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Train services disrupted due to heavy rains in north Bengal

JALPAIGURI, AUGUST 13 (PTI): North Bengal bound trains that originated from Sealdah and Howrah were terminated at various stations as heavy rains in sub-Himalayan districts of West Bengal led to a deluge.

Due to flood situation in Northeast Frontier Railway jurisdiction, north Bengal bound trains originating from Sealdah and Howrah that were delaying en route had to be controlled, a statement issued by Eastern Railway said.

The statement said that 12343 Up Darjeeling Mail & 12377 Up Padatik Express were detained at Murarai and Chatra stations respectively. These trains had left Sealdah yesterday.

Similarly 12503 Up Bangalore Cantonment-Kamakhya Express via Howrah was detained at Bansloi Bridge station and 14056 Delhi-Dibrugarh Brahmaputra Mail was detained at Sahibganj station.

13147 Up Uttarbanga Express and 13149 Up Kanchankanya Express had been short terminated at Malda Town and returning from there to Sealdah as passenger special trains. These trains had left from Sealdah yesterday.

Besides, 15659 Up Kanchanjungha Express turn to pg03



IN THEIR SUNDAY BEST FOR THE SEVENTIETH: A smart turn-out at Paljor Stadium on Sunday for the full dress rehearsal of the I-Day parade. The country turns 70 on Tuesday, and in Gangtok, these personnel will march past to celebrate the moment.

Lachung to introduce bamboo water bottles, ban plastic bottles

WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 13 AUG:

Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Hishey Lachungpa, inaugurated the Leema Community Recreation Centre under Lachung Dzumsa on 12 Aug.

He was accompanied by Zilla Adakshya-North Anguli Lepcha, Upadakshya Nim Tshering Lepcha, District Collector Karma R. Bonpo, Pipons and Chultimpas of Lachung Dzumsa.

Eco-friendly bamboo containers to carry water were also introduced on the occasion.

Lachung has announced plans to ban plastic water bottles from 15 Aug.

The decision to ban



plastic bottles was taken by Lachung Dzumsa Boxing Association. The members are in touch with bamboo specialists for the hygienic treatment of bottles and to ensure durability.

"The bottle will not just replace the plastic water bottles but will also provide job opportunities to the unemployed youth of Lachung," said general secretary of the Lachung Dzumsa Boxing

Association.

He further stated that the bamboo water bottle will cost Rs 200 but if the user returns the bottle to the seller, Rs 180 will be refunded and only Rs 20 will be charged.

Mangshila will develop as education hub of North Sikkim: MLA

SUMMIT REPORT MANGAN, 13 AUG:

Since the establishment of a degree college and the almost complete polytechnic college, Mangshila is growing to be the education center in North Sikkim.

While addressing a football match crowd here at Mangshila, the area MLA, Deputy Speaker Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, said that Mangshila will become the education center of North district.

Speaking on the death in the hills to end turn to pg02

Rajnath meets Gorkhaland leaders, appeals for end to Darj logjam



NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI): Home Minister Rajnath Singh today appealed to leaders of the Gorkhaland statehood movement in Darjeeling to call off their agitation and urged the West Bengal government to initiate dialogue with them, a Home Ministry official said.

During a two-hour meeting chaired by Singh here this evening, the leaders of the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee (GMCC) submitted a memorandum to the Centre detailing their demands.

The Home Minister appealed to the leaders to call off the indefinite shutdown in Darjeeling, which entered the 60th day today.

He also requested the leaders to convince the youth on a fast-unto-death in the hills to end

their hunger strike, the official said.

Singh also appealed to the West Bengal government to initiate dialogue with the Gorkhaland movement leaders to resolve their demands, the official said.

The BJP's Darjeeling MP SS Ahluwalia also attended the meeting.

Swaraj Thapa, a leader of the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, said the Home Minister had told them that he was mindful of the sufferings of the people in Darjeeling.

"We urged him to start the process for (creation of) a separate state. The state is suppressing our democratic movement," Thapa said.

The GJM leader said the home minister had appealed to them to end the agitation.

"We will soon decide turn to pg02

Sam can trick a smile on your face through is Magic

REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 12 AUG:

"I ENTERTAIN people who are going through a stressful day due to work or are simply bored. I use my magic tricks to take away their pain and troubles and to put smiles on their faces. When they smile and give encouraging comments, it absolutely makes my day," says local magician-illusionist, Sam Prasad, now growing in popularity as 'Sam, the Illusionist'.

Sam works at the High Court of Sikkim and devotes his spare time in learning illusion-magic tricks.

Hailing from Burtuk, the 24 year old performs his self-learned tricks on the streets after he logs out from office.

He kicked off his magician career by performing at functions and programmes. However, due to the lack of scope he stopped performing commercially.

"People have however now begun appreciating and enjoying magic to the fullest. I don't charge anything now. I perform tricks for free because my motivation is to entertain people. Knowing that more than 50,000 people have successfully watched my magic tricks through Facebook feels absolutely ecstatic," he says.



Journey with magic, Sam says, began at the age of 15.

"One of my cousins gifted me a book on magic tricks and I was fully into it. I started doing tricks in front of my family and friends and now I do it in front of people," he says.

According to Sam, people were not fans of his magic tricks earlier.

"They used to stare at me and most of them were critical of my talent. I think they took me for a crazy person," he shares.

Things have started to change for Sam.

"People are more open now. They appreciate my tricks and I feel happy to make them feel happy," he says.

Sam does not do card tricks.

"I perform my tricks on currency notes and other stuff. I think

people are bored with card tricks. They are predictable," Sam adds.

"My future strategy would be inventing more and more tricks in the days to come in a very innovative form. I want to upload it on Facebook and YouTube so that more people can see my tricks," Sam answers when asked about his future plans.

A year ago, he had performed on stage during the winter festival held at Gangtok. He is now invited to programs and stage shows to show his tricks.

"Hopefully, people will be more accepting of other career options like this. Sikkim has so much more talent. It would be disappointing to see people make choices out of societal pressure and not follow their passion," he adds.

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SYA condemns sexual assault of minor, wants accused SDF functionary removed from Govt post

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 AUG:**

In a strongly worded statement condemning the sexual assault of a minor by one of the Sikkim Democratic Front party functionaries, who is also the Advisor of Sports and

Youth Affairs Department, the Sikkim Youth Alliance has demanded the immediate removal of the accused from his official positions, a press release from the SYA informs.

The SYA has also demanded strong action

against the accused.

"It is indeed a matter of shame for us that a ruling party functionary and a nominated public representative has sexually assaulted a minor. We strongly condemn this and we demand the

state government to immediately take action by removing this person from the official position and send him to jail," the association has said.

The SYA also has questioned on the culprit being admitted to STNM

Hospital and has said that they will inquire with the Hospital on his health conditions.

"We shall inquire in writing with STNM Hospital asking for medical notes on his present condition and also on his pre-

vious conditions, if any," SYA members have said.

The SYA has said that it will enquire about the case and has urged people to discuss and become vigilant on all the wrong doings happening in the society.

BJP reiterates support for Gorkhaland and opposition to Sikkim-Darj merger idea

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 AUG:**

Bharatiya Janta Party's Sikkim unit has expressed that the party stands in full support for the movement for Gorkhaland underway in Darjeeling and reiterates that it will not accept any suggestions for a Sikkim-Darjeeling merger.

The party has strongly criticized the merger idea floated by an RSS leader on social-media a whileback and which has been met with all round condemnation in Sikkim and Darjeeling. Sikkim-Darjeeling merger is not in the interest of the people of either Sikkim or Darjeeling, the BJP-Sikkim vice-president, JB Darnal, has conveyed today.

Yesterday, the BJP-Sikkim president, DB Chauhan, had informed of how even senior BJP leaders in Delhi had reassured that no such idea was being considered.



SHRI SHRI BALBHADRA PUJA

GANGTOK, 13 AUG: Shri Shri Balbhadra Puja was held at Tadong Durga Mandir on 12 Aug by the Sikkim Bhari Kalwar community. The prayers comprised of Sant Jyoti Swarupi Maharaji's pravachans and also included a dance competition. [Sandeep Prasad]

ISL trio from Sikkim in Mangan

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MANGAN 13 AUG: Renowned ISL football players, Sanju Pradhan of Mumbai City FC, Kunzang Lachungpa, of Atletico de Kolkata and Nirmal Chhetri of North East United FC reached Mangan 12 Aug.

They were received by North District Football Association (NDFA) members and Mangan Senior Secondary School Principal.

The ISL players also visited the North District Youth Hostel and met with the players there and interacted with them.

