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One held for Darjeeling gun battle incident

DARJEELING, OCT 14: A man was arrested in Darjeeling today for his suspected links to Friday's gun battle, in which a policeman was killed, even as the men in uniform intensified the efforts to nab Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief Bi-mal Gurung.

The combing operation by police to nab the GJM chief continued for the second consecutive day today in the forest areas near Darjeeling.

"We have arrested a man in connection with yesterday's incident. He is being interrogated," a senior police official said.

According to police sources, the person arrested had links with the Gorkhaland Personnel (GLP), a GJM wing.

Four policemen were also injured in Friday's incident, which occurred in the forest area near Darjeeling. The GJM had claimed that three of its supporters were killed in the police firing. The police, however, did not comment on it.

A senior police official today said the situation in the hills was largely normal and traffic movement was also smooth.

However, towards Saturday evening there were unconfirmed reports of another clash between the police and Gurung's supporters near Patlebas.

Gurung is on the run since August after the West Bengal government lodged cases against him under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for his alleged involvement in several bomb blasts in Darjeeling and adjoining areas.

Friday's exchange of fire was the first incident of violence in the hills after a 104-day shutdown was called off by Gurung on September 26, following an appeal by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

The GJM is an ally of the BJP in the National Democratic Alliance.

AN ALL-KOLKATA AFFAIR FOR THE GOLD CUP TODAY

Calcutta Customs powers past Partha Chakra to set up final clash with Mohun Bagan

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:**

A goal by Mustapha Tagoe helped Calcutta Customs make its way to the finals of the ongoing 37th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2017 here at Paljor Stadium. Irrespective of which way the result played out today, it would have been an all-Bengal affair for the Gold Cup this time around with Mohun Bagan already through to its 12th stab for the Cup.

In the second semi-fi-

nal match today, Calcutta Customs defeated Partha Chakra, Kolkata 1-0 progressing further in the tourney.

Calcutta Customs will now take on Mohun Bagan AC, Kolkata in the final match of the tournament on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

Both Kolkata clubs played neck-to-neck from the start. Soon in the first half, Mustapha Tagoe scored a goal for Calcutta Customs in the 09th minute. Partha Chakra tried to equalize the score-line but

failed to score any goals and the first half ended in favor of Calcutta Customs.

Attacks and counter-attacks continued in the second half but both teams failed to score any further goals in the match. Finally, Calcutta Customs secured its berth in the finals with its 1-0 victory.

On the occasion, Sikkim Football Association felicitated the Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs Department, RB Subba for his contribution towards organizing U-17 Boys & Girls rural football.



Sikkim to host North East Youth Festival 2017

**ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:**

Sikkim is all set to host a national level youth festival in Gangtok. The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim is organising the fifth edition of the North East Youth Festival, here in Gangtok this year.

The announcement was made by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim, RB Subba in a press conference held in Gangtok today.

The festival will be held at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok, East Sikkim.

The Minister said that it is a huge opportunity and a matter of pride for the State to host such a national festival.

"It is an honour for the State to be hosting an event of such standard,"



said Mr. Subba.

He further added that the North East Youth Festival is a big multicultural event for the youth to showcase their talents and move towards national integration.

Mr Subba while addressing the press meet said that the youth are the future leaders and the makers of the State

and the Nation.

He said that Sikkim is leading the nation and the world in the field of organic farming and informed that the state government is planning to start a course in organic farming at Chakhung Government Science College in West Sikkim.

He also said that the State Youth Policy is in

the last phase of its framing and are planning to release the same during the festival if possible.

The North East Youth Festival will see participants come together from all the other North Eastern States of the country as well as other parts of the country.

The three-day festival is being organised at Gangtok from 28-30 Oct. More than 1,500 youths from all North East States will participate in the festival.

During the festival, there will be competitive events in folk dance, folk song, one act play, instrumental music and rock band competitions. The festival will also feature martial arts show as a non-competitive event along with food festivals, adventure programmes

and many more.

Youth falling in the age group of 15-29 years are eligible to participate in the event and Sikkim will have maximum number of participants said Secretary of the Youth Affairs Department, SD Dhakal.

"The participating youth will be from different colleges, National Service Scheme volunteers, Nehru Yuva Kendra volunteers and more than 100 participants from schools of Sikkim will take part in the event," said Mr Dhakal.

The three-day North East Youth Festival will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and the final day will see Union Sports Minister, Rajyavardhan Rathore as the chief guest, informed Mr Subba.

Children's safety committees set up in three South schools

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 OCT:**

An awareness programme on children's safety measures and protection of their legal rights was held from 11-13 Oct at Menglee Junior High School, Namphok Senior Secondary School and Sripatam Junior High School in South Sikkim.

A press release informs that a team has been constituted in Menglee JHS on 11 Oct, headed by school head, Nawras Lamsal.

CRC coordinator, TN Sharma, urged the school head of Menglee JHS to be vigilant about children's safety and expressed views to the teachers of the school on saving children from crimes. He further stressed on opting for Police inquiry into

reports of minor labourers engaged in construction works at the school premises.

A similar meet was conducted at Namphok SSS on 12 Oct wherein a committee has been formed to ensure children's safety. Teachers from the school have been nominated to conduct awareness programmes in and around Namphok on the same.

A committee for the same purpose was formed at Sripatam JHS today with Tamding C Bhutia as president along with teachers of the school as executive members.

The committee, during the meeting, assured to provide vigilant service with regard to children's safety and the protection of their legal rights, the release adds.

U-17 WC could still be the beginning that Indian Football needed

**SAURABH RAI
SILIGURI, 14 OCT:**

India's campaign in the FIFA Under-17 World Cup 2017 ended with a 0-4 defeat at the hands of Ghana on Thursday in front of more than 40,000 supporters at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. Many were hoping against hope that the boys will pull off a miracle and win the match against Ghana but that did not happen.

In the opening game the boys had lost to United States with a 0-3 scoreline. In the 2nd match against Columbia it was narrow 1-2 defeat and the boys really played well. Indian football supporters across the country backed the boys till the last game and most of the posts on social media were positive. The collective voice said, "These boys are young and they are for the future."

However not many experts and fans had expected India to qualify from the group and reach the top 16 before the World Cup started



and that's what happened. Maybe during the tournament emotions got the better of us and many started to believe that the boys can make it to the next round, especially after the

first match against USA where India showed many flashes of brilliance though they were not consistent and USA made the most of it. Football gives you hope and our boys have

given that hope to the Indian football fans that the future of this beautiful game is in safe hands or should we say feet like the new Indian Super League Promo which claims football-

lers write their future with their feet.

At the end of the day we have to be realistic because the Under-17 team had qualified for the World Cup as hosts and not on merit, the boys had played in the AFC Under-16 tournament in Goa last year which was the qualification round for Asia where they had failed to make the cut however as the host nation they were certain to feature in the World Cup. If we were not the host we probably would not have witnessed the boys compete at the World Cup this year. However they still deserve a pat on their backs and they can hold their heads high as they have given a new hope to football fans across the country with the game that they have played throughout the tournament. With time, many of these boys will make it to the India senior team and hopefully they will serve Indian Football for a longtime. All India Football Federation has also played their part in developing these boys by sending them to over 18 countries in the last 02 years for exposure trips. Football

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STYF demands adequate representation of Tamangs in govt bodies

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

The Sikkim Tamang Youth Forum has demanded adequate representation of Tamangs in all government bodies since the community, it contends, has been deprived of adequate representation for the last three years.

The Sikkim Tamang Youth

Forum general secretary, Gyalpo Tamang, while speaking to media-persons here in Gangtok today, said that the Tamang community wants equal and proportionate representation in all the government constituted committees and in appointment of heads of various government bodies.

He alleged that the voice of the Tamang community is be-

ing suppressed.

On the issue of seat reservation, he said that the Chief Minister, in a government function last month, had said that within a month the central government is expected to issue a cabinet memo in the Union Cabinet regarding Assembly seat reservation to Limboo and Tamang communities.

However, he alleged that

there has been no news since which shows that there is no clarity on the issue between the centre and the state.

Mr Tamang further alleged that the ruling party has failed to provide justice to the Tamang community as there is no representative of the community from the ruling party in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly or in any high level policy

making body.

He also expressed concern over the decline in the population of Tamangs in the State.

During the last 2007-08 special census conducted by the state government, the population was more than 39,457 whereas in the 2011 census report the population was posted at 37,000, he stated.

Sikkim Liberation Party elects new body

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

The annual conference of Sikkim Liberation Party (SLP) held today unanimously elected a new body of executives for another three years. The new committee has nine members with KM Pradhan as the newly elected chairperson of the party, a press release from the party informs.

Press Club of Sikkim elects new exec body

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

Press Club of Sikkim (PCS) today got its new 12-member executive body. Senior journalist Joseph Lepcha has been elected unopposed as the president of Press Club of Sikkim (PCS), a press release from the PCS informs.

Similarly, six other office-bearers of the PCS were elected unopposed by the committee. KK Chhetri has been elected as working president, Naina Kala Pandey as assistant treasurer, Vishnu Neopaney as literary secretary, Hangma Subba as cultural secretary, Sagar Chhetri as sports secretary and Sujal Pradhan as publicity secretary.

Today the election for the posts of vice president, general secretary and treasurer took place at the office of PCS here at DPH area, Gangtok. Purnam Tamang, Editor, SummitTimes, won the election for the post of general secretary, Neelam Neopaney, Wangchuk



Bhutia and Sameer Limboo were elected vice presidents while Babboo Tamang was elected as the treasurer.

Interestingly, voter turnout was 100% with PCS members stationed outside Gangtok casting

their votes via SMS.

This is 08th term of the PCS which will span a period of two years.

The election was conducted by PCS Election Committee headed by chairperson, Mala Rana Patro, Senior Informa-

tion Officer, Diki Ethenpa as observer for the poll and two members of PCS Election Committee, Bijay Bantawa and Suman Gajmer.

On the occasion, outgoing president Bhim Rawat extended his best

wishes to the new committee while Member of the Election Committee, Bijay Bantawa has said PCS with the new committee should touch new heights of success in the coming days.

