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## Sikkim Government "one of a kind" says CM

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 03 APR:**

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, on the second day of his three-day tour of North Sikkim, held a meeting with the residents of Lachen-Mangan constituency here at Mangan, North Sikkim, today.

Panchayats and public of the constituency placed various demands before the Chief Minister.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Chamling urged the people to be responsible and fulfill their duties as citizens and cooperate.

Terming the Sikkim Democratic Front led State Government as a 'pro people government', Mr Chamling said, "Sikkim Government is one of a kind government in the world".

He called for kindness and positivity amongst the people of Sikkim.

"I want Sikkimese people to adapt the teachings of Lord Buddha and live with pure thoughts," he added.

Speaking on the ban on imported vegetables in the State, Mr Chamling said that he wants Sikkimese people to live lon-



ger and urged everyone to grow their own vegetables and be self reliant.

"Our forefathers led long and healthy lives because they ate pure organic produce grown in their fields," he said.

He further added that the SDF government has given every facility to the monks of the State.

The CM also announced sanctions of demands placed by the public and directed the departments to prepare

Detailed Project Reports (DPR) of the demands.

"I want the DPR to be prepared and on my table within one month and by two months all the work should be sanctioned," Mr Chamling announced.

The CM also announced distribution of milch cows and pigs as demanded by the people.

Appreciating the efforts of District Collector [North], Karma Bonpo, the Chief Minister opined that the North District is bless-

ed with one of the most deserving DCs who is 'enthusiastic and dedicated'.

The CM further announced his plans to make Lachen-Lachung and Yumthang a sustainable tourism destination.

"I want to make Sikkim self reliant and best of the best State in India," the CM said.

Earlier, Area MLA cum Forest Minister, TW Lepcha delivered the welcome address.

The Chief Minister

was accompanied by cabinet ministers, MLAs and head of departments.

The CM also made a series of announcements, starting with a facelift for Mangan Bazar which, he said, will be appointed with all the amenities of a modern town. He also announced that a children's park and a recreational centre would be constructed at Mangan and directed the District Collector to make use of excess unutilized govern-

ment land in the area for this project.

He also invited the people to explore wellness tourism in the district along with culture tourism and recreational tourism. Towards this end, the Government will invest in a grand tourism infrastructure project in Lachung, Lachen and Chungthang. The CM announced that during his ongoing 32-day tour, he will return to North Sikkim and lay the foundation stone of this project.

He stressed that people should come forward with common projects and not projects based on personal interests.

He also informed that a Kisan Bazaar will be constructed in Mangan

which will be exclusive to local farmers to sell organic produce. He also shared that price support and crop insurance against natural calamities and animal trespass will be provided by the Government to Organic farmers. Compensation will also be provided to organic farmers if their produce gets damaged

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## Pilot killed in paragliding accident, passenger injured

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

A paraglider pilot was killed and the passenger sustained grievous injuries in an unfortunate accident that occurred at Reshithang in East Sikkim this evening.

The pilot, Santosh Rai, from Gangtok, was declared brought dead in the hospital while the 11-year-old passenger from Kolkata is currently undergoing treatment at the Central Referral Hospital here.

Preliminary police

investigation into the incident has established that the incident took place between 4 to 4:30 PM when the line on the parachute snapped before landing and the duo crashed into the concrete gallery at Khel Gaon in Reshithang.

Both were immediately rushed to the CRH where the pilot, who sustained grievous head and other injuries, was declared brought dead.

It is informed that the 11-year-old also sustained injuries including fractured ribs.



## HPV vaccination against cervical cancer to start from June in West Sikkim

**GYALSHING, 03 APR (IPR):**

The first meeting of District Task Force Immunization (DTFI) on Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination for West District was organized by District Health Society here at Bhanu Salig, Kyongsa today.

The meeting commenced under the chairmanship of District Collector-cum-Chairperson (DTFI), Kapil Meena.

TN Bhutia present as a resource person said that under the visionary leadership of the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling this noble cause has been started in our state at the state's cost. This vaccine will save many of our girl children from getting cervical cancer and Sikkim is the second state to include HPV vaccination after Punjab who has already started doing this in their 2 districts only.

The target age group for the vaccination is 9 years to less than 14

years and the campaign will start as a trial from 1st week of June 2018. The initial one week vaccination will cover all schools and educational institutes and the 2nd week will be focused on drop out children or children who do not go to schools along with the HPV vaccination certificate/card, he added.

Mr Bhutia informed that 45.3 crore women are at the risk of cervical cancer and it is estimated that there are 132,000 new cases each year. It is also estimated that 70,000 deaths among women are due to cervical cancer (25% of global mortality). One woman dies of cervical cancer approximately every 8 minutes in India.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Thinlay Wongyal CMO (W), Ongdila Bhutia (Zilla Panchayat), ADC (Dev), J.D (HRDD), CDPO (ICDS), SDMs, BDOs and various other officials.

## CBSE not to conduct class 10 re-test

**NEW DELHI, APR 3 (PTI):**

The HRD ministry today decided against conducting a re-examination of the CBSE class 10 mathematics paper following reports of paper leak, with the board saying that class 10 was just an "internal segment" of school education system.

The decision has come as a relief to two lakh students from Delhi, NCR and Haryana, who would have appeared for the re-examination, if it was to be conducted.

A total of 16 lakh students had registered for the exam which was held on March 28. The government, however, had decided to leave out 14 lakh students out of the scanner for the re-test, as the reported leaks were restricted to selected areas.

Education Secretary Anil Swarup had earlier in the day said, "Consequent to a preliminary evaluation of the impact of the reportedly leaked CBSE class 10 maths paper & keeping in mind the paramount interest of students, the CBSE has decided not to conduct a re-examination, even in the states of Delhi NCR and Haryana. Hence, no re-exam for class 10".

In a later statement, the Central Board of Secondary education (CBSE) said, "Class X examination is essentially a gate-

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## Inaugural Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Jayanti football tourney kicks off

**REBYNA RANA**

**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Department, RB Subba inaugurated the first ever Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Football Tournament 2018 today here at Paljor Stadium.

Organised by All Sikkim Scheduled Caste Welfare Association [ASSCWA], the tourney aims to provide aspiring footballers a platform to showcase their skills. The association further announced that they will conduct the football tournament every year.

ASSCWA president, Shekhar Sewa, said that the association had plans to celebrate Dr Ambedkar Jayanti in a grand manner this year but opted to organize the football tournament instead.

Fourteen teams from Sikkim, Kalimpong, Jaigaon and Nepal have registered themselves in the tournament to



win the inaugural Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Football Tournament trophy.

The tourney kicked off with Young Orchid taking on Broth-

erhood Football Club where the former beat Young Orchid 4-2.

The organizing committee also announced that the final match of the tourney will be

held on 14 Apr and will be attended by Indian Super League football player, Komal Thatal and other national footballers from Sikkim.

Addressing the inaugural day of the tournament, chief guest Mr Subba spoke about the contributions made by Dr Ambedkar to safeguard the rights of minorities. He applauded the ASSCWA for organizing the event and urged the players to display camaraderie and the spirit of sportsmanship.

The programme was also attended by Gangtok MLA, Pintso Chopel, Sikkim Football Association president, Menla Ethenpa, Additional Director General of Police, Akshay Sachdeva and other officials.

Winning team of the inaugural Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Football Tournament will be receiving Rs 1 lakh while the runner up team will be awarded Rs 70,000.

## Luxmi Tea to open 100 Makaibari stores across India

**KOLKATA, APR 3 (PTI):** Luxmi Tea, which owns the iconic Makaibari brand, would set up 100 exclusive stores across the country in the next three years, a company official said.