They also attended a match of the Lachen-Mangan MLA Challenge Cup Football Tournament being organized by NDFA.



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lay in completion of the polytechnic college, Mr Gyatso said that the delay was due to the lackadaisical attitude of the contractor and the chief engineer assigned to the project.

Looking on the bright side, the SLA Deputy Speaker added, "Our children need not go to Gangtok for higher education anymore. We have our own colleges now."

He urged the residents to cooperate with the administration in building and maintaining infrastructure. He also appealed the local residents to not sell land in the name of money.

Rajnath meets Gorkhaland...

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the future course of action," he said. Two top leaders of the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, which has been ruling the autonomous hill council, Bimal Gurung and Roshan Giri, did not attend today's meeting.

Following is the text of appeal of the Union Home Minister:

"The Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM) has called for an indefinite strike in Darjeeling hills with effect from 12-06-2017 demanding a separate state of Gorkhaland.

I am concerned about the developments in Darjeeling and the loss of valuable lives and sufferings of people over the past 60 days which pains me immensely.

Violence can never be a solution to any problem. In a democracy, solutions are always found through restraint, mutual dialogue and within the legal ambit.

We all are aware of the strategic importance of the locality and the challenges that we face in the region, and I am kept informed of the developments on a regular basis

by my colleague, Shri SS Ahluwalia, MP, Darjeeling.

Keeping in mind the national interest, as well as in the interest of our Gorkha brothers and sisters, who are brave and large hearted people and have contributed immensely to nation building, I appeal to GJM and all other stakeholders to call off the hunger strike, and also to withdraw the bandh call, allowing normalcy to return to the area. It is a move that will help to create an atmosphere for finding a solution to the current crisis.

I also appeal to West Bengal Chief Minister Ms. Mamata Banerjee to initiate a dialogue with the GJM and other stakeholders of Darjeeling, who are on a strike for last 60 days. In the meantime, the state government should restore all civil supplies and also restore internet services, Cable TV & local channels.

I also appeal to the people of Darjeeling to display sensitivity, and also keep in mind their civic responsibilities. No grievances & problems can be resolved without any dialogue."

I-Day Volleyball Tourney at Nandugaon

JORETHANG, 13 AUG [IPR]: The fourth day of the 71st Independence Day celebrations at Nandugaon Senior Secondary School witnessed semifinals of the GPU-level volleyball tournament.

The first semifinal saw Nandugaon SSS lose to Denchung Volleyball Club. Similarly, RJC Club went down fighting to HBC in the second semifinal.

The volleyball tour-

nament has been sponsored by Principal, Nandugaon Senior Secondary School, Kamala Rai, in the memory of her late father, Subedar Durga Singh Rai.

The winners of the tournament will receive Rs 15,000 in cash prize along with a trophy and certificates while the runners up will receive a cash prize of Rs 10,000 along with the

runners-up trophy. The program also included an interschool culture program.

Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Namchi, Keshav Prasad Sharma, was present as chief guest today accompanied by officials of the BAC Jorethang, panchayats of Poklok Denchung, staff and students of Nandugaon Senior Secondary School.



Swachh Bharat champion Rajesh Thapa invited to Rashtrapati Bhawan event

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 AUG:**

The Headmaster of Lingchom Senior Secondary School, Rajesh Thapa, has been invited by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, to attend a reception programme at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi on 15 Aug, a press release informs.

The reception programme called 'At Home', is a customary function in the President's official residence where dignitaries and personalities,

including the Prime Minister and his Cabinet, are invited. Achievers of the nation and people who have made a mark in different fields are also invited to the event.

Mr Thapa and his school have been recognized as one of the four sanitation champions, who have carried forward the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation had honored the four champions last year, informs the release.

Gangtok FC books final clash with Pendam FA in Singtam



**YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 13 AUG:**

The second semi final match of the ongoing 10th Late Laxman Pradhan Memorial Open Football Tournament was played today at Golitar ground here. Gangtok FC defeated Saipatri FC 1-0 to progress to the finals of the tourney scheduled to be held on 15 Aug.

Suman Chettri from Gangtok FC was adjudged the 'Man of the match'. Gangtok FC will face

Pendam FA at the finals of the tournament.

Likewise, in the Late Menu Pradhan Memorial Inter-School Boys Football Tournament Pendam FA defeated Sirwani Secondary School 2-0 to progress further in the finals.

Continuing the winning streak, the girl squad of Pendam FA has entered the finals of the Late Binod Rai Memorial Football Tournament. Pendam FA will face Res Gangtok on 15 Aug.

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Governor greets Sikkim on Janmashtami

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 AUG:

Governor Shrinivas Patil and the First Lady, Rajanidevi Patil, have extended warm greetings to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Janmashtami.

A press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan conveys the Governor's message: "Janmashtami brings with it the festivity enriched with the ideals of truth and love. The pious occasion to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna reminds us of the importance of Karma, the duty over self. Lord Krishna's life teaches us to work for the greater cause of society and symbolise the victory of good over evil. At a time when the entire world is strained with conflict of faith and ideas, the occasion brings hope and optimism that mankind will ultimately unite and work for peace, harmony and brotherhood, the common good of all.

Lord Krishna's universal message in 'Bhagwadgita' will continue to guide us in our journey of life. His teachings that good deeds always lead to better outcome will remain the sustaining force to all human endeavours dedicated to the ultimate good of humanity. May this Janmashtami fill our lives with virtues of love and happiness with the blessings of Lord Krishna."

Train services disrupted due to...

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scheduled to leave Sealdah station today has been cancelled.

Teesta Torsa Express scheduled to leave from Sealdah station at 1.40 pm today was cancelled due to flood water running over the track in Katihar Division, a statement issued by CPRO Eastern Railway said.

Instructions have been given to all DRMs to control the trains at relatively bigger stations and monitor the availability of adequate food, catering arrangement and drinking water in those stations for the convenience of the passengers, an Eastern Railway statement said.

Instructions have also been issued to make proper security arrangements for passengers, the statement said.

Very heavy to extremely heavy rains occurred at most places in Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar and Alipurduar districts, while heavy to very heavy rain occurred at many places over Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts yesterday.

Royal United Sikkim FC to take on ARC Shillong for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup

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GANGTOK, 13 AUG:

ARC Shillong will take on Royal United Sikkim Football Club in the finals of the Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup here at Paljor Stadium on Tuesday.

In the second semi-final match played today, Royal United Sikkim FC defeated the State Sports Academy in a tie-breaker.

The first half ended in a goalless draw and even the second half appeared to ending without



any goals until Chendup Bhutia scored and seized

the lead for Royal United Sikkim FC in the 84th

minute.

In five minutes, Ro-

man Subba scored the equaliser for the State

Sports Academy in the 89th minute to end regulation time of the match in a 1-1 draw.

Both teams failed to score any goals in the extra-time and finally the match entered into the tie-breaker through penalty shoot-out.

In the tie-breaker, Royal United Sikkim FC scored four goals while the SSA players converted only two shots.

Royal United Sikkim FC won the match by 5-3 to secure a place in the finals of the tournament.

SCA players impress at Siliguri chess meet



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GANGTOK, 13 AUG:

Sikkim Chess Association players performed well in the 2nd Badal Bhattacharjee Memorial All India FIDE Rating Open Chess Tournament held from 06 to 11 August at Uttar Banga Marwari Bhawan in Siliguri.

A 32-member SCA

team, accompanied by SCA general secretary and international arbiter, Mahindra Dhakal, had represented Sikkim in the tournament.

In the open category, Rohit Gurung finished on sixth position while Thendup Tamang stood on seventh and Rahul Gurung on the ninth position.

All three received cash prizes of Rs 5,000 each.

In women's category, Priya Chettri stood on the first position and a bagged cash prize of Rs 4,500, while another State player, Sejal Rai, finished in third position and received the cash prize of Rs 3,000.

In North-East cate-

gory, the first three positions were taken by Sikkim players. Saurav Subba received a prize of Rs 4,500, Durga Prasad Sharma came second and Bhoj Bahadur Chettri finished on third position.

Five-year-old Samuel Khatri was awarded the Youngest Player of the Tournament.

Independence Day: Kite flying tradition lives on

NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI): People thronging the rooftops and a sky full of kites is a common sight each Independence Day across the country. This year is no different with several kite clubs holding competitions to celebrate the day.

Nibhul Pathak of Kite Club India, Ahmedabad told PTI that kite flying is a tradition followed in north India, particularly in Delhi, Lucknow, Muradabad and Bareilly.

