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## Replace fertilizer subsidy with incentives for organic farming: Chief Minister

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 08 NOV:**

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today floated the idea of replacing fertiliser subsidy with incentives to promote organic farming in the country. "I asked the prime minister to provide us two times the sum of fertiliser subsidy given

up by Sikkim. But he did not say anything about it," the CM said while addressing media persons at the Indian Women's Press Corp in New Delhi. International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), One World Award [OWA] and Navdanya had jointly hosted a press

conference today to honor the OWA recipient Pawan Chamling as Ambassador of Organic India before a gathering of media persons, a press release informs. "Although it was a very hard journey, but our commitment and hard work made everything possible eventually

leading up to passing a resolution in the Sikkim Assembly on 24 Feb, 2003," said the Chief Minister on being declared the first fully organic State of the country. The Chief Minister further said that the State Government initiated this step as he himself was born and brought up

in a village as a humble man belonging to a family of nature worshippers. Referring to Delhi being regarded as the most polluted city in the world, he said that people are themselves to blame for this. There should not be any blame game and all the people

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**Delhi inches towards pollution emergency, air highly toxic**

**NEW DELHI, NOV 8 (PTI):** Delhiites breathed poison today with pollutants touching calamitous levels, as a thick grey smog hung low across the region, prompting the government to declare closure of schools till Sunday.

Authorities in the city scrambled to tackle the "emergency" situation as hospitals recorded a surge in the number of patients complaining of respiratory problems, reminiscent of the '1952 Great Smog of London'.

The smog, which triggered near zero visibility at many places and pile-ups on highways, is a mixture of carbon monoxide, particulate matter such as PM2.5, PM10, ground level ozone and oxides of nitrogen and sulphur dioxide, the Delhi government said in a health advisory.

The Delhi government announced that all schools in the national capital would remain closed till Sunday in view of the "unbearable" air pollution.

The metro and Delhi Transport Corporation announced decisions to augment services by pressing more trains and buses into service, in a bid to reduce dependence on private vehicles.

On Twitter, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said

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## Sikkim girls impress even in loss to Manipur in U19 girls' cricket tourney

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 08 NOV:**

In a close match played against Manipur on 07 Nov, Sikkim girls could not register a win in the ongoing Under 19 Cricket Tournament being held at Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

A press release issued by Sikkim Cricket Association (SCA) informs that although the Sikkim team won their first match against Meghalaya and lost three matches against Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and



Manipur, the girls performed against all odds with the lack of cricketing facilities in the State being one of the major hurdles.



In the match against Manipur, the Sikkim girls played well and made a total of 121 for loss of only four wickets. Opener, Tshering Yangden

Lepcha, played the entire inning and remained not out with Saraswati Limboo, Songkit Lepcha and Archana Limboo playing good knocks to take Sikkim to 121.

Sikkim looked very comfortable as bowler, Simran Gurung, took 4 quick wickets as Manipur were reduced to 36/5 in 18 overs. Team Manipur, however, kept their cool to take away the game from Sikkim as they finished 122/8 in 45 overs. Nima Yanki, Nur Pandi and

Darmit from team Sikkim took one wicket each.

It may be noted here that in the match against Nagaland, Archana Limbu had taken 4 wickets and Nima had taken 6 wickets against Meghalaya.

This is the first time that Sikkim girls are playing at the national level. The SCA, in the release, has informed that the association has already found many talented girls who may be the future cricket stars of Sikkim.

## Every one of my medals is a story of struggle: Mary Kom

**POONAM MEHRA**

**NEW DELHI, NOV 8 (PTI):** Every medal is a story of struggle, says the indomitable M C Mary Kom, who considers her fifth Asian Championship gold medal special as it came despite the many roles she has had to play outside the ring in the past one year.

Mary Kom, a five-time world champion and Olympic bronze-medallist, scripted history today by becoming the first boxer to claim five gold medals at the continental meet in the Vietnamese city of Ho Chi Minh.

"This medal is very special to me just like all other medals I have won because it has its own story of struggles.

Every medal I have won is a story of a difficult struggle. I am hoping this medal, which has come after I became an MP, will enhance my reputation even further. I hope my stature grows," Mary Kom told PTI in an interview.

Besides being an active and top-level boxer, the 35-year-old is a sitting Rajya Sabha MP, whose attendance in the house has never been brought into question, a government observer for boxing in the country



and a "very busy" mother to her three sons.

Add to this, she is also involved in the running of her academy in Imphal, along with her husband Onler Kom.

"I have been an active MP, I am attending Parliament regularly and despite that I trained hard for this championship. Since I am a government observer, I have to be present at meetings related to the running of the sport as well. I hope people realise how tough it is," she said.

"I have been juggling so many roles. I am a mother too, I have three sons to take care of. I don't even know how I manage to pull it off sometimes," she added.

The diminutive Manipuri has been the face of women's boxing not just in India but all over the world, earning the nickname 'Magnificent Mary' from the International Boxing Association (AIBA) back in 2010.

She was last year honoured with the AIBA Legends' award for her

long and sparkling career, which also includes a gold medal at the the 2014 Asian Games.

The pace of her life is sometimes hard to keep up with, admits Mary Kom but throwing in the towel is not an option for her.

"After this (the Asian Championships), I have to travel to Lausanne for an IOC athletes forum. And I have journeys now. The travelling wears me down, it is actually quite horrible to go from one airport to another in a matter of days. But you can't walk away from your responsibilities and commitments," she explained.

Nearly two decades as a boxer and Mary Kom still remains a force to reckon with despite the fact that women's boxing is now an Olympic sport, which has widened the competition pool.

Even at the Asian Championships, Mary Kom was hardly pushed by her opponents, who seemed reluctant to be on the offensive against her.

"They are already so scared of me, my five world titles and reputation are also helping in some way. They seem scared of touching me. It can actually get quite frustrating but I have to keep my calm, whether

the opponent is scared or rough and tough. I have to adjust, control and handle immediately in a matter of seconds," she said.

"The competition has certainly improved but I have responded well to it because this weight category suits me," she added, referring to the switch she made from 51kg to 48kg category at the fag end of last year.

"I don't have the burden of putting on weight. This weight (48kg) is natural for my body. This category, in fact, works best for me. Some of the boxers I faced here (in Vietnam) have competed against me in 51kg category. It felt nice to beat them, a huge morale-booster for me," she elaborated.

Her next target is the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and when asked how she has managed to keep the motivation level in tact, Mary Kom said, "I don't know how I do it, I can only thank god. One reason that I can think of is that I don't have any major fitness issues.

"I have a very fit body and have never faced any major injury problems. So yes, the secret to my success is my fit body," she signed off.

## Rekape Primary School welcomes AV classes



**YOGEN THATAL  
SINGTAM, 08 NOV:**

Digital education has made its way into the education system of Rekape Primary School in South Sikkim with the introduction of audio-visual classes that started today.

Headmaster of Rekape PS, Arjun K Chettri, says, "Technology plays an important role in various aspects of developing proper mindset and acquiring maximum knowledge today which cannot be

achieved by just covering the syllabus as per subject books. Visual classes will provide better information and knowledge in a much interactive manner. This is the reason why we have introduced the system in the school."

The HM further informs that financial assistance for installing and purchasing of the television and other essentials were made collectively by the HM and the school staff for the provision of digital facility to the students.

## All schools in Delhi to be closed till Sunday: Sisodia

**NEW DELHI, NOV 8 (PTI):** The Delhi government today announced that all schools in the national capital will remain closed till Sunday in view of the "unbearable" air pollution.

The air quality in Delhi is turning worse, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said.

"Can't compromise with the health of children. All schools including private and government will remain closed till Sunday for all the classes," Sisodia said in a series of tweets.

The government had yesterday directed that primary schools would be closed today. It had also ordered suspension

of outdoor activities for secondary classes.

The decision came after the Air Quality Index (AQI) touched 448 in a scale of 500, entering 'severe' category. Today, the AQI was worse at 484.

"The air pollution has become unbearable affecting all.

It has engulfed the city. The reasons for this may be varied from stubble burning in Haryana and Punjab to vehicular/construction pollution but the fact remains that it is affecting the health of Delhi's citizens," an official order from Sisodia's office said today.

"The situation shall be reviewed on Sunday," it added.

## Bear attack victim dies

SUMMIT REPORT  
MANGAN, 08 NOV:

The 32-year-old youth who was mauled by a Himalayan black bear at Tingzey in Upper Mangshilla, North Sikkim, on 03 Nov succumbed to his injuries at Central Referral Hospital, Manipal, in Gangtok last night. He is survived by his wife and four daughters. The people of Mangshilla have mourned his demise.

## Model Code of Conduct lifted

GANGTOK, 08 NOV [IPR]: The Model Code of Conduct which had come into force with the declaration of Panchayat elections on 03 Nov has been lifted from today, as per a press note received from the Office of the State Election Commission [Sikkim].

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Must find solution to this problem collectively as a common responsibility, he said.

This year has been one of the hottest years and so we have to see the warning sign and take up eco-friendly initiatives like organic farming right away, he added.

Dr Vandana Shiva, Joseph Wilhelm, Markus Arbenz, Bernward Geier and OWA winner, Shamiso Mungwashu from Zimbabwe also addressed the media persons.

Noted environmental activist Vandana Shiva, one of the jurors of the One World Award, recommended organic farming to solve the problem of air pollution in Delhi.

