Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh requesting him to find a solution to the Darjeeling crisis.

"I am receiving death threats for the last few days. I feel that I too will meet the same fate as Madan Tamang who was killed in 2010. Who are Bimal Gurung and Roshan Giri to expel me? I am the founding member of the party.

"It is very easy to give lecture by hiding in some place. If Bimal Gurung and Roshan Giri have the guts, let them come back to the hills," Tamang said in a press conference.

Tamang alleged GJM general secretary Roshan Giri is misleading Gurung in order to serve his own vested interests.

"They accused me of playing into the hands of state government. But now they too have agreed to sit for talks with the state government on September 12. Then what wrong did I do? Before announcing

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Body of GJM supporter shot in Sikkim by Bengal cops brought home

**SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG, 03 SEPT:**

Residents of Kalimpong turned out in large numbers today to pay their final respects to Dawa Bhutia, the Pedong youth shot dead in Sikkim on 01 Sept, allegedly by a West Bengal police team led by the Kalimpong SP.

The gathering of people turned into a protest rally as the funeral procession arrived in town and people started raising slogans condemning WB police atrocities and the hostile environment that had been created in the region by their overbearing and extra-judicial conduct.

The dead body of Dawa Bhutia, hailed as a martyr for the

cause of Gorkhaland, arrived in Kalimpong at around 1:30 p.m.

People raised slogans condemning the actions of Kalimpong Superintendent of Police, Ajit Singh Yadav, as the dead body was escorted into town.

Dawa Bhutia, as per an FIR registered by Sikkim Police at Namchi in South Sikkim, was shot dead by a posse of West Bengal cops led by the Kalimpong SP along the Bhanjyang-Sadam road near Namchi in South Sikkim on Friday.

He was reportedly in Namchi to attend the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha central executive committee meeting called and chaired by GJM president Bimal

Gurung in Namchi. Three teams of West Bengal cops, one each from Kalimpong, Darjeeling and Siliguri, were also in Namchi on the day and carried out botched raids and the fatal shooting.

The deceased was reportedly returning from Namchi, when, at the Bhanjyang-Sadam stretch, they crossed the Kalimpong SP and his team. Someone from that group opened fire and fatally injured Dawa Bhutia who was declared brought dead when he was rushed to the Namchi Hospital by his friend.

Meanwhile, today, the Kalimpong district president of the GJM, Dr RB Bhujel, acknowledged Sikkim Government and

South Sikkim Police Administration for the manner in which they handled the situation on Friday and for how they foiled the extra-judicial activities of Bengal police inside Sikkim.

"We are very thankful to the Sikkim government and Sikkim Police for their gesture; they have helped us at a time when we needed help the most," said Dr Bhujel.

Sikkim Police has registered a murder case against the Kalimpong SP and his team, it may be recalled.

Dawa Bhutia's body was taken to his official residence in Pedong from where the body will be brought to Tirpai here for the funeral.

Flooding in India, Nepal, B'desh affecting 16 mln children: UNICEF

**YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS, SEP 3 (PTI):** About 16 million children across India, Bangladesh and Nepal are in urgent need of life-saving support due to "catastrophic" flooding in the three South Asian countries, a UN agency said.

"Millions of children have seen their lives swept away by these devastating floods" said Jean Gough, UNICEF Regional Director for South Asia. "Children have lost their homes, schools and even friends and loved ones. There is a danger the worst could still be to come as rains continue and flood waters move south" she added.

Weeks of torrential monsoon rains and catastrophic flooding in Nepal, India, and Bangladesh have devastated the lives of millions of children and families. UNICEF estimates that almost 16 million children and their families are in urgent need of life-saving support. Since mid-August, there have been at least 1,288 reported deaths, with over 45 yasion people estimated to be affected.

Many areas remain inaccessible due to damage to roads, bridges, railways and airports. The most urgent needs for children are clean water, hygiene supplies to prevent the spread of disease,

food supplies and safe places in evacuation centres for children to play, the UN agency said.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is on the ground working in close coordination with respective governments and humanitarian partners from three countries to scale up its responses and respond to immediate needs of affected children and their families.

"Massive damage to school infrastructure and supplies also mean hundreds of thousands of children may miss weeks or months of school" said Gough. "Getting children back into school is absolutely

critical in establishing a sense of stability for children during times of crisis and provides a sense of normality when everything else is being turned upside down."

In India, four states in the northern part of the country have been extensively affected by the flooding, affecting over 31 million people including 12.33 million children. Some 805,183 houses are either partially or fully damaged and 15,455 schools have been damaged, disrupting the education of nearly one million students. Further heavy rains in Mumbai resulted in at least five deaths by drowning and three people including two

children died due to house collapse.

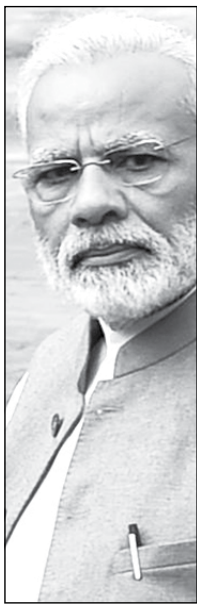
In the affected states in India the state governments, following rescue operations, are conducting relief, rehabilitation and recovery operations. UNICEF, at the request of the state governments, is providing multi-sectoral planning and coordination support in the three worst affected states of Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Over 9.8 million people in Bihar have been reached with lifesaving information on topics such as safe drinking water and hand-washing, UNICEF said.

In Bangladesh alone, more than 8 million people have

been affected by flooding, including around 3 million children. An estimated 696,169 houses have been damaged or destroyed and 2,292 primary and community schools have been damaged by high water. There have already been more than 13,035 cases of water-borne diseases in the country.

In Nepal, 1.7 million people, including 680,000 children, have been affected with 352,738 displaced from their homes.

More than 185,126 homes have been damaged or destroyed in addition to 1,958 schools, affecting the education of 253,605 children.



Modi rejigs team

NEW DELHI, SEP 3 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today handed key portfolios to ministers with "proven" track record and elevated Nirmla Sitharaman as the first full-time woman Defence Minister.

In a major rejig of his council of ministers, he also promoted three other junior ministers -- Pi-yush Goyal, Dharmendra Pradhan and Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi -- to cabinet rank and inducted nine new faces, including four former government officers, as Ministers of State.

The exercise raised the strength of the Union Council of Ministers from 73 to 76.

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tion of the acquisition process. He had also pushed for a number of stalled acquisition projects.

However, majority of the military modernisation programmes are delayed due to administrative hurdles and various other reasons.

Sitharaman is from Madurai in Tamil Nadu who had obtained a BA degree from Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College in Tiruchirappalli and an MA degree in economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Teaching Dozen from Delhi schools complete exchange tour of Sikkim

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:**

A twelve-member teacher delegation from government schools of the National Capital Territory, Delhi, visited Sikkim under the flagship programme 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat', a press release from the Human Resource Development Department informs.

Under the Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat initiative, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Governments of NCT and Sikkim to allow twelve teachers from Sikkim and twelve from NCT-Delhi to visit each other's areas and exchange educational, cultural, regional and traditional values.

Twelve teachers from Sik-



kim had already visited Delhi under the initiative on July

2017, informs the release.

As per the release, the

team of teachers from Delhi had arrived in Sikkim on

27 Aug, visited Namchi Girls Senior Secondary School on 28 Aug to interact with the School Managing Committee members, staffs and students there.

While in Namchi, the team also called on District Collector (South), Raj Yadav, and the district HRDD officers.

On 29 Aug, the team, on their way to West Sikkim, visited Tathagata Tsal at Rabongla and Kewzing Senior Secondary School.

In West Sikkim, they interacted with the district officers and visited Lingchom Senior Secondary School and Rapdentse palace ruins.

On 30 Aug, the team visited Lower Burtuk Primary School and District Institute

of Education And Training in East Sikkim and sat in a meeting chaired by Special Secretary cum Director School Education, MT Sherpa, and attended by Director Primary Education, Bhim Thatal who is also the Nodal Officer of the programme and HRDD officials.

"They were provided with all the related information regarding the upliftment of educational scenario of the State," informs the release.

On the last day the team visited Lum Primary School in North Sikkim and interacted with the students, teachers, SMCs and panchayats of the area. The team also paid a visit to Ranipool Police Station, reads the release.



SKM convenes zonal meeting in Deorali

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha held a zonal meeting at Deorali here today.

The meet was conducted under the chairmanship of acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha and was attended by working presidents Navin Karki, MP Subba and party general secretary, Arun Upreti, a press release informs.

Zonal general secretary in-charge, Neelu Chettri, explained that the meeting was called for co-ordination between executives of

the newly formed zonal committee and its functioning in the coming days.

Mazdoor Morcha vice president of the SKM, Nuk Tshering Bhutia stressed on streamlining party activities in an effective and efficient manner.

Zonal vice president in-charge, Anand Lama, said that there should not be differences within the party members.

"Our language should be one and that is to spread our leader PS Golay's mission of bringing change in Sikkim," Mr Lama said.

The party general secretary, Arun Upreti, advised the party workers to keep aside personal matters and focus on collective vision for strengthening the party. He also stressed the need for time management and discipline within the workers.

SKM acting president, MLA Kunga Nima Lepcha, while addressing the party workers, expressed that the party should focus on safeguarding the future of the Sikkimese people by working for the betterment of common people in every field.