"The tradition of flying kites with messages written on them is very old. In 1927, freedom fighters flew kites written with 'Simon, Go Back' to protest against the British rule," Pathak said.

The trend of writing messages on kites clearly hasn't waned, with kites bearing messages of "Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao" soaring high in the sky.

Bollywood and cartoon-themed kites are also popular among buyers, said Mohammed Imran, who has been coming to Delhi for last 20 years to sell kites.

He said that each year kites with latest film posters and actors are in huge demand.

"This year there are kites with Aamir Khan's 'Dangal', Shah Rukh Khan's 'Raees'. We also have kites with cartoon characters like 'Doraemon' printed on them.

"PM Modi can also be found on many kites along with photos of the Rs 500 and Rs 2000 currency notes," Imran said.

Talking about the kite flying competition to be held on August 15, Gufran Mohammad of Modern Kite Club said that several teams will be taking part in the competition.

"Usually 32 teams take part in the competition with seven people in each team. With 12 kites given to each person, the team that cuts all the opponent kites first wins.

"There are tournaments as well, with quarter final, semifinal and final matches with trophies and cash prizes to win," he said.



SINGTAM'S ABHISEK COMPLETES 5-DAY MARATHON

SINGTAM, 13 AUG: Singtam-born marathoner, Abhisek Prasad, reached Gangtok today after completing his 5-day marathon across the State. Abhisek was running to spread awareness against suicides and substance abuse.

Imbibe Krishna's compassion, CM appeals in Janmashtami message

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 AUG:

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and Mrs Tika Maya Chamling have extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Janmashtami, informs a press release.

"On Janmashtami we celebrate and rejoice the birth of Lord Krishna, who is believed to be one of the most powerful incarnations of Lord Vishnu. It is said that Krishna took birth at midnight on the ashtami or the 08th day of the Krishnapaksha or dark fortnight in the Hindu month of Shraavan coinciding to August-September.

Celebrated across the country with traditional fervour and enthusiasm, Janmashtami reminds us of the life and teachings of Lord Krishna, who propounded the virtues of truth and righteousness in the world.

Lord Krishna stands for decimating evil and thus on this day let us imbibe Lord Krishna's message of love and compassion, of oneness and pluralism and work together to take our State and the Country forward," the Chief Minister has said.

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On the eve of I-Day, remember the Partition

Twins, born 70 years ago, celebrate their Independence a day apart starting today. A combination of intolerance, politics and irreconcilable leadership differences split Pakistan and India making enemies out of fellow citizens and former colleagues and inciting a feud which keeps people apart to this day. The two nations are at daggers drawn and hold suspicions which sponsor the political and professional futures of the agent provocateurs who remain relevant because the hate sustains. A people who share a common history and draw identities from places which now lie in the neighbour's home which is now out of bounds for them for all practical purposes, have so completely bought into the seven decade old mischief, that they forget the common culture that they collectively fostered over several millennia.

That perhaps is the price one has to pay when politics is allowed to define identities and short-sighted politicians allowed to set priorities. When the partition happened in 1947, most of the displaced millions believed that it would be a temporary experiment; a mad scheme which would unravel on itself. At that time, no one could fathom a Punjab divided into two nations or believe that so many could be permanently uprooted. The Partition holocaust, and of course it was one, was taken as a momentary wave of madness, and the exodus, a precautionary measure of temporary nature. In fact, it must have been this belief which convinced so many to leave their homes in the first place, the belief that they could return when the situation "normalised". Many even believed that people's movement between India and Pakistan would be free and frequent and that no permanent cleavage of ties was possible.

A cruel con was played on the entire Partition/Independent generation and because the people- a section hurting over the Partition violence and struggling with the challenges of survival as refugees and the rest swept by jubilation of being free – forgot to remind their leaders and future generations of what it meant to be one people, the fiction of ingrained hate and reflexive paranoia took over.

The present generation of Indians and Pakistanis look at the Partition rather dispassionately and express no surprise that India claims Mohenjodaro or that Pakistan celebrates the Mughal empire or that our national anthem celebrates Sindh. Mohenjodaro sits in Pakistan and Pakistan technically holds only the periphery of the Mughal empire's spread and Sindh now sits in Pakistan. Partition remains something that most students receive only a superficial introduction to, and what they receive from mass-media only reinforces prejudice. 12.5 million people were displaced and up to a million killed in the Partition riots. The staggering numbers involved demand that all Indians and all Pakistanis study the Partition in more detail, not to hate each other more, but to realise that even the most genuine of people's movements can throw up a monster; that the culmination of 90 years of a struggle for freedom can deliver a madness which can take away all the joy. Our children need to study the Partition more so that they understand the horror of division and do not themselves make the mistakes that people continue to wilfully allow to this day. If they understand what the Partition did, they will perhaps not allow the politics of hate and the mechanisms of paranoia to decide their futures for them.



Why a new water decade is key to meeting the world's development needs

REZA ARDAKANIAN
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It was a rare success story among the mixed feelings that surrounded the conclusion of the UN Millennium Development Goals. Not all of the ambitious international targets, intended to improve the lives of the world's poorest people, were achieved on schedule by 2015. But on the issue of access to water, the results were remarkable.

Instead of "halving, by 2015, the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water" the international community managed it by 2010.

What does that mean? Since 1990, 2.6 billion people have gained access to an improved drinking water source. Better access to drinking water helped improve health, reduce poverty, and advance sustainable development across the globe.

Behind this success was the decision to declare 2005-2015 the International "Water for Life" Decade. Dedicating ten years to, among other things, providing access to water for millions of people proved to be a pivotal factor in making this target achievable.

During the decade, the United Nations General Assembly recognised access to water and sanitation as a human right. And in 2015, the UN General Assembly dedicated one of the new 17 Sustainable Development Goals – the successors to the Millennium Development Goals – solely to water. Specifically, the aim is to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all".

So yes, we have made great strides on the "water issue". And it may come as a surprise that, given the success of the last decade dedicated to water, a proposal for a new International Decade for Action on "Water for Sustainable Development" has been announced by the government of Tajikistan. But we are not done with water yet.

The proposal – part of a call for action adopted by representatives of national governments, civil society, and United Nations entities – will be brought before the next session of the General Assembly in September 2016.

Why another water decade? Because water security and infrastructure are still a huge part of the development challenges we still face. Water relates

fundamentally to natural resources and social issues – eradicating hunger and poverty will depend heavily on our attitude to water.

THE SANITATION CHALLENGE

The most glaring water-related challenge the world faces is access to sanitation services, that is, the safe disposal of human waste, from toilets and sewage systems to solid waste management. Today, more than 2.4 billion people do not have access to proper facilities. Poor sanitation is estimated to cost the world US\$260 billion per year – more than the entire GDP of China.

Kenya, for example, loses US\$324 million annually because of sanitation. That's \$244 million due to premature deaths resulting from diarrhoea, \$51 million in health care costs, \$2.7 million in productivity costs from time absent from work and school as a result of diseases due to poor sanitation, and \$26 million due to productivity time lost looking for a place to defecate.

SCARCE SUPPLY

Water scarcity already affects millions of people around the world. Population growth, rapid urbanisation, more water-intensive consumption patterns, and climate change are intensifying the pressure on existing resources. Developing countries in Africa and Asia will carry the main burden of this increase in demand.

Many already suffer greatly from water stress or scarcity, and lack the infrastructure and know-how to address it. Ethiopia, for example, is currently facing its worst drought in decades. More than 10 million people need to rely on food aid.

If we continue on our current path, the world may face a shortfall of 40% in water availability by 2030. Poor sanitation and water scarcity will only make existing regional challenges worse, and undermine our global efforts to advance sustainable development for all.

In short, water is a crucial factor in all aspects of social and economic development. This means that, on the positive side, water is an incredibly useful medium through which many global challenges can be addressed.

THE NEXT WATER DECADE

Declaring 2016-2026 the "Water for Sustainable Development" decade will raise awareness of the critical state of water resources around the world and inspire more action. To that end, the current proposal has two main objectives.

First, the call for greater international cooperation on water-related issues. In line with the recommendations of the report from the UN Secretary-General's advisory board on water and sanitation, a "new international water architecture" is needed to make financing and implementation efforts more effective.

Second, the availability and accessibility of information is vital. Any success on this front depends on increasing our knowledge of the water situation worldwide, developing effective water management strategies, and ensuring that those who need this knowledge have access to it.

THE COSTS OF INACTION

This call for action is an important initiative. But it still does not adequately address the question of how to finance the Sustainable Development Goals.