"Due to mechanical harvesting, paddy stubble is left in the fields that is later burnt polluting air. The solution of air pollution in Delhi and Punjab is organic farming," she said.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated the Navdanya Cafe at Hauz Khas market and visited Sikkim Tourism restaurant at Dilli Haat market. During his visit to the Sikkim tourism outlet, the Chief Minister directed the authority to procure and sell only organic products at the outlet and also all other Sikkim outlets including the one at Greater Kailash.

[with additional inputs from PTI]

# Tourism Officials attend World Travel Market event in London

LONDON, 08 NOV [IPR]: Deputy Secretary, Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim, Bandana Chettri along with Tourist Officer, Sonam Rinchen Bhutia and Managing Director, Vajra Adventure Tours, Tsewang Ngodup represented Sikkim at World Travel Market, London, an annual event held at Excel Exhibition Center, London, United Kingdom from 06-08 Nov.

The showcase event saw more than 5,000 participants from all over the globe including representatives from most of the Indian states.

The team from Sikkim promoted Sikkim tourism by interacting with potential buyers, visitors, travel magazine journalists, travel writers and stakeholders.



The team also informed and educated the visitors about Sikkim by exhibiting and distributing CDs, pen drives, brochures, leaflets, posters of the department. Monthly publication

of IPR Department, Government of Sikkim, 'Sikkim Today' was also included in the exhibition.

The edition featured articles and stories about organic farming in Sikkim, eco tourism, etc and

how it is the 1st and the only organic farming state of India and how the state has a booming tourism industry and its hall mark being eco tourism.

WTM London is a great platform to meet

and discuss issues relating to travel market and is the leading global event for the travel industry to meet industry professionals and conduct business deals, generating more than £2.8 billion of business contracts between attendees. Now in its 38th year, this show attracts a global audience that shapes the travel industry.

Over the last three days, the travel industry came together exhibiting destinations, technology and private sector companies to find and network with 51,000 travel professionals.

This vibrant event offers the opportunity to discover the world under one roof, and be inspired by industry leaders discussing trends, issues and innovations in the travel industry.



## Inter-house song and dance competition at Phalaichadara JHS

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GANGTOK, 08 NOV: Inter-house song and dance competition was held at Phalaichadara JHS today as part of co-curricular activities. Three houses competed with each other on solo song, group song, solo dance and group dance categories, in-

forms a press release. Participants were judged across all categories and Blue house emerged as winner in group song and Red house in group dance competition. The winners will be awarded with certificates and trophies during the annual function of the school, the release mentions.



## EPCH kicks off seminar on Export Promotion at Lachen

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 NOV: Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi kicked off a two-day seminar on Export Promotion, Marketing and Design Development for Comprehensive Development of North Eastern Handicrafts at Lachen, North Sikkim today, a press release informs.

Sponsored by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) Office under the supervision of Marketing and Service Extension Centre, Gangtok the seminar has 40 participants taking part in various events under

the initiative to create awareness among the artisans of Lachen on Export Promotion, Marketing and Design Development and use of quality raw material to prepare exportable items, reads the release.

Sikkim Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation has selected the participants comprising of the passed out trainees from the training centre situated at Lachen.

Handicrafts Promotion Officer, Shashikant Gupta and officials from the Sikkim Handicrafts Corporation attended the seminar.

## Kalimpong drivers body joins Binay Tamang faction

SUMMIT REPORT

Kalimpong, 08 Nov: Today Chalak Mahasangh (Drivers union) which had been working as a strong union of the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (Bimal Gurung faction) joined Binay Tamang's faction.

It is learnt that the decision was taken this morning in a meeting held at the Mahasangh's office which was attended by vice chairman of GTA, Anit Thapa along with representatives of 62 other (driver) unions of Kalimpong. Meanwhile the drivers have submitted a memorandum to Mr Thapa requesting conveniences like 'parking-stand' opposite Novelty cinema hall. The car-park has been under construction for a long time now.

The organization has also asked the GTA to help with procuring of taxi numbers for vehicles and requested for priority to be given to its drivers in the appointment of drivers for GTA.

Later, Mahindra Gurung, the president of Chalak Mahaangh said that they had called an emergency meeting with 62 unions (who are under

Chalak Mahasangh) to discuss and decide whether they should support those running the GTA.

"We unanimously decided to support the BT faction and we have also submitted a memorandum with 10 important demands to Anit Thapa," said the president, adding that the drivers who bring ailing passengers to the hospital from far off places at night do not have a place to stay, therefore a dorm for them would be essential. This is also one of their demands.

Appreciating the Mahasangh's decision to support them, Anit Thapa also addressed the drivers in the meeting and assured to solve the problems of drivers and arrange an appointment of the drivers with the Chairman of the GTA.

"Drivers, despite facing numerous problems have contributed wholeheartedly during the recent agitation and their problems still linger. I can't promise everything today but I will help them with the process to solve their problems. I will arrange an appointment with the GTA chief very soon," said Anit Thapa.



## South DCPU and NYK conducts meeting to address child abuse

NAMCHI, 08 NOV [IPR]: A meeting with seven youth clubs from Namthang, Sikip, Ravangla, Sumbuk, Jorethang, Namchi and Salghari under Nehru Yuva Kendra and District Child Protection Unit, South Integrated Child Protection Scheme under Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department organised by District Child Protection Unit (South) ICPS in coordination with Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) was held at Namchi today.

The meeting was chaired by District

Child Protection Officer (DCPO) South, Roshnila Gurung and was attended by NYK coordinator, Sangeeta Dayal, Protection Officer [DCPU], Bhawana Subba alongside NYK members.

The objective of the meeting was to sensitize the youth about child abuse and make them aware of services available for them.

A block-wise meeting regarding the same for capacity building of the volunteers is scheduled to be held in the coming months

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it was "an emergency" and that his office was "continuously trying" to fix a meeting with his counterparts in Punjab and Haryana on stubble burning, a process that leads to air pollution in Delhi.

However, the Supreme Court-empowered Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority's member Sunita Narain cautioned against putting too much hope in temporary solutions such as closure of schools.

She deplored the "lack of political will" in executing decisions such as slashing metro fares and hiking parking fees as announced by the Supreme Court-appointed body yesterday.

In its health advisory, the government said people should stay indoors as much as possible as the "smog is poisonous" and may create many health hazards like asthma attacks and other breathing complications.

The day-long average air quality index of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had a score of 478 on a scale of 500, indicating 'severe'

levels of pollution, while many individual stations recorded AQI as high as 487.

If the score touches 500 and persists there for at least 48 hours, measures like odd-even and a ban on construction and demolition activities will come into force across the Delhi-NCR under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot told PTI that the government was ready to implement the odd-even car-rationing scheme and arrangements were underway to press more buses into service.

"We will enforce odd-even in Delhi if air quality turns severe plus. I have also directed DTC to procure 500 buses on short-term basis to augment public transport till March. Metro has also been asked to hire around 300 buses for 15-20 days if odd-even is implemented," Gahlot said, adding that two-wheelers will be exempted from the scheme as and when it is rolled out.

But confusion prevailed over the measures already announced by the EPCA.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation

Limited (DMRC) said it would run an additional 186 train trips from tomorrow but remained non-committal on slashing fares temporarily citing technicalities.

The civic bodies are also yet to announce any hike in parking fees.

"Cities and administrations need to implement solutions and take bold decisions to reduce emissions. The range of actions recommended and directed by the EPCA is targeted at doing just that, and it is now up to the political leadership of Delhi and NCR to take their implementation forward," Narain, who is also the chief of the Centre For Science and Environment (CSE), said.

However, the EPCA had made it clear yesterday that its orders were legally binding and had to be enforced once the chief secretaries of the respective states issue them.

It was the Environment Ministry which, in January, had empowered the EPCA through a gazette notification to enforce the GRAP to combat air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region.

Meanwhile, in incidents of pile-ups at multiple locations on the busy Yamuna Expressway over 20 vehi-

cles collided and around 22 people suffered minor injuries during the morning hours when visibility was a measly 10 metres.

According to the forecast of the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences' System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR), the 24-hour-average concentrations of PM2.5 and PM10 will be around 420 and 678 micrograms per cubic metre.

The corresponding safe standards of these ultra-fine particulates, up to 30 times finer than the width of a human hair, are 60 and 100, respectively.

The secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Madhavan Rajeevan, said the smog in Delhi is not localised, but spread across the entire region. He said the conditions would persist for another two-three days.

The SAFAR suggested that the "sudden" intrusion of pollutant-laden smoke from neighbouring Punjab and Haryana from the night of November 6 led to the spike in the high quantity of moisture in the city's air trapped the particulates.

"There is absolutely no wind movement. Moreover, temperature is also not coming down substantially which could have resulted in the conversion of the fog into water and subsequent dispersion of the suspended particulates," CPCB scientist Dipankar Saha explained.

Apart from Delhi, neighbouring Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Gurgaon and Noida were also in the 'severe' category.

Residents of the city complained of heavy breathing and watery eyes as the smog did not even spare living rooms or underground metro stations.

In London smog of 1952 about 4,000 people had died prematurely when average PM levels were about 500 microgramme per cubic metre along with high SO2 levels.

Yesterday, with a score of 448 in a scale of 500, the air quality index was at the year's worst.

The Indian Medical Association had declared a "public health emergency" and appealed to the government to stop outdoor sports and other such activities in schools to protect the health of children.

