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CM reaches Makha, says Karmapa will be in Sikkim after June

WANGCHUK BHUTIA/ IPR

MAKHA, 17 APR: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling's ongoing State wide 32-day Jan Seva Abhiyan reached Makha under Tumin Lingee Constituency today.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by Area MLA and Tourism Minister, Ugen T Gyatso, Zilla Panchayats, department officials, youth club members, students and public.

Mr Gyatso, in his welcome address, expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for working towards the development of the State. He added that the residents of Tumin Lingee Constituency have worked relentlessly to translate the vision and declaration of making Tumin Lingee a model constituency.

The Chief Minister was presented with a token of gratitude in the form of a Shiv Statue by senior Hindu priests of the area.

Thereafter, chelis of the area presented saplings of Tulsi plant to the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister was also felicitated by the youth of the area.

Likewise, the panchayats presented the Chief Minister with organic products of the area as token of gratitude. The programme also saw cultural presentations by students of Makha Senior Secondary School.

The ICDS center teachers of the area also expressed their gratitude to the Chief Minister for the recent hike in their monthly honorarium. The Zilla and Gram Panchayats of all the GPUs of the constituency presented their list of demands to the Chief Minister.



Mr Chamling, in his address, stated that his public addresses in the 32-day visit to different areas of the State is an endeavor to inform and educate the people of Sikkim about various public centric programmes of the Government and to review the outcome of Government's developmental programmes over the past 24 years.

"It is also an effort to understand the shortcomings that still exist and fill them on the spot," he stated.

He added that the people of Sikkim have full trust and confidence in the Government because it has fulfilled all the aspirations of the people of every stratum.

The Chief Minister informed that

the Government is working to come up with an Act which will ensure protection of human rights and will grant each individual the access to basic minimum needs.

"This will be a one-of-a-kind and the first initiative where the Government is bound by law to meet the basic minimum

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Women's Commission Chairperson shocked by stories of police atrocities in the Hills

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KALIMPONG, 17 APR:

Rekha Sharma, the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women, visited Kalimpong today to understand problems faced by women during the Gorkhaland agitation of last year which had lasted for 105 days.

After collecting complaints of the women here, she assured to forward these to the Central government and the President of India.

Many women who have been seeking justice came to meet her at Hotel Mayfair here near the District Magistrate's office. They could be seen lining up since 10 in the morning to call on the NCW Chairperson.

After hearing out the horrors of police atrocity shared by the womenfolk, Ms Sharma remarked that it felt as if she was not even in 'Independent India'.

"After coming here, I don't think I am in India or Independent India, and I don't think police here is for people's assistance. The police here is working like an agent, getting orders from somewhere else. After hearing the stories, I can say that there is no democracy in the hills," she said.



She also mentioned that the District Magistrate of Darjeeling initially refused to even meet her, and eventually did after her tweet about the snub went viral.

The Chairperson said that the DM Darjeeling had 'no answers' to her questions.

"Major police atrocities had taken place here.

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ATMs across the country go dry, govt steps in to allay fears

NEW DELHI, APR 17

(PTI):

Unusual spurt in currency demand in states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh as well as poll-bound Karnataka led to dry ATMs in several parts of the country, sending the government scrambling to make contingency plans to cover the deficit.

The government said it suspects that Rs 2,000 notes were being hoarded and plans to increase 5-fold the printing of Rs 500 notes.

Within a month, it said, Rs 70,000-75,000 crore will be printed.

The Reserve Bank said the printing of currency has been ramped up in all the four note presses, and the shortage in some pockets is due to logistical issues.

ATMs of both public and private sector lenders in several cities were either not operating or showed no cash signs, a situation that officials insisted was not alarming and did not warrant panic.

Cities and towns across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat

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Two-day review workshop on education in NE States begins

GANGTOK, 17 APR (IPR): A two-day review workshop for North Eastern States under Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) in collaboration with HRDD Sikkim began today, at Hotel Lemon Tree.

The programme was chaired by Special Secretary (SE&L) MHRD, Government of India, Rina Ray along with Addl. Chief Secretary, HRDD Sikkim, GP Upadhyaya, Joint Secretary (SE-1), MHRD, Maneesh Garg and other Secretaries and senior officials from MHRD North Eastern States.

The workshop was participated by 08 North Eastern States: Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim.

The workshop commenced with the welcome address by Addl. Chief Secretary,



HRDD Sikkim, GP Upadhyaya where he welcomed everyone and said that equality and quality are the important pillars of an education system of today. This workshop will ensure strengthening of all the aspects and would contribute to Sikkim Government's commitment to quality education till the grass roots, he added.

Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD, Rina Ray expressed hope that the seminar should not be seen as a standalone activity but part of a larger education strategy

for ensuring that all children come to school and can take full advantage of schemes/policies enforced by the Central/State Government. She also appreciated Sikkim's beauty and achievements.

During the 1st session of the workshop the presentation

was made on the new framework for Integrated scheme of SSA, RMSA & Monitoring System (PMS) - On-line submission of AWP&B by States/UTs for PAB 2018-19 followed by the discussion on the new ISSE Scheme.

The presentation on the

Mid Day Meal Scheme, NAS, Restructuring of SCERTs/DIETs, Shaala Kosh [UDISE + SDNIS + Shaala Siddhi], DIKSHA by Andhra Pradesh State, Sports in Schools, and Safety Guidelines for Schools was reviewed and discussed, during the 2nd and 3rd sessions.

NDRF conducts disaster relief exercise at Aadarsh Gaon



NITESH R PRADHAN

SINGTAM, 17 APR:

Monsoon has a very worrisome track-record in Sikkim with the landslides and swollen rivers and jhoras punctuating the season with disasters and damage. Some advance preparations, even if by way of disaster drills are thus welcome in these pre-monsoon months.

Enthusiastic residents today witnessed a mock-drill of various techniques through which one can save lives and deliver first aid in case of emergencies when personnel of the National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF), Kolkata, held an

awareness camp at Aadarsh Gaon, South Sikkim, on the Teesta's shores across Singtam.

The area is vulnerable to fluctuations in Teesta's water level, which sometimes are caused by rains and often made worse by discharge from reservoirs upstream.

"Since our area is close to the river, and with natural and man-made factors regularly affecting the river, it is important for all residents to be actively involved in such learning activities," said Sundar Chettri, an Aadarsh Gaon youth.

Another youth, Krishna Bhan-

dari has requested the Disaster Management department to take into account the entire stretch of the State along the Teesta that can be affected adversely if the river rises.

Some residents have also demanded proper communication between various disaster management agencies and the citizens for proper access to disaster utilities.

The NDRF can be contacted at their helpline number: 097110 77372

The program witnessed the participation of officials from NDRF, Panchayat members and locals.

SKM questions CM's OBC quota for Bahun-Chhetris claim

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GANGTOK, 17 APR:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has criticized Chief Minister Pawan Chamling's recent public address during his appearance at Simik Gumpa in Khamdong, East Sikkim.

An SKM press release contends that the CM said yesterday that the Chettri-Bahun community was unhappy even after achieving State OBC status and getting 07% reservation.

The party has asked the CM about the gazette notification from Central Government that makes Chettri-Bahun OBC and how the State Government has given 07% reservation to Chettri-Bahun community from the 27% of the Central OBC, as was reportedly claimed by him.