Governments must invest in water infrastructure, protecting basins and ecosystems, treating wastewater and reducing pollution. As Director of the UN-Water Decade Programme on Capacity Development (UNW-DPC) during the "Water for Life" decade, I worked with national governments and regional partners from all over the world who are grappling with these issues. We were able to conduct more than 125 capacity development activities. But there are many more that could not be addressed because we didn't have the money.

Developing countries need new water management institutions and utilities, better knowledge of integrated water resources management and the capacity to protect water basins and ecosystems. This requires access to the best available sustainable practices, through training and partnerships. The necessary funds are estimated to be in the trillions between now and 2030. But the cost of inaction is higher.

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Why aren't we more outraged about eating chicken?

CAROLINE SPENCE
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Like a B-movie for a post-Brexit era, consumers in Britain may soon be unwillingly cast in the 2019 blockbuster, Attack of the Chlorine Chickens. If news headlines are to be believed, flocks of toxic fowl are waiting to storm Britain's shores like mini featherless zombies as part of a US-UK trade deal.

But before getting into a flap about the health risks of chlorine, we should maybe pause to consider why you would bleach a chicken in the first place. It is actually primarily to mitigate the disease risks from raising nearly 9 billion chickens in overcrowded environments with low standards of animal welfare.

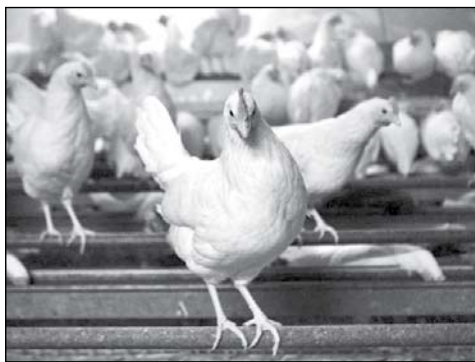
However the failure to frame the chickens' welfare as anything other than a side issue poses important questions about the nature of our interactions with animals. Why are chickens so far down in the pecking order for moral concern? Would our reaction have been the same if the animal in question were a mammal? The moral outrage sparked by when horsemeat was found in beef burgers in Britain and Ireland in 2013 would suggest not.

Despite the widespread symbolism of the cockerel across cultures, history shows that we've never really been concerned

about the welfare of chickens. Until the late 18th century, cock-throwing – tying a chicken to a stake and pelting it with objects until it felt the sweet release of death – was an extremely popular pastime in Britain. Eventually outlawed on grounds of cruelty, research has drawn parallels between cock-throwing and the widespread appearance of chickens in modern video games, which are customarily killed or used for chicken-kicking competitions. I doubt there are many video games in which players beat up dogs for kicks.

So what is it about our attitude to chickens that encourages us to disregard their widespread maltreatment? Psychological research into people's beliefs repeatedly throws up the common perception that chickens are close to the bottom of the pile when it comes to cognitive abilities.

Yet this assumption flies in the face of scientific evidence. Alongside characteristics associated with sentience in other species – such as pain perception or emotions – chickens communicate, show sensitivity to differing contexts and display personalities. This disconnect between



our perception of chickens and the reality of their mental lives is undoubtedly important. The more we see an animal as "minded", the more likely we are to believe its welfare should be protected.

Psychologists used to believe that the animals we consider to have a mind was determined mainly by social factors such as cultural background. However, we now know a range of factors, such as our age and sex, affect our willingness to attribute mental capacities to animals. For the majority of animals it also appears that simple familiarity helps – owning a pet typically increases the mental faculties we associate

with that particular species.

This is logical since the greater our contact with an animal, the more likely our chances of observing behaviour that we recognise as intelligent. And yet having a chicken in our clutches doesn't appear to help their plight. One study showed that, in a group of students, keeping chickens had no effect on the mental characteristics participants associated with them. Only by actively training the chickens in cognitive tasks did the students' attitudes begin to change.

NEW PERSPECTIVE

But why doesn't general contact with chickens alter our views on their brainpower? Our latest paper, published in Trends in Cognitive Sciences, argues that we should also consider how our own cognitive mechanisms influence our judgements about how intelligent an animal is. We are currently in the process of looking at how consistent people are when making attributions of mind to other species.

Research already tells us that context and behavioural similarity between animals and humans are central factors in our psychological interpretation of animals' actions. We also know that mirror neurons

– a type of brain cells that fire both when we perform an action or when we watch others perform the same action – are automatically activated when we watch both humans and other animals carry out similar actions to achieve an assumed goal. This means when we see a rat reach out to grasp a food item, our brain is activated using similar mechanisms to those we would use to interpret the behaviour of a human doing the same thing.

These findings lend weight to the theory that humans attribute cognitive abilities across species based on how they view specific behavioural events, such as grasping food or chewing.

Moving like a chicken might therefore be a major disadvantage when you're being compared to other farmyard inhabitants such as cows or pigs. Despite spending time observing them, it would be harder for our brains to automatically "see" their behaviour and use it as a basis for assuming some semblance of brainpower.

So next time you read stories about "frankenchicken", maybe attempt to avoid snap judgements – your perceptions of chickens aren't based on their lack of brains, but rather on the constraints of your own.

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At least 46 dead in Himachal landslide

SHIMLA, AUG 13 (PTI): A massive landslide buried two Himachal Pradesh roadways buses, killing at least 46 people and injuring several others at Kotpuri near Padhar on the Mandi Pathankot national highway today, officials said.

The toll could rise further as over 50 passengers were travelling in the two buses hit by the landslide, which was triggered by a cloud burst, they said. Some other vehicles may also have been hit by the landslide, the officials said.

"Forty-six bodies have been recovered, and of these 23 have been identified," an official said.

Rescue operations were suspended late evening as there were apprehensions of more landslides, he said. The rescue work would resume tomorrow.

Teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), the Army and the police rushed to the spot and heavy earth-moving machinery was deployed at the gorge where the two buses lay buried under a heap of debris.

Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh visited the spot. He said that eight passengers were travelling in the Manali-Katra Volvo bus, of whom three lost their lives, while five were rescued and taken to the zonal hospital in Mandi.

There were around 47 passengers in the second bus which was on its way from Manali to Chamba, an official said.

Opp parties demand cancellation of civic body polls

KOLKATA, AUG 13 (PTI): Major opposition parties in West Bengal have demanded cancellation of elections to the seven municipal bodies held today, alleging widespread violence and booth-capturing by Trinamool Congress workers.

The TMC, however, denied any role in the violence during the election and blamed the BJP and CPI(M) for it.

The state election commission declined to make any comment.

Reports from Durgapur said, clashes took place between various groups were since early morning and several vehicles were set on fire. Huge police contingent was rushed to the spot to control the situation.

The Congress demanded removal of state election commissioner A K Singh and held a sit in demonstration outside State Election Commission office.

"The SEC has completely failed to conduct the polls in free and fair manner. This is not the first time. In municipal elections held in May we had witnessed the same thing.

The TMC has turned the elections into a farce," Leader of opposition and state Congress leader Abdul Manan said.

State BJP president Dilip Ghosh, however demanded cancellation of elections in Haldia, Pashkura and Durgapur Municipal Corporation (DMC).

"We demand that fresh elections should be held after deployment of central forces. We don't demand the SEC's removal as it will not solve the matter as he is under the state government," Ghosh told PTI.

Denying any role in the poll violence, senior TMC leader Aroop Biswas said "Those who don't believe in democracy are resorting to violence. BJP is resorting to violence and is being aided by CPI(M) in it."

The Congress resorted to a road blockade and sit-in front of the state election commission office here claiming that it had failed to conduct free and fair polls.

"We want the elections to be cancelled as TMC has unleashed terror at all the places where elections are being held," CPI(M) Politburo member Mohammed Salim told PTI.

Claiming that the elections have turned into a "farce", he said, "Miscreants owing allegiance to the TMC have been terrorising everyone with guns, bombs and other weapons.

Voters, candidates, election agents no one has been spared."

Polling for the seven urban local bodies (ULBs) comprising five municipalities, one notified authority and one municipal corporation was held during the day and the results will be declared on August 17.

The municipalities which went to polls today are Panskura and Haldia in East Midnapore district, Nalhati in Birbhum, Buniadpur in South Dinajpur and Dhupguri in Jalpaiguri districts. Durgapur Municipal Corporation in Burdwan West and Cooper's Camp Notified Authority in Nadia district are the two other ULBs that went to polls today.

By-polls were held in ward number 12 under Champdani municipality and ward number 7 of Jhargram municipality.

200 Indian tourists stranded in Nepal floods



SHIRISH B PRADHAN KATHMANDU, AUG 13 (PTI): Nearly 600 tourists, including 200 Indians, have been stranded in central Nepal's popular tourist district Chitwan due to flooding triggered by heavy rains that have claimed 49 lives, officials said today.