At present, there are 10 such stores located in prominent malls in the city.

"We plan to set up 100 exclusive Makaibari branded stores in the country in the next three years. During the current fiscal, the number of stores will increase to 30," the MD of Luxmi Tea, Rudra Chat-



terjee, told PTI.

Chatterjee said all the stores would be owned by the com-

pany and manned by sons and daughters of pluckers of the Makaibari estate in Darjeeling.

"It is a long-term play and I am committed to take the brand to even greater

heights," he said.

The stores will also serve the purpose of preventing sale of fake Makaibari branded tea, which are available at various retail stores in the city.

Some of these exclusive outlets would have tea lounges, the MD said.

Owing to the prolonged agitation in Darjeeling last year, the entire Makaibari crop, except the first flush, was destroyed, leading to a loss of around Rs 3 crore, Chatterjee said.

"This year, we are expecting a good flush. All the international buyers have retained their faith in Makaibari despite its non-availability last year," he said. The premium garden produces nearly one lakh kg of tea annually, a bulk of which are exported.

The company owns 18 tea gardens - 15 in Assam and one each in Darjeeling, Terai and Dooars - with an annual production of 15 million kg, which would rise to 16 million kg this year, he added.



## SKM's Jan Chetna Yatra reaches West Sikkim

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

On the second day of its ongoing State-wide 'Jan Chetna Yatra', Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's press & publicity and social media cell team visited Kyongsa playground under Gyalshing-Bermiok constituency in West Sikkim today.

In a press release, the party has accused the state government of carelessness in completing the pending playground construction and has demanded immediate handing over of the ground to the local public after completion.

The release further alleges that the gov-

ernment has failed to complete the under construction Buda Nilkand Mandir at Barphok Chandabong since 2006.

It is added that the team visited the mandir and found that local people of the area were disheartened by the poor condition of the temple and the statue. The party has demanded that the government immediately undertake renovation of the temple as well.

The release informs that the team also appointed five persons each from Bermiok-Gyalshing and Maneybong-Dentam constituencies as secretaries of press & publicity and social media cell of the constituency.

## CBSE not to conduct class 10 re-test

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way for class XI and thus remains largely an internal segment of school education".

"On the other hand, class XII exams are a gateway to higher education and various professional competitive exams which have limited seats...therefore, giving undue advantage of to a handful of beneficiaries of the alleged leak of the economics paper would not be in larger interest of the students," it said.

The Centre had reintroduced class X boards this year and junked the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE) after it felt that the quality of education was suffering.

The Ministry of Human Resource Development had last week announced the re-examination of CBSE Class 12 economics paper on

April 25. It had said the Class 10 mathematics re-test, if required, would be conducted only for the Delhi-NCR region and Haryana in July.

The announcement was made after the board received complaints that question papers of two subjects were leaked.

"The trend of random evaluation done so far for class X mathematics paper is not indicating sudden spikes of unusual patterns, giving any impression of passing on of widespread benefits of alleged leak to students," the CBSE said in the statement.

"However, wherever it is conclusively established after due enquiry in specific cases, that undue advantage of the alleged leak has been taken by certain beneficiaries, action shall be taken as per the CBSE examination bye-laws," it added.

# West Sikkim launches AAMA initiative

**GVALSHING, 03 APR**

**(IPR):** The West District Administration today launched an initiative called "AAMA" as per the Niti Aayog's initiative of Transforming Aspirational Districts to transform the district in six vital areas of Health & Nutrition, Agriculture and allied activities, Financial Inclusion, Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure. The launch was chaired by District Collector (West), Kapil Meena at Bhanu Salig, Kyongsa West Sikkim.

The DC briefed the audience about the various cross-convergent ideas and schemes that the district has planned for overall development



of district. For successful implementation of the District Action Plan, DC has asked all HOD's to take ownership and for their personal involvement so that the initiative is successful.

A presentation on

district plan for transforming West Sikkim for successful implementation of the District Action Plan 2018-22 was presented by the SDM. The district has come up with various indicators prevalent in these sectors as

of today and what the district wants to achieve by 2022 through various technological, administrative, financial and infrastructural interventions.

As for regular and strict monitoring mech-

anism of existing flagship schemes of both central and state developed in the district, officers were designated as the in charge for ensuring improvement in performance on specific indicators as per set targets.

As per the planning, the SDMs were in charge of monitoring performance of all line departments and looking after the improvements in performance indicators under their jurisdiction and conduct review meeting every month for progress in all the six vital sectors. BDOs were handed over the implementation of district action plan in block level and told to submit a monthly report

to concerned SDMs and to the District Collector. HODs were to be responsible for implementation of district action plan on their respective sector and to submit progress report on a monthly basis to District Collector.

Further, for more successful implementation of District Action Plan, all SDMs and BDOs were to formulate a Sub-Divisional and Block-Level action plan with effective public mobilization and active participation.

The meeting was attended by CMO (W), ADC (Dev) Gyalshing, DRCHO Gyalshing District Hospital, JD HRDD, SDMs, BDOs, CDPO Gyalshing and various other officials.



## SMIT signs two MoUs with Poland based institutions

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Director, Professor Dr Ashis Sharma and Director, Firma POLKOWSKI, an IT company from Polkowice, Poland, Professor Dr Z Polkowski signed a Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial process for

exchange of students for Industrial Training on 27 Mar, a press release from SMIT informs.

SMIT Director and Rector's representative for international cooperation, Jan Wyzykowski University of Poland signed another MoU for collaboration on academic and research related activities between the two institutions.

## NYP to conduct weeklong National Integration Camp in Singtam

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

With the aim of fostering sense of unity in diversity and to facilitate exchange of information, ideas, cultures, and language amongst the youngsters across the country, National Youth Project (NYP) is organizing a weeklong National Integration Camp at Singtam from 04 to 10 Apr, a press release informs.

The camp is being held under the guidance of Gandhian and NYP chairperson, Dr SN Rao.

Dr Salem Nanjundiah Subba Rao, popularly

known as Bhajji, founded NYP in 1970 to spread the message of love, peace, friendship, communal harmony and world peace.

Bhajji, who has a lifelong association with Gandhiji's legacy and is also called the 'Living Spirit of Mahatma Gandhi' has travelled all over the world to conduct Gandhi youth camps. He has been honored with several awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award (2014), Anuvrat Ahimsa Award For International Peace (2010), Mahatma Gandhi Memorial National

Award (2008), Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award (2003), National Communal Harmony Award (2003), World Human Rights Promotion Award (2002), National Integration Award (1992) etc.

The camp to be held at Singtam, Rangpo and Gangtok will see the participation of NYP volunteers from 28 States and seven Union Territories (UTs) of India including more than 100 participants from Sikkim.

State organizer, Ganesh Adhikari informed that the main motive be-

hind organizing the event is to bring youngsters from various States under one roof so they can exchange ideas, customs and traditions to foster the feeling of oneness.

The event will consist of various outdoor and indoor activities including cleanliness drives, cultural and traditional programs, language classes, games and others. A Sarva Dharma Prathna Sabha will also be held at Namphing Mandir on 06 Apr.

Governor Shrinivas Patil and Chief Minister Pawan Chamling are also slated to visit the camp.

## 3 Sikkimese to participate in 06th International Strength Lifting C'ship

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

Three strength lifters from Sikkim are all set to represent the country in the 06th International Strength Lifting and Incline Bench Press Championship 2018 to be held from 07 to 10 Apr at Bali in Indonesia.

The trio is part of the 52-member national team for the championship.

Pema Dorjee Bhutia will be competing in the master's category while Pempa Tamang and Santosh Gupta will test their strength in the senior category in the championship.

