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Teething problems of GST to be resolved in 2 months: CEA

New Delhi, Jun 30 (PTI): Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian today exuded confidence of resolving teething problems of GST implementation in one-two months.

"There will be some hurdles initially. But we will be able to remove them in 1-2 months," Subramanian told media after attending the GST rollout ceremony held in Parliament.

Describing the GST as a "disruptive change", President Pranab Mukherjee in his speech said there are bound to be some teething troubles which will have to be resolved quickly to ensure growth momentum of the economy is not impacted.

"Initially, there will be some problems, but both Centre and states are determined to resolve them," Central Vigilance Commissioner K V Chowdhary said.

GST is an important move, he said, adding, it will curb black-marketing and improve ease of doing business.

Asked if prices of some goods will shoot up with GST in place, he said, "That is not correct, when the government has said it is revenue-neutral GST. The government is not earning additional revenue."

Asked if GST will spur economic growth, Senior BJP leader and former Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha said, "Let's wait and see. It is difficult to predict at this point of time."

AIADMK member Navaneethakrishnan said, "It

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Kovind, Meira in direct contest for president

NEW DELHI, JUL 1 (PTI): The stage is set for a direct contest between the ruling NDA's presidential nominee Ram Nath Kovind and the opposition-backed Meira Kumar for the country's top constitutional post.

Today was the last day for withdrawal of nominations for the presidential election scheduled for July 17.

Barring Kovind and opposition candidate Kumar, the nominations of over 90 other candidates who wanted to be in the race for the post of president have been rejected during the scrutiny process.

Members of Parliament will cast their votes using green-coloured ballot papers, while MLAs who vote in the presidential election will use pink-coloured ballots.

The process of printing ballot papers will begin tomorrow. The different colours of the papers will help the returning officer count the votes based on the value.

Total value of the electoral college is 10,98,903.

The ballot boxes will be brought to Delhi for counting on July 20.

South reviews shortage of essential commodities; SP-Jalpaiguri assures security for Sikkim trucks

NAMCHI, 01 JUL (IPR): A meeting to review the shortage of essential commodities was held today under the chairmanship of District Collector, South. Along with the DC (South), Senior Superintendent of Police (South), Joint Directors of Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services, Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Sub Divisional Magistrate (HQ), Station Head Master (Namchi) and District Civil Supplies Officer were present in the meeting.

The meeting was held after the Truck Drivers' Association submitted a memorandum informing that they have decided to stop plying to Siliguri after reports of vehicles being vandalized at Siliguri. As per the submission of the Truck Drivers' Association, they are ready to ply the trucks for supply of Essential Commodities under the security provided by the government.

Accordingly, Senior Superintendent of Police (South) communicated the matter to Superintendent of Police, Jal-

paiguri who has assured to take necessary action within his jurisdiction. A meeting has also been called on Monday in this regard by the Siliguri Commissioner to sort out the problem which will be attended by Additional Director General of Police, Headquarters, SP East and South. Accordingly, provision of escorts to the trucks for transportation of Essential Commodities shall be decided.

SDM and SDPO Ravangla have been directed to keep stock of at least 2,000 litres

of High Speed Diesel and Motor Spirit for emergency use. Melli SHO has been directed to continue rationing of 10 litres/vehicle maintaining 2,000 litres of HSD/MS buffer stock for emergency use. SDM Jorethang has been directed to instruct the owner of the pump to maintain 5,000 litres of HSD/MS and accordingly rationing be started as per the availability of stock by SDM/SDPO Jorethang.

SDM HQ and DCSO have been directed to ensure minimum stocks of 3,000 litres of

HSD/MS and to start rationing of stock accordingly. As per the report, only minimum required stocks have been maintained. SDM Yangang has been directed to ensure at least 2,000 litres of HSD/MS to be used during emergency situation. SHO Temi has been directed to maintain at least 2,000 litres of HSD/MS to cope with emergency situation.

As reported by the DCSO/S, at least 700 bookings have been done till today at Nayuma Indane and two trucks are arriving on Sunday. Manager,

Nayuma Indane has also been directed to set aside at least 100 re-filled LPG cylinders for emergency use and remaining may be distributed as per the demand. SDM Jorethang has been directed to instruct Manager/In-charge State Trading Corporation of Sikkim Jorethang to ensure stock of 100 re-filled LPG cylinders.

As per the report of Chief Medical Officer (South) the district is in short supply of essential medicines. Necessary requisitions for essential

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Country's highest ropeway swings out at Tsomgo

**SANDEEP PRASAD
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:**

Conveyer & Ropeway Services P. Ltd, in association with Sikkim Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, today dedicated the country's highest altitude passenger ropeway at Tsomgo here in East Sikkim today.

The ropeway takes off from the shores of Tsomgo at 12,313 ft above sea level and climbs up a further 250 metres in height, covering the journey in a 625 mtr ride.

The ropeway was inaugurated by Tourism Minister Ugen T. Gyatso in the presence of Transport Minister, DT Lepcha, Parliamentary Secretaries Pintso Chopel Lepcha and Shyam Pradhan and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Hissay Lachungpa.

"We are extremely delighted to commission India's highest passenger ropeway. The ropeway has all kinds of safety features as per the latest technology such as rope, disc brake, rubber liners," said CRSPDL director, Rachana Mukherjee.

The inbuilt capacity of the ropeway is 800 passengers per hour (PPH). With 12 cabins, each with the capacity of



transporting 6 passengers the ropeway cabin has automatic opening and closing doors.

"We feel that the ropeway will be a star attraction for the tourists and would definitely

boost tourism and increase number of people visiting Tsomgo Lake. It will provide a new horizon to the beautiful state of Sikkim and provide employment opportunities for local youth and

development of adjacent areas," said CRSPDL managing director, Shekhar Chakravarty.

"The establishment of the ropeway is a result of hard work and dedication. It is sure to bring

people closer and it is a step towards a better future. The ropeway will boost tourism and provide employment to the youth of the area as well," Minister Gyatso said in his address.

Courier services in Sikkim hit due to transport uncertainties caused by Darjeeling unrest

**KESANG DOMA BHUTIA
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:**

One of the many repercussions of the ongoing unrest in Darjeeling has been the disruption in the transport of goods from Siliguri to Gangtok and the courier services in Sikkim have also taken a hit.

Blue Dart's branches located in M.G Marg which provide to and fro daily services from Gangtok to Siliguri has been going under loss since the announcement of the indefinite strike in Darjeeling. Their last delivery from Siliguri was on 26 Jun which was received by the management during the

odd hours of 3 a.m and the only batch dispatched for Siliguri was on the very same day.

All important and urgent documents for passport, college admission documents, some official documents are sent through this service and they are not willing to shoulder such responsibility in these circumstances fearing loss and damage of the same en route.

Prior to the bandh, another courier company, DTDC used to transport shipment of 60-70 packages to and fro per day but now the company is also suffering losses. The mail van from Siliguri has not made any delivery and due to this a bulk of

packages to be sent through the same van has been lying around in the office itself.

They have been sending the packages through SNT buses where one bag is charged Rs 100.

The Delhivery Private Limited, located in Tibet road, Gangtok provides courier services for online shopping sites specifically catering to Amazon, one of the largest online stores.

The Assistant Manager of the said courier service stated that prior to the bandh the company used to receive shipment of about 1000 products in a day and dispatch 200-300 packages. However, the company's business has gone down by 50%

since the bandh was declared.

The shipment from Siliguri comes only till Melli or Rangpo and it has to be received by the company from there on. This has created a hassle for the company and the business is suffering.

The Management of Air Express, Gangtok stated that they are suffering a huge pecuniary loss due to the present situation.

They stated that as of now nothing has been done to address the situation but the Courier Service Providers have been called by the Police Department on 03 Jul for a meeting. They hope the Government will pay heed to their plight and take measures to redress the current situation.

DM-West passes orders to check hoarding in light of Gorkhaland-induced supply disruptions

GEYZING, 01 JUL (IPR): District Magistrate (West), Kapil Meena, has passed an order to control production, supply and distribution of essential commodities as provided under Section 03 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 due to the possibilities of disruption in the normal movement of heavy vehicles, trucks, tankers carrying essential commodities to the district due to the ongoing disturbances in Darjeeling which have affected the movement of vehicles along National Highway 10.

All Sub Divisional Magistrates in the district have been directed to form Sub-Divisional inspection teams and carry out intensive inspection of all bazaar areas in their respective jurisdictions.

In case of any vio-

lation found like illegal hoarding, black marketing and unjustified escalation in the commodity prices, necessary legal action shall be taken by the concerned Station Head Officer and Food Inspectors as per the penal provision of Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

All petroleum products/ fuel outlets in the district have been instructed to the sale of High Speed Diesel and Motor Spirit to the buyers.

For the general public not more than 10 liters of HSD/MS will be given per vehicle per day by the petrol pumps on production of requisite coupons/permissions from the designated authorities.

All petrol pumps in the district are required to maintain a minimum

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Panchayat office torched in Kurseong, shutdown completes 17 days

DARJEELING (WB), JUL 1 (PTI): A panchayat office was set ablaze in Darjeeling hills, where the GJM today took out processions in support of its demand for a separate Gorkhaland.

Normal life remained crippled in the hills as the indefinite shutdown entered its 17th day.

Suspected Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) supporters set ablaze the St Mary's Gram Panchayat office in Kurseong last night, but the security forces moved in quickly and prevented it from getting completely gutted, the police said.

GJM supporters took out processions in various parts of the hills demanding a separate state and a large gathering was held at the Chowkbazar area here.

The security personnel maintained a

close vigil in the disturbed areas even as Internet services remained suspended.

