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issue: SC

NEW DELHI, JUL 18 (PTI): A nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court will commence hearing from tomorrow to decide if the contentious issue of right to privacy is a fundamental right under the Constitution. Hours after referring the matter to a larger bench, the apex court today set up the nine-judge bench to be headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar.

It will also comprise Justices J Chelameswar, S A Bobde, R K Agrawal, Rohinton Fali Nariman, Abhay Manohar Sapre, D Y Chandrachud, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and S Abdul Nazeer.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by the CJI, which was to deal with pleas challenging the validity of the Aadhaar scheme and the right to privacy attached to it, was faced with the two past verdicts, delivered in 1950 and 1962 by larger benches, holding that the privacy right was not a fundamental right.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that for the convenience of all general public wishing to offer khadas to the mortal remains of Late Nar Bahadur Bhandari, the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, it has been decided to place his mortal remains at Manan Bhawan, near Development Area from 8 AM to 11 AM on 19/07/2017 (i.e. Wednesday). Thereafter, the procession shall leave for Ranipool.

It is further informed that en route, the funeral procession shall halt at below given points briefly to enable the public to pay their last respects:

1. Deorali Bazaar below the Flyover,
2. Convoy Ground, Tadong,
3. Manipal Gate,
4. Mayfair Phata.

This is issued for information to all.

HOME DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM



People head to Primula Cottage to pay last respects to departed leader

ARPAN PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Since the mortal remains of the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Late Nar Bahadur Bhandari, was brought to his residence, situated at Church Road in Gangtok, on Monday night, people have been visiting the residence to pay their last respects and extend condolences to the bereaved family.

Politicians, officials, businessmen, friends, well-wishers and the lay public visited Primula Cottage today, the residence of Late NB Bhandari, to pay their last respects and offer prayers for and khadas to the mortal remains of the departed leader.

Special traffic arrangements have been made by the Sikkim Police at Church Road for the

convenience of visitors. Police personnel were deployed at the residence and around the area.

The funeral and the last rites will take place on 19 July at Ranipool crematorium.

The mortal remains will be kept at Mannan Bhawan, near Development Area, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on 19 Jul for the convenience of the general public wishing to offer khadas. There-

after, the funeral procession shall leave for Ranipool.

It is further informed that en route, the funeral procession shall halt at four points briefly to enable the public to pay their last respects. The stop points are Deorali Bazaar below the Flyover, Convoy Ground in Tadong, Manipal Gate, and in front of Mayfair Hotel and Resorts.



Fresh violence in Darj Hills, Gorkhaland supporter killed in police action in Mirik

DARJEELING (WB), JUL 18 (PTI): Fresh violence

the police opened fire at pro-Gorkhaland activists in Mirik area. However, the police denied doing so.

Trouble erupted in Mirik sub-division when pro-Gorkhaland supporters clashing with police and setting on fire two security vehicles and an outpost, police said today. The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) alleged that its supporter Ashok Tamang was killed and another person injured in the trouble last night.

The GJM alleged that

Police sources said the protesters were baton-charged and tear gas shells were lobbed at them.

South Admn and pharma company initiate Learn and Earn programme

NAMCHI, 18 JUL [IPR]:

Learn and Earn, another student-centric programme initiated by South District Administration in collaboration with Lupin Pharmaceutical Ltd, will forthwith lend a helping hand to the students who wish to study further but cannot pursue the same due to financial constraints.

Under this scheme, any science student [Bio & Maths] who has passed out in the year 2016 & 2017 can avail this opportunity to apply in the office of the District Collector, South by 31 July 2017. Under the scheme, preference will be given to students who have passed out from Government schools belonging to BPL & APL students provided the student have obtained 55% and above in class



XII. The programme intake for the students will be 40 boys & 10 girls and they should not be less than 18 years of age.

This initiative will start from 01 Sept 2017 and will ensure free of cost course including free books and educational

expenses. Additionally, after the students have joined the course from 01 Sept [first year], students will get a monthly

stipend of Rs 9,000 and Rs 10,000 & Rs 11,000 per month in 2nd and 3rd year, respectively.

Other benefits include 100% absorption of students, thereby guaranteeing them employment in the same company. Also, medical and accidental claims for the students will be taken care of. It may also be noted that counseling of the selected students will be done in first week of August after scrutiny of their documents.

Students who wish to apply have to submit their Bio data along with their mark sheet and residential proof [Aadhaar Card/Voter Card, etc]. Interested students can also contact Joint Director, HRD at 9434203680 and CD Francis at 9593263457.

China unusually aggressive in its stand on Dokalam: FS to par panel

NEW DELHI, JUL 18 (PTI):

China's stand on the recent Dokalam dispute in Sikkim sector has been unusually aggressive and articulate, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar told a parliamentary panel today, according to some committee members.

Jaishankar, who was briefing the panel on external affairs, maintained that New Delhi is engaged with Beijing in defusing tension through diplomatic channels. The comments were relayed to reporters by some of the 20 members who were present in the meeting.

The foreign secretary told the panel that India has clearly outlined its position on the border and Chinese have their own position, but they are misinterpreting it so India was trying to clarify it.

He said that India has been maintaining the same position since 1895 as per an Anglo-Chinese agreement.

"Jaishankar told us that China's aggression

one of the members said.

The words like "war-like situation or conflict"

were not used by the Foreign Secretary as he stuck to the word standoff to describe the current situation at Dokalam, another member said.

Both members spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidential nature of the meeting.

Chinese and Indian soldiers have been locked in a face-off for over a month after Indian troops stopped the Chinese army from building a road in the area.

During the meeting, Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi, who is also a member of the panel, asked if China was trying to send a message to Bhutan that India could not help it, according to one of the members.

GMCC to take Gorkhaland meetings to Delhi, indefinite strike to continue

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 18 JUL:

The Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee, a representative body of the all-party initiative of the Darjeeling hills to coordinate efforts to pursue the statehood demand, has decided to make the movement more Delhi-centric. Towards this end, the GMCC has de-

cided to convene its next meeting in Delhi on 01 August. Meanwhile, for the situation at "home" the committee decided that the indefinite bandh which completed 34 days today, should continue, as they feel that if the strike is relaxed, the agitation that has come this far would have been pointless.

This was decided at

the all-party meeting convened here today.

The meeting also reportedly discussed the programmes the GMCC could organize in Delhi like a fast unto death in support of the demand, seminars, dharnas etc.

The GMCC will also make the rounds of offices of political parties in Delhi to explain the constitutionality of their de-

mand and garner wider support.

The GMCC will also form two teams today, with one team tasked to call on political parties in Sikkim and the Chief Minister and Governor of Sikkim to brief them about the atrocities of the West Bengal government and the ongoing agitation for Gorkhaland and explore the possibility

of these being discussed in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

The other GMCC team will meet the Governor of West Bengal and are also in constant touch with the hill MLAs who are currently in Kolkata. The GMCC plans to submit a memorandum to the Governor and highlight the situation in the hills.

Parliament should open negotiations on Darjeeling hills

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 18 JUL:

They are in a huddle once again, the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC) members that is.

What the think-tank decides will be awaited eagerly, but it can be safely anticipated that the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief, Bimal Gurung's recent comment that what has happened so far is just a trailer of what is to come, will surely be debated upon.

Gurung's reported statement can only indicate that

the movement will intensify further and that sounds sinister for the movement is already hostile. The only way to step up an already volatile movement is to enter into an armed conflict. If, as per Gurung, the violence so far was just a "trailer", the question then is, is the GJM leadership contemplating an armed conflict next?

The point is, if that is already decided then what is the necessity of the GMCC meeting? Or, is it being given to understand that the GMCC has no option but to toe what the GJM has already scripted?

The GMCC constituents will have seen through it too. Would the constituents therefore lend their collective shoulders to bear the yoke of responsibility for the GJM agenda and its outcome? Gorkhaland movement will have moved on a different tangent then.

The answer will become clear by Wednesday, but it can be safely assumed that either the GMCC will succeed in pursuing the GJM out of its belligerent stand and influence it to direct the movement on acceptable lines or the GMCC's existence might be at

stake. Much would therefore depend on how forceful the GMCC constituents' persuasion would be.

As was expected, the Gorkhaland movement has come up for discussion in the corridors of power in Delhi with the beginning of the monsoon session of Parliament. It received mention at the Speaker's pre-Parliament session all-party meeting on Sunday and was also referred to on Tuesday.

As Monday and Tuesday witnessed voting for President and Vice-President posts, the hill issue came for passing

reference, but would occupy much of Parliament business for the next one month when Parliament would remain in session. And that is where the hope for some resolution to put an end to this crisis lies.

It is also expected that having safely navigated its President and Vice-President candidates' passage to their honourable posts, the BJP would ultimately turn focus on the Darjeeling hill situation and pursue the Centre to make a move to end the hill stalemate.

Governed by the Gorkhaland Territorial Adminis-

tration (GTA), the Darjeeling hills are as much the Centre's responsibility as they are the West Bengal government's. The GJM might have spurned the GTA, but that does not dilute the GTA formed under an Act of the Constitution.

Therefore, the Centre, which is a party to the GTA agreement, has as much responsibility as that of the state government to ensure normal life returns to the hills. The Parliament in session will provide that scope and it is for all-sides to utilize it, not fail it.