Awareness on special progs for girls and women



WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 03 SEPT:

An awareness programme on Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao programme and other governmental schemes for the girl child and women, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, child trafficking, drug addiction, domestic violence, Tuberculosis and Multi Drug Resistant TB, adolescent health & hygiene and teenage pregnancies was held yesterday at Kalzang Gyatso Senior Sec-

ondary School and Phensong Secondary School in North Sikkim yesterday.

Child Protection Officer, Yeshey Ongmu Bhutia, and Jigme Bhutia of the Tuberculosis Cell were present as resource persons for the programme.

Besides activities like quiz competition adolescence, a short film on PCO Act, 2012 was also screened during the function. Prizes were also handed over to the winners and participants of the competitions.

2 SADA bookings in Rangpo

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:

Rangpo police on 02 Sept registered two cases under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act- one against a 22 year old man from Chungthang, North Sikkim and the other against a 22 year old resident of Tibet Road,

Gangtok.

Both of the accused persons were intercepted by police on patrol duty at Rangpo Check Post on during the day.

The accused persons were reportedly traveling to Gangtok in different buses from

Siliguri. Altogether the police recovered 573 Spasmo-Proxyvon and 155 N-10 tablets from their possession. The recovered items were seized, sealed and sent for chemical analysis while the accused persons were placed under arrest.

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Hee-Yangthang and Lindong Schools bag Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskars

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:

Two schools from Sikkim were awarded Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskars at a programme organised by the Union Ministry of Human Resource in New Delhi on 01 Sept, a press release from the State Human Resource Development Department, informs. Hee-Yangthang Senior Secondary School from West Sikkim and Lingdong Secondary School in North Sikkim were selected from 2,68,402 schools from both central and state governments.

Hee-Yangthang Senior Secondary School was represented by the Principal in-charge, N.D Rai and student ambassador Ayasha Limboo while Lingdong Secondary School was represented by Headmaster, JT Lepcha, and student ambassador Pemkit Lepcha.

Director Primary Education, Bhim Thatal also accompanied the school representatives to the event.

The schools were given an award of Rs 50,000 each as additional school grant to



be utilized for cleanliness-related activities along with a Certificate.

Besides, awards to 11 dis-

tricts with highest participation for the National Level Awards for Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2016-17 were given to con-

cerned District Collectors/District Education Officers.

Minister of Human Resources Development,

Prakash Javadekar who attended the function as the chief guest said that students are 'cleanliness ambassadors'

and they will lead the vision of Clean India of the Prime Minister.

He added that it is the need of the hour to change our mindsets and inculcate the habit of cleanliness everywhere in the country.

Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan, which have been declared the top three States with maximum number of schools in Five Star and Four Star ratings (green & blue category), were given a Certificate of Recognition.

The selected schools of Sikkim were in blue category with 82% scoring.

The Department also released Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Swachhata in schools and has begun registration for Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2017-18 from 01 Sept, which coincides with the commencement of Swachhata Pakhwada for the Ministry. The registration for Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2017-18 closes on 31 Oct and is open to government, government aided and private schools as well.

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Holy Cross duo pools pocket money for charity

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:

Two students from Holy Cross School- Rishal Pandey Chettri and Devasish Kaushik- donated stationary items like books and pens to Sikkim Kalyan Ashram in Ranipool, East Sikkim. The lads bought the stationary items from their own pocket money to help the ashram.

"We know it's not much but seeing their faces beam with smile and joy was totally worth it," says the duo.

The duo had promised to donate stationary items to the ashram from their pocket money every month.

"It is definitely pleasing that stuffing junk foods in our mouth. There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up," the duo says.

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the suspension of the shutdown, I had taken the permission of Bimal Gurung over the phone. This is an absolute lie that I did not take any permission," he said.

The indefinite shutdown in Darjeeling ended its 81st day today.

"People are facing lot of problems due to this shutdown.

We should respect people's desire and withdraw the strike," he said.

The shutdown in the hills is on after Gurung revoked the then party convenor Tamang's decision of suspending it till September 12, the day when the next round of dialogue with the state government is scheduled. The GJM chief had expelled Tamang on Friday on charges of "violating the party line and indulging in anti-party activities".

Inner Wheel organizes painting comptt

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:

Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok, in association with Prafulla Dahanukar Art Foundation of Mumbai, organized an inter-school painting competition at Tadong here on 02 Sept, a press release informs.

More than 150 students from 15 schools of the State participated in the competition. The winners will now represent Sikkim at Regional and National level painting competitions, the release adds.



Scholarships and certificates will be awarded to winners at Regional and National level com-

petitions. The final round is scheduled to be held in Mumbai next year on March.

The event was attended by Inner Wheel Club's 324 District Chairperson, Mira Oberoi.

Modi rejigs team...

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Goyal, who has been praised for his work in the power sector, was given the Railways Ministry, which has been facing criticism over a spate of accidents, prompting Modi to shift Suresh Prabhu to Commerce and Industry Ministry. Goyal will continue to head the Coal Ministry.

In an overhaul of infrastructure ministries, Modi handed important portfolios to two former IAS officers and one former diplomat, giving them independent charge and brought Nitin Gadkari in place of Uma Bharti in the water resources and Ganga rejuvenation ministry.

Gadkari retained the charge of Road Transport and Highways, where his work has earned him praise. Bharti's performance was under scrutiny due to lack of visible progress in Modi's pet Clean Ganga programme.

Bharti will take care of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

Government sources said the Prime Minister carried out the reshuffle considering performance and rewarding those with proven track record.

Sitharaman, who was the Minister of State with an independent charge of the Commerce Ministry, emerged the biggest gainer.

She became the first full-time woman defence minister and the second woman to take charge of the key portfolio. Indra Gandhi, as then Prime Minister, had also held the portfolio in the seventies.

As the Defence Minister, Sitharaman will be a member of the crucial Cabinet Committee on Security whose members include the Prime Minister, Home Minister, External

Affairs Minister and the Finance Minister.

Pradhan and Naqvi retained their portfolios of Oil and Gas and Minority Affairs respectively. Pradhan was given the additional charge of the Skill Development Ministry, which was earlier held by Rajiv Pratap Rudy who quit the post a few days ago.

Former diplomat Hardeep Puri and former IAS officer Alphons Kannanthanam were made MoS (Independent charge) of Housing and Urban Development and Tourism respectively.

R K Singh, former Home Secretary, was given charge of Power and New and Renewable Energy portfolios. Former Mumbai police commissioner Satyapal Singh has been made minister of state in HRD, Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation.

Six ministers -- Rudy, Kalraj Mishra, Bandaru Dattatreya, Sanjiv Kumar Balyan, Faggan Singh Kulaste and Mahendra Nath Pandey -- had resigned ahead of the reshuffle, in which nine ministers were inducted.

While Modi has focussed on governance, he has also taken care of the BJP's political considerations.

Pradhan, now a cabinet minister, has emerged as the BJP's face in Odisha and become one of its prominent leaders as the party has highlighted the "success" of his ministry's scheme of giving free LPG connections to the poor in its political campaigns.

Odisha is among the states high on the priority list of party chief Amit Shah for the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Alphons is a Christian from Kerala, a state where the BJP has

been trying hard to emerge as a potent force. The saffron party has also been wooing Christians and his induction is likely to help this cause.

Cabinet Minister Harsh Vardhan, who was given the additional charge of Environment Ministry following the demise of Anil Dave in May, continues to hold the portfolio.

Similarly, Smriti Irani, who was given the additional charge of Information and Broadcasting Ministry in July after M Venkaiah Nadu was made vice presidential nominee of the NDA, too retained the ministry.

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore replaced Vijay Goel in the Sports Ministry, while also remaining the MoS in the I&B Ministry.

Goel, who earlier held independent charge, has been shunted as the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics and Programme Implementation.

New inductee Shiv Pratap Shukla has been made MoS in the Finance Ministry, replacing Arjun Ram Meghwal, while Ashwini Kumar Choubey has been appointed MoS in Health and Virendra Kumar MoS in Women and Child Development. Meghwal now has been shifted to Parliamentary Affairs.

Another new face Anant Kumar Hegde has been made MoS in the Skill Development Ministry, while Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was made MoS in the Agriculture Ministry.

Two ministers Santosh Gangwar and Giriraj Singh have also seen a promotion as they are now MoS with independent charge of Labour and Employment and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises respectively.



MONEY IN ACCOUNTS BUT NOT IN ATMS

GANGTOK, 03 SEPT: The first week of a new month is usually when the ATMs attract the longest line, and such is the case in Singtam. Unfortunately however, people here continue to face the brunt of cash shortage as account holders found themselves standing in long queues to withdraw cash from salary accounts which have been credited. The withdrawals were distressing since the machines lacked Rs 500 and Rs 100 currency notes, leaving those who do not always withdraw in multiples of 2,000 without cash in hand despite the recently-replenished health of their bank accounts. The SBI ATM was the only machine dispensing cash in Singtam today. [Yogen Thatal]



Successful Public Hearing held for Lingdem-Laven PMGSY road

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MANGAN, 03 SEPT:

The public hearing for the construction of a 4.6 KM long road under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) from Lingdem to Laven under Lingthang-Lingdem Gram Panchayat Unit was held in the presence of Deputy Speaker, the area MLA Sonam Gyatso Lepcha,

Sub Divisional Magistrate (Dzongu), Tshering Dorjee Bhutia along with the GPU panchayats, Divisional Engineer (Rural Management & Development Department) and the concerned land owners on 02 Sept.

