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*WB BJP chief faces protest in hills; claims he brokered peace*

**KALIMPONG (WB), OCT 4 (PTI):** West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh today faced protests by supporters of expelled GJM leader Binay Tamang, who demanded that the saffron leaders leave the hills immediately and refrain from "disturbing peace and stability" of the region.

Tamang's supporters came on the street and demonstrated against the state BJP chief when he reached here leading a BJP team.

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**Petrol price down Rs 2.5 a litre, diesel by Rs 2.25**

**NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI):** Petrol price was today cut by Rs 2.5 per litre and diesel by Rs 2.25 following the reduction in excise duty on auto fuels.

Petrol in Delhi now costs Rs 68.38 a litre, down from Rs 70.88. A litre of diesel now comes for Rs 56.89 as against Rs 59.14 previously, according to Indian Oil Corp (IOC), the nation's largest fuel retailer.

The government had yesterday cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 2 per litre each to moderate the relentless rise in fuel prices over the last three months.

IOC Director (Finance) A K Sharma said the cut in retail selling price is higher after factoring in its impact on VAT.

As things stand, excise duty is levied on fuel produced ex-refinery. Local sales tax or VAT is levied on the total of ex-refinery cost plus excise duty and commission paid to dealers.

So, till yesterday the VAT on petrol in Delhi was Rs 15.07 while today it stands at Rs 14.54. On diesel, VAT today is Rs 8.41 per litre as against Rs 8.73 previously.

The excise duty cut paused the relentless rise in rates witnessed since July 4. While petrol prices had increased by

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**PANCHAYAT POLLS NOTIFIED, MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT COMES INTO FORCE**

## Two nomination papers filed thus far, many more to go

**VISHNU NEOPANEY**

**GANGTOK, 04 OCT:**

With the panchayat elections kicking into gear with the Model Code of Conduct officially coming into force yesterday all over the State with the declaration of dates, the process moved up one more notch today with the first nomination papers getting filed today.

The State Election Commission is holding the panchayat polls for 113 territorial constituencies for Zilla Panchayat.

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yats and 183 Gram Panchayats comprising of 1,038 Panchayat wards, excluding the two Dzumsas of North Sikkim.

As informed by the District Collector and District Returning Officer [West], Kapil Meena, who is also the District Returning Officer for the panchayat polls, one nomination was filed today for Gyalshing Territorial Zilla Panchayat. This was by an independent candidate.

South Sikkim also saw the filing of a nomination paper, for Damthang

Gram Panchayat Unit by Passang Lachen Sherpa on reserved seat as a Sikkim Democratic Front candidate.

District Collector and District Returning Officer [South], Raj Kumar Yadav informed that only one nomination paper from Damthang Gram Panchayat Unit was received by the DAC, adding that no one has filed nomination for Territorial Zilla Panchayat in South District as of now.

Meanwhile in North

and East Sikkim no nominations were filed day.

District Returning Officer [East], Prabhakar Verma told Summit Times that under his jurisdiction no nominations were filed on the second day for both Territorial Zilla Panchayat and Gram Panchayat Unit.

State Election Commission, in a notification issued yesterday, called upon all the Panchayat wards of Gram Panchayats and all the Territorial Constituencies of Zilla Panchayat

yats in the State to elect new members to the Gram and Zilla Panchayats.

The Model Code of Conduct for the ensuing two-tier Panchayats came into force from yesterday after the State Election Commission notified the process of election on 23 Sept.

The State Election Commissioner, in a press statement last month, had announced that the two-tier Panchayat elections will be held on 03

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## SU conference on National Identity of Indian Nepalis

**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 05 OCT:**

Sikkim University is

hosting a two-day conference on "national identity of Indian Nepalis" here on 06 and 07 October, a press communiqué from the Registrar, SU, informs.

More than 40 Indian Nepalis who have made a name for themselves

at the national and international level in fields as diverse as literature, music, journalism, drama, sports, filmmaking, army etc will be attending the

conference and sharing their stories of "struggle and success" with youth of the State, "and through them to the youth of the entire country", the release adds.

The sole purpose, the release details, is to inspire the youth to become "achievers and not losers".

National identity of the Indian Nepalis, the release points out, is an "age-old issue", with them being considered "foreigners, immigrants" *turn to pg03*



## Sikkim Himalayan to take on Assam Rifles in Gold Cup opener today

**SAGAR CHETTRI**

**GANGTOK, 04 OCT:**

Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club (SHSC) is all set to take on Assam Rifles Regimental Centre, Shillong, in the inaugural match of the 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2017 here at Paljor Stadium here on Thursday evening. This is the third appearance for the home team in the prestigious Governor's Gold Cup football tournament.

SHSC was the runners-up team of the recently wrapped Sikkim Premier Division League 2017 and players of the home team have been sweating out hard at Paljor Stadium to show their strong presence in the tournament.

Mr Lamtha appealed the supporters and well-wishers of SHSC and people of Sikkim to support the home team with their presence and cheer them in the inaugural match.

Speaking to media persons here at Paljor Stadium today, SHSC founding president, Tenzing Lamtha shared that SHSC was participating in the Governor's Gold Cup for the third time.

SHSC made it to semi-finals in 2014 and again lost in the semis last year.

"We have made a good team and have prepared hard in a short period of time. We are all set to face any challenge and players are in a great form to give their best in the tournament," he stated.

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The home team players have undergone rigorous training sessions under coaches Pushpa Gurung and Pranay Subba. The team will be led by its goalkeeper, Bipin Bhattacharai as the team captain.

SHSC coach, Pushpa Gurung stated that the team mostly has young local footballers supported by senior and experienced footballers from in and outside the State. The home squad also has four players from Ghana and one from Manipur. After completion of the contract with Mohammedan Sporting FC, Kolkata, the experience midfielder from Sikkim, Mohin Rai has also joined SHSC.

"As the premier division league was concluded recently we did not have much time to prepare for the

tournament. However, the players are in great shape and in high spirits to play with the same rhythm to make a good start in the tournament," Mr Gurung said.

He mentioned that the home team had defeated ARC Shillong in its first match last year in the tournament.

"We will come out on the field tomorrow to repeat our win again against ARC Shillong in the inaugural match," he said.

The squad of ARC Shillong has also reached the capital recently for the tournament and presently practicing at Paljor Stadium. ARC Shillong is the winner of Independence Day Football Tournament 2017 for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup.

ARC Shillong coach, N Abhungsib Singh mentioned that this is the third time for the team in the Governor's Gold Cup. The team had played back in 2003 and last year in the tournament. The team had won the Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup for two consecutive times in 2016 and 2017.

"Although we lost to SHSC in our first match in the tournament last year this time we will be playing hard to go ahead in the tournament. We have prepared hard for one month at Shillong and all players are fit to give their best in the tournament," he said.

The coach stated that local crowd *turn to pg02*

ON THE OCCASION OF WILDLIFE WEEK 02-08 OCT 2017

## A dedication to a lost habitat and lost lives in North Sikkim

**USHA LACHUNGPA**

**GANGTOK, 04 OCT:**

Twenty years ago, I was on one of my many forays into the Cold Desert in North Sikkim. It was the December of 1997. The usual schedule during spring days was a customary halt at the Thangu Forest Rest House (with our flying mammal, the Long-eared Bat colony in its roof, unknowingly setting a silent record of the highest altitude bat in Sikkim and possibly the world), followed by a trek into Lashar valley, then back to Thangu, then the visit to the three Great Lakes - Gyam Tsoma, Gurudongmar and Tso Lhamo, and time-permitting our Teesta's source, Khangchung Tso, to check on the waterfowl in the lakes; and a sojourn into Lhonak Valley.

It was part of a PhD study in the trans-Himalayas and Alpine Grasslands of North Sikkim under the Grassland Ecology Project of BNHS, possible only due to the large-heart-

sight to behold, the Marmots gamboling around nibbling on the rich alpine vegetation whistling to each other, diving down their dens when we got too close, their young chasing each other until a shrill call from a parent would send them scuttling down the nearest hole in the ground, away from the Golden Eagle gliding overhead or perhaps a Tibetan Fox; or the sudden run-and-freeze-and-vanish into the landscape habits of the Woolly Hares that would let you reach within hand-touching distance before exploding into motion.

The lake itself would inevitably have the most recently arrived Karaang-Kuruangs, usually Bar-headed Geese, Pintails, a few Pochards, the inevitable Brahminy Shelduck and some small waders on the banks. If I was lucky, there would even be a few Seagulls (yes, SEAGULLS) floating around the milky waters of their short-stay home. These were scenes straight out of National Geographic documentary.

Most of these species are protected under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, the whole area classified as Reserve Forest. The area then was off limits to tourism; only a privileged few could visit.

