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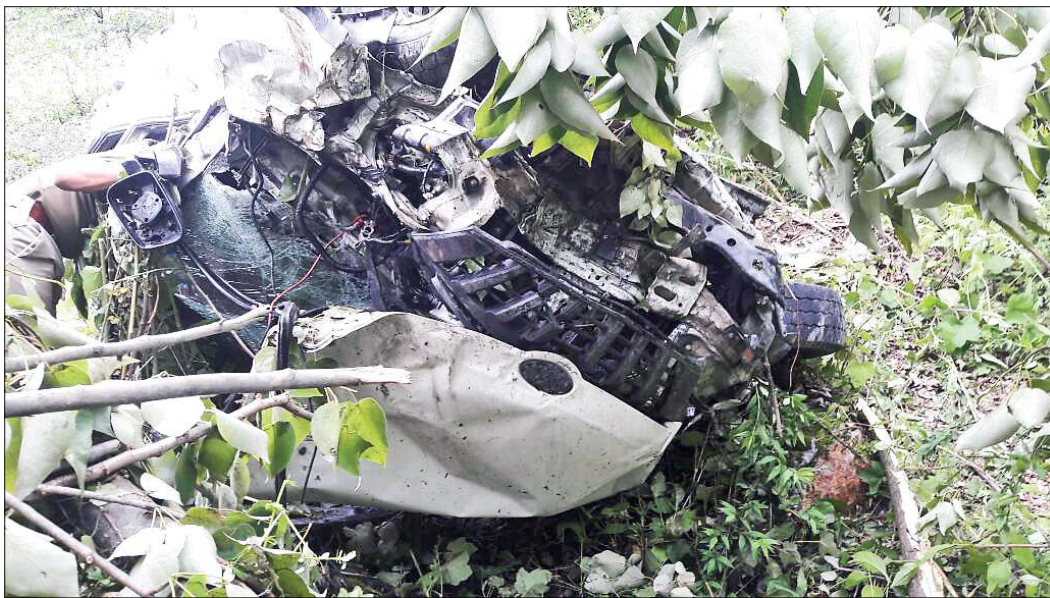
7 deaths in two mishaps on North Sikkim Highway

WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 31 MAY:

Two fatal accidents occurred within a span of two hours on North Sikkim Highway here, both involving tourist vehicles. While the causes behind the two accidents are not clear at present, the sheer rush of tourists and the attendant march of vehicles would have suggested that a mishap was always on the verge of happening.

And it did, first on the night of 30 May near Thomchi in Lachung, North Sikkim, and then again, two hours later near Phengla between B2 and Tashi View Point here. In the first instance, the driver, the only occupant of the vehicle at the time was killed, while in the latter mishap, the casualties were much higher – six tourists returning from a holiday in North Sikkim.

The first accident occurred at around 8:30 pm near Thomchi in Lachung when a Xylo vehicle plunged down ap-



The mangled remains of the Xylo which met with an accident at Thomchi, Lachung, and claimed the life of the driver on the night of 30 May

proximately 250 ft off the road claiming the life of the driver, a 36 year old male hailing from Luving in East Sikkim.

The deceased was heading towards Faka, Lachung, after dropping

off tourists at a hotel in Singling. The deceased was evacuated by Lachung Police personnel to Chungthang PHC and later referred to Mangan District Hospital where the Medical Officer on

duty declared him dead.

In the second incident that occurred at around 10:30 pm the same day, a Max vehicle carrying eight tourists met with an accident between B2 on North Sikkim

Highway and Tashi View Point near Gangtok while returning from Lachung.

Six tourists, including a six year old girl and her 34 year old mother from West Bengal and four others from Orissa died on the spot leaving two

others, a 15 year old boy from WB and one 41 year old male from Orissa severely injured. The injured tourists along with the driver of the vehicle have been admitted at Central Referral Hospital, Gangtok.

Bhaichung to represent AIFF at AFC meet to work roadmap for football in India

SAURABH RAI
SILIGURI, 31 MAY:

Former Indian Football Team Captain, Bhaichung Bhutia, will represent All India Football Federation [AIFF] as Advisor at a meeting called by the Asian Football Confederation [AFC] to discuss the 'Road Map for the future of Indian Football' scheduled to be held at the AFC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 07 June. AFC general secretary, Dato' Windsor John, will chair the meeting.

It may be mentioned here that in the recent past there has been a lot of debate about the league system in the country.

AIFF had proposed to

start a single league system where teams from ISL as well as selected clubs from the I-League could play.

Many like Bhaichung are, however, of the opinion that both ISL and I-league should run side by side. So this meeting is also aimed at bringing all stake holders of Indian Football on the same page regarding this issue.

"I am looking forward to the meeting in Kuala Lumpur. My personal opinion is to see more footballers playing the Indian Super League as well as the I-league and if these two leagues run side by side it will mean more opportunity for the players and lot many

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Sikkim martial artists return from Bhutan contest



YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 31 MAY:

The SATA squad for the 3rd International Taekwondo Championship and 2nd International Poomsae Championship held at Thimpu, Bhutan, from 26-28 May, received a warm welcome from the executive body of Sikkim Amateur Taekwondo Association accompanied by President-Rangpo Nagar Panchayat, Maya Cintury,

and members of Sikkim Olympic Association at the tourism lodge in Rangpo today.

24 participants from Sikkim – seven girls and 17 boys - represented India under various categories and have brought back medals.

Sabina Sundas bagged a gold in Kyorugi and a bronze in Poomsae [above-15], while in the

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SDM-Dzongu issues advisory on travel around Mantam

GANGTOK, 31 MAY: Elsewhere in North Sikkim, the district administration today released an advisory to residents and commuters to remain watchful since the heavy rainfall of the past few days has led to a "slight" rise in the water level at Mantam lake in Dzongu.

The SDM-Dzongu, in a message relayed this evening, writes:

"This is for information to all the concerned that due to slight rise in water level at Mantam lake and more over due to heavy rainfall, everyone is requested to remain alert and be cautious for next few days. The commuters are requested not to ply their vehicles late night at Mantam during peak monsoon season for safety reasons. Further, public of Upper Dzongu are advised not to ferry through motor boat late night in order to avoid any sort of mishaps."

The lake at Mantam, it may be recalled, was created when the hills side collapsed there in August last year damming the river and creating a lake behind it.

Namchi Girls School against tobacco

SUMMIT REPORT
NAMCHI, 31 MAY:

Namchi Girls Senior Secondary School observed 'World Anti-Tobacco Day' on the theme "Tobacco-A Threat To Development" here today. A rally was organised as a part of the programme by NCC, NSS, Guides, SAATHI and Legal Literacy Club of NGSSS around the headquarter town of Namchi.

The rally was led by NSS programme officer of NGSSS, Phurba Sherpa, and teachers of the school.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms Sherpa said that though the state government has banned the sale of gutka and smok-



ing in public places, the consumption of tobacco is still increasing at an alarming rate. People are not serious about its harmful effects and continue to ignore the fact that its consumption acts

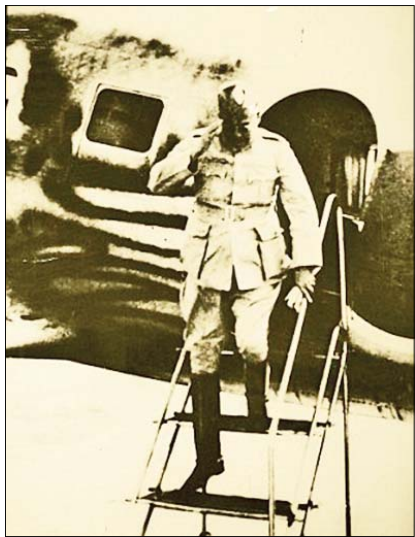
as a silent killer, she rued.

Citing that tobacco consumption reduces about 15 years of life and kills around a million people every year, she added that the tobacco industry was constantly looking

for new customers - children and teenagers. Cautioning the children about the intake of mouth fresheners like gutkas, she warned that these would ultimately lead them to tobacco consumption.

The students also put up several slogans and display of placards on the occasion to depict the ill effects of tobacco consumption leading to death and ruining relations.

Netaji disappearance mystery put to rest?



SUDIPTA CHANDA
SILIGURI, 31 MAY:

The curtain might have come down on one of India's biggest mysteries. In reply to an RTI query on Subhash Chandra Bose, the Union Home ministry has stated that Bose, aka Netaji, died in a plane crash in Taiwan on August 18, 1945.

How much would Netaji researchers and his successive family members accept the theory is conjecture. But, some members of the Bose family have already expressed reservation with the MHA conclusion and demanded a special investigation team to unearth the mystery.

The mystery of Netaji's disappearance has been a major debatable issue in the country for the past 72 years. That the great man died in a plane crash at Taihoku airport in Taiwan on August 18, 1945 is a theory many accept. But, a large number of Netaji researchers and members of his extended family dispute the theory claiming he did not die of third degree burns from the Tai-

hoku plane crash.

For years the suspicion that skulduggery initiated by indigenous and foreign forces was behind Bose's disappearance had gained currency in several quarters of the society prompting successive governments starting with Jawaharlal Nehru's to institute fact finding commissions behind the leading nationalist hero's disappearance.

None of the commissions have come up with anything conclusive to support or dispel the theories in circulation relating to Netaji's disappearance. Since Taiwan was under Japanese rule those days, Netaji's ashes, it is believed, have been preserved at the Renkoji temple in Tokyo.

As much in his death, one may now say so after the MHA statement, Netaji was an enigma for the British against whom he waged war to liberate the country. From his meeting Adolf Hitler to the Japanese authorities during the height of the Second World War, all to seek military help to oust the British from India, and his hair raising escapades from British surveillance have turned

into folklore.

He had strong connections with north Bengal too, particularly Giddey Pahar near Kurseong where his family owned a house and where he often came to spend some days.