"The 4.6 KM new cutting road has been sanctioned at a project cost of Rs 3.71 crore and will begin soon," informed SDM

Dzongu while speaking to SummitTimes.

All the landowners have given their consent for acquisition of land earmarked for the road construction, it is learned.

The Deputy Speaker congratulated the public of Laven ward for the 'holistic development' being undertaken by the State government in their midst.

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Informing is not Authorisation

What WB cops did in Sikkim was wrong

The misadventures of West Bengal cops in Sikkim cannot be defended. And those who think that they can pull out a letter either to suggest that the actions of the Bengal posses in Sikkim were permissible, or to cast aspersions of culpability on Sikkim Police display a sad combination of shallow minds, callow understanding and mischievous opportunism. What the WB police attempted in South Sikkim is not acceptable even in West Bengal because even there they have jurisdiction only for policing, not to shoot people at random or conduct raids without sanction and arrest people without probable cause. They did all of these when they blundered into Sikkim on 01 Sept, misled their counterparts here, put Sikkimese people in harm's way and displayed clear signs of distrust and prejudice which are at the root of all the trouble that the neighbouring State is facing in the Darjeeling Hills.

To begin with, a letter seeking assistance of local police for proposed raids is just that – a letter seeking assistance. Having received such a letter does not mean that assistance will be provided, and even though such courtesies are almost always positively entertained, due processes still need to be followed in the lead-up and after the raids have been carried out. The Bengal cops were clearly on a fishing expedition in Sikkim, wanting to cast a wide net and see what fell in their laps. The fact that they were unprepared is evident in the interim bail secured by the one GJM leader they managed to “arrest” without a warrant in Sikkim. Furthermore, the locals they had also sought to “arrest” would also have been frisked away to West Bengal had Sikkim Police not intervened. Had the Bengal cops managed to take their “prisoners” out of Sikkim unchallenged, they would have shown the arrests as having been made in West Bengal (“along the border with Sikkim”). This is common practice, but pause with it a while see how the story could then have been spun. West Bengal could have then claimed that the Sikkimese were now directly involved in the Gorkhaland agitation at the planning level and also part of GJM's central executive committee. Given the conspiracy theories the neighbouring state – the establishment as well GJM leaders there – are wont to spin, this episode could have acquired very damaging connotations. But that is not why Sikkim Police stepped up and stood its ground. They clearly did so because what was being attempted was not just unethical, but also illegal.

The encounter on a public road was a clear case of criminal behavior. Their being cops does not absolve them of any blame and even if Sikkim had granted permission for the proposed raids, it would not have been a carte blanche giving them a free run in Sikkim. No cop is authorized to open fire merely on suspicion or just because they want a “fleeing” person or vehicle to stop. What was the provocation? An important looking Scorpio with West Bengal registration plates? Even if all clearances had been taken and the entire operation launched under Sikkim Police watch, opening fire without provocation would have been criminally wrong. What the Kalimpong SP allowed to happen under his watch – it was his posse that fired – is inexcusable. What is also inexcusable is that he did not inform Sikkim Police about the incident and it was only when the victim was brought to Namchi hospital that the story came out. When Bengal police opens fire on a public road in Sikkim, they put Sikkimese at risk of their trigger-happy ways. The existence of a letter cannot cover up for that.

By keeping Sikkim Police in the dark about details of their plans or “source” information, the West Bengal cops revealed the trust-deficit which is one of the reasons why Darjeeling wants out. They obviously thought that Sikkim, because it has supported Darjeeling's aspiration for statehood, would sabotage the raid and arrest plans. Sikkim Police has shown no reason why its professionalism should be doubted, in fact, with its response to the situation, it has proven to a professional force because it has refused to play favourites by covering up for Khaki excesses. Bengal continued to display such prejudices when one of its Minister's accused Sikkim of helping GJM leaders “flee” but conveniently ignored the fact that his forces had no authorization to even be in Sikkim in the first place. It is only now that a “lookout notice” has been issued against Bimal Gurung, and until that happened, there was no requirement for Sikkim to either arrest him or keep watch on his movements here.

In conclusion, it is important to realize that informing someone cannot be misrepresented as somehow having received authorization as well. Nothing works that way, not even in a family, and surely not when it comes to inter-state matters or law & order situations.

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The Doklam Standoff and Sikkim's Geo-Political Resurgence

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This monsoon season was not much about the usual rain but more about the flash flood of political issues that hit Sikkim from multiple direction of varying magnitude testing its resilience and commitment and exposing it to new levels of vulnerability. The otherwise unknown, forgotten tiny Sikkim suddenly leaps up making headlines nationally and internationally re-defining the geo-political resurgence of Sikkim in the Indian sub-continent.

Be it the renewed do-or-die peoples movement of the Gorkhaland agitation, the subsequent economic blockade and vandalization of Sikkim registered vehicles in the plains of Siliguri, the massive rally in support of Sikkimese identity on the 20th August at Gangtok, and above all the eyeball to eyeball confrontation and subsequent war rhetoric between the Indian Army and the Peoples Liberation Army of china at the Doklam tri-junction in Sikkim sector, Sikkim came into the eye of the storm and found itself in the vortex of all types of geo-political consequences and the otherwise tranquil and peaceful Sikkim has been rattled, re-inventing itself to adjust and move on in these changing and challenging phase of the Hindi-Chini, bhai-bhai dynamics between India and China .

SIKKIM – THE BUFFER STATE

The Indian and Chinese armies last fired at each other 50 years ago in 1967 when the Indian army defended the Nathula sector with heavy artillery bombardment against the Chinese to maintain the border status quo. The present standoff at Doklam, though de-escalated as of now, reminds Sikkim that it stands in the line of fire if at all war breaks out between India and China anytime in the future.

The mainstream of Indian politics has always downplayed Sikkim due to its tiny size and as such Sikkim seems to be lost in its own backyard, but in testing times like these, Sikkim resurrects itself as the frontier state of the Indian union and its geographical location is vital for the overall security of India.

Sikkim stands as a buffer state shielding the 27km long Chicken's Neck that connects the remaining north-eastern states to the rest of the country and also the Gangetic plains of the Indian sub-continent.

Thus, Sikkim measuring just 7,096 sq kms and occupying 0.21% of the geographical area of India, with a population of 6.10 lakh compensates its tiny size with its important strategic location in the overall security map of the country. The obvious missing link is the non-existence of a reliable integrated communication network to augment and supplement the strategic location of Sikkim in case of any military emergency. New Delhi has failed to assimilate and integrate such a vital ingredient of planning and this can cost us dearly.

DEFICIT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNICATION NETWORK

An assured souvenir that one can take freely from Sikkim is the tiring and painful experience of travel or ride through any stretch of the deplorable condition of the roads in Sikkim, be it the National Highways, District roads and any other road. The suffering will detest any thoughts of visiting Sikkim again, it's such a raw deal. Rubbing salt on the wound are the pharmaceutical companies and hydroelectric companies, 92 numbers in total, which have mushroomed here since the mid-2000's enjoying an extended tax holiday till 2027. They have further overloaded and jammed the already strained network of the roads in Sikkim. These

companies ply heavily loaded trucks, lorries, cargo consignment vehicles and buses in almost all the nooks and corners of Sikkim.

The State Government's failure to first strengthen, widen and improve the network of roads and bridges in Sikkim before establishment of these companies in preparation for the voluminous traffic load and density has choked the traffic flow all over Sikkim. The Government of India on its part should also have intervened and guided the Government of Sikkim set its priorities right and foreseen the consequences of such an unplanned policy. As a result, in an emergency situation, such bottlenecks caused by policy paralysis will make the mobility of defence movement through Sikkim sluggish and could even be brought to a grinding halt altogether. Time that some out-of-the-box thinking was done.

Firstly, to reduce travel time and assured right up way on National Highway-10, the lifeline of Sikkim, between Sevoke in West Bengal and Rangpo in Sikkim, a 55 km long road tunnel with fully integrated control systems has to be constructed like the Chenani-Nashir tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir. In the long run, this road tunnel would save fuel cost and travel time and would be an all weather route which would boost trade and tourism as well.

Secondly, at least the standard specifications of a two-lane Highway with an width of 14 meters has to be maintained all along the remaining National highway namely, the Gangtok-Nathula Highway (56.3km), the North Sikkim Highway (174km), the Rangpo-Rongli-Kupup highway (97.4km), National Highway-10 from Rangpo to Gangtok (38.7km) and all the bridges replaced with increased carrying capacity.

The Government of India and Government of Sikkim can press and mobilise the Corporate Social Responsibility funds from these 92 odd pharmaceutical and hydro-power companies to supplement the project cost. These companies otherwise seem non-committal to any social cause in Sikkim and might rise to the requirement of national security at least.

Thirdly, the absence of air connectivity to Sikkim further pushes it into absolute remoteness. In contract, in the North East Region there are 16 airports - international, defence and domestic – with Auranachal Pradesh alone having six airports but Sikkim at present just has the under construction Greenfield airport at Pakyong, started in 2009 and hounded by controversies and delays ever since. The other districts and distant areas of Sikkim too need to be connected by air and when Nepal can build the world's most extreme airport at Lukla at an altitude of 9,334feet (2,845 meters) and Bhutan can come up with the Paro airport in a deep valley surrounded by mountains, why can't the remote areas of north, west and south districts of Sikkim also be given air connectivity which otherwise can also be used for defence operations.