Shops and business establishments were shut and transport was off the roads.

The state government had yesterday sought 10 CRPF companies (around 1,000 personnel) of the CRPF to deal with the situation in the hills.

"We had earlier asked for 10 CRPF companies from the Centre. But they had sent only four companies of women police personnel and three companies of the Sashstra Seema Bal," West Bengal Director General of Police Surajit Kar Purkayastha had told reporters at the state secretariat in Kolkata.

"We have again sought 10 companies of the CRPF," he had said.

Cardamom seedlings distributed in North Sikkim

**SUMMIT REPORT
MANGAN, 01 JUL:**

A training cum distribution of cardamom seedlings under Mission Organic Value Chain Development- North East Region for Rarik ward of Lingthem-Lingdem, Passindong-Saffo and Tingvong Gram Panchayat Units was organized by Horticulture and Cash Crop Development Department at Mantam, North Sikkim on 30 Jun.

The programme was attended by Chairperson Transport Department, Pintsho Namgyal Lepcha along with HCCDD

additional director, T. T. Lepcha, deputy director, Sankar Bhutia, Horticulture Inspector, N. K. Bhandari, panchayat and zilla members.

Additional Director (HCCDD), North in his address informed that 500 hectares of land will be covered in Upper Dzongu and 50 lakh cardamom seedlings will be distributed under the MOVCD programme in the district. He also informed that the department is trying for proper market linkage for organic products and urged the beneficiaries to produce more organic seedlings.

He further added that now the schemes are being brought under direct benefit transfer (DBT) system and benefits are being distributed as per the farmers trace net identification area registration process.

Similarly, training cum cardamom sapling distribution programme was organized by HC-CDD for the beneficiaries of Toong-Naga, Singhik-Sentam and Ringhim-Nampatam GPUs and the saplings were provided by Cardamom Grower's Nursery Co-operative Society under MOVCD.



SKM meets in Chakung

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:**

A constituency level coordination meeting of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party was held at Chakung, West Sikkim today, a press release from the party informs.

The meet was chaired by CLC president, BR Subba and attended by party members Bashant Khadka, HS Subba, HR Tamang and other functionaries.

The main motive of the meeting was to strengthen party activities in the constituency and also to get suggestions from party workers to stimulate party programmes and policies in the coming days.

Senior leaders, while addressing the gathering, detailed the various party activities currently underway along with upcoming programmes of the party.

BJP-Sikkim questions State's silence on vandalizing of Sikkim vehicles

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:**

Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim has demanded a clarification from the State Government regarding safety measures taken up by the government to tackle the vandalizing of Sikkimese vehicles plying to Siliguri, a press release from the party informs.

Questioning the State Government's silence on the matter, the party has also condemned the West Bengal government saying that they are 'mute spectators of such unlawful deeds done by the anti-Gorkhaland protesters'. The party has further said that the State Home Ministry should have stepped forward to ensure the safety of Sikkimese people.

"Our Chief Minister should have met with the authorities of Bengal government in the same manner he openly supported the demand for Gorkhaland," reads the release.

DM-West passes orders to check hoarding...

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buffer stock of 1,000 liters each of HSD & MS excluding the dead stock in the storage tank.

In case of emergencies, 20 liters of HSD/MS is admissible on the production of requisite coupons/ permission from the issuing authorities on submission of valid reason. Further, all petrol pumps are directed to maintain proper record of sale of fuel.

In order to prevent any malpractices in the

supply and distribution of other essential commodities including ration, edible items, vegetables etc. all Block Developmental Officers were directed to carryout inspection with the assistance of police and Food Department officials in their respective blocks and to submit report to the concerned SDM on a regular basis.

All petroleum outlets as well as the Fair Prices Shop will have to report the stock position on a

daily basis to the DCSO (W) whom in turn will submit the compiled report to the District Magistrate.

(The Essential Commodities Act was enacted way back in 1955. It has since been used by the Government to regulate the production, supply and distribution of a whole host of commodities it declares 'essential' in order to make them available to consumers at fair prices.)

West officials conduct weekly field visit to Yuksam sub-division

GYALSHING, 01 JUL [IPR]: Weekly field inspection visit by the West District Administration was conducted today in Yuksam sub-division. The visit was led by DC West accompanied by CMO, DPO Disaster Management, CDPO, SDM Yuksam, BDO Yuksam, concerned Panchayats, ACF Yuksam, Revenue Officers and police.

The team visited Rimbi village wherein a cardamom seedling distribution programme for 20 beneficiaries was held. These seedlings were sponsored by Panchayat funds in convergence with MGNREGA.

The team then visited Khechopalri lake where a meeting was held with the managing committee to discuss future plans of development around the lake. It was suggested by the DC that a future plan of action may be prepared and all funds may be utilized properly according to the plan.

The team then visited ICDS centre and Horticulture fields on the way to Yuksam. In Melli area, a meeting with land owners of SSB acquired land for its battalion headquarters also met the DC to place their demands. The new Village Administrative Centre at Khechopalri GPU was visited and suggestions given to the Panchayats to further augment their own sources of revenue.

A visit was made to the Kanchenjunga falls to discuss



and finalize future development activities around it. New toilet being made by SBM Gramin and plan to construct proper parking space were taken up with the Gram Panchayat.

At Yuksam the team visited the PHC and saw the ongoing construction of X-ray room facility. Team also saw the forest office and Kanchenjunga national park check post cum interpretation centre where coordination

issues with other agencies and plans for further involvement of community in its development were discussed.

At the SDM Office and BAC Yuksam, important discussions were held for further expansion, repair and renovation of SDM Office for which funds were recently received. Also, a visit to the recently constructed SDPO office was made and issue of road connectivity to this office was taken up.



Tourism Minister condemns attacks on Sikkim vehicles

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:**

Minister for Tourism & Civil Aviation Department, Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia has criticized and condemned the attacks on Sikkim vehicles in Siliguri.

He said that this was setting up a dangerous trend that was not good for national security.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural function of the Ropeway at Tsomgo in East Sikkim today.

Further stating that Sikkim has been serving as a soldier on the country's borders, he condemned such 'bullying' of Sikkimese people.

"The people of Sikkim are great patriots but the State is being ignored, suppressed and underestimated through such acts," said the Minister.

Such incidents are a matter of great concern for the country as well, he added.

Assessment inspection of schools, PHSCs and ICDS centres under Jorethang and Sikip



JORETHANG, 01 JUL (IPR): Sub Divisional Magistrate (Jorethang), BC Rai, on 30 June completed the assessment inspection of schools, Physical Health Sub Centers and Integrated Child Development Scheme Centers under Jorethang and Sikip Block Administrative Center for Best School/PHSC/ICDS Award 2017.

Mr Rai was accompanied by officers of the concerned departments.

The inspection team visited Omchu Secondary School, Salghari Secondary School, Denchong Junior High School and Nandugaon Senior Secondary School. Among the PHSC's Vol, Omchu and Nandugaon PHSCs were visited and inspected for the award. Kholaghari, Sikip, Lamaten, Salghari, Lower Nandugaon, Daragaon and Majhigaon ICDS centres were also inspected.

GAC condemns harassment of Sikkim vehicles

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:**

Gorkha Apex Committee has condemned the vandalisation of Sikkim vehicles in Siliguri and New Jalpaiguri. The committee has also rued the silence from the Central and State Governments of West Bengal and Sikkim regarding the matter.

A GAC press release issued by the organisation's chief advisor, RS Gadaily, points out that the Right to Freedom Act (Article 19) guarantees the freedom of speech and expression as one of

its six freedoms, and yet Sikkim was facing backlash for exercising this freedom of expression as provided by the Constitution of India.

GAC has called on the West Bengal and Central Governments to ensure the safety of Sikkimese people by providing security to the people and vehicles of Sikkim.

"The failure to address this issue in time will not just create regional tension but would certainly create ripples in Delhi too," reads the release.

Indian firm takes over construction of Durga temple in Bhutan

THIMPHU, JUL 1 (PTI): A prominent Indian infrastructure firm has taken over the construction of a much-delayed Durga temple in Bhutan after the project was hit by flaws in its design and disagreement among members of a Hindu body governing the temple, according to a media report.

The construction work of the temple at Kuensel Phodrang in Thimphu began in 2012 and was scheduled to be completed in 2014, but the project got delayed

as its design had some flaws and also there was disagreement among Hindu Dharma Samudaya of Bhutan (HDSB) members, Kuensel Online reported.

Following a directive from the government, Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) has now taken over the construction of the temple and it will be completed by June 2018, it said.

After terminating the earlier contract, JAL was given the work to improve the architectural design of the temple

since the earlier designs and constructions had some flaws.

JAL volunteered to construct the temple with its own fund, the report said.

"Work is in full swing and going on smoothly. The company will spend about Nu 40M for the construction," said JAL

civil engineer and deputy general manager Ajay Pant.

"We had to dismantle almost all the old structures, both inside and outside, because of poorly designed structures and quality, Pant said.

"We had to remove materials, including all the statues, which were

made of fiberglass and metal," he said.

Pant said statues of god or goddesses in the Hindu temples should be carved on the stone.

The plan now is to bring statues and other materials related to the temple from Chennai, he said. The temple's main statue will be Durga.

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Plantation drive in HC complex

GANGTOK, 30 JUN [IPR]: The High Court of Sikkim undertook a plantation drive at the Court premises here today.

Saplings were planted by Yogmaya Agnihotri, wife of Justice Satish K Agnihotri [Chief Justice-High Court of Sikkim], Judge-High Court of Sikkim, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, and spouse of Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan [Judge-High Court of Sikkim], Manasa Priyadarshana Pradhan.