Heavy rains have lashed Nepal for the past three days causing flooding and landslides at several places in the Himalayan country.

The swollen Rapti river flooded several hotels in the Chitwan Valley, where the country's first national park is located.

Chief District Officer Narayan Prasad Bhatta said four rubber rafts have been sought from neighbouring Devghat to carry out relief operations.

Suman Ghimire, chairman of the Regional Hotel Association, said the trapped tourists were being rescued with the help of elephants.

The home ministry has been approached for help, said a hotelier.

The meteorological department forecast that central and western plains were likely to receive heavy rainfall from this evening. The monsoon, it added, was gradually getting weaker in the eastern region and moving towards the western region.

The death toll due to flooding and landslides across Nepal since Friday reached 49, officials said.

Thirty six people have been reported missing, they added.

Twenty one districts have been badly hit by flooding and landslides, The Himalayan Times reported, citing the latest data released by the home ministry.

Of the 600 tourists stranded in the Chitwan Valley, nearly 200 were from India and about the same number from other countries.

More than 35,000 houses have been partially submerged, about 1,000 damaged and close to 400 livestock have died due to the flooding, the ministry data showed.

Transportation via the East West Highway, one of the longest in the Himalayan country, has been suspended after a pillar at a connecting bridge was washed away in the flooding.

Yesterday, the Nepal government Cabinet held an emergency meeting. Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba ordered district administrations to intensify rescue operations.

NPF agitation against Naga governor continues for the third day

KOHIMA, AUG 13 (PTI): The agitation by Naga People's Front (NPF), which is demanding ouster of Governor PB Acharya for allegedly creating a constitutional crisis by dismissing the Shurhozelie Liezietsu government and installing the T R Zeliang government, continued for the third day today.

However, unlike the first two days when the NPF Central Youth wing volunteers along with legislators and party leaders outside the Raj Bhavan, today they protested in the form of a devotional service as the day is a Sunday and Nagaland is a Christian state.

Liezietsu and his supporters NPF MLAs Thongwang Konyak, Yitachu and C L John and NPF Central general secretary Akho Leyri exhorted the party workers



to remain loyal to the party. Money and muscle power may help them (dissidents led by Zeliang) may lead the government for sometime, but the NPF Party will once again return to power as it is the backbone of Naga identity, John said.

The present imbroglio within NPF started following a dissident move against Liezietsu government by 36 NPF MLAs led by Zeliang on July 8 last.

The governor had dismissed Liezietsu government for failing to turn up for the confidence vote in the assembly on July 19 and had appointed Zeliang as the new chief minister, who proved his majority in the house on July 21.

Meanwhile, Raj Bhavan sources confirmed that Governor Acharya, who had been out of station for few days returned to Kohima yesterday evening.

Tomorrow is the last day of the protest spearheaded by NPF Central Youth Wing.

Maintain environmental flow of 15-20 pc in rivers: NGT to states

NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI): The National Green Tribunal has directed all states to maintain a minimum environmental flow of 15 to 20 per cent of the average lean season course in their rivers.

E-flow defines the quantity, timing and quality of water flow required to sustain freshwater and estuarine ecosystems, besides human livelihood.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar, however, said that if any state is unable to adhere to this average percentage then it may approach the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF).

"We direct that all the rivers in the country shall maintain minimum 15 per cent to 20 per cent of the average lean season flow of that river.

"However, whichever state is unable to adhere to this average percentage, in that event we grant liberty to that state government to move to the MoEF secretary who shall in consultation with the Ministry of Water Resources examine such a representation...", the bench said.

It also said that if it is desirable to fix any lower percentage than the percentage aforesaid, then it will pass appropriate order.

The order came after the counsel for the environment ministry told the tribunal that it has completed study of six river basins -- Siang, Tawang, Bichom, Subansiri, Dibang and Lohit.

It said the Ministry has recommended the minimum flow of the river to be 18 per cent of the average of lean season flow of the river.

However, in some of the cases, it has stated to be even 20 per cent.

The tribunal also granted liberty to the petitioner in the case to approach the environment ministry if it has material with respect to any of the rivers where this direction is not being followed.

"If such representation is moved the same shall be disposed of by the committee headed by Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in accordance with law," the bench said.

The tribunal was hearing a plea filed by environment activist Pushp Saini seeking directions to the Centre and the states to maintain minimum environmental flow in the rivers across the country to ensure their uninterrupted flow.

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End of Road: Yuvraj dropped from India's ODI squad

NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI): Veteran left-hander Yuvraj Singh was today dropped from the Indian squad for the limited overs series against Sri Lanka in what could possibly signal an end to his illustrious international career.

A two-time World Cup winner and one of India's finest limited overs exponent, the 35 year old Yuvraj's place was always under the scanner.

After a 50 against Pakistan in the Champions Trophy opener, Yuvraj hardly did anything notable as his last seven ODI innings fetched him only 162 runs.

A senior BCCI official, who is privy to selection policy said that Yuvraj is no longer in contention for the 2019 World Cup in England and Wales.

"His batting has lost stinging. He rarely bowls and his fielding has gone down a few notches. If we have to prepare a team for 2019 World Cup, we had to take a call now. In case of Mahendra Singh Dhoni, we still don't have replacement but Yuvraj's place has multiple contenders," the official, who can't come on record told PTI today.

Yuvraj has scored over 8000 runs in 304 ODIs, apart from playing 40 Tests and 58 T20 Internationals.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni's selection also indicates, he is in scheme of things for the 2019 World Cup in England.

Another player dropped from the squad that went to West Indies is young keeper-batsman Rishabh Pant, who has been replaced by KL Rahul, who is also a decent glovesman. Kedar Jadhav can also keep wickets.

Dinesh Karthik, who did a decent job in the West Indies was also dropped since he was picked as Manish Pandey's replacement.

The national selection committee decided to rest all senior bowlers -- pacers Mohammed Shami, Umesh Yadav along with spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja.

Jasprit Bumrah makes a comeback after much needed rest while rookie Mumbai pacer Shardul Thakur has also been included in the side.

Mangan United vrs Mangshila SSS for I-Day Cup at Mangshila

WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 13 AUG:

Mangan United and Mangshila Senior Secondary School are set to face each other at the finals of the Independence Day Football Tournament to be held at



Mangshila, North Sikkim on 15 Aug.

Mangan United defeated Yakthung Boys while Mangshila School

outplayed Gyembo Seven to progress in the final game of the tourney.

Sikkim Legislative Assembly Deputy

Speaker, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha attended the semi final round as the chief guest.

The winner and

the first runner up of the tournament will be awarded with the cash prize of Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000 respectively.

13-year-old boy joins Dutch club NEC Nijmegen U-15 squad

MUMBAI, AUG 13 (PTI): Delhi boy Kshitij Kumar Singh has joined the Holland based NEC Nijmegen football club for its Under-15 youth squad.

NEC Nijmegen is a professional football club, which competes in the Dutch Eerste Divisie. The club's youth teams feature at the highest level in Dutch Youth Leagues and compete against top European clubs in international tournaments.

The 13-year-old Kshitij, a second year batch student of Reliance Foundation Young Champs (RFYC) residential football program, had been to the Netherlands for two rounds of trials with PSV Eindhoven and NEC Nijmegen earlier this year before his selection in the NEC youth team.

He started playing football at the age of six, initially with Bhairung Bhutia Academy and then at FCB Escola.

The forward was spotted by Piet Hubers, Technical Director



of ISL Grassroots at the Delhi Dynamos Scouting Festival for RFYC scholarship in 2016.

Since last June, Kshitij has participated in 29 competitive and friendly games, scoring 31 goals and providing 25 assists.

Nita Ambani, Founder Chairperson of Reliance Foundation,

said Kshitij's selection at NEC youth team will be a bench mark for more opportunities for India talents.

"We are extremely proud of the progress made by the 48 champions. Children like Kshitij Kumar are the future of Indian football. He is dedicated and dis-

ciplined at this young age which makes him a force to reckon with on the ground.

"We are sure he will pave a way for more scouting from foreign countries in India as well as increase the belief among players here to play in the best leagues in the World.

Stalking may lead to more serious crimes: activists

TRISHA MUKHERJEE

NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI):

Ragini Dubey went to the police, as did Priyadarshini Mattoo. But their gruesome murders - over 20 years apart - indicate that when it comes to stalking, little has changed.

When Dubey, 17, refused the persistent advances made by Prince Tiwari, the son of a gram pradhan, little did the Ballia teen know that she would be stalked to death. She was killed on her way to school last week.