That winter day, when all these glorious animals had happily hibernated for the season deep in their dens, I reached Gurudongmar Tso, home to the world's highest altitude amphibian the Boulenger's Toad, and was shocked to see three huge car-parks razed into the landscape burying forever scores of lives. My old jalopy could actually climb up to the lake on a freshly made dirt track capable of hosting large vehicles like trucks. Before that, at Giagong Gate, I was a bit miffed to be handed a ticket/pass to "Guru Nanak Jheel" which I did not take, being on government duty in a government vehicle. Today, I wish I had taken one just as a sample. There was not a single bird, in the

waters, the land or sky. Instead there were a lot of hoardings and penants proclaiming a faith that was not there before. A gigantic gaudily painted structure replaced a small Buddhist incense burning 'Sangbur', there were toilets, a cemented courtyard, marble plaques cemented into walls and even a bathing room. As I miserably surveyed the area where a deathly silence now had settled, I mourned the loss of countless innocent lives that had made this place the wildlife paradise it once was.

On this occasion of Wildlife Week 2017, when the people have finally woken to reclaim their land, I dedicate this awakening to the countless lost lives that once enlivened the surroundings of Gurudongmar Tso, the holiest of lakes of North Sikkim, and pray that good sense prevails and that we may in a few years see the wildlife return to reclaim their homes, free from fear at last.

**Assistant  
Returning  
Officers  
appointed for  
East district**

**GANGTOK, 04 OCT (IPR):** As per a press release issued by the District Collector [East], Prabhakar Verma, seven Assistant Returning Officers (ARO) have been appointed for the upcoming Panchayat Elections for East district. The District Collector will be the Returning Officer overseeing the entire operations of filing nominations. The office of the various selected AROs will be stationed at the District Administration Center in Sichey, reads the release.

The candidates are directed to submit their nomination papers either to the District Returning Officer or any of the 07 AROs between 11 a.m. and 03 p.m. on any day (other than public holidays) at the DAC.

The selected AROs are Additional District Collector [East], Additional District Collector [Development], Gangtok, Additional District Collector [Development], Pakyong, Sub Divisional Magistrate [Rangpo], SDM [Rongli], SDM [Pakyong], and SDM [Gangtok].

As per the directives of the DC, nomination forms are made available at all the SDMs offices in the district as well as the DAC. He also underlined that it is mandatory for the contesting candidate to submit a sanitary certificate issued by the concerned Block Development Officers.

The candidates are directed to approach the help desk installed at DAC, Sichey to know their respective AROs before filing their nominations. The candidates are also required to submit a copy of their caste certificate and a security deposit receipt under Temporary Deposit Re-

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## Petrol price down Rs 2.5 a litre, diesel by Rs 2.2

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Rs 7.8 to reach Rs 70.88 a litre in Delhi yesterday, the highest since August 2014, diesel rates had risen by Rs 5.7 to touch an all-time high of Rs 59.14.

The excise duty cut would cost the government Rs 26,000 crore in annual revenue and about Rs 13,000 crore during the remaining part of the current fiscal year that ends on March 31, 2018, the government had said yesterday.

The government, which had between November 2014 and Janu-

ary 2016 raised excise duty on petrol and diesel on nine occasions to take away gains arising from plummeting global oil prices, has been criticised for not cutting excise duty despite a sustained rise in fuel prices since early July.

In all, duty on petrol was hiked by Rs 11.77 per litre and that on diesel by 13.47 a litre in those 15 months that helped government's excise mop-up more than double to Rs 2,42,000 crore in 2016-17 from Rs 99,000 crore in 2014-15.

While the costliest

petrol was sold in September 2013 when it was priced at Rs 76.06 a litre in Delhi, the previous highest rate for diesel was also during the BJP rule in September 2014 when it was priced at Rs 58.97 per litre.

On petrol, excise has been cut to Rs 19.48 per

litre from Rs 21.48 per litre and on diesel to Rs 15.33 a litre from Rs 17.33 previously.

The rise in petrol and diesel prices also reflected in wholesale price inflation, which increased to 3.24 per cent in August 2017, as compared to 1.88 per cent in July.

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will be set up in Namchi Senior Secondary School for the Electronic Voting Machines [EVMs] which

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Following the arrival

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He also explained that the political parties and the candidates will have to take due permission from the concerned Block Development Officers and the police for any kind of distribution of pamphlets, banners and the use of loudspeakers at various places.

The PRO also handed over contact numbers of important officers for any assistance regarding the election. During the meeting the PRO also shared details about polling stations, electoral rolls, the contact numbers of various nodal officers and Sector Magistrate. Moreover, the PRO requested all the political parties to ensure free, fair and peaceful panchayat elections in the South District, reads the release.

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## South admn preps for panchayat polls

### SUMMIT REPORT

#### NAMCHI, 04 OCT:

Consequent upon the notification released by the State Election Commission yesterday regarding the upcoming panchayat elections, a meeting with the representatives of various political parties was held today by the District Collector (South) cum Panchayat Returning Officer (PRO), Raj Yadav, a press release from the DC informs.

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### Ethnographic Film Series at the Department of Anthropology

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## Home Deptt takes stock of panchayat poll preparedness

### GANGTOK, 04 OCT (IPR):

A meeting was held today at the State Home Department to deliberate on the proper preparation and smooth functioning of General Panchayat Elections to be held next month.

The meeting which was chaired by the Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastava was also attended by Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Home Secretary, S.C.Gupta, State Election Commissioner, Nima L. Yethenpa, District Collector (East), Superintendent of Police [East], Head of Depart-

ments and the concerned officers of various depar-

tments formed in brief regarding the Sikkim Panchayat Act, 1993 which in keeping with the 73rd Amendment of the Constitu-

tion was enacted to establish a two tier Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) system in the State. He also said that the

aim of the Act was to consolidate and amend the law related to panchayats and to provide for the constitution and organization of panchayats as units of Self-Governance in Sikkim.

The Chief Secretary stressed that Panchayats are the most effective vehicle for overall development of a society and thus we must make sure that the Panchayat Elections are held in the most free and fair manner.

The Chief Secretary talked in detail about the model code of conduct and instructed that strict

compliance must be made so that no rules are broken and the Election is conducted smoothly. He also informed everyone that there are sufficient numbers of EVMs for smooth conduct of polls and counting also will be held promptly.

He also requested everyone present for their whole hearted support and proper coordination among all the line Departments for the conduct of peaceful and fair elections.

Various issues related to the upcoming elections were discussed

in detail such as maintenance of law and order, telecommunication and network connectivity issues, timely dispatch and printing of ballot papers, power supply, road conditions etc.

State Election Commissioner, Nima L. Yethenpa also touched upon various issues related to the polls and said that all the matters discussed in the meeting would be taken into consideration and implemented for the smooth functioning of the upcoming General Panchayat Elections.

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BJP to  
contest  
panchayat  
elections

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

A meeting of the Sikkim Janta Party was held at the Singtam party office chaired by its president, DB Chauhan. The meeting was attended by members from the central committee and constituency level committees.

"The meeting has decided to strongly take part in the upcoming Panchayat Election in the State and will go to the people of Sikkim with main issue of rampant corruption in the present government in Sikkim," informs a press release from the BJP party state president.

The release informed that the meeting has also constituted district committee for the election campaign in all four districts.

**Upper  
Dzongu  
villages  
still cut off  
says SKM**

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has alleged that many villages of Upper Dzongu are still cut off from the rest of the state due to the Mantam lake. The party has further alleged that the state government has 'totally failed' to provide relief to the cut off villages.

An SKM press release issued by its general secretary [press & publicity], Bikash Basnet has demanded that the state government take immediate action to solve the problems faced by around 15 villages of Upper Dzongu.

**SU  
conference  
on  
National  
Identity...**

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grants and even security threats" to India despite the contribution made by the community to secure the borders of India and their sacrifices.

The release further clarifies that "this conference is not organized to crib about those who doubt their nationality and who make all kinds of allegations based on their perceptions".

"Instead, it is organized to celebrate what they have achieved, showcase their achievements so that the youths of Sikkim feel inspired to be achievers themselves."

# Komal has made Sikkim proud. Sikkim should recognize him more emphatically



SAURABH RAI  
SILIGURI, 04 OCT:

Komal Thatal has made the state of Sikkim proud by earning a place in the Indian squad for the FIFA Under-17 World Cup 2017 which will be hosted by India. From 06 October, Komal will be seen in action for the India Under-17 team rubbing shoulders with the best young footballers from around the world.

Komal's presence in

the World Cup will also boost the name of Sikkim across the country and the world and it will be apt if the Government of Sikkim recognizes this youngster's achievement without waiting for how he performs in the World Cup. Being part of the Indian team is already a big achievement.

Such a recognition from the State needs to be seen in light of the Manipur Government's recent announcement

of cash incentives of Rs. 5 lakh each for the eight footballers from the state who will be representing India in the FIFA Under-17 World Cup. It is hoped that the Government of Sikkim will also announce some incentive for the budding Komal Thatal.

Players should be supported at this age, since five years down the line, Komal will clearly establish himself also

a professional footballer and at that phase, he might not need any financial assistance. But at the moment, it will be of big help and support to him and his family. It is about time we started creating stars rather than just chasing them after they have already become one.

Komal, a product of Namchi Sports Hostel, has already made history by becoming the first

Indian Player to score a goal against Brazil, a feat he achieved in the BRICS U-17 Tournament in Goa last year.