The strength lifters

are set to leave for the venue on Wednesday to join other members of the national team at Kolkata. The national team is scheduled to leave on 06 Apr from Kolkata for the championship.

In a small function held here today, Sikkim Strength Lifting Association [SSLA] vice-president, Mani Kumar Rasaily and other executive members wished the players good luck and told them to display their best performance.

It is informed that the lifters were shortlisted to represent the country based on their outstanding performance in the

24th Senior National Championship held at Pune in Maharashtra in January this year.

Pema Dorjee Bhutia is representing India for the fourth consecutive time in the championship. He has won six gold medals and the title 'Champion of the Champions' for three consecutive years in master's category.

"We all have undergone rigorous practice sessions for two months for the championship. We are very hopeful and confident to again win medals for the country in the event," Mr Bhutia said.

Santosh Gupta is par-

ticipating for the second time in the championship. He had won a silver medal in the championship held last year at Colombo in Sri Lanka. He also expressed his confidence to turn the color of this medal to gold this time.

Debutant Pempa Tamang is hopeful that he will win laurels for the country.

SSLA publicity secretary, Pema Wangdi Yonzon, expressed best wishes to all the three lifters and encouraged them to maintain their form and performance to win medals and laurels for the country and the State.



## SKM conducts meeting for May Day celebration

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

A coordination meeting of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party was held at Bhanjyang Bazaar in South Sikkim today.

The main objective of the meeting was to discuss various issues related to May Day celebration, informs an SKM press release.

The meeting was chaired by acting president and MLA, Kunga Nima Lepcha and other senior leaders, workers and supporters of the party.

The release adds that various issues were discussed during the meeting and a committee was also constituted for the May Day celebration.

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## IPL conducts training prog for farmers in Assam Lingzey

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

International Panaacea Limited, a service provider agency under Sikkim Organic Mission, Government of Sikkim, organized a Gram Panchayat Unit level programme for farmers on International Certification Service [ICS], organic certification and organic vegetable production at Assam Lingzey, East Sikkim, on 02 Apr, a press release informs.

Village Level Worker [VLW], Rajni Darjee, informed the farmers about crop insurance and emphasized on the present market value of leafy and leguminous vegetables. She also urged the farmers to follow crop rotation process along with land and manure preparation, organic seeds and seed treatment for different crops.

The resource persons educated the farmers about ICS documentation and organic certification pro-

cesses based on National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and National Organic Program (NOP) technical standards (USA).

The programme was also attended by Panchayat President, Ganesh Chettri, Zilla Panchayats, Agriculture and Horticulture Department officials and farmers of the area.

A similar programme was conducted by IPL at Padamchey, East Sikkim, on 01 Apr.



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### NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

On behalf of Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim at Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong - 737102, East District, Sikkim - sealed quotation are invited for repair & maintenance of one number of Lift installed at Samaj Kalyan Bhawan, Lumsey, Tadong, East Sikkim. For Details please see the Government website: [www.sikkim.gov.in](http://www.sikkim.gov.in) and office of the undersigned during working days and in working hours.

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**Gangtok on Wednesday, 04 Apr**

**Temp:** 23°C /10°C  
**Forecast:** Not as warm with times of clouds and sun; a thundershower in the afternoon.  
**Sunrise:** 05:24 AM  
**Sunset:** 5:54 PM

**Stakeholders Consultation on State Action Plan on Climate Change**

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**  
 A Stakeholders Consultation on Developing a Monitoring Framework for the State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC) for Sikkim is being organized by Department of Science & Technology and Climate Change, Government of Sikkim and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on 04 Apr at a local hotel.

The objective of the consultation is to agree on a monitoring framework for Sikkim State with relevant indicators and procedures for generating evidences, learning, informed decision making and reporting on climate actions, as per a press release.

Kai Schrader (Evaluation & Learning Advisor, HELVETAS Swiss Inter-cooperation, Zurich) and Devanshu Chakravarti (M&E specialist, Intercoperation Social Development India) are the facilitators of the programme.

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**Crafting dreams into reality: Persis Rai**

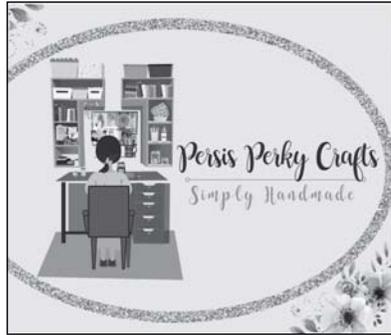
**YOUANG TAMANG**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

25-year-old Persis Rai is a young entrepreneur who specializes in making handcrafted cards, dreamcatchers, diaries, frames, bookmarks, invitation cards, fridge magnets and many more.

Initially, she began showcasing her products on social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. After receiving positive feedback from people, Persis founded her own brand 'Persis's Perky Crafts'.

She frequently conducts workshops, especially for women and children. She has organized many workshops in several children's homes of Sikkim and for women of the State.

She believes that her work is not just the outcome of her cre-



ativity but also a symbol of empowerment.

'Persis's Perky Crafts' runs with the tag line 'simply handmade'.

Very optimistic about life and her venture, she says that people should be aware of their

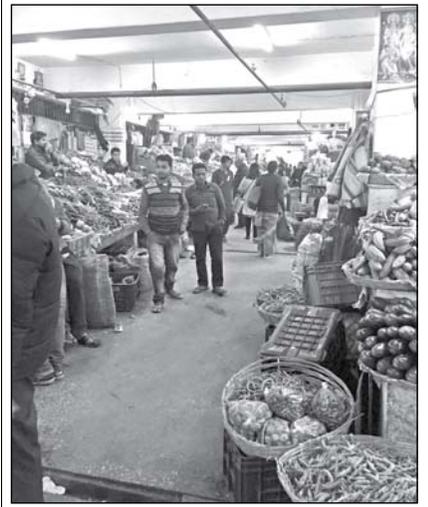
mind, body and thoughts. She hopes to open her own crafts store Gangtok in future.

"A strong woman stands up for herself. A stronger woman stands up for others," she says.

Born to parents Tara Rai and Chandra Dhoj Rai, Persis is

a Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School alumni and a graduate from Loreto College in Darjeeling, West Bengal.

Her products can be purchased online on Facebook and Instagram through her page Persis's Perky Crafts.



**Pricing of organic products a cause for concern**

**NITESH R PRADHAN**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

The slated ban on non-organic vegetables and fruits from 05 Apr onwards has shopkeepers and vendors emptying most of their stock of non-organic food products.

"We are strictly following the government's policy and from 05 Apr people will get only organic food products in markets," held a fruit vendor, Chotu Prasad.

He also added that it would affect the pricing as organic products are costlier. Another vegetable vendor, Suraj admits to loss in business but hopes that with time people will adapt to this change.

"We need support from the people as it is a movement," he says while appealing to the public to support the initiative.

While local organic products like fern, bamboo shoots and other vegetables will see rise in

prices, the shopkeepers are also worried that this may also lead to rise in the price of non-organic products like onion.

A shopper in Lal Bazaar, Pema Tamang is amused at the visibly empty market free of non-organic products.

"We want rates of organic products to go down. Coming from a middle class family our concerns should also be kept in mind," she said.

The geographical location of the state is also being seen as an impediment with bad condition of the national highway and other infrastructural projects still underway. Going organic may cost a huge hole in the pockets of the average Sikkimese if the rates of organic items are not kept in check with a proper mechanism in place.

"We need more awareness in terms of pricing of organic products," remarked another shopper, Krishna Chettri.



**Gujarat's Zydus Hospital offers affordable services to Sikkimese patients**

**GANGTOK, 03 APR (IPR):** A four-member medical team from Zydus Hospital, Gujarat, called on Minister for Tourism, Civil Aviation and Commerce and Industries Department, Ugyen T Gyatso Bhutia and Minister for Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department, AKGhatani at

Paryatan Bhawan in Gangtok today.