*SDF condoles
demise of
Kamala
Lamichaney*

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Sikkim Democratic Front party has expressed its heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of Kamala Lamichaney, the wife of former MLA, Gopal Lamichaney, and mother of SDF Cheli Morcha secretary, Ranju Lamichaney. She passed away today following prolonged illness.

An SDF press release issued by its publicity secretary, Krishna Lepcha, informs that she was born on 18 March 1956 and is survived by two daughters and two sons. The party has offered homage to the departed soul and expressed deep condolence to the bereaved family.

**BJP Sikkim
mourns
demise of Late
Bhandari**

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Baratiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh held condolence meetings on the sad demise of the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, NB Bhandari, at the party office at Ranipool and at the residence of its Mahila Morcha president, Bhim Kumari Sharma, in Tadong today. The meetings were attended by state-unit president, DB Chauhan, vice-president, Rinzing Kindup Bhutia, general secretary, SB Karki, Mahila Morcha president and other party workers.

A BJP state-unit press release informs that the Mahila Morcha president stressed upon the need for leaders like NB Bhandari in Sikkim.

Likewise, the party president stated that people would also remember him for his sincere works and contribution towards the recognition of Nepali language.

The party has decided to halt all its political programmes till 22 Jul to mourn the demise of Late Bhandari.

**Govt vehicle
set ablaze in
South**

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Some unknown miscreants allegedly set fire to a government vehicle parked at the premises of Forest Dak bungalow in Ravangla, South Sikkim, on the night of 16 Jul causing damage to the front portion of the vehicle.

**One booked
under POCSO**

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

One 47-year-old male hailing from Jaubari, South Sikkim, and presently residing in Majhigaon in Jorethang has been booked under POCSO Act for harassing a minor in Majhigaon on 17 Jul.

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GJM leaders pay tribute to Late Bhandari

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Gorkha Janamukti Morcha has expressed its deep condolence on the demise of the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Nar Bahadur Bhandari. A GJM delegation led by its general secretary, Binay Tamang, paid tribute to the departed leader at his residence, Primula Cottage, in the

capital. The delegation had GJM leaders like RP Waiba, LM Lama, Dawa Lama, Mani Rai and others who also met Dil Kumari Bhandari today.

Speaking to media persons later, GJM general secretary, Mr Tamang, expressed deep condolence and sadness on the passing away of the former CM of Sikkim. On behalf of Darjeeling hills,

Siliguri, Terai and Dooars, he prayed for peace to the departed soul and expressed heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family.

Mr Tamang stated that Late Bhandari was the architect of modern Sikkim and was a popular face in Indian politics. He added that the sad demise of the former CM was a great loss for all the Indian

Gorkhas.

Responding to media queries on the ongoing Gorkhaland movement, Mr Tamang stated that the support extended by Sikkim will be written in golden letters in Gorkhaland State. He expressed gratitude to Sikkim and its people for their support.

The wholehearted sup-

port shown by Sikkim for the Gorkhaland demand has encouraged others to come forward to support the cause as well, he added.

On the attacks and vandalism of Sikkim vehicles in Siliguri, Mr Tamang alleged that anti-Gorkhaland section has been involved in these incidents with the aim to harass the people of Sikkim because

it supported the demand for Gorkhaland. He further alleged that this section has a one-point agenda which is to break the unity between Sikkim and Darjeeling.

He informed that GJM has already written to the Union Home Ministry on the same and will also pressurize the district administration to take immediate action.

DC South reviews stock position of essential commodities

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

District Collector-South conducted a meeting today with all officers to review the latest situation of availability of essential commodities in the market in South district.

The meeting was conducted as a follow up to a similar meeting held on 13 Jul by the DC South.

As per a press release from DC South, during the meeting, scarcity of atta, maida, pulses and sugar in the open markets of Temi, Bermiok and Namthang was reported again by District Civil Supplies Officer-South. The DCSO South coordinated with all the shop keepers on the same and informed that necessary items will be supplied from nearby markets for Temi, Bermiok and Namthang in case of scarcity.

As per the report of Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries & Veterinary Sciences, there is now normal supply of chicken, egg and fish in the market.

The Chief Medical Officer-South, during the meeting, highlighted that there is inadequate supply of medicines from Central Health Store Organisation [CHSO]. As a result, the district is not receiving the required amount of supplies from the head office.

However, it was reported that there is sufficient supply of medicine in open market. A meeting with all the medical shop owners has been conducted and they have been directed to keep sufficient stock of medicines, the CMO-South apprised.

The supply of LPG cylinders in the South District will continue to be normal till next week. Another report will be submitted later next week by the DCSO-South as per the situation, the release adds.

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SDM INSPECTS FOOD GODOWN AT JORETHANG

JORETHANG, 18 JUL [IPR]: Sub Divisional Magistrate-Jorethang, BC Rai, today inspected the Food Corporation of India Godown at Jorethang in connection with the supply of rice to schools under Mid Day Meal Scheme. The SDM was accompanied by Assistant Education Officer-Human Resource Development Department [West], Iching Subba, and Supervisor-HRDD [South], Mohan Chettri. It was observed during the inspection that common grade rice was available and the same is being supplied to schools of both South and West Districts.

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGA, 18 JUL:

Buildings & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board in coordination with the Labor Department, Government of Sikkim, distributed various welfare items to the registered workers on the occasion of Janta Mela held at various places of Sikkim.

On 06 July, a distribution programme was held at Namchi in South Sikkim. Similar programmes were also held in Gyalshing on 07 Jul and in Mangan, Chungthang and Manul in North Sikkim from 14-16 Jul.



A total of 1765 people benefited from the programme in North Sikkim. The distribution

programme will be continued in East and South districts.

The workers registered under the Buildings & Other Construction Workers [Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service] Act 1996 were provided items such as sleeping bags, gumboots and Milton hotcases.

The programmes were attended by Secretary-Labor Department, LP Chettri, Joint Labor Commissioner, DS Kunwar, Board members, Hari Prasad Chettri and Am Prasad Sharma, along with other officials from Labor Department.

9-judge bench to hear from tomorrow right to privacy issue: SC

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The apex court said the nine-judge bench would deal with the limited issue of right to privacy and the correctness of the two judgements. The matter challenging the Aadhaar scheme would be then referred back to a smaller bench, it said.

The court asked Attorney General KK Venugopal, representing the Centre, and other senior advocates, including Arvind Datar, Shyam Divan, Gopal Subramanium and Anand Grover, who appeared for petitioners opposed to the Aadhaar scheme, to submit their written briefs in the meantime.

At the outset, Venugopal reiterated the arguments of his predecessor Mukul Rohatgi that there have been inconsistent views so far as judicial pronouncements on right to privacy was concerned. He said the apex court in M P Sharma and Kharak Singh cases have held that right to privacy was not a fundamental right and later, the smaller benches have said that it was a fundamental right.

Venugopal also said that the right to privacy is not a fundamental right and rather it is common law right which is not recognised by the Constitution.

One of the counsel for petitioners termed as "regressive" the stand of the Centre that the right to privacy was common law right and not a part

of fundamental right under the Constitution.

The apex court, initially, referred to the 1978 judgement in the Maneka Gandhi case and said that there was no need to revisit the judgements in Kharak Singh and M P Sharma cases on right to privacy.

A three-judge bench

had in 2015 referred to a larger bench a batch of pleas, including the one filed by Justice (retd) K S Puttaswamy, challenging the validity of the Aadhaar scheme and the aspect of right to privacy attached to it.

The petitioners had claimed that collection and sharing of biometric

information, as required under the scheme, was a breach of the "fundamental" right to privacy.

Allowing the Centre's plea, the court had framed various questions, including as to whether right to privacy was a fundamental right, to be decided by a Constitution bench.

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Sunset: 06:31 PM

On the Job training for school students held at SRM Univ

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

The annual On the Job Training programme that had commenced at SRM University in Sikkim on 27 Jun concluded on 12 Jul. Fourteen days of rigorous training had the participation of 108 senior secondary level students of 15 schools from in and around Gangtok, a press release informs.

The OJT programme focused on practical training of students to develop projects using programming tools such as JAVA, HTML, DBMS and C#.Net. Apart from training pertaining to areas of Information Technology, the OJT programme also provided valuable sessions to students on Entrepreneurial and Managerial Skills, SWOT Analysis, and Communication and Presentation Skills, the release adds.

Traders condole former CM's demise

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Sikkim Bihari Trade and Social Organisation and Sikkim Highway's Liquor Vendor Association held a condolence meeting on the sad demise of former Chief Minister, NB Bhandari here today. The meeting, which was chaired by the president of the organisation, Jay Narayan Yadav, expressed its heartfelt condolences and observed a two-minute silence, informs a press release from the organisation.

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INVITING RATION DONATIONS FOR EDITH WILKINS STREET CHILDREN FOUNDATION, DARJEELING

The Edith Wilkins Street Children Foundation in Darjeeling is home to 70 orphan children. Due to the ongoing strike this orphanage is running out of essential supplies and have requested for our help and support.

We at Orphanage Relief Darjeeling are trying to raise relief supplies and would appreciate any help either in cash or kind. They have requested the following items: rice, atta, milk powder, oil, biscuits, soyabean nuggets, chana-mattar and tea leaves.