The plantation drive was undertaken as a gesture to appreciate the role of spouses who have played a crucial part in their hectic yet fruitful lives.

Teething problems of GST to be resolved...

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is the right move. GST will benefit both consumers and traders. Prices will not increase. Tamil Nadu is fully prepared. All infrastructure is in place for smooth implementation."

"I am happy that the GST has come into existence. There are certain things regarding procedure and there are issues related to rates, we should sit down with traders. I am sure the council will take care of these things," former West Bengal finance minister and CPM leader Asim Dasgupta told PTI after the GST launch.

"I came here with concurrence of my party CPI-M because I was connected with the framing of the GST. I was chairman of Empowered Committee on GST way back in 2009. I find that the framework is still there."



MISSING
In c/w Mangan PS case no.09(05)17 dated 23-05-2017 u/s MC.
Details of the Missing Child
Name: MIKMA DOMA BHUTIA, d/o Palden Wangyal Bhutia, r/o Pakshep, Mangan, North Sikkim
Sex: Female
Age: 17 years
Height: 4.5 feet
Complexion: Fair
Clothes: Black track pant, yellow house dress of Singhik School, white canvass.
Missing Since: 20/05/2017 evening from her residence at Pakshep, Mangan, North Sikkim.
If found/ seen please contact Mangan PS at 8388806750/ 8967688626



Thank you, Doc!

GANGTOK, 01 JUL: Interact Club Council, Gangtok, comprising of the

Interact Clubs of West Point Senior Secondary School, Enchey Senior Secondary School, Tashi Namgyal Academy, Tathangchen Secondary School, Paljor Namgyal Girls School and Kyi-de-Khang School

observed Doctors Day by offering flowers to doctors in and around Gangtok. The team thanked them for their contribution and greeted them on the occasion, a press release informs.

SFA C-DIVISION S-LEAGUE
A tight draw and a clean victory

SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:

In the first match of the day of the Sikkim Football Association C Division Sikkim-League here at Paljor Stadium, Ranka Football Club held Downtown Football Club to a 1-1 draw.

With the help of Prabhat Thapa in the 26th minute, Downtown FC ended the first half 1-0 in the lead but in the second half, Kigen Tashi scored the equalizer for Ranka FC in the 60th minute.

In the second match, Lall Bazaar-Gangtok outplayed New Moon Hostel 3-0.

Binay Subba [27th minute], Pramod Pradhan [63rd] and Topden Lepcha [70th] contributed one goal each in the Lall Bazaar victory.

On Sunday, United Dzomsa Football Club will take on Chujachen Sports Academy in the first match at 12:30 p.m., which will be followed by another match between Sadarain Football Club and Football Club Pakyong.

Police to penalise people taking selfies on Digha-Sonepur bridge
PATNA, JUL 1 (PTI): The Patna police will penalise people if they are found clicking selfies at the newly constructed Digha-Sonepur bridge here. A penalty of Rs 600, effective from today, will be charged from those found taking selfies, police said. The move comes following the death of four people, in the last 20 days, who were trying to take selfies at dangerous spots on the bridge, they said. The Traffic police will collect the penalty from those caught taking selfies at Digha-Sonepur rail road bridge, Patna Traffic Superintendent of Police (SP) PK Das said.

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medicines have already been submitted to the head office.

The DCSO has been directed to conduct a meeting with all the whole sellers of the market to get the list of essential commodities along with number of shop keepers required for necessary escort arrangements.

SHO Namchi is directed to conduct a meeting with the Truck Drivers' Association and get the details of registration of trucks along with the names of drivers who are ready to ply for supply of essential commodities with escort.

CMO South has been directed to conduct

meeting with the entire medicine vendors and compile the list of essential medicines along with the quantities of medicine. SP (South) has been requested to instruct the SHO concerned to direct all the construction sites to stop back cutting, excavation (private/ public) works till sufficient fuel is available in the market.

All the pump owners/managers are directed not to issue fuel heavy machinery, only machinery engaged for clearance of roads are authorized for the same.

I-T notifies form for Aadhaar-PAN linking

NEW DELHI, JUL 1 (PTI): The Income Tax Department has introduced a one-page form for taxpayers to manually apply for linking their Aadhaar with Permanent Account Number (PAN), apart from the available online and SMS facilities.

An individual will have to mention both PAN and Aadhaar numbers, the spelling of the names mentioned on them and give a signed declaration that the Aadhaar number provided in the application form has "not been provided" by them for the purpose of linking it with "any other PAN".

They will also have to undertake a declaration stating they have "not been allotted any other PAN than the one mentioned" on the form.

"I understand that complete security and confidentiality shall be en-

sured for my personal identity data provided for the purpose of Aadhaar-based authentication," the taxpayer will state as part of the declaration.

"The form is just another procedure, via the paper medium, to link the Aadhaar with the PAN database, as required from July 1. The SMS and online modes are also available," a tax department official said.

The department has also formally notified, under a CBDT notification of June 29, the procedure and format for "intimating Aadhaar number to the I-T Department by PAN holder and quoting the same in PAN applications".

Taxpayers can link their Aadhaar-PAN using a mobile-based SMS service (formatted message to be sent to 567678 or 56161), by logging on to the website of PAN service providers like NSDL and UTITFSL, by personally visiting a PAN service centre or over the e-filing website of the tax department.

Similarly, the department has specified in detail the procedure for quoting of Aadhaar in new PAN application and for changes or correction in PAN data.

The department has also specified to the PAN and e-filing service providers that they "shall ensure that the identity of information of Aadhaar holder, demographic as well as biometric, is only used for submission to the central identities data repository of the UIDAI for Aadhaar au-

Blood Donation on Doctors' Day

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 JUL:

Rotary Club of Gangtok South along with Rotaract Club of Gangtok Hills and Interact Club Council, Gangtok, organized a blood donation camp at STNM Hospital as a part of Doctors' Day celebrations today. The club members also offered khadas and flowers to the doctors of STNM hospital for their service to the society.



India attends SCO meeting in China amid Sikkim stand-off

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, JUL 1 (PTI):

Amid a stand-off in the Sikkim sector with Chinese troops, India has attended an SCO meeting in China to enhance anti-terrorism and border control mechanisms among member nations, the first plenary meeting after India and Pakistan became full members of the China-dominated security grouping.

Seven Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states including China, India and Russia participated in the organisation's meeting of heads of border control departments on Thursday in Dalian, Northeast China's Liaoning Province.

Officials from the Indian Embassy attended the Dalian meeting of the SCO.

This is the first plenary meeting since India and Pakistan joined the grouping in June. The other members are China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

India and Pakistan last month became full members of the SCO that is increasingly seen as a counterweight to NATO.

India's membership was strongly pushed by Russia while Pakistan's entry into the grouping was backed by China.

Member states discussed how to cooperate on combating terrorism,

separatism and extremism, state-run Global Times reported.

The members also talked about a joint operation along the border to prevent trans-border crimes and to improve the organisation's cooperation on safeguarding border security at the SCO meeting, the report said.

Border enforcement cooperation is an important part of cooperation between China and other SCO member states, Chen Dingwu, a senior official at China's Ministry of Public Security's Border Control Department, said.

He said China values the collaboration with border control departments of other countries, and has already built cooperation mechanisms with 11 neighbouring countries, including SCO members.

SCO member states are willing to discuss issues of common interest based on equality as provided by the Shanghai Spirit, SCO Secretary-General Rashid Ali-mov said.

Alimov said the SCO will create a positive political atmosphere to comprehensively consolidate and develop trust, respect and friendship.

The Chinese daily said the Indian delegation attended the meeting "despite border rift with China in the Sikkim sector".

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Sikkim has realised that silence is not always golden. It should not fall silent again

Transporters have refused to run the Siliguri gauntlet, and, in keeping with the mood for indefiniteness prevailing in the neighbouring hills, have gone on such a strike themselves when it comes to shipping goods and merchandise from West Bengal to Sikkim or vice versa. One sympathises with them. Why should anyone drive into trouble when the agencies responsible for law & order and safety seem disinclined to ensure or demand it? Passenger jeeps, private vehicles and taxis are also put at risk every time they venture beyond Salugara deeper into West Bengal.

Here, what needs to also be recognised is that the “situation” is not nearly as universally violent or hostile as visuals from the episodes would suggest. The attacks have been one-off incidents clearly carried out by lumpen elements, which, during “normal” times, go about their business as extortion artists or political muscle for hire. That said, even one-off incidents are not excusable and unless every single incident is condemned, protested and followed-up, they set Sikkim up for continued harassment till much after the current excuses to target have run out of juice. It is also important to bear in mind that the impunity with which the attacks have been carried out were emboldened by the Bengal administration’s own track-record of ambushing Sikkim vehicles with challans for obscure traffic violations. It is this attitude which marked out Sikkim vehicles as easy prey and the State’s support for Gorkhaland only freed the criminally inclined hands to partake in the dadagiri which the law enforcement agencies in Bengal were already displaying. It thus becomes important for the Sikkim Government to make a bigger noise about the situation in Siliguri. It is not enough for the officials here to speak to their counterparts in West Bengal and present jurisdiction as an excuse for the absence of a stronger engagement. To begin with, Sikkim has to ensure that every incident of intimidation, harassment and vandalism is officially recorded even if an official complaint has not been filed in Siliguri. It should then present these specifics to authorities in West Bengal and, at the very least, seek an update on the legal follow-up. Do the authorities in Sikkim know exactly how many hate crimes have been targeted against Sikkim people in Siliguri since the letter went out to the Home Minister in support of the Gorkhaland demand? By now a special cell should have been dedicated to keeping track of such incidents. Otherwise, when officials here speak to their counterparts in West Bengal, they will be speaking in vague terms about “some” incidents. Babus need specifics. Present them with specific incidents and they will have to respond with specific updates, otherwise Sikkim’s security will also only be vaguely assured.