Chief Operating Officer, Zydus Hospital, Dr Sajan Nair gave a PowerPoint presentation wherein he highlighted medical services available in Zydus Hospital and informed that the hospital is well

connected and thoroughly equipped with advanced technology system.

He further informed that quality medical services will be provided to Sikkimese patients at economic rate as a goodwill gesture from Zydus Hospital founder and chairperson, Pan-kaj Patel.

Other visiting members of the hospital also shed light on facilities in the hospital.

Principal Secretary [Commerce and Industry Department], Arvind Kumar and Commissioner-cum-Secretary [Health Department] Vishal Chauhan also attended the presentation session.



**Marathon Man Abhishek Gupta releases book on Delhi run**

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

Long distance runner, Abhishek Prasad Gupta's book was released by the Superintendent of Police [East], Tenzing Loden Lepcha here at the Press Club of Sikkim today.

In the book, Abhishek has shared the experiences of his recent solo ultra marathon from Gangtok to Delhi to encourage youngsters.

The 22-year-old runner from Singtam has written about his experiences, challenges and other interesting facts accompanied by plenty of photographs of various

stops and receptions from the run.

The 62-page book features Abhishek's journey from Sikkim to Delhi including the support he received from people along the way.

Abhishek started his run from Gangtok on 29 Dec, 2017 and reached Delhi on 24 Jan, 2018 after completing 1545 KM run covering five States namely, Sikkim, West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

He began the run to promote Sikkim's Organic Mission and raise awareness on child abuse and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

He is presently preparing to cover 3000 KMs to register

his name in the Limca Book of Records.

Appreciating the idea behind the run to create awareness on social issues, SP [East] stated that the District Administration provided all possible support to Abhishek in his recent run. He congratulated him for documenting his journey and encouraged him to continue with such initiatives.

The function started with the welcome address by PCS president, Joseph Lepcha and ended with vote of thanks by PCS general secretary, Puran Tamang. The function was conducted by journalist Arpan Pradhan.

**Sikkim Government "one of a kind"...**

during transportation or goes unsold, he added.

He said that since agriculture has become lucrative with the ban on non-organic produce in the State, people should engage in agriculture. He also urged the youth to start innovative enterprises and explore value addition to organic produce.

He further said that dairy farming was now a priority sector of the Government and large numbers of

cows were being distributed and people should go for organic milk production as also Organic fisheries, poultry and organic meat production

He reiterated that the housing for all initiative of the State Government, initiated some twenty years ago was now nearing 100% pucca houses for locals and added that this was an ongoing programme and that people will re-

ceive the scheme even before they ask for it.

He also sanctioned many projects like 50-bedded hostels at Chungthang and Naga and announced a Rs 1 crore grant for Ringhim Monastery, weaving and dyeing center at Chaten and an eight-roomed school building at Mangan Senior Secondary School and a community hall for Mangan.



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**TIME SHEDULE**

- i. Sale of Tender **16.04.2018 to 21.04.2018** during office hours.
- ii. Receipt of Tender form alongwith the relevant documents **23.04.2018 till 12.30 pm** in the Office of Additional Secretary, Paryatan Bhawan, Tadong Gangtok.
- iii. Opening of Tender Documents **23.04.2018 from 2.30 pm** in the office of the Additional Secretary, Paryatan Bhawan Tadong, Gangtok.

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## Ban on Non-Organic Vegetables

*Too rushed. Too much Deptt. And not enough collaboration*

This section has said this before, but now that the ban on sale of vegetables from outside Sikkim is actually being rolled out, it needs to be said again – bans are not half as effective as incentivising the switch that is being envisaged.

From the word in the markets, the other necessary ingredient to ease such a major disruption as emptying the haats of vegetables from outside – consultations – has also been avoided. One cannot imagine why collaborations were not explored or vegetable vendors and wholesalers not kept in the loop by the concerned authorities, and it is inexcusable that there has not been any effort to assuage the fears of the lay people that there is going to be shortage and usurious profiteering. Even football tournament organisers hire a taxi, load it with a sound system and go around town announcing the fixture so that the people know. Gangtok has only one functioning movie hall and they still put up posters informing people what they are screening. But when it came to “regulating” the sale of non-organic farm produce from outside, it was done without any effort to explain, justify or reassure. The Horticulture Department, which is going to be enforcing the ban, has not convened a single press conference or attempted any public outreach programme to clarify the many doubts in the people’s minds and the many questions already raised by traders on how they fear their businesses will be affected or the market demands met.

Even if the concerned officers are media-shy, they could at least have released a communiqué addressing some basic FAQs. For instance, homes in Sikkim deserve to be assured that Sikkim’s farms produce enough of maize, the 19 vegetables, four fruits and three spices banned from import, to keep their kitchens functioning without rationing. The last data on organically grown vegetables in Sikkim suggests that the State runs 20,000 metric tonnes short every year to meet even the local demand. Has this figure improved? Then why was no one told about it earlier? The farmers here would also like to be told why, if they were producing enough organic variants of these items, were imports still necessary. Then the consumers here will also need to be reassured that their budgets for meals will not be upset and that they will not be required to go on vegetable hunts because the traditional stalls are sitting empty. After this, the vegetable suppliers and vendors should have been informed where they can lift supplies from. Farmers still need to be assisted on how they are to negotiate with middlemen and transact business now that they have monopoly access to the mandis here.

After all this, and then some, confusions and doubts had been resolved, then the department could have gone ahead straddled its Agriculture and Horticulture staff with the additional task of performing as “enforcement officers” as well. They would still need to be trained and provided testing equipment to establish the origins of vegetables they can now seize and dispose. Sure, most people can look at a vegetable and guess whether it is local or nonlocal, but when these are to be taken away from a vendor who would have otherwise earned a livelihood from the sale, slightly more scientific than an informed guess should be relied on, don’t you agree?

The bottom-line is that apart from everything uncomfortable about bans and force-feeding, such a major upheaval should not have been pushed through without every aspect of it having been addressed, every doubt cleared and every piece of information shared across the State. The Horticulture Department, before it notified the creation of a new post of “enforcement officers” should have designated “information officers” at least two months back to be stationed at markets on haat days armed with information about the ban-plan and answers for every doubt the people and vendors might have. While this happened, the wholesalers and traders should have been brought on board and incentives offered to them to support the plan to have every kitchen in Sikkim cook exclusively organic. This collaboration is necessary if the ban is to arrive without resentment. They could have been offered transport subsidies and other benefits if they lifted supplies from growers here. They are business people, why would they resist the opportunity to support local produce if their businesses did not suffer and they earned some merit and enjoyed some extra credit along the way? If the Department thinks that its officers can, within days, learn the ropes that traders have honed over generations, and service the market so well that they can replace them, well, they have another think coming. But at what cost?

Hopefully, the ban will succeed without forcing anyone to ration their vegetables because apart from the directly affected traders, no one else seems worried enough to ask for clarifications.

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# Martin Luther King Jr. had a much more radical message than a dream of racial brotherhood

MLK ASSASSINATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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Martin Luther King Jr. has come to be revered as a hero who led a nonviolent struggle to reform and redeem the United States. His birthday is celebrated as a national holiday. Tributes are paid to him on his death anniversary each April, and his legacy is honored in multiple ways.

But from my perspective as a historian of religion and civil rights, the true radicalism of his thought remains underappreciated. The “civil saint” portrayed nowadays was, by the end of his life, a social and economic radical, who argued forcefully for the necessity of economic justice in the pursuit of racial equality.