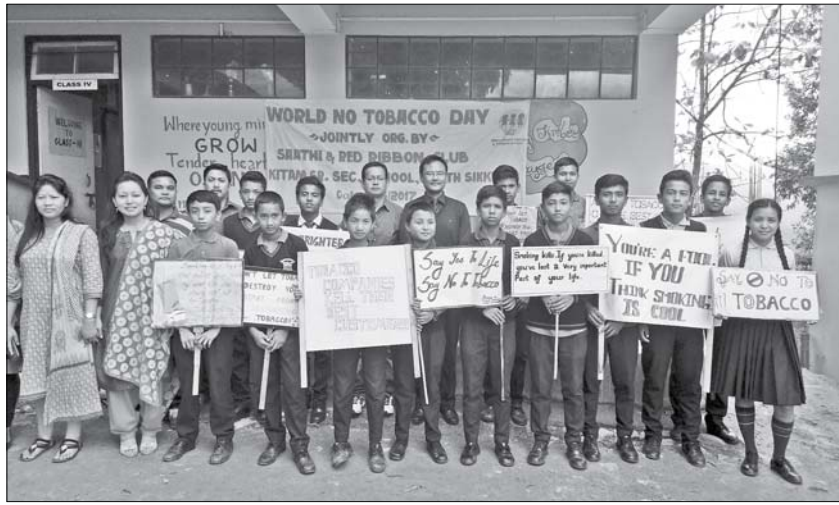
No wonder therefore, it was widely rumoured in the 1960s that a 'sadhu' at the Shaulmari Ashram in Jalpaiguri district was Netaji in disguise. Sleuths tailed the sadhu for years thereafter to get to the bottom of the mystery, but five years after living at Shaulmari, the sadhu disappeared as suddenly as he had appeared.

It was next rumoured that the Gumnam Baba or Bhagwanji, who had surfaced in an isolated spot in former Uttar Pradesh now Uttarakhand was Netaji. No proof came of that theory either.

Both the Centre and West Bengal government have declassified the Bose files in their possession none of which gives any concrete evidence of Netaji's whereabouts since the fateful August 18, 1945 plane crash, assuming it happened.



SAATHI partners Kitam School RRC against tobacco



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

Sikkim against Addiction and Towards Healthy India [SAATHI], in association with Red Ribbon Club of Kitam Senior Secondary School, South Sikkim, observed World No Tobacco Day at the school premises today.

A press release informs that a sensitization rally was taken out from the school to Kitam Bazaar displaying placards and banners with various slogans on the ill-effects of tobacco.

The rally was followed by a sensitization

session wherein Dipika Sharma of Class X and teacher MC Rai delivered speeches in Nepali and English respectively, highlighting the effects of tobacco consumption.

Principal in-charge, SW Chingapa, addressed the students and spoke about the need for awareness regarding various diseases caused by tobacco and stressed on avoiding such substances to ensure better health.

Theme-based quiz was also conducted among the students during the programme. Also, the best three placards were awarded cash prizes.

Tadong School steps up, donates blood



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

A blood donation Camp was organised by the National Service Scheme unit of Tadong Government Senior Secondary School in collaboration with the Central Blood Bank of STNM Hospital here at Tadong today.

50 units of blood were collected today. The donors included 31 NSS student volunteers, 12 teachers, seven School Management Committee members and local community members.

Speaking to Summit-Times, NSS coordinator of the school, Babita Chettri, said that the blood donation camp was organised as a part of NSS activities.

"It is believed that donating blood saves a life, so we are sensitizing students and others about the same," Ms Chettri added.

The camp was overseen by Head of Department, Central Blood Bank, STNM Hospital, Dr CM Sharma, Principal-Tadong SSS, DL Zimba, Councillors Geeta Sharma, Bhasker Basnett and Prabhat Gurung, SMC members, students and NSS volunteers of the school.

The Central Blood Bank team included eight members along with a mobile blood donation van.

Principal Ms Zimba expressed her gratitude to the team from the Central Blood Bank, Councillors, SMC members and NSS volunteers for their support.

3-day sensitization on sexual harassment at the workplace concludes in North Sikkim

MANGAN, 31 MAY [IPR]: A three-day long sensitization programme on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace [Prevention, Prohibition & Redressal] Act 2013 for working women and Internal Complaints Committee and Local Complaints Committee concluded today at the district conference hall in Mangan.

The programme was organized by Sikkim State Legal Service Authority [SSLSA] in collaboration with District Legal Service Authority-Mangan.

The concluding day of the programme saw the formation of Local Complaint Committee [LCC] comprising of five members namely Prem-krit Lepcha [retired Office



Superintendent-Land Revenue Department, Mangan] as chairperson, Lakpa Doma Lepcha [Upper Division Clerk-LRD, Mangan], Mingma Doma Bhutia [Social Worker, Mangan], & Chenga

Doma Bhutia [Advocate] as members of the committee and Lhanzay Donka [Child Development Project Officer, Mangan] as ex-officio member. The committee has been formed to execute the

duties and function as provided by the Act.

The programme was attended by various departmental female staffs of district administration, banks and representatives of NGOs from

Mangan.

Advocate-High Court of Sikkim, Dr Doma T Bhutia, and Technical Partner of Social Welfare Department-cum-Programme Manager of Martha Farell Foundation [PRIA], New Delhi, Nandita Pradhan, were the resource persons of the day.

The programme started with the welcome speech by Deputy Secretary-SSLSA, Bikash Sharma, followed by the address from resource person, Ms Pradhan, wherein she briefed the participants about the power and duties of ICC and LCC in organized and unorganized sector to address the complaints on sexual harassment.

She further discussed on the nature and scope

of sexual harassment of women at workplace and deliberated on the measure to curb it. She also spoke on the objectives of the committees concerning sexual harassment and mentioned about suitable actions and steps to be taken under this Act.

Advocate, Dr Bhutia, laid down various guidelines regarding the constituting of the committee and sensitized the gathering about the main objective of the committees on the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013. She mentioned that constitution of ICC and LCC was to safeguard every woman against sexual harassment at all the work places.

SDF organizes seminar for party youth

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

Sikkim Democratic Front's west district youth wing organised a seminar today at Soreng playground in West Sikkim. The seminar, which had the Tourism Minister Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia as chief guest, was attended by party youth and cheli morcha members from Daramdin, Soreng-Chakung, Rinchenpong and Zoom-Salgahari constituencies.

Rhenock constituency cheli convener, Subhadra Dangal, spoke about women's empowerment and achievements of women. Similarly, east district general secretary, Dev Gurung, delved on democracy, politics, leadership and responsibilities.

The seminar was also attended by Ministers RB Subba and NK Subba, MLAs DN Sherpa, KS Lepcha and Sonam Dadul Bhutia, SDF west district president, Sher Hang Subba, along with senior members and workers of the party.

The seminar was also addressed by west district general secretary, Sabitri Thapa, west district president, Sher Hang Subba, and former Minister Dawcho Lepcha.

In his address, Tourism Minister, Mr Bhutia, appreciated the concept of the seminar and the

effort to educate and inform youths and cheli on various issues.

Mr Bhutia mentioned that the SDF party has its policies, principles and thoughts in place to lead the State on the right path. He also alleged that the opposition parties have never practiced healthy criticism and are always obstructing the state-building process in Sikkim.

Likewise, HRDD Minister, Mr Subba encouraged the youth to prepare well to lead Sikkim towards development and prosperity. He further encouraged them to go in for proper training and capacity building before launching any business.

He urged them to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the state government to become self-reliant.

Eight entrepreneurs were also felicitated during the seminar namely, Normit Lepcha, Gyan Bahadur Tamang, Domit Lepcha, Mani Kumar Rai, Anjana Rai, Pranay Lohagan, Pem Diki Sherpa and Phip Raj Subba.

During the programme, members of various political parties also joined SDF; 15 from Zoom-Salgahari, 10 from Maneybong-Dentam, and 10 from Soreng joined the ruling party today, a press release informs.

World No Tobacco Day at Gyalshing



GYALSHING, 31 MAY [IPR]: District Health Society of Gyalshing observed World No Tobacco Day with the theme 'Tobacco - A threat to development' here at Gyalshing Zilla Bhawan today.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Thinley, while making a Power Point presentation informed that 70 lakh people in the world are dying due to tobacco related diseases every year and India ranks first in the list with 8-9 lakh deaths annually. He also spoke on harmful effects of tobacco and appealed

the gathering to take up responsibilities personally to make Mission Tobacco Free State a reality.

District Collector, Kapil Meena, who was present for the occasion as chief guest, informed that the District Administration in coordination with Health and Judicial Department will be organizing comprehensive awareness programmes related to social issues like drugs, alcohol, tobacco consumption and suicide throughout the district for which he applied the conscious group of

the villages to cooperate.

He further expressed his dissatisfaction over low public participation in such awareness programmes. He emphasised on the need of having one de-addiction and rehabilitation centre in the district.

Chief Judicial Magistrate, Suberna Rai, spoke on the legal aspects of drug substance abuse. She also applied the students to be vigilant and support the authority by providing information regarding drug peddling in the society.

Sub Divisional Police Officer-Gyalshing PS, Bishal Rai, said that drug has been a major issue of the society and police alone cannot control it without the cooperation of public.

"Clause 29 of the Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 says that all officers shall upon notice given or request made be legally bound to assist each other in carrying out the provisions of the Act. But officers fail to comply when police make request in such cases," he added.

Golay meets disaffected SDF party-workers



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha president, PS Tamang (Golay), met Sikkim Democratic Front party-workers of Maneybong-Dentam constituency at his residence at Soreng-Singling in West Sikkim today, an SKM press release claims.

The release, issued by the SKM general secretary, Birendra Tamling, further contends that the SDF party workers ac-

cused the ruling party of making false assurances, undemocratic functioning, financial irregularities and rampant corruption.

They also stated that only SKM party has been delivering on its responsibilities seriously in the interest of Sikkim and its people, the release adds.