Nagaland govt launches mobile app for farmers

KOHIMA, APR 17 (PTI): Nagaland government today launched an interactive mobile app through which farmers can seek solutions to their problems and know about diseases of plants.

Agriculture Minister G. Kaito Aye launched the 'NagaFarmDoctor', an app for android phones.

The state Department of Agriculture, has developed the app with two features - an interactive part where farmers can submit their queries, and the other part where they can view information about diseases of plants, an official of the department said.

The app also has a feature by which farmers can interact with one another, as can be done in WhatsApp.

The minister also encouraged department officials to visit remote villages and help farmers achieve self-sufficiency.

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Maharashtra Agriculture officials visit ICRI Tadong

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GANGTOK, 17 APR:**

A six-member team of officials from Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, visited Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Spices Board at Tadong, East Sikkim on 16 Apr, a press release informs.

The team is on an exposure cum study tour of Sikkim regarding its organic approach in agriculture.

The team includes MS Ramole, RM Shinde, TV Kharde, KG Patel, RG Padavi, and VH Marathe.

The officials visited the Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Tadong as well as the institute's research farm at Pangthang, East Sikkim.

Deputy Director



[Research], BA Gudade shared the information on organic large cardamom cultivation in Sikkim and other parts of

North East India with the visiting officials. He also educated them about Organic Mission of the State.

The officials showed keen interest to know about the crop management practices under organic system in large car-

damom and other spices. They also discussed about the feasibility of large cardamom cultivation in Kokan region of Maharashtra, which falls in the Western Ghats belt, the release reads.

Scientist [Crop Improvement], Ashutosh Gautam explained about the ongoing activities of collection, conservation and characterization of germplasm of large cardamom, breeding behavior of crop, genetic diversity among cultivars and richness of flora in the region.

The officials expressed their gratitude to the ICRI, RRS, Spices Board, Tadong for the exposure to large cardamom and organic methodologies being used in the state.

SDF claps back at BJP State prez, suggests checking facts before accusing State Govt

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GANGTOK, 17 APR:**

Sikkim Democratic Front, in a press release issued today, has strongly criticized and condemned the 'irresponsible and irrelevant' press statement of Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim Pradesh president, DB Chauhan regarding the completion of Sikkim University complex construction.

Mr Chauhan had demanded that the State Government complete the construction of Sikkim University complex at the earliest in a press release issued on 16 Apr.

Responding to this, SDF has said that establishment of any university takes time and that the construction of the university complex at Yangyang is being done on a war-footing basis.

"Sikkim Central Uni-

versity has been getting popular and has already established itself as an academically able educational institute," the release reads.

The release further states that the SDF government has completed its work to provide land for the construction of the university and now the construction and other related works falls under the University Grants Commission's (UGC) jurisdiction.

SDF has criticized the BJP State president for not checking facts before making baseless and irrelevant accusations against the state government.

"It is the political style of DB Chauhan to always speak irresponsibly and insensibly without knowing facts and its consequences," the release reads.

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Sikkim becomes ninth State with all ULBs ODF

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GANGTOK, 17 APR:**

Sikkim has become the ninth State to be certified as Open Defecation Free (ODF) in all its Urban Local Bodies.

The news was confirmed through a letter from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to the Urban Development and Housing Department here.

The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched nationwide on 01 Oct, 2014. In Sikkim, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is being implemented by the UD&HD while the implementing Ministry at the Centre is the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

"With its launch in 2014, for the first time, a dedicated scheme on urban sanitation was extended to Sikkim, following which a State Mission Directorate under the UD&HD was established.

The Mission Directorate is being supported by a State Project Management Unit," a press communiqué from UD&HD, Government of Sikkim reads.

Besides providing toilets to individual house-

holds, public and community toilets are also being taken up under the Mission. Solid Waste Management is the other major priority under SBM-Urban for which Detailed Project Reports on Solid Waste are being implemented in all the seven ULBs. Additionally, two sanitary landfills at Ringdang in Mangan and Shipchu near Jorethang are being taken up, informs the press release.

The Open Defecation Free status was attained by seven ULBs namely Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Gyalshing Municipal Council, Naya-Bazaar Jorethang Municipal Council, Namchi Municipal Council, Singtam Nagar Panchayat, Rangpo Nagar Panchayat and Mangan Nagar Panchayat in the month of March 2018.

Assessments for the same were carried out by teams of assessors from the Quality Council of India (QCI), New Delhi.

14 States/ Urban Territories have been declared Open Defecation Free under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) so far.



Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated at Siliguri

SILIGURI, 17 APR: The 127th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr BR Ambedkar was celebrated today in Siliguri Northeast Frontier Railway Complex at Maligaon. Officers along with the staff members were present on the occasion.

SKM wants critical condition of transformer at Upper Beyong to be addressed

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 APR:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha, in a press release issued today, informs that the power transformer installed by the Energy & Power Department at Upper Beyong in Middle Tikpur, West Sikkim, has remained in "critical condition" for the past 11 years.

The release further informs that no

action has been taken by the concerned department despite repeated complaints by the villagers. The party has asserted that the department will be fully responsible if any unfortunate incident occurs because of this negligence.

SKM Daramdin constituency's working committee has demanded that the Department get serious about the issue and take immediate action.

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stum needs of the people," stated the Chief Minister.

"We have to bring about systematization and democratization of administration so that there is equitable and inclusive development. Rule of law should prevail," he stressed.

He called upon the officers to ensure that public work is executed on priority.

"All the ongoing construction of houses should be completed within a month and handed over to the beneficiaries," he directed.

He highlighted the unique initiatives of the Government in health and education sector. Sikkim is the second highest power producing State in the country and is number one in clean energy and industry, he shared.

He also informed that the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa will be coming to Sikkim after June.

He urged the parents and students to avail the free education facility in technical institutes like ATTC and CCCT.

"The ban on non organic vegetables in the market is a step to empower the village folk of Sikkim and make them self sufficient and self reliant," he stated.

He further informed that the Government is establishing organic markets in all the urban areas and small towns of Sikkim.

"Opportunity and competition go hand in hand, so we have to be competitive to get the most out of the opportunities," he stated, adding that the youth of Sikkim should support each other.

He also mentioned some of the new developments in various sectors such as the establishment of Ayurveda College in Gyalshing, State University in Gangtok, National Law University, Pakyong Airport, Old age homes in all four

districts, and several other infrastructures.

"All Government signboards will be written in local languages along with English and Nepali," he announced.

The Chief Minister also granted in-principle sanction to all the demands submitted by the Panchayats of the Constituency. After the public address programme, the Chief Minister individually met and interacted with the people of the Constituency and listened to their demands and grievances.

Highlighting the demands made by the public and panchayats, the Chief Minister said that drinking water provision will be sanctioned provided there is water source and urged that all the demands which are in the interest of public will be sanctioned. He also informed that the first phase of the sanctioned demands will be done within two months.



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I will definitely make it a point to reach these complaints to the central government and I will give these complaints to the President of India as well. The Central government will do something about it," she said further.

She added that if police committed the atrocities on their own behest, then an inquiry should have taken place by now.

"If an Inspector-in-charge is abusing women and threatening rape, Mamta Ji should conduct a thorough investigation against him. If no investigation is taking place, then it would suggest that the officer was not acting on his own," she remarked.

Ms Sharma has also appealed to the Chief Minister to come and meet the complainants here, hoping that her heart melts after listening to the heart-wrenching stories of the women of the hills.