Born to Arun Kumar Thatal and mother Sumitra, Komal's parents work as tailors and life has not been easy for them. Komal can give a better future to them and Government of Sikkim can play a role in helping this youngster fulfill his dreams.

## Gandhi Jayanti at Jeel JHS



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated at Jeel Junior High School in West Sikkim with a string of commemorative events celebrating the spirit of non-violence.

Organized by the area's Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations Committee 2017 in collaboration with Prabhat Club, the function was attended by area MLA (Rinchenpong), KS Lepcha, as chief guest accompanied by local officials,

panchayats, school staff members, students and local residents, a press release informs.

The chief guest in his address urged the officials and the public to follow the principles of Mahatma Gandhi with regard to self governance and cleanliness. He advised the public to maintain peace and cooperate with election officials in the upcoming panchayat elections scheduled to be held next month.

The school and the organizing committee felicitated the chief

guest, teachers of Rinchenpong Secondary School and other officials for their selfless service to the area.

The raffle draw results to raise funds for the school were also declared on the day.

The Gandhi Jayanti Football Tournament was won by Takuthang FC who defeated Seekhip FC in the final match. The winners took home Rs 50,000 along with a trophy and medals for the players.



## CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT ARITHANG

GANGTOK, 04 OCT: On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 02 Oct, Christian Revival Church of Arithang, Gangtok carried out a massive cleanliness drive under 'Swachhata hi sewa' programme. The members of the church in association with members of local hotels like Shanti Niketan, Ambre Regency and members of Arithang Taxi Drivers' Association cleaned the premises located between Hotel Sher-E-Punjab to Arithang SP Golai, informs a press release. It is further informed that the church is continuously carrying out social programmes in and around the area.

## Swacchta Hi Sewa at Teesta Stage IV

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

Teesta Stage IV Hydroelectric Project organised various activities from 15 Sept to 02 Oct on the occasion of 'Swacchta Hi Sewa' campaign of the Central Government, a press release informs.

During the campaign, officials and employees participated in a cleanliness drive in the head-office of the project at Tingchim premises and playground of Tingchim Secondary School and roads and surrounding areas on Gangtok-Mangan Highway. The cleanliness drive was led by the project head, Ramesh Mukhia and Senior Manager [Human Resource].

RK Verma.

On the occasion, the project also distributed hand wash soaps, toilet cleaners and other materials to the students and employees of the project.

A street play on 'Swacchta Hi Sewa' campaign was also held at Zero Point on Gangtok-Mangan highway in Tingchim.

The closing ceremony

of the programme was held at the project head-office at Tingchim on 02 October, in which the project head, Mr Mukhia highlighted on the importance and message of 'Swacchta Hi Sewa' campaign.

Likewise, Senior Manager [HR], Mr Verma thanked the participants for contributing in the campaign.

## Sikkim Himalayan to take on Assam Rifles...

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has always been encouraging and supportive of the team.

"It is encouraging to see that the local crowd always supports the good team. We have been getting awesome support from local crowd and we appeal them to support us this time again," Mr Singh said.

Another home team, Royal United Sikkim Football Club [RUSFC] who recently was crowned the champions of Sikkim Premier Division League 2017 will take on Calcutta Customs on 06 Oct.

"We remain unbeaten in the premier division league and were also one of the finalists of this year's Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup. We will go with the same

momentum to perform well in the tournament," said RUSFC captain, Mayal Dok Lepcha.

He mentioned that experienced players Ashish Chettri and Dawa Lepcha have been added in the regular squad of the team for the tournament.

"Being a knock out tournament, we have prepared hard accordingly to advance further in the tourney. We are all set to start with a win against Calcutta Customs in our first match," he said.

Mr Lepcha mentioned that the RUSFC has been focusing on to provide much exposure to mainly local players from Sikkim and neighboring hills.

"We have been trying our best to provide maximum exposure to local players from Sikkim and neighboring hills," he said.

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### CIRCULAR

Whereas in terms of Rule 13 of the Sikkim Panchayat (Conduct of Election) Rules, 1997, the State Election Commission has decided to issue Notification to conduct Panchayat Election to elect new members from all the Gram Panchayat Wards and Territorial Constituencies in the State. For conduct of free and fair election, the Model Code of Conduct is enforced w.e.f. **3rd October, 2017**. It is applicable throughout the State of Sikkim and it shall remain in force till the Election process is over.

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## No Excuses

**A privileged few are foisting insularity in the name of nationalism**

The nation needs to accept that what is being passed off as a majoritarian right-wing government is actually a minority, regressively upper caste insularity disguised in shallow nationalism. Evidence of this sliver-sized representation unloading its offensive version of what defines India is manifesting in the gau-rakshak lynch mobs, the normalization of misogyny and spite through state-endorsed fictions like love-jihad and the easy mindlessness with which lives can be snuffed because long-demolished (at least officially) caste barriers are being erected again. In the latest instance, a Dalit youth was beaten to death in Gujarat because upper caste goons now feel entitled enough to take lives as others of their ilk have done in Gujarat and too many other places across the country. Thanks to a mass media which has capitulated on its responsibility to inform and explain, being liberal and rational is now being painted as a character flaw and sycophancy and iconoclasm being sold as nationalism. India, however, is more enduring than the acting chops or decibel range of those who want to scream and hate the country into the dark ages when everything was worked around the shallow sensitivities of a privileged few. And while the idea that India will reclaim its tolerance is reassuring, it should not be taken as a cue to remain uninformed. The citizens need to stay engaged, inform themselves better and consciously tune out the propaganda so that they can hear the concerns of the real India. And places on the margins, places like Sikkim also have a role to play, if not for anything else, then to hold on to its sanity and not get caught in the vortex that is sucking too many institutions and places and mindsets to their nadir.

One of the horrors revisiting the country at present is the violent enforcement of the caste structures. Sikkim, which appears to be sipping the kool-aid of saffron chauvinism with abandon, needs to be especially wary of this since it has still not completely erased this scar from its society. That the caste system exists comes as no surprise, but the fact that it continues to be enforced should have everyone hanging their heads in collective shame. The caste system, and let us have no one claiming in Sikkim that it is a solely Hindu construct because its observance has infiltrated every other community, is one battle that the nation has lost; not for want of laws or quotas, but because the mindsets continue to remain insular. Here, the caste system is not observed as strictly in the towns because it is a practical impossibility in the cheek by jowl existence in such places, but in the rural belts, where human interaction and social exchanges underline survival itself, the system still holds good. It is all very fine for the townsfolk to turn up their noses in disgust and feign embarrassment, but fact remains that the system remains rooted because of the pseudo posturing and ill-informed intellects directing efforts at social reforms from the comfort of city sitting rooms. Reality checks were not taken as often and tokenism continued to stand in for grassroots initiatives. What failed in Sikkim, failed the country as well.

Barely a decade ago, Sikkim was confronted with a situation where a village on the shoulder of the capital would not allow members from the scheduled castes access to a place of worship. This, despite specific laws in place which ban such regressive practices. When ordered to open their doors for all castes, the people concerned decided instead to shut their doors to everyone on the pretext of repairs. The only agencies engaged in the reform were cops and courts. The rest of Sikkim watched from the sidelines. What is also disturbing is that victims shy away from making a more forceful enough protest and appear to have learned to live with it. It would, however, be wrong to believe that they suffer the insults willingly. They are forced to; not because the caste system is enforced, but because they are unsure of the support mechanism that can help them take on this system. They know of the laws, but what they also know is that they will have to battle these forces on their own. They have not seen enough commitment, either in their leaders or associations or in the society at large, to add a battle for self-respect to their daily grind for survival. It takes more than laws to demolish centuries-old practices, and as we are now learning as a nation, it only takes a few regressive minds to wrest some control for these demons to climb back into our lives.

Gone are the times when one could excuse those who enforce the caste system as not being necessarily evil or villainous, but just generations groomed on a different set of sensibilities. They need to be called out for their refusal to change because in our inability to do so, we are freeing the hands of fascist agencies to unleash a violence which also leaves blood on our hands.

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# Altering Local Narratives: The Case of Guru Dongmar Lake

SANGAY LACHENPA & DATHUP LACHENPA

The people of Lachen, led by their Pipon, the elected head of the village council (Dzumsa), can be seen milling around premises of High Court of Sikkim premises in Gangtok, some 130 kilometres from their village. In earlier times, the Pipon would have come to Gangtok for some village-related works like development projects or to meet some senior officials. However, this time it is neither of these. The Pipon and his elected executives, or gyambo, are here to hear a writ petition filed by Advocate Amritpal Singh Khalsa of Mumbai and social activist Ajmer Singh Randhawa from New Delhi with regard to the Guru Dongmar Lake which lies in North Sikkim.

For the people of Sikkim, Guru Dongmar is revered not only in terms of religious sanctity but is also woven intricately to the very identity as a source of legitimacy of the indigenous people co-habiting the area and its cultural landscape. The lake, according to Sikkimese legend, is blessed by Guru Rinpoche who is credited with preaching Buddhism in Tibet and the culturally contiguous Himalayan regions somewhere around the 8th Century A.D.