The pick-up points for your contributions are:

1. Orient Pharmacy (Dr.Chettri's clinic), M.G.Marg
2. Pick N Pack, Deorali
3. Rachna Books, Development Area

Alternatively, if you give us a call on the number below we can arrange a pick-up. We are aiming to send the supplies by the end of this week. For further information, questions please contact: 7679654427.

Donors are also urged to leave behind their contact details so that we can keep them updated about the relief effort.

GNLF delegation pays tribute to Late Bhandari

SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

A delegation of Gorkha National Liberation Front [GNLF] party led by its president, Mann Ghisingh, paid tribute to the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Late NB Bhandari, at his residence here in the capital today. The GNLF delegation also expressed its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.

Speaking to media persons, GNLF central committee programme cell coordinator, Y Lama, stated that the sad demise of the former CM is a huge and irreparable loss not only for Sikkim and its people but for the entire Gorkha



community spread across the country. "He has made huge contributions in Sikkim politics and in the State building process," he said.

Mr Lama mentioned that Late Bhandari also played an important role in the recognition of Nepali as an Indian language.

"He also extended his full support to the Gorkhaland movement during 1986. We will never forget his contribution and support towards the Gorkhaland movement," he added.

Responding to media queries on the ongoing Gorkhaland movement, Mr Lama stated that GNLF founder, Subash Ghisingh, led the Gorkhaland movement during 1980s and the party is again taking up the cause with the same sincerity and honesty.

The GNLF Darjeeling

branch spokesperson, Sandeep Limboo, stated that this time the Gorkhaland movement has been getting support from across the world.

"This time Gorkhaland movement has become a purely people's movement to fulfil their aspirations of a Gorkhaland State. We will deliver our responsibilities as a political party," he said.

On behalf of the people of Darjeeling hills, Mr Limboo expressed his gratitude to the Sikkim government, the CM and people of Sikkim for their constant support for Gorkhaland.

The conference was also addressed by GNLF women's wing president, Mani Kala.

Joint installation programme of Interact Clubs of Gangtok

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 18 JUL:



Tathangchen Secondary School and West Point Senior Secondary School.

The programme also

observed the felicitation of Rotarians and faculty advisors. Outgoing Interactors who served their

respective clubs were also felicitated.

The official advisor to Interact Club Council,

Prakash Sundas, attended the event as chief guest. The function was also addressed by chairperson-Interact Club, Geeta Chettri, and senior faculty advisor of West Point, Deoraj Bagdas.

It may be mentioned here, the Interact Clubs invest in students the mechanisms of capacity building through community development projects, vocational and leadership training. There are about eight Interact Clubs in Sikkim under the banner of Rotary Club of Gangtok South and Rotary Club of Gangtok.



Remembering Bhandari Saab

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

As the State bids adieu to its former Chief Minister, Late Nar Bahadur Bhandari, many Sikkimese, especially the older generation, shared what Bhandari Saab meant to them.

For 56-year-old IK Pradhan, a resident of Pendam, the former Chief Minister represents a force that never compromised on "Sikkimese values and ethos".

Similar views were echoed by many who saw his tenure as a fire brand Chief Minister with a turbulent relationship with the Centre.

"He was a strong leader and as a Chief Minister, he proved his worth," Mr Pradhan adds.

For 45-year-old Renu Chettri from Ranipool, his contribution towards Nepali language, the lingua franca of the State, in securing constitutional recognition remains forever etched in her memory.

"I remember a victorious and powerful Chief Minister who along with his wife [DK Bhandari] played a leading role in giving our language the recognition we deserved in India," she says.

Further adding, she

held that he is an icon not just for Sikkim but for all Nepali speaking population in the country.

"I used to attend some of my first political rallies under him and his party, so in that way he becomes my political guru. Now we may be in various other parties but I will go bid goodbye to my first guru," said Pravin Tamang.

For Gangtok resident, Chung Chung Bhutia, the former Chief Minister was one of the most handsome political leaders in the country.

"So many of my school friends used to like him!" she exclaimed.

The deceased former Chief Minister's Sikkim-centric stands on various issues have richly earned him adulation from all Sikkimese, feels 60-year-old Pradeep Pandey, a retired government employee.

Adding further, he said, "We always felt he never compromised on Sikkim's issues, even if it meant losing his own government."

One of the most influential leaders the State has seen, Late NB Bhandari's contributions for Sikkim and the Nepali language will always be remembered.

Orientation for online school leadership programme held

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

The orientation for Online Programme on School Leadership Development was organized by State Project Office (SPO), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim in collaboration with National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL), National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi at the Sikkim State Teachers Recruitment Board (SSTRB) Hall at Syari in Gangtok on 17 Jul.

A press release informs that the main objective of the event was to bring awareness among officials and school heads about the newly introduced online school leadership programme by NUEPA, MHRD.

The chief guest for the programme was Special Secretary-cum-State Project Director (RMSA), HRDD, MT Sherpa, and Associate Profes-

sor, NCSL, NUEPA, Dr N Mythili, was the key resource person for the programme.

Joint Director (RMSA), KC Gyatso, and Joint Director (School Education), K Inbaraj, also attended the event along with other officers of the SPO, RMSA.

Over 75 Heads of various Government Senior Secondary, Junior High and Primary Schools from across the State along with Deputy Director (SCERT), Principal, DIET and Resource

Persons from SCERT attended this first of its kind programme.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr Inbaraj wherein he highlighted on the need and importance of organizing such Orientation Programme at regular intervals to keep abreast with latest innovations and developments in management of schools.

While delivering the key note address, Mr Sherpa [Special Secretary-cum-State Project Director] briefly talked

about the role and responsibility of a school head as leader, mentor and facilitator in schools in this age of technological and knowledge advancement. He also briefly shared about the achievement of Finland; a country known for better learning outcomes and developments in the education sector as well as high employment rate.

He also stressed on the need for school heads to make the best use of such opportunities provided by the Department to hone their skills for betterment of schools and students. During the deliberations; he also highlighted the learning outcomes up to elementary levels recently published by NCERT.

The technical session was thereafter facilitated by Dr N Mythili [Associate Professor, NCSL, NUEPA]. Dr Mythili dwelt on the various roles that a School Head is required to engage in on a daily basis duly keeping the best interest of the school in mind. She gave an overview on the process of registration/enrolment in the online training programme for school heads working in various government, aided and private schools and certification thereof by NUEPA.

It is expected that with the launch of online programme on school leadership, the process of training needs of school heads of all levels could be expedited and covered within a short span of time.

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Allow Local Adaptations of Centralized Models

The top-down model needs tweaking to deliver better

Given the energy with which Sikkim is hosting programmes under the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao scheme, it would appear that the State has a major problem when it comes to ensuring access and care for its daughters. Sikkim has many problems, some even gender related, but letting the girl child be born, survive and receive an education is not one of them. An important issue no doubt if the national scenario is taken into consideration, but in a State with no reported case of female infanticide, one might wonder at the necessity of such elaborate events and robust funding on what is, let us accept it, a redundant issue as far as Sikkim is concerned. The government agencies too realize this awkward emphasis and do, it appears, try and work around it to ensure that the earmarked funds end up coming to some use. So one has ingenious ways in which the BB-BP funds are being utilized.

This is shared here to highlight the disconnectedness with which centralized planning looks out for the country. India's daughters, by and large, need saving and access to education, but that is not necessarily the case everywhere that the programme is force-fed. In areas like Sikkim, it could have easily been ratcheted up some notches to speak more about gender equality, empowerment and rights; it could have moved beyond the unimaginatively routine official events and roped in activists and women leaders to push the envelope of gender rights a little further. But that did not happen. May be its time will come too, but this reference was made not to speak only about the BB-BP initiative, and is cited here to highlight how the pressures of implementing imported models saps everyone of the energy to work out local solutions for local issues. For example, while a girl-child's right to live is not threatened in Sikkim, her right to education often gets compromised; securing the best education for the daughters when a choice has to be made is quite often sidestepped. It is in this direction that Sikkim's energies need to be focused more and it would be unfortunate if the BB-BP was deployed only to reinforce an existing access to literacy. In that sense, it would help more if centralized planning provided the overall ideology and allowed local adaptations to build on them.

Something on these lines was attempted a few years ago when Delhi announced that it was looking at releasing funds directly to the gram panchayats based on developmental agendas set up by these micro units in line with the developmental push. That said, the decentralisation process already underway in some states, including Sikkim, will achieve little if the decentralised components are not allowed the freedom to change, adapt and modulate projects and schemes to suit the needs, aspirations and ground realities of the areas they represent. Agreed, if this happens, the control that central agencies have over line organisations will weaken, but that is how things should be when one is decentralizing anyways. The parent body should decide policy and leave the implementation to the grassroots level workers who understand the severity of the problems and know which solutions will work. They are not handicapped for initiative or skill, it is only access to funds that limits their effectiveness; as does a more trusting environment which is why they are straitjacketed with guidelines and instructions. Give them the funds and an overarching policy framework to work under and see how everything that the top-down model failed to deliver can actually be rather easily achieved.

As another smog season looms, India must act soon to keep Delhi from gasping

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"SMOG CHOKES DELHI", declared the New York Times on November 7 2016, informing readers around the world that contaminating particulates in the air in the Indian capital had "soared in some places to...more than 16 times the limit India's government considers safe."

I was in Delhi at the time for my niece's wedding. Visibility was virtually nil - 100 metres at best – and, devastatingly, winds were calm. Schools were closed for three days.