That said, there was a group of around 40 women who demonstrated outside the venue for about 15 minutes questioning the NCW Chairperson's visit at this time when, as per them, the West Bengal Government has restored peace in the hills.

The coordinator of the district committee of the GJM, Kalpana Tamang, said that the protest was for Ms Sharma not having come earlier.

"We protest her visit now as it is very late to inquire about women's problems, why didn't she visit us when we were wounded? There were many women who were lathi-charged and many were displaced, now we are at peace and our wounds are sown, we don't need NCW now" said Kalpana Tamang.

When asked why she did not visit the hills during 105 days of strife, Sharma said that she was not allowed to do so, "I was not allowed to come this time as well, I had to write a letter stating that if anything happens to me here, the state government would be responsible which I had forwarded to the Chief secretary along with the D.G, only then I was provided with the security" she said.

It can also be mentioned that the protest here is influenced by the political interest, Sharma also said that the women who have been protesting here are compellingly held with the placards by a specific political party who have no idea whether it is the Human rights visiting or the Commission for Women. "They are being used by the others" she said.

However, she said that she would also 'try' and talk to the State as if anything like such happens in a state, the first responsibility becomes of the state to look after such problems, 'If not, I will also talk to the Home Minister and the President of India.

Lions Club International 322 F District Governor visits Rangpo branch

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GANGTOK, 17 APR:

Lions Club International 322 F District Governor, Kedar Gazmer today visited Lions Club of Rangpo to take stock of the activities undertaken by the club during 2017-18.

Club members from Rangpo, Singtam and the neighboring areas addressed the event and thanked Mr Gazmer for visiting Lions Club of Rangpo and motivating them to do better work in future, a press release informs.

Lions Club of Rangpo president, VK Nigam in



his address highlighted the activities undertaken by the club in 2017-18. He

also briefed the visiting official about the club's upcoming projects and ac-

tivities for the year 2018. More than 20 club members from Rangpo,

Singtam and neighboring areas were present in the programme.

Two WWII era bombs found in WB village

HANSKHALI (WB), APR 17 (PTI): Two bombs of the World War II era were found when workers were digging a pond at a village in Nadia district of West Bengal.

The bombs are 50 inches in length and 38 inches in diameter, a police officer said today.

"The two bombs seem to be of the World War II period.

We have informed the Army for necessary action," the officer said.

Armymen came from Kolkata, around 100 km from here, and inspected the bombs yesterday, he said adding that they would take it away after getting permission from the authorities



concerned.

A pond was being dug at

Chhoto Chupria village under

Hanskhali police station area on

Saturday when two large cylinder-like objects were found. The cylinders resemble bombs used during the World War II.

The police recovered the bombs and kept them under pile of sand in the compound of Hanskhali police station.

An official of Nadia district administration said, in the early 1940s, an area which is now Kalyani city, used to be known as Roosevelt Town and an US airbase was located there.

Kalyani is around 40 km from Hanskhali.

It is possible that the two bombs belonged to that airbase, the police officer said.

Law panel proposes tough legal framework for simultaneous polls

NEW DELHI, APR 17 (PTI): Simultaneous elections to Lok Sabha and state assemblies can be held in two phases beginning 2019, provided at least two provisions of the Constitution are amended and ratified by majority of the states, the Law Commission said today.

Some provisions of the Representation of the People Act will also have to be amended by a simple majority in Parliament, it said.

Putting up its working paper on holding simultaneous polls in public domain today, the law panel has sought the views of constitutional experts, political parties and other stakeholders before finalising its report.

Those interested in placing their views on the issue have been asked to submit their

stand by May 8.

According to the working paper, the second phase of simultaneous polls can take place in 2024.

The document states that the leader of the majority party be elected prime minister or the chief minister by the entire house (Lok Sabha or state assembly) to ensure the stability of the government as well as the Lok Sabha or the assembly.

The document has proposed amending the Constitution (Articles 83 (2) and 172 (1) dealing with tenures of Lok Sabha and state assemblies) and the Representation of the People Act to extend the terms of state legislative assemblies to effect the move.

It suggests that in case a government falls mid-term, the term of the new government would

be for the remaining period "and not for a fresh five-year term".

"As an abundant caution and in order to avoid a challenge (in the courts) to amendments on the ground of not having obtained ratification by majority of the states, such ratification could be obtained for the proposed (constitutional) amendment," the working paper states.

The states which are recommended to be covered under phase I are where assembly polls are due in 2021. These include Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

States which will come under phase II are Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Delhi and Punjab. To hold elections in these states along with Lok Sabha polls, the terms of the assemblies

have to be extended.

Based on a suggestion made by the Election Commission, the working paper also says that a no-confidence motion against the government should be followed by a confidence motion. This would ensure that if the opposition does not have numbers to form an alternative government, the regime in office cannot be removed.

Chief Election Commissioner Om Prakash Rawat had a word of caution on simultaneous polls when he recently said that the legal framework required for holding of the two elections together would take a lot

of time to get ready.

"We cannot put the cart before the horse. Logistical issues are subservient to legal framework. Unless legal framework is in place, we don't have to talk about anything else because legal framework will take a lot of time, making constitutional amendment to (changing) the law, all the process will take time, he said.

He had said once the legal framework is ready, the EC would deliver. EC is a creation of the Constitution. We have to perform willy-nilly, deliver the election, whatever way prescribed in the law, he had said.



IAF conducts drill close to China border

CHINYALISAU (U'KHAND), APR 17 (PTI): The ongoing nationwide mega-combat exercise of the Indian Air Force (IAF) began in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district today to examine the strategic preparedness of its infrastructure in the area.

Though IAF officials maintained a distance from the media, sources said the exercise -- 'Gagan Shakti' -- began around 6.30 am at Chinyalisaur town, 230km from the Indo-China border.

The first An-32 transport aircraft carrying IAF personnel landed at the Chinyalisaur airstrip around 7.15 am. The aircraft made a second landing at the airstrip at

7.45 am and a third at 8.01 am, the sources said.

The exercise would continue in Chinyalisaur till Sunday, it added.

'Gagan Shakti' is said to be the IAF's biggest such exercise in decades, to check its operational preparedness with a focus on dealing with all possible security challenges, including from China and Pakistan.

The two-week drill started on April 8 and would continue till the 22nd of this month, officials had said.

Last Saturday, the IAF conducted a maritime air operation in the western sea board to check its deep strike capability in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond.

Surrendered HP- C(D) militants get Rs 3 lakh each

AIZAWL, APR 17 (PTI): All the 114 militants of a Hmar militant outfit, who had laid down arms on April 13, have received Rupees three lakh each as part of the rehabilitation package, a senior Home department official said.

The surrender of the Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) leaders and cadres followed the signing of the memorandum of settlement by the Mizoram government and the outfit in Aizawl on April 2 last.

The surrendered militants have returned to their respective villages, the official said.

The Hmar rebels had laid down 45 weapons, including four sniper rifles, one grenade launcher, nine AK assault rifles, one M-16 carbine assault rifle and 13 double-barrel guns.

They had also surrendered 2,892 rounds of ammunition, launcher shells and five radio sets on April 13. The surrendered weapons were handed over to state Home Minister R. Lalzirlana.