According to Buddhist religious sources, Guru Rinpoche also visited Sikkim which was then known as Bayul Demajong. There are many places in Sikkim which were graced and consecrated by Guru Rinpoche (N. Jinpa, Namgyal Institute of Tibetology). Although he did not convert any Sikkimese and did not erect any building or monasteries (Ahmad, NIT, Waddell (1899) 2005), he is credited with having hidden many holy books and treasures for posterity and consecrated many places in Sikkim. These include the holy sites of Tashiding, Chungthang, Guru Dongmar etc.

Guru Rinpoche prophesised the events regarding the first coronation of the Sikkim Chogyal and is also credited with hiding Sikkim as the last treasure and for its discovery by a Lhatun Namkha Jigme in the 17th Century (about 800 years later). It was based on the prophecy of Guru Rinpoche that Phuntsog Namgyal was consecrated as the Chogyal in 1642 (Saul Mullard, 2011). The Namgyal dynasty ruled Sikkim for more than

three centuries until Sikkim was merged with India in 1975 leading to the end of three centuries of Namgyal reign. It is within this ethos that Guru Rinpoche holds reverence for Sikkimese people. Today, the very etymology of Sikkimese identity stands grounded within the cosmology of the Namgyal world view.

Tashiding is one of the most blessed sites of Guru Rinpoche in Sikkim. In the northern part of Sikkim, Guru Dongmar Lake and Chungthang (Tsunthang) have been blessed by Guru Rinpoche. The sacred rock (Lhedo/ Neydo) at Chungthang, which is believed to bear the footprints of Guru Rinpoche, is revered to this day. Guru Dongmar is believed to be the first place in Sikkim where he tested an omen and it is here that in order to provide year-round drinking water to the local inhabitants during winter months that he placed his hands on a certain part of the lake which never freezes despite the harsh winter months when the rest of the lake freezes over.

Guru Dongmar becomes important for the people of Lachen and Lachung not only in terms of religion but also to the evolution of its culture and politico lives over the generations. The people of Lachen and Lachung are followers of the Nyingmapa sect of Tibetan Buddhism - the oldest sect which is said to be based on teachings advocated by Guru Rinpoche. The people have been worshipping Guru Dongmar Lake for centuries and it is also worth noticing that the settlement pattern of Lachengpas who are essentially primordial nomads, have restricted themselves along the basin of river Teesta flowing out from Guru Dongmar.

The name Guru Dongmar flows from the Gurudramar, or the red faced deity of Guru Rinpoche. Gurudramar or the red faced guru is one of the main protecting deities of several important monasteries in Sikkim including that of Lachen monastery (Jigme N. Kazi, 2014) and it is well known fact that monasteries in this part of the world have played a significant role in the evolution of society, polity and economy. It canvasses across social and cultural spectrums and changing its narratives will have larger ramifications on the identity of Lachengpas and Lachungpas.

The recent controversy with regard to Guru Dongmar Lake first emerged in 1997-98 when the 20th Punjab Regiment of the Indian army stationed in Lachen made concrete efforts to convert the Guru Dongmar Lake into a Sikh pilgrimage site by constructing a Gurudwara (Jigme N. Kazi, 2015) on its banks. This was opposed strenuously by the local people and the Sikkim state government intervened. The Sikkim government, in its notification number 70/Home/2001 dated 20.09.2001 (Home Department, Government of Sikkim), documented all sacred places of worship in Sikkim which were more than 100 years old. A committee was formed in 1998 vide notification number 32/Home/98 dated 24.9.1998 (Home Department, GoS) to examine the background of all the places of worship, monasteries including historical monuments and sacred lakes in Sikkim. The committee declared Guru Dongmar Lake along with many other sites as important sacred places. This was in tune with the Government of India legislation on the Places of Worship (Special Provision) Act, 1991, which prohibits conversion of any places of worship and provides for the maintenance of the religious character of any place of worship as it existed on the 15th day of August, 1947.

The people of Lachen had been conducting Tsechu prayers during Guru Rinpoche's birth anniversary every summer and for that, in 1945, had constructed a structure - Guru Dongmar Lakhang - at the lake. The allegiance of the Lachengpas towards Guru Dongmar Lake and Guru Rinpoche is a centuries old practice.

The Sikh connection to the Guru Dongmar Lake is a recent phenomenon. It started with the arrival of the Indian Army to these parts after the Sino-Indian War of 1962. The Punjab Regiment, it appears, got confused between Guru Nanak and Guru Rinpoche. When asked about the holy lake of Guru Dongmar and its legends, the local population explained that it was blessed by Guru Rinpoche. The Army contemplating Guru Rinpoche as Guru Nanak constructed a dharmashala (which today many Sikhs think to be a Gurdwara Sahib). The matter and differences were re-

solved in 2004 on mutual agreement when the Indian Army handed the dharmashala over to the Government of Sikkim and the Lachen monastery was entrusted to look after it.

These areas were far away from mainstream Indian religions such as Sikhism and even Buddhism came to this region not directly from India but from Tibet. In that sense, Guru Nanak visiting Sikkim is highly improbable. More so, symbols of Sikhism in Sikkim surfaced only after the Indian army arrived here.

The matter came to light again when Lachen monastery and Lachen public decided to renovate the Sarva Dharamasthal at Guru Dongmar. There were accusations that the dharmashala was being demolished. It is worth mentioning that this controversy is not about construction of dharmashala or monastery. Rather, one must locate these changes in the context of altering historically embedded local narratives of place and space within which some groups are trying to advocate other beliefs. The distortion of indigenous narratives reveals an unfortunate ignorance of Sikkim's unique heritage which is much different from the mainstream Indian civilisational discourse.

To sum up, recent claims of a few groups with regards to Guru Dongmar Lake do not only violate Constitutional rights with respect to the protection of places of worship but also undermine the rights and practices of indigenous people which comprise Sikkim's border populations. This would have much larger ramifications for national integration of people from the margins. The history and narratives of the place and the people is intertwined within place and space of surrounding areas such as sacred groves and sacred sites of which Guru Dongmar is one and the most significant for Buddhist communities. The pattern of change of narrative of place in a way has robbed Sikkim's distinct and unique history, cultural heritage which is by far worse than Priyanka Chopra's 'insurgency' comment on Sikkim.

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## Circadian Rhythm Nobel: what they discovered and why it matters

SALLY FERGUSON

Today, the "beautiful mechanism" of the body clock, and the group of cells in our brain where it all happens, have shot to prominence. The 2017 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to Jeffrey C. Hall, Michael Rosbash and Michael W. Young for their work on describing the molecular cogs and wheels inside our biological clock.

In the 18th century an astronomer by the name of Jean Jacques d'Ortous de Maran noted his plants opening and closing their leaves with the cycle of light and dark, with the leaves opening towards the sun. Being an inquisitive chap, he placed the plants in constant darkness and observed that the daily opening and closing of the leaves continued even in the absence of sunlight – indicative of an internal clock.

Subsequent work by others also showed innate daily rhythms in other animals and plants, but the location and inner workings of the biological timing system remained a mystery.

The discovery of a misfiring gene that resulted in disrupted daily rhythms in fruit flies (the unsung heroes of the story) gave the first hint. Over several years, Hall, Rosbash and Young uncovered the machinery of the biological clock.

It's in your genes.

From the latin circa "about" and diem "a day", circadian rhythms are internally driven cycles in all living things - including humans - that continue in the absence of external time cues. The sleep/wake cycle is one daily rhythm; core body temperature is another. While we have known since de Maran that physiological systems are controlled internally, the way in which the clock works was a mystery.

The biological clock's cycle is generated by a feedback loop. Genes are activated which trigger



the production of proteins. When protein levels build up to a critical threshold in the cells, the genes are switched off. The proteins then degrade over time to a point that allows the genes to switch back on, starting the cycle again. This takes about 24 hours.

But it isn't just one gene doing all the work. Hall, Rosbach and Young found that many genes, proteins and regulators are involved in the complex machinery that keeps us ticking. Some molecules control the activation of genes, some are involved in the translation of light information from the eyes, and some govern the clock's stability and precision, ensuring that it keeps ticking and remains in sync with the external environment.

While we already knew that the internally generated cycle existed, Hall, Rosbach and Young described the mechanisms by which the cycle is created and maintained at the molecular level. As a

result of this work we now understand how internal rhythms remain synchronised with each other and with the external environment.

We are starting to understand the range of health challenges experienced by those who have to work against their internal clocks, such as shift workers. We can predict times of the day and night where alertness and performance are likely to be impaired and thus control the health and safety risks.

And we can explain why, on the first morning after the start of daylight savings, waking up is so much harder. But don't worry, the beautiful mechanism in your biological clock is designed to make adjustments based on the information it gets from the external environment, and those molecules will have you resynchronised in just a couple of days.

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## Health gets new Secretary

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 04 OCT:**

Vishal Chauhan, a 1998 batch IAS officer of the Sikkim cadre, upon his repatriation from the inter-state deputation from Uttar Pradesh, has been posted as the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Healthcare, Human Services and Family Welfare Department.