The present rash of attacks will eventually die down, hopefully before anything more extreme happens. Sikkim’s official protests - and condemnations by political parties don’t count - should be put on record before that happens so that overt action is seen to be taken, so that the Sikkimese know that the government here looks out for them with genuine concern beyond Rangpo. About the current situation in the neighboring hills, Sikkim had long adopted the silent approach, and only now did it speak its mind on the issue. Yes, the matter concerns WB and the Centre, but surely, since Sikkim is dragged into it every time anyways, it has the right to an opinion and should have the freedom to express it. Also, intimidation should not be the reason it holds back, because the kind of harassment it is being subjected to is clearly illegal and criminals should never be allowed to influence governments or people. And this is why the Sikkim Government should do more than speak to counterparts and should take up the complaints more resolutely. After all, not only does it have a right to complain and speak on behalf of its people, it also has a responsibility to ensure their safety.

Once a child bride, 21-year-old scripts NEET success story

KOTA (RAJASTHAN), JUL 1 (PTI): She was married off at the tender age of eight, but that never deterred Rupa Yadav from pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor.

Now 21, Rupa has secured an all-India rank of 2,612 -- scoring 603 marks in this year’s National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET).

Her husband and brother-in-law, both farmers, also supported her all along, even driving an auto to meet the education expenses, disregarding villagers’ disparaging remarks.

Born into a poverty-ridden farmer’s home in Kareri village of Jaipur district, Rupa, then a student of class III, and her elder sister Rukma, were wedded to Shankarlal, who

was then 12, and his elder brother Babulal, respectively.

After her class X exams, in which she scored 84 per cent marks, her husband and brother-in-law helped her continue her studies.

Rupa continued to excel, again scoring 84 per cent in class XII exam, even as she managed household chores at the same time.

The same year, she enrolled herself for a B.Sc course and also appeared for the AIPMT examination, securing an all India rank of 23,000.

“Though I did not qualify for a good government medical college, the AIPMT marks encouraged my husband and brother-in-law to send me to Kota for preparing for MBBS entrance test,” Rupa said.

After the Mayor’s Defeat, Lampedusian Voters Face a Global Media Backlash

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Giusi Nicolini, the Nobel Prize-nominated, Olof Palme Prize-winning and UNESCO-recognised mayor of Lampedusa, Italy, has been voted out of office. On June 11 2017 she came in third place in the island’s municipal elections, with just 908 votes.

The news went way beyond the borders of this migrant-flooded Mediterranean community of 6,000, which in recent years has found itself at the centre of Europe’s refugee crisis.

“An Italian mayor won an international award for helping migrants. Then she lost her job,” exclaimed one Washington Post headline.

Domestic and international media grieved Nicolini as a fallen heroine, a local champion repudiated by her own people. And the Lampedusians, who were instrumental in Nicolini’s rise as a humanitarian star, were denigrated and vilified, deemed ignorant, backward and racist.

A MORAL COMMUNITY BUT ARBITRARY DETENTION

Since her election as mayor in 2012, Nicolini has fed into an Italian narrative about Lampedusa as the ideal, moral community.

She courted and embraced the media with steadfast zeal, becoming a staple on Italian TV programs. She spoke about how, despite its size and the harsh conditions it faces, Lampedusa chooses to welcome immigrants because it is the right thing to do.

This largely quelled criticism of the bad treatment migrants actually receive in Lampedusa, where they are detained in a centre in Contrada Imbriacola referred to as “the Hotspot”.

The human rights committee of the Italian senate has criticised the facility, suggesting that it denies some migrants the right to asylum. Since the centre is designed for very short stay (a maximum of 48 hours), it provides no activities in-house and access only to basic services.

But many people are held for much longer, even exceeding 30 days. And this, the report concludes, violates the fundamental right of freedom from arbitrary detention.

The immigrant detention centre has also been taken to task by the Italian human rights law expert Fulvio Vassallo Paleologo. In a 2012 book, he denounced the centre for its unlawful detention, use of forced returns, and, in previous years, push-back operations from neighbouring waters.

He recently reiterated these concerns:

“The treatment of migrants in Lampedusa is often worse, in fact, than in other parts of Italy, and the situation, experts Glenda Garelli and Martina Tazzioli say, did not improve with the introduction of the EU’s “hotspot approach”. Conditions and procedures continue to fall below acceptable human rights standards.”

But the issue rarely surfaces in the media. Only when migrants protest (as they did on Lampedusa on May 6) does the Hotspot garner some, if any at all, domestic or international coverage.

Even then, the accompanying images of desperate-looking men and burning buildings serve more to instil fear than to highlight the precarious conditions of the migrants stuck there.

EXOTIC, PURE AND BACKWARD

Generally, Lampedusians have been portrayed in Italy as an exotic, pure island community; as “noble savages” untainted by civilisation, more humane, generous and hospitable than the rest of us.

Unknowingly, they have become part of what the human rights and migration expert Paolo Cuttitta called lo spettacolo del confine”, a “political



The “Door of Europe” monument, which commemorates migrants who died on their journey, is seen on the southern Italian island of Lampedusa



Giusi Nicolini

spectacle” with “Lampedusa being the theatre of the border play” (his translation).

In the public imagination, Lampedusians were an exceptional community. This narrative, which Guisi Nicolini steadily spread across Italy and abroad, caught like a spark in a dry haystack. Others began feeding the fire.

Film director Gianfranco Rosi won the 2016 Berlin Film Festival with a movie about Lampedusa. His Fuocoammare (Fire at Sea) was celebrated as an immersion “into a community on the margins”.

In it, Lampedusians are depicted as a backward people, reminiscent of the Italian peasant in the early 1900s.

I was on fieldwork in Lampedusa when the Italian national broadcaster RAI aired Fuocoammare for the first time in October 2016, and I watched the film in the main square there.

Amid the celebratory tone, there was also an acute sense of disappointment in town. As I walked that evening with a Lampedusian friend, I could sense his jilted sense of pride.

I put on a brave face: It was nice to see Lampedusa on the big screen.

He raised his eyebrows: Yes, it was.

“But why did Rosi show us in this way to the world?” he asked.

“Have you ever seen my son eat spaghetti in that way?” he added quickly, referring to a scene where a little boy, depicted as wild and free (he runs barefoot around the island) is seen slurping away at a plate of pasta.

A SHARED REPUDIATION

This view changed when the Lampedusians voted out Nicolini. After the election the media so universally repudiated the people of Lampedusa that it almost seemed like an orchestrated response.

Here are some headlines from June 12 2017:

“Lampedusa fires Mayor Nicolini, symbol of hospitality and winner of the UNESCO peace prize”

(La Stampa); “UNESCO prize winner Nicolini loses Lampedusa election” (European Post); “Lampedusa rebukes Guisi Nicolini, the symbolic mayor of migrants” (Affari Italiani).

A spray-painted message, quickly removed by other Lampedusians, made the rounds, too. It read: Grazie avete estirpato il cancro Lampedusano (Thank you for removing the Lampedusian cancer).

The message, reported as shocking and insulting, brought forth anti-racist moralising and a cascade of social media support for Nicolini.

Everyone was trying to understand what had happened in Lampedusa; baseless analyses mushroomed. Some claimed that the problem was a lack of respect for the law, implying that the mayor had ruffled feathers.

Others alleged that her defeat was friendly fire from Pietro Bartolo, a Lampedusian who has also been internationally feted for championing migration.

Nicolini herself cited jealousy, claiming that her opponents accused her of “aspiring to more awards and accolades instead of addressing the issues that are dear to the inhabitants of Lampedusa and Linosa.”

THE REAL LOCAL ISSUES

I shall refrain from conducting yet another analysis of the election results.

Instead, I refer readers to the diligent analysis of the Lampedusian collective Askavusa, tellingly titled The elections in Lampedusa: An inevitable short circuit. It argues that Nicolini was ousted for reasons that have nothing to do with migration. That she lost because of maladministration of the island.

From the lack of potable water and the irregular outsourcing of the waste management to a private company that mistreats its (Lampedusian) employees, voters took many concerns to the polls on June 11. Under Nicolini’s watch, the island had also seen unsanctioned construction, rampant nepotism and militarisation.

There’s nothing radical about people choosing their mayor based on local governance issues rather than global ones. But false constructions, it seems, make for better headlines.

This is what happens when a place becomes a symbol. This community of islanders was reified for moral purposes, its people commodified for political, cultural and economic gain.

In a convoluted way, this isn’t unlike the vilification and dehumanisation that contributes to the terrible treatment of undocumented migrants worldwide. No one, including the Lampedusians, deserves it.

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Would like to write, read and sleep: Ruskin Bond at 83

TRISHA MUKHERJEE/ PTI

Author Ruskin Bond has his future chalked out - he wants to write more, read more and sleep more.

Over 500 short stories, novellas, essays and an autobiography later, Bond - at 83 - stresses that there is a lot more to be written.

The bucket list of the much-loved children’s author is topped with a desire to pen more children’s stories and “gory” crime thrillers.

“Everybody wants another children’s book. I’d like to do some good gory crime stories, something of everything. That way you don’t get bored, moving from one genre to the other,” he told PTI.

However, the Landour-based writer, who recently launched his autobiography “Lone Fox Dancing” here, doesn’t like to write under pressure.

“I have accumulated publishers over the years and now they are all after me - ‘Mr Bond, you owe us a book’. I am feeling a bit overworked. I don’t like writing under pressure,” he says.