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**Gangtok on Thursday, 09 Nov**  
 Temp: 23°C / 09°C  
 Forecast: Partly sunny and not as warm but pleasant.  
 Sunrise: 05:51 AM  
 Sunset: 4:47 PM

# Dzongu MLA addresses newly elected Panchayats

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 08 Nov:** "THE WORK OF THE Panchayats should be result oriented and they should be sincere to SDF party. Maintaining the dignity and respect of their post is necessary. The Panchayats should not deceive the party as the majority of the people have voted in favour of the party's ideology resulting in their win," said Deputy Speaker [SLA]-cum-area MLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, today while addressing the newly elected Panchayats of Dzongu here at Namprickdang in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim.



"Since it is not possible for the Chief Minister and the area MLA to visit each and every village and household, it is the Panchayats' responsibility to make a strong foothold in the village and undertake development," he added.

Mr Lepcha further appealed to all the Panchayats to work honestly and maintain transparency.

"The Panchayat members of the respective GPUs should nominate the president and vice president as per the reservation of Election Commission of Sikkim," he added.

Mr Lepcha also underlined about the Anti Defection Act imposed by the government. He urged the Pan-

chayats to put in their effort in completing the remaining REDRH homes in Dzongu and added that a copy of

Gram Sabha resolution needs to be submitted to the MLA.

The newly elected Panchayats

of Dzongu constituency were offered garlands by the area MLA in the presence of former Zilla Adhak-

shya-North, Anguli Lepcha, publicity secretary incharge-SDF [North], Krishna Lepcha, and North district general secretary, Norden Tshering Lepcha.

Sharing his experiences of the past, the newly elected Zilla member from Lum/Gor/Sangtok GPU, Tshering Gyatso Lepcha, highlighted about the upcoming work that the Panchayats need to do for the people. He further appealed to the new Panchayats to avoid going against party's ideologies and principles.

Likewise, former Zilla Adhakshya-North, Ms Lepcha, highlighted the developmental schemes undertaken in the last five years and urged the Panchayats to work for the development of Dzongu.

Publicity secretary incharge-SDF [North], Krishna Lepcha, informed that the Panchayats have been shouldered with the responsibility of turning all the kutcha houses to pucca houses in 2018 and fulfilling the demand of organic production from villages and providing home construction plot to all the landless Sikkimese.

Newly elected Zilla Upadhakshya, Theneny Bhutia, was also honoured with garlands during the programme.

## Royal Enfield eyes further expansion in SE Asia, Latin America

**MILAN, NOV 8 (PTI):** Niche bike maker Royal Enfield is looking to expand further in South East Asia and Latin America over the next five years as part of strengthening its overseas operations.

The company, which is present in few countries across both the geographies, is now in the process of building teams in these areas to enter new territories.

"Right now, I believe that in addition to developed markets where we have distribution like the UK, Europe, the US, Japan, Australia and New Zealand, it is largely ASEAN and Latin America which are the two big areas for us," Royal Enfield CEO Siddhartha Lal told PTI on the sidelines of EICMA 2017.

Starting from Thailand and Indonesia, the company has now moved to countries like the Philippines and Vietnam, he added. "We are in these countries with small presence right now.

But we are building a team there and same is with Latin America," Lal said.

The company has just begun its journey in these growing markets, he added.

"Hopefully if markets pick up we will spread in rest of ASEAN and Latin America in next 3-5 years. These are the markets with big potential," Lal said.

## First Lady visits 11th Battalion ITBP camp at Pengong



**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 08 NOV:**

First lady Rajanidevi Patil visited the 11th Battalion Indo Tibetan Border Police camp at Pengong in North Sikkim to-

day while traveling to Lachung. She was formally welcomed by Commandant Rajesh Kumar Tomar and other officers present at location. During her visit, she was highly pleased with the

cleanliness and maintenance of the camp area. She also thanked Commandant Tomar for keeping the morale of the troops high and extended best wishes to all unit personnel.

## PCS picks Namchi journalist OP Chettri for Grameen Patrakarita Puraskar

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 08 NOV:**

Press Club of Sikkim held its executive meeting at its office in DPH road in Gangtok today, a press release informs.

The meeting chaired by PCS president, Joseph Lepcha was attended by the executive members. A detailed deliberation was held regarding the annual Grameen Patrakarita Award which will be presented during the upcoming National Press Day on 16 Nov.

The meeting unanimously decided to confer Namchi journalist, Om Prakash Chettri with the Grameen Patrakarita Award

Mr Chettri's name was handpicked from various other journalists recommended by the members of the executive body during the



meeting today. Grameen Patrakarita Award consists of cash reward, felicitation and a memento.

OP Chettri has been in the field of journalism since 2008. He presently

contributes to Sikkim Express, Summit Times and Himalayan Darpan. In his nine-year long career he has raised awareness regarding many rural issues, reads the release.

## Vibgyor Art Studio to pave way for creative minds to come together

**NITESH R PRADHAN GANGTOK, 08 NOV:**

Remanti Sangeet Academy has added yet another feather in its cap with the introduction of Vibgyor Art Studio where art will be taught to students of all ages.

The academy now has over 130 students in various subjects like vocals, tabla, sitar, violin, guitar, drums in both Indian and Western music.

A press meet was held in the capital today to introduce the first of its kind course in arts and painting through the Vibgyor Art Studio.

Speaking on the occasion, Singer Remanti Rai informed that many students are now a part of the institute and the academy has also taken care of teaching many underprivileged students.

Highlighting about the new art studio, she said that the studio is first of its kind where minds can come together to create something amazing.

The programme had the presence of Publisher-Sikkim Express, Mala Rana Patro, social worker, Sunita Sirohia,



teacher and parent of a student of the academy, Rajni Khati, president-Press

Club of Sikkim, Joseph Lepcha, and the co-founder of the studio, Shiva Chettri.

Mr Chettri stated that due to lack of outlets, many are not able to hone their talent. "Studio means sharing ideas so they can learn every day," he added.

The art classes are on the weekends he stated and added that the course will include field trips and field study.

Ms Patro, while addressing the occasion, urged the academy to start dance classes as another stream of arts. Similarly, Ms Sirohia complimented the academy for having no age bar.

A parent of a student of the academy, Rajni Khati, shared her experiences with the academy and said that her daughter after joining the classes has accepted music as a discipline.

President-PCS, Joseph Lepcha, congratulated the academy "for collision of music and colours".

He added that arts and music can also act as a therapy for many mental diseases.

With admissions open, art lovers and enthusiasts in town have yet another place to do some soul searching and learning.



## Sikkim paraglider wins bronze in Nepal competition

**REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 08 NOV:**

Cheden Bhutia of Sikkim has bagged a bronze medal in the Open International & National Team Selection Paragliding competition for South Asian Games 2018 held at Syangja Sirkot in Nepal from 01-05 Nov. Ten paragliders from Sikkim comprising of eight men and two women had participated in the event.

### MISSING

Name: Miss Kalpana Adhibasi (Pradhan)

Aged: 20 yrs.

Height: 5 feet approx.

Complexion: Black

Body: Fat

Wearing: Maroon Colour Sweater & Grey Pant with sleeper

during the time of missing.

Missing since: 29.10.2017 at morning hours from Lingding, Sichey, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

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## A Year On

**Demonetisation was not just about notes, it was also about power and its exercise**

The problem is not that the gamble did not pay off. The frightful thing is that such a big disruption was undertaken on the basis of such weak logic, against all professional advice, despite the fundamentally flawed projections and incoherence of intent. Even as note-bandi sucked the entire country and all its moderately and less privileged into a liquidity drought last year, it must have inflated the chest of the One who schemed and ordered it emboldened by a power-trip which is inexcusable in a democracy. The pusillanimity with which the people fell in line also dragged the country at least thirty years back, ripping off its federal confidence and delivering it to the bossy Centre bluster of the Seventies.

To quickly go over the demonetization madness which visited us on the night of 08 November, 2017, one has start right at the beginning, with the Pradhan Mantri's televised address to nation. No country, normal countries and during normal times that is, has ever wiped off so much of its currency on a whim (let's accept it, that's what it was because there was obviously no science to it) as we did w.e.f. the midnight of 08 Nov 2016. At the stroke of that midnight hour, 86.4% of the country's currency was invalidated. For a country which has been battling inflation and where nearly the entire population prefers to deal in cash for most transactions, when two of its highest denomination notes (Rs 500 and Rs 1000) are made worthless overnight, it is expected to deliver a staggering and disastrous shock. And it did. Some citizens, including one in Gangtok, even died of avoidable stress caused by waiting in line for rationed exchange of the worthless notes. The unorganized sector has still not recovered, neither has the overall economy, and yet, a recent rich-people's list informs that the uber-rich of the country have become even richer. How could that happen when the economy is stalling? May be someday when someone figures out the real benefits of the demonetization exercise, we will also understand how this incongruity came about. Until then, we can continue living in the make-believe world of how demonetization was an assault on black money.

One does not expect every gamble to pay off, and not every executive decision is guaranteed for success, but even someone with no training in economics knows that there is no such thing as "Black Money". Money is money. But the policy makers were probably taking their financial and economic lessons from mass-media TV news broadcasts which speak only of black money when what they actually mean is the black economy. The black money "cash" that the demonetization rhetoric claimed it was going to burn out is anyways kept around by the Black Economy Tsars to burn as loose change to buy favors or indulge the occasional splurges. The real meat of the ill-gotten wealth is parked in investments. Even the government's own studies have shown in the past that the cash component of the Black Economy is a tiny sliver of 4.9%. What is worse, even this miniscule cash component made it back to the banks and thus technically got laundered. Let us not even begin to talk about the need for demonetization to curtail fake notes because even the government printed paper arrived with mistakes, misprints and shortages.