MILITARY STRENGTH INSIDE SIKKIM

The military map of India shows three army corps of over 2.5 lakh soldiers deployed to defend the North-East of India and the 17th Infantry Division, nicknamed the ‘Black Cat’ headquartered in Gangtok and our very own - The Sikkim Scouts, the youngest Indian army regiment raised in 2013-15 from amongst Sikkimese youth trained for border defence and mountain warfare specially to face the Chinese aggression.

The army defence system is a complex logistic layout integrated to the overall network within the entire country. The presence of the Indian (Brit-

ish India before 1947) army in Sikkim dates back to 1861. Today, along the Nathula sector in East Sikkim and the northern borders one does not see much military modernisation and infrastructure built up and the Sikkim sector is just maintained like a border check post, much like a buffer location between the international borders and the plains of Siliguri.

CIVIL DEFENCE STRATEGY... IS SIKKIM PREPARED?

The impact of the 6.8 Richter magnitude of earthquake that hit Sikkim on 18 September 2011 tested all the standard operating procedures (SOP) of the Sikkim State Disaster Management Act 2007, and it was found wanting in many aspects. Lessons learnt, and with the paradigm shift in disaster management and mitigation plans, the remoulded, “the implementation of the Sikkim state disaster management plan 2015- would again be put to test in letter and spirit anytime. However, the Doklam standoff surely signals to Sikkim for a resilient and efficient civil defence strategy to be added to the bylaws of the Sikkim state disaster management authority, since Sikkim stands in the line of fire. As presumed during the onslaught of war and emergency, the civil defence would play a vital role as the local emergency service provider in supporting the defence forces, mobilising and guiding the civilians, supporting and assisting the administration to save lives and properties, reduce casualties, ensure the supply of essential commodities, alert the general public on survival skills, reassure their morale.

Therefore, it is very essential that the civil defence corps be raised and trained to protect the Sikkimese general public, thus building confidence reducing fear and uncertainty and ensuring higher survival rate in times of war. Such a civil defence force can be raised and trained through volunteers from the general public of Sikkim for war and emergency works least we don't become sitting ducks. **THE NITI AAYOG - FOR A SIKKIM MASTER PLAN** The Doklam standoff exposed India's imbalance not only in its military preparedness but the inefficiencies of border infrastructure as only 22 of the 73 all-weather roads along the border have been completed a decade after they were sanctioned and 14 strategic railway lines to rush troops and supplies to the border remains paper bound. The Sikkim sector, as mentioned earlier, is very infrastructure and communication deficient not even worthy for civilian requirement.

The NITI Aayog – that aims to create a New India with a 15 year long-term vision, seven year medium term vision and a 3 year action agenda, and lately the NITI Aayog's prioritizing of infrastructure development in the North East of India looks promising and wise. It's time the Aayog integrated Sikkim into the overall master plan of infrastructure development in this sensitive border state.

The up-gradation and modernization of infrastructure and communication network in Sikkim has to be based on national security priority to uphold the sovereignty of India, and not based on the usual population demand theory on which Sikkim can never match the other bigger states of India.

A big observation in Sikkim since Doklam standoff started in June is the absence of any central leadership visit to Sikkim, be it the Ministers of the Government of India or any tall central political leaders. This sent all the wrong messages.

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Five things to watch out for at the Chinese Communist Party congress

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The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) will soon embark on its own “Game of Thrones” as delegates gather for its 19th National Congress in Beijing. A variety of posts will be filled for the next five years – including the vitally important General Secretary of the CCP (President of the People's Republic of China or PRC), as well as members of the Standing Committee (roughly akin to the UK Cabinet). These individuals will find themselves leading a massive organisation, which has more than 80m members, and running what is arguably the world's largest economy. They will wield considerable powers but the incumbent leader is unlikely to relinquish his grip on power. So what should we look out for?

1. XI JINPING'S AMBITION

Since becoming the party's General Secretary in 2012 (and therefore President of the PRC), Xi Jinping has consolidated his position. At the heart of this has been the anti-corruption drive. To Xi's supporters, this represents the General Secretary's earnest desire to rid the party of im-



pure elements that undermine the party's legitimacy.

In contrast, critics say that this drive is a front to remove opponents and to consolidate his power. Whatever the truth, it is virtually certain (barring illness) that Xi will be returned as General Secretary for another five years.

In addition, Xi will surely retain his chairmanship of the Central Military Commission – thereby exercising

significant influence over the armed forces. But there are rumours that Xi intends to extend his influence beyond five years. If so, this represents a significant departure from the gradual institutionalisation of Chinese politics.

Since the 1990s, CCP General Secretaries have generally served only two terms (Zhang Zemin was elected in 1992 and 1997 – although he had become General Secretary slightly

earlier in 1989 as part of the Tiananmen re-shuffle – and Hu Jintao was elected in 2002 and 2007). If Xi tries to prolong his influence, this may indicate a return to the more personalised politics of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

2. THE AGE DOUBLE STANDARD

Even if Xi “Da Da” (“Father/Uncle Xi”) emerges with enhanced prestige following the 19th congress, a complete return to the Maoist personality cult depicted in propaganda posters of the 1960s and 1970s seems unlikely. The Chinese Communist Party is not monolithic and is comprised of different factions, such as the Shanghai gang, the Communist Youth League and the Princelings. To make matters more complicated, there is also overlap between these groups. Nevertheless, the National Congress – and hence the election of CCP officers – will indicate which groups are ascendant or in retreat.

Who serves on the Standing Committee also matters. It is widely expected that because most of the current Standing Committee are aged in their late 60s, there will be a high

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Sex workers to wear chef’s cap this Durga Puja

KOLKATA, SEP 3 (PTI): The sex workers of Sonagachi in the city, Asia’s largest red light area, would don the chef’s cap this Durga Puja at the various food pavilions run by the West Bengal fisheries department.

Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee (DMSC), an NGO which works for the development and uplift of the sex workers of the state, is in talks with the State Fisheries Development Corporation (SFDC) on the project in which sex workers will be trained by the fisheries department.

DMSC has more than 1,30,000 registered sex workers in its fold.

“During Pujas we run about eight food pavilions in various parts of Kolkata and two in Bangalore. Most of our cooks have been sent to Bangalore. As we need cooks we approached Durbar and they agreed.

We will be training the manpower both in cooking and in fish processing - right from handling a live fish to packaging a finished product. They will cook for our food pavilions during Pujas,” Soumyajit Das, SFDC managing director told PTI.

Samarjit Jana, an official of Durbar, told PTI that the training of the sex

workers will begin from Monday.

“The fisheries department had asked us for few women who could help in their kitchens and their fish processing units. We sought the opinion of the sex workers and many of them and their children expressed their desire to work as cooks,” he said.

The move was specially welcomed by those who wish to quit the world’s oldest profession and their children who want to get rid of the stigma associated with it.

In the first batch a total 30 sex workers will be sent for the training conducted by SFDC, which will organise a workshop for them. They would be trained in cooking various dishes for its food pavilions and cut and process raw fish which are sent to various departmental stores across the state.

“As we need people in our processing units where we regularly have to cater to huge orders from various food chains, online grocery shops and super markets, their (sex workers’) employment will not be limited to the pujas,” Das said.

On remuneration, he said it will depend on the amount of fish that they will process, scale, cut fillets out of whole fish or dry every day.



Nepal, India need to ‘update’ ties: Krishna Bdr Mahara

KATHMANDU, SEP 3 (PTI): Nepal and India need to “update” their ties to reflect the people-to-people relations at the government level, Deputy Prime Minister Krishna Bahadur Mahara said today.

Mahara, who is also holds the foreign affairs portfolio, said that the “age-old ties” at the government level might be “fluctuated” but the people-to-people ties cannot swing.

Speaking at an event here, he called

for strengthening the bilateral ties.

He drew attention towards the changing perspective in the bilateral ties since the end of monarchy in Nepal in 2008.

“Therefore, we need to update bilateral perspectives,” he said.

Mahara praised the Indian government for providing support to Nepal in various sectors including health, education, agriculture and infrastructure development.

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turnover of its membership this autumn. Recent convention suggests that if candidates are over 68, they will be retired.

This age restriction does not apply to Xi or Chinese “prime minister” Li Keqiang as both are in their early 60s (and both serve on the Standing Committee). But there are suggestions that Xi’s anti-corruption manager, Wang Qishan, may stay on – even though he is 68. If Wang continues on the Standing Committee, this would symbolise Xi’s power.

3. THE POWER OF FORMER LEADERS

Another telling development will be the ability of former presidents to anoint future presidents. China’s “paramount leader” during the 1980s, Deng Xiaoping, helped ensure that Hu Jinto succeeded Jiang Zemin in 2002. For his part, Jiang was instrumental in Xi’s rise to power after Hu in 2012. Given this precedent, one might expect Hu to secure the promotion of one of his protégés to the Standing Committee later this year in the hope that this candidate will succeed Xi in 2022. It remains to be seen if Hu has sufficient clout.