Three particular works from 1957 to 1967 illustrate how King’s political thought evolved from a hopeful reformer to a radical critic.

### KING’S SUPPORT FOR WHITE MODERATES

For much of the 1950s, King believed that white southern ministers could provide moral leadership. He thought the white racists of the South could be countered by the ministers who took a stand for equality. At the time, his concern with economic justice was a secondary theme in his addresses and political advocacy.

Speaking at Vanderbilt University in 1957, he professed his belief that “there is in the white South more open-minded moderates than appears on the surface.” He urged them to lead the region through its necessary transition to equal treatment for black citizens. He reassured all that the aim of the movement was not to “defeat or humiliate the white man, but to win his friendship and understanding.”

King had hope for this vision. He had worked with white liberals such as Myles Horton, the leader of a center in Tennessee for training labor and civil rights organizers. King had developed friendships and crucial alliances with white supporters in other parts of the country as well. His vision was for the fulfillment of basic American ideals of liberty and equality.

**LETTER FROM BIRMINGHAM JAIL**  
By the early 1960s, at the peak of the civil rights movement, King’s views had evolved significantly. In early



1963, King came to Birmingham to lead a campaign for civil rights in a city known for its history of racial violence.

During the Birmingham campaign, in April 1963, he issued a masterful public letter explaining the motivations behind his crusade. It stands in striking contrast with his hopeful 1957 sermon.

His “Letter From a Birmingham Jail” responded to a newspaper advertisement from eight local clergymen urging King to allow the city government to enact gradual changes.

In a stark change from his earlier views, King devastatingly targeted white moderates willing to settle for “order” over justice. In an oppressive environment, the avoidance of conflict might appear to be “order,” but in fact supported the denial of basic citizenship rights, he noted.

“We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive,” King wrote. He argued how oppressors never voluntarily gave up freedom to the oppressed – it always had to be demanded by “extremists for justice.”

He wrote how he was “gravely disappointed with the white moderate ... who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man’s freedom.” They were, he said, a greater enemy to racial justice than were members of the white suprem-

acist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and other white racist radicals.

### CALL FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

By 1967, King’s philosophy emphasized economic justice as essential to equality. And he made clear connections between American violence abroad in Vietnam and American social inequality at home.

Exactly one year before his assassination in Memphis, King stood at one of the best-known pulpits in the nation, at Riverside Church in New York. There, he explained how he had come to connect the struggle for civil rights with the fight for economic justice and the early protests against the Vietnam War.

He proclaimed: “Now it should be incandescently clear that no one who has any concern for the integrity and life of America today can ignore the present war. If America’s soul becomes totally poisoned, part of the autopsy must read ‘Vietnam.’ It can never be saved so long as it destroys the hopes of men the world over.”

He angered crucial allies. King and President Lyndon Johnson, for example, had been allies in achieving significant legislative victories in 1964 and 1965. Johnson’s “Great Society” launched a series of initiatives to address issues of poverty at home. But beginning in 1965, after the Johnson administration increased the number of U.S. troops deployed in Vietnam,

King’s vision grew radical.

King continued with a searching analysis of what linked poverty and violence both at home and abroad. While he had spoken out before about the effects of colonialism, he now made the connection unmistakably clear. He said: “I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted. I speak for the poor in America who are paying the double price of smashed hopes at home, and death and corruption in Vietnam.”

King concluded with the famous words on “the fierce urgency of now,” by which he emphasized the immediacy of the connection between economic injustice and racial inequality.

### THE RADICAL KING

King’s “I Have a Dream,” speech at the March on Washington in August 1963 serves as the touchstone for the annual King holiday. But King’s dream ultimately evolved into a call for a fundamental redistribution of economic power and resources. It’s why he was in Memphis, supporting a strike by garbage workers, when he was assassinated in April 1968.

He remained, to the end, the prophet of nonviolent resistance. But these three key moments in King’s life show his evolution over a decade.

This remembering matters more than ever today. Many states are either passing or considering measures that would make it harder for many Americans to exercise their fundamental right to vote. It would roll back the huge gains in rates of political participation by racial minorities made possible by the Voting Rights Act of 1965. At the same time, there is a persistent wealth gap between blacks and whites.

Only sustained government attention can address these issues – the point King was stressing later in his life.

King’s philosophy stood not just for “opportunity,” but for positive measures toward economic equality and political power. Ignoring this understanding betrays the “dream” that is ritually invoked each year.

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# Large crack in East African Rift is evidence of continent splitting in two

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A large crack, stretching several kilometres, made a sudden appearance recently in south-western Kenya. The tear, which continues to grow, caused part of the Nairobi-Narok highway to collapse and was accompanied by seismic activity in the area.

The Earth is an ever-changing planet, even though in some respects change might be almost unnoticeable to us. Plate tectonics is a good example of this. But every now and again something dramatic happens and leads to renewed questions about the African continent splitting in two.

The Earth’s lithosphere (formed by the crust and the upper part of the mantle) is broken up into a number of tectonic plates. These plates are not static, but move relative to each other at varying speeds, “gliding” over a viscous asthenosphere. Exactly what mechanism or mechanisms are behind their movement is still debated, but are likely to include convection currents within the asthenosphere and the forces generated at the boundaries between plates.

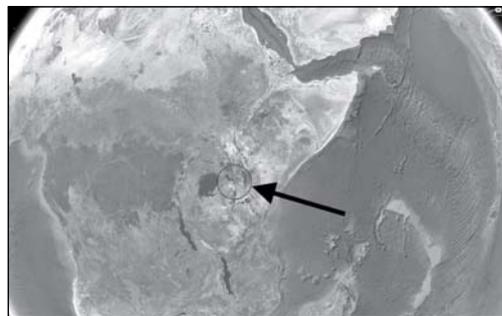
These forces do not simply move the plates around, they can also cause plates to rupture, forming a rift and potentially leading to the creation of new plate boundaries. The East African Rift system is an example of where this is currently happening.

The East African Rift Valley stretches over 3,000km from the Gulf of Aden in the north towards Zimbabwe in the south, splitting the African plate into two unequal parts: the Somali and Nubian plates. Activity along the eastern branch of the rift valley, running along Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania, became evident when the large crack suddenly appeared in south-western Kenya.

### WHY DOES RIFTING HAPPEN?

When the lithosphere is subjected to a horizontal extensional force it will stretch, becoming thinner. Eventually, it will rupture, leading to the formation of a rift valley.

This process is accompanied by surface manifestations along the rift valley in the form of volcanism and seismic activity. Rifts are the initial stage



of a continental break-up and, if successful, can lead to the formation of a new ocean basin. An example of a place on Earth where this has happened is the South Atlantic ocean, which resulted from the break up of South America and Africa around 138m years ago – ever noticed how their coastlines match like pieces of the same puzzle?.

Continental rifting requires the existence of extensional forces great enough to break the lithosphere. The East African Rift is described as an active type of rift, in which the source of these stresses lies in the circulation of the underlying mantle. Beneath this rift, the rise of a large mantle plume is doming the lithosphere upwards, causing it to weaken as a result of the increase in temperature, undergo stretching and breaking by faulting.

Evidence for the existence of this hotter-than-normal mantle plume has been found in geophysical data and is often referred to as the “African Superswell”. This superplume is not only a widely-accepted source of the pull-apart forces that are resulting in the formation of the rift valley but has also been used to explain the anomalously high topography of the Southern and Eastern African Plateaus.

### BREAKING UP ISN’T EASY

Rifts exhibit a very distinctive topography, characterised by a series of fault-bounded depressions surrounded by higher terrain. In the East African system, a series of aligned rift valleys separated from each other by large bounding faults can be

clearly seen from space.