“So I will make them wait,” Bond chuckles. Having spoken on several occasions about his love for reading, it is



not surprising that he wishes to read more books - not the latest bestsellers but his favourite authors.

“I have read thousands of books, but there are so many that I still haven’t read. And I am not talking of the latest bestsellers, I am talking about the books that I have missed over the years by the writers I like,” he says.

He writes in his memoirs about his fondness for authors such as Agatha Christie, PG Wodehouse, Charles Dickens, Somerset Maugham, George Bernard Shaw, Jerome K Jerome and Mark Twain.

He may have read two or three books of a particular author, but now wants to read more of the writer’s works.

“I like reading and good writing,” he says.

Poke him a little further, and he adds that he loves a good nap, too.

“I enjoy sleeping - I always have,” he says simply.

Bond adds that he is a man who is easily pleased - “not a difficult person; I don’t think so anyway”.

By and large, Bond believes he has lived a life without regrets.

But looking back on his life, would

he change anything?

“Perhaps, a few more love affairs,” he replies promptly.

On a serious note, he wishes he had been kinder to some people, particularly his mother, who separated from his father when Bond was eight and married another man.

“I could have been a bit kinder to people, maybe more understanding of my mother - hadn’t been too censorious and been a little supportive. Sometimes one feels guilty, that one could’ve done more for someone,” he reminisces.

Happiness, he believes, is an “elusive” word. “But you could say contentment is there,” he says.

Written with Bond’s quintessential wit and warmth, the autobiography, published by Speaking Tiger, takes readers back in time to the genesis of some of his memorable works.

As for naming his autobiography, given a chance, he says, he will call it “Twenty-Two Steps”, after the 22 steps, each of a different shape and size, that lead to his quaint Ivy Cottage in the hills.

The book also contains over 50 photographs, some never published before, capturing the author’s life.

Children face the heat in Darjeeling shutdown

DARJEELING (WB), JULY 1 (PTI): Children of Darjeeling hills are an unhappy lot now with schools closed, Internet suspended and playgrounds off-limits due to the indefinite shutdown in the hills since June 15.

Malls, cinema halls, the zoo also remain out of bounds for them.

“Our parents are not allowing us to go outside and play. The police uncles are not allowing us to play on the road. Inside the house, there is no Internet. We cannot play online games,” said Vivek Giri, 13, a student of class VII.

“With net connection off for the last 15-16 days, we have been unable to check our Facebook accounts or Whatsapp messages. We are totally cut off from the outside world as cable networks have also been snapped in a few areas,” Roshan, a class VIII student of St Joseph’s North Point, told PTI.

Travelling to other places during the vacation has also hit a stonewall as they cannot leave the hills during the ongoing shutdown.

“My father had planned to take us to Digha sea beach during our vacation. I have never been to a sea beach, but now due to this shutdown, all our plans have gone for a toss,” said another student of St Joseph’s North Point.

Most of the students in Darjeeling either study in government schools or in renowned boarding schools.

They were also apprehensive about whether their friends, who have gone home for the vacation, will return or not due to the unrest in the hills.

“Earlier in 2009, when there was a



shutdown, many of our friends had left the school. They never came back. We think a similar thing will happen this time too,” said Prashant, a class XI student.

Prashant’s apprehension was shared by Robindra Subba, director of Himali Boarding School in Kurseong.

In 2009, boarding schools witnessed a 25 per cent drop in the number of students due to the unrest, he told PTI.

Although empty streets during bandhs used to be taken over by kids and their impromptu cricket and badminton games, it is different this time around. The tension in the air does not allow for such fun & games for the young during bandhs. (a file foto of shut shops and near-empty streets of Kalimpong on one of the, what is now 17-day old, indefinite general strike)

“After that, it took us five-six years to get back the confidence that students are safe in the hills. We don’t know what will happen now,” Subba said.

Various boarding schools sent hun-

dreds of students safely to the plains when Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) gave a 12-hour window to the students of all the boarding schools to leave on June 23.

Fresh landslides in Himachal, Assam flood situation grim

NEW DELHI, JUL 1 (PTI): Torrential rains triggered fresh landslides in Himachal Pradesh, even as the flood situation in Assam remained grim with more rains likely to hit the northeast region tomorrow.

The weatherman has predicted very heavy rains in Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh.

A downpour is “very likely” in Arunachal Pradesh, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, west Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Goa, Chhattisgarh and coastal Karnataka.

The maximum temperature in Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, which received rains over the last two-three days, was recorded below the season’s average at most of the places.

A fresh spell of rains and a cloud cover thereafter kept the heat at bay in the national capital.

Several parts of the city gauged rainfall between 9.8 mm and 15.9 mm. It had a high of 35.1 degrees Celsius and a low of 25.4 degrees Celsius. Light rains and thundershowers are likely tomorrow.

A 17-year-old youth was killed after a cloudburst struck a village in south Kashmir’s Kulgam district last night.

Meanwhile, the 300-km-long Jammu-Srinagar national highway, the only all-weather road connecting the Valley to the rest of India, was reopened for vehicular traffic after a day-long closure due to rainfall-induced landslides in Ramban and Udhampur districts of Jammu and Kashmir.

Widespread rains led to

fresh landslides in Himachal Pradesh. The Manali-Leh road was blocked near Koksar.

The MeT office has predicted moderate to heavy rains and thundershowers in the mid and lower hills, and snow and rains in the higher reaches up to July 7.

In Assam, floods have affected more than 2.68 lakh people in Barpeta, Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Karimganj, Cachar, Dhemaji, Karbi Anglong and Biswanath districts.

The Assam State Disaster Management Authority’s report said 453 villages have been inundated and over 5,272 hectares of crop area damaged by the swirling flood waters.

Karimganj is the worst hit with 1.53 lakh sufferers.

76,000 people have been affected in Lakhimpur. 5,670 people have taken shelter in

269 relief camps set up in four districts.

The southwest monsoon advanced into the remaining parts of Bihar.

Heavy and very heavy showers drenched northern Bihar, while the southern part of the state received light to moderate rainfall in the last 24 hours.

Patna gauged 0.7 mm of precipitation, Gaya 0.6 mm and Purnea and 7.7 mm. Humidity levels soared up to 100 per cent in Patna, Gaya, Bhagalpur and Purnea.

It was another wet day for Punjab and Haryana. Rains over the last two-three days have arrested the rise of the mercury in the region.

The maximum temperature in the two states remained below the normal levels and was recorded in the mid 30s at most of the places.

Arunachal Pradesh launches e-Inner Line Permit programme

ITANAGAR, JUL 1 (PTI): Arunachal Pradesh has launched the e-Inner Line Permit (eILP) programme as a digital step for hassle-free entry of domestic visitors to the frontier state.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday launched the www.arunachalilp.com, a web portal that will assist visitors to apply for and obtain the mandatory ILP, online from anywhere in the country.

Conceptualised by the State Council for IT and e-Governance and developed by Bohniman Systems Private Limited for the department of Information Technology, the system is feature-rich and will allow online submission of required documents, photograph and payment by a visitor or group of visitors to the state.

The system is mobile-responsible and hence the ILPs to be issued now will be paperless, an official release today said.

Congratulating the department for the initiative, Khandu said the

hassle-free and paperless system will lead to significant increase in number of visitors to the state, the release said.

He emphasised on providing training to the personnel at designated offices of resident commissioners, deputy resident commissioners and deputy commissioners so that they are familiar with the system and can issue ILPs promptly.

As the issued ILP will now have bar and QR codes for verification, Khandu said security personnel manning the entry gates will have to be properly trained and equipped so that entries with fake ILPs are detected.

IT Special Secretary Prince Dhawan said after fulfilling all criteria online, visitors will receive the ILPs with unique identity number and codes in soft copy in their emails, which can also be displayed on their mobile handsets or tabs at the entry gates.

Visitors will also have the option to avail ILPs at entry gates and other designated places on payment of fees, the release added.

B’desh marks 1st anniv of Dhaka terror attack

ANISUR RAHMAN DHAKA, JUL 1 (PTI):

One year after the worst terror attack in Bangladesh, a popular cafe here which was the site of the horror was reopened today even as the country was grappling to rein in radical Islamists and searching for the five remaining terrorists behind the gruesome incident.

The Holey Artisan Bakery and O’ Kitchen restaurant in the upmarket Gulshan area was opened for the public to pay respects to the 22 people, including an Indian girl, killed in the attack.

Representatives of various political parties, including the ruling Awami League, opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, and various civil society groups and police personnel paid their respects and laid flowers at the site.

Bangladesh expressed gratitude to individuals

and foreign countries like India, Japan and the US for supporting it during its ‘difficult one year’ since the July 1 attack.

“We’re grateful to the people and governments who stood by Bangladesh during a difficult last one year,” State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam said.

“We remember those who lost their lives in Holey Artisan Bakery with deep respect and convey deep sympathy to their families and governments of their countries,” Alam said on his official Facebook page.

On the evening of July 1, five operatives of Islamic State-inclined Neo-Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (Neo-JMB) stormed into the eatery and started firing indiscriminately.

They then brutally killed the hostages with guns and machetes.

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China’s jailed dissident to get traditional medicine therapy

BEIJING, JUL 1 (PTI): China’s jailed dissident and Nobel Laureate Liu Xiaobo will be given traditional Chinese medicine therapy to treat his liver cancer, experts said even as Beijing rejected global calls for his treatment abroad.

Liu’s wife Liu Xia has agreed to treat Liu with traditional Chinese medicine therapy after two top experts held a group consultation on him, state-run Global Times reported.