29 families of SDF supporters from Gitan-Karmatar ward and Jhankri Dhunga ward officially joined SKM today, the release states.

Cong initiates process for organizational polls

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

The Congress party has started the process to hold organisational elections in the State.

The party has decided that the party memberships taken till 15 May 2017 will be considered valid to participate in organisational polls in various stages.

A Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee press release issued by its general secretary, Punya Koirala, informs that All India Congress Committee member and election officer for Sikkim, N Manohar, held a meeting for Pradesh Congress Committee and District Congress Committee members of the state recently and approved the

membership list of 15 May for the election.

The release adds that members who took membership after 15 May can neither vote nor contest in the election.

It is further informed that primary, booth-level and constituency-level committees will be formed and presidents elected from 07-20 Aug which will be followed by second stage elections for president, vice-president and treasurer for the district-level committees.

The formation of DCC will be held from 05-15 Sept.

The release informs that the final elections for the state president, vice-president and treasurer and formation of PCC will be held from 16 Sept to 15 Oct.

NSS leads anti-tobacco initiative at Bermiok Tokal school



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

National Service Scheme Cell of Bermiok Tokal Senior Secondary School observed 'World No Tobacco Day' with paintings, placards, posters and other activities under the guidance of NSS Programme Officer, Prahlad Sharma, who is also the Vice Principal of the school.

The programme started with a welcome speech by

Class XII student, Ashish Gurung.

NSS Programme Officer, Prahlad Sharma, then delivered an address on the relevance of World No Tobacco Day and delved on the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco consumption.

A painting and poster-making competition was also held for the students during the programme along with an open quiz competition on tobacco.

Gangtok on Thursday, 01 June

Temp: 26°C / 17°C
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Supercomputing and Innovation Centre at SMIT

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:

Supercomputing "Param Shavak" and Innovation Centre at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology were inaugurated by Special Secretary and Director of Higher & Technical Education, Human Resource Development Department, DK Pradhan, on 30 May.

The centre has been established in collaboration with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing [C-DAC], Pune, informs a press release.

Director-SMIT, Dr A Garg, highlighted the significance of establishing such a high end research centre in SMIT. He invited different public and private organizations based in the state to take full advantage of such facility. He also stated that innovation centre established is mainly to nurture young minds of students into ideation, creation and incubation.

The function was also attended by Registrar-Sikkim Manipal University, Dr Ashish Sharma, resource persons from C-DAC, Pune, faculty members, research scholars and students.

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SKM alleges poor quality work on Sichey to Upper Burtuk PMGSY road

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has alleged substandard work in the ongoing 1.6 KMs long drainage and road carpeting work of Stage-2 PMGSY work from Sichey to Upper Burtuk in East Sikkim.

An SKM press release, issued by its publicity secretary, Arun Upreti, informs that the Rural Development Ministry sanctioned this work at the cost of Rs 83.13 lakhs on 16 Jan 2014 with completion date scheduled for 15 Jan 2016, but the work has not been completed till date.

The release adds that local people complained of substandard work in construction of drainage system along the road and thin carpeting.

It is further added that the work was of much lower quality than mentioned in the signboard at the site and that the people of the area are very disappointed with the ex-

Sikkim State AIDS Control Society [SSACS], in collaboration with FHI 360 and Project Sunrise, organized a daylong workshop on "Enhancing Partnerships between Law enforcement agencies and civil society organizations in the context of Drug Use and HIV in Sikkim" at the Zilla Panchayat Bhawan here on 30 May.

A press release informs that the main objective of the workshop was to collaboratively



address the issue of substance abuse in the State and to inform the gathering about the various ser-

vices provided by SSACS to control the problem.

Resource person from North East Techni-

cal Support Unit-Guwahati, Pankaj Choudhury [Technical Specialist], spoke on the status of

HIV epidemic in India with special focus on Sikkim. He also informed that there are two NGOs

conducting the Targeted Intervention [TI] programme for Injecting Drug Users [IDUS] in the state under Sikkim SACS.

State Coordinator-North East Technical Support Unit, Guwahati, Ashique Ahmed, gave a brief presentation on Project Sunrise in Sikkim.

The workshop was also addressed by Additional District Collector-East, Bharani Kumar, Director-Health Services cum Project Director-Sikkim SACS, Dr Uttam Pradhan, Assistant Superintendent

of Police-East, Karma Gyamtso Bhutia, and Senior Superintendent of Police (Central Prison), Khilburna Gurung.

Also attending the programme were Chief Medical Officer-District Hospital Singtam, Dr Tshering Laden, Psychiatrist-STNM Hospital, Dr Netra Thapa, DNO [NCD]-District Hospital Singtam, Dr Satish Ransai, Field Mentor-NET-SU/Phi360, Prashant Sharma, representatives from Police Department, NGOs, CBOs, TI partners and SSACS officials.



Farewell for retiring officers

GANGTOK, 31 MAY [IPR]: The Department of Personnel, along with the Home Department, Government of Sikkim, organized a farewell programme for two retiring officers of the Sikkim Government - Dr Anil Mainra, Principal Secretary, Department of Science and Technology & Climate Change, and Sonam Dhondup Tshering, Director General, Department of Economics & Statistics Monitoring & Evaluation.

The programme was held at Manan Kendra and was also attended by Chief Secretary AK Srivasatav who congratulated the officers on the successful completion of their tenures and wished them the best in their future endeavours.

He also spoke on how retirement was a second phase of life for the officials and asked them to give their best in whatever they do.

The Chief Secretary and the other HODs then offered khadas to the officers and wished them the best.

Local hotel hosts anti-tobacco event



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:

Sterling Holiday and Resort Ltd, Delisso Abode, Gangtok, observed the International Anti-Tobacco Day at Delisso Abode in Gangtok today on the theme, "Tobacco: A Threat to development." The event was organised in association with the Hotel Management School, NIS, Gangtok.

Thirty students of the Hotel Management School along with teachers and employees of the hotel participated in the programme, a press re-

lease informs.

Damber Singh Ruchal or Sterling Holidays highlighted the various ill-effects of consuming tobacco and smoking.

Sub Inspector-Sadar Police Station, Santa Bahadur Gurung, who attended the event as special guest, urged students to become role models and contribute towards eradicating the consumption of tobacco from society.

He further added that students should make good use of their education and advised them to avoid tobacco consumption.

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:

Rotary Club of Gangtok-South organized a gathering of Rotarians and non-Rotarians on 30 May under the chairmanship of the Club's president, Namgyal P Sherpa, to recognize the services of four persons of Gangtok - Kabita Gurung, Purnima Mohra, Radha Chettri and Tilak Maya Joshi who have rendered "exemplary service to the community during the year 2016-17," a press release informs.

Kabita Gurung, who despite her marital problems and other adversities, found the courage of taking up the profession of taxi driving which is otherwise a completely male-dominated profession in Gangtok.

"An embodiment of a professional taxi driver, she has become a model to many women who are facing similar marital or other social or economic problems in their lives," the Rotarians state.

"Please follow traffic rules. Please remember, safety first, speed last. Remain cool all the time," said Ms Gurung when asked about her message to the driver community of the state.

The second person who received the Rotary Vocational Award was Purnima Mohra for her dedicated service in taking care of sick people, especially those who are helpless and unaware of medical treatment required for their problems, unfamiliar with admission procedures in hospitals, or scared of doctors, etc.

She volunteers to escort and guide such peo-

ple to local hospitals, and if need be, even accompanies them to hospitals outside Sikkim.

In her message, Ms Mohra said, "Nobody should feel helpless. Have faith in God."

Radha Chettri, post woman from the Raj Bhanu Post Office, was the third person to receive the award. She provides excellent vocational service to the community and thereby helps in enhancing a positive image of Indian Post in the public.

Safai Karmachari of Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Tilak Maya Joshi, also received the Rotary Vocational Award.

She has achieved excellence in her vocation with the ability to work unsupervised and has the ability to certify with pride and confidence the completion of her job.

"Please do not throw garbage on the public roads or highways. Use dustbins," said Ms Joshi in her message to the community.

Retired Principal Secretary, Rajesh Verma, who attended the programme as chief guest gave away the citation certificates and cash prizes to the awardees. He appreciated the dignity of labour and devotion to their work shown by these awardees.



ecution of the work.

The party has demanded that the government conduct necessary inspection of the work and check the quality and quantity of materials used in the work and thickness of the carpeting as well.

The party has also threatened to write to the concerned agency at the Centre if required.

The party has further demanded necessary action against the employees involved in this work.



HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

Gangtok - 737101

NOTICE OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

Mr. Padam Bahadur Lohar, Peon of Temi Senior Secondary School, South Sikkim has been absenting from his duties without leave application or information w.e.f. 12th, August 2016 and has not reported to duty till date.

Mr. Padam Bahadur Lohar, Peon of Temi Senior Secondary School/ South Sikkim is hereby directed to report to duty immediately failing which strict disciplinary proceedings will be initiated against him without further notice.

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The Economics of Freedom

Free expression will first require self reliance

Freedom remains but a concept till the people who claim to be, say politically free, are also economically independent. We see it in families every day, but refuse to understand its import. Children wanting to become independent find a livelihood before they leave the “mool” ghar. What applies to individuals applies to a people too. Now let’s look at Sikkim. Political freedom came with one-man, one-vote in 1975. Political expression has been relatively free ever since, but is the State really free? Can a State, which actually protested the extension of Direct Taxes with the slogan: “No income, what tax?” ever be free? How much ‘independence’, we mean the executive and political kind, can be expected when the spending power is so completely dependent on what Delhi will release?