He takes over from Dr Kumar Bhandari who will now function as the Director General of the Department. The order to this effect was issued by the Department of Personnel on 26 September.

## Assistant Returning Officers...

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ceip (TDR) in State Bank of Sikkim during the submission of their nomination papers.

The nominations of 51 Gram Panchayat Units comprising of 283 Wards will be received by the Returning Officer (RO) himself. In addition the nominations of 06 Navey Shakt GPU and 07- Lingdok Namphong GPU of North Sikkim comprising of 11 Wards will also be received by the RO himself.

The GPU's have been divided into 20 sectors and equal numbers of Sector Magistrates and Sector Police Officers have been appointed for the maintenance of Law and order during the Panchayat Election.

The Model Code of Conduct has been enforced since yesterday and all the designated AROs and Sector Magistrates have been properly briefed regarding the nomination process by the DC. The first day of the nomination began from 03 Oct; however no nominations were filed on the first and second day of nomination filing.

## Centre wants states to cut VAT on petrol, diesel by 5 pc

**NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI):** After cutting excise duty by Rs 2 per litre, the Centre now wants states to cut sales tax or VAT on petrol and diesel by 5 per cent to provide further relief to consumers.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will soon write to all state chief ministers urging them to cut VAT on petrol and diesel, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan told reporters here.

"We have proactively cut excise duty. Now it is the turn of states to reduce VAT," he said.

Unlike the Centre, states levy VAT as an ad valorem duty which rises every time there is an increase in price.

# Not just the rains dampened Dasain in Darj and Kpg

**NITESH R PRADHAN  
GANGTOK, 04 OCT:**

The festive spirits of Dushera were dampened in the neighboring hill districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong even after the suspension of bandh.

"It was an unprecedented situation while we support the cause we just couldn't give up on our bread and butter," Rajen Tamang (name changed), a West Bengal po-

lice personnel hailing from Kalimpong shared.

Celebrations are subdued in the hills this Dasain, one of the main festival of the Nepalis. This has led to low sales and a slump in businesses.

"May be it is the mood of the people that there is no festive cheer," said a clothing store owner in Darjeeling, Tenzing Bhutia.

He also rued about his

stocks for sale being permanently damaged due to dampness and other natural factors after being locked in store for many days due to the bandh.

Similarly, the families observing the festival in the hills have toned down the celebrations with no loud music or any other form of outward celebrations.

"How can we celebrate when so many of our own

brethren have lost their lives," said Manju Sharma, a homemaker from Kurseong.

The prevailing mood in the hills has also resulted in people moving towards the plains or Sikkim to observe the festival in a more festive setting.

A Kurseong resident Anju Chettri says that after a long bandh and everything that followed it is better to celebrate

outside. She was in Siliguri with her family especially for Dasain. Likewise, a Darjeeling resident, Divya Thapa is in the state capital with his family to observe the festival with his maternal relatives.

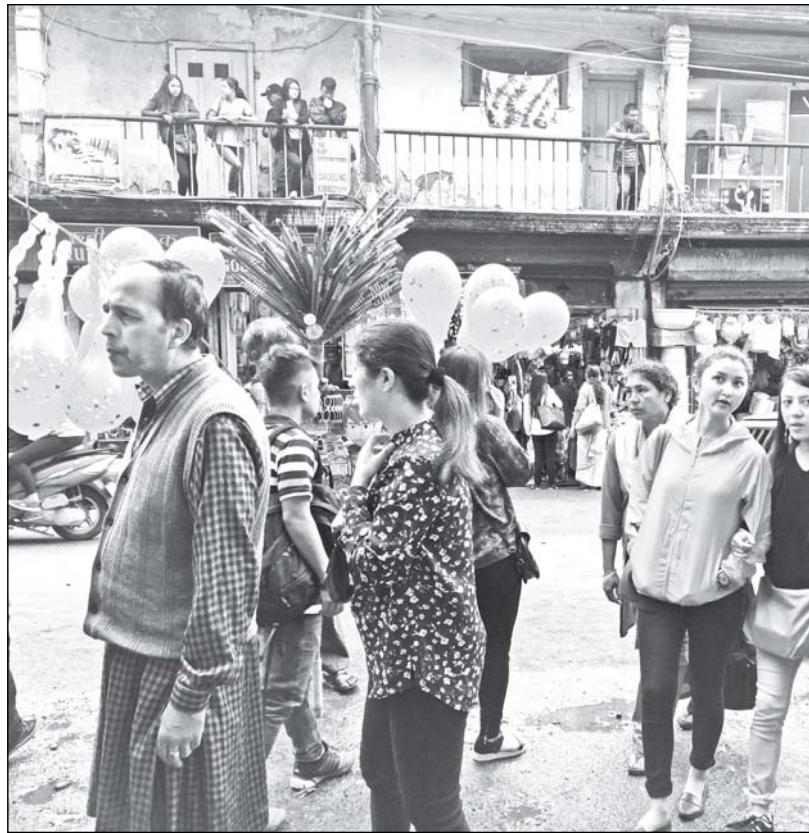
"My area is particularly disturbed so everyone advised us to be in Sikkim," he says.

Many in Sikkim also skipped meeting their relatives in the hill districts of

Darjeeling and Kalimpong.

"We have advised them to be here rather than there where there is still a perception of threat," said, Samir Joshi, a Gangtok resident whose maternal family resides in Pedong in Kalimpong district.

The Dasain charm faded in the hills with people still in aftershock of an unprecedented situation.



**DARJ DASAIN:** Amidst the general gloom enveloping the people of Darjeeling, there were some moments of positivity this Dasain with people celebrating the festival in the best manner they could. It was also a window of business finally for hawkers selling various items like balloons in Darjeeling's town square hoping to earn some money after the 104 days bandh which was suspended on 27 Sept. [foto: Rebyna Rana]

## RBI cuts growth forecast to 6.7% on GST, lower farm output

**MUMBAI, OCT 4 (PTI):** The Reserve Bank today sharply revised downwards its growth projection to 6.7 per cent for the current fiscal, from 7.3 per cent earlier, due to lower kharif foodgrain production and disruptions arising from the implementations of GST.

The Goods and Services Tax has led to some uncertainty in the manufacturing sector, which is likely to delay revival of investment activity, it said.

"The projection of real GVA growth for 2017-18 has been revised down to 6.7 per cent from the August 2017 projection of 7.3 per cent, with risks evenly balanced," RBI said in its fourth bi-monthly monetary policy statement of the current fiscal, leaving the key policy rate unchanged.

It said the loss of momentum in first quarter (April-June) of 2017-18, when GDP slipped to a three year low of 5.6 per cent, and the first advance estimates of kharif production are early setbacks that impart a downside to the outlook.

The GST implementation so far also appears to have had adverse impacts on growth, rendering an uncertain future for the manufacturing sector in the short term, it added.

"This may further delay the revival of investment activity, which is already hampered by stressed balance-sheets of banks and corporates," RBI said.

At the customary post-policy meeting, Governor Urjit Patel, however, said there are factors that have affected the growth in the second quarter of this year and some of these factors will dissipate.

"In recent days, high frequency indicators suggest that the growth is in the uptick. Core IIP released yesterday was 4.9 per cent. In the second quarter, the services sector has been showing healthy growth rate. So, there is a possibility that the cyclical upturn will happen in the next two quarters," Patel said.

The teething problems linked to GST rollout may get resolved relatively soon allowing growth to accelerate in second half, he said.

Echoing similar sentiments, deputy governor Viral Acharya said: "It is too early. However, in my view and real time activity indicators do not yet paint the clear picture to be able to separate the transient component of this one quarter loss of momentum from the gradual decline in overall growth that has taken hold since Q1 of last fiscal."

He further said: "The long term trend is best explained by the deleveraging underway in the heavily indebted part of the corporate sector and in poor credit growth at public sector banks given they have inadequate capital relative to impending losses on their legacy assets."

RBI further said the assessment of food prices going forward is "largely favourable", though the first advance estimates of kharif output pose some uncertainties.

The Asian Development Bank

too has lowered the growth projection to 7 per cent for the current fiscal from its earlier estimate of 7.4 per cent.

The real GVA growth slowed significantly in the June quarter, cushioned partly by the extensive front-loading of expenditure by the Centre, thus running up 96.1 per cent of its fiscal deficit as of end August.

GVA growth in agriculture and allied activities also slackened quarter-on-quarter in the seasonal first quarter moderation, partly reflecting deceleration in the growth of livestock products, forestry and fisheries.

Industrial sector GVA growth fell sequentially as well as on a y-o-y basis. The manufacturing sector, the dominant component of industrial GVA, grew by a pale 1.2 per cent, the lowest in the last 20 quarters.

RBI said the uneven spatial distribution of the monsoon was reflected in the first advance estimates of kharif production by the Union agriculture ministry, which were below the level of the previous year due to lower area sown under major crops including rice, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, jute and mesta.

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## Municipality warns Singtam residents against dumping garbage in river

**YOGEN THATAL:  
SINGTAM, 04 OCT:**

Garbage generated by residents living in Singtam being dumped along Rongi Chu has led to an alarming situation in the area forcing the authorities to impose fine on anyone who is found dumping garbage.