4. THE CHALLENGES AHEAD

On a recent visit to China, I was struck by the pace of change, including high speed trains and the purchasing of goods by mobile phones (not cash). Yet for all these technological developments, there are still significant challenges for China: rural poverty, environmental degradation and the economic turbulence generated by the

“new normal” –China is now transitioning from export-led economic growth to consumer-driven growth.


The Xi-Li administration has sought to tackle these problems as part of the “Chinese Dream” – or national “rejuvenation” – which aspires to attain a “moderately prosperous society”. We will see this autumn how far the party judges the Chinese Dream to have been realised.

5. FOREIGN POLICY AND NORTH KOREA

We may also gain insight into China’s foreign policy for the next five years. Recently, China’s neighbours have been unnerved by territorial disputes in the South China Sea and by the steady advance of the PRC’s military. Again, the shuffling of personnel and speeches at the National Congress may indicate where the PRC sees itself going. Will it become a regional or global power? Will China be an economic, military or diplomatic player?

A potential test case is the current standoff between the US and North Korea. Nobody knows how this situation will develop – in late August, North Korea fired a missile over Japan. But given the close proximity of the Korean peninsula to China, one can bet that Beijing will be monitoring the situation closely. One thing is for sure, China’s leaders will have a full in-tray when they go back to work.

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Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on line for bidding		Last date of time for seeking tender clarification	Date & time of Opening of tender
		From	To		
Chief Engineer RM &DD	SK-RT-Ph XII On-line-02-2017-18	02/09/2017 10.00 AM	12/09/2017 upto 10.00 AM	09/09/2017 upto 2.00 PM	12/09/2017 at 11.00 AM

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Annexure

Sl.No.	District	Package No.	Value of Work (Rs.in lakhs)	E.M.D @2.5% (Rs. In lakhs)	Class of Contractor	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	East	SK02RT1	4325.73	108.14	I AA	200000	24 Months
2	East	SK02RT2	1009.20	25.23	I A	100000	18 Months
3	East	SK02RT3	4378.72	109.47	I AA	200000	24 Months
4	East	SK02RT4	673.01	16.83	II A	50000	18 Months
5	East	SK02RT5	896.57	22.41	I B	50000	18 Months
6	North	SK01RT6	790.79	19.77	I B	50000	18 Months
7	South	SK03RT7	999.19	24.98	I B	50000	18 Months
8	South	SK03RT8	626.43	15.66	II A	50000	18 Months
9	South	SK03RT9	1095.16	27.38	I A	100000	18 Months
10	South	SK03RT10	1685.37	42.13	I A	100000	18 Months
11	West	SK04RT11	721.92	18.05	I B	50000	18 Months
12	West	SK04RT12	1597.65	39.94	I A	100000	18 Months
13	West	SK04RT13	568.85	14.22	II A	50000	18 Months

Further details can be seen from the website www.pmsgytenderskm.gov.in & www.sikkim.gov.in.

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Proposed Packages for Re-Tender of PMGSY Phase XII (Batch-I) works.

Sl. No.	Pkg.No.	Dis-trict	Name of the road	Type of proposal	Proposed length(in km)	Tender Amount
1	SK02RT1	East	RCR from Singtam Pendam Road to Sawtar	Complete	9.81	1336.45
2			RCR from Sakyong PWD Road to Tinek Chisopani Dokey Gaon.	Complete	7.51	1064.49
3			RCR from SPWD Road to Diwalitar (Upper Tumin) via Ramakrishna Mandir	Complete	8.02	1085.21
4			RCR from SPWD Road to Nimitar Mangthang	Stage – II	3	233.15
5			RCR from Dochung to Beng	Stage – II	5.8	413.14
6			L069-Dochung to Beng	LSB	20	193.30
			Package Total			4325.73
1	SK02RT2	East	LLHP to Saureni and Lower Nandok	Complete	5.00	696.88
2			Pabyuk Gumpa to Relling Busty	Stage – II	5	312.32
			Package Total			1009.20
1	SK02RT3	East	Nimachen to Premlakha via Ghattey Khola	Complete	7.69	1018.69
2			Lower Lamaten to Upper Lamaten	Complete	8.50	1055.55
3			Rolep to Chungthang	Stage-II	6.12	492.34
4			Lower Lingtam to Subaney dara	Stage –II	3.93	319.70
5			RCR from NH 31A to South Chuba	Stage-II	3.1	236.29
6			L045-NH 31 A to South Chuba	LSB	30	240.98
7			RCR from Sang Sirwani Road to Phengyang Busty	Complete	4.60	631.06
8			L026-Nimchen to PremLakha	LSB	40	384.11
			Package Total			4378.72
1	SK02RT4	East	Construction of RCR from Assam Lingzey SPWD Road to Rajakharkha	Complete	4.80	673.01
			Package Total			673.01
1	SK02RT5	East	Gurung turning to Gairigoan via Sansari dara	Complete	4.13	599.44
2			Upper Samsing to Changay Tokchi	Stage – II	4	297.13
			Package Total			896.57
1	SK01RT6	North	DSM to Sangtok	Stage-II	5.24	403.17
2			DSM to Sagyong	Stage – II	5	387.62
			Package Total			790.79
1	SK03RT7	South	Chemchey to Tinkitam via Lakudung	Complete	7.32	999.19
			Package Total			999.19
1	SK03RT8	South	Kewzing PWD road to Tengzeymendong	Complete	4.64	626.43
			Package Total			626.43
1	SK03RT9	South	Ben PWD road Katuja to Lower Namphok	Complete	8.30	1095.16
			Package Total			1095.16
1	SK03RT10	South	Melli SPWD Road to Passi(Rateypani)	Complete	11.94	1685.37
			Package Total			1685.37
1	SK04RT11	West	RCR from Darap to Chongri	Stage – II	4.58	331.29
2			RCR from Yangthang to Kalej (Srijunga) via Toyang School	Stage – II	3.9	266.86
3			RCR from Pelling Darap SPWD Rd to Singyang	Stage-II	1.8	123.77
			Package Total			721.92
1	SK04RT12	West	Chakung Soreng SPWD RD. To Bhasmey Sadhugaon.	Stage –II	3.13	219.81
2			Soreng Kaluk SPWD RD. To Dewaney Samdong	Stage – II	6.34	415.27
			Chakung Khaniserbong SPWD RD to L/Khaniserbong	Stage-II	2.747	191.38
			Chakung Khaniserbong SPWD RD to U/Khaniserbong	Stage-II	3.4	230.41
			Arubotey to Mangalbaria	Stage-II	7.536	540.78
			Package Total			1597.65
1	SK04RT13	West	Dentam to Kumuk Sepl	Stage-II	7.64	568.85
			Package Total			568.85

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Action over foul-mouthed Fognini too slow, says Nadal

NEW YORK, SEPT 3 (AFP): Rafael Nadal insisted that tennis chiefs were wrong to wait three days before kicking controversial Italian Fabio Fognini out of the US Open for a vile, sexist tirade at a female umpire.

The 30-year-old Fognini aimed two ugly misogynistic blasts at umpire Louise Engzell as he crashed to defeat in a first-round singles match against fellow Italian Stefano Travaglia on Wednesday.

However, Fognini, with compatriot Simone Bolelli, won two rounds of men's doubles on Thursday and Friday before the Grand Slam board defaulted him on Saturday.

Fognini, the world number 26, had already been fined 24,000 for the incident.

Tennis chiefs explained the delay in making a decision on a possible suspension on having to wait for a translation of the player's brief remarks.



"It takes four days for that translation? I don't think so. Easy to find," said world number one Nadal after making the fourth round on Saturday.

"Of course it is not a positive thing. Of course if you are not doing the right things on the court, of course you need to be in some way affected, no?" added the Spaniard.

"But at the same time is true that things can be made to happen earlier because I believe that he played two doubles matches. If they want

to suspend him, will be much better to do it immediately, not three days later or four days later, because then he was here playing for a few days.

"Now he is out already winning two matches. I think it is not the ideal situation. Probably something that will go immediately to check it, and if he deserve a suspension, he takes it, and if he don't deserve, don't take it."

A tournament statement said that Fognini had been

provisionally suspended. As a result, his and Bolelli's third-round doubles opponents, Nicholas Monroe and John-Patrick Smith, were given a walkover into the quarter-finals.

"Pursuant to the Grand Slam Code of Conduct, Fabio Fognini is hereby provisionally suspended from further participation in the US Open pending a final determination whether a major offense has been committed during his first round singles match," said the statement.

"The provisional suspension is with immediate effect and, therefore, Mr Fognini has been withdrawn from his upcoming doubles match."

Fognini has a controversial history over his on-court behavior and was handed a record fine of 27,500 at Wimbledon in 2014.

"I apologize to the fans, to the referee for what hap-

pened," he wrote in Italian on Twitter.

"It was just a very bad day, but it did not forgive my behavior in the match. Although I'm a hot-head (and though I've been right in most circumstances) I was wrong. But in the end it's only a tennis match."

India's Rohan Bopanna, who had lost in the second round of the doubles to the Italian pair alongside partner Pablo Cuevas, accused the organizers of dithering.

"I wanted them to play the whole tournament. If US Open is letting them play 2 rounds. Let them play whole thing and then make a decision," Bopanna tweeted.

"If a player is under investigation, As a tournament you do not schedule his match till a decision has been taken."

He added: "It's a career of all the individuals who r involved. Which US open clearly do not care about."