Experts said that crop burning in neighbouring Haryana and Punjab states, car emissions, construction and the use of fireworks during the traditional Hindu festival of Diwali had caused the pollution, which, in my observation, ranks as one of India's worst ever.

To get the situation under control, the Indian government announced it would temporarily shut down construction sites and a coal-fired power station.

As a former Delhi resident and forestry researcher, I felt a personal obligation to better understand this crisis – ideally so India can avoid a repeat this coming November.

I started gathering all available data about pollution levels in Delhi, obtaining hourly and daily air-quality levels from India's Central

Pollution Control Board and, from NASA, snapshots of crop-burning for November 2016. I dug into the details, using pollution images to validate the collected data.

The analysis took me six months. Here's what I found.

POLLUTION AND WIND

Pollution is a complex phenomenon involving numerous molecules, including particulate matter (PM), ozone, carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and variables, like wind speed, temperature, rain and humidity.

I found that during Delhi's 2016 pre-monsoon and monsoon season, which is February through September, air pollution based on fine particulate matter (PM 2.5, the most hazardous contaminant) dropped as wind speed increased.

Likewise, air pollution rose in October, November and December 2016, as wind speed decreased. Particulate levels spike in November, which coincided with the Diwali festival and then with a spate of crop-burning in rural areas near Delhi.

There was a visible relationship between average daily wind speed and pollution levels in Delhi from late October through mid-November 2016.

On November 6 2016, wind speed was the lowest of any day during that period,

an average of 0.46 metres per second (m/sec). That day, PM 2.5 reached as high as 713 micrograms per cubic metre, prompting international headlines.

As average wind speed increased between November 6 and 7 from 0.46 m/sec to a very light breeze of 0.74 m/sec, the pollution level dropped by 38.4%. November 7 and November 8 followed the same trend, with average wind speed of 1.25 m/sec leading PM 2.5 to again drop, this time 56% from peak levels.

RESIDUE CROP BURNING AND WIND DIRECTION

Wind is not the only factor in air pollution, of course. What goes into the air matters, too.

In Haryana and Punjab states to the north of Delhi, farmers commonly burn their remaining crops in fall, after the summer harvest ends, ridding their fields of stubble, weed and pests and readying them for winter planting.

This agricultural event coincides with Diwali, India's festival of lights, which features three or four nights of fireworks before and after the festival, in October or early November.

I analysed snapshots of data from NASA compiled for September 1 (no fires yet in Haryana and Punjab), October 1 (start of fires) and the first week of November in 2016.

The data confirms that the days of highest pollution levels in Delhi (November 1 to November 7) coincided with large-scale residue crop-burning to the city's northwest and, to a lesser degree, south.

Wind-direction data from the Central Pollution Control Board in Rothak, Haryana, between November 1 and November 7 show that, on those days, the wind blew primarily east and east-southeast – that is, towards Delhi.

IMPROVING DELHI'S AIR QUALITY

My research confirms, in great detail, that the main elements of Delhi's record-breaking pollution levels in November 2016 were lower wind speeds, the use of fireworks during Diwali, residue crop-burning and wind direction.

These factors may well coincide once again in November, the month of lowest average wind speeds in Delhi according to meteorological data.

That gives Indian policy-makers and Delhi residents just under four months to take action. Strictly limiting residue crop-burning, celebratory firecrackers and major construction in November may safeguard the city against another air-quality disaster.

Regulations may include a total ban (perhaps with financial compensation for the inconvenience) on residue crop

burning during October and November in Haryana and Punjab, and rationing fire crackers during Diwali.

Other countries have taken measures to limit crop-burning. In Victoria, Australia, the state government strongly encourages farmers to adopt conservation farming systems, including retaining crop stubble residues, but allows burning spotlessly. And in some Canadian provinces, stubble-burning is allowed by permit only.

There is no such legislation under consideration in India.

The government has come up with a seeder that can be used to plant wheat without the need to dispose of the straw left after the rice harvest. But even with financial help farmers can't afford this expensive new technology.

Pending regulation, raising the general public's awareness of the issue could help. By printing pamphlets about pollution and its effects on air quality and health, as well as by informing people of the daily trends of pollution through TV, radio and social media, India's government could help teach farmers in hard-to-reach rural India about the impact of their actions.

Delhi – and India in general – can no longer afford to do nothing.

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Is the world really sleepwalking to war? Systems thinking can provide an answer

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The idea the world is sleepwalking to war, much like Europe did in the early years of the 20th century, deserves to be taken seriously. One of us (Chris Barrie) set the hares running recently when he said that, as in 1914, political leaders today are doing just that.

Barrie was following the lead of eminent historians like Margaret MacMillan and Christopher Clark, who concluded that Europe did sleepwalk into the first world war – even if they are at a loss to explain why. MacMillan, like Barrie, has pointed out the "disquieting parallels with the present".

But the problem with history is that it is always easy to gainsay such parallels. History doesn't repeat itself – at least not in an exact way. The parallels that exist are usually at such a high level of abstraction that small shifts in local circumstances can render them useless.

History's problem is the problem of the dynamics of all complex systems. Their futures are not determined, yet nor are they random. At any given point in time, the next step for any complex system exists as many possibilities – some of which are much more likely to occur than others.

HOW COMPLEX SYSTEMS THINKING CAN HELP
Complex systems thinking offers another approach to examine the parallels between today and the early 20th century. We can look forward with a complex systems perspective to seek the many possible futures, and then ask the question: which is the most likely?

We can do this through simulation. In this case, we need a model of the strategic interactions between countries that is sufficiently general that both the model and the real world are similar complex systems. And we need a model that is sufficiently realistic that its behaviours are easily recognisable in the real world of strategic interaction.

Until about 20 or 30 years ago, simulations of complex systems were pretty clunky and unrealistic. With advances in complex systems science, we can now build models that meet both criteria – generality and realism.

In this vein, we (Roger and Dmitry) have been building a general simulation framework that models the strategic interactions between countries. In discussion with Chris, we created a model within that framework that explores the essence of the sleepwalking hypothesis.

What we found broadly confirmed the hypothesis – but added some surprising wrinkles of its own.

WHAT WE FOUND

The model stripped the problem to its essentials – a set of countries that interact with each other through competition (at its extreme, war) and co-operation (at its extreme, peace).

Countries can grow in wealth and power through these interactions. But there are costs imposed (especially by war) even on winners, so countries can also decline in wealth and power. Countries choose how to interact with a strategy they develop from their past experience and from observing what works for their neighbours.

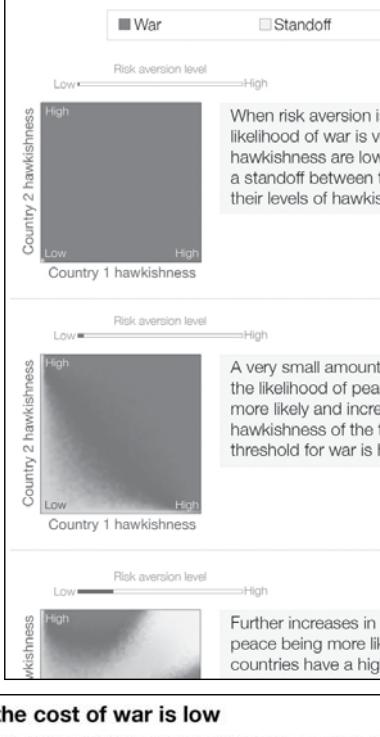
For the sleepwalking hypothesis, we focused on two parameters that are part of a country's strategy – hawkishness and risk aversion.

There is evidence of hawkishness in the rise in nationalism within countries as they adopt more aggressive postures in their international relations. In recent years, hawkishness has been growing in China, Russia, North Korea and the US.

An aggressive posture is one thing – but doing

Hawkishness, risk aversion and war

How the likelihood of peace, war and standoff hawkishness and risk aversion vary for a pair of countries.



When the cost of war is low

The evolution of countries' strategies over time when they believe that war is not costly.



something about it is another; as countries factor in the costs and risks of aggression. So, we see risk aversion as a parameter distinct from hawkishness.

Saudi Arabia has demonstrated less risk aversion combined with high hawkishness in its Yemen excursions – as have Turkey and Iran in their Syrian adventure. But they also can be decoupled – North and South Korea are both pretty hawkish, but South Korea's subtly calibrated risk aversion in the face of outrageous North Korean aggression has kept the two countries from war.

For instance, in 2010, a North Korean submarine, in an unprovoked attack, sank the South Korean corvette Cheonan. South Korea kept its response to the diplomatic domain.

We hypothesised that the world sleepwalks to war when hawkishness rises to high levels and risk aversion falls to low levels across the ensemble of states.

The interactive below shows the evolution of countries' strategies when they believe war is not costly (whether it is or not), and when they have a tendency to copy other countries' successful strategies.

We see that hawkishness grows very quickly and risk aversion declines very quickly across the whole ensemble. We also see that these strategies are very stable once achieved. When successful, the willingness of countries to resort to war to resolve their strategic dilemmas increases, the threshold for such a resort decreases, and this willingness is resistant to change once it is in place.

The model clearly confirms the hypothesis.

IS THERE A WAY OUT?

But is a de-escalation path available once the ensemble of countries is locked into high hawkishness and low risk aversion, and just waiting for a trigger for a major conflict?