Green teachers' training programme organized by Forest Deptt

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

ENVIS Centre at Forest, Environment & Wildlife Management Department, and Government of Sikkim organized a two-day green teachers' training programme on 12 and 13 Oct at Forest Conference Hall here in Gangtok for 200 schools of the State.

The training programme is an ongoing effort for strengthening the implementation of the National Green Corps (NGC) School Eco-Club programme being implemented in Sikkim since the year 2000.

The training was conducted in batches of 100 green teachers from North and East District schools on the first day and another batch of 100 green teachers from South and West District schools on the second day.



The training programme was based on green schools auditing focusing on water and sanitation at schools. Green schools auditing is a nation-wide programme based on the Green Schools Programme Manual published by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi.

Resource persons from CSE, Aditi Sharma and Nirma Bora impart-

ed the training.

The programme was inaugurated by Chief Conservator of Forest, CS Rao and Additional Director of Forest, BB Gurung.

Highlighting the various environmental achievements of the state government, Mr Rao said that the green teachers have a responsible role in promoting the green policies and initiatives of the state government. Mr

Rao talked about green policies like ban on use of firecrackers, ban of Styrofoam, ban on packaged drinking water in government functions and meetings and requested all the schools to actively follow the same.

The training programme was intended to help the schools to prepare the younger generation to understand current environmental chal-

lenges and build knowledge and skills through action oriented projects.

On successful completion of the green environment audit, the schools will be certified by CSE as the green school of the country depending on school's resource efficient initiatives. The participating schools will also be registering for the National and State level Green Schools competi-

tive programmes.

It is also to be mentioned that, several schools from Sikkim have been listed in the top 10 green schools of the country by CSE in the past. The Forest department is also providing token eco-club grant of Rs 2,500 each with resource materials like Eco-Club handbook, Green Schools Manual, etc to 761 School Eco-Clubs of Sikkim.

To persuade family, use Doklam-like diplomacy, Swaraj tells women who want to work

AHMEDABAD, OCT 14 (PTI):

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has a diplomatic piece of advice for women needing to convince their families to take up jobs: use persuasion, just like India did with China in the Doklam stand-off.

Speaking at a 'Mahila Town Hall', an interaction programme organised by the ruling BJP in the poll-bound Gujarat, Swaraj did not allow her to work.

She said one should explain the benefits a working woman brings for the family.

"If they (family members) are still not convinced, then persuade them the way India persuaded China on Doklam issue," the Union minister said in a lighter vein, referring to the prolonged stand-off with China which was eventually resolved amicably.

"Women's issues can be broadly divided into three categories -- issues related to security, those related to independence and to empowerment," she said.

"The first issue that concerns the security of girl child is, if the society will allow her to be born. I do not understand that in this country, where we worship woman as god, where two 'Navratras' are celebrated, people (still) kill girl child in the womb," Swaraj said.

"There are many laws, but the prime minister is of the view that

a social campaign has to be launched (to effect change) as the laws alone will not be able to fight this evil.

We have launched 'Beti Bacho, Beti Padhao' programme in the country on a largescale," she said.

The governments at the Centre and in states have taken many steps for the security of women, she said.

The NDA government has also taken many steps to ensure financial independence for women, such as giving them loans without security under the Mudra scheme, the Union minister added.

On her job as the external affairs minister, she said she was satisfied as she had been able to rescue and bring back 88,302 Indians stranded in various countries.

When a woman asked about Congress vice president Rahul Gandhi's recent statement about lack of representation for women in the RSS, Swaraj said the comments didn't merit a response.

"How many women are there in the RSS, have you ever seen any woman in (RSS) shakhas wearing shorts?" Gandhi had asked.

Swaraj termed his comments as "derogatory". "I feel the same way as you. The remarks are so derogatory that I would not like to give a reply," she said.

The programme was aired live in 32 locations across the state.

UP staring at drought: CS

LUCKNOW, OCT 14 (PTI): Uttar Pradesh is staring at a drought and officials have been asked to publicise ways to preserve moisture in the soil and fill all ponds with water, state chief secretary Rajive Kumar has said.

"Keeping in mind a possible drought, all divisional commissioners and district magistrates have been instructed to co-ordinate with respective departments on a priority basis, and take necessary action in this regard," Kumar said in a statement issued yesterday.

He directed officials to ensure all ponds are filled with water as soon as possible and that canals are not diverted. Kumar also asked them to ensure adequate fodder for animals, and medicines and other resources at veterinary hospitals.

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supporters and players across the country are now hoping that this kind of support continues from the federation along with the government in future too.

As we all know football is a team sport and all the boys in the Indian team performed well however the tournament brought to the limelight some impressive young Indian players like the Goalkeeper- Dheeraj Singh, who made many wonderful saves in all the 03 matches. Without him at the post India would have conceded many more goals.

Komal Thatal from Sikkim was another player who drew a lot of attention towards him in the first match against USA but

unfortunately was dropped for the remaining 02 matches by the coach, Lius Norton de Matos. Later, the coach explained that he had kept Komal on the bench against Columbia and Ghana due to his physicality as both the teams had sturdy and tall defenders, but we will definitely see more of the Sikkimese lad in future. Another player who showed his class was center back Anwar Ali from Punjab. A cool and composed player, he was impressive in all the 03 matches. Jeakson Singh created history by becoming the first Indian player to score in a FIFA tournament in the match against Columbia. Full back duo of Boris Singh and Rahul Kannoly Praveen also

showed their class doing their basic duty of defending along with contributing in the attacks.

Under-17 World Cup may be over for India but the remaining teams are still fighting it out to be in the finals on the 28 Oct in Kolkata. This tournament has already shown India in a positive light to the world and even within the country, football has been noticed. It was heartening to see most of the national media covering all the India matches with a lot of vigor. This rarely happens to Indian football. What was started by Indian Super League in 2014 has been taken forward by the Under-17 World Cup. The game of football has definitely increased its fan base

in this cricket mad country and also an interest amongst the young to play football.

No matter how well our League structure becomes in future, no matter how many professional clubs come up in the country. The national team's success is vital for football to take off in the country. Talking about that, the senior India team has quietly booked their tickets for the Asian Cup, 2019 to be held in UAE a few days back after beating Macau 4-1. Their victory was overshadowed to a certain extent by the Under-17's World Cup campaign but there are no complaints as for the first time cricket has not taken away the focus from them. It was just their juniors.

Now is the time for all the stake holders of football in the country to cash in on the hype and make the most of it. We have lost many opportunities in the past and time is running out. It's about time Indian Football team starts winning matches against stronger teams rather than just hearts. Let's treat this World Cup as the foundation upon which the launch pad for the success of Indian Football will be built. Lastly let's not forget the contribution of the former head coach, Nicolai Adams and his team of coaches who was the man behind finding all these talented footballers from across the country by going out on a scouting mission.

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Iranians respond with anger, mockery to Trump speech

TEHRAN (IRAN), OCT 14 (AFP): Iranians responded with anger and mockery today to the bellicose criticism of their government by US President Donald Trump, who threatened to tear up a landmark nuclear deal.

Trump's use of the phrase "Arabian Gulf" rather than "Persian Gulf" particularly hit a nerve in a country with a fierce nationalistic streak.

"Everyone knew Trump's friendship was for sale to the highest bidder. We now know that his geography is too," wrote Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Twitter, referring to the US alliance with Iran's regional rival Saudi Arabia.

Despite pressure from the Arab Gulf monarchies, most international bodies still use "Persian Gulf" as the conventional name for the region's waterway, and many Iranians shared photos of US veterans' medals and graves referring to the "Persian Gulf conflict" of the 1990s.

In his White House speech last evening, Trump reeled off a list of grievances committed by the "Iranian dictatorship, its sponsorship of terrorism, and its continuing aggression in the Middle-East and all around the world".

He also threatened to "terminate" the 2015 nuclear deal signed between Iran and six world powers unless Congress passed stringent new sanctions.

But as Iranians headed to their offices on today - the first day of the work week in Iran - the reaction was often one of bemusement.

"Trump's statements are so ridiculous that it actually works in Iran's favour. Speaking about the 'Arabian Gulf' is taken very badly by people here," said Abbas, a 40-year-old banker, who only gave his first name.

"The reaction of the Europeans shows that the United States is isolated, and only Saudi Arabia and Israel have supported Trump," he added.

The other signatories to the nuclear deal - Britain, France, Germany, China and Russia - have called for its preservation, saying that Iran is clearly sticking to its commitments.

Trump's efforts to reach out to ordinary Iranians, who he referred to as the "longest-suffering victims" of the Islamic regime, also appeared to have fallen on deaf ears, with many recalling the travel ban he slapped on them earlier this year.

"The most disgusting part of Trump's speech was when he tried to show himself as sympathising with Iranians," wrote one Twitter user.

"Reminder: Not even 6 months have passed from the execution of visa ban for Iranians!" wrote another. For all the bluster, Trump's strategy was not as tough as many had predicted.

Sikkim and Sikkimese to shine in Nepali film 'Kahi Katai'

NITESH R PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

Sikkimese talents have been aspiring to create new avenues in various fields. One of such examples is a Sikkimese production 'Kahi Katai', produced by Uma Giri from Sikkim, popularly known as Uma Baby, and directed by Shabir Shrestha, a leading director of Nepal.

Uma Giri has in the past produced two films, Ishara and Shisha. "We have new artists from Sikkim. Almost 99% of this film has Sikkimese talents," she said.

With Nepalese films going international, this Nepali film also has plans of release in the



United States, Australia and Qatar, she informed. She also rued about the fact that Sikkim has a very small market in movies and she wants further growth in

this field in the State. She has also expressed gratitude to the local people for helping in promotion of the movie.

With talents like Uma Baby, Sachin Singh as music director, Babu Shrestha as cameraman and local singers like Srijana Shilal, the film boasts a blend of talents from both India and Nepal.

The producer also informed reporters that 85% of the film is shot in Sikkim highlighting all its beautiful locations.

"We not only want to highlight talents in Sikkim but also our beautiful state," added Uma Baby.

Lead actor, Sonam Barfungpa, who is debuting with this production, said that it was difficult in the beginning due to language problem. However, with proper guidance he felt he could do it.