SDF condemns Deb's allegations against Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 03 SEPT:

Sikkim Democratic Front has strongly condemned the recent statement of West Bengal Minister, Gautam Deb, alleging that Sikkim Government and police were protecting GJM president Bimal Gurung and had helped him escape arrest recently. The SDF refuted the statement of the WB Minister as fabricated, false and baseless.

A press release issued by the SDF spokesperson, Bhim Dahal, asserted that if the WB Minister of his police have confirmed information about Bimal Gurung's presence in Sikkim, then West Bengal police can take required action by coordinating with Sikkim Police in proper manner and following the laws of the federal system and Constitutional guidelines.

However, WB police cannot take willful and wanton action inside Sikkim.

The release mentions that the SDF has already condemned the action of West Bengal police in South Sikkim on 01 September as it was totally against the federal system and established laws and the Constitution.



Sidelights of the oath-taking ceremony

NEW DELHI, SEP 3 (PTI): A woman, who was one of the guests at the swearing-in ceremony of council of ministers at Rashtrapati Bhawan, fainted just before the event was to begin.

When she felt uneasy, people sitting next to her made her lay down on the chairs before the medical staff of the president rushed to provide her first aid.

The woman, in her fifties, was soon taken out on a stretcher. Low blood pressure was said to have triggered her medical condition, officials present there

said.

When Petroleum minister Dharmendra Pradhan took oath in Hindi as a Cabinet minister, President Ramnath Kovind made him repeat two words to correct his pronunciation.

When Kovind was the Bihar governor, he made Lalu Yadav's son Tej Pratap to repeat the oath of office after he misread the Hindi word apekshit (expected) during the swearing-in ceremony of ministers.

Niramala Sitharaman, ele-

vated as a Cabinet minister, and Alphons Kannanthanam, appointed as a minister of state, took oath in English. All others took oath in Hindi.

Except leader of the opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad, there was no representative of the opposition in the swearing-in ceremony.

Kalraj Mishra and Sanjeev Balyan, who have resigned as union ministers ahead of the reshuffle, were present at the ceremony.

BJP veterans L K Advani and M M Joshi, who are also part of the party's 'marg darshak mandal' were conspicuous by their absence.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was to leave for China, left soon after the ceremony was over. He, along with President Kovind and vice president M Venkaiah Naidu, posed for a group photo with new ministers at Darbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhawan, the venue of the event.

Sikkim squads for Subroto Cup play exhibition matches in Namchi

NAMCHI, 03 SEPT: An exhibition match was played here at Singithang playground today between teams representing Sikkim at the Subroto Mukherjee Cup International football tournament and local clubs.

This is the first time that Sikkim's U-17 girls' team is participating in the tournament and the U-17 boys' team is also participating after a long gap.

The first match was played in between NSSS U-17 Boys which is representing Sikkim at Subroto Cup and SAI Namchi. NSSS U-17 won 3-0.

In the second match, played between Dentam U-17 girls (representing Sikkim) and Soreng Girls,

the latter team won 0-1.

It may be mentioned here that 32 teams from all over India and teams from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Nepal are participating in Subroto Cup this year.

Today's matches were organised by the Sport & Youth Affairs Department and had Minister RB Subba present as chief guest.

The Sikkim U-14 team is already in Delhi and has played two matches and won both thus far.

The first match of U-17 Junior Boys is scheduled for 16 September while the U-17 Junior Girls Team will play their first match on 09 September.

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This team was involved in a shooting in which a civilian from Pedong, Kalimpong, West Bengal, was killed on the Bhanjyang-Sadam road.

The ADGP informed today that at around 2:30 PM, the police received reports of a person brought dead to Namchi hospital with bullet injuries.

From what Sikkim Police has pieced together thus far, the Kalimpong SP and his team tried to stop a WB taxi vehicle crossing them and started firing when the vehicle did not stop.

A passenger in the vehicle, Dawa Bhutia, was struck by a bullet which pierced through the door.

The ADGP detailed that the team led by the Kalimpong SP had not informed anyone in Sikkim about the real reason for their being in Sikkim and did not inform counterparts here about the shooting either.

After Sikkim Police learned of the shooting, the Kalimpong team was stopped at Melli Check Post and directed to surrender the weapon used in the firing. The cops from Kalimpong, however, disembarked from the

vehicle and crossed over to West Bengal on foot while the vehicles were being searched.

The ADGP pointed out that while a letter seeking assistance was submitted by one group, there were three groups of West Bengal police - Kalimpong, Darjeeling and Siligri - operating independently on that day inside Sikkim.

"West Bengal police cannot undertake such operations in the name of one vague letter produced by their CID Branch," he stressed.

Responding to media queries, the ADGP also clarified that Sikkim Police was always ready to help its counterparts in West Bengal catch any fugitive from their hiding in Sikkim, but it has to be done through proper channels and following all prescribed norms and rules.

He informed that an FIR for murder has been registered in Namchi against SP Kalimpong and team and that the investigation will get to the bottom of the incident. He added that DGP Sikkim was in direct contact with his counterpart in West Bengal about the incident as well.

Delhi Book Fair: The one that didn't fare so well

NEW DELHI, SEP 3 (PTI): Fair was foul at Delhi's annual book festival, with booksellers complaining that a variety of reasons from violence triggered by the conviction of a cult head to hiked prices, thanks to GST affected sales.

Publishers were an unhappy lot, stressing that the organisers had done little to sell the nine-day long Delhi Book Fair.

"There were no customers", "There was no publicity", "We won't be participating in the next book fair", were some of their many grievances.

Where Dera violence was to blame for low turnout during the initial days, the spiked prices of books because of GST played a spoilsport all through, they said.

But, what topped the complaint list of all publishers was the lack of, rather no publicity, of the book fair, prior to the event!

"There was not even one hoarding of the book fair anywhere outside. Moreover, earlier there were regular announcements at metro stations, where they would also



sell fair tickets... but this time, there was nothing.

"And the result is in front of you. This time we are finding it hard even to recover the money we spent in renting this space," said the visibly worried Kaushal Goyal, from Pigeon and GBD Books.

The cost of one stall in the fair was Rs 56,000.

According to publishers, this was some thousands extra in comparison to the last year.

"There is no next time for us.

This is the last time we are participating in this fair," he said.

However, ITPO denied the allegations saying that the stalls were made available at "subsidised rates".

"Each of them got a space on subsidised rates. We never increased the price of any stall. The minor increase in prices is because of the taxes," said a person from ITPO, on the condition of anonymity.

With barely 120 publishers showing up at the fair, the count

was significantly lower than last year that boasted of the presence of 180 plus exhibitors.

Hemant, who debuted at the fair this year, rues his decision to participate.

"Obviously, the poor promotional campaign is to be blamed for the low turn out. But other than that, the GST too played its role.

"So this too went against us, which only affected our business further," said a despondent Hemant.

The ITPO eventually did turn to radio for the publicity of the book fair. But it was too little too late.

Especially for Hindi publication houses, who are already in the midst of the never ending crisis of low readership of Hindi literature.

"I can certainly say that for this book fair the objective of ITPO was to make money, nothing else. There

is no facility whatsoever... their help desk here is of no use. They are minting money at our expense.

"The fair was organized in the worst manner. There was no publicity. You know many people who came here were like they were just not aware of the book fair for good days," said SK Gupta, from Surya Bharti Prakashan, a well-known Hindi publication house.

He, too, blamed GST for denting the business further.

"See there is no GST on books. But, then you have GST on paper, printing, binding and so. This makes the books expensive for the customer to buy. Nothing went right for us this time, for example no one from Haryana and NCR made it to the book fair for first initial days due to the violence of Dera supporters," he said.

Many renowned Hindi publish-

ers have given the book fair a miss due to dwindling number of vernacular readers, which includes the giants in the business like Raj Kamal Prakashan, Vani Prakashan and Prabhat Prakashan, among many others.

However, the ITPO didn't seem to pay much heed to any criticism.

Talking about the alleged "dismal publicity", they said this time they followed a "new strategy of promoting more on social media than the conventional media platforms".

"We have taken adequate measures to make the book fair a success just like the earlier ones," ITPO said.

Needless to say, there is no love lost between e-books and publishers too, as many still blame the same for the scanty footfall, more than anything else.

The fair themed 'Padhega India, toh Badhega India', comes to a close today.

What? You didn't know the theme? Well, there is a saying: 'Publicity can be terrible. But only if you don't have any'.



China asks N Korea to stop wrong actions after nuclear test

BEIJING, SEPT 3 (PTI): China today strongly condemned North Korea's sixth nuclear test and asked the reclusive nation to "cease" its "incorrect actions" and return to the dialogue table for denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

North Korea claimed today that it successfully conducted a test of a hydrogen bomb meant to be loaded onto an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). It is the rogue nation's sixth, and most powerful, nuclear test.

China, North Korea's main diplomatic ally, criticised the country for ignoring international condemnation of its atomic weapons programme.

China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement, "The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has once again conducted a nuclear test in spite of widespread opposition from the international community. The Chinese government resolutely opposes and strongly condemns it."

It said that China's firm stance, as well as the common goal of the international community, was achieving denuclearisation on the Korean Peninsula, protecting the nuclear non-proliferation mechanism and maintaining peace and stability in northeast Asia.

It asked North Korea "to seriously consider" the steadfast will of the international community on a denuclearised Korean Peninsula and to comply with the UN Security Council resolutions.