Mattoo, a Delhi law student whose rape and murder shook the country in 1996, too may never have imagined that her stalker would end up killing her.

"Stalking can be the beginning of rape, acid attack or

even murder," warned Ransana Kumari, Director of the Centre for Social Research here, as she emphasised that the problem needs to be dealt with at the initial stage itself.

"People think boys are only making advances, but it needs to be stamped out at that stalking level," she told PTI.

Another stalking incident has also grabbed the headlines and brought the issue to the national centre stage.

In this case, it was the daughter of a senior IAS officer who was allegedly chased by Vikas Barala, the son of Haryana BJP chief Subhash Barala, and his friend in a car on the night of August 4.

The trivialisation of stalking as a crime became

evident when Union minister Babul Supriyo in a tweet likened the offence to a "boy chase girl" scenario.

"We all went to college and know, like reel, 'Boy chase Girl' exists in real life too", he tweeted.

Activist Kavita Krishnan rued the "constant trivialisation" of stalking as a crime.

"Our approach to stalking is wrong. It has become an ideology that women are the problem," she said.

Stalking, she stressed, was more than a general social problem.

"There is an urgent need to make the government accountable. The government should take action against its functionaries that trivialise stalking," she said.

She referred to Uttar Pradesh's anti-romeo squads, which let off Dubey's stalker with a warning, and said such groups define "consensual love as a problem but are soft on stalking".

According to a 2015 report by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 6,266 cases of stalking were reported across the country, out of which 1,124 incidents occurred in Delhi alone.

Krishnan, the secretary of the All India Progressive Women's Association (AIPWA), stressed that the bailable nature of the offence allowed it to be downplayed.

Vikas Barala, for instance, was granted bail the same day he was taken into custody. The attempt to abduction

charge was added later and he was re-arrested.

When a stalker is released, often the accused returns to the victim with renewed vengeance that takes the shape of an extreme form of violence: rape, acid attack or even murder.

"The essential problem with stalking is that it is a bailable offence. The police complaint escalates the situation, and after getting bail, the offender does much more harm," Krishnan said.

Alok Dixit of the Delhi-based Chhany, a support centre for acid attack survivors, recalled an incident where a teenage girl in Bijnore was pursued by a 55-year-old man.

Once an FIR was filed, the stalker was taken into custody, beaten up by the

police and released with a warning.

"After his release, he threw acid on the girl," Dixit told PTI.

Low conviction rate is another problem, Krishnan noted. She said that often even police officials try to persuade complainants and their families to strike a compromise with the offenders.

The NCRB report shows out of the 1,220 men arrested for stalking, 1017 were given bail and only 203 were held in custody during the stage of investigation.

"Law will not have a deterrent effect unless it is followed by punitive action. It does not become effective in our society because law enforcement agencies do not take stalking seriously," Kumari said.

UBFC and Tashiding School Blue in Tashiding I-Day finals



YUKSAM, 13 AUG (IPR):

Two semi-final matches were played today on the twelfth day of the Independence Day Football Tournament being held at Tashiding Senior Secondary School play ground in West Sikkim.

In the men's category, UBFC Ravangla defeated BAC Chograng in a tie breaker. In the second semi final match Tashiding School (Blue) defeated Rangit Construction 5-0, cementing their position in the finals of the tourney.

Cultural Affairs Minister, GM Gurung attend-

ed the function as the chief guest.

In his short address, the chief guest expressed his happiness and congratulated the organizing committee for conducting the tournament. He also remembered and highlighted the contributions made Former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Late Nar Bahadur Bhandari.

Addressing rumors regarding the Sikkim-Darjeeling merger, the Minister assured that 'Sikkim can never be merged with Darjeeling'.

"It is a baseless rumor," he underlined.

Books to celebrate 70 years of independence

NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI): A number of books with a patriotic flavour have been brought out to celebrate and coincide with 70 years of India's independence, touching upon issues that fired the country's conscience and shaped its polity.

There is another book by former commander of the British Field Army Barney White-Spunner, who has dealt with the topic of Partition.

In "Partition: The Story of Indian Independence and the Creation of Pakistan in 1947", the author illustrates the story of 1947 with experiences of people and what independence and partition meant to the farmers of the Punjab, those living in Lahore and Calcutta, or what it felt like to be a soldier in a divided and largely passive army.

The book is published by Simon and Schuster. Pan Macmillan India has also come out with an

update, expanded 10th anniversary edition of Ramachandra Guha's "India After Gandhi".

In the last decade, India has witnessed, among other things, two general elections; the fall of the Congress and the rise of Narendra Modi; a major anti-corruption movement; more violence against women, Dalits, and religious minorities; a wave of prosperity for some but the persistence of poverty for others; comparative peace in Nagaland but greater discontent in Kashmir than ever before, Guha says.

The tenth anniversary edition, updated and expanded, brings the narrative up to the present, he adds.

Puffin Book's "India at 70: Snapshots Since Independence", written by Roshen Dalal, is an account of the nation's evolution in the past seven decades.

It captures snippets of each of these 70 years through important events in various areas like politics, culture, science, sports, literature, music and television industry.

"I wrote this book in a short and easy-to-read format, to provide youngsters with an overview of India after Independence. To set up the structure of government, hold elections, relate with other countries, and plan India's development has been a mammoth task, but that is not all that has gone into building a new nation," says Dalal.

Puffin India also announced its

new series "Discover India" with the release of the first six books - "Off to Goa", "Off to Maharashtra", "Off to Uttar Pradesh", "Off to Tamil Nadu", "Off to West Bengal" and "Off to Gujarat" - to celebrate 70 years of India's independence.

With puzzles, crosswords and dozens of other activities, the books by Sonia Mehta seek to entertain, educate and enlighten young minds.

HarperCollins India has brought out a 'Freedom list' that offers readers a kaleidoscopic view of India, replete with its challenges and accomplishments.

The issues these books cover range from women in the freedom struggle to the trauma of Partition, from strife and wars to a deeply personal depiction of life in the pre-Partition era, from poets and patriots to the weary generations.

Among the books are "Pathways to Greatness" by APJ Abdul Kalam, "Footprints on Zero Line: Writings on the Partition" by Gulzar, Krishna Sobti's "Zindaginama", "India's Broken Tryst" by Tavleen Singh, "The People Next Door: The Curious History of India's Relations with Pakistan" by TCA Raghavan and Vera Hildebrand's "Women at War: Subhash Chandra Bose and the Rani of Jhansi Regiment".

Simon and Schuster has also come out with the 10th anniversary edition of Alex von Tunzelmann's "Indian Summer: The secret history of the end of an Empire" and a

paperback edition of "India Conquered: Britain's Raj and the Chaos of Empire" by Jon Wilson.

"Indian Summer" depicts the epic sweep of events that ripped apart the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and saw one million people killed and ten million dispossessed.

It claims to reveal the secrets of the most powerful players on the world stage: the Cold War conspiracies, the private deals, and the intense and clandestine love affair between the wife of the last viceroy and the first prime minister of free India.

"India Conquered" revises the way people think about nation-building as much as empire, showing how many of the institutions that shaped 20th century India, Pakistan and Bangladesh were built in response to British power.



3 Indians arrested for illegally staying in Lanka

COLOMBO, AUG 13 (PTI): Three Indians have been arrested for illegally staying in Sri Lanka, a media report has said. On an information received by the Sri Lankan Navy, troops attached to the South Eastern Naval Command and Police Special Task Force personnel stationed in Marudamunai conducted a special raid in Nindavur on Friday and arrested them, the Colombo Page reported.

The three Indians, whose names are yet to be known, are aged 27, 36 and 41 years and are residents of Tamil Nadu. They were arrested while they were harvesting a paddy field in the area and have been charged for violating the immigration and migration laws of Sri Lanka. They have been handed over to the Sammanthurai Police for legal action, the report said.

1984 riots cases: Court asks SIT chairman to appear

NEW DELHI, AUG 13 (PTI): A Delhi court has directed the chairman of an SIT, set up to re-investigate the 1984 anti-Sikh riot cases, to explain why further probe was carried out in a case while the mandate was to re-visit facts.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) Ajay Singh Shekhawat said the reply filed by Special Investigation Team (SIT) chairman on interpretation of expression "investigation/re-investigation as per the mandate given to the SIT" was unsatisfactory.

"In these circumstances, let court notice

(be issued) to the chairman, SIT i.e. Anurag to appear in person to clarify on the facts as to why only further investigation was carried out despite the mandate of SIT to investigate/re-investigate the facts," the court said.