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Tourism for Sikkim, Not Gangtok Alone

Relax rules, improve roads and the industry will boom by itself

For a while now, tourism has been projected as the sector which could solve Sikkim's unemployment problems and deliver an economic model which will lead to a proliferation of self-employed/ satisfactorily employed and confident youth. Anyone who has seen the frenetic business that tourists generate in Gangtok will agree that this is a sector with staggering potential if the Gangtok traffic can be replicated to the remaining three districts as well. When Sikkim broke the 7 lakh mark in 2010-11 when 7.13 lakh tourist arrivals were registered, it began hosting more tourists than its resident population. Take a look around, most new constructions are for hotels and many old buildings are being refurbished for the hospitality sector, when till only a few years ago, most constructions used to be designed for tenants. This number dipped in the wake of the September 2011 earthquake, but that was a temporary blip and the numbers climbed again until a fresh Aandolan dried up the season last year. But the travel trade is recovering again and the approaching summer should be a good one for the industry.

The figures are undeniably impressive, and if the sector is provided some professional promotion and is backed by adequate infrastructure, will definitely multiply in even smarter clip. Tourism in Sikkim, few will contest, has essentially grown more from positive word-of-mouth promotion than any serious and organized attempt at promotion. This is also evident from the fact that tourist traffic is hogged by East district [read Gangtok] because it is the best connected even though it is the other three districts which offer more touristically satisfying holidays. For instance, of the 6.88 lakh domestic tourists who holidayed in Sikkim in 2010-11, 4.86 lakh visited Only Gangtok, with the remaining sliver being shared by the other three districts. The only reason why the real Sikkim received a minority share of tourist traffic is obviously because of lack of adequate promotion and infrastructural limitations. No matter how pretty a destination, it will not receive visitors if no one knows about it, just as irrespective of the appeal of a place, tourists will not come if the roads are unreliable.

To reinforce this point, one needs to go over tourism statistics for the districts. North Sikkim cornered a substantial chunk of the tourist traffic [after East Sikkim], and broke the one lakh mark in 2006-07 when 1,07,865 tourists [East received 4.62 lakh tourists that year] made it there. This came in the wake of relaxations in travel restrictions to the district, opening of Thangu and Gurudongmar to tourists, improvements in services offered by tourism stakeholders there and the general improvements in roads and etiquette. The graph kept increasing till 2009-10 when 1.41 lakh tourists made it to North Sikkim. And then the North Sikkim Highway was littered with landslides and monsoon disruptions through 2010 and 2011 with the latter year also receiving the Earthquake and the number halved to 65,564 in 2010-11 and fell even lower for 2011-12. Now, let's look at South Sikkim which was shunned by tourists, notching only 1,606 domestic tourist arrivals in 2006-07. It scratched the bottom of the barrel in tourist share, and in 2009-10, when Sikkim received 6.17 lakh domestic tourists, South Sikkim was visited by only 6,167. In 2010, however, as roads in North Sikkim started acting up, South acquired a new tourist spot in the form of the Siddhesvara Dham which added to the Guru Padmasambhava statue at Samdruptse and the reasonably developed tourism infrastructure at Rabangla. In 2010-11, South Sikkim recorded a ten-fold jump in tourist arrivals at 68,118, overtaking North Sikkim, and within sniffing distance of the consistently well-performing tourist destination of West Sikkim [which received 68,436 tourists]. South Sikkim now has the Tathagata Tsal at Rabongla added to its tourist destination bouquet, and with these, it stands to grow from a bystander to a major stakeholder of the tourism pie in Sikkim. And then there is the Rongli-Kupup-Gnathang sector which has grown impressively without anyone noticing. This growth happened with relaxations in permits and improvement in roads. A drive on that scenic route stuns not only with its landscape but also the number of hotels and homestays that have come up there. It could be argued that more tourists visit that area than even locals of Sikkim.

It is obvious that the tourism potential of the districts has barely been scratched thus far. With the required attention paid to promotion, road networks, travel arrangements and tourist-friendly regulations, the districts can grow at least to the level of Gangtok in tourist arrivals. The benefits of such a growth are obvious and worth pursuing...

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Bearing witness to Cambodia's horror, 20 years after Pol Pot's death

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Twenty years ago, on April 15, 1998, Pol Pot, the leader of Cambodia's genocidal government during the late 1970s, died in his sleep at the age of 73. Born Saloth Sar, Pol Pot was never held accountable for the crimes committed during the three years, eight months and 20 days his Khmer Rouge government subjected the Cambodian population to a reign of terror: Almost 2 million people, one-fourth of the country's population, perished during this time from starvation, disease and execution.

In the search for truth and justice, many Cambodian survivors have looked to the U.N.-assisted tribunal currently in progress in the capital city Phnom Penh. Convened in 2006, the tribunal has sentenced the head of the main Khmer Rouge torture center to life in prison.

The tribunal's second trial is nearing completion and is expected to result in life sentences for two additional high ranking Khmer Rouge leaders as well. At that point, the tribunal will mostly likely close its doors, and the U.N.-appointed judges and lawyers will go home. The tribunal is a classic example of "justice delayed is justice denied."

For the past 30 years, I have studied the legal, political and literary responses to the Cambodian genocide. It is the literary responses – accounts written by survivors themselves – that show how in breaking their silence and in speaking on behalf of those who died, they were able to seek justice and healing.

THE KILLING FIELDS

Two important texts, Haing Ngor's "A Cambodian Odyssey," published in 1987, and Vann Nath's "A Cambodian Prison Portrait," published 11 years later, reveal the extraordinary events that led to their writing and publication, as well as the authors' reasons for recording their literary testimony.

Before the Khmer Rouge took power on April 17, 1975, Haing Ngor was a successful gynecologist at a medical clinic in Phnom Penh. During the genocide, Ngor was arrested and severely tortured by the Khmer Rouge on three separate occasions. Each time, Ngor's wife Huoy nursed him back to health from the brink of death. Ironically, near the end of the genocide, Huoy died in childbirth, because Ngor lacked the simple medical equipment to save her and their first child.

Ngor was able to survive the genocide. He was given refugee status by the American government and resettled in Long Beach, California, which has the largest population of Cambodians in the United States. However, he continued to be racked by guilt over not being able to save Huoy's life.

In the early 1980s, the first film about the Cambodian genocide, "The Killing Fields," was made based on the book by New York Times war correspondent Sydney Schanberg, who reported on the Vietnam War from Phnom Penh. In casting the role of Dith Pran, Schanberg's Cambodian translator, Ngor was selected out of a crowd at a Cambodian



How do survivors find healing? Chum Mey, a survivor of the Khmer Rouge regime, walks past a portrait of Nuon Chea, a former Khmer Rouge leader.

wedding in Los Angeles.

Despite no previous acting experience, Ngor won the 1985 Academy Award for best supporting actor. Ngor's instant fame from winning the Oscar transformed him from an anonymous survivor into the world's most prominent witness of the Cambodian genocide.

Two years later, Warner Books published his 500-page literary testimony, "A Cambodian Odyssey," which describes the conditions of extremity under the Khmer Rouge and specifically chronicles his relationship with Huoy, from the time they met prior to 1975 until her tragic death during the genocide.