Two experienced experts specialising in liver cancer treatment from Beijing-based Guang’anmen Hospital and the

Longhua Hospital under the Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine held a group consultation on treatment to be given to 61-year-old Liu, the report said.

He was receiving treatment at the No 1 Hospital of the China Medical University in Shenyang after his release on medical parole.

Liu is serving a 11-year sentence since 2009 for carrying out pro-democracy movement challenging the one-party rule of the Communist Party of China (CPC). He was accused of attempting to overthrow the gov-

ernment.

His relatives and international human rights groups had called for his release and permit him to go abroad to get better treatment. China had refused the permission to go abroad.

Experts said the hospital’s diagnosis of Liu was conclusive and the treatment Liu received was clear. They suggested using traditional Chinese medicine as an adjuvant therapy to improve the sensitivity of drugs and reduce side effects, the report said.

After receiving consultation result from the experts, Liu’s wife Liu Xia said she believed

the hospital had done its best. She agreed to the traditional Chinese medicine treatment, and expressed her gratitude to medical experts, local officials said.

According to personal information recorded at Jinzhou Prison, where Liu served his sentence, he had hepatitis B before going to the prison.

The prison had organised physical examination for him once a year and had arranged a round visit every 15 days. The prison had added screen checks for hepatitis and tumour for Liu since 2012, the report said.

Visva-bharati forms panel to examine script of film on Tagore

KOLKATA, JUL 1 (PTI): Visva-Bharati University has set up a committee to examine the script of 'Nalini', a bi-lingual film based on the platonic relationship between a teenage Rabinranath Tagore and Marathi girl Annapurna Turkhud.

"We have formed a committee to examine the contents of the script which has been sent to the university by the production house," Visva-Bharati officiating Vice-Chancellor Swapan Kumar Datta said. "Besides ensuring that there is no fictional portrayal in Gurudev's (Tagore's) life, we have to keep in mind factors including public sentiment, his millions of followers and ashramites and others," Datta told PTI.

Headed by the VC, the eight-member committee has Jnanpith award winning poet Sankha Ghosh, who is an authority on Tagore.

Datta said, "We have to ensure that solemnity associated with Tagore is not harmed in this work."

"We will scrutinise the historicity of a phase of Tagore's life as claimed by the makers on a personal level before giving consent to shoot," he said.

Director of the film Ujjwal Chatterjee said, "We have done extensive research on 17-year-old Tagore's relationship with Annapurna Turkhad in 1878-79. She had initiated the young Rabinranath to the western culture before his trip to the UK.

She was the daughter of a family friend of the Tagore family living in Maharashtra."

He said, "The scenes will be based on written documents and it will be platonic".

The Marathi-Bengali biopic is being produced by Priyanka Chopra's 'Purple Pebble Pictures'.

Last week, the VC had convened a meeting of the committee with Chatterjee, who had directed 'Escape from Taliban' years back.

Chatterjee had said earlier that the film will be narrated from the point of view of a young student who visits Santiniketan in 1917 and comes across a picture of Annapurna captioned 'Nalini' and the sequences would unfold from there.

"I would appreciate if there was no effort to sensationalise and fictionalise certain period of Tagore's life in isolation. Rather, there should be a bid to explore Gurudev and his gamut of works, philosophy in its entirety," the VC said.



PM has assured continued support to football, says Bhaichung

NEW DELHI, JUL 1 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured former captain Bhaichung Bhutia of unflinching support to football even after the FIFA U-17 World Cup.

With less than 100 days left for the country's first-ever FIFA tournament, Bhutia thanked Modi for his "continuous support to Indian football".

"The Honourable Prime Minister's passion for sports is really admirable," Bhutia said a day after

Modi met Indian sporting legends during the inauguration of a stadium in Ahmedabad.

"The Prime Minister has been possibly the biggest supporter of the FIFA U-17 World Cup. He has been standing beside Indian football all throughout and it's such an inspiration for the footballing fraternity, Bhutia, the first Indian footballer to play over 100 international matches, stated.

"I thanked him for promoting Indian football. The Prime

Minister assured me of his continued support for the U-17 World Cup, adding that he will continue supporting football even after the World Cup ends," Bhutia added.

Modi also made a special mention of the Indian football legend bringing laurels to the country.

Modi had in the past, in his address to the nation, acknowledged the rising popularity of football in India and has called for the creation of right atmosphere for its development.

The FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 is slated to kick off on October 6, with the official draw scheduled to take place in Mumbai on July 7.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the sports-persons at the ceremony to inaugurate the TransStadia Integrated Sports & Entertainment Arena Project & Khel Mahakhumbh-2017, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 30 June, 2017. Bhaichung (standing first from left) was also present for the event.

India take on Pakistan in ICC Women's World Cup

Derby, Jul 1 (PTI): Their confidence on an all-time high after back-to-back wins, India would look to continue their unbeaten streak when they clash against arch-rivals Pakistan in their third game of the ICC Women's World Cup, here Sunday.

The Indian eves, enjoying rich vein of form, would definitely start as overwhelming favourites against Pakistan, who looked below-par in the tournament so far.

As far as their recent form is concerned, India comprehensively won their last four ODI series, first whitewashing Sri Lanka and the West Indies at home and then beating South Africa in the finals of the World Cup qualifier as well as the quadrangular series.

The Indians continued from where they left in the qualifiers and registered comprehensive victories in their first two matches.

India made a dream start to the tournament by stunning hosts England by 35 runs before trouncing West Indies by seven wickets in their next encounter.

Sana Mir-led Pakistan, on the other hand, are yet to taste victory in the tournament. They have lost by three wickets against South Africa before being handed a heavy 107 runs defeat via D/L method by England.

And come tomorrow, they would be desperate to open their account and what better it can be if they can taste success at the expense of traditional rivals India.

But it would be easier said than done as India are looking a completely different side in this tournament. The Indians have so far excelled in all three departments of the game.

While the batters stole the limelight against England, it was the chance of the bowlers to shine against West Indies as they restricted



the Caribbeans to a paltry 183 for eight.

Spin trio of Deepti Sharma (2/27), Poonam Yadav (2/19) and Harmanpreet Kaur (2/42) demolished West Indies the other day.

She might not have picked up any wickets in the first two games, but Jhulan Goswami, the highest wicket-taker in ODI history, will lead the Indian bowling attack and would be desperate to contribute to the team's cause.

On the batting front, opener Smriti Mandhana looked to be enjoying the form of her life.

The left-hander, who has made a fine return from injury, followed up her 90-run knock against England with a smashing 106 off just 108 balls against the West Indies to set up the base for India's chase.

With 196 runs in just two games, the 20-year-old Mandhana has no intention of stopping and she has already warned that there is a lot more to come.

"I'm not satisfied at all, I haven't worked really hard for the last five months to get fit just for a 90 or a hundred. I want to do well for India and win the World Cup for India. That's what I've been craving for in the last five months," she had said.

Besides Mandhana, skipper Mithali Raj too is in tremendous touch. She struck a record-breaking seven successive half centuries before the streak got snapped in the last game against West Indies.

Against West Indies (46), Raj fell just four runs short of what could have been her eighth successive half century.

But the Indians will have to be on their toes tomorrow as plenty of emotions run in any Indo-Pak encounter and eventually the team which can hold their nerve better will have an edge over their rival.

Match starts at 3 pm IST.

Mumbai City FC retains goalkeeper Amrinder Singh

MUMBAI, JUL 1 (PTI): Mumbai City FC has retained India's astute goalkeeper Amrinder Singh for the fourth season of the Indian Super League. Amrinder was instrumental in Mumbai City FC's impressive performances last season, taking the club into the semi-finals.

The 24-year-old captained the Indian team at the AFC under-23 championship qualifiers in Bangladesh in 2016 and since then he is in blistering form.

Amrinder made six appearances for Mumbai City FC in season 3 of the ISL, keeping five clean sheets under his belt and also won the ISL Season 3 Golden Glove Award.

On being retained by Mumbai City FC, Amrinder Singh said, "I'm very happy to be back in the



city of dreams. Last season with the club was great as we finished top of the table but I'm back to complete the job and give the fans a reason to celebrate."

Ranbir Kapoor, Team owner,

Mumbai City FC said, "We are all gearing up in the best way possible for the next season of the Indian Super League and we are extremely glad to have Amrinder back for us this season.

Eve-teasing incident: youth held after Face-book post by girl

MANGALURU, JUL 1 (PTI): The Facebook post by a girl in which she narrated the harrowing experience of being followed by a youth on scooter while walking along the road has led to the arrest of the culprit.

Rizwan (29), the owner of the scooter and a resident of Jeppu near here, was arrested yesterday, police said.

The police, who had taken a suo motu case based on the Facebook post, had traced the scooter owner from the picture of the number plate the girl had posted on Facebook.

The girl, Rashmi Shetty, had put up the post on June 25 about the man who stalked her on broad daylight as she was walking through a prime area in the city.

The post had gone viral in the social media.

FIFA shifts India's U-17 World Cup group matches to Delhi

NEW DELHI, JUL 1 (PTI): Heeding to the government's request, football's world governing body, FIFA today shifted India's group matches of the upcoming U-17 World Cup from Mumbai to the national capital.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) initially wanted Mumbai to host India's matches but later asked FIFA to shift them to New Delhi under pressure from the sports ministry. The government felt it was appropriate that the national capital hosts the home team's matches.

"Following a request from the All India Football Federation to hold the group matches of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 in which India are playing in New Delhi, and the fruitful discussions between the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the local government, FIFA has agreed to amend the match schedule," the Local Organising Committee (LOC) said in a statement.