A year since that moment, cash is still not readily available and even the after-thought of a more cashless economy remains a distant dream. What does however remain a very real nightmare is that we now have a power structure which is tripping dangerously on its own rhetoric and a legion of bhakts who will swarm all sanity out of the public discourse with their paid-by-the-post self righteousness. Hopefully, the arrogance has started putting off more people and through them alienating more allies. Hopefully, as a people we have now come to our senses, found our spine and will convey clearly that while we are open to ideas and even experiments and will support brave and even drastic course corrections, we refuse to remain guinea pigs for mad scientists.

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# The long, strange history of dieting fads

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**"OF ALL THE** parasites that affect humanity I do not know of, nor can I imagine, any more distressing than that of Obesity."

So started William Banting's "Letter on Corpulence," likely the first diet book ever published. Banting, an overweight undertaker, published the book in 1864 to espouse his success after replacing an excessive intake of bread, sugar and potatoes with mostly meat, fish and vegetables.

Since then, fad diets have appeared in many forms. To what length will people go to achieve their desired figure? As a professor of nutrition and eating behaviors, my sense is the history of dieting shows vanity outweighs common sense.

## LIQUID-BASED DIETS

Let's jump back to 1028, the year William the Conqueror was born. Healthy most of his life, he became so overweight in later years that he went on a liquid diet consisting of almost nothing but alcohol. He lost enough weight to resume riding his cherished horse, but a riding accident soon led to his untimely death.

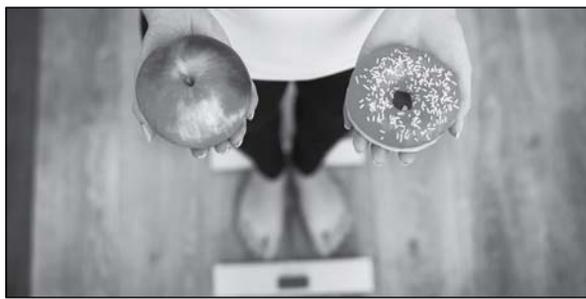
We do know of one case in which consuming more alcohol than food allegedly led to longevity. In 1558, Italian nobleman Luigi Cornaro restricted himself daily to 12 ounces of food and 14 ounces of wine. Rumor has it he lived to a ripe 102 years of age, earning his approach the nickname The Immortality Diet.

Another alcohol-focused plan, The Drinking Man's Diet, was introduced in the 1960s. This included so-called "manly" foods like steak and fish, along with as much alcohol as desired.

Poet Lord Byron credited his thin, pale look to vinegar and water. This practice reemerged in the 1950s as the popular Apple Cider Vinegar Diet, which instructs people to drink a mixture of equal parts honey and vinegar. The latest version, although not scientifically supported, claims that three teaspoons of apple cider vinegar before each meal will curb cravings and cut fat.

## CLEANSSES

"Cleaner" liquid diets, cleanses and



detoxes are designed to supposedly rid the body of toxins, despite our natural ability to do so.

In 1941, alternative health enthusiast Stanley Burroughs created the Master Cleanse, or Lemonade Diet, to eliminate cravings for junk food, alcohol, tobacco and drugs. All you had to do was consume a mixture of lemon or lime juice, maple syrup, water and cayenne pepper six times a day for at least 10 days. Beyoncé made this popular again in 2006, saying she lost 20 pounds in two weeks.

TV physician Dr. Oz and others have since promoted their own versions, varying in length and foods allowed. Most include a daily laxative and copious amounts of water.

The Last Chance Diet, published in 1976, consisted of drinking a very low-calorie liquid a few times per day. The main ingredient was a blend of predigested animal byproducts – think hide, horns and tendons. This "meat smoothie" was taken off the market after several followers died.

More recently, the Green Juice plan became popular. Many were captivated by the promise of a deep cleanse or quick weight loss, while others saw it as an easy way to consume more fruits and vegetables. One of the original recipes called for apples, celery, cucumber, kale, lemon and ginger.

## CELEBRITY DIETS

Andy Warhol had a different approach to maintaining his physique. He reportedly ordered foods he disliked when out at restaurants, asking for a to-go box upon leaving. He would then give this to a homeless person.

Sleeping was another possibility.

Elvis Presley was rumored to be an advocate of the Sleeping Beauty Diet. Its long pill-induced sleeping bouts were said to inhibit eating.

A more recent effort to mimic celebrities, the Hollywood 48 Hour Miracle Diet was joined by the Hollywood 24 Hour Miracle Diet, the Hollywood Daily Miracle Diet Drink Mix Meal Replacement and various dietary supplements.

## GET SLIM QUICK

In the early 1900s, overweight businessman Horace Fletcher slimmed down and made dieting a pop culture phenomenon with his Chewing Diet. He recommended chewing food until it became liquid to prevent overeating.

Another method rumored to be popular in the early 1900s was the Tapeworm Diet. Theoretically, one would swallow a tapeworm or tapeworm pills. The worm would then live in your stomach and consume some of your food. While vintage advertisements have been found, there is no evidence that tapeworms were actually sold.

Other diets have allured fans over the years with the promise of easy weight loss through a single miraculous food. There's the Grapefruit Diet, which recommends half a grapefruit before every meal; the Peanut Butter Diet and the Ice Cream Diet, both promising as much of said food daily as desired; and the Shangri-La Diet in 2006, which claimed you could beat hunger by drinking olive oil about an hour before each meal.

One standout example was the Cabbage Soup Diet, first popularized by celebrities in the 1950s. This diet involved consuming nothing but soup

for seven days. The original recipe called for cabbage, vegetables, water and dry onion soup mix, but other renditions added ingredients like fruit, skim milk and beef. It became trendy again every ten years or so, with the internet making it easier to share.

## ALTERNATIVE IDEAS

Some diets and their supporting theories went beyond food.

In 1727, writer Thomas Short observed that overweight people lived near swamps. His Avoiding Swamps Diet thus recommended moving away from swamps.

Instead of moving away from swamps, Breatharianism recommends not eating. Followers in a 2017 interview claimed food and water are unnecessary, saying they subsist on spirituality and sunlight alone. The prolonged fasting would eventually lead to starvation, but devotees have been spotted eating and drinking.

The more dangerous Cotton Ball Diet surfaced in 2013. Dieters reportedly consuming up to five cotton balls at a time, saying they felt full and lost weight. With its unfortunate side effect of intestinal obstruction, this diet faded away.

But not all unusual ideas are bad. The Seven Day Color Diet, published in 2003, suggested eating foods of only one color each day. For example, red day would include tomatoes, apples and cranberries. This actually emphasizes healthful foods to include, rather than crazy concoctions or restrictions.

While intriguing, fad diets are usually short-term quick fixes. They may produce initial rapid weight loss, but this is more likely due to their lower calorie intake than the follower's usual diet, and often consists of water loss.

Instead, we should remember that there's no simple secret to losing weight. Achieving sustained weight loss and maintenance requires reducing your calorie intake and increasing your activity levels – with or without grapefruit and cabbage.

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## Why 'Judeo-Christian values' are a dog-whistle myth peddled by the far right

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The phrase "Judeo-Christian" has been around since the 1930s but US President Donald Trump recently resurrected it in a deeply problematic speech on October 13, 2017 in which he said: "We are stopping cold the attacks on Judeo-Christian values ... We're saying 'Merry Christmas' again."

It might seem neighbourly, even pluralistic, to include Judaism in a declaration of purported Western values. But in reality this isn't how the term has functioned, either historically or more recently. Instead, the phrase is used to exclude rather than include. Despite implying that Jews are part of this resurrection of Judeo-Christian values, Trump in no way intends a campaign to Make Hanukkah Great Again. His "Judeo-Christian values" are about protecting Christmas, and about protecting Christians – at the exclusion of others.

Christian-majority nations such as the UK and US often lay claim to laws and ethics based on "Judeo-Christian values". But it is important to remember that Jews have been systematically excluded from and terrorised by states that claim this Judeo-Christian foundation.

From the 1290 expulsion of Jews from England to Jewish refugees being turned away by Canada, the US and the UK during World War II, Jews have been excluded more often than welcomed.

For centuries, Jews have been made to feel unwelcome in the Christian world and it seems that it is only now that a new demographic of (often Muslim) immigrants fleeing war and economic hardship have reached the West that Jews are being included – and even then only on someone else's terms.

## A RIGHT WING SLOGAN

"Judeo-Christian" is now most often used to draw a line between imagined Christian values and a perceived (but false) threat of Muslim immigration. It's in this context, that right wing figures such as Nigel Farage use the phrase. Talking about radical Muslim clerics such as Anjem Choudary, he said for example:

"My country is a Judeo-Christian country. So we've got to actually start standing up for our values."

But in this statement, Farage connects his fears of radical Islam with the idea of "Judeo-Christian values". It appears that it isn't so much about including Jews as it is about excluding Muslims. And since Farage has also come under attack for anti-Semitic comments, including being called on to apologise after recent comments about the threat



President Trump recently stated his support for 'Judeo-Christian values' ... but what does that phrase really mean?

of "the Jewish lobby" to American politics, it seems hard to view the "Judeo-" in his "Judeo-Christian" as actually valuing Jewish people or Judaism as a religion.

Farage's statement even prompted the Campaign Against Anti-Semitism to demand an apology.

Time and again, when Farage and Trump use the term, what they really imply is an "us-versus-them" division between the West and Islam. This is not about the inclusion of Jews in the values of these nations, then, but about the xenophobic exclusion of an "other".