Not all of these fractures formed at the same time, but followed a sequence starting in the Afar region in northern Ethiopia at around 30m years ago and propagating southwards towards Zimbabwe at a mean rate of between 2.5-5cm a year.

Although most of the time rifting is unnoticeable to us, the formation of new faults, fissures and cracks or renewed movement along old faults as the Nubian and Somali plates continue moving apart can result in earthquakes.

However, in East Africa most of this seismicity is spread over a wide zone across the rift valley and is of relatively small magnitude. Volcanism running alongside is a further surface manifestation of the ongoing process of continental break up and the proximity of the hot molten asthenosphere to the surface.

### A TIMELINE IN ACTION

The East African Rift is unique in that it allows us to observe different stages of rifting along its length. To the south, where the rift is young, extension rates are low and faulting occurs over a wide area. Volcanism and seismicity are limited.

Towards the Afar region, however, the entire rift valley floor is covered with volcanic rocks. This suggests that, in this area, the lithosphere has thinned almost to the point of complete break up. When this happens, a new ocean will begin forming by the solidification of magma in the space created by the broken-up plates. Eventually, over a period of tens of millions of years, seafloor spreading will progress along the entire length of the rift. The ocean will flood in and, as a result, the African continent will become smaller and there will be a large island in the Indian Ocean composed of parts of Ethiopia and Somalia, including the Horn of Africa.

Dramatic events, such as sudden motorway-splitting faults or large catastrophic earthquakes may give continental rifting a sense of urgency but, most of the time, it goes about splitting Africa without anybody even noticing.

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The town of Chungthang in North Sikkim which sits on the banks of the Teesta Stage-III HEP reservoir. This 1,200 MW project is the latest hydel project to be commissioned in Sikkim. [foto: Kunga Tashi Lepcha]

# SIKKIM'S HYDEL STORY

*The journey from 50KW in 1927, 30MW in 1994, to 2,200 MWs in 2018*

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The first hydropower project commissioned in Sikkim was a micro-hydel on Rani Khola below Gangtok in 1927. This one had an installed capacity of a mere 50 KW and later, even the first hydel of any real consequence was a small hydro venture in the year 1965 - the 2 MW Jali Power House on Sang Khola, around 30 KMs away from the capital, Gangtok, along the national highway. The most recent hydel project to begin generation in Sikkim is in the mega-hydel category - the 1,200 MW Teesta Stage III, built high in the North district at Chungthang and commissioned in the year 2017.

Much has changed in the hydel scenario in Sikkim in the 53 years between the two events (or 90 years if the 1927 project is counted as the take-off point instead). Even as late as 1978, Sikkim generated only 3 MWs from three hydel projects. It now feeds around 2,200 MW into the power grid and has around 19 projects in various stages of exploration and completion.

While big hydel in India was more about "development", industry and the march of science, in Sikkim, it is apparent that it was a luxury, almost an indulgence in the initial years, not as much linked to the economy as it was to flaunt an acquisition and service an elite sliver of the society. In fact, in the early years, Sikkim did not even feel it necessary to have a Power Department and the small hydels were kept under the charge of the Public Works Department here.

And that sentiment is how things continued right until the 2000's when hydel was served up as an economic deliverer of use for much more than electrifying every home in the State.

But it is not as if Sikkim did not flirt with the idea of establishing big hydel even before it merged with India in 1975.

Sikkim has lived with the ferocity of the Teesta ever since people have lived here. Stories of its floods and potential for damage pepper its myths and living memory. The river is ferocious when on a free run in Sikkim, gathering strength and megawatts of energy as it cascades from a high of around 5,200 mtrs where it is born to 300 mtrs, the height at which it exits Sikkim, a mere 175 kms downstream.

Recognition of this hydel potential is however a rather recent discovery. That said, initial reconnaissance by the Central Water Commission in 1974 only reaffirmed what technocrats and even lay observers had noticed much earlier.

In his book, "The Life and Times of a Plantsman in the Sikkim Himalayas," respected forester and a former Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim, KC Pradhan, shares that the Forest Department "encountered" Teesta's stretch between Chungthang and Mangan from 1955 to 1976 when timber scantlings and logs were floated down from Lachung in North Sikkim to Bardang near Rangpo in East Sikkim. The river, he recalls, was so "torrential" in the Chungthang-Mangan stretch that they would lose most of the timber in the huge whirlpool below Singhik (near Mangan in North Sikkim).

Elsewhere in the book, he also mentions how harnessing the Teesta for hydroelectricity was a "cherished dream" of the King of Sikkim who had his eyes on the same stretch of the Teesta.

This idea was, however, not explored in any earnest, probably because either the technology was not available, the logistics too challenging or the finances required too astronomical. Ironically, this is still a pending project. The Teesta Stage IV hydel project is proposed on the same site as the one which had so excited Sikkim's officers with its potential decades ago and where so much of its timber floated from the coniferous forests up north had been lost. While Teesta Stage III upstream and the Teesta Stage V a few kilometres downstream have been commissioned, Stage IV remains in animated suspension, held back by disagreement between the affected landowners and a clear disinterest in the State Government to invest the proactive engagement with which other hydel projects have been facilitated.

But we get ahead of the story here.

That the mountain rivers held tremendous hydel potential was always

known, and Teesta's promise for hydroelectric development was officially endorsed for the first time by a team of experts from the erstwhile Central Water & Power Commission following a preliminary reconnaissance survey in 1974. They believed that the river could be harnessed under a "cascade development" format and pegged the river's hydroelectric potential at 3,735 MW.

This was also the report which first proposed the cascade development approach of power generation in six stages on the Teesta, spanning nearly the entire course of the river in Sikkim. Four of these "stages" have been explored and two have since been commissioned. The remaining little over 4,000 MW potential of Sikkim were scoped on the State's other rivers and streams.

But, for whatever reason, the policy-makers in Delhi never really bothered with exploiting this potential at the time, and projects in the hills were mostly small and micro, commissioned essentially to meet local needs. Since the hill states also lacked any substantial industries, the local demand was low and the projects remained small, often times not even enough to service the domestic requirements. "Load-shedding" was a common occurrence in Sikkim in the 1990's even though its peak domestic demand could not have been any more than 30 MWs at the time. From here, one could veer off on a whole rant about how the Centre prioritises policy interventions for the margins, but we leave that for some other time. That said, as of 2015-16, as per the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission, the total connected load in Sikkim had marched ahead to around 130 MW, a substantial increase, but still way lower than what the State is now generating.

Earlier, Sikkim would meet its electricity requirements from the Chukha Hydel Project in Bhutan, Farakka Super Thermal Power Station in West Bengal, and Raman and Rangit Hydel Projects in West Sikkim. This supply used to be drawn through the West Bengal transmission system which was in rather poor condition and resulted in additional interruptions and frequent tripping.

Meanwhile, real interest in the resource coursing through Himalayan streams was piqued in the late 1990's when the country woke up to the mismatch between the demands of "development" and the energy required to power the aspired-for growth rate. Increasing dependence on fossil fuel-based generation of electricity and the expanding gap between coal and hydel raised further concern. The policy makers were also convinced that the existing public sector undertakings would not be able to meet the targets and a major policy switch was promulgated.

A lot of factors came together in the 1990's leading to a major change in how the country proposed to generate electricity and meet its energy requirements. The economic liberalization effected at the time, apart from many other things, raised GDP growth rates in priority and the industrialization that it was to piggy-back on required copious supplies of energy, power which the country realized it was not generating enough of.

Once India emerged from its closed economy regime, it quickly accepted that to remain globally competitive, it would need reliable energy supply with electricity a necessary component to meet the requirement.