As per the amended schedule, Group A, featuring the home team, which is automatically seeded as A1, will be based in New Delhi and teams of Group B will be based in Navi Mumbai.

Matches for the knockout stage remain as planned before.

Acknowledging the increased efforts of the local authorities and the LOC in connection with the requested amendment, FIFA's Head of Tournaments Jaime Yarza said: "Atten-

dance, especially in the venue where the home team plays its matches, is one of the priorities of the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017, crucial to achieving the purpose of better positioning football in the country, so the government's commitment in this regard is highly appreciated.

"The presence of the secretary of sports at the meetings concerning the state of the works in the stadium and training sites sends a positive message and reflects the strong involvement of the authorities.

"We expect this involvement to extend into the area of pollution prevention, which has been an important topic discussed in relation to the tournament, in particular in Delhi. We are now expecting an action response plan to prevent pollution levels from affecting the tournament, which ideally should continue beyond the tournament."

Besides India, who are automatically qualified as hosts, the following teams have booked their tickets to the competition: Iran, Iraq, Japan, Korea DPR (Asia); New Caledonia, New Zealand (Oceania); Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay (South America); Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, USA (North, Central America and Caribbean); England, France, Germany, Spain, Turkey (Europe); Mali, Niger, Ghana, and Guinea (Africa).



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HARINDER MISHRA LOD (ISRAEL), JUL 1 (PTI):

Liora Itzhak, chosen to sing the national anthems of Israel and India to welcome Prime Minister Narendra Modi, wishes to relive her Bollywood dream yet again.

Born in Israel to Indian immigrant parents from Mumbai, Liora had to abandon that dream in the 1990s due to "homesickness".

She flew to India at the age of 15 to study Indian classical music at Sur Sarvadhan institute in Pune.

After learning Indian classical music with gurus like Padma Talwarkar, Pandit Suresh Talvarkar she also learned light bhajan and ghazal singing between 1991 and 1998.

Liora's Bollywood break came with an

opportunity to sing in the movie 'Dil ka Doctor'. She also sang along with renowned Indian singers like Kumar Sanu, Udit Narayan and Sonu Nigam during this period.

However, when her Bollywood career seemed to have just taken off, she felt very homesick having stayed away from her family for eight years. She declined some of the offers that came her way and decided to come back to Israel.

"I was 23 and terribly homesick having spent eight years away in difficult conditions from my parents and siblings. I love India but I just could not bear this separation anymore", Liora told PTI.

Following the huge popularity recorded by what she calls her Israeli Bollywood

number, "mala mala", in 2016 which has made her a popular name in the Israeli musical industry, she aspires to once again live her abandoned Bollywood dream.

Liora's other song, "Tu hai mera pyar pehla", a fusion of Hindi and Hebrew words, in collaboration with famous singer Idan Raichel has made her a household name in Israel.

She was also selected by the Israeli President's office in 2015 to sing at the banquet dinner hosted in honour of Indian President Pranab Mukherjee during his visit to Israel.

She will sing at the dinner hosted by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in honour of Modi, who will be first Indian prime minister to visit the Jewish state from July 4.

Maruti cuts prices by up to 3% to pass on GST relief

NEW DELHI, JUL 1 (PTI): Top automaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) has slashed prices of its models by up to 3 per cent with immediate effect in order to pass on GST benefit to its customers.

In a statement today, the company said it has transmitted the entire benefit of GST rates on vehicles to its buyers.

"The ex-showroom prices of Maruti Suzuki models have come down by up to 3 per cent. The rate of reduction varies across locations depending on VAT rates applicable prior to GST," MSI said.

The company, however, has hiked prices of diesel variants of Ciaz and Ertiga models with smart hybrid technology by over Rs 1 lakh because of withdrawal of tax concessions on mild hybrid vehicles under the GST framework.

The price hike on the models will also vary from state to state.

**YOSHITA SINGH
NEW YORK, JUL 1 (PTI):**

Indian-Americans, Adobe Chief Shantanu Narayan and former US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, are among 38 immigrants to be honoured this year for their role in helping advance the country's society, culture and economy.

Narayan and Murthy will be honoured with the prestigious 'Great Immigrants' annual award on US's independence day on July 4.

Murthy, 39, born in the UK and a Harvard and Yale alumnus, was appointed by former President Barack Obama in 2014, becoming the first-ever Indian-American to occupy the post and also the youngest ever surgeon general of the country.

However, Murthy was dismissed this year in April by the Trump administration.

Narayan, 54, a native



of Hyderabad has an undergraduate degree in electronics engineering, a master's degree in computer science, and an MBA from UC Berkeley. He is a board member of Pfizer and US-India Business Council (USIBC). He was among a select group of CEOs who met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washington for a round-table during the leader's visit for first bilateral meeting with President Donald Trump this week.

Among other honorees include Canadian-origin social entrepreneur Jeff Skoll, who has been

awarded the 2017 Carnegie Medal of Philanthropy, PayPal cofounder of Ukrainian origin Max Levchin, Iranian-origin philanthropist and entrepreneur Hushang Ansary.

Each year since 2006, the corporation has recognised the contributions of naturalised citizens, and for 2017, the honorees represent more than 30 different countries of origin, a wide range of personal immigration stories, and a high-level of professional leadership in numerous fields.

"Our annual tribute to 'Great Immigrants'



demonstrates the richness of talent, skills, and achievements that immigrants from around the world bring to every sphere of American society," said Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corporation of New York.

"This campaign reminds us of the debt the United States owes to generations of immigrants who become citizens and contribute to the progress of this country. Today, we celebrate and thank them," he said.

The honorees will be recognised with a full-page public service announce-

ment in The New York Times and an online public awareness initiative.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York was established in 1911 by Scottish immigrant Andrew Carnegie to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.

In keeping with this mandate, the corporation's agenda focuses on the issues that Andrew Carnegie considered of paramount importance: international peace, the advancement of education and knowledge, and a strong democracy.

Kansas allows college students, teachers to carry guns

CHICAGO, JUL 1 (AFP): Students and professors will be legally allowed to carry concealed handguns onto college campuses in the US state of Kansas.

The concealed carry law was enacted four years ago and applied to all public buildings, but colleges in the Midwestern state were exempted until July of this year.

The law is the latest in a series of state legislative efforts around the country to address the issue of campus safety from potential shooters.

Some approaches tightened restrictions on guns while others made them more available with the goal of allowing potential targets of gun violence to defend themselves with

their own weapons.

Kansas is joining Arkansas, Georgia and other states with laws that allow students and faculty to carry guns on college campuses. California and South Carolina are among 16 states that ban the practice.

The Kansas law would still let universities ban concealed guns, but only if they provide students with metal detectors at entrances.



Pro-democracy campaigners have accused police of abusing their power and assaulting a number of their activists at a protest to mark the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to Chinese sovereignty. They had been trying to march towards the city's convention centre, where President Xi Jinping was swearing in the territory's new leader, Carrie Lam. Protesters carried banners with the words "Democracy. Self-determination", as well as a replica coffin, meant to signify the demise of promised civil liberties.

Pak bans JuD front amid pressure to curb terror funding

ISLAMABAD, JUL 1 (PTI): Pakistan has quietly banned Tehreek-e-Azadi Jammu and Kashmir, a new front for Hafiz Saeed's Jamaat-ud-Dawa, as international pressure on the country grew, including from a global watchdog, to combat terror and its funding.

TAJK gained prominence as a JuD front when it held pro-Kashmir freedom rallies and displayed banners and streamers across Pakistan on "Kashmir Day" on February 5, days after Saeed was put under "house arrest" for 90 days in Lahore.

The mastermind of the 2008 Mumbai attack in which 166 people died had indicated about a week before his house arrest he might launch TAJK

to "expedite the freedom of Kashmir".

The re-branding of JuD as TAJK showed that Saeed had got a wind of the government plans and had worked out how to resurface and survive after the clampdown on his ostensible network of JuD and its affiliate Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation.

The JuD front was put on the list of "proscribed organisations" on June 8 - a fortnight before the meeting of Financial Action Task Force in Spain, according to a list available on the website of Pakistan's National Counter Terrorism Authority.

Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) has called a meeting on Monday to discuss the ban on its affiliate, The Nation reported.

There are 64 other outfits in the proscribed organisation category, including Jaish-e-Mohammad, al-Qaeda, Tehreek-e-Taliban, and JuD's armed wing Lashkar-e-Taiba responsible for 26/11 and several other terror attacks in India.

According to a report in Dawn newspaper today, Pakistan continues to remain on the radar of the FATF over concerns that it is not fully complying with curbs against entities listed with the United Nations.

India had raised the terror financing issue at the FATF in February this year.

The FATF last week referred Pakistan to its regional affiliate - the Asia-Pacific Group on Money Laundering - for further analysis and a follow-up

report on actions the country has taken against entities designated under UN sanctions list.

Pakistan government has been under mounting international pressure to crackdown on terrorist networks and their fronts.

However, according to the report, Pakistani officials expect that Pakistan would be cleared of the concerns.

The United Nations placed both JuD and FIF on its watch list in December 2008 and March 2012, respectively.

The ban on TAJK on June 8 happened a day before the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Kazakh capital Astana. India had pushed the SCO members at the summit to curb the financing

of terrorist organisations and their fronts.

The Astana Declaration of the Heads of State of the SCO said that the "member states will continue to cooperate in order to counteract the activities of individuals and legal entities related to the recruitment, training and utilisation of terrorists, public calls for terrorist activities or the justification of acts of terrorism, and financing terrorist activities."

Last week, the US declared Pakistan-based Hizb-ul-Mujahideen chief Syed Salahuddin a global terrorist. The announcement had come hours before Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump had their first bilateral meeting.