Leading lady of the movie, Shivani Giri, said that she got this opportunity after winning beauty crowns like Miss Bharat.

One of the actors in the film, Anmol Mani, has expressed gratitude for promoting Sikkimese talents.

Producer Uma Baby has appealed to the public to watch and appreciate the movie that features Sikkimese talents and extend their support.

Panel Advocates sensitized on Cross-Examination of Witnesses

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

Sikkim State Legal Services Authority (SLSA) organized a sensitization programme for panel advocates with less than eight years of practice on 'Cross-Examination of Witnesses' at the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA, Development Area in Gangtok today, a press release from the SLSA informs.

The programme was chaired by SLSA executive chairperson and High Court of Sikkim Judge, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai with High Court of Sikkim Senior Advocate, N Rai and SLSA panel advocate, UP Sharma as the resource persons.

In her address, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai apprised the participants about the importance of cross-examination in a trial of case. It was stated that legal aid advocates must master the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act and



must be well versed with the procedural law to conduct trials effectively. Being well versed with the Evidence Act will aid the legal aid advocates to understand the parameters within which cross-examination is to be conducted.

It was informed by Justice Rai that cross-examination is a powerful tool but the advocate must know how to use it. It was informed that while cross-examining a victim under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, legal aid

advocates must be conscious about the presumptions under Section 29 & 30 of the said act. Further, there should also be questions on public documents (such as birth certificates) which at times could be a false one.

Working Session-I

was conducted by Sikkim SLSA panel advocate, UP Sharma and the second session was conducted by Senior Advocate, N Rai. Sixty-six Panel advocates from all the four Districts of the State participated in the programme, informs the release.

State TT Championship begins at White Hall



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

The 22nd edition of State Table Tennis Championship 2017 was kicked off here at White Hall complex today. The two-day championship is being organized by Sikkim Table Tennis Association [STTA].

111 players in cadets, sub-junior and junior for boys and girls, open men and women and veteran categories are participating in the championship.

The inaugural function of the championship was attended by Additional Director of Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Kamal

Chettri as the chief guest. The inaugural day also witnessed the felicitation of veteran players, PJ Lama and Sashi Dong for winning a bronze medal each in the 02nd South Asian Veterans Table Tennis Championship held on 19-23 July this year at Colombo in Sri Lanka.

The final matches of the championship will be played on Sunday. The championship carries cash prizes, medals, trophies and certificates for winners in different categories.

STTA president, SB Subba expressed his happiness on organising the championship again after a gap of 4 years. He expressed his

gratitude to the SYA Department for providing a hall in the White Hall complex for table tennis. He assured that the championship will now be organised on a regular basis from next year.

Mr Subba mentioned that this state championship will also provide state ranking to players and accordingly state ranking players will represent the state in the upcoming national championships. He added that the new body of the STTA has been working hard to promote and develop table tennis in every corner of the State and to bring out professional players from Sikkim in near future.

Inter-house Rangoli making competition at Phalaichadara JHS



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 OCT:

An inter-house rangoli making competition was held at Phalaichadara Junior High School today on the theme 'Dipawali', a press release informs.

The competition was

won by Green house with Blue and Red houses securing the second and third positions respectively.

The colors for the competition were sponsored by the teachers and house masters of the school.

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This Diwali, Consider a Real Gift for Sikkim's Young

More than gadgets, the young need spaces

Dasain shopping, because of yearlong online discounts, has kind of lost its excitement and even Dhanteras acquisitions are projected to be dull this year because of the double-whammy of demonetization and GST. Firecrackers have been banned in Sikkim since much before the Court ordered silence for Delhi, so even that indulgence is out of the way. Meanwhile, saffron boorishness has only acquired sidekicks and minions in Sikkim thus far, so at least the traditional excesses of Teohar can be expected to continue for some more years. So, expect the family get-togethers, parties and picnics. Thankfully, the kids still retain some of their innocence so this remains a time when the children of Sikkim are especially excited. This, after all, is that one time when the elders remember that there are children around.

But here again we short-change the younger generations. After the mandatory new set of clothes and some rituals at home are over, the elders start indulging themselves. While fathers are likely to join their drinking buddies for a socially permitted binge gambling, the mothers would probably prefer to catch up with relatives and the latest family gossip. Yes, that sounds offensively sexist, but offense needs to be served up sometimes when we refuse to be more than our stereotypes. What this leaves us with then are children with their pocket money and their new set of clothes hunching over their smartphones or squinting into TV screens and/ or video games munching on home-delivered snacks and treats. It is rare to even see then playing in the neighbourhood alley or take over the streets for some cricket or badminton practice. They might be squealing in delight or looking thrilled and occupied, but we would be fooling ourselves if we let ourselves believe that all is well.

At least now we should wake up and recognise the presence and requirements of Sikkim's young. After having consistently proven ourselves as uncaring parents - given that issues related to the children are rarely taken up on priority - at least during festivals we should look in to what they need... really need. Take a look around, how many parks and playgrounds have we given our kids. Even the few that do exist are unscientifically designed and although they might look pretty, are not the best of spaces to let children play around unsupervised. There even some which have been landscaped to be children-friendly but have watchers around to tell kids not to play around lest they mess up the manicured artificiality of the park. Some that spaces that Sikkim had were converted into parking lots for the excesses that we indulge in or were apportioned away as building sites. There are no spaces, private or public, designed solely for the kids. Even the occasional melas which the children looked forward to have been taken over by the adults with the emphasis more on "games of chance" and drinking than the thrills and escapes of a fete. The schools have become brainwashing institutes which look only at results and not at the holistic grooming of the students. After school, we burden them with tuition classes. And then there is the television. We even protest the times when the children let loose at MG Marg when the vehicles are pulled off so that grown-ups can loiter undisturbed.

Surely the kids deserve better.

This Teohar, maybe we should figure out what the children would really cherish and require and give it to them.

IMF for three-pronged approach for structural reforms in India

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Washington, Oct 14 (PTI):

The IMF has suggested a three-pronged approach for structural reforms in India that includes reducing the number of labour laws, improving infrastructure and closing the gender gap among others.

Kenneth Kang, Deputy Director of Asia Pacific Department, IMF said the favourable outlook for Asia was an important opportunity for India to push forward with difficult reforms.

"As such, there should be three policy priorities in the area of structural reforms," Kang told reporters here.

"First priority is to address the corporate and banking sector weaknesses by accelerating the resolution of non-performing loans, rebuilding the capital buffers for the public sector banks and enhancing banks' debt recovery mechanisms," he said.

Secondly, Kang said, India should continue with the fiscal consolidation through revenue measures, as well as further reductions in subsidies.

"And lastly, it's to maintain the strong momentum for structural reforms in addressing the infrastructure gaps, improving the efficiency of labour and product markets as well as furthering agricultural reforms," he said.

Responding to a question on labour market reforms, Kang suggested reforming the market regulations in order to create a more favourable environment for investment and employment.

"There is a need to reduce the number of labour laws which currently number around 250 across the central and the state level," said Kang.

He said India should also focus on closing the gender gap which may help a great deal in boosting the employment opportunities for women in India.

"Improvements in infrastructure can be one important way to facilitate the entry of women into the labour force. But in addition, there is a need to strengthening the implementation of specific gender regulations, as well as to invest more in gender specific training and education," Kang said.

What the Harvey Weinstein case tells us about sexual assault disclosure

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Explosive reports from The New York Times and The New Yorker in recent days have revealed decades of alleged sexual harassment and assault perpetrated by high-profile Hollywood movie executive Harvey Weinstein. In the wake of these reports, a flood of disclosures from celebrities, including Angelina Jolie and Gwyneth Paltrow, has emerged.

The Weinstein case follows an emerging pattern of powerful men being outed for their sexually violent behaviour. In such cases, men have been able to abuse with relative impunity, despite many in the entertainment industry appearing to know or have suspicion of their behaviour.

These instances raise several pertinent questions about sexual violence and harassment. They include:

- why it's so difficult for victim-survivors to come forward
- why they aren't believed when they do
- why we tend to see a flood of reporting once the case is broken
- how men such as Weinstein are able to offend with impunity for so long
- and most importantly, what we can do to prevent such cases from reoccurring.

'WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY ANYTHING?'

Victim-survivors face a wide range of barriers to disclosing their experiences, regardless of the context in which the assault occurred. Commonly identified barriers include:

- fear of not being believed
- fear their experience will be dismissed or trivialized
- belief the incident wasn't "serious" enough to tell anyone about
- fear of retaliation from the perpetrator
- believing there was nothing that could be done about it
- wanting to move on from or forget the incident
- confusion about what happened
- shock
- self-blame.

Many barriers are heavily informed by misconceptions and stereotypes about sexual violence. The narrow framing of "real" rape as involving extreme violence or physical force and penetrative sex, or that the perpetrator is a stranger, can prevent victim-survivors from speaking out or even identifying and labelling their experience as sexual violence in the first place.

Although victim-survivors face substantial barriers to disclosure, most eventually tell somebody about their experience. How that person reacts can be vital in informing what happens next.

Positive responses, such as an expression of belief and validation, can aid in recovery and encourage further disclosure and reporting to authorities. Negative responses, such as blaming the victim or disbelief, can shut down any further discussion or disclosure.

NAVIGATING POWER AND DISCLOSURE

All forms of sexual violence feature an imbalance of



power. This is heightened in Weinstein's case. As a high-ranking Hollywood producer, he was often in direct control of the careers of his victims, many of whom were young women.

It is reasonable to assume that many did not disclose for fear of losing their careers, or otherwise facing the wrath of a well-connected, wealthy and powerful man. Weinstein's position enabled him to reportedly buy the silence of several victims.

However, this is not to say these women did or said nothing in response to Weinstein's actions. It appears his behaviour was an open secret among women in Hollywood, who warned each other about him.

Rather than not disclosing, it would seem that Weinstein's victims were selective about who they told. Their disclosure practices sought to protect other women, rather than openly exposing their perpetrator.

The power disparity between Weinstein and his victims plays into a range of myths and stereotypes about women. Namely, there is a myth that women routinely lie about sexual assault as a form of revenge or - in the case of wealthy perpetrators - as a means of "gold-digging", attention-seeking, or advancing their own status.