Municipal Inspector, Birendra Rai today warned the residents of Singtam against dumping garbage in the river. Stating that such acts will not be tolerated Mr



Rai said that the culprits will have to pay fine and legal action will be taken against them under the Municipal Act.

**Govt announces committee for water management in Northeast**

**NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI):** The Centre has set up a high-level committee for proper management of the water resources in the North-Eastern region (NER), an official statement said.

The panel has been formed in the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Guwahati in August this year to review the flood situation and relief work in the affected region.

It will be led by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar.

"The committee will facilitate optimising benefits of appropriate water management in the form of hydro-electric power, agriculture, bio-diversity conservation, reduced flood damage, erosion, inland water transport, forestry, fishery and eco tourism," the statement read.

The committee is also tasked with spelling out actionable steps for optimising water resources in the north east and chalking out an action plan for dovetailing of the schemes of Union ministries concerned.

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) will serve as the co-ordinating point.

The Committee will submit its report by June next year, the statement said.

**New TB drug to be introduced in controlled manner: Health Min**

**NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI):**

Concerned over the rising number of multi-drug resistant (MDR) tuberculosis cases in the country, the health ministry will introduce a new drug in a "controlled manner".

As a pilot, 400 courses of Delamanid will be rolled out in five to six states as part of the conditional access programme under the Revised National TB Control Program (RNTCP).

According to a senior health ministry official, Delamanid which is in its phase 3 clinical trials, has been given approval by a technical group on tuberculosis in the ministry.

Prasad said that at present half of the patients do not respond to tuberculosis treatment as they have developed resistance to the drug.

According to World Health Organisation's (WHO) TB statistics for India for 2015, there were an estimated 22 lakh cases in the country.

### NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

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Nov after formal publication of commencement of election process and results will be declared on 05 Nov.

The last date for filing of nomination is 10 Oct and the scrutiny of nominations will be done on 11 Oct. Last date for withdrawal of candidature is 13 Oct and counting will be held on 05 Nov. The entire election procedure will be completed before 08 Nov.

## Two nomination papers filed thus far...

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The State Government had issued a notification on 21 Sept declaring the tenure of present Panchayats to be 'complete' and had authorized the State Election Commission to hold fresh elections.

The officials data shows that 40% of seats have been reserved for Scheduled Tribes (Bhutia, Lepcha, Limboo and Tamang), 6 percent for Scheduled Castes, 26 percent of Other Backward Classes (Cen-

tral list that includes Gurung, Rai, Bhujel, Sunuwar, Jogi, Thami), and 25 percent for Other Backward Classes (State List that includes Newar, Bahun and Chettri) as per the 2007 population criteria.

The Nodal Department Rural Management & Development has already notified the reservation roster for upcoming election of the ward and Zilla (Territorial) wise reservation details for the upcoming panchayats polls.

**Pak rakes up Kashmir issue at UN, India calls it "lonely voice from wilderness"**

**United Nations, Oct 4 (PTI):** Pakistan has raked up the Kashmir issue again at the UN with its envoy Maleeha Lodhi accusing India of spreading terrorism in the Valley, drawing a sharp reaction from India which described her diatribe as a "lonely voice from the wilderness".

Pakistan's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Lodhi, during a debate of the General Assembly, also alleged that India made a "false claim" of conducting surgical strike across the LoC to provoke conflict with Pakistan. She warned New Delhi that "any aggression" by it would receive a "matching and effective response".

"This claim, and India's repeated threats to conduct such strikes across the LoC, constitute flagrant violations of the UN Charter's injunction against the use or threat of use of force," Lodhi said during the debate on the Report of the Secretary General on the work of the world body. She said that the UN should not "ignore these open threats to use force" by India.



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## Bapu football tourney in Lachung

### SUMMIT REPORT LACHUNG, 04 OCT:

The 48 Battalion of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in Lachung officially kicked off the inaugural match of the first ever Bapu Football Tournament at Thomchi Stadium in Lachung, North Sikkim on 02 Oct, a press release issued by the ITBP Deputy Commandant, Avinash Kumar informs.

The inaugural match was attended by Lachung Pipon along with ITBP Deputy Commandant, Avinash Kumar, Medical Officer [Lachung PHSC], ITBP jawans and local residents.

The first match of the tourney was played between Boys Club and Lachung School in which Boys Club won 4-1 registering their first win in the tourney.

The second match of the day was played between Sporting Boys Club Dogra and Boarder Club in which Boarder Club won 3-0 progressing further in the tourney.

12 teams are slated to compete in the inaugural season of the tournament. The final match of the tournament will be played on 10 Oct, informs the release.

## China diverts 10 billion cubic metres of water to arid north

**BEIJING, Oct 4 (PTI):** China has diverted 10 billion cubic metres of water from the south to its drought-prone northern regions including Beijing, which are home to 53.1 million people, aided by the world's longest canal and pipeline network spanning 1,400 kms.

The water pumped from the Yangtze River has gone to Beijing, Tianjin and the provinces of Henan and Hebei along the middle route of the water diversion project, South-to-North Water Diversion Office under the State Council said.

The project was conceived by Chinese leader Mao Zedong in 1952 but delayed over its likely impact on environment as well as resettlement of people. It was only approved by the State Council in December, 2002, after half a century of debate.

It has been hailed in China's official media as an example of how Chinese people are capable of bettering their lives through hard work.

But the new water-

way presents fresh challenges, such as the protection of water quality from unforeseen natural risks in the future.

Officials with the office said the project has played "an indispensable strategic role" in helping

the north ease water shortage, improve water quality and ecology, build a resource-conserving society, and prevent natural disasters.

### GENERAL LAND FOR SALE:

Roadside plots (general land) available for sale at Adampool, east Sikkim. Contact 9434117687 for further details and to arrange site visits.

### NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR VULTURE EVENING

Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:9 Draw Date on:29/09/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 96A 00224

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9498/- 00224 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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4th Prize Rs.500/- 0137 0841 2617 3136 4177 5038 5828 7621 8047 8113

5th Prize Rs.250/- 0880 2229 2510 5162 6163 6465 8257 9396 9526 9875

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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### NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR OSTRICH EVENING

Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:9 Draw Date on:30/09/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 87G 87824

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9498/- 87824 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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4th Prize Rs.500/- 0094 1182 1777 3071 4022 5799 5992 7527 9188 9192

5th Prize Rs.250/- 2661 3364 3887 4086 4533 6711 6924 7766 8464 9129

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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### NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR FALCON EVENING

Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:9 Draw Date on:28/09/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 79J 92933

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9497/- 92933 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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34097 55707 60236 66588 89420

4th Prize Rs.500/- 0094 1182 1777 3071 4022 5799 5992 7527 9188 9192

5th Prize Rs.250/- 0762 1804 2276 4803 5131 8085 8426 9051 9379 9953

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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## Deepa Malik to receive MG Mehta Human Spirit award



**MUMBAI, OCT 4 (PTI):** Rio Paralympics silver medalist Deepa Malik will be honoured with the 'MG Mehta Human Spirit' award, at a ceremony to be held here next month.

The award, which has been previously won by Padma Shri awardee Arunima Sinha, the first Indian woman amputee to scale Mount Everest in 2013, and paralympic cyclist Aditya Mehta, has been instituted by the Ratna Nidhi Trust. "I look forward to receiving this award. Ratna Nidhi's work for persons with disabilities has been massive and at a global scale. Their founder Mahendrabhai Mehta was a beacon of light. This award, in his memory is absolutely priceless,"

Malik said in a statement issued here.

Malik was honoured with the Padma Shri earlier this year and Arjuna Award in 2012.

"We chose Deepa Malik for the 'M G Mehta Human Spirit' award, for her exemplary achievements. We confer this every year around World Disability Day (observed on December 3) to a deserving individual who is a role model to persons with disabilities in India," trustee of Ratna Nidhi Trust, Rajiv Mehta said.

"I look forward to receiving this award. Ratna Nidhi's work for persons with disabilities has been massive and at a global scale. Their founder Mahendrabhai Mehta was a beacon of light. This award, in his memory is absolutely priceless,"

The award will consist of a cash award of Rs 1 lakh and a citation.

The award ceremony will be held on November 21 at the Y B Chavan Auditorium in south Mumbai.

## FC Goa signs MoU with EBTC for promotion of football

**PANAJI, OCT 4 (PTI):** Indian Super League side FC Goa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) in an effort to promote football in the state.

The MoU will give special emphasis on grassroots programmes and football infrastructure development, an official release said.

The move will see India-Europe collaborations in technology, framework and best practices along with innovations to suit local needs in Goa through various projects, programmes and initiatives aimed at supporting football.

EBTC is coordinated by EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry with a mandate to facilitate India-Europe cross-border collaboration.

EBTC, amongst several others, represents the interests of the KNVB (The Royal Dutch Football Association) in India.