Bearing witness to Huoy's senseless death was essential to Ngor's process of healing. His newly acquired status as an Oscar-winning actor provided him with the platform to affirm the truth of the Khmer Rouge's crimes. By identifying the victims and perpetrators of the genocide, he attempted to fulfill his responsibility to Huoy and his family members who died. In the book's introduction, Ngor states:

"I have been many things in life: a medical doctor ... a Hollywood actor. But nothing has shaped my life as much as surviving the Pol Pot regime. I am a survivor of the Cambodian holocaust. That's who I am."

PRISON PORTRAIT

The second book that I want to highlight is "A Cambodian Prison Portrait," written by Vann Nath, a painter by trade before the Khmer Rouge takeover in 1975. During the genocide, Nath was arrested and sent to Tuol Sleng prison, where approximately 15,000 people were forced to confess to bogus crimes under torture and subsequently executed.

People who live in diverse neighbourhoods are more helpful – here's how we know

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Whether or not diversity is a good thing is still a topic of much debate. Though many businesses tout the benefits of diversity, American political scientist Robert Putnam holds that diversity causes people to hunker down, creating mistrust in communities.

Empirical investigations into how diversity affects communities are too few and far between to provide any definitive answer to the question. So, together with colleagues in Singapore and the US, we set out to examine this very question in a series of studies – the results of which were recently published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology.

There is indeed evidence that diversity creates mistrust in communities. But diverse communities also provide an opportunity for people from different racial and ethnic backgrounds to come into contact with each other, and we thought that these experiences would create a positive effect on people's identities: specifically, the extent to which they identify with humanity, as a whole.

A HUMAN CONNECTION

This is one of the biggest and broadest forms of identity, which a human being can comprehend. A number of spiritual and philosophical traditions have upheld that believing you share a fundamental connection with other human beings – regardless of race, religion, sexuality or gender – is the sign of a mature mind.

My colleagues and I thought that living in diverse neighbourhoods might create opportunities to come

into contact with different people again and again, thereby expanding a person's sense of identity. As a result, people living in diverse neighbourhoods should be more helpful towards others. We examined this possibility in five empirical studies.

In the first study, we took to Twitter to analyse the sentiments of tweets across the 200 largest metropolitan areas in the US. This was a somewhat basic, exploratory test of our hypothesis, using a large sample of data. In this study, we found that the likelihood that a tweet mentions words which suggest positivity, friendliness, helpfulness, or social acceptance was higher in a more diverse city.

OPENING UP

Encouraged by our findings, we then sought to examine how diversity of a zip code where people lived might affect people's likelihood to offer help in the aftermath of a disaster, such as a terrorist attack. We used data from a website that the Boston Globe set up, where people could offer help to those stranded after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings.

After accounting for factors such as distance from the bombings, political diversity, religious diversity and the mean household income of these zip codes, we found that people who lived in more racially diverse zip

codes were more likely to offer help to those in need after the bombings.

To take our investigation even further, we examined whether people living in more diverse countries would report that they had helped someone in the recent past. We used data from the Gallup World Poll in 2012, which asked more than 155,000 individuals in 146 countries to report whether they had helped a stranger in the recent past. Again, we found that people in more diverse countries were more likely to report that they had helped a stranger in the past month.

EXPANDING IDENTITIES

These three studies seemed to provide converging evidence for our ideas, but we needed to understand whether this was because diversity expands people's identities. From a scientific standpoint, this presented a big challenge. It would almost be impossible to conduct a real experiment where we allocate people to live in different neighbourhoods and then check whether this had an effect on their level of helpfulness.

So instead we borrowed a technique routinely used by social psychologist, called priming. Priming is a psychological method, used to activate a state of mind for people in an experiment. We primed people

Nath was spared execution at the last moment in order to paint portraits of Pol Pot.

Within a year, the Khmer Rouge regime was removed from power by Vietnamese forces, and Tuol Sleng was transformed into a museum to show the world the atrocities that took place there during the genocide. As one of only seven prisoners known to have survived Tuol Sleng, Nath was asked to paint the scenes of torture and execution he had witnessed to be displayed at the museum.

Deeply traumatized by his year in captivity at Tuol Sleng, Nath later tried to rebuild his shattered life and opened a small coffee shop in downtown Phnom Penh. Two humanitarian workers who frequented the coffee shop befriended Nath and convinced him to tell his story, resulting in the writing and publication of "Prison Portrait," in 1998.

In 2009, Nath also served as a primary witness at the U.N.-assisted tribunal during the trial of Duch, the Tuol Sleng prison chief, who was eventually sentenced to life in prison. Similar to Ngor, informing the world of the conditions at Tuol Sleng fulfilled a deep responsibility to speak on behalf of those who suffered and died under the Khmer Rouge.

By publishing their personal accounts, as I found in my research, survivors attempt to fulfill a deep responsibility to speak on behalf of those who died. In doing so, they begin to assert some control over the traumatic memories that haunt their lives. These writers act against forgetting in the hope that the world will never allow another Pol Pot to try to silence the voice of the people.

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to think about neighbourhoods that were either diverse, or not. We made this allocation randomly, then examined how this affected their willingness to help.

We also measured whether this simple procedure of priming also altered their identities. We used a survey measure developed by other psychologists, which measures how much someone identifies with all of humanity. In two studies, we found that imagining living in a diverse neighbourhood expanded people's identities, which in turn made them more willing to help a stranger.

These results don't prove definitively that diversity is always a good thing. But they do offer an encouraging view of some of the benefits which diversity might bring to communities, given the way that people's identities shift when they often encounter those who are different to them.

Some governments are already putting policies in place to make the most of these potential benefits. For example, in Singapore, each public housing apartment block maintains the same ratio of Chinese, Malay and Indian residents as exists in the wider population. This has prevented segregation and created diversity in neighbourhoods, which has led to a better society for everyone.

In ancient Indian texts, sages exhort people to view the whole world as one family. Our studies show that this isn't a pipe dream – it's a real possibility.

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KATHMANDU/NEW DELHI, APR 17 (PTI): In a rare attack on a foreign mission in Nepal, a pressure-cooker bomb exploded outside the office of the Indian consulate in the country's eastern Biratnagar city damaging its wall but no one was hurt, police said today.

The homemade device went off last night at Biratnagar, 200 kilometres from Kathmandu.

The bomb was triggered by an unknown group in an open space behind the building and created a small hole in the wall, the police said. However, Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has not yet issued any formal statement on the incident.

Spokesperson in the Ministry of External Affairs Raveesh Kumar in a statement in New Delhi said that Indian embassy in Kathmandu was in touch with the Nepal government over the incident and that the security authorities in that country were investigating the matter.

"A minor explosion took place along the rear

boundary wall of the camp office of embassy of India at Biratnagar, Nepal at about 20:15 hours on April 16. No one has been injured in the incident," Kumar said.

Sources in the security establishment in New Delhi said the explosion caused a hole of around 1 feet by 1.5 feet in wall of the consulate towards the secluded rear side of the office building. They said no one was in the office at the time of the explosion.

The camp office of the consulate was set up during the floods in Nepal and north Bihar.

Investigating officers suspect that cadres of a local political group have caused the blast. The party had called a general strike in Biratnagar yesterday.

A senior officer of Nepal police said it was investigating to find out who caused the blast. The security around the blast site has been stepped up after the incident.

Biratnagar is the industrial capital of Nepal and 6 km north of the border of Bihar.

ATMs across the country go dry...

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rat, Maharashtra, Bihar, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh were impacted by the cash crunch.