These myths are not borne out in the substantial research evidence on sexual violence. False reporting is rare. Victim-survivors are often blamed for their own experiences, routinely dismissed or disbelieved, and the criminal justice system is commonly encountered as a site of retraumatization.

It is difficult to conceive what benefit victim-survivors may garner from "false" disclosure in such circumstances. And perpetrators in a position of such cultural and economic power can overtly exploit this to facilitate and enable their offending with relative impunity.

Research has illustrated how perpetrators draw on their position to silence victims, often by reinforcing the notion that no-one will believe them if they do disclose, or by threatening to destroy their

reputation or livelihood.

Under these circumstances, it is unsurprising that many of Weinstein's victims did not disclose widely earlier. It is equally unsurprising that the initial media reports have sparked a flood of disclosures from women who Weinstein targeted.

In taking women's experiences seriously, this reporting - and the subsequent public outcry - has opened up a space for other women to disclose. It signifies to these women that they will be believed and taken seriously, with the weight of collective disclosure making it more difficult for their experiences to be dismissed or downplayed.

DISMANTLING CULTURES OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE Given that Weinstein's actions were an open secret for so long, this also raises questions of how he was able to continue offending with impunity.

Weinstein's position of power played a key role here, and ensured that many of his victims were effectively silenced. However, it is also apparent that others within the industry condoned or at least tolerated his behaviour. It is vital that we imbue bystanders with the confidence and skills to intervene.

Weinstein's actions were further enabled by a cultural context that normalised abusive behaviour through references to the "casting couch" and stereotypes of the lecherous industry figure who "takes advantage" of young actresses as a matter of course.

Such attitudes normalise and rationalise the occurrence of sexual harassment and assault, reframing it as acceptable. This can prevent potential bystanders from stepping in, and obscures the problematic nature of such behaviour. It is vital that we work to disrupt and challenge cultures that normalise sexual violence.

Finally, we must ensure women are able to disclose their experiences without fear of disbelief, blame or dismissal. Such systematic and widespread abuse might be avoided if only we were willing to believe women, and listen when they do disclose.

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The truth about Easter Island: a sustainable society has been falsely blamed for its own demise

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Few places on earth are as well known for their so-called mysteries as Easter Island, also known as Rapa Nui. For a tiny island of 64 square miles, with its nearest neighbours some 1,300 miles away, it has seen more than its fair share of controversy.

For a long while it wasn't clear whether the island's native population originated in Polynesia or South America. And how can we explain its apparent paradox: the design, construction and transport of giant "moai" stone statues, a remarkable cultural achievement yet one carried out on a virtually barren island, which seemingly lacked both the resources and people to carry out such a feat?

Anthropologists have long wondered whether these seemingly simple inhabitants really had the capacity for such cultural complexity. Or was a more advanced population, perhaps from the Americas, actually responsible - one that subsequently wiped out all the natural resources the island once had?

Recently, Rapa Nui has become the ultimate parable for humankind's selfishness; a moral tale of the dangers of environmental destruction. In the "ecocide" hypothesis popularised by the geographer Jared Diamond, Rapa Nui is used as a demonstration of how society is doomed to collapse if we do not sit up and take note. But more than 60 years of archaeological research actually paints a very different picture - and now new genetic data sheds further light on the island's fate. It is time to demystify Rapa Nui.

THE 'ECOCIDE' NARRATIVE DOESN'T STAND UP

The ecocide hypothesis centres on

two major claims. First, that the island's population was reduced from several tens of thousands in its heyday, to a diminutive 1,500-3,000 when Europeans first arrived in the early 18th century.

Second, that the palm trees that once covered the island were callously cut down by the Rapa Nui population to move statues. With no trees to anchor the soil, fertile land eroded away resulting in poor crop yields, while a lack of wood meant islanders couldn't build canoes to access fish or move statues. This led to internecine warfare and, ultimately, cannibalism.

The question of population size is one we still cannot convincingly answer. Most archaeologists agree on estimates somewhere between 4,000 and 9,000 people, although a recent study looked at likely agricultural yields and suggested the island could have supported up to 15,000.

But there is no real evidence of a population decline prior to the first European contact in 1722. Ethnographic reports from the early 20th century provide oral histories of warfare between competing island groups. The anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl - most famous for crossing the Pacific in a traditional Inca boat - took these reports as evidence for a huge civil war that culminated in a battle of 1680, where the majority of one of the island's tribes was killed. Obsidian flakes or "mata'a" littering the island have been interpreted as weapon fragments testifying to this violence.

However, recent research lead by Carl Lipo has shown that these were more likely domestic tools or implements used for ritual tasks. Surprisingly few of the human remains from the island show actual evidence of

injury, just 2.5%, and most of those showed evidence of healing, meaning that attacks were not fatal. Crucially, there is no evidence, beyond historical word-of-mouth, of cannibalism. It's debatable whether 20th century tales can really be considered reliable sources for 17th-century conflicts.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE TREES

More recently, a picture has emerged of a prehistoric population that was both successful and lived sustainably on the island up until European contact. It is generally agreed that Rapa Nui, once covered in large palm trees, was rapidly deforested soon after its initial colonisation around 1200 AD. Although micro-botanical evidence, such as pollen analysis, suggests the palm forest disappeared quickly, the human population may only have been partially to blame.

The earliest Polynesian colonisers brought with them another culprit, namely the Polynesian rat. It seems likely that rats ate both palm nuts and sapling trees, preventing the forests from growing back. But despite this deforestation, my own research on the diet of the prehistoric Rapanui found they consumed more seafood and were more sophisticated and adaptable farmers than previously thought.

BLAME SLAVERS - NOT LUMBERJACKS

So what - if anything - happened to the native population for its numbers to dwindle and for statue carving to end? And what caused the reports of warfare and conflict in the early 20th century?

The real answer is more sinister. Throughout the 19th century, South American slave raids took away as

much as half of the native population. By 1877, the Rapanui numbered just 111. Introduced disease, destruction of property and enforced migration by European traders further decimated the natives and lead to increased conflict among those remaining. Perhaps this, instead, was the warfare the ethnohistorical accounts refer to and what ultimately stopped the statue carving.

It had been thought that South Americans made contact with Rapa Nui centuries before the Europeans, as their DNA can be detected in modern native inhabitants. I have been involved in a new study, however, led by paleogeneticist Lars Fehren-Schmitz, which questions this timeline. We analysed Rapanui human remains dating to before and after European contact. Our work, published in the journal Current Biology, found no significant gene flow between South America and Easter Island before 1722. Instead, the considerable recent disruption to the island's population may have impacted on modern DNA.

Perhaps, then, the takeaway from Rapa Nui should not be a story of ecocide and a Malthusian population collapse. Instead, it should be a lesson in how sparse evidence, a fixation with "mysteries", and a collective amnesia for historic atrocities caused a sustainable and surprisingly well-adapted population to be falsely blamed for their own demise.

And those statues? We know how they moved them; the local population knew all along. They walked - all we needed to do was ask.

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Banned outfit claims responsibility for bomb attack in Imphal

IMPHAL, OCT 14 (PTI): Banned militant outfit Kangleipak Communist Part (Peoples' War Group), in an email circulated to local media houses here, has claimed responsibility for Friday night's powerful bomb blast at a fair.

At least 10 people were injured, two of them critically, when unidentified miscreants hurled a hand grenade at Tera Loukram Leirak area in Imphal West district, police said.

In the email, the outfit has expressed "satisfaction" over yesterday's incident and warned the local people against participation in fairs and carnivals.

A woman and a child received serious injuries in the blast yesterday and their condition continue to be critical, said a doctor of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital here.

In the past too, the outfit had warned people against the practice of gambling and participation in local fairs through media.

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Last rites of cop killed in Darj shootout performed with full state honours

KOLKATA, OCT 14 (PTI): The last rites of sub-inspector Amitabha Malik, who was killed when alleged supporters of GJM chief Bimal Gurung fired at a police team yesterday, was performed today with full state honours after his body arrived at his ancestral home in North 24 Parganas district.

The body was brought to the city airport in the afternoon from Bagdogra. Malik's wife accompanied the coffin.

It was later taken to his ancestral home at Madyamgram in a hearse by road and subsequently to Nimtola crematorium at around 5 pm.

Malik was killed and four other policemen were seriously injured after allegedly Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) supporters, owing allegiance to its chief Bimal Gurung, fired at a police team at a forest area near Darjeeling yesterday.

The police was on the trail to nab Gurung, who was suspected to be hiding there.

West Bengal Higher Education Minister Partha Chatterjee and Food Minister Jyotipriyo Mallick received the body at the airport and offered floral tributes to the slain policeman.

Both the ministers, along with other leaders and senior

police officials, accompanied the coffin to his ancestral home where gun salute was given by the state police in the presence of the DGP Surojit Kar Purokayastha and other top officials.

As Malik's wife broke into tears, his family members, neighbours and a large number of people assembled at a club ground at Madhyamgram, where the coffin was kept for people to pay their last respect.

Chatterjee handed over a cheque of Rs five Lakh to the family of the deceased on behalf of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and assured the family that appropriate action will be taken

against those behind his killing.

"Our son's soul will rest in peace only if Bengal remains undivided and Darjeeling continues to remain a part of it," Malik's parents said.

Gurung has been on the run since August after cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act were slapped against him for his alleged involvement in several bomb blasts in Darjeeling and its adjoining areas.

This is the first incident of violence after the 104-day long indefinite shutdown in the hills was called off on September 26 by Gurung, following an appeal by Union home minister Rajnath Singh.

Job loss feared due to possible Nicco Corp liquidation

KOLKATA, OCT 14 (PTI): Job loss of about 600 people, including blue collar workers and white collar employees, are feared owing to possible liquidation of cable manufacturer Nicco Corporation after the lenders rejected the revival package.

"It is sad to see that such an old company is facing possible liquidation. There is job loss fear of around 600 people at the two factories at Shyamnagar in West Bengal and Baripada in Odhisa", non-executive Director of Nicco Corporation Shiv Siddhant Kaul told PTI.