For anyone who has tried to figure out why Sikkim remains so compliant and feeble when it comes to engaging Delhi and why its “long-pending” demands are still carefully and politely worded in memorandums and public statements even when the delay hurts, the answer is simple. Sikkim was never free to take its own decisions because it is still not – in the jargon of the development-types, self-sustaining. The health of its coffers dictate a subservience which an economy sustained on grants enforces. It is not implied that the Centre continually played dirty with Sikkim, but what cannot be ignored is that Delhi can afford to be disinterested. In that, the State has failed itself. No matter how stringent and passionate the sloganeering in Sikkim, the State loses its voice the moment it steps out of the confines of Rangpo. Through the years, no one has displayed any keenness in offending a paymaster who has admittedly been extravagantly good through most of the years. All the professed attachment to 371F and Old Laws gets diluted into meek memorandums which gather dust in the powerful corridors of Shastri Bhavan.

What worked at the political level percolated down to the people. A majority remains dependent (economically) on the Government. Education, jobs, celebration, sorrow - whatever the need, it has to Manan Bhawan of Samman Bhawan that everyone troops to. In doing so, the people relinquished the right to question, debate and disagree. They also lost the interest to do so because everything was paid for and lazy hands don’t seek explanations. No one squabbles over real issues because interests rarely move beyond the preparation of the latest list of government ‘hand-out’ nominees. Even as you read this, a new list of beneficiaries is being drawn up for the Janta Melas.

While we might have grown comfortable with this option, we owe the next generation to survive with some more self respect. And, self-respect will come only when Sikkim becomes self-reliant. Self-reliance might demand many sacrifices, but rest assured it sets the future free. For Sikkim, with a population of barely 7 lakhs, the task is easy. It does not take much to change the mind-set of so few. There are enough stories take heart from of how shanties in Mumbai (and that’s about all that the population here measures to despite the trappings of being a full-fledged State) have pulled off miracles by banding together and remaining focused. But one should not look towards the State alone to make the people self-reliant. Such expectations go against the very grain of the concept. And neither should the government think that it can deliver self-reliance. All that is required of the government is to Govern, not over-govern even though the success of this very attitude at the Centre makes this a hard sell. Nevertheless, make the conditions available for self-expression and the people will express themselves economically as well. Let us make mistakes and learn from them because no one, not even the government, is perfect, because at the end of the day, it’s only when the pockets are freed that the mind can be truly liberated.

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“WONDER WOMAN! All the world’s waiting for you,” rang the theme song to the classic 1970s television show as one-time Miss World America, Lynda Carter, transformed into the star-spangled superhero. Yet while gun-toting raccoons headline today’s superhero movies, the world has waited a long time for its most famous female superhero to receive a dedicated film.

Female superheroes have been confined to sidekick roles (Black Widow is the highest profile Avenger without her own movie) or relegated to TV (where Jessica Jones and Supergirl kick ass on a weekly basis). Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman is the first major female-led superhero movie - and as a hero, her antecedents reach back to the suffragettes.

As historian Jill Lepore details in *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*, the formative years of Wonder Woman’s creator, psychologist William Moulton Marston, took place against the backdrop of the suffragette movement. As a freshman, he had heard Emmeline Pankhurst speak when she visited Harvard in 1911.

An advocate for women’s rights, Marston would later describe the “blood-curdling masculinity” of comic books as their “worst offence”. His remedy? To create a “feminine character with all the strength of Superman plus all the allure of a good and beautiful woman”. So in October 1941, All Star Comics introduced Wonder Woman, “to whom the problems and feats of men are mere child’s play”.

Marston was married to attorney Elizabeth Holloway Marston, who served as the family’s breadwinner. Later he began a relationship with his research assistant Olive Byrne, who became his life-long partner living with Marston and his wife. Byrne was the daughter of radical feminist Ethel Byrne who, with her sister Margaret Sanger, opened the first birth control clinic in the US (forerunner of today’s Planned Parenthood). It is said that Byrne wore bracelets that inspired Wonder Woman’s bullet-deflecting jewellery. The comic was filled with such feminist iconography, but, as Lepore notes, this was often “feminism as fetish”. Marston’s interest in bondage frequently saw the hero bound and gagged in suggestive poses.

Across her 75-year history, Wonder Woman has regularly been depicted scantily clad and in anatomy-defying poses offering the optimum number of angles for leering. This is the tension that each version of the character, including the big-budget film, must reconcile: Is Wonder Woman a feminist icon or a pin-up girl masquerading as a satin suffragette?

While one might question the wisdom of entering into battle with little more than a bustier and mini-skirt, director Patty Jenkins’ feature length Wonder Woman adheres more closely to Marston’s feminist celebration than the comic’s kinkier elements.

Although the story is repositioned to the trenches of World War I, the adaptation remains largely



faithful to the character’s origins. Gadot plays the Amazonian princess who, after saving the life of US serviceman Steve Trevor, leaves the women-only island paradise of Themyscira to aid the allied effort.

Avoiding the easy option of camp or Marvel’s tongue-in-cheek distance, the film’s first act convincingly realises the matriarchal society of warriors. In particular, Robin Wright gives a muscular performance as the Island’s head badass and Wonder Woman’s unforgiving mentor, General Antiope, who trains the future superhero to protect the world from the eventual return of Ares, God of War.

Once the hero leaves the island, the film falls into superhero movie conventions with Wonder Woman’s powers and principles tested as she attempts to unravel a German plot. In particular, the film shares many parallels with the WWII-set Captain America: The First Avenger with the brightly-coloured hero enlivening grey battlefields with the kind of supercharged élan that would have no doubt pleased her original creator.

Like all genre films, superhero movies are built on sameness and difference, and while Wonder Woman offers little variation on the box-office tested superhero origin story, the presence of a female hero is enough to reinvigorate tired conventions. There is something doubly heroic in watching Wonder Woman lift a tank over her light frame, or crash through armed soldiers to save innocent villagers.

Gadot, a bright spark in the otherwise gruelling Batman V Superman, plays the Amazonian with wide-eyed curiosity, but is careful to avoid ever having the hero appear foolish. Rather, Wonder Woman’s outsider status allows the film to point out the inequities in the patriarchal world, as the hero eschews corsets, barges into men-only meetings, and compares secretarial work to slavery.

While the distance that the film’s WWI setting provides dulls any feminist critique, it will be interesting to see if that same critical lens is applied when Gadot resumes the role of Wonder Woman later this year in the modern day Justice League film. For her part, Patty Jenkins’ direction makes no obvious concessions to the hero’s gender nor does she exploit it, with each action sequence filmed much the same as if the Man of Steel was at its centre.

Aided by Jenkins’ assured approach, Gadot manages to navigate the inherent tensions of the character by creating a Wonder Woman who is unapologetically glamorous, but also capable and caring.

As the first man Wonder Woman ever meets, Steve Trevor (Chris Pine) successfully channels Steve McQueen circa The Great Escape. The charismatic Pine enjoys a playful chemistry with Gadot during the second act culture clash and some genuinely tender moments as the film reaches its CGI-laden conclusion.

While some may see the film’s moments of girl power as a facile gesture on the part of the filmmakers to appease “social justice warriors” rather than a meaningful attempt to redress imbalances of superheroes on screen, the result is still the most successful entry in the otherwise moribund DC shared universe. (Though to describe the film as the best DC or female-led superhero film is to damn Wonder Woman with faint praise.)

Although it could not hope to shoulder the full weight of 75 years of expectations, no qualifiers are necessary: Wonder Woman is an exciting entry in the superhero movie genre.

Wonder Woman, the world’s no longer waiting for you.

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Sustainable Shopping: For eco-friendly jeans, stop washing them so often

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Denim jeans – whether ripped, straight, flared, vintage or raw – are one of the world’s most-loved garments. But from fibre to wardrobe, they have a considerable ecological footprint.

Given the diversity of cotton growing enterprises and clothing producers around the world, tracking the environmental impact of a pair of cotton jeans is no simple feat.

But as a denim-wearer you can make more sustainable choices by buying responsibly, extending your jeans’ life with gentle washing and choosing to repair, not replace.

In this guide we’re looking at the key stages of jeans’ life cycle: cotton cultivation; spinning and dyeing; manufacturing, distribution and retailing; and what happens after you get them home.

COTTON CULTIVATION

Let’s begin with the cotton crop, in which water and pesticide use are prominent environmental issues.

Cotton is a thirsty crop, using 3% of the world’s irrigation water on 2.2% of global arable land. However, better management can reduce water waste and improve efficiency.

Like humans, insects and bugs are attracted to the pillowy white fluff that is actually the fruit of cotton. Traditional cotton farming is chemically intensive, but genetically altered cotton varieties and innovations in integrated pest management have almost halved insecticide use (from 25% to 14% of global insecticide sales) since the 1990s.

Organic cotton crops use no syn-

thetic chemicals, but yields are typically lower than that of conventional cotton, and organic cotton represents less than 1% of the 25 million tonnes of cotton grown globally. Its water consumption is similar to non-organic cotton.

However, organic producers in developing countries can charge a premium for their crops and aren’t reliant on synthetic insecticides and pesticides. If

you want to buy organic cotton jeans, you can check for brands accredited by the Global Organic Textile Standard.

To improve cotton cultivation standards globally, the not-for-profit organisation Better Cotton Initiative was established in 2005 to promote more sustainable cotton growing, with better practices across water use, land and pest management and social indicators. Major fashion retailers like Levis Strauss & Co., H&M, The Gap, Kathmandu and Burberry are focusing on sourcing Better Cotton, organic, or recycled cotton for their clothing.

SPINNING, DYEING AND MANUFACTURING

The process of spinning fibre into yarn, yarn into cloth, and manufacturing cloth into clothes represents some 70% of the total energy consumption of creating a pair of jeans.

The iconic indigo colour and the broken-in look of denim are the result of chemically intensive and high water use treatment processes that can take

a toll on workers’ health and safety and impact the environment.

Leading denim brands are actively promoting techniques that limit the chemical and water intensity of wet processing, like enzyme finishing, laser etching and ozone treatments.

Initiatives such as Zero Discharge of Hazardous Waste work across the apparel supply chain to tackle this problem. You can check their website for a list of brands that have committed to better practises.