Because of the in-step nature of "sleepwalking to war", we wondered if explicit policy action by individual countries could carve out a de-escalation path. So, we drilled down into the behaviour of pairs of countries to see if we could visualise paths from war to peace.

Here we modelled, for a pair of countries, the most likely regions of war, peace and stand-off in their interactions for different degrees of hawkishness for each. We added the idea of a stand-off to our model to account for the "not-peace, not-war" phenomenon observed, for example, during the Cold War.

We then tracked the evolution of that landscape as risk aversion increased, as shown below.

We can see clearly that increased hawkishness alone will not lead to war unless risk aversion is also low. When risk aversion is high, there is plenty of peaceful space available even in the highly hawkish parts of the landscape.

In the Cold War, even though both sides mirrored each other in highly hawkish ways, their mutual risk aversion actually created a long, if tense, peace – a stand-off. And statesmanship on both sides continually steered the strategies towards the more peaceful parts of the landscape.

But we can also see that the peaceful domain in the landscape shrinks rapidly as risk aversion decreases, such that, at low risk aversion, even low levels of hawkishness can drive countries to war.

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

Taking both sets of results together, we think that, in walking countries away from war, statesmanship might find much more purchase on risk aversion than on hawkishness.

It seems hawkishness is more about values (as seen, for example, in emotional calls to nationalism and populism). Risk aversion, by contrast, seems more about the rational balance of war's costs and benefits.

With hawkishness strongly influenced by the behaviours of other countries, it is easier to talk it up than down. And, with high emotional content, it's likely to be resistant to statesmanship – that is, policy actions that go against the grain of the moment.

But risk aversion, as a rational action, depends to a significant degree on a country's internal policy environment – how its citizens feel about the costs of war – and so may be more amenable to change.

In an increasingly hawkish world, this may be our best bet for maintaining peace.

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Setback to Liezetsu, HC dismisses plea against floor test

KOHIMA, JUL 18 (PTI): In a major setback to Nagaland Chief Minister Shurhozelie Liezetsu, the Gauhati High Court today dismissed his petition for staying Governor P B Acharya's directive for floor test.

The court has left the matter to the discretion of the governor, who had asked Liezetsu to seek the vote of confidence in view of the turbulence within the ruling NPF.

Kohima Bench judge L S Jamir had heard the argument in the case yesterday and the pronounced of the judgement was listed for today.

Acharya had on July 11 and July 13 directed Liezetsu to seek the vote of confidence after former chief minister T R Zeliang staked claim saying he had majority support in the house.

Liezetsu, who is facing rebellion by 43 Naga Peoples Front MLAs led by Zeliang demanding change of leadership in the present house of 59, had filed the petition on July 14 appealing for stay on the governor's directive.



Depression in Odisha, more rains predicted

BHUBANESWAR, JUL 18 (PTI): The low pressure over the Bay of Bengal intensified into a depression today, raising the likelihood of more rainfall in Odisha, which is experiencing heavy downpour for the past three days.

As sea condition would be rough to very rough under the influence of the depression, the Met office advised fishermen not to venture into the sea.

Yesterday's 'Well Marked Low Pressure Area' concentrated into a depression and lay centred about 120 km east-southeast of Gopalpur and 80 km south-southeast of Puri, the Met office here said today.

Under its impact, rain and thundershower are likely to occur at many places of the state.

Strong gusty surface wind from northeasterly direction in north Odisha coast and northwesterly direction in south coast are also likely to prevail along and off Odisha coast.

In view of the weather conditions, advice was issued for hoisting Local Cautionary Signal Number Three (LC-III) in all ports in Odisha.

Will not back down says GJM on Gorkhaland demand

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

Gorkha Janamukti Morcha general secretary, Binay Tamang today stated that the ongoing movement is the first stage for the separate State of Gorkhaland and will be followed by the second stage of the movement. He hinted that the third stage of the movement could turn violent.

Mr Tamang along with some other GJM leaders were in Gangtok to pay their last respects to the former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Nar Bahadur Bhandari who passed away on 16 July.

Speaking to media persons here, Mr Tamang stated that central agencies are keeping a



close watch on the ongoing movement for the separate State of Gorkhaland and taking note of daily incidents. He expressed his hope that the Central government will understand the emotions and aspirations of Gorkhas and play a positive role.

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He also clarified that the party will not have talks with West Bengal. He alleged that anti-Gorkhaland elements have been working actively to distort the

Gorkhaland movement through false rumours. Highlighting that the movement this time has garnered wide support, he said, "I have not seen such unity among Gorkhas for the Gorkhaland cause. So

we will move ahead with the single agenda of Gorkhaland."

On the West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee's allegations, he stated that she should not speak irresponsibly when she is holding such a dignified post. He also challenged her allegations demanding that she prove their veracity.

On GMCC, he stated that GMCC is an umbrella organisation for Gorkhaland but many elements have been trying to break it. West Bengal is panic stricken by the unity amongst the Gorkhas and is trying to break it through conspiracies, he added.

IPFT delegation to meet Kiren Rijiju over Baramura blockade

AGARTALA, JUL 17 (PTI):

A delegation of the agitating Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) will meet Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju in Delhi on the ongoing road and rail blockade at Baramura hill range in West Tripura district.

"Chief Minister Manik Sarkar and Kiren Rijiju had a talk regarding the blockade today morning. Rijiju told Sarkar that Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has asked him to talk with the IPFT delegation tomorrow. The meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon," a



statement issued by the government said today.

Talks between the state government and IPFT failed yesterday

as the outfit refused to withdraw its road and rail blockade at Baramura hill range, about 30 km from here.

A nine-member delegation of IPFT headed by its president N C Debbarma met a delegation of the state government

headed by Chief Secretary Sanjib Ranjan for talks to break the impasse over the blockade, but decided to continue its indefinite agitation programme.

An administrative team headed by the chief secretary requested us to withdraw the movement on the plea that it is causing problems for the common people. But, the proposal was not acceptable to us because they did not agree to discuss our demand for a separate state. We said our movement will continue," Debbarma had told reporters.

MRF Pace Foundation celebrates 25 years with Cricket Australia

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 JUL:

MRF Pace Foundation, India's premier coaching facility dedicated to pace bowling established by MRF Ltd, is celebrating 25 years of its tie-up with Cricket Australia today, a press release informs.

It may be mentioned here that the collaboration started in 1992 when the legendary Australian cricketer Dennis Lillee was the Director of MRF Pace Foundation. It is notable that Glenn McGrath, the current Director, was among the trainees who first visited the Foundation in 1992 in the first batch of the programme.

Attending the function to mark the occasion were Chairman & Managing Director, MRF Ltd, KM Mammen, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Arun Mammen, and Managing Director, Rahul Mammen.

Speaking about his association with MRF Pace Foundation, Glenn McGrath, Director, MRF Pace Foundation said, "It is de-



lightful to know that I made it to the Foundation as a trainee in the first batch of this programme. Life has come full circle, where today I am still with the Foundation, not as a trainee but as its Director. It's a great feeling."

"We are indeed happy to have this collaboration with Cricket Australia. It's a great opportunity for trainees from both sides to explore and get experienced playing in varying climatic and surface conditions. Also, it gives us an opportunity

to benchmark our training capabilities alongside the training methodologies adopted in Australia. We would be happy to continue this tie-up, which at the end of the day benefits the game of Cricket," added MD, Rahul Mammen.

Bill in LS to allow construction near protected monuments

NEW DELHI, JUL 18 (PTI):

A bill to allow the govern-

ment to take up infrastructure projects within the prohibited areas except for repair and renovation works.

The government said the need was felt to amend the law to allow "construction works related to infrastructure financed and carried out by any department or office of the central government for public purposes which is necessary for the safety or security of the public at large".

Besides, such construction works would be taken up when there is no possibility of any other viable alternative to such construction beyond the limits of the prohibited area.

The 'Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment) Bill' is the Statement of Objects and Reasons said.

Amendments have been proposed in the legislation to the 1958 Act that prohibits carrying out any public work or project essential to the public or other constructions in any prohibited area around protected monuments.

A 'prohibited area' means land in the 100-metre radius around a protected monument. Cur-

rently, construction is not allowed in the prohibited areas except for repair and renovation works.

There are more than 3,600 monuments and sites that are centrally-protected under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India, which is responsible for their maintenance.

SC allows Centre to replace MCI oversight committee

NEW DELHI, JUL 18 (PTI):

The Supreme Court today allowed the Centre to replace the oversight committee set up to supervise the functioning of the Medical Council of India (MCI) with a fresh panel of five eminent doctors.

A five-judge Constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar, said the Centre had proposed the names of five eminent doctors to replace the oversight committee whose term had just expired.

"The doctors proposed are all outstanding people. We are satisfied with the names," the bench, also comprising Justices J Chelameswar, R K Agrawal, D Y Chandrachud and S Abdul Nazeer, said.

It also gave the Centre liberty to replace any doctor in the list with another if he does not wish to be a part of the oversight committee.

The bench had yesterday asked the Centre to constitute a panel which would replace the oversight committee set up last year by the apex court to oversee the MCI's functioning till the government put in place an alternate mechanism.

The committee, set up by the court on May 2 last year, was to function for a

period of one year or till a suitable mechanism was brought in by the Centre to substitute it.

During the hearing, senior lawyer Kapil Sibal, appearing for the Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, had said the tenure of the oversight committee should be extended by one more year or till the time the Centre comes out with a mechanism to deal with the issues relating to the MCI's functioning.