The Nicco Corporation, the first company to be referred to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) after the BIFR was scrapped, had earlier disposed off its other two units, the projects and biotech divisions.

Kaul said that the stipulated 270 days under the NCLT had completed and the judge in its last hearing yesterday had reserved its judgement.

He said under the

new revival package, the promoters asked for some concessions on interest and to retain some portion of the proceeds of sale of excess office space to fund the start of operations at two plants.

Temporary suspension of work had been declared at both the plants since 2015 for lack of working capital.

"We did not ask for any fresh fund infusion from the lenders or any discount on the principal amount", he said.

Nicco's borrowed funds from the SBI, the UCO bank, the Allahabad bank and the Central bank, and secured lenders amounted to around Rs 213 crore besides, the interest thereon.

Kaul said that job loss could still be averted if some new entities showed interest in the assets of the company which could be sold on lump sum basis.

"I think it is still possible to find a solution under the law and to commence production", he said.

Bengal govt responsible for Darj cop death, says BJP

KOLKATA, OCT 14 (PTI): West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh today held the Mamata Banerjee government responsible for the death of sub-inspector Amitabha Malik, alleging that it had sent police personnel "who were not properly trained" to capture GJM chief Bimal Gurung.

Ruling Trinamool Congress hit back saying Ghosh should refrain from "speaking in support of" the "anti-nationals" who killed the police officer.

Malik was killed and four other policemen

were seriously injured after alleged Gorkha Janmukti Morcha supporters, owing allegiance to its chief Bimal Gurung, fired at a police team in a forest area near Darjeeling yesterday.

"The state government is responsible for the SI's death.

It is sending police personnel who do not have proper training to capture Gurung," Ghosh said.

He alleged that the TMC had earlier "used" Gurung and now it wanted to eliminate him to

make way for expelled GJM leader Binay Tamang, who was made chairman of the Board of Administrators for the Darjeeling hills by the state government.

TMC secretary general Partha Chatterjee accused Ghosh of giving provocative speech and said those who killed the SI and those supporting them are "anti-nationals".

Chatterjee said the state BJP chief was speaking in support of those who had killed the police officer. "We feel ashamed of it," he said.

Indusind clinches largest MFI deal, takes over Bharat Financial

MUMBAI, OCT 14 (PTI): Ending months of speculation, Indusind Bank and the second largest micro-lender Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL) today announced largest merger in the MFI space in an all-share deal, which will help the private sector lender push its rural network and bring down credit cost for small borrowers.

The merger, which will add 6.8 million customers to Indusind's 10 million now, and which comes amid a slew of similar announcements involving the urban-focused new age private sector lenders such as Kotak Bank and IDFC Bank, will also help reduce cost of lending for micro borrowers as cheaper deposits can be used to

fund their credit needs.

"The biggest gain for us is the rural network. It will also us help reduce cost of funds by 3-4 per cent," Indusind Bank managing director and chief executive Ramesh Sobti said.

Earlier this afternoon, the boards of both the lenders separately decided on the merger.

Arunachal to evaluate industrial policy to attract investors

ITANAGAR, OCT 14 (PTI): Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu today said the state government will evaluate the existing industrial policy to make it more investor-friendly and boost growth.

The chief minister was responding to a private-member resolution brought by BJP MLA Gabriel Denwang Wangsu in the state Assembly.

"We will revisit the

state industrial policy and invite all the elected representatives to forward suggestions so that a comprehensive policy could be formulated which will be investor-friendly," Khandu said.

Wangsu, in his resolution, urged the government to take steps to facilitate establishment of industrial estates in foothill areas of the state.

Khandu said a provision of Rs 15 crore was

made in the 2017-18 State Budget for setting up of industrial units in the foothill areas, and the proposal is pending with the Committee of Secretaries.

The chief minister said setting up of industrial estates in the foothill areas would encourage micro, small and medium industries and minimise unemployment.

The state government has also sent a proposal to the NITI Aayog for

organising a seminar on 'Act East Policy' during January or February next year, he said.

"If the Act East Policy is implemented with improvement of communication network, the economy of Arunachal Pradesh which shares border with China, Bhutan and Tibet will change drastically. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is taking keen interest in this direction," Khandu said.

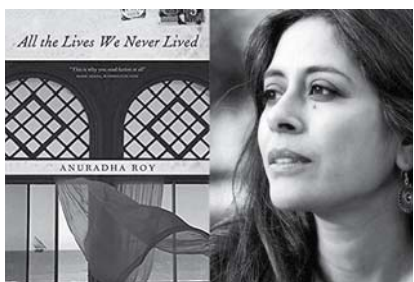
Anuradha Roy's next, a tale of India in 21st century

NEW DELHI, OCT 14 (PTI): DSC Prize winner Anuradha Roy will come out with her next book in June 2018 and the novel will span India's 20th century from the 1930s through Independence to the 1990s.

Titled "All The Lives We Never Lived", the book will be published by Hachette India.

"All The Lives We Never Lived" is the story of Myshkin and his mother Gayatri, a rebellious, alluring artist-heroine who is driven to abandon home and marriage and follow her primal instinct for freedom.

Freedom of another kind is in the air across all of India, and in Germany the Nazis have



come to power. At this point of crisis, a German artist from Gayatri's past seeks her out. His arrival ignites passions she has long been forced to suppress.

What follows is Gayatri's life as pieced together by her son, a journey that takes him through India and Dutch-held Bali.

Excavating the roots of the world in which he was abandoned, he comes to understand the connections between volcanic strife at home and a war-torn universe overtaken by patriotism.

The scale of Anuradha Roy's novel is matched by its power as a parable for our times, the publisher says.

Its depiction of the contrasting ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, of the limits of nationalism when confronted by cosmopolitanism, makes it a spell-binding saga centred on people trying to make sense of their lives.

Roy's previous book "Sleeping on Jupiter" was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize and won the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature last year.

Speaking about the acquisition, Poulomi Chatterjee, Editor-in-Chief of Hachette India, says: "This is a beautifully crafted novel that embodies the restraint that is quintessentially Anuradha -- in its evocation of loss, pain and love."

Manipuri WC players accorded warm welcome in Imphal

IMPHAL, OCT 14 (PTI): Seven Manipuri players, who participated in the Under 17-FIFA World Cup, returned here today to a rousing reception.

A large number of football fans and veteran footballers assembled in front of the airport and cheered when the players came out of it. Each of them were garlanded and the people clapped for their spirited performances.

Captain Amarjit Kiyam of the 21-member national team on his return expressed gratitude to those who supported them and said such support would encourage

young players.

He urged for the development of a world class stadium in the state to make local players adapt to playing in world class ground.

Midfielder Jeakson Thounaojam who made history by scoring the first ever goal by an Indian in a FIFA world Cup during the second match against Columbia was a darling to the crowd.

Goal keeper Dheeraj Moirangthem, who caught the attention of national media and received praise from the United States coach, stayed back in New Delhi.

EC allots "pair of candles" as symbol to PDF

SHILLONG, OCT 14 (PTI): The People's Democratic Front (PDF) has been allotted a "pair of candles" as their party symbol by the Election Commission.

The president of the newfound party, I Marbaniang, said the poll body has accepted the registration of the PDF and allotted candles as its symbol on October 3.

The party, formed last year, was informed about the allotment on October 9, he said at the unveiling of the symbol last evening.

"The EC has also clarified that in constituencies where the party may not field candidates, independents can use candles as their symbol," Marbaniang said.

PDF general secretary Auspicious Lyngdoh claimed many sitting MLAs would be joining the party in the days to come.

"Several members of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Councils have already joined the party," he said.

The chief executive member of Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, PN Syiem, along with Lamboklang Myliem of the North East Socialist Democratic Party, would be joining the PDF shortly, Lyngdoh said.

Asked about their preparations for the upcoming elections, Lyngdoh said, "We are in the process of forming district committees. Once that is done, we will set up an election committee."

Meghalaya is likely to go to polls early next year.

The PDF has plans to field candidates in all the 36 constituencies in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills region and a couple of seats in the Garo Hills region, he added.

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Kejriwal's missing Wagon R found abandoned in Ghaziabad

NEW DELHI, OCT 14 (PTI): Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's creaky blue Wagon R, which was stolen from outside the Delhi Secretariat two days ago, has been found abandoned in Ghaziabad, the police said today.

The humble hatchback, Kejriwal drove around in his early political career and which helped cement his position as the "aam aadmi", was being used by an AAP functionary before it was stolen.

The Delhi Police said their counterparts in Ghaziabad got in touch with them regarding the car.

"A blue Wagon R has been found abandoned by Ghaziabad police and we think it is the chief minister's car," said a senior police officer.

The police are verifying its engine and chassis numbers.

Kejriwal had yesterday written a letter to Lt Governor Anil Bajjal, saying the theft points towards the rapidly "deteriorating" law and order situation in the national capital.

The incident had outraged AAP workers, many of whom posted videos of Kejriwal using the car, especially on Republic Day in 2014, after he became the chief minister of Delhi for the first time.

The car was witness to two assembly election wins in 2013 and 2015 and also to the party's poor performance in the Lok Sabha polls.

It was "donated" to Kejriwal by Kundan Sharma, a software engineer, in January 2013. However, when Kejriwal parted ways with his then party colleagues Prashant Bhusan and Yogendra Yadav, Sharma demanded that the vehicle be returned.

Even after Kejriwal became the chief minister in December 2013, he refused to use an official car and preferred his old Wagon R.

Nadal sues ex-French minister

for 100,000 euros

PARIS, OCT 13 (AFP): Rafael Nadal is seeking 100,000 euros (118,000) in damages from former French sports minister Roselyne Bachelot after she accused the Spanish tennis legend of a dope test cover-up.

Nadal is suing Bachelot, who served as sports minister between 2007 and 2010, over remarks in March 2016 on French television.

She alleged that Nadal faked an injury in 2012, when he missed the final six months of the season due to knee problems, in order to hide a positive drug test.

Neither Nadal nor Bachelot were at the court hearing in Paris on Friday.

A verdict is expected on November 16.