WEARING JEANS

It may come as a surprise, but a large part of the environmental impact of a pair

of jeans occurs after you buy them – how you launder and care for your jeans, and for how long, can be crucial in minimising denim’s ecological footprint. Throw-away fashion is a huge problem: a survey of 1,500 British women found the majority of garments (not just jeans) are worn as few as seven times.

You can minimise your jeans’ footprint simply by washing and drying them less often. We often launder far more often than needed, and over-washing may be more from habit than actual dirtiness of garments. In a 2012 study, participants wore the same pair of jeans unwashed for three months with no ill effects. Any smells or stains were simply managed through airing or spot cleaning.

Jeans have a patina of use that fac-

stories work hard to simulate – but you can develop your own patina through wear over a lifetime.

Forward-looking denim brands are embracing longevity, with Nudie jeans offering repair services, and Levi Strauss promoting durability and a personal connection to one’s clothing.

New business models promote a circular approach to consumption: you can rent your jeans from Mud jeans, and at the end of your jeans’ life, Mud will collect them for reuse or recycling.

EASY STEPS FOR BUYING GREENER If buying new, purchase from retailers actively sourcing responsibly grown cotton. Check for standards and certifications like Better Cotton or the Global Organic Textile Standard.

Look for retailers that promote environmentally friendly processes, such as enzyme-washed denim or waterless denim. You can dig into your denim retailer’s sustainability statements on their website to see if they have signed up to initiatives to tackle hazardous chemicals, such as Zero Discharge of Hazardous Waste, or if they have their own scheme in place.

Remember that the most sustainable pair of jeans is the pair you already own. Care for your jeans by laundering them lightly and less often, using a cold wash cycle and line drying. Freshen them up between washes by hanging them in the sun or in a steamy bathroom.

Most importantly, extend their life by repairing them if damaged, and give them that patina of use through wear.

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Bengali is not replacing Nepali, Darj admn clarifies; Wants school left out of political mechanisations

**SUMMIT REPORT
DARJEELING, 31 MAY:**

The Darjeeling District Administration and Darjeeling Police have threatened to take stringent action against any attempts to disrupt communal harmony and peace in the Hills.

Incidentally, the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha has lined up agitation programmes, including

a 2-day bandh of educational institutions from 01 June, along with protest marches throughout the Hills from 04 to 08 June. The hill party is protesting against alleged imposition of Bengali language in the Hills.

"I, on behalf of the State Government, would like to clarify that there is no intention to impose any language on the people in the Hill areas.

There is no intention and no plans to replace Nepali with any other language. There is no notification or circular from the State Government to this effect. Whatever is being spread are baseless rumors," explained DM-Darjeeling, Joyoshi Dasgupta.

The Superintendent of Police-Darjeeling, Amit P Javalgi, in turn stated that a group of people including teach-

ers are forcing school children to take part in political rallies acting against a Calcutta High Court directive.

"Why use students as a shield to further their political interests?" questioned the SP.

The District Inspector of Schools, Darjeeling, has also issued directives to all schools not to allow students to attend political rallies.

The SP further stated that the social media is being used by a group of people to spread hatred against a particular community.

"Darjeeling is a cosmopolitan place. People from all walks of life, community and religion visit Darjeeling as tourists. It is to our interest to ensure peace here and all are respected. We will not allow anyone,

whosoever to spread communal disharmony, hatred and lawlessness. Stringent action will be taken," stated Mr Javalgi.

He stated that the Police and administration are keeping a close watch on the social network sites and action will be taken against any person spreading communal disharmony and hatred through social media.

Nepal postpones local polls for third time

**SHIRISH B PRADHAN
KATHMANDU, MAY 31
(PTI):**

For the third time, Nepal's government today postponed the second phase of local elections after the country's Muslim minority community voiced concern over clashing of the poll date with Ramzan, Cabinet sources said.

The Cabinet meeting today has formally decided to hold the second phase of local level elections on June 28.

The Cabinet meeting took the decision after consulting the Election Commission yesterday. The government took the decision stating that the previously declared date of June 23 coincided with the ongoing Ramazan festival the Muslim community is observing.

Earlier, the government had announced it would hold the second phase of local elections on June 23, instead of June 14, as per schedule. A Muslim delegation

yesterday had called on caretaker Prime Minister Prachanda to draw his attention to the Ramzan festival and the inconvenience they could face if elections were held on June 23.

The elections -- the first at local level in 20 years and a key step in Nepal's drawn-out peace process that ended a civil war in 2006 -- have been beset by delays.

In the beginning the government had announced that the first and the second phase of elections would be held on May 14 but were split into two phases upon objections from the Madhesi.

The first phase went ahead on May 14 but the second was delayed earlier this week. The move to reschedule poll date is aimed at bringing the agitating Madhes-based parties on board the election process.

Muslims make up little more than four per cent of the population in Hindu-majority Nepal.

Arunachalis may get compensation for land acquired in 1962

NEW DELHI, MAY 31 (PTI): After a wait of 55 years, several thousand residents in Arunachal Pradesh may get an unexpected surprise in the form of compensation for land acquired by the army following the 1962 war with China.

The central and Arunachal Pradesh governments are working out for the compensation, which may be to the tune Rs 3,000 crore.

Minister of State for De-

fence Subhash Bhamre, Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju, Chief Minister Pema Khandu and senior officials of the central and state governments discussed the issue at an hour-long meeting held here yesterday.

Rijiju, who hails from Arunachal Pradesh, said the meeting was to settle the issue of land acquired for various defence establishments in the frontier state following the

1962 war with China.

"Although the people of Arunachal Pradesh can be branded as ultra patriotic Indians but of late a sense of resentment has been brewing among them due to non-payment of compensation for huge areas of land occupied by the army," Rijiju told PTI.

Bhamre is said to have asked officials in his ministry and the army to fast-track all the pending issues by properly

coordinating with each other and the state government.

Rijiju has called for resolving all issues and clear pending cases in a time-bound manner. He sought from the officials the time they will take in clearing all the issues that came up for discussion during the meeting.

Khandu conveyed that issues of lease rate, grant of ownership rights, payment of dual compensation and fixation of land rates will be re-

solved soon.

The chief minister said the Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has already constituted a high-level committee under the chairmanship of state land management minister to examine all pending issues.

The pending cases of land acquisition related to the districts of Tawang, West Kameng, Upper Subansiri, Dibang Valley, West Siang besides others.

Cyclone Mora damages houses, triggers slides in Mizoram

AIZAWL, MAY 31 (PTI): Heavy showers and gusty winds triggered by Cyclone 'Mora' lashed Mizoram disrupting power and telecommunication network, damaging houses and triggering landslides.

However, there was no human casualty in the overnight rains and squally wind, which continued till today morning.

Around 20 houses were partially damaged at Khawbung village bordering Myanmar while the roof of a district hospital ward was blown away in Siaha district

forcing the patients to take shelter in the corridor.

Disaster Management and Rehabilitation department officials said the rains had triggered landslides in many places.

Though most of the roads have been cleared today, a road on the southern outskirts of Aizawl was yet to be reopened, they said.

An uprooted tree damaged a pastor's bungalow in south Mizoram's Serkawn village, the headquarters of the Baptist Church of Mizoram.

The Mizoram Disaster Management Authority and the Disaster Management and Rehabilitation department had received a warning that the cyclone was most likely to lash Mizoram on Tuesday and Wednesday.

People were advised to take precaution as the cyclone could trigger massive landslides and flash floods in the state.

Cyclone 'Mora' made a landfall in Bangladesh yesterday killing at least six persons and damaging houses in the neighbouring country.



Morcha resolute on school-college bandh, Kpg admn wants schools to function as usual

**SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG, 31 MAY:**

Schools here are supporting the two-day "educational strike" call given by Gorkha Janmukti Morcha president, Bimal Gurung, to protest the West Bengal State Government's move to include Bengali as a third language in schools.

The GJM student wing in Kalimpong has actively protested the latest

diktat from Kolkata by visiting schools and persuading them to remain shut on 01 and 02 June.

"The Bengal government is trying to intrude upon our mother tongue. They are trying to wipe out our clan. We strongly protest this and we also appeal to all the educational institutions and language [Nepali] related organisations along with other political parties to come forward to protest this State gov-

ernment imposition," said general secretary of Student Morcha Central Committee, Bhushan Tamang, adding that they will put up black flags everywhere in a form of a protest.

The Morcha cadres have also put up posters in town proclaiming that educational institutions remain closed on the said dates.

On the other hand, Kalimpong district president of TMC, Satish

Theeng, said, "This is just a proposal of the government. They have not even sent a circular or official notification regarding the compulsion of Bengali language. Moreover, they have clearly said that the subject is 'optional'. Morcha has made this a political propaganda. They could have talked to the education minister in Kolkata and clarified the matter rather than closing down schools here."

Later in the evening, the District Magistrate called a press conference and conveyed an appeal to the schools to function as usual. According to the Right to Education, no schools can be involved in 'bandhs' therefore schools will remain open, he said.

"We have sent orders to the ADI, SI, and the block officers to keep a close watch on every school. The schools should run as usual and

won't allow any political parties to involve the students or schools," said District Magistrate, Dr Biswanath.

Meanwhile, Kalimpong Superintendent of Police, AS Yadav, said that in compliance with the Supreme Court ruling on such matters, they will take legal action in case of forceful bandhs. Police arrangements will be provided to the ones in need, he said.

SFA thanks PM for MOU on football with Germany

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 MAY:**

In a press release issued by general secretary of Sikkim Football Association, Menla Ethenpa, SFA has thanked Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, for taking initiative in signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Germany on 30 May for the development of football in India.

Through this collaboration, Germany will be providing Indian youths

coaching in the field of football. The signing of MOU between the two countries has been announced in the Indo-Germany Joint Statement released in the presence of Mr Modi and Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, at Berlin in an Indo-Germany joint statement.

Sikkim Football Association expresses that this landmark decision will certainly bring improvement in the game of football in India.