Invoked in anti-immigration rhetoric with the goal of excluding Muslims, this phrase is actually used to scaffold a false narrative about Christians being persecuted, threatened or besieged, which gives motivation for the protection of "Judeo-Christian values". In fact, Christians are not persecuted in the countries where Farage and Trump make their homes.

## SUPERSESSONISM

A quick search on Twitter for the phrase "Judeo-Christian" illustrates that white supremacists have embraced the term – and that Jews reject it.

It's not surprising that many Jews are not falling for this dog-whistle phrase, especially since the myth of a Judeo-Christian society rests on the false – and dangerous – idea that Judaism and Christianity hold the same ideas and values.

There are many fundamental differences between these two religions – and that's OK. To respect and value Judaism means to do so on its own terms, and not only if it conforms to Christian ideas about what religion should be. Ignoring these differences (and to pretend that Jews and Christians believe the same things) risks subsuming Judaism into Christianity. It risks viewing Judaism as an archaic precursor to Christianity rather than a continuing unique and vibrant tradition. There is nothing "Judeo" about saying Merry Christmas.

Indeed, the phrase "Judeo-Christian" erases Judaism by implying that Christian values are Jewish values. Erasing Judaism by subsuming it into Christianity is called supersessionism, a tactic of Christian polemicists for centuries, and one that is currently in use by the Christian religious right.

It seems, then, that the idea of Judeo-Christian values excludes both Jews and Muslims. The phrase tacitly excludes Jews by subsuming Judaism into Christianity, and it explicitly excludes Muslims in its use in anti-immigration rhetoric. In reality, "Judeo-Christian values" actually point to a particular type of right-wing Christian values. Continuing to use this phrase only contributes to exclusionary and divisive political rhetoric. When we hear it, we should call it out for what it is.

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# West Bengal's first floating market coming up in Kolkata

**KOLKATA, Nov 8 (PTI):** The Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) will be setting up the first floating market of the state in the southern fringes of the city to rehabilitate vendors who were displaced during widening of EM Bypass.

The market will be set up on a water body near Patuli at a cost of nearly Rs nine crore. The market will have 114 boats with stalls selling vegetables, fruits, fish, meat, cereals, rice, edible oils and tea, according to a KMDA official, the market will be open for 24 hours.

"There are many sellers who have been displaced because of the widening programme of the EM Bypass taken up at Patuli area near Garia. Our principal idea is to rehabilitate those who were having their business at the Baishnabghata-Patuli market on the EM Bypass to the floating market," a senior official of the KMDA told PTI today.

The decision to shift the market on the EM Bypass was taken by the KMDA three years back so that the portion of the road could be widened.

"We have such markets floating on the Dal Lake of Srinagar. Such markets are there in Bangkok and in Singapore," he said.

Of the 114 boats, the KMDA has already bought 32 and the remaining boats will arrive by this month end, the official said.

Each boat measuring over 10 ft in length will be specially designed and brightly painted, similar to those in Pataya's floating markets, with the capacity and space for two stalls.

The KMDA, which is planning to have a foot overbridge across the EM Bypass to the market, has created manicured lawns and gardens on the banks of the water body where grocery shops as well as Sulabh toilets would be situated, he said.

Over 200 hawkers would be rehabilitated in the market, the officer said.

"Once, during my visit to Thailand I had seen such floating markets there. Seeing them we had planned to come up with one in the city. This market will not be like those in Thailand and Indonesia," Urban Development and Municipal Affairs minister Firhad Hakim said.

"This will like the ordinary markets we have. The only difference will be that the shops will be on floating boats. I am hopeful that this market will bring tourists to the city," he said. Such markets will come up in other places in the state as well, the minister added.

# Six MLAs ask Tripura Speaker to recognise them as BJP MLAs

**AGARTALA, Nov 8 (PTI):** Six Trinamool Congress MLAs, who joined BJP in August this year today formally handed over a letter to the Speaker of Tripura Assembly, Ramendra Chandra Deb-nath to officially recognise them as BJP MLAs.

The six legislators - Diba Chandra Hramkhawl, Sudip Roy Barman, Asish Saha, Pranjit Singha Roy, Dilip Sarkar and Biswa Bandhu Sen met the Speaker and said they have snapped all relations with TMC and

joined the BJP.

The six MLAs told reporters that veteran tribal leader, Diba Chandra Hramkhawl would be the leader of the BJP Legislature Party in the assembly and a separate letter in this connection would be submitted to the Speaker soon.

The Speaker said, "There are many official formalities to recognise them as BJP MLAs and the secretary of the assembly is also out of station now. The next session of the assembly

would start next week. If all formalities were not fulfilled and if the Treasury bench want to know about them I would show the letter to them and tell that they joined BJP".

The six legislators were originally elected to the Tripura assembly in 2013 on Congress party tickets. They joined the Trinamool Congress in June 2016.

At present the ruling Left Front has 51 MLAs in the 60-member Assembly, Congress three and BJP six.

# Call centre scam: Lookout notice issued against four suspects

**SHILLONG, Nov 8 (PTI):** Meghalaya Police today issued a lookout notice against four more people for their alleged involvement in the multi-crore call centre scam that duped several American citizens.

Three of them - Sushil Biswa, Ravi Thapa, and Roshan B Sangma- were residents of the state and another Sunny Mukherjee, a mastermind in the scam, hailed from Gujarat, a senior officer said.

"All four of them were involved in a conspiracy to cheat American citizens by impersonating as Internal Revenue Service agents and asking them to make payments to avoid punitive actions," East Khasi Hills district SP Davis

N Marak said.

Last month, the police had issued lookout notice against four other suspects from Ahmedabad - Naimesh Kapadnekar, Paresh Aasani, Anish Rajan, and Pradip Kumar Harishchandra Maurya - in connection with the case.

The fake call centre offices that were running from rented apartments here were busted by the police in August.

Nine people, including two women, have been arrested so far.

Police are yet to estimate the magnitude of the scam but an officer said hundred of unsuspecting US citizens must have been duped by the gang before their operation was busted.



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# People are conveniently targetting Dhoni: Kohli to critics

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(PTI): Livid with constant scrutiny of Mahendra Singh Dhoni's finishing skills, India captain Virat Kohli hit back at the critics for "conveniently" singling out one man while ignoring failure of other players, including himself.

Dhoni's 37-ball-49 in the second T20 International that India lost to New Zealand was panned by experts as he played too many dot balls.

While VVS Laxman has said that someone younger should be tried in T20s, Virender Sehwag has asked the team management to make the former skipper understand his 'role in the team'.

"I don't understand why people are pointing him out. If I fail as a batsman three times, no one is going to point fingers at me because I am not over 35," Kohli's sarcastic jibe at the post-match media conference was not lost on anyone.

"The guy is fit, he is passing all the tests. He is contributing to the team in every tactical way on the field.

With the bat, he did really well against Sri Lanka (away series) and Australia," the skipper reminded everyone.



Kohli said that while being critical of Dhoni, one needs to understand that how much time he is getting to bat.

"In this series, he didn't get much time to bat. You have to understand that the position he comes in to bat, even Hardik Pandya could not score in that game so why are we pointing out one man? Hardik as well got out in the last T20 in Rajkot. You are conveniently targeting one man, which is not fair"

Kohli then elaborately explained how difficult it becomes for Dhoni when he comes into bat.

"By the time, he comes in, the run rate is already 8.5- 9.5. The wicket is also not the same like when the new ball is being bowled. Batsmen who are set at the top find it easier to strike the ball straightaway compared to guys who come lower down the order. The kind of wickets that we played on, wear and tear has been much more in the latter half, said the 29-year-old skipper about his predecessor.

"You have to assess everything. As team members and management, we understand the situation when people

go in to bat, we don't get emotional and excited about opinions of people who are looking at things from a different point of view. You understand how the wicket is behaving, in what situation you are in."

Dhoni had scores of 25, 18 not out and 25 in the three ODIs while he scored 7 not out, 49 and 0 not out in the T20s but Kohli didn't seem too worried.

"He is doing absolutely fine. He is working hard on his game, understands his role but it doesn't come off every time.

He hit a six in Delhi and it got showed five times in the post-match show and suddenly he doesn't score in one game and we are after his life," the India captain said.

He also advocated patience when it came to Dhoni and said no one had the right decide for him.

"People need to be a bit more patient. He is a guy who understands where his cricket is. He is a very smart guy and understands where he stands with his body and game. I don't think anyone else has the right to decide that for him," Kohli's attacking stance made it evident that team management has full faith in Dhoni.

## Sensational Saina trumps Sindhu for Nationals title

NAGPUR, NOV 8 (PTI):

Saina Nehwal dug deep into her reservoir of experience and upstaged fancied P V Sindhu, quite incredibly, in straight games to clinch the women's singles title in the Senior National Badminton Championship today.

The 27-year-old Saina, a former world number one, got the better of Sindhu, the Olympic and World Championship silver medalist, 21-17 27-25 in a pulsating summit clash that lasted 54 minutes.

"I am surprised with the way I played today. I moved well and picked Sindhu's difficult shots," an elated Saina said after the win.

Second seed H S Prannoy, who achieved a career-best World No. 11 ranking last week, saw off top seed World No. 2 Kidambi Srikanth 21-15 16-21 21-7 in a 49-minute battle to win the men's singles title in the 82nd edition of the tournament.