Astle, Phillips among six added to New Zealand squad

MUMBAI, OCT 14 (PTI): Glenn Phillips and Todd Astle are in line to make their ODI debut after being among the six players added to the New Zealand squad for the three-match series against India, beginning here on October 22.

Besides Phillips and Astle, Matt Henry, Henry Nicholls, Colin Munro and George Worker will join the national team after the conclusion of the series between

India A and New Zealand A in Visakhapatnam tomorrow.

Star batsman Kane Williamson will captain the Black Caps on the India tour comprising three ODIs and as many T20 Internationals.

New Zealand had earlier picked only nine members for the ODIs and had to pick the remaining six after assessing the performance of the players taking part in the A tour.

Astle has been picked for the

ODIs ahead of leg-spinner Ish Sodhi, who remains part of the T20 squad. The 31-year-old has two First-Class hundreds to his name besides 312 wickets and has played two Tests and as many T20s for New Zealand.

Phillips meanwhile has shown decent form in the ongoing series against India A and scored an unbeaten 140 in the second unofficial ODI on October 10.

Following the conclusion of ODIs, senior batsman Ross Taylor and George Worker will head back home. The nine members of the squad arrived here yesterday and will play two warm-up games before the ODI series opener.

Kiwi selector Gavin Larsen, who is also manager of the A team, said Astle and Phillips grabbed their spots through both domestic form and their performances for A team.

Two-day Badminton C'ship kicks off at Jorethang

JORETHANG, 14 OCT [IPR]: The second edition of Master Open Badminton Championship organised by Badminton Association of Jorethang was officially kicked off today. Nayabazaar Jorethang Municipal Committee Chairperson, Tika Legai Gurung declared the two-day tournament open at Jorethang.

107 participants from all over the State are competing in the championship which will conclude on 15 Oct. The programme today also had Sub Divisional Magistrate, Bimal Chandra Rai as the guest of honor.

Dhawan back in ODI team; Karthik, Thakur too recalled

NEW DELHI, OCT 14 (PTI): Wicket-keeper Dinesh Karthik and pacer Shardul Thakur were today recalled for the three-match ODI series against New Zealand while selectors continued to ignore senior spinners Ravindra Jadeja and Ravichandran Aswihin.

Opener Shikhar Dhawan has also returned to the ODI team after missing the series against Australia due to his wife's illness. However, he did play the T20 series against Australia.

Karthik, who last played for India during the West Indies tour in July and was also a part of the Champions Trophy squad, has been picked again.

The 32-year-old was named in the India T20 squad for the recently-concluded Australia series but did not get a game.

Speedster Thakur was ignored for the series against Australia after playing in Sri Lanka. Now, he has been picked in place of Umesh Yadav, who has been dropped.

Notable names missing from the squad are of batsman K L Rahul, Ashwin and Jadeja. The spin duo has not played for India since the Test series in Sri Lanka two months ago.

Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar Patel are the three specialist spinners in their absence.

Ashwin and Jadeja are currently playing the Ranji Trophy for their respective states and the former had even cleared the yo-yo fitness test.

The Team:

Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma (vice-captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Ajinkya Rahane, Manish Pandey, Kedar Jadhav, Dinesh Karthik, MS Dhoni (wk), Hardik Pandya, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Shardul Thakur.

English clubs' pre-season in India a real possibility: EPL

ABHISHEK HORE

NEW DELHI, OCT 13 (PTI):

There is "every possibility" of top English Premier League clubs touring India for pre-season games in the near future, says EPL's managing director Richard Masters, adding to the frenzy around the revival of football in the country.

"The popularity of the Premier League and its clubs continues to grow globally and clubs are always considering new countries to visit. There is every possibility that they could come to India in the future," Masters said.

Earlier this year, the EPL promised to help India grow as a footballing nation with its executive

chairman Richard Scudamore saying that the world's most glamorous soccer league was taking initiatives towards this endeavour.

He said hosting the U-17 World Cup, the country's first FIFA tournament, will certainly help in putting India on the global football map.

"We know from the work that we do with the ISL and the AIFF that there is a huge amount going on to support football development at all levels in India.

"Hosting the FIFA U17 World Cup will be another step in putting India on the global football stage and will hopefully inspire more talented youngsters to play and take an inter-

est in the sport."

The EPL is aware of the popularity the league enjoys in India. "It is great to see the continued growth in popularity of football in India and the success of the Indian Super League.

Premier League clubs have a growing and committed fan base in India and we enjoy keep coming back to engage with them.

"We work very closely with the ISL and the AIFF to support the development of football in India, and to use interest in the Premier League to support the domestic game."

Premiership clubs are known for pulling off some of the biggest signings in the world, precisely the

reason it is flooded with a dazzling array of talent.

"In the Premier League we are blessed to have some of the most popular and exciting clubs in the world in our competition.

"They do a fantastic job developing and acquiring talented and exciting players - the likes of Harry Kane, Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku to name a few - and that drives the interest in our clubs in India and across the world."

Masters will be in Bengaluru for the Premier League International Fan Park, which is being held in the Garden City over the weekend.

Asked about it, he said, "Premier

League Live Bengaluru will be a fantastic event for local fans. They will have the opportunity to come together to watch the weekend's Premier League action on a giant screen, and to try fun and interactive experiences that will bring them closer to their favourite clubs.

"There will be sprint zones, skills zones, a Premier League Trophy tour bus and new virtual reality technology that will enable fans to see and feel the buzz and excitement of a Premier League match day. We know from previous fan parks in India that local fans will enjoy the passion and excitement of the Premier League across the weekend.

Confident India face stern Pakistan test in Asia Cup hockey on Sunday

DHAKA, OCT 14 (PTI): Two easy wins garnered, a confident India would face its toughest test in the event when it takes on arch-rivals Pakistan in the much-anticipated clash of the Asia Cup hockey tournament, here tomorrow.

Rated as favourites to win the title, the Indians have been impressive so far, beating Japan and hosts Bangladesh comprehensively in their opening two Pool A matches.

After beating Japan 5-1 in their opening match, the Manpreet Singh-led side mauled minnows Bangladesh 7-0 yesterday.

Pakistan, on the other hand, have had a mixed outing so far. While they thrashed Bangladesh 7-0 in their campaign-opener, they were held to a 2-2 draw by Japan in their next match.

India are currently sitting



atop Pool A with six points from two wins while Pakistan are placed second with four points.

With two wins, India are comfortably through to the Super 4 stage of the tournament and the Sjoerd Marne-coached side would be hoping to finish the pool stages with an all-win record.

In the first two games, the

Indians have showcased beautiful one-touch hockey and used both flanks to create numerous scoring chances.

What is heartening is that the Indians have scored some excellent field goals but a matter of concern for them is their penalty corner conversion rate.

Against Bangladesh India earned as many as 13 penalty

corners but could make use of just two.

Less than a month into his new job replacing the legendary Roelant Oltmans, tomorrow's game can be considered for coach Marijne biggest challenge of his short tenure.

History suggests that any Indo-Pak hockey duel is full of not just excitement and drama but also frayed tempers.

Pakistan might not be the most potent force in world hockey presently but when it comes to playing against India, the intensity touches a new level.

So come tomorrow, the Indians will have to control their emotions when they take the turf. Any lapse in concentration would spoil all the good work they have done so far in the tournament.

Of late, India have dominated arch-foes Pakistan in hockey, the latest being the 6-1

thrashing in a 5th-8th place classification match of the Hero Hockey World League Semi-Final in London in June.

That loss dented Pakistan's hopes of booking a berth at the next year's World Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar and the Pakistanis would be desperate for revenge.

With four world titles and three Asia Cup titles (1982, 1985, 1989), the 14th-ranked Pakistan have been blighted by poor management and security concerns.

But with a new management in place, Pakistan have recalled some experienced players in the squad and this could make things better rather than worse.

For Pakistan it is a big game as a loss can dent their Super 4 chances as Japan is expected to win hands down against Bangladesh in the other Pool A match of the day.

Chennaiyin FC appoints Tony Warner as goalkeeping coach

CHENNAI, OCT 14 (PTI): Chennaiyin FC today announced the signing of Tony Warner as their goalkeeping coach for the 2017-18 campaign of the Hero Indian Super League.

Warner, 43, joins head coach John Gregory's coaching staff which already includes assistant coaches Mark Lillis and Syed Sabir Pasha and sports scientist Niall Clark.

The former goalkeeper had a playing career spanning more than two decades with the majority of it having spent in English football.

He has had spells at Liverpool, Hull City and Fulham and played over 200 league games for Millwall, having also reached the FA Cup final with them in 2004. He also represented Trinidad and Tobago at international level.

Outside England, he also had stints with New Zealand's Wellington Phoenix in Australia's A-League and Floriana FC in Malta. As a goalkeeping coach he has worked at Bolton Wanderers in the past.

"I am delighted to have joined Chennaiyin's coaching staff and grateful to the club and John Gregory for giving me this opportunity. I have already enjoyed working with the keepers here and look forward to help them develop and have a great season ahead," Warner said from Chennaiyin's pre-season training base in Hua Hin, Thailand.



KIMBERLEY (SOUTH AFRICA), OCT 14 (AFP): The return of leading all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan provides encouragement for Bangladesh ahead of a three-match one-day international series against South Africa starting at the Diamond Oval Sunday.

But Bangladesh, outplayed in two Tests against the hosts, will have to contend with a South African team strengthened by the inclusion of AB de Villiers, one of the world's most dazzling limited-overs batsmen.

Also back in international action for South Africa is JP Duminy, who retired from Test cricket after a run of low scores, but

who remains a highly effective one-day player.

In the most recent one-day outings for both teams, Bangladesh reached the semi-finals of the ICC Champions League in England in June, while South Africa failed to advance beyond the group stage.

Bangladesh were victorious in their two most recent one-day internationals against South Africa when they won a series at home in 2015.

But the hosts will start strong favourites.

South Africa have won 14 of 17 one-day matches against Bangladesh and triumphed in all

six previous encounters in South Africa by convincing margins.

Bangladesh will be under new leadership with veteran bowler Mashrafe Mortaza captaining the side instead of Mushfiqur Rahim, who remains in the squad.