Some ATMs downed shutters with 'No cash' and 'Out of service' signs, prompting the government to move currency from surplus regions. Some ATMs in national capital Delhi too went dry.

Political leaders from Rahul Gandhi of Congress to TMC's Mamata Banerjee trained guns on the government saying ATMs running dry was a reminder of demonetisation days.

While Finance Minister Arun Jaitley assured hassled customers that the government will fix the problem quickly, officials attributed the cash crunch to crop procurement and hoarding of high denomination currency ahead of elections in Karnataka.

Such crisis was however not witnessed in any of the previous procurement seasons.

"Overall there is more than adequate currency in circulation and also

available with the Banks. The temporary shortage caused by 'sudden and unusual increase' (in demand) in some areas is being tackled quickly," Jaitley, who has been away from office since April 2 due to a kidney ailment, said in a tweet.

Jaitley said he has reviewed the currency situation in the country.

The government is checking with banks and the Reserve Bank of India to ensure adequate supply of currency.

A statement by the finance ministry confirmed reports of cash shortages and some ATMs running dry or becoming non-functional in some parts of the country.

"There has been unusual spurt in currency demand in the country in last three months," it said.

While currency supply increased by Rs 45,000 crore in the first 13 days of April, "unusual spurt in demand" was seen more in some parts of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, it said.

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Football ‘miracle’ offers shared goal for war-torn Yemen

ADEN (YEMEN), APR 17 (AFP): A “miracle” winning streak has propelled Yemen’s senior and youth football teams to the Asian Cup, catching the war-torn nation’s attention and offering a common goal to a divided country.

Qualification is a first ever for the senior team, currently based in Qatar, and a rare achievement for the under-16s who still train in Yemen.

“Qualification has brought Yemenis together -- they’re doing us proud,” said Ahmed Sabahi, a fan in the southern port city of Aden.

“All Yemenis are behind their team,” he said.

Yemen’s war pitting pro-government forces supported by a Saudi-led coalition against Iran-backed Shiite Huthi rebels entered its fourth year in March.

The conflict has left nearly 10,000 people dead, tens of thousands wounded and created what the United Nations says is the world’s worst humanitarian crisis, rife with once forgotten diseases like cholera and diphtheria.

“We hope the team will honour Yemen and give Yemenis some relief,” said Sabahi.

The senior team beat Nepal 2-1 on March 27, reaching the 2019 AFC Asian Cup to be contested in January-February in the Emirates -- for the first time in Yemen’s history.

The U-16 tournament is to take place in Malaysia in September-October.

To build the youth team, selectors travelled the length of the country, including war zones and sectors controlled by rival factions.

Ranked 125 in the

world by the sport’s governing body FIFA, Yemen’s senior team has never won a single match in the Gulf Cup against its neighbours since the competition was launched in 1970.

Yemen’s media used to congratulate the team for an “honourable defeat” if they avoided a hammering. Asian Cup qualification was hailed as nothing less than a “miracle”.

Paradoxically, Yemeni football has benefited from the war, with senior players relocated to a training camp in Qatar, which has the most up-to-date facilities as it builds up to hosting the 2022 World Cup.

Abd al-Salam al-Saadi, a coach in Sanaa, sees another key factor: “The players have not been drawn into politics.” Yemen’s war has left infrastructure, homes, schools and ports in ruins. Dozens of stadiums have been bombed or turned into military camps for various armed factions.

For football fans back home, Yemen’s successful qualification offers a glimmer of hope and a distraction from everyday life in what was the Arab world’s poorest country even before the war.

It has “helped put a smile on the face of Yemeni youths, who need reasons to be happy and to forget”, said Saleh Hanash, another fan in Aden.

More than half of Yemen’s 27-million-population are aged under 18.

According to the UN children’s agency UNICEF, more than 1,500 children have been killed in the conflict, while hundreds of minors have been recruited into militias.



De Bruyne eyes golden era for champs City

LONDON, APR 17 (AFP): Kevin De Bruyne says Manchester City are ready to reign supreme in the Premier League for years to come under the astute leadership of Pep Guardiola.

City were confirmed as English champions on Sunday with a record-equalling five games to spare after Manchester United crashed to a shock 1-0 defeat against struggling West Bromwich Albion.

Belgium midfielder De Bruyne has been one of the standout players in City’s record-breaking campaign, but he knows Guardiola was the mastermind behind their triumph.

City’s top priority in the close-season will be securing the services of former Bayern Munich and Barcelona chief Guardiola, who also led his team to League Cup glory in February, for longer than the one year remaining on his contract.

“Everyone knows he’s one of the best coaches in the world. To achieve what he has achieved in the game is special and to be part of a group of players led by him can only help us to keep developing,” De Bruyne said.

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India wins elections to key UN subsidiary bodies

UNITED NATIONS, APR 17 (PTI): India has won an election to a crucial non-governmental organisation committee in the UN after garnering the highest number of votes besides getting elected by acclamation to other subsidiary bodies in five separate polls.

The UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held elections to a number of its subsidiary bodies here yesterday. The ECOSOC focusses on advancing the three dimensions of sustainable development economic, social and environmental.

Following the elections, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin told PTI that the "results reflect, yet again, the broad support and many friends India has amongst UN members".

India topped the election to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations. In one round of secret balloting, the Council elected Bahrain, China, India and Pakistan in the Asia Pacific States category and Brazil, Cuba, Mexico and Nicaragua (Latin American and Caribbean States) to serve a four-year term beginning on January 1, 2019.

India got the highest number of votes at 46, followed by Pakistan (43), Bahrain (40) and China 39. Iran lost the elections, having got only 27 votes. The Council elected by acclamation 11 other nations to serve the same four-year term.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations is a standing committee of ECOSOC and its main tasks include consideration of applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification submitted by NGOs and consideration of quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs in General and Special categories.

India was also elected by acclamation to the Commission on Population and Development for a term beginning April 16, 2018 and expiring in 2021.

Under its terms of reference the Commission is to assist the Council by arranging for studies and advising the Council on population issues and trends, integrating population and development strategies and population and related development policies and programmes.

The Council elected India and Kuwait (Asia-Pacific States) by acclamation to the Commission for Social Development, filling outstanding seats for a four-year term beginning on the date of election.

The Commission's purpose was to advise ECOSOC on social policies of a general character and, in particular, on all matters in the social field not covered by the specialised inter-governmental agencies.

India was among the 17 members elected by acclamation to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Prime Minister meets Swedish counterpart, discusses bilateral cooperation

STOCKHOLM, APR 17 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today had a "productive exchange" of views on bilateral and regional issues with his Swedish counterpart Stefan Lofven and called on Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf.

"A relationship that has grown in intensity over the years and has a huge potential! PM @narendramodi met with @SwedishPM Stefan Lofven," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

Kumar said the two leaders had a "productive exchange of views on bilateral and regional issues."

Earlier, Prime Minister Modi called on King Gustaf and exchanged views on strengthening bilateral cooperation across several sectors.

Modi arrived here in the capital of Sweden yesterday, the first bilateral visit by an Indian premier to the Nordic nation in 30 years.

Swedish Prime Minister Lofven received Modi at the airport last night. The two leaders travelled together in the same vehicle from the airport to the hotel.

Modi will also hold bilateral meetings with leaders of four other Nordic nations - Finland, Norway, Denmark and



Iceland.