It listed the matter for September 13 for clarifications.

The court passed the order in the 1984 riots case in which the SIT filed a closure report on the ground that no incriminating direct or circumstantial evidence was available against any person and further investigation of the case has

been closed.

According to the prosecution, the case relates to an incident of November 3, 1984, when a mob of 300-400 people started pelting a 50-year-old Sikh man with stones in a factory area in west Delhi's Anand Parbat.

The victim fell down after which a policeman, patrolling the area, fired from his revolver in air to disperse the mob and the injured identified as Ajayab Singh was taken to hospital where he was declared brought dead by doctors.

The prosecution said that a case of murder and rioting with armed weap-

ons was registered at Patel Nagar police station.

As the persons involved in the crime could not be identified, an untraced report was filed which was accepted by the court in January 1985.

However, in February 2015, the government constituted the SIT for investigating/re-investigating cases of 1984 riots.

The SIT comprises its chairman IPS officer Anurag, members Rakesh Kapoor, retired district judge, and Kumar Gyanesh, Additional DCP.

It was decided by the SIT to further investigate

this case and several family members of the victim and others were examined who said they have no knowledge about the accused as they were not present at the scene of crime.

The SIT said in its closure report, "during further investigation, it is revealed that Ajayab Singh was killed by a mob of 300-400 rioters on November 3, 1984 at about 10:45 AM ... Anand Parbat industrial area. An offence as alleged in the FIR have been established. But despite making all possible efforts accused persons could not be identified.

Russia's romance with Raj Kapoor lives on, 29 yrs after death

ASIM KAMAL

MOSCOW, AUG 13 (PTI): Ranbir Kapoor might be setting hearts aflutter back home in India, but Russia still has just one rockstar Kapoor -- and that's his grandfather. More than 29 years after his death, Showman Raj Kapoor continues to rule Russia as the king of the Indian film industry.

Generations of Russians -- even the young -- are aware of Raj Kapoor and his cinema and regard him as Bollywood's numero uno hero despite the new crops of Indian actors who have made a global mark, with their films being released worldwide.

"Raj Kapoor for sure still holds the title of the Indian film industry's king here in Russia. He is the number one association we have when we talk about Indian cinema," said 25-year old Annie Vo.

Moscow-born Vo, of Vietnamese origin, stressed he was her "favourite" because of the true to life characters he played.

"His characters are very down to earth, true to life and genuine. Anybody can connect to his films, cutting across age, race, education and so-



cial status," she told PTI.

The creative director at Bardelli restaurant, which serves Indian food and frequently screens Hindi films at its special movie nights, said she had heard of Ranbir and seen 'Barfi!', but it is Raj Kapoor's legacy that lingers.

"Call me conservative, but I relate more to Raj's era of actors and their level of class," she said.

Raj Kapoor, who passed away aged 63 in June 1988, acted in a series of classics such as Shree 420 and Awara and is still widely known as "the greatest showman of Indian cinema". Many in Moscow stressed it was his cinema that introduced Russians to Indian films, which was why he continued to wield such magic.

Nozima Karimova, a PR firm employee, recalled the reception the actor was accorded at the Tashkent film festival.

"People spoke of his visit like he was higher than any head of state or any celebrity in the world," she said.

Strong 6.4 earthquake hits Indonesia's Sumatra: USGS

JAKARTA, AUG 13 (AFP): A strong 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit off the Indonesian island Sumatra today but there was no tsunami risk, seismologists said as panicked residents fled their homes. The quake hit at a depth of 35 kilometres at 10:08 AM (0308 GMT) 73 kilometres west of Bengkulu, according to the United States Geological Survey.

"The earthquake was quite strong and shallow, it was felt all the way to Padang, West Sumatra, but there was no threat of a tsunami," Mochammad Riyadi, an official at Indonesia's meteorology and geophysics agency, told AFP.

He said officials were checking if there were any casualties or damage. Bengkulu resident Neng Hasnah said the quake felt very strong for a few seconds, forcing her and her family members to flee her house.

"I was carrying my seven-month old granddaughter and I had to run, all the neighbours also ran outside their homes," Hasnah said.

Indonesia sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where tectonic plates collide, causing frequent seismic and volcanic activity.



Celebrities including Chelsea Clinton called on President Donald Trump to speak out about the violent white supremacist marches taking place in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Saturday, August 12. White nationalists and neo-Nazis have been clashing with counter-protestors in Charlottesville, where several people have been injured and Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe has declared a state of emergency. The clashes erupted in the town that is the home to the University of Virginia after white nationalists gathered in the city's Emancipation Park and nearby streets on Saturday to protest the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee. The New York Times reports that hundreds gathered around the statue of the Confederate general chanting phrases like "Jew will not replace us."

Will replace Pak's flawed system with new law: Sharif

M ZULQERNAIN

LAHORE, AUG 13 (PTI): Pakistan's sacked premier Nawaz Sharif said today he will strive hard to replace the country's old and "flawed" system with a new law which will put an end to the unceremonious ouster of the prime ministers. Sharif told his supporters at the last leg of his four-day homecoming from Islamabad in Lahore that his party's government was going to initiate efforts to bring new Constitution and fully support the suggestions put forward by the chairman of Senate.

"We will have to bring a new system, a new constitution and a new law replacing the old flawed



system which has been affected by virus," he said while talking about flaws in the existing system of Pakistan.

"Now we need a new law in which no one can oust a prime minister in this manner and for that purpose I will come out one roads and bring about a revolution," he asserted.

Sharif also demanded accountability from mili-

tary dictators and judges who he said have been sending prime ministers packing home in the last 70 years. He also criticised the five judges who disqualified him in the Panama Papers case.

"Are you qualified to disqualify me? Every single child of this country has not accepted your decision," Sharif said.

He also took on the

military establishment and warned that Pakistan may face a fate 1971 like situation if the prime ministers continued to be sent home unceremoniously.

"God forbid if Pakistan sees 1971 like situation again.

But now time has come that humiliation of elected prime ministers should be stopped. I am no more afraid. I do not fear for my life. I need your support to ensure respect of the people's vote and civilian supremacy," he said. Sharif said he should be given a medal for overcoming terrorism, electricity and gas shortages and unemployment.

On July 28, a five-member Supreme Court bench

disqualified 67-year-old Sharif for dishonesty and ruled that corruption cases be filed against him and his children, forcing the embattled leader out of office.

Sharif embarked on a roadshow from Islamabad to his ruling party's stronghold Lahore on Wednesday in a show of strength ahead of the crucial general elections next year. The roadshow via the iconic Grand Trunk Road, which links a large part of South Asia from Bangladesh to Afghanistan, came despite security threats and drew thousands of Sharif supporters on their way to the provincial capital of Punjab.

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PRETTY WOMAN: Priyanka Chopra wore a full-length summery dress at the Guild Hall Summer Gala in East Hampton, New York.

SHRADDHA KAPOOR'S SAINA NEHWAL GETS A TITLE



It's no hidden secret that Shraddha Kapoor will be portraying badminton star Saina Nehwal in her next biopic film directed by Amol Gupte. Though all this while, everyone guessed what could be the titled of this film. And now finally after all the wait, Amol Gupte revealed to a leading daily the possible title of the film.

He shared that he might title the film, Maar Dungi, which is a phrase that Saina Nehwal uses before every match. He said, "Before she goes for the

match, she says, 'Mujhe jaana hai aur maarna hai,' or, 'Usko maar dungi,'"

Talking about the plot of the film, Amol said, "The film will trace her journey to becoming the number one player in the world. I spent a lot of time with Nehwal before deciding to make the film.

I don't want to waste this opportunity by making it look so unbelievable that it almost seems fictional."

He added, "Since my film also portrays the life of her

family before her birth, I had to meet her parents. I also spent time with her coach Pullela Gopichand, and her friends."

The filmmaker recently told a popular daily that he finds an uncanny resemblance between Shraddha and Saina. He stated, "Shraddha resembles Saina. In fact, she was always my first choice. I have had conversations with Saina too. It's not that this idea popped up recently. I have been sitting on this script for two years."

MARS DONATES \$1 MILLION TO AID VICTIMS OF FLINT WATER CRISIS

During a stop on his sold-out 24K Magic World Tour, the powerhouse singer surprised the audience at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Michigan, when he announced that he would be donating a whopping \$1 million from the show to provide aid to the victims of the Flint water crisis.