Although Shakib's return from a brief sabbatical will strengthen the tourists, they still rely mainly on the players who suffered two crushing Test defeats.

Nor was there any encouragement for Bangladesh when they were convincingly beaten by an invitation team in a warm-up match in Bloemfontein on Thursday, despite Shakib top scoring

for the tourists with 68.

For South Africa, the series is the first step on a road to the 2019 World Cup.

Faf du Plessis has replaced De Villiers as the one-day captain and together with new coach Otis Gibson will be seeking to build a squad capable of challenging for global honours.

West Indian Gibson said the intention was to give opportunities over the next year to a large number of players, effectively serving notice to players currently in the squad that they need to perform to remain in the mix.

Gauri Lankesh killing: SIT releases sketches of 2 suspects

BENGALURU, OCT 14 (PTI): The Special Investigation Team probing the killing of journalist Gauri Lankesh today released the sketches of two suspects and video footage from CCTV cameras.

It has sought public help to nab the culprits.

Based on information collected from witnesses, three sketches of two suspects were prepared. They could have been staying near Lankesh's residence to track her movements, the SIT said.

"There are only two suspects, but we have released three photographs altogether based on accounts of two witnesses ...

We have released two photographs of one of the suspects because two professional painters drew them," SIT Chief B K Singh told reporters here.

The video footage showed a man riding a motorcycle without a registration number apparently to conceal his identity.

Singh said the sketches of the suspects have been released to trace them and requested people to provide information on them if they have any.

The officer asked the public to reach him on the mobile number: 9480800202, share details on WhatsApp numbers 9480800304, 9480801701 or e-mail to "sit.glankesh@ksp.gov.in".

The SIT chief said the identity of any person giving information leading to the arrest of the accused would be kept confidential.

The person would be "suitably rewarded" as has already been declared by the state government.

The 21-member SIT headed by Inspector General of Police Singh was formed a day after Lankesh was shot dead by unidentified assailants outside her house on September 5.

The SIT scrambled through footage from various private and public CCTV cameras, quizzed many people and collected details from a number of people.

The killing of Lankesh, known to be an anti-establishment voice with strident anti-right wing views, had led to outrage and protests by several groups over alleged "rising tolerance" and attempts to muzzle dissent with the criticism directed at the Central government and right wing groups.

The state government has announced Rs 10 lakh reward to anyone providing information on the killing.

As a political slugfest broke out on the killing of Lankesh, her family had made a plea against giving political colour to it.

France's Audrey Azoulay wins vote to be next UNESCO chief

PARIS, OCT 14 (AP): UNESCO's executive board has chosen former French Culture Minister Audrey Azoulay to be the UN cultural agency's next leader over a Qatari candidate in an unusually heated race overshadowed by Mideast tensions.

The US announcement this week that it's quitting UNESCO rocked the multi-day election and heightened concerns about the agency's funding and future direction.

Azoulay succeeds outgoing Director-General Irina Bokova of Bulgaria, whose eight-year term was marred by financial woes and criticism over Palestine's inclusion as a member.

On Thursday, the US and Israel said they plan to pull out of the Paris-based organisation over its perceived anti-Israel bias.



The 45-year-old took the stage to chants of "Audrey! Audrey!" following her victory and said the response to UNESCO's problems was to reform the agency, not to walk away as understated rebuke of the US and Israel.

"In this moment of crisis, I believe we must invest in UNESCO more than ever, look to support

and reinforce it, and to reform it. And not leave it," she said.

In a short address, she also thanked "the Executive Board member states that gave me their trust" in her surprise 30-28 vote win yesterday over Qatari candidate Hamad bin Abdulaziz al-Kawari.

UNESCO's general assembly will have to sign off next month on the executive board's leadership pick, but it's seen as a formality.

The new director will set priorities for the organisation best known for its World Heritage program to protect cultural sites and traditions. The agency also works to improve education for girls, promote an understanding of the Holocaust's horrors, defend media freedom and coordinate science about climate change.

Azoulay, a Jewish woman, had started the week's voting with much less support but built up backing as other candidates dropped out and won a runoff earlier Friday against Egypt's candidate.

The vote was a huge blow to Arab states, who had long wanted to lead the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

UNESCO has previously had European, Asian, African and American chiefs, but never an Arab one since the organisation was founded in 1945 following World War II to promote world peace through culture.

The agency's inclusion of Palestine as a member state in 2011 complicated this push, as did Qatar's diplomatic dispute with Arab neighbours over accusations of sponsor-

ing Islamic extremism.

Azoulay will be the second French leader of the organisation since Rene Maheu, UNESCO's director general from 1961-74. Azoulay's father is Moroccan and was an influential adviser to Moroccan kings, so she does have a connection to the Arab world.

"UNESCO is going through a profound crisis," Azoulay told journalists on Friday after making it to the final vote. "As a response to these difficulties, France has chosen not to leave but at the contrary to invest more ... because we believe in multilateralism. We believe in universal values."

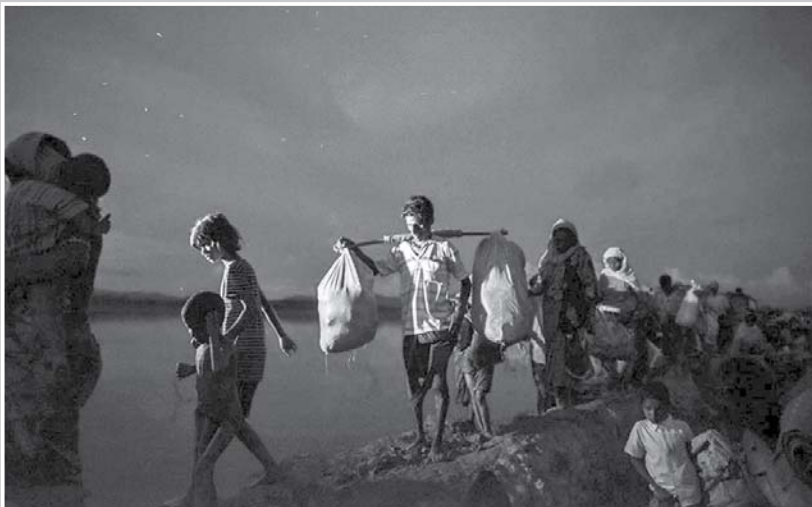
Jewish groups took issue with al-Kawari's candidacy, citing a preface he wrote to a 2013 Arabic book called "Jerusalem in the Eyes of the

Poets" that they claim is anti-Semitic. He wrote "We pray to God to liberate (Jerusalem) from captivity and we pray to God to give Muslims the honour of liberating it."

In March, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre wrote an open letter to German Ambassador Michael Worbs, chair of the UNESCO Executive Board, to criticise the organisation for accepting al-Kawari's candidacy.

Azoulay's late entry into the leadership race in March annoyed many UNESCO member states who thought that since France hosts the Paris-based agency it shouldn't field a candidate. Arab intellectuals urged French President Emmanuel Macron to withdraw his support for her.

The voting process itself was highly politicised.



Rohingya refugees walk after crossing the Naf River from Myanmar into Bangladesh in Whaikhayang. More than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled from Myanmar to neighboring Bangladesh since Aug. 25, when security forces responded to attacks by a militant Rohingya group with a broad crackdown on the long-persecuted Muslim minority. Many houses were burned down.

California fire toll rises to 33, winds cause concern

SAN FRANCISCO, OCT 14 (AFP): The death toll from California's wildfires has risen to 33 as firefighters made some progress in containing the infernos but said intensifying winds were a concern.

"We're not out of this emergency, not even close," said Mark Ghilarducci, director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

"But we are seeing some progress in areas the fires have impacted," Ghilarducci told a news conference. "We'll get ahead of these flames."

California fire chief Ken Pimlott said more than 9,000 firefighters were battling 17 large fires that have consumed a total of 221,754 acres (89,700 hectares) since Sunday.

An estimated 5,700 structures have been destroyed by the wildfires, up from 3,500 reported on Wednesday, CAL FIRE said on its Twitter account.

The death toll rose

to 33 with a 14-year-old boy's body reportedly being recovered in Mendocino county near his family's home.

"It appears he was attempting to evacuate the area on foot when he was overtaken by the fire," the Mendocino County Sheriff's office told the Ukiah Daily Journal.

Sonoma County officials earlier yesterday reported another death, which had brought the total to 32.

"We have had some significant progress," Pimlott said.

"Three smaller fires have been contained," he said, and "we've increased containment on some of the major fires."

Pimlott said fire-fighting efforts could be complicated, however, by winds that were expected to increase overnight to more than 72 kilometers per hour.

Pimlott also said it could be weeks before investigators determine

what caused the fires, the deadliest in California's history.

The Griffith Park fire in Los Angeles County in 1933 killed at least 29 people, and 25 people died in the 1991 Oakland Hills fire.

Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano said his department was continuing to track down people reported missing by family or friends.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department had received 1,308 missing persons reports so far and 1,052 people have been located, Giordano said.

Evacuation orders remained in place meanwhile for several towns in California's wine-producing Napa and Sonoma counties, where hundreds of people have already lost their homes to the fast-moving infernos.

More than 3,500 homes and businesses have been destroyed across the state.

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Anthyesthi Kriya



The Anthyesthi Kriya of **Late Smt Hari Maya Pradhan**, permanent resident of Rhenock Bazar, presently residing at Arithang, Gangtok, who left for her heavenly abode on October 7, 2017 falls on **October 18, 2017**. All family, friends and well-wishers

are requested to kindly join us for offering of departed soul at **Chokasum Hall, Nam Nang, Gangtok**. We also take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards those who has extended their support during the time of the bereavement.

Mingma Bhutia, Nima Bhutia, Dawa Bhutia (Sons), Phuphama Shrestha, Neelam Bhutia, Neelu, Bhutia, Ningmu Bhutia (Daughters), Krishna Chettri, Yankee Bhutia (Daughters-in-law), Bhusan Pradhan, Suraj Kr. Chettri (Sons-in-law), Chung Chung Bhutia (Granddaughter), Daniel Bhutia (Grandson)

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DEAR OSTRICH EVENING
Draw time: 08:00 pm onwards
Draw No:11 DrawDate on:14/10/17
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JUDWAA 2 CONTINUES TO SHINE BRIGHT IN SIKKIM FOR THIRD WEEK NOW!!