US returns looted royal seals to S Korea

SEOUL, JUL 1 (AFP): South Korean President Moon Jae-In is returning from an official visit to Washington with two ancient royal seals looted during the Korean War, reports said today.

The repatriation of the Chosun dynasty antiques, dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, comes after years of campaigning by the South Korean government, which said they were stolen during the turbulent 1950-53 war.

Moon received the seals during a ceremony in Washington during a visit to the US Friday and was due to arrive in South Korea with them on Sunday, Yonhap news agency said.

The Chosun dynasty, who cultivated a ruling philosophy drawn from Confucianism, governed from 1392 to 1910, when Japan colo-



The royal seal of South Korea's Queen Munjeong, of the Joseon Dynasty. One of the looted seals returned to South Korea by the US

nized the country.

One of the seals was made in 1547 to honor Queen Munjeong (1501-

1565), the third wife of Chosun Dynasty's 11th king, Jungjong.

The other is a jade block created in 1651 to commemorate the installation of the crown prince of King Hyojong.

They were seized by US authorities in 2013 after Seoul clarified these were stolen items.

It marked the third time that Washington has returned South Korean treasures.

In 2013 the United States sent back Korea's first money printing block made in late 19th century and the following year, it handed back nine royal seals.

Tens of thousands of old Korean cultural items were spirited abroad during Japan's colonization of Korea from 1910-45 and the Korean War.

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Beyonce and Jay-Z name their twins Rumi and Sir Carter

World, meet Rumi and Sir Carter! A source confirmed to Us Weekly that Beyoncé and Jay-Z have named their newborn twins Rumi and Sir Carter.

The power couple welcomed their second daughter and first son on June 12, and are also the parents of 5-year-old daughter Blue Ivy. As previously reported, the twins were born at L.A.'s Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, where Queen Bey had an entire floor shut down to ensure privacy.

"Look for lots of matching outfits!" In Jay-Z's newly released album, 4:44, the rapper opens up about his life at home with Beyoncé and seemingly apologizes for cheating on Bey, while referencing their kids.

"I apologize often womanize / Took for my child to be born / See through a woman's eyes / Took for these natural twins to believe in miracles / Took me too long for this song / I don't deserve you," Jay-Z says on the album title track. The couple have yet to publicly con-



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firm or comment on the birth of their newborns aside from Jay-Z's track. Beyoncé's father, Mathew Knowles, was first to announce the news on Sunday, June 18, with a sweet Instagram post wishing the twins happy birthday.



FRESH-FACED BEAUTY: Halle Berry spoke at the 2017 ESSENCE Festival in New Orleans on Friday, June 30.

Cops feted for their 'humanitarian' gesture during Eid prayers

HYDERABAD, JUL 1 (PTI): Congress today felicitated two policemen for ensuring that no disturbance was caused when Muslims were conducting prayers here on Eid-ul-Fitr recently by their gesture of putting uniform caps on paper mats.

The two constables, Venkatesh Naik and Pratap Singh, who were on duty at Mir Alam Eidgah for Eid prayers, put their uniform caps on paper mats to prevent them from be-



ing blown away by wind, Mohd Ali Shabbir, Leader of Opposition (Congress) in Telangana Legislative Council, said.

and keep your actions simple, especially after intense emotions.

GEMINI: You have a dynamic personality, Gemini. With today's celestial energy, you should try to avoid expending your energy on pointless conversations. Try to be a little more pragmatic. Consider any possible compromises very carefully. If you stand strong, you will reach your objectives much more quickly.

CANCER: Today you could learn a lot from other people who are similar to you, Cancer. They have the ability to get involved easily and go straight to the heart of any problem. The world

is in constant flux. You have to question yourself if you want to attain your objectives. Try to be open-minded, adapt to the situation, and act before it's too late.

LEO: The stars will compel you to clarify your position within the collective, Leo. You have a lot of power when you're part of a group, but you're sometimes clumsy about communication. You can't always succeed. The planets' positions will have a beneficial impact, and you will tend to put your life under the microscope.

VIRGO: You've always wanted to change the world, and you'd

Shabbir Ali and Opposition Leader in Legislative Assembly K Jana Reddy felicitated the two policemen.

"The gesture, despite the rules that cap should not be removed by policemen while on duty, stood out as an example of communal harmony and humanitarian help," Jana Reddy said.

The two were felicitated with a shawl, flowers and a cash reward of Rs 5,000, Shabbir Ali said.

like to share your dreams with your friends, Virgo. But today you don't have enough enthusiasm to fulfill these dreams. You will question your personal strategies. You shouldn't try to convince others all the time. Your friends appreciate you just the way you are.

LIBRA: You have the tendency to plan everything, Libra. You need to feel in charge of things. Today you should try to listen to others around you. Let yourself go for a while, even though you aren't used to it. Furthermore, you need to develop your personality. You can do this by opening up to others.

SCORPIO: You're attracted to eccentric individuals with very strong personalities. But realize that behind this attraction lies a very strong need for freedom, Scorpio. In your life, freedom is more fantasy than reality. The time has come for you to do some soul searching. Try not to hide from the realities of your life.

SAGITTARIUS: Today you're trying to rebuild your life on new foundations. Perhaps should you try to change your point of view. Also, you need to preserve your perception, because it will allow

you to adapt to all situations. You need to be fully alert and prepared at all times. Try not to become discouraged.

CAPRICORN: You have a tendency to get very involved in your projects, Capricorn. Today the stars will compel you to clarify your situation. It's already clear that you aren't afraid to work long hours to ensure that your projects end in success. But your entourage will probably have difficulties keeping up with you. You're too full of energy.

AQUARIUS: Today the stars advise you to get back into the swing

of things, Aquarius. You will forget your past frame of mind and be able to prepare for a new adventure. Your vitality will be as strong as it has ever been. You will probably meet someone who has a beneficial influence in the days to come.

PISCES: There's a certain quality in your personal relationships that motivates you in life, Pisces. This is one of the reasons why your emotions play an important role in the scheme of things. You're guided by your emotions. Today you will be in the best disposition to meet a lot of people who will give new impetus.

ADELE CANCELS LAST TWO SELL-OUT WEMBLEY SHOWS AFTER DAMAGING HER VOCAL CORDS

The 29-year-old Hello singer says she is heartbroken at having to pull out of the shows and pleads for fans forgiveness.

Adele has said she is "devastated" after being forced to cancel her last two sell-out shows at Wembley Stadium after damaging her vocal cords. The 29-year-old singer wrote a heartfelt apology to thousands of fans who will miss out this weekend on seeing the star perform her last concerts of the year.

In a post shared on social media, she said: "To say I'm heartbroken would be an understatement.

"The last two nights at Wembley have been the biggest and best shows of my life.

"To come home to such a response after so long away doing something I never thought I could pull off but did has blown me away.

"However, I've struggled vocally on both nights. I had to push a lot harder than I normally do."

The Hello singer said she went to see a throat doctor



on Friday night, who advised her not to perform over the weekend. She said: "I'm already maxed out on steroids and aids for my voice.

"I've considered doing Saturday night's show but it's highly unlikely I'd even make it though the set and I simply can't crumble in front of you all and walk out on you in that way." The star said she did not take the decision lightly, adding: "To not complete this milestone in my career is something I'm struggling to get my head around and I wish that I didn't have to write this.

"It's something I'm really struggling to come to terms with. It's as if my whole ca-

reer has been building up to these four shows."

Adele had already performed two nights to crowds of around 98,000 fans on Wednesday and Thursday night and tickets for her Saturday and Sunday shows were also due to be before

capacity crowds.

She said refunds would be available to fans if shows cannot be rescheduled, signing off with: "I'm sorry, I'm devastated.

"I'm sorry. I love you. I'm so sorry. Please forgive me x."

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PRIYANKA TWEETS ABOUT BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE ACADEMY

Bollywood actors like Amitabh Bachchan, Priyanka Chopra, Deepika Padukone and others have been invited to join the Academy

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences issued a list of 774 invitations to new members to join the prestigious film body this year. Bollywood actors Amitabh Bachchan, Priyanka Chopra, Deepika Padukone, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Irrfan Khan, Aamir Khan and Salman Khan, have been included in the list along with filmmakers Goutam Ghose and Buddhadeb Dasgupta. Priyanka Chopra, who is now an international star, has made to the Academy list for her Hollywood debut film Baywatch and Barfi!. Thanking the Academy for including her on the prestigious list, she tweeted, "Thank you @TheAcademy for inviting me and all these amazing women into the fold. It's good to see you've included some guys too." Priyanka has been a part of the Oscars twice.

A couple of weeks, Priyanka, 34, was ranked #1 on the chart of Top Actors list, displacing her Baywatch co-star Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.

Meanwhile, Big B's Holly-

wood project The Great Gatsby and Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham has been recognised on the list while Aishwarya's Jodhaa Akbar and Devdas have been included. Deepika's Piku and xXx: The Return Of Xander Cage, her maiden Hollywood film, have been listed. Aamir's 3 Idiots and Lagaan are there. For Salman, it's Sultan and Bajrangi Bhaijaan while Irrfan's Life Of Pi and Slumdog Millionaire.

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ARIES: This period is full of difficulties and you will tend to question yourself, especially today. You will start thinking about your personality. Your ego risks bruising, and you will have the greatest difficulty turning your intention into real action. Your sensitivity prevents you from materializing your ideas.

TAURUS: It would be fair to say that you love being recognized, Taurus. Today will enable you to show off your leadership skills. You will organize the day. You will accept your responsibilities and your smarts will help you welcome the day's challenges. But stay humble