### SIKKIM STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR PRIZED MORNING

Draw No:4 Draw Date on:30/09/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 85G 96747

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9499/- 96747 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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59583 5992 79703 934 934 97946

4th Prize Rs.500/- 0069 4327 4140 4195 4308 4525 4649

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7841 7942 7999 8148 8289 8381 8557 8748 8847 9053

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9091 9099 9214 9360 9468 9707 9827 9883 9909 9955

#### DEAR GENTLE

Draw No:9 Draw Date on:30/09/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 85G 96747

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9498/- 9

*India, Djibouti sign pact on bilateral consultations*

**DJIBOUTI CITY, OCT 4 (PTI):** India and Djibouti today agreed to establish regular Foreign Office-level bilateral consultations with an accord signed in this regard during President Ram Nath Kovind's visit here.

The agreement to establish the consultations was signed in the presence of Kovind and his Djiboutian counterpart Omar Guelleh.

Kovind thanked Guelleh for his country's support during Operation Rahat for evacuating Indians from war-torn Yemen in 2015, and also discussed cooperation in the maritime and renewable energy domains.

He also urged for an early ratification of Djibouti's membership of the International Solar Alliance and mentioned its solar energy potential.

Earlier today, Kovind was accorded a ceremonial welcome by Guelleh at the Presidential Palace here before leading delegation-level talks.

Kovind, who arrived here yesterday on the first leg of his four-day visit to Djibouti and Ethiopia, is on his maiden trip abroad since taking office. He is the first Indian leader to visit Djibouti.

## China documentary depicts powerful military ahead of CPC meet

**KJM VARMA**

**BEIJING, Oct 4 (PTI):** A documentary being aired on Chinese media showcases the achievements of sweeping military reforms carried out by President Xi Jinping in the last five years to build a strong army in order to expand China's global influence.

The documentary comes ahead of the 19th Congress of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC), to begin here from October 18 during which Xi is set to get a second term in office.

As per the practice followed by the party, top lead-

ers will get two five-year terms and retire after 68 years of age.

The eight-episode series, aired from September 29, highlights how the Chinese military has stepped forward to solve problems and reshape its political ecology, organisational structure, system and work style, since Xi took over during the 18th National Congress of the CPC in 2012, state-run Xinhua news agency reported today.

The documentary titled 'Qiang Jun', which means building a strong army, was produced by the Polit-

ical Work Department of the Central Military Commission and is being aired on both state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV) and local television stations.

Many Chinese have expressed pride after watching some episodes, the report said and listed the comments of some netizens praising the military.

Xi, a strong advocate of a powerful military to back China's global economic influence and power, carried out massive reforms in the 2.3 million-strong People's Liber-

ation Army (PLA), the world's largest force.

Besides operational reforms, he has also carried out an unprecedented anti-corruption campaign purging the forces of corrupt elements from top to bottom.

In the last five years, at least 13,000 military officers involved in corruption have been punished, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post quoted a report yesterday by the PLA Daily, the official organ of the Chinese military.

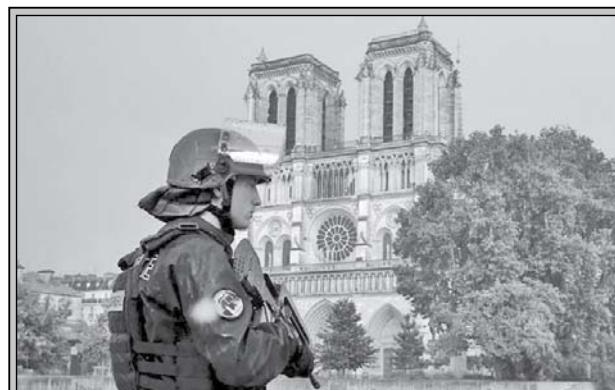
The punished include Gen Guo Boxiong and Gen Xu Cai-

shed 300,000 troops, taking the total number down to two million.

He has also vastly increased the role of the navy and air force to assist China's global push for influence.

Xi also scrapped the PLA's four former headquarters General Staff, General Political, General Logistics, and General Armaments and established 15 functional departments to divide their powers.

The PLA's seven military commands were also reshaped into five theatre commands.



French MPs have overwhelmingly voted in favour of a new counter-terrorism bill, despite criticism that it undermines civil liberties. Several of the measures put in place under the state of emergency declared after the 2015 Paris attacks will now be made permanent. The bill will become law before the start of November when the state of emergency will finally end. Under the law, authorities are allowed to shut down mosques or other places of worship if preachers are suspected of spreading radical ideas and theories. Suspected jihadist sympathisers can also be confined to their neighbourhoods without the approval of a judge. Police can also carry out more on-the-spot identity checks and expand border controls to areas around international train stations, ports and airports. The bill was approved by 415 votes to 127 on its first reading in the lower house of the French parliament, having already been passed by the upper house in July.

## Bangladesh signs USD 4.5 bn loan deal with India

**DHAKA, OCT 4 (PTI):** Bangladesh today signed a whopping USD 4.5 billion third line of credit (LoC) agreement with India for its infrastructure and social sector development with Finance Minister Arun Jaitley pledging to back the country's development initiatives.

The agreement was signed in the presence of Finance Minister Jaitley and his Bangladeshi counterpart A M A Muhith after the two leaders held talks here.

"Bangladesh has developed significantly on the socio-economic front in the past seven years," Jaitley said following the signing of the deal.

"We have stood by Bangladesh's attempts to develop and we will do so in the future. This significant agreement is a continuation of that

effort," he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Muhith said, "Bangladesh and India have excellent relations at the moment."

"They stand by us during our independence. We hope they will continue to do so in the future," Muhith said.

The USD 4.5bn LoC was announced during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in April.

Economic Relations Division Secretary Kazi Shofiqul Azam signed the deal on behalf of Bangladesh, while Managing Director of the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim) David Rasquinha signed for India.

The new Indian line of credit, worth USD 4.5 billion, will be used to fund 17 major projects in Bangladesh, which include electricity, rail-

roads, roads, shipping and ports. As with previous LoC agreements, Bangladesh will pay an interest rate of 1 per cent a year. It will have 20 years to pay back the loans, with a grace period of five years.

Under the agreement, Bangladesh would have to purchase 65 to 75 per cent of the services, goods or works from the Indian market with the money to be provided under the third LoC following the precedence of the previous two nearly identical agreements. Bangladesh has two other LoCs open with India: the first one was signed in 2010, and the second one in 2016. These LOCs are collectively worth Tk3.06 billion, but till last year, Bangladesh government has been able to use only USD 576 million.

## Pak foreign minister embarks on US visit to improve ties

**ISLAMABAD, OCT 3 (PTI):** Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif today left for a three-day visit to the US as part of efforts to rebuild bilateral ties frayed after President Donald Trump accused the country of sheltering terror groups.

Trump while announcing his new policy for Afghanistan had also praised India for its development efforts in the war-torn country. In response, Pakistan had said that Trump through his remarks ignored the efforts in the war against terrorism.

Pakistan also asked the US to postpone a planned trip by its special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Alice Wells to Islamabad.

Asif also delayed a visit to Washington for which

he was invited by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

But the relations improved slightly after a meeting between Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Vice President Mike Pence on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly last month, according to an official of the Foreign Office.

"The foreign minister during the current trip will meet Secretary Tillerson and other officials to discuss matters pertaining to regional peace and security," the official said.

Some senior US officials may also visit Pakistan after the thaw in tension as both sides agree that mutual cooperation was vital for peace in Afghanistan, according to the official.

### NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR HAWK EVENING

Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:9 Draw Date on:01/10/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 788 19853

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9500/- 19853 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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4th Prize Rs.500/- 1322 2313 4787 5094 7877 8424 8713 8749 8965 9669

5th Prize Rs.250/- 0607 0903 2374 2694 4907 5379 7387 8583 8862 9037

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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### NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR EAGLE EVENING

Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:10 Draw Date on:04/10/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 85A 91438

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9496/- 91438 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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4th Prize Rs.500/- 0535 0711 2035 2933 3368 3871 5391 5661 8468 9562

5th Prize Rs.250/- 0334 1792 5118 5202 5810 6979 7890 8139 9886

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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### SIKKIM STATE LOTTERIES

#### DEAR RESPECT MORNING

Draw No:4 DrawDate on:01/10/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 85C 90235

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9500/- 09235 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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5th Prize Rs.250/- 0204 0230 1480 1843 3127 4578 6547 7844 8747 9820

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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#### DEAR AFFECTIONATE

Draw No:9 DrawDate on:01/10/17

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 97E 09159

(Including Super Prize Amt)

2nd Prize Rs.9500/- 09159 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

3rd Prize Rs.9,000/-

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4th Prize Rs.500/- 0783 1197 1441 2186 2316 4549 4811 5422 7227 9887

5th Prize Rs.250/- 0318 0477 0567 1567 1616 1633 3363 3748 4075 4511 5769

6th Prize Rs.120/-

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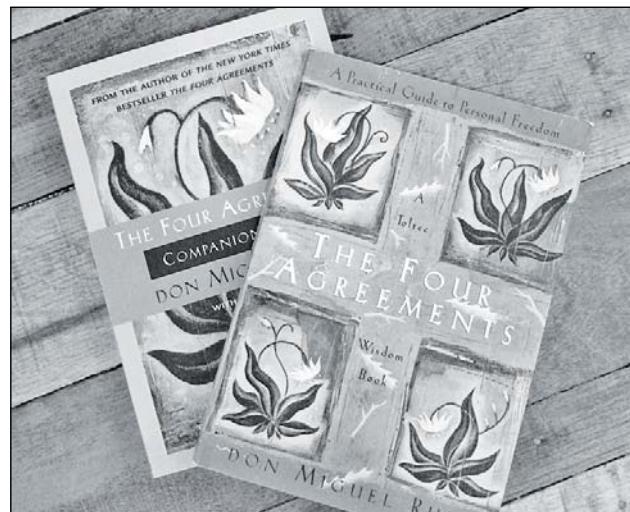
## BOOK OF THE DAY

**The Four Agreements by Don Miguel Ruiz**

**BE IMPECCABLE WITH YOUR WORD-** Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love.

**DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONALLY-** Nothing others do is because of you. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

**DON'T MAKE ASSUMPTIONS-** Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want.



Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

**ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST-** Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when

you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance, simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

Toltec spiritualist Don Miguel Ruiz's iconic book *The Four Agreements* asks us to live up to four simple truths in our lifetime, which will result in a life where you are fully dedicated to yourself.