Judwaa 2 is going great guns currently at the box-office. The Varun Dhawan, Taapsee Pannu and Jacqueline Fernandez starrer has collected Rs 125.84 crores at the box office. Movie goes in Sikkim are also loving the flick and with the film continuing for a third week at Denzong Cinema Hall.

The other movie to release this week is Newton starring Rajkumar Rao. Interestingly Newton is India's official entry in Academy

Award's Best Foreign Film category.

As for Judwaa 2's second week collections the figures are pretty awesome. The movie has cemented Varun Dhawan as one of the most bankable young stars of India.

Talking about the second weekend collections, popular trade analyst conveyed this on his Twitter, "#Judwaa2 [Week 2] Fri Rs 4.25 crore, Sat Rs 5.75 crore, Sun Rs 8.10 crore, Mon Rs 2.91

crore, Tue Rs 2.45 crore, Wed Rs 2.25 crore, Thu Rs 2.05 crore. Total: Rs 125.84 crore. India biz. #judwaa2. Week 1: Rs 98.08 crore. Week 2: Rs 27.76 crore. Total: Rs 125.84 crore. SUPERHIT"

The movie is now one of the top grossing movies this year after Baahubali 2 and Varun Dhawan's Badrinath Ki Dulhania.

Business could go down for Judwaa 2 next week as Ajay Devgn and gang are back with Golmaal Again!



15 OCTOBER

1924 - U.S.A. Chinese Tong Wars: The Chinese Tong Wars in New York and other major cities in the US continue to worsen with Tong leaders attempting to obtain machine guns and many more unsolved murders in the Chinese community.

1928 - U.S.A. Graf Zeppelin The Graf Zeppelin rigid airship completes its first transatlantic crossing when it arrives in the United States at NAS Lakehurst, New Jersey four days after leaving Friedrichshafen, Germany.

1987 - UK The Great Storm of 1987. The great storm strikes Cornwall, Essex and Kent England and the Cotentin Peninsula of Normandy with winds gusts in excess of 100 knots (approx. 115 MPH) causing widespread structural damage to buildings and downing over 15 million trees including six of the seven famous oak trees in Sevenoaks, Kent. The storm left millions in Britain and Southern France without electricity and caused the deaths of 39 people. The powerful winds left many homes without roofs and caused over billions of dollars of damage in France and Great Britain.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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

1990- Nobel Peace Prize for Russia. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev wins the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in helping to end the bitter Cold War between the Soviet Union and Western Powers that had been in place for nearly 50 years. Due to the tensions easing many important changes occurred including the 2 major superpowers agreeing to limit Nuclear proliferation making the world a safer place.

1993 - South Africa Nobel Peace Prize. Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end apartheid in South Africa.

2009 - U.S.A. / Pakistan \$7.5bn Aid Package. US President Barack Obama signs into law an aid package of \$7.5bn for Pakistan, there are several conditions for the aid to Pakistan including Pakistan is no longer supporting militant groups.

Taylor Swift previews 'Reputation' album for fans at London secret sessions

Taylor Swift's first reported Reputation secret session in London Friday night (Oct. 13). There, a room full of people had the opportunity to listen to her upcoming album in its entirety, nearly a month before its Nov. 10 release date.

"Incredible," "fire," "a bop" and "so different yet so her" were among the vague yet intriguing words used to describe the unreleased album. According to one fan, there's at least one track that gave everyone all the feels: "LITERALLY EVERYONE WAS SOBBING."

Besides getting a much-coveted sneak peek of Swift's new music, those who get handpicked for the Reputation secret sessions get to meet her



and, based on some snapshots, leave with a parting gift of a Reputation-era

snake keychain with the city's name on it (in this case, London).

Swift introduced her fans-only secret sessions just before her last album, 1989, was released in 2014. At that time, she held special events at her places in London, Los Angeles, Nashville, New York City and Westbury, R.I.

Fans also reported receiving chicken nuggets, M&Ms, and Reputation themed cookies through the night. They wrote that Swift was the "happiest she has ever been".

She recently achieved her first ever UK No.1 single with "Look What You Made Me Do". Her new album Reputation is out on 10 November via Big Machine Records.

WOMAN WHO ACCUSED NELLY OF RAPE WANTS CASE DROPPED

The rapper, who was arrested last week and then released, had denied the claim, with his lawyer calling it "fabrication".

A woman who accused US rap artist Nelly of rape has asked police to stop the investigation, her lawyer has said.

The musician, whose real name is Cornell Iral Haynes Jr, was arrested last week after a woman said he raped her on his tour bus in a town outside Seattle.

He denies the claim. Lawyer Karen Koehler said the woman, who has not been named, has asked police and prosecutor to "put a halt on the investigation".

A letter posted on the lawyer's website goes on to say the woman would not testify in any criminal proceedings against Nelly.

The woman "wishes she had not called 911 because she believes the system is going to fail her" and she "wants this to end", the letter added.

"We do not live in a society where a 21-year-old college student can feel safe enough to pursue criminal charges against a celebrity for an alleged rape".

It says: "She never wanted notoriety. She never wanted a dime from that man. She wants to go back to school and to graduate. And this she cannot do if she remains hidden in her room, crying her heart out".

Nelly, a Grammy-winning rapper, was arrested early on Saturday last week. He was booked into jail on suspicion of second-degree rape and released later that day. His lawyer, Scott Rosenblum, welcomed news of the letter.

"Her reckless accusation, once investigated thoroughly,



was exposed for what it was - a fabrication. A fabrication that has caused Nelly and his family to suffer emotionally and financially," he said.

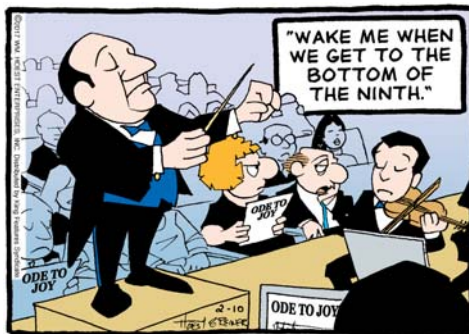
"I am suggesting that Nelly seeks a public apology. I am further suggesting that Nelly considers whatever legal options are available to him. Nelly thanks his fans for their unwavering loyalty."



FLOWER POWER: Priyanka Chopra looked lovely at Variety's Power Of Women event at the Beverly Wilshire Four Seasons Hotel. She is the one of the cover girls along with Octavia Spencer, Kelly Clarkson, Patty Jenkins and Michelle Pfeiffer for a special issue this month.

LOCKHORNS

- HOEST & REIMER



ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



ARIES: Traffic in your neighborhood could be congested beyond anything you've seen before. Perhaps an accident or road construction is blocking the street. It may be nearly impossible to get anywhere by car, even the grocery store. If you must go out, either walk or ride a bike or it might take an hour to do what would normally take a few minutes. Better yet - stay home!

TAURUS: You're romantic by nature, but today you're probably more interested in sensuality than roses and champagne. Even the idea of inviting seduction seems too insipid right now. You're more inclined to action. This is OK your lover is in the same frame of mind.

Use your intuition to judge. If not, you might have to go for the champagne and roses after all.

GEMINI: You're apt to feel rather tense today and blame it on boredom and discontent with your current life. You could spend much of the morning daydreaming, formulating outrageous plans to escape what you see as a rut. While doing this you might discover an idea that's not only appealing but also workable. Consider it carefully over the next few days. You might want to go for it!

CANCER: Do you feel like you're about to explode? Tension may have built up through the week and now there may be no outlet for it. If

you aren't careful, you might take it out on those closest to you. Go for a workout or clean the house. Engage in any kind of physical activity and get the endorphins going so you can feel good again. Life's too short to waste on being stressed and upset. **LEO:** Was there a task you wanted to have completed by now that was delayed for reasons beyond your control? Don't obsess over it. It isn't your fault, and there's nothing you can do about it. Find something else to do so that thoughts of this chore don't creep in. Better yet, go out with a friend. If the Universe had meant for that task to be completed, it would have been!

VIRGO: Over the past few years

you've been aware that both you and your chosen life path are changing. This hasn't always been easy for you, because it sometimes means saying goodbye to parts of yourself that you're rather fond of. Today the tension of the past week may get to you. Defuse the tension. Go for a workout, shop, or clean the house. Keep the emotions in check. **LIBRA:** Are you planning to hear a sermon, lecture, or speech of some kind today? Don't be surprised if what the speaker says turns out to be more hot air than useful information. He or she is probably more interested in venting feelings than presenting the facts. Opinions can be valuable, too, so listen. Take it

all with a grain of salt until you've checked out the facts.

SCORPIO: Dark dreams may haunt your sleep and cause you to awaken in the night. The dreams probably represent nothing more than your unconscious mind releasing the darkest of your worries, fears, and frustrations that you've been going through over the past week. A closer study of what the symbols mean to you could be enlightening. Write them down!

SAGITTARIUS: Your partner may be worried because a family member is ill. This could cause your friend to be distracted. If this is a love partner, offer sympathy, but don't expect any gratitude now.

If this is a business partner, you may have to take on a heavier workload over the next week. The family member will recover, but your partner won't be much good to anyone until then.

CAPRICORN: Have you resolved to give your house a thorough cleaning? You may have gone to the store and bought every conceivable type of cleaner. You're determined not to quit until the house is spotless. Use natural cleaners if possible. Chemical substances could seem especially harsh today. Second, don't try to do it all now. Take care of the worst and then leave the rest for tomorrow.

AQUARIUS: If you're in the mood

for love, remember to be sensitive to your partner's needs and give lots of love in return. Don't forget that the old standbys of champagne and chocolate still work! Or a warm bubble bath - that's sure to relieve any tension.

PISCES: A woman, perhaps your mother, could visit you today. She may not be in a great mood, so perhaps you'd better take her out in public where she'll have to maintain some self-control. If not, you could set yourself up for a scolding over something that seems inconsequential. Defuse the situation by encouraging her to talk about what's really bothering her. It's probably not you.