The apex court had on July 13 agreed to set up a five-judge constitution bench to deal with the matter after Rohatgi had said it was an urgent matter as counselling for admissions in MBBS and BDS was underway. The Centre had earlier told the apex court that it had taken steps to put the alternative mechanism in place and there was no need now for the oversight committee to continue.

Birla Planetarium reopens with additions



KOLKATA, JULY 18 (PTI): A revamped Birla Planetarium was today reopened after a 28-month overhaul shutdown with a 'Know Your Weight In the Solar System' scale and 'Carl Zeiss Projection system' as its major attractions.

The 'Know Your Weight In the Solar System' scale is a device which will measure the weight of a person and a computer chip in it will show his or her weight on the moon, the sun or any of the planets.

The latest Carl Zeiss Hybrid Projection System, which has an

opto-mechanical projector, will produce a unique depiction of the cosmos and treat celestial lovers with a never-seen-before visual experience. The digital projectors will provide the most vivid and colourful images of celestial objects and events.

The opto-mechanical projector will provide a brilliant depiction of the night sky as seen by a human eye.

"We want to include M P Birla Planetarium in the tourist map of the city so that more and more

tourists can come and visit it," West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said while inaugurating the renovated planetarium.

The planetarium will offer seven shows from Monday to Saturday and on Sunday it will run nine shows. The shows will be conducted in English, Bengali and Hindi.

Built in 1962, the planetarium is the oldest in Asia and the second largest in the world. A landmark in Kolkata, it used to attract close to seven lakh visitors annually before it was shutdown for renovation.

Banks lost
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NEW DELHI, JULY 18 (PTI): Nearly Rs 180 crore was lost in 2,632 cases of robbery, theft, dacoity and burglaries at India's 51 banks in the last three years, 2014-15 to 2016-17), Parliament was informed today.

In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Finance Santosh Kumar Gangwar said State Bank of India lost Rs 30 crore in 344 incidence of robbery, theft, dacoity and burglaries in the last three financial years.

Bank of Baroda lost Rs 13 crore in 188 incidence robbery, theft, dacoity and burglaries.

Private sector players ICICI Bank Ltd, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank Ltd respectively lost Rs 17.25 crore, Rs 37.34 crore and Rs 10.21 crore in such incidents.

Gangwar said: "Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that banks have been advised to review and strengthen the security arrangement in their branches and ATMs from time to time. RBI has further informed that banks report all instances of theft/burglaries/dacoity/robberies to RBI—including theft from bank lockers and it does not maintain data on robberies in the bank lockers exclusively."

He further said RBI has informed that there is no specific circular asking banks to compensate customers for theft of articles from bank lockers.

"Nevertheless banks have been advised by RBI that it would be the responsibility of the banks to ensure that the lockers remain safe and there is no negligence in the matter of safeguarding the lockers that could render the banks concerned liable to claims by locker holders," he added.

Sri Lanka pull off record chase to beat Zimbabwe

COLOMBO, JUL 18 (AFP): Niroshan Dickwella and Asela Gunaratne guided Sri Lanka to a record 388 target to beat Zimbabwe by four wickets Tuesday in a pulsating end to their one-off Test.

A crucial 121-run sixth-wicket stand between Gunaratne (80 not out) and Dickwella (81) secured Sri Lanka's best-ever run chase.

Sri Lanka's previous best was against South Africa in 2006, when they achieved a 352-run target. Tuesday's chase was also the highest in Asia and fifth best in Tests.

Man-of-the-match Gunaratne anchored the chase to perfection after Dickwella's departure, putting on an unbeaten 67-run partnership with Dilruwan Perera (29 not out) to take Sri Lanka to victory.

The win in Colombo was a boost for new Test captain Dinesh Chandimal and eased Sri Lanka's pain after a shock defeat in the one-day series against the minnows.

"It's always tough when you're batting in the fourth innings but I told the team that they should play their normal game and they played some outstanding innings, especially Dickwella and Asela," Chandimal said.

"It's always challenging as a captain but it's about doing the right things on and off the field," said Chandimal, who took over after Angelo Mathews quit because of the ODI loss.

Zimbabwe skipper Graeme Cremer claimed four wickets with his leg-spin to return overall figures of 9-275 at the R. Premadasa Stadium.

But Gunaratne, who played most of the Test as a batsman after injuring

Germany held by Sweden, Russia stun Italy at women's Euro

BREDA (NETHERLANDS), JUL 18 (AFP): Holders Germany were held to a goalless draw by Sweden while underdogs Russia stunned Italy as Group B opened at the women's Euro tournament in the Netherlands.

In Breda, Sweden picked up their first point in 12 competitive encounters with Germany, who have won the European title six times in a row and eight times overall.

Earlier in Rotterdam, first-half goals from Elena Danilova and Elena Morozova handed Russia a surprise 2-1 win over Italy.

In a reprise of the Olympic final from Rio, Germany kept Sweden under pressure in an uneventful first half but they failed to create scoring chances against solid defence.

Their dominance continued in the second half, with substitute Mandy Islacker the biggest threat for the Swedish goal.

In the 65th minute, she flicked a low cross from Carolin Simon just past the post.



Sweden then demonstrated their strength on the counter-attack but Stina Blackstenius failed to deliver following a superb run as her weak shot was blocked by Almuth Schult who also stopped Lotta Schelin's breakaway effort two minutes later.

Seven minutes before the end, Islacker flicked a low pass from captain Dzenifer Marozsan under the crossbar, but Chelsea keeper Hedvig Lindahl cleared the ball over the bar.

Russia were avenging three 2-0 defeats from Italy at previous Euro

tournaments, as well as a 3-0 loss in a friendly last December.

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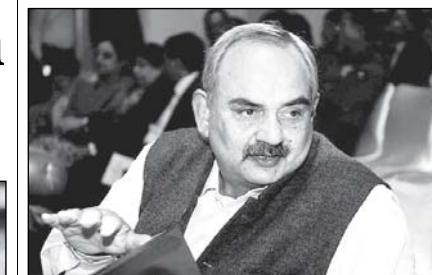
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India, UK discuss extradition of fugitives, visa problems

LONDON, JUL 18 (PTI):

India and the UK have discussed the issues that affect the extradition of fugitives "across the board" and the problems faced due to delays by British authorities in granting visas to Indians, including students.

Patel.

During the talks Mehrishi held in the UK, India raised the issue of visa problems faced by Indians, including delays in student visa decisions, the high amount charged for the UK visas and the lengthy waiting period for Indian tourist visas.

The issue of women abandoned by Indian-origin and NRI spouses from the UK back in India was also raised by the India-UK Home Affairs Dialogue, which concluded yesterday.

Asked if the extradition of fugitive liquor baron Vijay Mallya and former IPL chief Lalit Modi were raised specifically with the UK, Mehrishi said the issues that affect extradition "across the board" were discussed, rather than specific cases.

"Mr Mallya's case is sub-judice. The issues around extradition discussed during the meetings only focused on any difficulties that may arise in extradition cases in general," he told reporters at the Indian High Commission at the end of his week-long visit.

Mallya, the 61-year-old former chief of the now-grounded Kingfisher Airlines, has been in the UK since March 2016 and was arrested by Scotland Yard on an extradition warrant on April 18. The airliner owes nearly Rs 9,000 crore to various Indian banks.

Out on a bail, he is fighting the extradition case in a UK court. He had fled India on March 2 last year.

And Modi, also said to be in the UK, is wanted by Indian authorities in connection with a money laundering case.

The first meeting under the process took place in New Delhi in May and the meeting in London was co-chaired by Mehrishi with UK Permanent Secretary Philip Rutnam.

Killing of sheep by unknown animals

continue unabated in Ganjam



villages, respectively in the last one week, while

India (WII) visited Bhanjanagar to identify it on Sunday last, he said.

Forest officials have been carrying out patrolling in the area and the operation will be intensified at night, said divisional forest officer, Ghumusara North, Ramaswamy P.

He said forest personnel had ad-

vised the sheep owners to keep the animals in an enclosure for their safety, but they were left in the open.

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his hamstring in the first innings, tackled the Zimbabwe spinners with ease during his 151-ball stay.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Dickwella rode his luck to reach 81 before being caught behind off left-arm spinner Sean Williams while attempting an audacious reverse sweep.

Dickwella survived a stumping chance from Sikandar Raza's off-spin on 37 and was then dropped by wicket-keeper Regis Chakabva on 63.

The stumping reprieve cost Zimbabwe dearly. It was referred to the third umpire, who ruled him not out despite replays showing his toe was on the

crease -- a case where the batsman can be given out.

Earlier, Cremer sent overnight batsman Kusal Mendis trudging back to the pavilion for 66 after Sri Lanka resumed on 170-3.

Cremer struck again with his leg-spin to have Mathews caught and bowled for 25. The visitors scented victory, but it was not to be for the 10th-ranked side.

"Credit to them...but the way the guys fought and got the runs on the board and pushed Sri Lanka till he last day was great," said Cremer.

"The one-day series is a high point

for us, we brought that confidence into the Test match and it gave us the belief that we could push the big teams."

For Sri Lanka, veteran left-arm spinner Rangana Herath also stood out with five wicket hauls in each innings. He got the man of the series award for his overall match figures of 11-249.

Zimbabwe batsman Craig Ervine's 160 in the first innings and allrounder Raza's 127 in the second essay were also notable performances in the match.