It was double delight for Ashwini Ponnappa, who claimed two titles -- clinching the mixed doubles with Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and women's doubles with N Sikki Reddy.

# Maximum City's romance with cricket: Mumbai climb 'Mt 500'

MUMBAI, NOV 08 (PTI): Vijay Merchant was respected by his peers, Sunil Gavaskar idolised by generations and Sachin Tendulkar worshipped by a nation -- three eras strung by a common thread called Mumbai cricket team.

The 41-time Ranji Trophy winners will be playing their 500th encounter in the National championship against Baroda at the Wankhede Stadium to become first among the equals.

Having produced the maximum number of international cricketers across three formats, even the staggering statistics will not be able to tell the kind of impact one team has had on Indian cricket over the years.

Gavaskar's discipline and Tendulkar's panache are testimony to Mumbai's 'Gharana' of cricket based on 4D's -- Discipline, Devotion, Dedication and Determination.

Add to it Dilip Vengsarkar's grace, Eknath Solkar's courage, Dilip Sardesai's flamboyance and the supple wrists of Rohit Sharma -- the 'Maximum City' has time and again given maximum joy to the cricket lovers.

"The Mumbai (Bombay) Ranji team has nurtured some of the finest cricketers in the country. Many of us have learnt a lot by being a part of the Ranji tournaments getting the opportunity to play with and against the best cricketers in the country," Sachin Tendulkar told PTI today.

"Every Mumbai cricketer has taken great pride in wearing the lion-crested cap. Never taking it easy and the reluctance to rest on our past laurels has resulted in the Mumbai Ranji team being the force it is, over the years," Tendulkar said. 'Khadoos' (uptight) is an attitude that every cricket coach in Mumbai wants their students to inculcate.

The Azad Maidans, Cross Maidan, Oval or the Shivaji Park are places where dreams take shape with the ideal Guru-Shishya (Master-Disciple tradition).

From late Vithal 'Marshal' Patil -- the doyen of Dadar Union to Ramakant Achrekar to Ankush 'Anna' Vaidya -- the best cricket coaches (prior to level A, B and C



courses) hailed from Mumbai.

So what makes Mumbai Ranji team different from other state teams? Former India captain and Mumbai stalwart Ajit Wadekar attributes it to "Killer Instinct".

Being second best or losing in the semi-finals has always been considered a failure in Mumbai's cricketer parlance.

"It was fun to play for Mumbai and we had to keep the tradition of winning and that was challenging. We could not afford to be complacent. We never showed any sympathy to our opponents on the field and always used to go for the kill. The opposition were scared and that helped," Wadekar recollected.

Wadekar has played several memorable knocks for Mumbai but ask him which is the one that is most memorable and he quipped: "I scored 150 odd runs against Karnataka (Mysore then) on a square turner (Aakhada or mud-pit in cricketer lingo) in the second innings of the game.

"When we were bowled out for 110 in the first innings and they were 160 all out. I played against the likes of Erapalli Prasanna, Raghuram Bhatt and Bhagwat Chandrasekar on that type of wicket and hence that knock is the most memorable."

There have been many India players but some have been domestic bullwarks like Lalchand Rajput, who later briefly managed the Indian team.

"Whatever I am today is because of the opportunity I got to play for Mumbai in Ranji Trophy. Ranji Trophy is a platform for players

to make a name and claim for national team earlier," said Rajput. Big teams perform on big occasions and Mumbai is no exception. Just like getting the best out of players in the finals, they have also played well in the milestone matches.

Mumbai won their 100th and 200th Ranji Trophy games-- both against Gujarat. The first in the 1962-63 season by an innings and 40 runs and then in 1978-79 season by innings and 48 runs. Both the games were played in Mumbai.

They also won their 300th Ranji game against Haryana by an innings and 202 runs at Faridabad in the 1993-94 season and also their 400th Ranji game defeating Bengal by 132 runs to lift the trophy in the 2006-07 season at Mumbai.

The 1990-91 Ranji Trophy final at the Wankhede Stadium was one of finest summit clashes in tournament's history where Kapil Dev's Haryana beat Sanjay Manjrekar's Mumbai by 2 runs. Those who watched that final at the Wankhede remember Tendulkar stepping out to Kapil Dev and hitting him out of Wankhede for a big six.

But the most poignant moment was a teary-eyed Dilip Vengsarkar leaving the field after an epic 139 after No 11 Abey Kuruvilla was run-out due to a mix-up with Vengsarkar's runner Lalchand Rajput. It was the last Ranji Trophy match of 'Colonel's' career and as he left the field in tears, spoke about what it meant to lose a Ranji Trophy title. Love them or hate them but please ignore Mumbai's Ranji Trophy team at your own peril.

# China drives away smog to ensure clear sky for Trump's visit

BEIJING, NOV 8 (PTI):

US President Donald Trump landed in Beijing today under clear sunny sky as China has virtually driven away the smog hovering over the city in the last few days with emergency measures.

Following the smoggy weather in the past few days Beijing today woke up to a beautiful sunny morning.

China's environment ministry had ordered the local authorities to lift the orange alert for air pollution saying that air quality had improved thanks to emergency measures.

It was clear blue sky when Trump's Airforce One touched down at the airport here this afternoon.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) previously forecast that the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region and nearby areas would see severe air pollution from November 4 to 8, prompting local governments to issue the orange alert -- the second highest level -- last week.

China has a four-tier colour-coded warning

system for severe weather, with red being the most serious, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

But as authorities adopted a raft of emergency measures to meet the smog challenge, most of the areas experienced slight air pollution or even good air, state-run Xinhua news agency reported earlier.

The orange alert brings several measures, including restricting the use of vehicles, increasing pollution controls at construction sites, and temporarily restricting or stopping production activities of steel, cement and coal firms.

The emergency efforts reduced around 20 per cent of pollutants, effectively curbing the increasing PM 2.5 density and making the air quality better than forecast, Chai Fahe, an expert with the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences, told the official media.

Air quality usually worsens in late autumn and winter in northern China due to increased emissions from heating sources and less wind.

# ATK sweat past Neroca 2-1 in practice tie

KOLKATA, NOV 8 (PTI):

Two-time Indian Super League champions ATK defeated Neroca FC 2-1 in a closed-door practice match at the Saltlake Stadium training ground here.

Akhilidin Israilov scored with a left footer from a close range free-kick to put Neroca FC ahead in the 31st minute yesterday.

But Robbie Keane (45th) and Robin Singh (86th) displayed some superb skills and netted one each for a hard-fought victory.

After the initial few minutes it was Keane who had the first shot at goal, a cheeky right footer from close range showing his class, but the Neroca FC goalkeeper was equal to the task.

A few minutes later, Robin was brought down inside the box but Keane's penalty was thwarted by rival goalkeeper Lalit Thapa with a dive to his right.

Lalit again sprung

into action denying an attempt from Robin as chances kept coming for ATK and next it was Rupert Nongrum whose attempt flew inches over the crossbar.

But against the tide of play, it was Neroca who took the lead after half an hour's intense fight.

Thereafter much of the play was limited to the midfield with ATK trying to come up with a quick response.

It was Keane who helped ATK draw level at the stroke of halftime, chest trapping a long ball from Jordi Figueras Montel and calmly tucking it into the net with his left foot.

At halftime it was all square at 1-1.

ATK were the brighter of the two teams at the start of the second half.

ATK coach Teddy Sheringham constantly tried to push his men upfield.

Robin finally got a firm shot away but again it was tipped over the bar by Lalit.

# ULFA women free from fetters of patriarchal society: Members

DURBA GHOSH

GUWAHATI, 09 NOV (PTI):

Women leaders and cadres in the ULFA had an "honoured position and were, in general, free from the fetters of the traditional patriarchal society", claim the rebel group's leaders in a new book.

"On joining the ULFA, we lost all sense of being the weaker sex as we wore the same uniform, followed the same training assignments and completed the same chores and assignments," ULFA's lone woman executive member Pranati Deka, who belongs to the faction currently in talks with the government, is quoted in the book "Crime, Women and Justice" by journalist-author Indrani Raimedhi.

Deka, the 'cultural secretary', points out that women were "working in high responsible position and all were soldiers-not just men and women".

none of us women backed out with any excuses... I would go so far as to say that the position of women in the organisation was better than in civil society," she adds.

Raimedhi points out in her book that there is a strong public perception that women ULFA militants were simply care-givers, hewers of wood and drawers of water and often comfort women but it cannot be denied that they were efficient emissaries who spread the outfit's mission.

"The induction of women was a tactical strategy of the ULFA leadership and they formed only 12 to 15 per cent of the membership but they underwent arms training and carried out subversive anti-national activities. Therefore, I wanted to find out what made perfectly normal, law-abiding women leave their homes and families to challenge an all-powerful state," the author says.

The outfit's chief of women's wing Kaberi Kachari, also wife of 'chairman' Arabinda Rajkhowa, points out that ULFA women proved to be invaluable during army operations All-Clear, Rhino and Bajrang.

"With great skill, courage and stamina, we women ensured supplies of food, medicines and weapons reached the camps. It was a task that demanded stamina, presence of mind, courage and organisational skills," she says.

Kachari, who now edits an Assamese literary magazine 'Pratishruti', however, rues that men in the outfit do not acknowledge their efforts and "this is a bitter fact".

She further points out that the trajectory of the outfit from a band of idealistic men and women out to create a new Assam to a terror group was mainly due to the indiscriminate enlisting of cadres in later years.

"A cadre must be aware of political ideology before he holds a gun and the selection of new recruits did not conform to the old, strict norms," Kachari adds.