China also asked North Korea to "cease incorrect actions that worsen tensions and run against its own interests, and return to dialogue to resolve the problem".

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Xi opens BRICS summit: Ask members to shelve differences

XIAMEN (CHINA), SEP 3 (PTI): Chinese President Xi Jinping today asked BRICS members to shelve their differences and accommodate each other's concerns by enhancing mutual trust and strategic communication, as he opened the 9th annual summit of the five member emerging economies here.

The opening ceremony of the three-day BRICS summit started with BRICS Business Council in this southeastern Chinese city in Fujian province amid a downpour triggered by typhoon Mawar which had caused widespread disruption to the summit preparations and the city's traffic. The typhoon also caused considerable disruption to the flights.

BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa - is a grouping of the five emerging economies. The BRICS summit brings together the leaders of these countries.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Brazilian President Michel Temer, South African President Jacob Zuma and Russian President Vladimir Putin will attend the summit.

In his speech broadly focusing on enhancing cooperation between the BRICS members, Xi said, "construction of a tall building starts with foundation. We have laid the foundation and put in place the framework for BRICS cooperation."

Outlining BRICS cooperation in the last 10 years, he said treating each other

as equals and seeking common ground while shelving differences is important part of cooperation.

"In terms of BRICS cooperation, decisions are made through consultation (and) not by one country. We respect each other's model of development, accommodate each other's concern and work to enhance strategic communication and mutual trust," he told about 1000 delegates from different countries.

"Given difference in national conditions, history and cultures, it is only natural we may have some differences in pursuing our cooperation," he said.

"However with strong faith in cooperation and enhancing collaboration the BRICS countries can achieve steady progress in our cooperation," he added.

The summit comes days after India and China last week ended a 73-day standoff in Doklam by withdrawing troops from the area. The two sides were locked in a face-off after Indian troops stopped the Chinese People's Liberation Army from building a road in the area.

In a candid speech without directly referring to differences, Xi referred to his multi-billion dollar Belt and



Road Initiative (BRI) in which the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a crucial component.

India had protested to CPEC as it passes through Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. India also boycotted the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) hosted by China in May.

Xi said BRI is not a tool to advance any geopolitical agenda, but a platform for practical cooperation.

It is not a foreign aid scheme, but an initiative for interconnected development which calls for extensive consultation, joint contribution and shared benefits, he said.

"I am convinced that the BRI will serve as a new platform for all countries to achieve win-win cooperation and that it will create new opportunities for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustain-

able Development," he said.

He also said BRICS should promote the "BRICS Plus" approach to build an open and diversified network of development partners.

China has invited Egypt, Kenya, Tajikistan, Mexico and Thailand as guest countries for the Xiamen BRICS summit as special guests like India invited BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic) leaders for last year's BRICS summit at Goa.

"We should get more emerging market and developing countries involved in our concerted endeavours for cooperation and mutual benefits," he said. Xi said as a cooperation platform with global influence, BRICS co-operation is more than about five countries.

"BRICS places high premi-

um on cooperation with other emerging market and developing countries and have established effective dialogue mechanisms with them," Xi said.

Xi also said that BRICS co-operation has reached a crucial stage of development. In assessing the performance of BRICS cooperation, it is important to bear two things in mind -- the historical course of global development and evolving international landscape; the historical process of development of BRICS countries, both individually and collectively, he said.

He said the development of the BRICS countries has delivered tangible benefits to more than three billion people.

Xi said that in the past decade, combined GDP of the bloc has grown 179 percent, trade increased 94 percent while urban population expanded 28 percent, contributing significantly to stabilising the global economy and returning it to growth. He also said the BRICS countries have been committed to multilateralism, fairness and justice in the past decade.

BRICS countries have endeavoured to fulfil their international responsibility, and have staked out their positions on major regional and international issues and made proposals for addressing them during the past decade, Xi said. The countries have promoted reform of economic governance to increase

the representation and say of emerging market and developing countries, according to the president.

The bloc has also taken the lead in implementing the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals, and engaged in close dialogue and cooperation with other developing countries to pursue development through unity, the Chinese president said.

He said the BRICS countries should work to usher in second golden decade. Going forward BRICS countries have major tasks to accomplish, which are to grow economies and to strengthen cooperation, he said.

"It is time to set sail when the tide rises," Xi said, adding that countries should work to let their economic cooperation have more substance.

"Economic cooperation is the foundation of the BRICS mechanism," Xi said, referring to the progress in the operation of the New Development Bank and Contingent Reserve Arrangement and in e-commerce, trade and investment facilitation, trade in services, local currency bond issuance, scientific and technological innovation, industrial cooperation and public-private partnership.

He also said BRICS countries should implement agreements and consensus already reached while actively exploring new ways and areas of practical cooperation.

North Korea conducts 6th nuclear test, says it was H-bomb

SEOUL, SEP 3 (AP): North Korea said it set off a hydrogen bomb today in its sixth nuclear test, which judging by the earthquake it set off appeared to be its most powerful explosion yet. South Korea's weather agency estimated the nuclear blast yield of the presumed test was between 50 and 60 kilotons, or five to six times stronger than North Korea's fifth test in September 2016. That would mark a significant step forward in the North's quest for a viable nuclear missile capable of striking anywhere in the United States.

On North Korean television, a newsreader called the test a "complete success" and said the "two-stage thermonuclear weapon" had "unprecedented" strength. Hours earlier, Pyongyang claimed its leader had inspected a hydrogen bomb meant for a new intercontinental ballistic missile.

Seoul's weather agency and the Joint Chiefs of



Staff said an artificial 5.7 magnitude quake occurred at 12:29 p.m. local time, in Kilju, northern Hamgyong province, the site where North Korea has conducted nuclear tests in the past.

Seoul officials revised their earlier estimate of 5.6 magnitude quake. The US Geological Survey called the first quake an explosion with a magnitude 6.3. The US State Department had no immediate reaction. South Korea's presidential office said it will hold a

National Security Council meeting chaired by President Moon Jae-in.

South Korea's military said it has strengthened its monitoring and readiness while mulling a variety of possible responses that could be executed in collaboration with the US.

Japan confirmed that North Korea conducted a nuclear test, Foreign Minister Taro Kono said. "It is absolutely unacceptable if North Korea did force another nuclear test, and we must protest

strongly," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said.

The USGS and China's earthquake administration detected a second tremor in North Korea minutes after the first, describing it as a cave-in or collapse. South Korea's weather agency, however, said no second quake occurred.

North Korea conducted two nuclear tests last year, the last nearly a year ago, on the September 9 anniversary of the nation's founding. It has since maintained a torrid

pace in weapons tests, including its first two intercontinental ballistic missiles test in July. Last month, North Korea fired a potentially nuclear-capable midrange missile over northern Japan.

Earlier today, photos released by the North Korean government showed Kim talking with his lieutenants as he observed a silver, peanut-shaped device that was apparently the purported thermo-nuclear weapon destined for an ICBM.

What appeared to be the nose cone of a missile could also be seen near the alleged bomb in one picture, which could not be independently verified and was taken without outside journalists present. Another photo showed a diagram on the wall behind Kim of a bomb mounted inside a cone.

State media said Kim visited the Nuclear Weapons Institute and inspected a "homemade" H-bomb with "super explosive power" that "is adjustable

from tens (of) kiloton to hundreds (of) kiloton."

North Korea's nuclear and missile programme has made huge strides since Kim rose to power following his father's death in late 2011. The North followed its two tests of Hwasong-14 ICBMs by threatening in August to launch a salvo of its Hwasong-12 intermediate range missiles toward the US Pacific island territory of Guam.

It flew a Hwasong-12 over northern Japan last week, the first such overflight by a missile capable of carrying nukes, in a launch Kim described as a "meaningful prelude" to containing Guam, the home of major US military facilities, and more ballistic missile tests targeting the Pacific.

It may be difficult for outside experts to confirm that the nuclear device detonated today was an H-bomb. State media reported that the test left no trace of radioactive material.

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PRETTY BRIDESMAID: Taylor Swift stepped out for the wedding of her longtime best friend Abigail Anderson recently in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Abigail inspired Taylor's country hit 'Fifteen'.

TAYLOR SWIFT TEASES BRAND NEW SONG "READY FOR IT" DURING COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAME

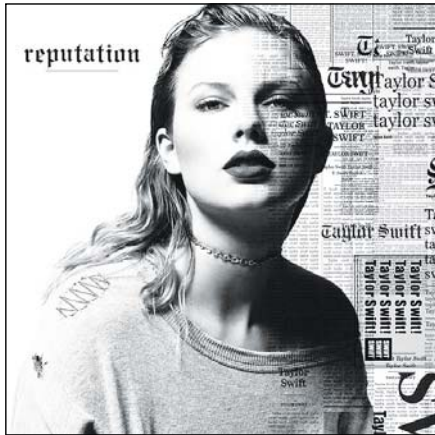
Taylor Swift has proven she's a woman full of surprises by dropping a teaser for a new song called "Ready For It" off her upcoming album Reputation on Saturday night. The chart-topping singer surprised her army of fans by unleashing the head-bopping new snippet during the college football game between Alabama and Florida State.

During the game's pre-show, a one-minute clip came out that showed the two teams running onto the field with Taylor's new track playing.

Some of the lyrics of the new tune include, "I see how this is gonna go / Touch me and you'll never be alone / Island breeze and lights down low / no one has to know."