Sri Lanka host the number-one ranked India for three Tests, five one-day internationals and a single Twenty20 later this month.



Irani takes charge of I&B ministry

NEW DELHI, JUL 18 (PTI): Textiles Minister Smriti Irani today assumed additional charge of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry after M Venkaiah Naidu resigned following his nomination as NDA's vice presidential candidate.

"With blessings of PM @narendramodi ji, took Additional Charge of @MIB_India," she tweeted.

After taking charge, she held meeting with Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore, Prasar Bharati CEO S S Vemparati and other senior officials of the I&B ministry.

Earlier in the day, she also met Naidu.



Death penalty is wrong and this is my principle:
Gopal Gandhi

NEW DELHI, JUL 18 (PTI): Opposition vice presidential candidate Gopalkrishna Gandhi today justified his efforts to save Mumbai blast convict Yakub Memon from the gallows, saying the practice of capital punishment was medieval and wrong.

Facing criticism from the ruling side for backing Memon's mercy plea, he said he did so drawing inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi and Babasaheb Ambedkar, who were against death penalty and wanted it abolished.

Gandhi filed his nomination papers today in the presence of former prime minister Manmohan Singh and top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. Also present were other opposition leaders, including JD (U)'s Sharad Yadav, CPI(M)'s Sitaram Yechury, CPI's D Raja, NCP's Tariq Anwar and Praful Patel, NC's Farooq Abdullah and DMK's Kanimozhi.

"In our country, we are living in times of division. A whole force which is dividing our country is in action mode and that spells danger," Gandhi said after filing his papers.

He said he was representing the common citizen of the country and not any political party and would try and help bridge the gulf between the public and politics.

"People's faith in politics itself has diminished and has collapsed. I would like to see a revival of that faith," he said.

Responding to the Shiv Sena's attack on him for petitioning the president to save Memon, Gandhi said, "Shiv Sena is doing its duty with dedication. What Shiv Sena has said, it had to. I feel that the death penalty and capital punishment belong to the medieval ages. Death penalty is wrong and this is my principle."

Don't use 'trespass' to realise political targets: China tells

BEIJING, JUL 18 (PTI): India should not use "trespass" into the Doklam area in the Sikkim sector as a "policy tool" to achieve its "political targets", China said today, asking New Delhi to immediately withdraw its troops to avoid any escalation.

The foreign ministry also said it was in "close communication" with foreign missions in Beijing on the standoff with India, but refused to confirm whether it held a special briefing for them on the issue.

"Since the illegal trespass by Indian border personnel, many foreign diplomats in China felt shocked about this and (wanted) to confirm whether it was true," the ministry's spokesman Lu Kang said when asked about the reported briefing.

"The Chinese side maintains close communication with the



foreign diplomatic missions on the issues they are interested," Kang told reporters.

China reportedly held a "closed-door briefing"

last week and conveyed their side of the story on the standoff near the Bhutan trijunction.

The standoff between Indian and Chinese

armies have continued for a month over the construction of a road by China near the trijunction.

India has expressed concern over the road

construction near the trijunction, fearing it may allow Chinese troops to cut India's access to its north-eastern states. It has conveyed to China that the

road construction would represent a significant change of status quo with serious security implications for India.

Asked if China stated in the reported meeting that its patience was withering, Lu said Beijing stressed that the "facts are very clear in this incident".

He said the Sikkim section of the India-China boundary is mutually recognised by the two sides. "This time Indian border personnel illegally trespassed the boundary into the Chinese territory," he said.

"We stress that the Indian side should not take the trespass as a policy tool to reach or realise their political targets," he said.

To another question whether Beijing has stated that patience was running out over the issue, he said: "We have reiterated our

position on the illegal trespass by the Indian side."

"You must be very clear about it. We hope the Indian side can get clear understanding of the current situation and take immediate measures to withdraw the personnel who have illegally crossed the boundary so as to avoid the escalation," he said.

Earlier an Op-ed in a Chinese state-run daily said that if India "stirs up conflicts in several spots, it must face the consequence of an all-out confrontation with China along the entire LAC (Line of Actual Control)."

"China doesn't advocate and tries hard to avoid a military clash with India, but China doesn't fear going to war to safeguard sovereignty either, and will make itself ready for a long-term confrontation," said The Global Times.

Trump pushes for 'Made in America' products

WASHINGTON, JUL 18 (PTI): US President Donald Trump has pushed for 'Made in America' products to fight "unfair" and "stupid" trade practises amid criticism that his own family business outsources product manufacturing to countries like India, China and Bangladesh.

Surrounded by Gibson guitars, Stetson cowboy hats and other 'Made in America' products, Trump promised to "stand up" for American companies and their employees, warning that the US would take retaliatory action against other countries' "unfair trade practices".

"We have countries that charge us 100 per cent tax on a product. And when that product is sold by them to us, we brilliantly charge them nothing," Trump said, with a tinge of sarcasm.

"People say, 'Oh that's free trade.' No, that's stupid trade. That's really stupid trade. It's incredible," Trump was quoted as saying by CNN.

Noting that he was elected on promises of reinvigorating American manufacturing, the President touted his administration's efforts to bolster US manufacturing and strip away burdensome government regulations and promised he would do more to level the playing field for US companies.

But Trump offered up no new policy or specific action that would advance those goals, signing only a symbolic "Made in America" proclamation and promising still-unrevealed policies that would make US manufacturers "so happy".

"Over the next short period



of time you're going to see things announced that you won't even believe for our country and for selling product in our country and making product in our country and things that are great for American jobs," Trump said.

The day provided an opportunity for Trump to turn the page away from the Russia-related controversies swirling around his administration and instead provide images of him marvelling at a host of products made in all 50 US states.

"My administration is removing the burdens and regulations on your companies so that you can compete, thrive, and grow," he said.

"For decades, Washington has allowed other nations to wipe out millions of American jobs through unfair trade practices," he said.

This painful exodus of American jobs was marked by a period of sluggish growth, falling incomes, surging welfare, and shrinking participation in the workforce, he said as he called for a free and fair trade with other countries.

"We must fight the unfair trade practices that have gutted our industry, and that includes cracking down on the predatory online sales of foreign goods, which is absolutely killing our shoppers and our shopping centers," he said.

"Since the beginning of the year, we have already created over 50,000 brand-new manufacturing jobs, and we're just getting started. We will lift our citizens from welfare to work. We will turn boarded-up communities into new outposts of American commerce. And we

will once again rediscover our heritage as a manufacturing nation," Trump said.

The US used to be a manufacturing nation.

Not so much anymore, he said.

"Restoring American manufacturing will not only restore our wealth, it will restore our pride and pride in ourselves.

"It will revitalise our independence, and it will rebuild the bonds of kinship between our communities and our citizens, which has been lagging," said the US President.

However, Trump's push for Made in America received some criticism from his political opponents who alleged that his family businesses were still selling products overseas including those in India, China and Bangladesh.

"Where are the shirts made?

Bangladesh. Where are the ties made? China," tweeted Matthew Wagner communication director of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer.

"Trump's organisation continues to outsource much of its product manufacturing to Bangladesh, China & Mexico," tweeted Congressman Dan Kildee.

"I actually look at it in a very different way, which is the President has been a very successful businessman on a number of fronts and a number of areas and industries, and to understand first-hand what the tax burden and what the regulatory burden do to a business that wants to grow or expand here or hire here," White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer replied.

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7.7-magnitude quake hits off Russia: US scientists

WASHINGTON, JUL 18 (AFP): An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.7 struck off the eastern coast of Russia, according to the US Geological Survey, causing officials to initially warn of a tsunami threat in parts of the Pacific.

But the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center lifted that forecast a short time later, saying it did not expect "a destructive Pacific-wide tsunami," and adding there was no threat to Hawaii.

"Minor sea level fluctuations may occur in some coastal areas near the earthquake over the next few hours," the center said.

Waves had been initially forecast to be less than 0.3 metres above the tide level for coasts in the area ranging from Russia to Hawaii, the tsunami authority said.

The quake at 2334 GMT hit 199 kilometres east-southeast of Nikol'skye, Russia, the US Geological Survey said, noting that it struck at a depth of 11.7 kilometres.

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CUTENESS OVERLOADED! Jaime King has a loving smile on her face while watching her three-year-old son James Knight have a blast at the Cirque du Soleil Junior – Luna Petunia Season 2 family event at The Grove in Los Angeles.

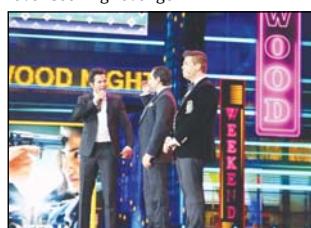
KAAIBL TO GET A HOLLYWOOD REMAKE, WILL THE ACTOR BE PART OF IT?

Hrithik Roshan's Kaabil released in January alongside Shah Rukh Khan's widely anticipated Raees and became a hit. Thanks to a good content and a superb acting by Hrithik, the clash with a biggie like that couldn't become a deterrent for it. And now it will even get a Hollywood remake. Yes, Sanjay Gupta has confirmed to Mid-Day that 20th Century Fox has approached Hrithik for the rights.