When the policy-makers looked around, they also noticed that the dependence on coal and fossil-fuels had grown to unsustainable levels even as the hydel resource had remained largely untapped.

Conventional energy sources in the country relied unhealthily on coal-fired thermal plants. Government records reveal that the ideal hydro-thermal ratio of 40:60 had been achieved in the 1960's, from then onwards, energy production became increasingly coal-dependent arriving at a 26:65 ratio in favour of coal in the 1990's. This dependence on non-renewable resources, and studies which revealed that 77% of the untapped hydropower potential was located in rivers in the North and Northeast regions, both

of which lacked any big-ticket industries or investment in infrastructure, were underlined by consultants and experts to recommend policy changes to allow for quicker processing of hydel projects.

Apart from claiming minimal environmental impact, it was also increasingly argued that hydel generation was best suited to service the unique nature of power consumption in the country which oscillated dramatically between peak and low demands. Hydel projects could be allowed to stay idle during low demand hours, it was pointed out, and since reservoirs allowed for them to generate electricity literally at a moment's notice (as against what must be tedious processes of firing up thermal plants), experts projected it as a "desirable asset in any power system".

The ease with which hydropower plants can be brought on stream for higher generation and backed down during off-peak periods, makes hydropower an important tool for electricity system balancing, it was explained repeatedly in vision documents and policy briefs.

The Government of India's Mega Power Policy of 1995 took heed and sought to correct this situation by opening hydropower projects to private sector development. This sector had thus far been the sole domain of public sector and governmental undertakings.

The planners in Delhi were clearly working on hydel prospects. The Central Electricity Authority in its 2001 preliminary ranking study of the hydroelectric potential of river basins in India, identified 21 large projects in Sikkim to generate 3193 MW. Following this study, the Prime Minister's 50,000 MW hydropower initiative was launched in 2003 and pre-feasibility reports for 10 projects were prepared in Sikkim.

Even the Sikkim Human Development Report published in 2001 underlined that (at that time in 2001), Sikkim had installed only 0.2% (31MW) of its potential for 8000 MW. The Report had recommended that Sikkim take up "larger hydel power stations in the Teesta basin through Independent Power Producers (IPPs)" and undertake "efficient management of the Teesta river system together with evacuation and marketing of energy from all the stages of Teesta cascade".

Meanwhile, the Mega Power Policy, apart from extending a 10-year tax exemption and import duty exemption also undertook for the government to obtain land and secure the required environmental clearances to interest private sector participation. This policy has since been further tweaked to reduce the MW production levels so that more projects could get classified as mega-projects and partake in the attendant benefits.

Perhaps of as much significance was the fact that no real experience in the field was required before venturing on hydel project development since private players had not been allowed into this field till then. Further, the introduction of the Special Purpose Vehicle mode, by which new and exclusive to the project companies could be floated for project execution provided extra cushioning for consortiums to come together and spread the risk and liabilities.

This policy arrived in Sikkim along with the North East and other Himalayan states in the year 2006 with amendments which made the entry of private players even easier and relaxed the procedures further. To get a sense of how big hydel had still not caught Sikkim's attention in any seriousness one needs to look at the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front's manifesto for the 2004 Assembly Elections. In the section devoted to infrastructure, the manifesto, even though it identifies increased power generation among its bigger plans, speaks only about a series of mini and micro hydel projects.

The amendments to the Mega Power Policy in 2006 changed all that, and with it, the floodgates literally opened for hydel project exploration and a string of MoUs were signed and Letters of Intent were issued. Keeping rather quick pace, 24 letters of intent were issued to private and public sector undertakings for hydel project development by the Government of Sikkim within around a year of this policy arriving here.

These projects boasted a combined installed capacity of 4,694 MW and were originally scheduled for completion within the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12). For a variety of reasons, these deadlines were not met, and while a few of the projects have been commissioned, some have since been scrapped, some have changed hands between developers and some others delayed.

Of these 24 projects explored for PPP development in the mid-2000's, five have been commissioned in the recent years - the 110 MW Chujachen HEP, 96 MW Jorethang Loop HEP, 96 MW Dikchu HEP, 97 MW Tashiding HEP and the 1200 MW Teesta Stage III HEP. These projects and those which had been commissioned before private players arrived in

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## Badminton's new service rule won't be used at CWG

**GOLD COAST, APR 3 (PTI):** Indian shuttlers have reason to be cheerful going into the Commonwealth Games with the organisers deciding against implementing BWF's experimental service rule that has been criticised by them.

The new service rule, which mandates that the shuttle be exactly at 1.15 meters above the ground at the time of service, was tried at the prestigious All England Championships in March.

The Indians have been critical of it along with several global stars such as Danish star Viktor Axelsen and two-time Olympic champion Lin Dan of China.

The Commonwealth Games, which start on April 4 with an opening ceremony, will be played under the old rules which mandate that the shuttle be kept above the waist height at the time of service.

"The Commonwealth Games Federation and the Badminton World Federation have agreed that the new service rules will not be used during the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games," said a message communicated to the national associations.

The decision would be music to the ears of Indian shuttlers, who have been vocal in their criticism of the rule. The critics of the rule feel that it tilts the scale in favour of short players while pitting taller ones like P V Sindhu and Axelsen at a disadvantage.

Sindhu had criticised the BWF for introducing the rule at a big-ticket event like the All England Championships, considered among the most prestigious events in the badminton calendar. She felt the shuttlers should have been given more time to adapt.

The CWG badminton will get underway on April 5.

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# Gritty New Zealand tail secure draw and series win

**CHRISTCHURCH, APR 3 (AFP):** Gritty tailenders Ish Sodhi and Neil Wagner held out for a dramatic draw in the second Test today to give New Zealand the series 1-0 and extend England's dismal away record.

England were just four wickets from victory when the second new ball was taken before tea but they could only prise out one more until the last ball of the match when Wagner's dismissal ended the rearguard pair's resistance.

They added just 37 runs in 188 deliveries after Colin de Grandhomme was the seventh wicket to fall, but by that stage only survival mattered for New Zealand who finished on 256 for eight when Wagner fell for seven and bad light ended play eight balls early.

The draw gave New Zealand the series 1-0 after they won the first Test by an innings and 49 runs and it stretched England's winless away record to 13 Tests.

Any hopes New Zealand had of reaching 382 to win back-to-back Tests disappeared at the start of the final day when Stuart Broad took two wickets with



the first two balls.

From there, England were chasing eight further wickets for victory while New Zealand battled to hang on with 83 from opener Tom Latham, a 57-run stand by de Grandhomme (45) and Sodhi, and then Sodhi and Wagner's

stubbornness.

Sodhi ducked, weaved, slashed and took hits to the body as he produced his third Test 50, facing 168 balls, while Wagner faced 103 balls for his seven.

Joe Root stacked fielders round the bat, and spinner

Jack Leach had eight in close catching positions as the number of remaining overs sank below six. But edges flew just wide of outstretched arms, adding to England's frustration.

The tone of the day was set with the first two balls when

Broad claimed the wickets of Jeet Raval and Kane Williamson, putting New Zealand immediately into survival mode.

Wickets fell at regular intervals, as much the result of poor shot selection as it was to Root's sharp field placements and bowling rotation.

Broad's first ball was down the leg side to Raval who clipped it to Mark Stoneman at midwicket and was gone for his overnight 17.

With the next ball, Broad gave Williamson a sighter outside the off stump but the New Zealand skipper decided to have a crack and the ball was edged to Jonny Bairstow behind the stumps.

It was the first golden duck for the New Zealand's star batsman playing in his 65th Test. Ross Taylor avoided the hat-trick, was dropped on six by James Vince and progressed to 13 when he saw Leach place Alastair Cook at short back-ward leg and promptly chipped the ball straight to him.