"10 engagements in 10 hours- a hectic day begins for PM @narendramodi in Stockholm! Call on King of Sweden, bilateral meeting with @SwedishPM & 4 Nordic countries' leaders, roundtable meeting with Swedish CEOs, call by Leader of Opposition, India-Nordic Summit and

Community event," Kumar tweeted.

Modi is here on the first leg of his five-day foreign tour which will also take him to the UK where he will attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

Ahead of his visit, Modi said in New Delhi that he was looking forward to deepening bi-

lateral engagement with both countries in a number of areas including trade, investment and clean energy.

Modi had said he and Lofven would interact with top business leaders of both countries and chart out a future roadmap of cooperation in sectors such as trade and investment, science and technology, clean energy and smart cities.

India and Sweden will also jointly organise the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm today. The summit will also be attended by the prime ministers of Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland.

From Sweden, Modi will tonight travel to the UK where he will attend the CHOGM, besides holding bilateral talks with his British counterpart Theresa May.

He will also have a brief stopover in Berlin, Germany, on April 20 while on his way back home.

Myanmar pardons 8,500 prisoners in holiday amnesty

YANGON, APR 17 (AFP): Myanmar's president today announced pardons for more than 8,500 prisoners, including three dozen jailed in political cases, as part of an annual amnesty marking the country's traditional new year.

President Win Myint, who took office last month after his predecessor suddenly resigned, said the pardons would be granted on humanitarian grounds during the Buddhist new year festival known as Thingyan.

The amnesty was extended mostly to drug offenders, as well as more than 50 foreigners and 36 political prisoners, according to a breakdown posted on Facebook by government spokesman Zaw Htay.

Aung Myo Kyaw, spokesman for an NGO that helps political prisoners, welcomed the amnesty but called for the release of at least eight more prisoners of conscience who remain in jail.

Around 200 others in Myanmar are facing trials linked to political activities, said spokesman Aung Myo Kyaw from the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners.

"The government can help them by cancelling the cases from the courts," he told AFP.

Myanmar has freed thousands from its jails since a military junta ceded power in 2011 after five decades of brutal repression.

Hundreds of political prisoners were released shortly after the civilian government of former democracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi took office in 2016 following a sweeping election victory.



UK Prime Minister Theresa May has denied launching airstrikes in Syria on the orders of Donald Trump, as she faced MPs for the first time since the military action. The Prime Minister insisted it was morally and legally right to target three sites that stored or researched deadly chemical weapons. She was tackled by Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn who called the raids "legally questionable" and demanded the Government publish the legal advice behind its decision. He also criticized Mrs May for failing to get a UN resolution before signing up to action with France and the US against Syria's President Assad. The PM said that a blanket policy of seeking UN approval "would mean a Russian veto on our foreign policy".

Pak rejects allegations of inciting Indian Sikh pilgrims to Khalistan issue

ISLAMABAD, APR 17 (PTI): Pakistan today rejected Indian allegations of "attempts to incite Indian pilgrims" on the issue of 'Khalistan.'

India yesterday summoned Pakistan's Deputy High Commissioner in New Delhi and lodged a strong protest over attempts to raise the Khalistan issue during the visit of Sikh pilgrims to that country, while asking Islamabad to immediately cease all such activities aimed at undermining India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Reacting to New Delhi's action, Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO) said, "By spreading such falsehoods, India has chosen to deliberately stoke further controversy around the visit of Sikh pilgrims, currently attend-

ing the Baisakhi and Khalsa Janamdin ceremonies in Pakistan."

It said Pakistan welcomes Hindu and Sikh pilgrims from all over the world, including India.

Pakistan has made arrangements to extend maximum facilitation to the visiting Sikh pilgrims during their visits to sacred places in Pakistan, the FO said.

It said the Sikh community has been protesting against the Government of India for screening a controversial movie in India, which hurts their religious sentiments.

"These protests had started in India and other parts of the world before the Sikh Yatrees arrived in Pakistan," the FO said.

In view of the charged situation and the

explicit refusal of the Sikh Yatrees to meet Indian officials, the Indian High Commissioner cancelled his visit on April 14, 2018, the FO said.

"Indian attempts to distort the truth and obfuscate facts are unethical and regrettable," it said.

"No amount of Indian propaganda could succeed in turning this right into a wrong," it claimed.

India should respect the international and inter-state norms, respect all religions, especially minorities, and refrain from indulging in pointless provocation which only vitiates an already charged environment to the detriment of all, the FO said.

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PRETTY IN PINK! Singer Rita Ora rocks a glamorous pink jumpsuit and white shades as she catches a flight out of LAX airport.

KENDRICK LAMAR MAKES HISTORY WITH PULITZER PRIZE WIN FOR DAMN



Rapper Kendrick Lamar has won the Pulitzer Prize in music for his revolutionary album, DAMN. This is first time in 102 years that a non-classical or jazz work has won the award—it’s also certainly the first time a hip-hop artist has received the prestigious accolade.

On Monday, the Pulitzer board announced the historic news, calling the album a “a virtuosic song collection unified by its vernacular authenticity and rhythmic dynamism that offers affecting vignettes capturing the complexity of modern African-American life.”

The 30-year-old’s fourth studio album, which was released in April 2017, features 14 tracks, including “HUMBLE.” “BLOOD.” and “YAH.”

Previously, the Pulitzer board has given out special honors to famous musicians Bob

Dylan, Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane and Hank Williams, but never a rapper and never in the music category.

The Compton-born superstar has won 12 Grammys, five for DAMN., and been nominated for 29 Grammys.

Lamar is known for his piercing lyrics, political statements and his fired-up (sometimes literally) performances.

In addition to several other winners, Mia Farrow’s son Ronan Farrow Jodi Kantor, The New Yorker and the New York Times were also awarded a 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for their exposés on Harvey Weinstein and the resulting #metoo movement.

This is the 102nd year that the Pulitzer Prizes have been awarded for excellence in journalism and the arts.

THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: This is bound to be a wonderful day, Aries. You’re looking and feeling great and it shows! This is a day of kindness and cooperation. You could find that your family pitches in to help at home without being asked. Your romantic partner might volunteer to clean out the garage and your children start to clean their rooms. This definitely isn’t your typical day! Enjoy the harmony that reigns today.

TAURUS: This is a good day for you to analyze information, Taurus. You have an especially acute business sense, which you should use to your advantage. Whether you’re thinking of translating a creative project into a business proposal or working on that business plan,

all indications say that your efforts will yield rich rewards. Make the most of whatever this day has to offer.

GEMINI: You’re a conscientious, hard worker, Gemini, but today your thoughts are more on home than work. You feel especially close to your family and friends. They mean the most to you. Jobs and even careers come and go, but friends and family are forever. Enjoy being with them today. Gather everyone together and order too much Chinese take-out. It’s just fine if you restart your diet tomorrow.

CANCER: Today is likely to be another busy one for you, Cancer. You might have a volunteer activity in the morning and then get roped into running errands

in the afternoon. It will be busy bordering on hectic, but the hustle and bustle of being out and about is energizing for you. Invite some friends to join you for dinner in the evening to cap off this high-energy day.

LEO: You have a strong spirit of cooperation today, Leo. It inspires you to pitch in and help others without being asked. Your romantic partner could be surprised to see you show up and help with a chore. Never mind that you don’t know what you’re doing - you’ll figure it out. Others will be impressed to see you going above and beyond what you’ve been asked to do. Your efforts on all fronts won’t go unnoticed.