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Mizoram CM meets Rajnath, discusses Bru problem

AIZAWL, MAY 31 (PTI): Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla has told Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh that the latest demands of the Bru leaders lodged in the six relief camps in Tripura would not be considered by his government, an official statement today said.

The statement said that Lal Thanhawla met Singh in Delhi yesterday and said that if the Centre accepts the new demands of the Bru leaders, those who had returned to Mizoram should also benefit.

The chief minister informed the Centre that the state government pleaded with the Brus not to leave Mizoram during the communal tension in 1997 and efforts were made repeat-

edly to bring the bona fide Mizoram residents to return.

"Leaders of the Bru community in the camps did not accept the arrangements made for their repatriation and continued to make fresh demands and conditions," he said, adding that the selfish leaders benefited by remaining in the relief camps and threatened those who wanted to be repatriated.

Lal Thanhawla also asked Singh to provide financial assistance for erecting more border police outposts in the border areas as the state is sandwiched between Myanmar and Bangladesh with which it shares 404 and 319 kilometres international border respectively.

Sikkim martial artists return from Bhutan contest

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Junior category, Lhazayla Tamang won a gold and bronze in Kyorugi and Poomsae, respectively.

Saurav Biswakarma bagged a silver while Ashmita Rai won a bronze in Poomsae. Sandhya Kumari Gupta scored a bronze in Kyorugi.

"The tournament was a challenging one because some of the best fighters from various countries were participating. It was a differ-

ent experience this time since the technology and facilities provided during the tournament was very new to our team," shared SATA coach, Suman Tamang, while speaking to SummitTimes.

"The participants were not familiar with 'sensor' system which basically calculates the marks given. The team, however, gave their very best and brought back home laurels for the state and the country," he pointed out.

Bhaichung to represent AIFF at AFC meet..

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more players will be employed," said Bhaichung while speaking to SummitTimes.

The meeting is expected to be attended by the officials from FIFA's Competitions Depart-

ment, representatives from Department of Youth Affairs and Sports [Government of India], I-League and ISL Clubs, AIFF's commercial partner- IMG Reliance and the Football Players Association of India.

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Delhi Police launch bicycle patrol

NEW DELHI, MAY 30 (PTI): The Delhi Police today launched patrolling on bicycle to improve policing in congested localities in trans-Yamuna region of the city.

The move is also being billed as a green initiative.

The bicycle patrols will complement and supplement the existing motorcycle and PCR patrols which focus mainly on crime prevention along the arterial and main roads of Delhi, police said.

The bicycle patrol was flagged off by Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, the Union minister of state for home affairs, in the presence of Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari and Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik.

He flagged off the first batch of 65 bicycles allotted to the Eastern Range of Delhi Police that comprises three districts -- east, northeast and Shahdara.

The bicycle patrols will be ensuring safety in parks where senior citizens and women go for morning and evening walks. They will also be introduced in the campus areas and near schools and colleges.

Cycle patrols can go where traditional patrol vehicles cannot, said Ravindra Yadav, joint commissioner of police, Eastern Range.

He said that they would reach narrow roads and heavily congested areas.

Delhi man sentenced to 10 yrs jail in NDPS case

THANE, MAY 31 (PTI): A Thane court sentenced a man to 10-years rigorous imprisonment under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act for possessing hashish.

District judge Hemant Patwardhan last week sentenced Amit Brijmohan (33), a resident of Nand Nagri in New Delhi, to 10-years in jail and also imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh in the 2011 case.

According to the prosecution, three persons, including Amit, were arrested from Kashmiria bus stand in Bhayander here for possessing 18 kg hashish on February 5, 2011.

They had brought the contraband here for selling it.

The two other accused in the case -- Mohammed Hameed and Mohammed Iqbal Abdul -- are absconding.

The judge observed that the evidence brought before court is consistent, reliable and is sufficient to prove the guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubt.

"I therefore, do not hesitate to record my findings against point in affirmative," he said.

The judge also accepted the plea submitted by Amit, requesting that he be transferred to a Delhi jail since his family lives there and can meet him.

The court said, "Jailer is directed to consider transfer of the accused to Central Jail at Delhi, if rules in respect thereof permit.



BCCI invites bid for IPL title sponsorship

MUMBAI, MAY 31 (PTI): The Board of Control for Cricket in India has invited applications through its Invitation to Tender process from parties to bid for the title sponsorship rights of its cash-cow, Indian Premier League, starting August 1 and ending on July 31, 2022.

The ITT will be available at a cost of Rs 3 lakh on non-refundable basis from June 1 to 21 at the BCCI headquarters here and the bids need to be submitted at 12 noon on June 27 at a place specified in the document or at any other place as decided and intimated by the Board.

As per the ITT, is-

sued as a newspaper advertisement by BCCI, the Board reserves the right at its discretion to cancel or amend the entire bidding process at any stage.

Chinese mobile firm Vivo had bagged the title sponsorship right of the T20 League for a two-year period (2016 nd 2017), reportedly at a cost of Rs 100 crore per year, an upward rise of Rs 20 crore annually from what beverage giant Pepsi had paid through an earlier agreement beginning 2013.

The firm that wins the next bid will be the title sponsors of IPL for the next five seasons beginning 2018.

Praneeth, Sourabh win at Thailand Open

BANGKOK, MAY 31 (PTI): Sai Praneeth and Sourabh Verma advanced to the third round of the USD 120,000 Thailand Grand Prix Gold after notching up contrasting wins in the men's singles competition, here today.

Sourabh, seeded 12th, survived a challenge from compatriot Anand Pawar 21-17 20-22 21-14, while third seed Praneeth, who won the Singapore Open last month, defeated Malaysia's R Satheshtharan 21-15 21-13 in another match.

Young shuttler Sai Utejitha Rao Chukka dished out a gallant fight to reach the second round with a 13-21 24-22 27 -25 win over Indonesia's Jessica Muljati in women's sin-

gles that lasted an hour and 16 minutes.

However, it turned out to be a dismal day for other Indians with P Kashyap, Shreyansh Jaiswal and Subhankar Dey bowing out of the men's singles competition, while Reshma Karthik and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde faltered in the opening round of women's singles.

Kashyap, who had defeated Slovakia's Milan Dratva 21-6 21-14 in his opening match that started past midnight, went down 14-21 18-21 to second seeded Marc Zwiebler of Germany in the second round match, which took place in less than 12 hours of his first-round clash.

Faujis scale Frey's Peak

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 MAY:

General Officer Commanding Black Cat Division, Major General Tejbir Singh, today flagged in the Mt Frey Expedition conducted by "Glorious Two" from 16-31 May under the aegis of Black Cat Division.

A press release informs that the 17-member expedition team consisting of two officers, two Junior Commissioned Officers and 13 Other Ranks scaled the 5830 metre Mt Frey peak in West Sikkim on 24 May under adverse climatic conditions.

The aim of the expedi-

tion was to imbibe a spirit of adventure in soldiers and infuse a spirit of patriotism in the local population.

During the course of the expedition, the team also evacuated two students of Himalayan Mountaineering School who had developed mountain related illness at high altitude.

The expedition ice-axe which was handed over to the expedition team on 16 May was presented back to the GOC by the expedition leader, Major Hemant Kothiwale, of Glorious Two on successful completion of the expedition.

Kohli, Dhoni, Yuvraj, Raina in list of top 100 athletes



MUMBAI, MAY 31 (PTI): India captain Virat Kohli, former skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and stylish left-handed batsmen, Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina, have found places in this year's ESPN World Fame 100 list that made its debut last year.

While Kohli is placed in the 13th spot and Dhoni in the 15th, Yuvraj and Raina have been ranked 90th and 95th respectively, said a media release here today.

The list is ESPN's ranking of the 100 most famous active athletes in the world.

Heading the list is top Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo while NBA great LeBron James, another soccer star Lionel Messi and tennis ace Rog-

er Federer are the top four athletes, in that order.

The others in the top ten are: Phil Mickelson, Neymar Usain Bolt, Kevin Durant, Rafael Nadal and Tiger Woods.

The ranking is based on a formula devised by ESPN director of sports analytics Ben Alamar, which combines endorsements, social media reach and other data to create a comparative ranking system, the media release explained.

In February, 28-year-old Kohli joined the likes of Bolt, Rickie Fowler and Thierry Henry as a Puma endorser and his eight-year deal with the shoe company is worth more than 100 crore rupees, the largest ever for an Indian athlete, the release said.

As part of the overall package ESPN The Magazine will dedicate an entire issue to World Fame 100, including features on some athletes, notably Yuvraj, and it's slated to hit news stands in the US on June 2, the release said.

After beating a rare form of lung cancer, Yuvraj has given fans someone to look up to when things get tough. In 2015, he launched the YouWeCan foundation to fight cancer.

Among others to be featured likewise are 18-time Grand Slam men's singles champion Federer, Real Madrid superstar, Ronaldo, biggest draw in athletics, Bolt, NBA star, Kevin Durant, swimming ace, Ryan Lochte, and Formula One champion, Lewis Hamilton.

Haryanvi fluency in Tamil under CBI scanner

NEW DELHI, MAY 31 (PTI): Haryanvis have made their mark in many a field but their proficiency in Tamil is enough to strain the credulity of even the most gullible.

So, when the Tamil Nadu Postal Department found a large number of candidates from Haryana and even Punjab excelling in Tamil, its suspicions were raised. A complaint to the CBI followed, triggering a probe by the investigating agency.

The examination for direct recruitment of postmen and mail guards for the Tamil Nadu circle of the postal department had taken place on December 11, 2016 at five centres in the state. It had four papers in General Knowledge, Math-

ematics, English and Tamil.

When the results were announced in March 2017, it was found that several candidates from Haryana, and some from Maharashtra and Punjab (who had also registered from Haryana) had scored unusually high in all subjects, including Tamil.

"It was revealed that candidates from Haryana who had scored high had studied under Haryana State Board of Education and there was no chance of them having proficiency in Tamil language," the FIR alleged.