The "Versace on the Floor" singer wowed the crowd when he briefly stopped the show to make the big announcement. "I'm very thankful to the Michigan audience for joining me in supporting this cause," Mars said in a statement. "On-going challenges re-

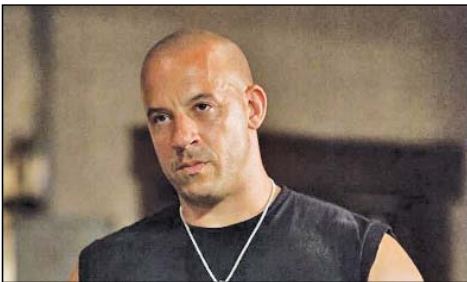
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ter. As people, especially as Americans, we need to stand together to make sure something like this never happens in any community ever again," continued the singer.

From the show tonight, Mars and Live Nation have redirected funds to The Community Foundation of Greater Flint. The Community Foundation of Greater Flint is currently addressing the multitude of issues facing the city after the water crisis and resulting disaster from the effects of the population's exposure to lead.

Mars kicked off the North American leg of his tour, which consists of 85 dates, in Las Vegas on July 15th. After his North American tour, the 31-year-old will then hit Europe for three months.

VIN DIESEL ANNOUNCES FAST & FURIOUS LIVE TOUR



Vin Diesel announced on Facebook Live this week an international tour of arena stunt shows based on the hit franchise, in which he plays main character Dom Toretto.

"As you know, my work with Fast & Furious never ends, which I'm grateful for because of you all," he said, wearing a mechanic's work shirt with his character's name on it "So now, I am in New York, believe it or not, and we are filming something that is going to be pretty state-of-the-art, something no one's ever seen before, which is a live show, which will be, I think it's first gonna be a show at the O2 Arena in London that's gonna go all over the world and we're really excited about it. But it'll be a way for you to kind of see the action firsthand."

"I'm in the middle of shooting it right now," he added. "It's amazing how many studios there are in New York City now."

Part of the most recently released Fast & Furious film, The Fate of the Furious, movie No. 8, takes place in the city. A website for the new Fast & Furious Live tour has already been set up.

"Using the most advanced technology and your favorite cars from the series, Fast & Furious Live will faithfully evoke the most outrageous moments from the beloved series," it states. "Recreating the underground streets of Los Angeles to locations that criss-cross the globe, Fast & Furious Live lets you relive the most extreme action as

our precision performance drivers execute pulse-pounding stunts surrounded by blockbuster set design, authentic digital projections and state-of-the-art physical obstacles."

"You'll feel the heat from flaming, nitrous charged exhausts, marvel at mind-blowing vehicular acrobatics and wonder 'how'd they do that' as scene after scene unfolds with the most immersive, entertaining technology imaginable," it says. "Get up close to everything you love from the explosive saga in a cutting-edge live experience that makes you part of the Fast & Furious family in a way never before possible. Real Action. Real Fast! The global tour hits the road January 2018."



14TH AUGUST

2003- Blackout hits Northeast United States

1776- Stamp Act remembered

1998- Hundred-year-old Michelin Man makes appearance in Monterey

1862- Confederate invasion of Kentucky begins

1980- Massive labor strikes hit Poland

1751- A daughter poisons her father

1994- The terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal is captured

1933- Logging accident sparks forest fire in Oregon Coast Range

1784- Russians settle Alaska

1900- Peking relieved by multinational force

1945- Steve Martin born

1834- Richard Henry Dana sets sail from Boston Harbor

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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1985- Michael Jackson takes control of the Beatles' publishing rights

1831- Montana "Vigilante X" is born

1935- FDR signs Social Security Act

1971- Pitching ace throws first no-hitter

1964- Hanoi prepares for more air attacks

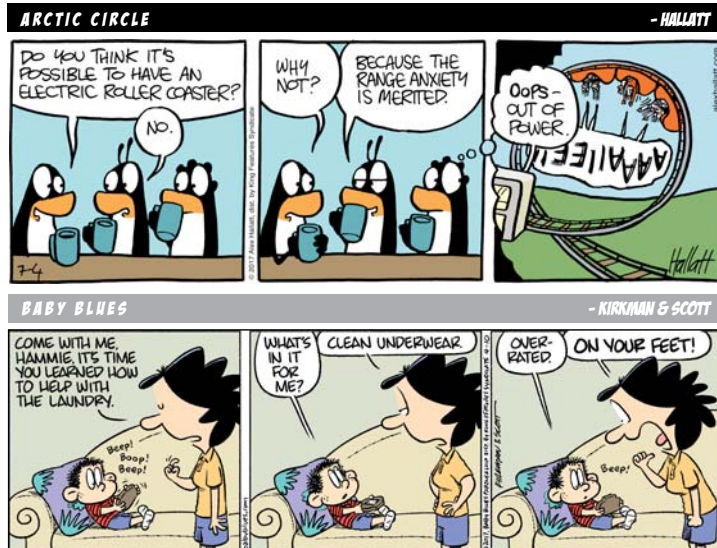
1965- Seventh Marines land at Chu Lai

1972- Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark reports on his tour of North Vietnam

1973- U.S. bombing of Cambodia ceases

1917- China declares war on Germany

1945- Japan's surrender made public.



ARIES: Your thinking may have emotional overtones that prevent you from seeing the truth clearly, Aries. Do your best to tame your feelings in order to let more rational thoughts rise to the surface. There's a stability that comes when you honor your emotions from a detached perspective instead of immediately taking action in response to how you feel. Think about this as you engage with others.

TAURUS: The thing you dread the most could be the very thing you need the most in your life, Taurus. You're at a point right now when the lessons that come might be hard to swallow, but they're necessary. Don't try to resist what you know you must face. Approach things with

courage instead of fear and you can conquer anything. Once you climb the mountain, the rest is downhill.

GEMINI: You may look at your orderly closet, well-organized desk, and clean bathroom and be proud, Gemini. Other people may fret about suddenly having to get their lives in order, but you're already there. Perhaps you don't realize it because you're such a perfectionist. Perhaps you don't give yourself enough credit for all the work you do. Give yourself a pat on the back today.

CANCER: You could feel blocked, Cancer, like you're in a trap. Perhaps your friends are influencing you into believing one thing, while

your family has you trained to believe another. You wear different masks in different situations so you may have forgotten the real person underneath. Things are in conflict, and you may be forced to make important decisions.

LEO: Remember that it takes energy to repress and bottle up your feelings, Leo. Without realizing it you may be stuffing a great deal of emotion inside while trying to ignore it. The truth is that expressing these feelings - anger, happiness, fear, self-doubt - will energize and free you. The atmosphere around you will lighten up and you'll be able to interact more openly with others.

VIRGO: Deep inside you know

the right thing to do, Virgo. Perhaps you just saw someone drop money on the ground and you picked it up. Do you return it or pocket it for yourself? You're likely to feel like you have the devil on one shoulder arguing with the angel on the other.

It's important that you listen to the angel. Do what you know is right. **LIBRA:** Your mastery of your mind and ability to stay disciplined about your goals is impressive, Libra. Others recognize and appreciate your efforts much more than usual. You may be called upon to assist in some other project or someone else's emotional drama because you have the stability required to remedy the situation. Don't downplay your

talent in this area.

SCORPIO: You may feel as if someone or something has just reformatted your hard drive, Scorpio. Suddenly things are running much more smoothly. The key now is to find the discipline and organization to understand this new system fully. Streamline your thoughts and be more efficient about how you use your energy. You'll be more effective overall if you can keep from scattering your resources.

SAGITTARIUS: You may be forced to put your thoughts into neat little boxes that can be easily understood and processed, Sagittarius. Your ideas are abstract and don't always make reasonable sense. It's OK

to have a bit of mystery about things that rational minds can't explain. Although you may feel like the goal is to arrange things in an orderly way, don't feel like you have to do it.

CAPRICORN: This may be a difficult day in which you feel pressured to get things done, Capricorn, yet there's indecisiveness and hesitation lingering in your mind. Between a rock and hard place is no easy spot, but you'll find your way out. Perhaps the thing you should do is make a move - any move. Once you get the energy flowing, the direction you need to take will be clear.

AQUARIUS: There's tremendous discipline in your way of thinking, Aquarius, which is helping you

advance toward your goals. Don't expect that you will solve every problem right away. Keep in mind that you will be able to sort through issues more efficiently. Once you have things sufficiently fleshed out, it will be easier to put the pieces back together. Stay detached instead of getting emotionally involved.

PISCES: Your thoughts may be strained, Pisces, and you could find it difficult to process things that are normally no problem. Try not to force answers that don't seem to want to come. If the information flows easily and smoothly, you will know that it's meant for you. If you have to pull teeth in order to get at the truth, you may need to back off.