VIRGO: Keep your eyes and

ears open to all new possibilities, Virgo. Even if it isn’t your habit to read the “Help Wanted” section of the newspaper, do so today. You might be surprised at what you find there. Your skills apply to all sorts of jobs. You don’t need to limit your search to one profession. You have a good mind that’s working in overdrive now. Use it to figure out the next steps for your advancement.

LIBRA: Today your strong sense of nostalgia likely has you leaning toward all things old. If you do some furniture shopping, you’ll be drawn to antique shops rather than contemporary stores. There is something about the patina that only comes with age. This applies to people as well as objects, which may explain why

you tend to prefer to be with people who are older than you.

SCORPIO: This is bound to be a wonderful day, Scorpio, as everybody seems to be in a warm and congenial mood. You and your romantic partner, in particular, are feeling especially close and connected today. If marriage is the process of falling in and out of love, then you’re both definitely in the “in” phase. Enjoy it while it lasts! Spend a quiet day together and cap it off with dinner at an elegant bistro.

SAGITTARIUS: You have much to be grateful for, Sagittarius. Why not go out tonight and celebrate with friends? Forget about work and family troubles and kick up your heels. Have a high old time. You deserve the

break. If you don’t seize these moments when you have the opportunity, you risk becoming a single-minded individual who thinks only of work at the expense of life’s other great pleasures.

CAPRICORN: You’re eager and optimistic today, Capricorn, which works well with your strong, capable nature. You’re likely to find that things begin to click into place at work. Something that has been troubling you for some time suddenly becomes clear. What was once a stumbling block is now a mere bump in the road and easily overcome. All indications are that you’ll be successful at whatever you do now, so dare to dream big.

AQUARIUS: Today should be

devoted to paperwork and getting your financial affairs and budgets in order, Aquarius. Once this is done, you can relax in the evening with friends and loved ones. You’re especially intuitive right now, so you’ll be able to pick up on all the unspoken thoughts and feelings of those around you.

PISCES: All financial undertakings have good aspects today, Pisces. It could be that you have been thinking of starting a new business venture. If so, you’re likely to meet the ideal business partner. Keep your eyes and ears tuned as you go about your daily routine. You never know when you might be introduced to that one special person you need in your life. Socialize in the evening with good friends.

ED SHEERAN IN TALKS FOR DANNY BOYLE’S MUSIC-THEMED MOVIE

Following bit parts in both Game of Thrones and Bridget Jones’ Baby, British pop star Ed Sheeran is reportedly being considered for a role in Danny Boyle’s next film. Although the as-yet-untitled movie is a musical comedy, it’s unclear whether Sheeran will be contributing one of his Caribbean-inflected songs to the soundtrack, or whether he’ll be solely in an on-camera role.

Boyle will reportedly be helming the next James Bond movie, currently titled Bond 25. So far, development on the upcoming 007 flick has been conspicuously slow-moving following the 2015 release of Spectre, which debuted to admittedly lukewarm reviews. Hopefully, the stylish Trainspotting director will be able to get the film series back on track. Boyle is writing the spy thriller along with John Hodge, but his mysterious musical-comedy is expected to start shooting before the 25th installment of the long-running franchise. Currently, Boyle’s putting the last polishing touches on his highly-anticipated FX melodrama Trust, which he’s executive-producing and partially directing.

Right now, the plot for



Boyle’s musical comedy film is a closely-guarded secret, although Lily James (Baby Driver) is slated to star alongside Himesh Patel (from the British soap Eastenders) and Saturday Night Live stalwart Kate McKinnon. Producers include Tim Bevan and Eric Fellner from Working Title, along with Matthew James Wilkinson and Bernie Bellew. What exactly Ed Sheeran’s role will be in the film, or how important it will be to the story is currently unclear.

Meanwhile, Grammy-winning artist Sheeran has become a pop-culture staple, following the success of songs like “Shape of You,” “Galway Girl,” and “Castle on the Hill”, particularly since he’s ap-

parently hell-bent on making the transition from pop to television and film. He’s already made appearances on the Australian soap opera Home and Away (where he serenades Summer Bay residents with an impromptu performance of “Thinking Out Loud”) and FX’s historical drama The Bastard Executioner (where he appeared in a recurring part as a scheming, murderous protégé of a church elder; a performance the Telegraph not-so-nicely called “torturous.”)

Many Game of Thrones fans were less than pleased to see the inescapable star make a guest appearance on the HBO fantasy series last season as one of Lan-

nister’s guards, particularly when Sheeran abruptly burst into a winsome song that managed to warm the usually-stoic Arya Stark to the cockles. Viewers complained his appearance tossed their suspension of disbelief right out the window, although the episode’s director Jeremy Podeswa defended the decision, if only because the character’s description required him to be a singer: “If people didn’t know who Ed was, they wouldn’t have thought about it twice,” he said. While that may be a fair point, the fact is, Sheeran’s detractors are unlikely to be any happier to see him in a Danny Boyle movie than they were on Thrones.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA CONFIRMS BEING A PART OF SALMAN KHAN’S BHARAT

Ali Abbas Zafar’s Bharat is a story about a man and his journey during testing times for his country. The film will span over 70 years starting from 1940’s, the film is based on the 2014 Korean drama, An Ode To My Father. Salman’s brother-in-law, Atul Agnihotri is producing the film. After continuous speculations around who will be the leading lady of the film be, it has been confirmed that Priyanka Chopra will be seen opposite Salman Khan in the film.

The duo will be seen together after a decade, they were last seen together in the film God Tussi Great Ho in 2008. Salman has already begun shooting for Bharat as Ali Abbas Zafar shared a picture of the actor confirming the beginning of the shooting schedule of Bharat, Priyanka will however; join the schedule in July this year.

Confirming the news about working in Bharat, Priyanka told a leading daily, “I’m looking forward to working with Salman and Ali after a considerable time. I’ve learnt a lot from them during our previous collaborations and I am excited to see what this one has to offer. I’m



also looking forward to working with Atul, Alvira and the entire team. To all my well-wishers who have been patient and supportive, thank you for your constant support and I’ll see you at the movies.”

The film’s director, Ali Abbas Zafar also confirmed the news saying, “Bharat is Priyanka’s homecoming to Bollywood after having proved herself as a performer in a global TV show, Quantico, and in Hollywood. Bharat is rooted in In-

dia and its culture, spans over seven decades and travels across the world. Priyanka is the biggest Indian artist globally today and a perfect fit for the film as she brings to the table her incredible talent and international appeal. Bharat is a mature, subtle love story and her character is the soul of the film. She stands shoulder-to-shoulder with Salman in his journey and is the catalyst who triggers what will be a turning point in the plot.”

THIS WEEK’S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100



1. Drake- Nice For What
2. Drake- God’s Plan
3. Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line- Meant To Be
4. Post Malone featuring Ty Dolla \$ign- Psycho
5. BlocBoy JB featuring Drake- Look Alive
6. Zedd, Maren Morris and Grey- The Middle
7. Ed Sheeran- Perfect
8. Cardi B, Bad Bunny and J Balvin- I Like It
9. Lil Dicky featuring Chris Brown- Freaky Friday
10. Bruno Mars featuring Cardi B- Finesse [Remix]