That was not the only thing out of sync.

It also came to light that as

many as 47 candidates had used a computer with the same IP address from Sonic Wireless Technologies, Haryana, though they belonged to various districts of the state. Of these, 36 had similar email ids which increased suspicion.

The agency registered a case on the basis of complaints from the Tamil Nadu Postal Department.

"The malpractice had been carried out by some unknown candidates with the help of public servants in scoring high marks resulting in securing a position in division wise select list of the written examination for the post of Direct Recruit Postman and Mail Guard examination..." the FIR alleged.

Puppetry that tells stories without words



MANIK GUPTA NEW DELHI, MAY 31 (PTI):

"SPOKEN WORDS LIMIT my audience," said celebrated puppeteer Sudip Gupta.

For the man whose no dialogue puppet theatres have enthralled audience worldwide, words are dispensable, when it comes to telling stories.

"Images speak a universal language. Using dialogues is like restricting it to one particular language. Puppets, lights and sound is all that I need to tell my stories," Sudip, who founded Kolkata's Doll Theatre group, told PTI.

The artiste was recently in town for his show 'Taming of the Wild' a story showcasing man's relationship with nature.

A proponent of contemporary puppetry in India, Sudip performed string puppetry including some elements of Bun-

raku -- the Japanese form of three-person puppetry -- in his four story act.

From enacting episodes of a fish's successful attempt to save itself from an angler to a greedy man's unavailing efforts to cut down a plant, Sudip's non-verbal composition was enveloped in humour. However, it was the majestic couple dance of blue and yellow cranes that stole the show.

"For this act we have made use of Bunraku puppetry.

Though it is not exactly the same as the original form, but we have indigenised it to suit our ensemble," the puppeteer said.

A known face at International puppet festivals, Sudip has performed in over 28 countries.

According to the artiste, puppetry is one of the best forms of art to spread any message, and thus required, "dedicated institutes" to teach the art form in India.

"Things can improve in puppetry in India. All we need are more institutes for puppetry, and spread the word about this art.

"India is acknowledged as the birth place of puppetry.

Recently, I was told that Bombay University has started a diploma course for puppetry. This is a good step, but more such initiatives are required across the country," he said.

A man of many talents, Sudip not only writes his own scripts, but is also the brain behind the designs, costumes, choreography, props, music and lights.

Through his productions, the puppeteer has raised his voice over several modern issues, but it was environment and wildlife that form the subject of most of his productions.

Some of his famous works includes 'Call of the Wild', 'Movement in Wilderness', 'A Wild

Tale', 'Padmagatha', 'Nak Kata Raja' and 'Shatranj ke Khiladi' among many others.

Married to fellow puppeteer Shreeparna Bhanja, the couple has a 12-year-old son Souparna, who too has been bitten by the puppetry bug.

"In India, for some reason people do not see puppetry as an art form at par with others. People think it is something limited to birthday parties, and performed just to entertain children.

"Their understanding of the magnificent art is limited.

We have dedicated ourselves to bring it to more and more people. My child finds it extremely interesting, and I am happy with his progress," Shreeparna said.

The junior-most member of Doll theatre group, Souparna, was awarded the youngest puppeteer title in Bangkok's World Puppet Carnival when he was six.

Climate change may affect food, water security, warns UN chief

YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS,
MAY 31 (PTT):

UN chief Antonio Guterres bluntly warned world leaders that the impact of climate change could affect food production, water security and weather patterns “from Canada to India”, amid threats by US President Donald Trump that he may pull out of the landmark Paris deal.

Guterres said climate change is “undeniable”, in a stark contrast to the position taken by Trump, who has previously called it a “hoax” and last week shrugged off pressure from US allies during the G7 summit in Sicily to endorse the deal his predecessor Barack Obama worked passionately to achieve.

In his first major speech on climate change since he assumed charge as the head of the UN this January,

the UN secretary-general said the “world is in a mess” and urged the international community to “stay the course” even if one government does not believe in the emissions-cutting deal.

“Yes, not everyone will move at the same pace or with equal vigour. But if any government doubts the global will and need for this accord, that is reason for all others to unite even stronger and stay the course,” he told students, business leaders and academics at the New York University Stern School of Business.

“It is a reason to build ever broader coalitions with civil society and business, with cities and states, with academia and community leaders,” Guterres said yesterday.

His speech comes as Trump this week decides whether the US - the second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases after

China - will adhere to the limit its emissions as laid out in the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

While Guterres did not mention Trump or his administration in his speech, but later responding to a question from the audience, he said the UN believes “it would be important for the US not to leave the Paris agreement” and even if Trump withdraws, “it’s very important for the US society as a whole the cities, the states, the companies, the businesses to remain engaged” with the agreement.

He pointed out the seriousness of climate change and said its effects were dangerous and they were accelerating. The climate change could affect food production, water security and weather patterns “from Canada to India,” he warned.

“And so my argument

today is that it is absolutely essential that the world implements the Paris agreement and that we fulfil that duty with increased ambition. The reason is three-fold: Climate change is undeniable. Climate action is unstoppable. And climate solutions provide opportunities that are unmatched,” he said.

The climate pact urges countries to intensify the actions and investments needed for a sustainable low carbon future.

It also aims to strengthen the ability of countries to deal with the impacts of climate change and calls for scaled up financial flows, a new technology framework and an enhanced capacity-building framework to support action by developing countries and the most vulnerable countries in line with their own national objectives.

“Some may seek to por-

tray the response to climate change as a fundamental threat to the economy. Yet, what we are witnessing in these early years of a systemic response is the opposite. We are seeing new industries. New markets. Healthier environments. More jobs. Less dependency on global supply chains of fossil fuels,” Guterres said.

He said the nations which embrace green technologies will set the “gold standard” for economic leadership in the 21st century. “The falling cost of renewables is one of the most encouraging stories on the planet today,” he said.

The UN chief stressed new renewable energy jobs now outstrip those created in the oil and gas industries in the US and China.

China aims to increase its renewable energy by about 40 per cent by 2020 while industry experts predict India’s solar

capacity will double this year to 18 gigawatts.

Major oil producers are also seeing the future and diversifying their economies, even Saudi Arabia has announced plans to install 700 megawatts of solar and wind power.

“The real danger is not the threat to one’s economy that comes from acting. It is, instead, the risk to one’s economy by failing to act. The message is simple: The sustainability train has left the station. Get on board or get left behind,” he said.

Laying out a five-point action plan to mobilise the world for climate action, Guterres said he will intensify political engagement with countries to increase efforts to limit temperature rise to well below 2 degree-Celsius and as close as possible to 1.5 degree-Celsius, the first point.

He also said that he

would engage more with major actors - the coal, oil and gas industries - to accelerate the global transition to sustainable energy, and committed stronger support to governments as they strive to meet climate commitments and achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

“That is where true change will be achieved,” he said. The UN chief added that he will work with UN member-states to mobilise national and international resources for adaptation and implementation of national climate action plans.

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COLOMBO, MAY 31 (PTT): The death toll in Sri Lanka's floods has climbed to 202 with 94 people still missing in the country's worst torrential rains since 2003 that displaced nearly half a million people.

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) said at least 629,742 people of 163,701 families have been affected by the bad weather.

The DMC said 1,505 houses had been fully damaged while 7,617 houses were partially damaged due to the floods and landslides. Around DMC 77, 432 people have been displaced.

“There was a good news on the receding water levels in rivers during the past 24 hours due to the low rainfall that ended at 3.30 pm,” the Irrigation Department said.

Director (Hydrology) P Hettiarachchi said the water levels in the Kalu Ganga and the Gin Ganga was decreasing.

Indian naval divers and medical teams have joined rescue efforts in Lanka's flood-hit regions.

The Indian contingent of more than 300 navy personnel was assisting in the relief, with divers searching the brackish waters and medical teams seeing patients in makeshift tents set up at shelters.

INS 'Shardul' has nearly 200 personnel on board, including specialised rescue, diving and medical teams, as well as a large amount of relief material and Gemini inflatable boats.

INS 'Kirch' was carrying 125 personnel. It had diving teams, relief supplies, inflatable gemini boats and a mobile medical teams.

A third Indian naval ship arrived today, bringing relief supplies including rice, lentils, sugar, milk and blankets for the displaced.

The weather has begun to clear, and many of the more than 100,000 people, evacuated over the weekend, had returned home to clear debris and mud from their water-logged homes. More than 80,000 others remained in relief camps as

their homes were either destroyed or wiped out.

The two rivers overflowing was the main reason for severe flooding more particularly in the southern Galle and Kalutara districts.

The government has initiated efforts to purify wells and other potable water sources which have been contaminated by the floods as tens of thousands of affected people are left without safe drinking water.

Mudslides have become common during Sri Lanka's summer monsoon season as forests across the tropical Indian Ocean island nation have been cleared for export crops such as tea and rubber. A

massive landslide a year ago killed more than 100 people in central Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka had sought international assistance, with India sending three naval ships laden with supplies in the last a couple of days.

Following India's lead in sending out emergency relief to Sri Lanka, more countries started pledging assistance to provide relief to the flood victims.

Australia has said it would provide 500,000 dollars.

A Pakistani relief ship arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday.

At least three Chinese ships will come a day after tomorrow.

Kingfisher House auction fails for 5th time

MUMBAI, MAY 31 (PTT): Lenders' attempt today to auction Kingfisher House, the erstwhile headquarters of Vijay Mallya- owned, now defunct Kingfisher Airlines, proved to be a damp-squib for the fifth time, despite cut in the reserve price.

The 17-lender consortium led by State Bank of India had lowered the reserve price of the property by 10 per cent to Rs 93.50 crore from Rs 103.50 crore in the previous auction held in March. Before that, in December

auction, the reserve price was set at Rs 115 crore.

“There were lot of enquires for the property from buyers but none of them deposited the bids in today's auction,” said a banker.