Talking to the daily, Gupta said, "It's true that Fox, through Tomas Jegerus [president, Fox International Productions], has approached Hrithik. Even though the developments are too premature to talk about at this moment, it is an honour for the team. What is also exciting is that Kaabil has been declared the best film of [the first half of] 2017 via an online poll. So, it's a double win for us." Gupta is talking about our Best Actor poll results for the first half of 2017 which Hrithik Roshan won with big majority. Coming back to Kaabil's Hollywood turn, an insider informed the daily, "Before he jetted off to New York, Hrithik was pleasantly surprised to get a call from Tomas, who wanted to buy the remake rights of Kaabil. They feel the film is a pure entertainer and has all the ingredients for a great Hollywood film. Hrithik will discuss the matter with his father when he is back."

When the daily spoke to Rakesh Roshan, he was even more elated.

"The screenplay was hard-hitting, and the drama, gripping. It would make for a wonderful Hollywood adaptation, given that it has all the necessary emotions. It struck gold at the box-office because it was about a visually-impaired lover seeking revenge."



But now the question is, will Hrithik be part of the Hollywood version as well?

VARUN REGRETS HIS CONTROVERSIAL 'NEPOTISM ROCKS' GAG!

Varun Dhawan has been getting a lot of flak for his gag at the IIFA that he performed with the hosts for the evening, Karan Johar and Saif Ali Khan.

The hosts were cracking a lot of jokes about the industry, and one of the topics that they joked about, was nepotism.

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NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI BRINGS BACK THE RACISM TOPIC

Racism and nepotism are two topics Bollywood and its fans are arguing at this moment. While nepotism has brought a lot of ire to Karan Johar, Varun Dhawan and Saif Ali Khan for their jokes on the same at IIFA, Nawazuddin Siddiqui has brought the topic of racism back to prominence with his cryptic tweet that he posted last night.

He had posted, 'Thank U 4 making me realise dat I cannot b paired along wid d fair & handsome bcz I m

When Varun Dhawan came on stage to receive his award for the Best Actor in a Comic Role (for Disha), Karan Johar reminded him that he is not here for his 'talent', rather for his father, David Dhawan. Varun then told Saif Ali Khan that he is also in the industry because of his mother, Sharmilla Tagore, while Karan Johar is here because of his father, the late Yash Johar. Together they then proclaimed 'Nepotism Rocks'!

There was also another dig at Kangana Ranaut, who had raked up the nepotism row during the Koffee with Karan show.

However, most people didn't find any humour in these gags, as they felt that they were wearing 'nepotism' badge quite proudly. All the three stars were slammed by the Twitterati for this, however, Varun Dhawan is the first one to apologise for the gag. He tweeted:

I express my apology and regret.. I am extremely sorry if I have offended or hurt anyone with that act..

dark & not good looking, but I never focus on that.'

At that time we didn't know in what context Nawaz was talking about, but later we found that he was tweeting in reference to an interview one Sanjay Chauhan, the casting director of Nawazuddin Siddiqui's Babumoshai Bandookbaaz, had said in an interview that "Keeping Nawaz in mind, all other characters were taken on board. We can't cast fair and handsome people with Nawaz. It would look so weird. You have to take people with distinct features and personalities when pairing them with him." No wonder...

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melancholy friends with a sympathetic ear, or you may give assistance in resolving problems. Rest assured that your efforts won't go unappreciated. You will probably grow closer to those who mean the most to you now, including the very special person in your life.

LEO: Expect to minister to the needs of colleagues and family members today, Leo. People may need to draw on your insight into human nature in order to understand themselves and others. Your common sense could prove invaluable.

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VIRGO: Today you might feel especially creative and intellectually inspired, Virgo. You could discuss your ideas with others. The process of communication could open up new doors in your mind, and result in some fascinating insights concerning whatever you're pursuing. Sometime in the course of your conversations, don't be surprised if you find that one of your friends needs a sympathetic ear.

LIBRA: A close friend or member of your household could be having money problems, Libra, and might want to draw upon your business sense in order to make sense of the situation and find ways to put it right. As you're likely to be feeling especially sensitive to the needs of

CABELLO UNFOLLOWS FIFTH HARMONY, THROWS MAJOR SHADE AFTER NEW DISS

Camila Cabello just evened the score in her alleged feud with Fifth Harmony! After the band threw shade at their former member, Camila apparently responded!

Two can play that game! It appears as though Camila Cabello, 19, has unfollowed Fifth Harmony, as well as the band's remaining members — Dinah Jane, 20, Lauren Jauregui, 21, Normani Kordei, 21, and Ally Brooke, 24 — on Twitter! Fans were quick to point out that the now solo artist purged the band from her Twitter account.

Camila's apparent unfollow spree came just five days after 5H threw some subtle shade at her in their newest interview. "Let's just say we're in a better place now — there are no secrets in this circle," Dinah told Billboard. "You can't change people," Ally explained, while Normani added, "I get to sleep at night knowing we did everything in our power as friends, bandmates and human beings." The group, who remains together despite Camila's departure, is on the brink of their third studio album. And, "in this very moment, we could not be happier," Ally admitted as 5H prepares for their next record.

The animosity between the group and Camila has been going on ever since she decided to go solo in Dec 2016. No one truly knows what exactly went on behind the scenes. The group appeared to be happy together, on the outside, but there was clearly more to the story behind closed doors. The only insight into their split was when 5H accused Camila of quitting the group through her reps, as opposed to telling them directly. Camila later denied the accusations, and it's been a back-and-forth of subtle disses ever since; with their interview and Camila's alleged Twitter actions serving as the most recent exchange.

Now that the former 5-some is a still-strong 4-some, the group's remain-



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ing members made a unanimous decision not to change their name. In fact, they now refer to their "fifth member" as their fans. "Fifth Harmony is the name we grew up with and we worked for and it's our brand," Lauren explained during an interview with MTV News on June 21. "It's who we are. It's our entire



19th JULY

WORLD HISTORY

1553: Fifteen-year-old Lady Jane Grey is deposed as Queen of England after claiming the crown for nine days. Mary, the daughter of King Henry VIII, is proclaimed Queen

1799: The Rosetta Stone, a tablet with hieroglyphic translations into Greek, is found in Egypt

1870: France declares war on Prussia

1919: The Cenotaph, a monument to those killed or wounded during the First World War, is unveiled in Whitehall, London, during the first Peace Day celebration

1941: Winston Churchill is the first to use the two-finger 'V' for Victory sign

1946: Marilyn Monroe acts in her first screen test

1965: The former leader of the Republic of South Korea, Syngman Rhee, dies in exile in the

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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

US state of Hawaii at the age of 90

1980: The Moscow Summer Olympics begins minus the United States and 64 other countries who were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan

1996: Bosnian Serb President and wanted war criminal Radovan Karadzic is forced out of office

INDIAN HISTORY

1763: Mir Kasim was defeated in the 'Katwa' battle by the British

1949: The king of Tehri Garhwal announces a merger with the Indian Union

1969: The Indian government nationalises 14 major commercial banks.

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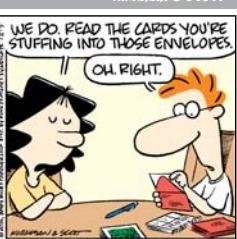
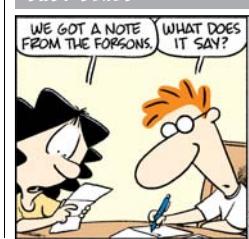
- HOEST & REINER

ARCTIC CIRCLE



- HALLATT

BABY BLUES



- KIRKMAN & SCOTT

ARIES: The opportunity to increase your income could spur you on to channel more energy and inspiration into career matters, Aries. Some intense dreams could reveal a lot about you and your motivation, which might increase your self-awareness and make everything easier for you. The drive to succeed in material and spiritual matters is likely to play a powerful role in everything you do.

Taurus: You might have the desire for travel, perhaps to visit a friend who lives far away, Taurus. You may actually set the wheels in motion to make it happen. Social events could take up your time this evening, and you could meet some interesting people. A friend might



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others, you could be of valuable assistance to this person and anyone else who needs some insight.

SCORPIO: Heightened intuition could lead to some interesting conversations, Scorpio. Others could be blown away by your insights into their thoughts, feelings, and desires. You could also feel more expressive than usual. You might want to channel some of that inspiration into writing, speaking, or some other form of self-expression. Reading could prove especially valuable at this time.

SAGITTARIUS: Your intuition and inspiration could enhance your artistic talents, Sagittarius. A powerful

drive to express the stories, pictures, or music in your mind could result in your spending as much of the day as you can jotting down your thoughts and ideas. You might spend most of your free time alone as a result.

CAPRICORN: Moving ahead is the key for today, Capricorn. You should feel very optimistic and excited about your goals. You're probably confident that you will reach them and all will go well. This positive attitude spills over into your personal relationships. You should be in just the right frame of mind to encourage your friends to go for their own dreams and give them whatever assistance they need.

AQUARIUS: Inspiration is the key for today, Aquarius. You may feel highly

motivated to move on with what others consider impossible. Impossibility has never stopped you before, and you aren't likely to let it stop you now. You're more likely to consider all contingencies carefully in order to make them work. Friends could be inspired by your vision and determination and follow your example.

PISCES: An increased understanding of different cultures as well as curiosity about the people who live there might spur you to learn more about those places. Friends or groups could be involved in some way. You may channel a lot of energy into intellectual activities and inspire others to do the same. Take a walk at some point during the day.