Often called a life-changing book, it is full of universal truths we all know but dismiss daily. The Four Agreements kindly and compassionately remind you to nurture your soul and leave behind negative habits which inflict pain and long-lasting hurt.



**GIRL POWER:** Former First Lady of United States Michelle Obama spoke during the 2017 Pennsylvania Conference for Women.

## BOX-OFFICE

### JUDWAA 2 IS A SUPER HIT!

Judwaa 2, starring Varun Dhawan, Jacqueline Fernandez and Taapsee Pannu, has broken the dry spell at the box-office in style. The film got a solid start on Friday itself. The film managed to rake in Rs 16.10 crores on its first day at the box-office. With that collection, Judwaa 2 became the fourth highest opener of 2017 after Baahubali 2 (Rs 41 crores), Tubelight (Rs. 21.5 crores) and Raees (Rs. 20.42 crores). It's also the biggest opener of Varun Dhawan's career.

What's more, Varun Dhawan's latest film took a bigger opening than Akshay Kumar's Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (Rs. 12 crores) and Shah Rukh Khan's Jab Harry Met Sejal (Rs. 15.25 crores).

And as expected, Judwaa 2 was unstoppable at the box-office on day two as well. Trade experts had predicted the film will bank Rs. 18.19 crores on Saturday. However, the film exceeded the ex-



pectations and crossed the Rs. 20 crore mark. Yes, you read it right. Judwaa 2 scored a big Saturday as it raked in Rs. 20.55 crores.

Sunday was the day when the film recorded the highest collection. The strong buzz around the film and the massive love from audience helped Judwaa 2 make Rs. 22.60 crore on its third day.

To the film's luck, Monday was a

national holiday and the audience thronged the cinemas on the first day of the week too. The film raked in a huge sum of Rs. 18 crore yesterday. The four day grand total of the film stood at Rs. 77.25 crores.

Judwaa 2 is all set to cross the hundred crore mark by Thursday and if the film performs well in its second weekend too, then it has all the chances to overtake Raees and become the highest grosser of the year so far.

As tweeted by trade analyst Taran Adarsh, the film stayed super strong on its crucial Tuesday collecting 08.25 crores on Tuesday. Taran tweeted its total collection of 05 days which now stands at Rs 85.30 crore.

Your creativity is strong, and you'll lead the pack almost effortlessly.

**GEMINI:** Light a candle and make a wish. See the flame as a symbol of the transformation and passion within you. Your heart may feel restless. The flame flutters as a result of the passing wind. As the flame dances, you may remember the dances that you perform in an attempt to draw attention away from an issue that you know you must face. The time is now.

**CANCER:** This is a climactic time for you, and you may feel like your world is caving in. You may desperately try to hold the keystone

in place so that the whole structure doesn't fall. Somehow you feel solely responsible for holding together everything in your world. Remember that partnership means that there is someone else who needs to uphold his or her end of the bargain.

**LEO:** Your mood should turn toward getting things underway. This may mean that you need to get certain things out of your way, including people. Don't be afraid to take action as necessary in order to get your point across. Deeds will speak louder than words. If you feel like time is passing you by, rip up the calendar and enjoy every moment

as it comes.

**VIRGO:** You're on an emotional high. You feel like a soaring eagle. Your behavior may seem rather primal and animalistic, but this is fine. See where this instinct takes you. Raw passion is the fuel that lights your fire. Don't deny this internal flame. Move forward with your dreams, especially in love and romance.

**LIBRA:** You may be asking, "Why me?" in almost every realm of your life today. For some reason it seems that everyone but you has exactly what they want. Perhaps you're just being too picky. Your standards are high, and this is fine. It's easy

to reach small goals. You've picked the largest mountain to climb. Be patient.

**SCORPIO:** Draw your strength from your sense of self. There isn't another person like you, so capitalize on this and move forward in the way that only you can. There's a great deal of bravery in your heart asking you to take risks that you may not have considered before. There are opportunities just waiting for you and no one else.

**SAGITTARIUS:** At first you may be taken aback by someone's aggressive approach to people and situations, but then you may see that really, this person has something

important you can learn from. Study this way of going about things and realize that you need to adopt more of this assertive manner in order to be successful. This is especially true in matters of love and romance.

**CAPRICORN:** Gifts of pleasure could be bestowed upon you with little or no effort on your part. Regardless, it may be hard for you to sit still, since just about everything seems to be going your way, especially in matters of the heart. Although your approach to love is aggressive, it also involves tenderness and sensitivity.

**AQUARIUS:** You might be put off by other people's comments. You'll

find their behavior rude. You may break from your normal good manners and start to lash out at people around you. It could be the result of pent-up energy with no positive outlet. Be careful about exhibiting the behavior that you abhor in others.

**PISCES:** Get things started. You have many fantastic ideas. Really, the hardest thing for you now is to choose which one to pursue first. Activities that engage your creativity and sensitivity are most appealing now. Give some strength to your heart, which is normally seen as being tender and overly sensitive. Know that you're brave and go for the gold.



## INSTAGRAM ADDS POLLING STICKERS TO STORIES



Instagram is making its Stories a little more interactive with a new polling feature that users can add with a "poll" sticker.

Adding polls is similar to any other sticker on Instagram: just drag and drop it onto your image in your story, and you'll automatically be presented with the option to customize the question and choices. People viewing your story will be able to tap on a choice to vote, which will then show the overall results so far. To see the results for yourself, simply open up the viewers list for that image or video on your story, and it will show you total vote numbers, who voted, and what they chose.

Along with the new polling stickers, Instagram is also adding an eyedropper tool that allows you to take colors from your pictures to use on text and brushes, and an alignment tool (which is limited to iOS for now) that should help make sure text and stickers are properly centered on your pictures. The new update is available now on Android and iOS.

**GENERAL LAND FOR SALE:** Roadside plots (general land) available for sale at Adampool, east Sikkim. Contact 9434117687 for further details and to arrange site visits.



05th Oct  
1910- Portugal established a republic after the Portuguese monarchy is ousted by revolutionaries.

1930- Great Britons largest dirigible the R-101 Airship crashes in Beauvais, France, killing all on board.

1933- Machine Gun Kelly has pleaded not guilty to charges of being a co-conspirator in the Urschel kidnapping.

1962- East German guards shot a man with Tommy gun blasts on the eastern side of the Berlin Wall and would not allow ambulances from the red cross on the western side to approach even though the man was screaming in pain, the incident took place about 3 miles from checkpoint Charlie.

1962- The Beatles release their first single in the UK "Love Me Do" (released on a 45RPM Single Format on Par-

## THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100



1. Cardi B- Bodak Yellow (Money Moves)
2. Post Malone featuring 21 Savage- Rockstar
3. Taylor Swift- Look What You Made Me Do
4. Logic featuring Alessia Cara and Khalid- 1-800-273-8255
5. Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee featuring Justin Bieber- Despacito
6. French Montana featuring Swae Lee- Unforgettable
7. Portugal. The Man- Feel It Still
8. Imagine Dragons- Believer
9. Yo Gotti featuring Nicki Minaj- Rake It Up
10. Demi Lovato- Sorry Not Sorry

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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lophone Label) which gets to number seventeen. It was later released in the US on 1964 and goes to Number 1.

1989- The Dalai Lama, exiled spiritual and political leader of Tibet, won the Nobel Peace Prize for shunning violence and seeking liberation from China for his Himalayan nation through peaceful means.

2011- Visionary co-founder of Apple Computers, Steve Jobs, died after battling pancreatic cancer for several years. The 56-year-old former CEO had resigned prior to his death leading to speculation that his health had made a turn for the worse. Fans of him and his company immediately set up memorials and tributes at Apple stores and on the internet upon hearing the news.

## LOCKHORNS



"I DO HAVE SELF-CONTROL... I ONLY ENJOY EXCESS IN MODERATION."

## ARCTIC CIRCLE



## BABY BLUES