Lenders had tried to auction the property for the first time in March last year with a reserve price of Rs 150 crore and for the second time in August at Rs 135 crore.

Multiple attempts to sell Kingfisher House failed, even after 38 per cent reduction in the reserve price.

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ARIANA GRANDE'S MANCHESTER BENEFIT CONCERT

Ariana Grande has called on her celebrity friends to join forces with her for a benefit concert honoring the victims and families of the Manchester terrorist attack.

"One Love Manchester" will take place on 04 June at the Emirates Old Trafford in Manchester. Coldplay, Katy Perry, Pharrell, Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus, Niall Horan and Take That will also take the stage.

The concert will raise money for those affected by the suicide bombing that took place following Grande's concert last week.

All proceeds from the show will go towards the "We Love Manchester Emergency Fund", in partnership with the British Red Cross and Manchester City Council.

In an open letter on Twitter, Grande called the attack "heinous" and praised her fans for their "kindness, love, strength and oneness".

In the wake of the attack, Grande suspended her "Dangerous Woman" tour which will affect dates through 05 June. Former Oasis founder Liam Gallagher performed his own show in Manchester, his home town, on Tuesday night, with all profits going towards the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund.

Posts on social media revealed 22 candles, one for each of the victims, placed on the stage. After Gallagher left the stage, videos showed the crowd breaking spontaneously into the

song "Don't Look Back in Anger".

PEECEE SMARTLY SILENCES TROLLS ONCE AGAIN!

Actress Priyanka Chopra and Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently met in Berlin. While Priyanka was in the German capital to promote her Hollywood flick, Baywatch; Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on an official visit.

Priyanka took to social media to thank PM Modi for taking the time out to meet her. But some people were not happy about the meeting.

It seems, Peece was not "appropriately" dressed to meet the Prime Min-



ister of our country.

The Quantico actor was wearing a dress when she met the Prime Minister and many people on her social media account, decided to shame the actress.

Soon after it, here's how Priyanka Chopra smartly silenced trolls. The Baywatch actress silenced the trolls in a very smart way as she did not respond to any of those meaningless comments but post another picture with her mother with the burning caption, "Legs for days...#itsthegenes with @madhuchohra nights out in #Berlin #beingbaywatch."

We appreciate the way Chopra dealt with trolls and showed how she's a beauty with brains.

June Born

Now that half a year is gone, let's welcome June with these amazing traits of people born in this summer month!

Well, different people exhibit different characters or traits and this sometimes can be dependent on the month they were born. The nature, behavior and the attitude of people depend on the month they were born.

If your birthday falls in the month of June then you will have special characteristics and traits. Do you know the traits for June?

THEY ARE VISIONARIES: People born in June are visionaries with many ideas. June born usually have quality ideas and they try to implement those ideas in the real life. The visions are generally inspired by the life around them. They are great thinkers.

BRAND CONSCIOUSNESS: They are fussy when it comes to dressing up. They know more brands than you will ever come across in your life! It is in their nature that they try to be classy and if they have enough money, then all they will shop is brands. They never forget to check the brands of others as well. It just keeps them updated about what brands are people wearing. Sometimes, they don't even like to



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look at someone who is tackily dressed, or not as per normal standards. And yes...cleanliness is included in this.

THEY ARE CHAMPIONS OF DEBATES:

They are very strong in arguments and debates. It is very difficult to beat them in the debate. They have the strong analytical skill and can establish any point with a firm voice and sound knowledge. Arguing and getting into debates with no results is their favorite past time. No one can defeat them and they are very stubborn in what they

what's TRENDING

say-whether right or wrong. They easily convince the listeners. If they are not getting such a company, they get easily bored of normal people.

THEY ARE EMOTIONLESS: They might have many things at their heart, but they will never express the feelings. They rarely show emotions. They do not really reveal their feelings to anyone and loves to be with the flow. They are very much bothered about people, society and all others stuff and often forget their own life. Since they are sensitive and very careful about their image in the society, they hesitate in coming out in their original form. Their cousins, very close friends and life partner only knows their true self.

THEY ARE KINDHEARTED: They are very soft spoken and polite people in their real life. They are very kindhearted and sympathetic. It is to be understood that they help people a lot and also like similar mind people but it doesn't mean that they should be taken for granted.

THEY ARE MOODY: They want every right thing at the right place and at the right time. Well, it is not always possible for this to happen and that can make them mad. They are extremely moody and choosy about life. They select almost everything.

THEY ARE CHARMERS: They are the real charm when it comes to the presence. The people who are born in June have special personality and attitude. Their presence is always lively and feels good for others.

Theatre artistes scream their lungs out against smoking

NEW DELHI, MAY 31

(PTI): When the god of death, Yamraj, finds that he is being saddled with too much work, he decides to look for the reason on earth.

He finds the answer -- and it leaves him coughing in a cloud of smoke.

The Hindu deity of death and Chitrugupta, the chronicler of fate, are two key characters in a dark comedy with a simple message: "Smoking is fatal, not glamorous".

The quirky street play -- 'Taubha Karo Tobacco Se' (Keep away from tobacco), replete with pun-filled lines -- was performed last evening in Delhi, and will have two shows in Noida and Gurgaon today to mark World No Tobacco Day.

"There is not enough space up there to accommodate so many people, but the count of people dying is only increasing.

I wonder when people will give up smoking," Yamraj rues after wandering around earth and seeing people

puffing away.

The play in Hindi, weaved around the daily lives of ordinary people subjected to passive smoking in public places, highlights the fact that second hand smoke also endangers the lives of people -- youth and adults alike.

The script looks at excuses that people offer for smoking -- that they are merely taking a drag, beating stress or tiding over family issues.

One segment of the innovative and sarcasm-dripping play features a conversation among a lighter, a match stick and a cigarette, where the "tobacco-filled cylinder" brags about its "growing influence" among people.

"They have put up an ugly sign (statutory warning) on the packets I come in, but you see, I am still in demand," the cigarette gloats.

The cancer stick points out that it has every reason to be arrogant. "Even the increase in costs has not affected my sales," says the cigarette, branded 'Mar-lo-bro', tongue firmly in cheek.

Another memorable character in the nearly 20-minute play is that of an oxygen-seller, who takes a dig at an insurance firm agent, with "I sell life and you sell death".

The play, directed by Vyas Anand and performed by theatre group 'Dramapanti' at Dilli Haat -- a popular complex with eateries, shops and open areas -- seeks to drive home the message "right into people's heart and lungs".



IT'S SAKE TIME! Chef Nobu Matsuhisa and actor Robert De Niro attend the Nobu Downtown Sake Ceremony at Nobu Downtown in New York City.

ARIES: You may be taking stock of your professional life, Aries. If this is so, be careful to balance strategy with personal objectives. If you're a journalist, think about writing for yourself as well as the paper. You could write novels, poetry, or plays. It doesn't matter what you create so long as it accurately reflects what you feel and is quite apart from your professional life.

TAURUS: Something strange may happen today. Someone in your family may reproach you for having chosen your profession. It may be that your career has little connection with what people have traditionally done in your family. But just because a tradition is lost doesn't

mean that it must be mourned, Taurus. Listen to your heart. If you've chosen a profession that you're truly meant for, you will know it.

GEMINI: Authorities who have been your guides up to now may confront you. The hour is here to set aside your fears and lead yourself along your path. This is undoubtedly a very positive state of affairs. It means that you're maturing, Gemini. Besides, there's nothing to stop you from asking for help from time to time, should you need it.

CANCER: The day is likely to be confrontational. The latest developments in your career have offered you so little encouragement that you're tempted to cut back

on your efforts, but your financial situation is forcing you to try even harder. The flashes of insight you gain today are only likely to increase your discomfort, but in the end they will provide some valuable information.

LEO: You're likely to experience a day of thoughtfulness and reflection, Leo. Your state of mind will resemble that of a person who has just rebelled against everything and is now in search of a new vehicle for self-fulfillment. Others seem to be trying to exert pressure on you. Will you yield or will you listen to your inner voice? You will know the answer by the end of the day!

VIRGO: The day may give you

great insight into the decisions you face concerning your future. Now is the time to decide on your priorities. Do you want a career right away or would you prefer to continue your studies? Are you satisfied with your love life and family relationships? It's possible that a major upheaval in one of these realms will affect all the others. It will be interesting!

LIBRA: Prepare for a somewhat stressful day, Libra. Your family life may be marred by some disagreements. There's some likelihood you will feel as though your territory is being invaded and your range of action limited. But you have no intention of surrendering. You've a right

to a room of your own. You will fight for it tooth and nail!

SCORPIO: You may have planned to isolate yourself in order to get things done, but that won't be possible. It's like a force is destabilizing your professional life. Nothing seems to go right today. Everyone may be disagreeing, misunderstandings may crop up, things could be delayed, and communications are likely to be scrambled. You will be asked to take sides in a conflict, Scorpio. Try to stay neutral.

SAGITTARIUS: People seem fussy about your way of doing things today, Sagittarius. Try as you might, it seems there's no pleasing the authorities. You, one of the

world's great escape artists, would be well advised to choose this opportunity to do a vanishing act. However, if the financial health of your home is at stake, it would be better to stay and face the music.

CAPRICORN: Your characteristic independence may play some tricks on you today, Capricorn. What you say won't be approved of as easily as usual. Even though you have quite a bit of freedom, there are others who assume that you feel you don't have enough. There's no way to please everybody. This concern is their problem, not yours. Do the people you associate with daily really understand who you are?

AQUARIUS: Here is a day that

may make you think you aren't exactly in the right place in your profession, Aquarius. Could it be that your current position is too traditional? You're someone who wants to expand on all the ideas that you have at any given moment. It would seem that your superiors aren't evolving in the same way. If this is the case, take the necessary action. **PISCES:** Some past stories may come back to haunt you today, Pisces. If you once held a government post, for example, a journalist could undercover some error that you made years ago and publish it in today's newspaper! Everyone has to deal with the jealousy of others at some point in their lives.