The steamy song's chorus is: "In the middle of the night, in my dreams / You should see the things we do, baby / In the middle of the night, in my dreams / I know I'm gonna be with you, so I take my time."

While the album's first single, "Look What You Made Me Do," seemed like a drastic departure musically for the songstress, it sounds like she's bringing it back to her roots with



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this new jam. In addition to the college football promo, the snippet was used in a new commercial promoting ABC's new fall lineup, which also came out on Saturday night.

It's been a big day for the superstar singer. Earlier today, Tay served as a bridesmaid in her best friend Abigail Anderson's wedding on Martha's Vineyard. The pop star, clad in a burgundy dress, made a rare appearance to be by her bestie's side and even held the blushing bride's wedding dress as she walked into the chapel.

On August 24, the "Shake It off" singer debuted her first new music since 2014, unleashing "LWYMMMD" to the masses. The song quickly exploded, becoming the most streamed debut song in the history of Spotify.

Last Sunday, the 27-year-old dropped the video for "LWYMMMD" during the 2017 MTV VMAs. The song and video, which are the first offerings from her upcoming album, have broken several major records in its first week.

Taylor's sixth studio album, Reputation, is due out on Nov. 10.

ABHISHEK BACHCHAN AND AISHWARYA RAI BACHCHAN TO PLAY HUSBAND AND WIFE IN A FILM?

Reportedly, Abhishek Bachchan and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan are all set to make a comeback together after almost seven years. The two were last seen together in 2010 in Raavan. Both Abhishek and Aishwarya will be playing the role of IPS officers who are married to each other. The film will be produced by Shailesh R Singh and shall be helmed by a debutant director.

A source revealed to Filmfare magazine, "The film is based against the backdrop of Uttar Pradesh politics, based on a true story and about two IPS officers, who are husband and wife. It's their love story and journey. Abhishek has liked the story and given his nod to the film though he is yet to sign the contract. Aishwarya Rai has been approached for the female lead and will be hearing a story narration soon. She has expressed interest in the story but as Aishwarya takes time on her scripts the film is on hold. The producers have been waiting to give her a story narration for almost two months. Shailesh's first choice is Aishwarya as he thinks she will be wonderful in the film. Both the roles have equal weight and are performance-oriented."

Adding further the source

revealed that Aishwarya who is quite busy travelling these days gave a nod just recently. "They have to start shooting from December so the creative and production team wanted to approach another actress but Ash has been traveling too; just last week she finally gave them a date to hear their script."

Also, when producer Shailesh was asked about the same, he confirmed, "Yes I have approached Abhishek and he has shown interest in the film. We are discussing with Aishwarya's team and will be giving her a narration soon."

She has conveyed to us that she's interested in meeting us and hearing the story. I am planning to give Aishwarya a narration soon. I would definitely love to make a film with Abhishek. I had wanted to work with Abhishek for a long time but we got a good story now. Abhishek and I are both excited about the story. He is a superb human being and a great actor. The subject is strong and befitting his persona. I would love to work with Aishwarya in this film too as she suits the role. We cast actors in films keeping in perspective whether the roles suit them or not. I like to cast the actor according to the character."



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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**04TH SEPTEMBER
WORLD HISTORY**

1820: Czar Alexander declared that Russian influence in North America extended as far south as Oregon and closed Alaskan waters to foreigners.

1882: Thomas Alva Edison displayed the first practical electrical lighting system. He successfully turned on the lights in a one square mile area of New York City with the world's 1st electricity generating plant.

1888: George Eastman received patent for his roll-film camera and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

1991: South African President F.W. de Klerk proposed a new constitution that would allow blacks to vote and govern; the African National Congress rejected the plan, charging it was designed to maintain white privileges.

1996: Anti-aircraft fire lit up

the skies of Baghdad; hours after the United States fired a new round of cruise missiles into southern Iraq and destroyed an Iraqi radar site.

INDIAN HISTORY

1825: the Grand Old Man of India, Dadabhai Naoroji was born in Mumbai to a prominent Parsi family. Dadabhai Naoroji was an educator, ordained Parsi priest, intellectual, cotton trader, politician and a social leader. He was also the first Asian to be a British MP. Naoroji was even the founder of the Indian National Congress along with A.O Hume and Dinshaw Edulji Wacha.

1947: Mahatma Gandhi withdrew his fast for the Hindu Muslim unity in Calcutta after 73 hours.

ZAYN MALIK AND GIGI HADID CELEBRATE EID AL-ADHA WITH THEIR MOMS



Zayn Malik and Gigi Hadid spent time celebrating the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha with their mothers this week. The 22-year-old fashion model's mom, Yolanda Hadid, shared a photo of the foursome on Instagram on Friday, September 1. "Eid Mubarak to everyone....." she captioned the cute pic of them huddled up together.

The "Pillowtalk" singer, 24, beamed in a Rage Against the Machine T-shirt alongside his mom, Trisha Malik, who also shared the pic on her own Instagram account, writing, "Eid Mubarak to everyone... #BlessedDay" The phrase "Eid Mubarak" is a Muslim greeting meaning "blessed celebration" and Eid al-Adha — also referred to as "Feast of the Sacrifice" — is considered the holiest of Muslim holidays.

The Victoria's Secret model's father, Mohamed, was born in Palestine and immigrated to the U.S. when he was a teenager. Meanwhile, the "I Don't Wanna Live Forever" singer was born in England to a British mother and British Pakistani father. "I take a great sense of pride — and responsibility — in

knowing that I am the first of my kind, from my background," Malik told the London Evening Standard in June of his faith. "I'm not currently practicing but I was raised in the Islamic faith, so it will always be with me, and I identify a lot with the culture. But I'm just me. I don't want to be defined by my religion or my cultural background."

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ARCTIC CIRCLE



BABY BLUES

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ARIES: You may need to deal with disapproval today, Aries. This will likely come from someone you see as a superior or authority figure, perhaps a parent or teacher. While it's important to listen, if what they have to say involves your personal life and how you live it, it's no one's concern but yours. No matter what you do, someone will disapprove of something!

TAURUS: Taking time alone is essential for everyone, Taurus, but recognize when you're isolating yourself to the point where it's unhealthy. If you ask why you're taking this time and answer because you're avoiding something or someone, you need to reconsid-

er. Things will only build and get worse under these conditions. You begin to work things out by facing whatever it is that's upsetting you.

GEMINI: Watch out for the green-eyed monster today, Gemini. It can rear up before you even say the word "jealousy" if you're not on your guard. Many situations that cause this feeling are born of insecurity. If you aren't secure in your job, relationship, or family, and feel threatened by someone else, it's time to take a look at the reason. Look for answers rather than lash out.

CANCER: You may feel insecure about your appearance today, Cancer. This can be a vicious cycle, and

the end result is almost always negative. Rather than picking yourself to pieces, find ways to accept your looks. Whether it's your weight, age, or anything else, if you can't accept yourself as you are, you'll always find something wrong no matter how many changes you make.

LEO: Jealousy might rear its head today, Leo. The key to coping with it is to understand why you feel insecure. If you're jealous of a partner, why is this? Is trust an issue? If this comes up at work, is it because you don't feel recognized for your contributions? Examine the cause of jealousy. It's almost always a symptom of a deeper problem.

VIRGO: Arts and crafts may hold

your interest today, Virgo. Even if you lean more toward sports, an artistic streak likely runs pretty strong in you. Creating can be richly satisfying, both in the process and in the finished product. Allow yourself the opportunity to explore this part of you. The day's energy will lend much to your abilities.

LIBRA: Getting along with others may prove challenging today, Libra. The planetary aspects can have you isolating yourself. You might feel impatient and easily annoyed. If this is so, stay solo if you can. If you can't, you'll need to curb a tendency to be argumentative or confrontational. Exercise patience and bite your tongue if that's what

it takes. Avoid conflict.

SCORPIO: Don't be surprised if you're a little weepy today, Scorpio. The day's planetary influences could enhance your sensitivity to everything, including your feelings. Let yourself cry if you need to - it can be cleansing. Try not to wallow too much, as things will look better tomorrow. Take good care of yourself today.

SAGITTARIUS: Obsessive thinking may be something you need to look at today, Sagittarius. Common areas for such behaviors are in the pursuit of money, power, success, and romance. There's a fine line between determination and obsession. If you fixate on the same thing day

after day, it may be time to talk with someone about it. An expert can help you see what you don't want to see.

CAPRICORN: Don't act impulsively today, Capricorn. It can be easy to confuse this with spontaneity, but one has more thought in it than the other. Look before you leap! Think everything through from decisions to projects to contracts. Read the fine print more than once. When it comes to relationships, avoid trusting too quickly. Don't set yourself up for hurt by being gullible.

AQUARIUS: Is it time to take a more drastic approach to solving a problem, Aquarius? If you've made several attempts to resolve

your trouble to no avail, it might be something to consider. As long as drastic doesn't equate with destructive, you may find it works to try something more aggressive. Be careful. Think things through first. Run any ideas past a trusted friend.

PISCES: Tap into your creativity to unlock your emotions today, Pisces. This can be a more powerful tool than you realize. Creativity is a big part of you - almost as big as communication. Your emotions are linked to these, and all are interacting beneath the surface. If one is blocked, the key to releasing it is to focus on the other two. Express yourself through creativity and talking to someone close.