Referring to marriage among the cadres, she says that the leaders wanted them to lead a normal life in spite of the adverse circumstances and "we organised several mass weddings and also had training camps for the new wives where rules, duties, their role in working

for the common good and sharing in communal living were highlighted".

The ULFA did away with caste, creed, prejudice in the marriages of its cadres, points out another senior member Runima Chetia Choudhury, wife of the outfit's 'foreign secretary' Sashadhar Choudhury.

The book, however, deals just not with insurgency but began with the idea to analyse the circumstances that lead women to crime and destroy families along with the underbelly of Indian society where women struggle to cope with neglect, deprivation and a life blighted by crime.

"I visited several jails in Assam, met social activists, jail authorities, lawyers, psychiatrists to piece together the multiple stories of women offenders who broke the law along with those who staked all to defend the law," Raimedhi says.

The book deals with two groups of women who are placed at two spectrums of the law - the group that upholds the law through their work as police officers, lawyers, forensic specialists and the other group who break the law by committing crimes.

"One aspect that emerges with great clarity and unanimity is that women who uphold the law come from privileged backgrounds and have availed of opportunities for academic and personal growth but those of the other group are poor, illiterate, marginalised and often abused," the author says.

The common thread, however, that binds them is - just as there are few women in the legal profession and in the police force, women offenders too form a tiny percentage of the overall prison population in India, she adds.



# Modi turned people's anger into communal hatred: Rahul

**NEW DELHI, NOV 8 (PTI):** Congress Vice President Rahul Gandhi today accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "robbing" the country of its economic prowess and "damaging" India by converting people's anger due to joblessness into "communal hatred".

On the first anniversary of demonetisation, which he termed as a "tragedy", Gandhi said livelihood of millions of honest Indians were destroyed due to this "thoughtless act" of the prime minister.

"Modi's reforms have robbed India of its economic prowess," he alleged in an article in 'Financial Times' that said demonetisation has wiped out 2 per cent of GDP and "ruined" the lives of millions of workers.

Gandhi said the prime minister claimed his decision was aimed at wiping out corruption, but "Twelve months on the only thing he has wiped out is confidence in our once booming economy".

The Congress vice president alleged that demonetisation destroyed the informal labour sector and has wiped out many small and

medium businesses.

"Mr Modi has damaged India by converting anger created by joblessness and lack of economic opportunity into communal hatred.

"He has chosen to hide behind a shallow, hate-filled political narrative. Anger might have brought Mr Modi to power but it will never create jobs or fix India's institutions," he said in the article.

Taking a poetic dig at the government, he tweeted in Hindi that even a single tear spelt danger for the government and one has not seen an ocean coming out of the eyes, tagging a picture of some poor people crying while standing in queues.

"Demonetisation is a tragedy. We stand with millions of honest Indians, whose lives and livelihoods were destroyed by PM's thoughtless act," he said on Twitter.

"Ek aansu bhi hukumat ke liye khatra hai, tumne dekha nahin aankhon ka samundar hona" (Even a single tear is a danger for the government, you have not seen



eyes turning into an ocean)," he said in another tweet.

The Congress, which described note ban decision as the "biggest scam" and a "money laundering scheme", will observe the demonetisation anniversary as "black day" by taking out countrywide protests in the form of processions, rallies and candle-light marches.

Congress leaders will part across the country and will participate in protests with "Desh Bhugat Raha hai" and "India suffers" as the

central theme for the day.

Gandhi is in poll-bound Gujarat to participate in protests in Surat, the country's diamond and textile hub.

Quoting the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, Gandhi said 1.5 million people have lost their jobs in the first four months of 2017 due to demonetisation, which he termed as an "arbitrary and unilateral" decision of the prime minister.

He also said the "hastily im-

posed and poorly conceptualised" goods and services tax "dealt another blow to our economy".

"Bureaucratic and complex, it (GST) has devastated livelihoods, creating a modern day 'Licence Raj' that imposes rigid controls and gives vast powers to government officials," he said.

Gandhi, in his article, lauded the Chinese dominance in the manufacturing sector with its global share rising from 3 per cent in 1990s to 25 per cent now, and said that while China creates 50,000 jobs a day, India under Modi creates mere 500 jobs a day.

"This advantage comes with a brutal cost China's people are not free to speak, to dissent or to question and those that do are swiftly and severely punished. This is not a model India should emulate," he, however, said.

Quoting Chinese president Deng Xiaoping that it doesn't matter what colour the cat is as long as it catches mouse, Gandhi said "Today, the Chinese cat has firmly caught the global manufacturing

mouse".

"The challenge for liberal democracies across the world is to compete with Chinese organisation in a world with 21st-century levels of connectivity, while maintaining our liberal values.

"China's global monopoly on blue-collar jobs is a fundamental challenge to other states. This has created millions of disenfranchised and angry workers who express their frustration at the ballot box whether in votes for Mr Modi, Brexit, or Donald Trump," he said.

"The rise of democratically elected autocrats, such as Mr Modi, is driven by two factors: a massive increase in connectivity and its profound impact on institutions; and, second, China's dominance of the global job market.

"Connectivity and the transparency it inspires has positively transformed the world, but in doing so it has also irreparably damaged the machinery of our institutions. The resulting fragmentation has created an environment in which strongmen can flourish apparently unchecked," he said.

## Trump arrives in China for wide ranging talks with Xi

**BEIJING, NOV 8 (PTI):** US President Donald Trump arrived here today to hold wide ranging talks with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on a host of issues, including ramping up pressure on North Korea to abandon its nuclear programme and trade frictions between the two most powerful economies.

Both countries are also expected to sign trade deals worth billions of dollars during Trump's three-day visit. China is pulling out all the stops to give a "state visit-plus" reception to Trump on his maiden visit.

Chinese officials projected the visit as a defining moment in China-US ties as it is taking place in the "new era" of Xi, who commenced his second tenure less than a fortnight ago as the most

powerful leader of China after Mao Zedong.

Trump's programme here will start with tea with his Chinese counterpart Xi. Later the two leaders will visit China's iconic Forbidden City, adjacent to the Tiananmen Square followed by a private dinner.

Trump will be given an extended ceremonial welcome at the Great Hall of the People tomorrow followed by bilateral talks with Xi. Later Trump would also take part in a business event followed by joint media event.

Trump is also scheduled to meet Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and attend a reception followed by state dinner and cultural performance. The visit will provide opportunities for President Xi and Trump to exchange in-depth views on issues that concern both sides.



Donald Trump has arrived in China after challenging those that still deal with North Korea to get tough, warning them "the weight of this crisis is on your conscience". The President and the First Lady met Chinese premier Xi Jinping and his wife after landing in Beijing on Air Force One. They descended from a red-carpeted staircase and were welcomed by impeccably uniformed guards and children waving US and Chinese flags.

## Bhutan to join BBIN after addressing concern on env, culture

**KOLKATA, NOV 8 (PTI):** Bhutan did not ratify a regional motor vehicle agreement involving Bangladesh, India and Nepal because of concern over its impact on environment and culture, a senior Royal Bhutan Consulate General official said today.

But the country would join the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal Motor Vehicles Agreement (BBIN MVA) after addressing these internal procedures, Vice-Consul, Royal Bhutan Consulate General office, Prema Tobgay, said here.

India had proposed the BBIN MVA in 2014 to build a freight corridor connecting the four south Asian nations. But Bhutan announced

in April this year that it would not be able to ratify the agreement now and asked the three other nations to go ahead with the plan without it.

"Bhutan has given go ahead signal to the other three countries but there are people in our land having expressed diverse concerns about impact on environment, culture, peace and security," the Vice-Consul, Royal Bhutan Consulate General office, Prema Tobgay, said.

Bhutan was a part of the process as it considered the BBIN MVA as not just a platform for motor vehicles movement but exchanges in the fields of energy, trade, information technology and communication, he said.

## US to provide \$500k to NGO to promote religious freedom in India

**WASHINGTON, NOV 8 (PTI):** The US has announced a grant of nearly USD 500,000 for a non-governmental organisation to come up with proposals to develop early warning systems for "reducing religiously-motivated violence and discrimination" in India.

The US State Department also announced a similar grant for Sri Lanka. The Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, in its notice of funding opportunity, said through its USD 493,827 India programme, it seeks to "reduce religiously-motivated violence and discrimination in India".

The State Department said that the non governmental organisations applying for the grant should come out with proposals to develop and implement early warning systems to mitigate large-scale violence and implement conflict mitigation programmes between minority and majority groups.

The applicants also need to come out with ideas for successful programme activities to counter hateful or discriminatory public messages with positive messages.

They should also have proposals to educate civil society and journalists about legal

protections for religious freedom, particularly for members of religious minorities; document and report religious freedom violations to authorities; and educate law enforcement on human rights standards.

Among other proposals could be ideas to engage law enforcement to better protect rights of religious minorities, including preventing incidents of discrimination and violence and holding perpetrators accountable, the State Department said.

The State Department did not respond immediately to a set of questions on the necessity of such a grant amounting

to nearly USD 500,000. Recipients of grants for India and Sri Lanka would be announced after screening of applications.

According to the information available on the State Department website, the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor supports over 28 democracy, human rights and labour programmes in South and Central Asia (SCA).

Current funding for these programmes in South and Central Asia exceeds USD 17 million.

Programme topics include media innovation and development, gender advocacy and equality, and improving protec-

tions for political, labour and human rights. India is not among the countries listed by the State Department as recipient of these funding programmes.

The countries currently receiving grants from US in the region are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

For Sri Lanka, the State Department notice of funding opportunity said it seeks to ensure that authorities at all levels of government in Sri Lanka effectively implement national laws and policies protecting religious freedom.

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Mrs. Zeykim Bhatia (Mother), Mrs. Karma Doma Kalcen (wife), Mr. Puljor Thendup Bhatia (brother) and the family members.

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**A LITTLE LEG:** Nicki Minaj posed with designer Alexander Wang at the CFDA/Vogue Fashion Fund Awards at Weylin B. Seymour's in New York City.

### TAYLOR SWIFT SHARES 'REPUTATION' TRACKLIST, CONFIRMS ED SHEERAN & FUTURE COLLAB



Swifties, you have some homework to do. If you're counting down the days until Reputation arrives (it's two, in case you've been living under a boulder), Taylor Swift has given fans a full tracklist to study. The 15 songs include "End Game," a rumored collaboration with Ed Sheeran and Future, and the three previously-released numbers, "...Ready For It" (track 1), "Look What You Made Me Do" (track 6) and "Gorgeous" (track 8). The tracklist, which Swift posted on Instagram just hours after it was leaked, is accompanied with a handful of production credits. Taylor is tagged as executive pro-

ducer and she co-produced the studio LP, her sixth, along with Jack Antonoff, Max Martin and Shellback, while eight-time Grammy and triple Latin Grammy-winning sound engineer Serban Ghenea mixed the project. The followup to 2014's global hit 1989, Reputation should enjoy an explosive launch. According to the Associated Press, pre-orders exceeded 400,000 units -- doubling the pre-order numbers for its predecessor a week before its release -- while it became Target's most pre-ordered album of all time. Reputation is out Friday (Nov. 10).

### THE DAY AHEAD

**ARIES:** You may be indirectly affected by a struggle. A heated debate having to do with mistaken communication and extreme emotions might devastate your psyche unless you keep up your defenses. The acting planetary energy is forming an arena for emotional turmoil. Whether you want to or not, you're probably going to get sucked into it. **TAURUS:** Use today's electric feeling to fuel your passion. A subtle tension has been building for some time. You've reached a critical turning point. Don't shy away from adventure because you fear failure. Change and open up your heart to the world. You may hesitate to make

a move because you don't want to make waves, but how else are you going to advance in life? **GEMINI:** Don't let other people's arguments get in the way of your truth. Don't doubt yourself. Stop worrying. Don't be disgruntled if you aren't fitting in with whatever is going on around you. This indicates that you may need to take another route. If you don't like the music being played, start your own band. You have everything in your power to make it happen. **CANCER:** You may work hard today to balance powerful forces. You may be torn between a lust for adventure and a need for communication. Either way, the

bottom line is freedom to do and say the things you want. This is an important time to spread your wings despite any opposition. You can't go wrong with anything involving higher learning, religion, or spirituality. **LEO:** The extreme passion that rules you may meet opposition today as more information appears. Communication may color the scene differently than you pictured in your head. Be patient and wait for all the spaces to fill in before you make any decisions about how to proceed. What is usually malleable and easy to affect may be a bit stubborn and rigid. **VIRGO:** You may feel pressured

to make an important, decisive move today. Expansive options are coming into focus. You may experience opposition as you stand up for what you believe. Your desire for freedom gives you a positive outlook that others find inspiring. Don't lose your adventurous spirit by thinking you need to tie yourself down to solid commitment. **LIBRA:** Try not to approach everything negatively. By doing so you may cut yourself off from incredible opportunities. This is a time to be expansive. Spread your wings and feel free to lift off the ground. Take greater pride in your work. You'll reach the goals that you strive for. Enjoy the path you're

on. The journey is the reward. **SCORPIO:** Long-term trends are lining up in your favor. You're at a pivotal point in which you can latch onto something big and take off with it. Let your dreams expand. Telling people how to run their lives will get you nowhere. Lead by example. Follow your creative intuition and explore more of the things that make you truly happy. **SAGITTARIUS:** There's an incredible activation urging you to take hold. You may have many different projects brewing and be unsure where to focus your energy. Don't feel like you need to make a decision now. Go with the flow, but don't lose control. It's important

to maintain control while events unfold around you. Be flexible and adaptable. **CAPRICORN:** There's a powerful tension in the air today. This is a great force you can tap into and capitalize on. Communication can help expand key aspects of your life. Stretch beyond your current boundaries and don't sell yourself short. Concentrate on inviting in wealth and prosperity. Long-term cycles and trends are lining up in your favor. It's up to you to make them work for you. **AQUARIUS:** You won't have any idea how to fight if you don't know who your enemies are. Keep an eye out for people who try to

bring you down. Their energy may be subtle so you might not even notice their influence at first. Today's powerful planetary energy creates a manipulative power struggle that may hinder your expansion and prosperity. You have the willpower to overcome these challenges. **PISCES:** A strong transforming force may be pulling you in opposite directions now. Long-term trends are coming to a climax. Karma that you haven't resolved over the past few years may come back to haunt you. Today's planetary lineup is turning up the heat on your present situation. You're going to need your flameproof suit.

## KANGANA RANAUT ALL SET TO PLAY ARUNIMA SINHA IN HER NEXT

Kangana Ranaut is known to put in her heart and soul in every film. Her filmography is proof enough of the same. She has given exceptional performances in films like Queen, Tanu Weds Manu Returns and the more recent Simran. Kangana who is currently shooting for Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi has now been roped in for yet another biopic. If the rumours are

to be believed, Kangana will also be seen in a biopic based on the life of Arunima Sinha. For those who are unaware, Arunima Sinha was the world's first female amputee to successfully climb the Mount Everest. The film was earlier supposed to be helmed under Farhan Akhtar's banner but now we hear that a different production house has taken over the film.



Speaking about the film, a source close to the project told a leading daily, "The makers were to decide be-

tween Kriti Sanon and Kangana. Since the latter's schedule looked packed because she's shooting for Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi, they were skeptical. But Arunima took the final call on the lead." The film is expected to go on floors in March next year with a straight 60 days schedule being planned. As excited as we are to see Kangana playing Arunima on screen, we totally wait for an official announcement soon.

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### 'TIGER ZINDA HAI' TRAILER SCORES MORE THAN 13M YOUTUBE VIEWS

The newly released trailer for Salman Khan's upcoming Tiger Zinda Hai is stirring up a frenzy among fans of the Bollywood superstar, who are eager for their idol's return to the role that launched one of the highest-grossing action franchises in Indian movie history. The trailer features a buff and menacing Khan riding horses, snowboards, motorcycles and ATV's, firing automatic machine guns and raining down a Hollywood-worthy storm of mayhem on an ISIS-style terrorist group that has had the nerve to kidnap 25 Indian nurses for ransom. The trailer also promi-

nently shows off Katrina Kaif as the martial arts expert and alluring Pakistani spy who teams up with Khan's Tiger to rescue the nurses and send terrorist leader Abu Usman to meet his maker. Tiger Zinda Hai is the spy thriller sequel to the record-breaking 2012 blockbuster hit Ek Tha Tiger, which grossed Rs. 320 crore/\$50 million and was only the second Indian movie to surpass the 300 crore threshold. The sequel is directed by Ali Abbas Zafar (Sultan), produced by Aditya Chopra of Yash Raj Films, and features Bollywood megastars Salman Khan and Katrina Kaif in the lead roles.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**09<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**1921-** Germany- Albert Einstein receives the Nobel Prize in Physics "for his services to Theoretical Physics, and especially for his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect".  
**1931-** China- Declare War on Japan: General Mah Chang Shan of the Chinese Heilungkiang province had declared war on Japan. Heilungkiang, which is located in Northern Manchuria, was a region cut off by the Japanese from the rest of China at this time.  
**1940-** Germany- Nazi: This was normally a Nazi memorial day for those who had died assisting this political party in its rise to power. However, this particular memorial day in 1940 was set aside as a German "work day". The main order of business on this chosen day was to "hammer Britain into submission." In other words, the purpose of this day was to try to win Great Britain to the Axis (enemy of Great Britain, U.S.A. etc.) side during World War II.  
**1960-** U.S.A.- John F Kennedy: Senator John F Kennedy wins the election for the president



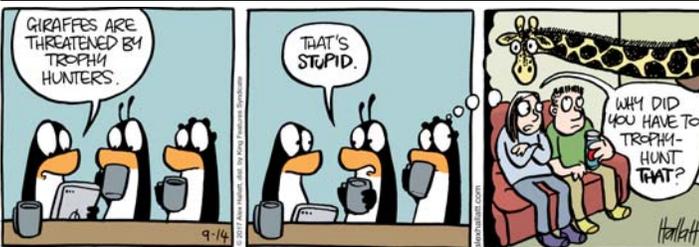
of the United States.  
**1965-** U.S.A. / Canada- Blackout: A blackout affecting 30 million people in northeastern states including New York of the United States and Ontario, Canada lasting for up to 13 hours. The blackout was blamed on a sophisticated power system that was ironically built to ensure electricity would be available in an emergency. The blackout affected Ontario, Canada and Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New York, and New Jersey.  
**1989-** Germany- Berlin Wall Opens Up: East Germany opened its borders today, allowing its citizens to freely cross into the West for the first time since the Berlin Wall was built in 1961. Some Germans used hammers to chip away at the Berlin Wall for keepsakes or in their own small way try to destroy the infamous symbol of East-West division.

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