Cook moved to first slip to catch Henry Nicholls for 13 off James Anderson, and Anderson then fielded at short backward square to catch BJ Watling when he swept at a loose Mark Wood delivery.

Vince, who had dropped Latham on 23 in the final session the previous day, finally made amends with a diving catch at square leg to end Latham's near five-hour stay in the middle.

## Australian diver retires on eve of Games over paralysis fears

**GOLD COAST, APR 3 (PTI):** The Indian boxing contingent today heaved a sigh of relief after it escaped any major sanction for use of syringes at the Commonwealth Games village by its doctor Amol Patil, who was let off with a reprimand for not disposing the needles as per stipulated procedure.

Hearing a complaint filed by the Commonwealth Games Federation's medical commission, the CGF court ruled that Patil had erred in not disposing the syringes as mandated by the 'No Needle Policy of the Games.

Patil had administered a vitamin B complex injection to an athlete who was feeling unwell.

"Under the No Needle Policy, needles are required to be stored in a central secured location, access to which is restricted to authorized medical personnel of the CGA delegation. The needles in question were not



disposed of until he had made two trips to the Polyclinic," the CGF said in a statement.

"In the circumstances, the Federation Court's decision is that CGF should issue a strong written reprimand to the Doctor for the breaches.

"A copy of the letter of reprimand should be served on the Chef de Mission of the Indian Team who should be advised to ensure that no further infractions of CGF Policies occur by any member of the Indian Team," it added.

The CGF had stoically refused to name the national association or the

athlete involved in the controversy which flared up after syringes were discovered at the Games Village on Saturday.

But speculation was rife that the country involved is India. The dope tests that followed the discovery of syringes, however, turned out negative.

"Upon questioning, the Doctor conceded that he was aware of the 'No Needle Policy' and subsequently detailed all use of needles for the period March 19 to date and co-operated in disclosing all medication in his possession," the CGF stated.

"The Federation Court found that there

was a breach of Paragraphs I and II of the No Needle Policy in that the Doctor left needles in the room while he went to the Polyclinic to obtain sharp bins for the disposal of the needles," it added.

The CGF cleared Patil of violating the primary norms under the No Needle Policy which require that "whenever an athlete receives an injection, an Injection Declaration Form should be forwarded to the Commission no later than noon the day following such injection".

The CGF also took note of the bare minimum presence of doctors in the Indian contingent.

"The Indian Team comprises 327 persons in total with only one doctor (apart from the doctor assigned to Boxing) and one Physiotherapist. These are the first Games for both the Indian Chief Medical Officer and the Doctor in question," it said.

## Lankan President's party to support no-confidence motion against PM

**COLOMBO, APR 3 (PTI):** Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena's party today formally informed embattled Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe that it will support a no-confidence motion backed by the Joint Opposition against him.

Wickremesinghe, 68, leads a national unity government in alliance with Sirisena's Sri Lanka

Freedom Party (SLFP). He faces the no-confidence motion in Parliament tomorrow.

There was a flurry of discussions among key players since last night to discuss the no-confidence motion.

Senior SLFP leader and Minister of Aviation Nimal Siripala de Silva conveyed the party's decision to Wickremesinghe this morning,

political sources said.

The motion scheduled for tomorrow was handed over to Speaker Karu Jayasuriya by the Joint Opposition last month against Wickremesinghe, accusing him of financial mismanagement and failing to tackle anti-Muslim riots last month in the central Kandy district.



## Gram Sabha on PMKSY held at Lingtam Phadamchen GPU

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 03 APR:**

A special Gram Sabha on Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana (PMKSY) was organised by the Lingtam Phadamchen Gram Panchayat Unit under Reghu Block Administrative Center at Lingtam Village Administrative Center in East Sikkim on 02 Apr, a press release informs.

Panchayat President, Dawa Choden Bhutia, chaired the Gram Sabha with Zilla Panchayat Adhyaksha [East], Samsher Rai present as special guest.

Deputy Director [East], Palden Lama, explained the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sichai Yojana and informed that four GPUs, including Assam Linzey, East and West Pendum along with Lingtam Phadamchen have been selected for PMKSY implementation.

Mr Lama further informed that after the formation of Water Users Committee in the GPU, construction of water tanks in five wards of the GPU will be undertaken.

Deputy Director [Horticulture Department, Rongli], T. Chopel Bhutia, urged the farmers to concentrate on vegetable cultivation and emphasized on Mission of Value Change Development in organic farming.

Similarly, Panchayat President, Dawa Choden Bhutia, talked about the importance and objectives of the Gram Sabha and announced the beneficiary list of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

The Gram Sabha was also attended by Zilla Panchayats, Panchayats, farmers, Agriculture and Horticulture Department officials along with the public.

# SIKKIM'S HYDEL STORY

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the scene, have Sikkim generating 2206.70 MW as of March 2018.

On the revenue front, against the Rs 3.87 cr that Sikkim earned from sale of power in 1994, in the financial year 2016-17, it raked in Rs 169 cr. This amount, even though a substantial jump from where it had started, still pales in comparison to the Rs 1,337.29 crores projected by way of hydel revenue in 2012 by the "White Paper on the Development of Hydropower Resources of Sikkim" published in the year 2009. The fact that not all projects in the pipeline at the time have been completed, and some not even initiated, has resulted in this mismatch. Be that as it may, this exaggerated faith in the promise of hydel also explains the complications and unforeseen costs (both material and intangible) that have punctuated Sikkim's hydel story.

Following the introduction of the Mega Power Policy in 1995, the first big project undertaken in Sikkim was the 510 MW Teesta Stage V hydel project at Dikchu on the border of East and North districts. This was taken up by the NHPC (private players had still not arrived at the time) and has since been commissioned.

It was also with this project that Teesta's "potential" for hydel was reinforced, ironically, through a study mandated by the Union Ministry of Environment & Forests while giving environmental clearance to Teesta Stage V. The environmental clearance in May 1999 came with the stipulation that "no other project in Sikkim will be considered for environmental clearance till the Carrying Capacity Study (of the Teesta Basin) is completed". This study was eventually carried out by Centre for Inter-disciplinary Studies of Mountain & Hill Environment (CISMHE) and was funded by NHPC.

The study started in 2001, and the report came out in 2007. The formality completed, and in quick follow-up, private players were ushered in quick speed. In pursuit of achieving "total targeted capacity" of 5,000 MW by the year 2015, the Energy & Power Department/ Sikkim Power Development Corporation Ltd had, by 2015, allotted 25 hydroelectric power projects with a total installed capacity of 5,284 MW to various IPPs.

The CISMHE report on the carrying capacity of the Teesta Basin, while it flagged concerns ranging from environmental to socio-cultural impacts, also recorded that "water availability studies show that there is adequate water in the Teesta river system to take care of the proposed developmental activity particularly the hydro-power generation."

Earlier, the total hydro-power potential of Sikkim as assessed by the Central Water Commission was at

around 8,000 MW, out of which around 2,000 MW is in the micro, mini and small hydro categories. Remaining 6,000 MW would fall either in the small or mega size hydro scheme. This, as per the Energy & Power Sector Vision of the Government of Sikkim released in 2015.

It is clear then that there is more than one estimate on Sikkim's hydel potential even though the 8000 MW figure is the most referred number. At the time of writing this, the State was generating 2,206.70 MW, still a long way short of the projected potential or even half-way to the 5,284 MW worth of hydel projects it has awarded to developers. There are hydel projects in Sikkim still in the process of excavating and tunneling and some which have not yet begun on ground and others which appear intractably stalled.

Sikkim's hydel story continues.

# US begins H-1B visa application process

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**WASHINGTON, APR 3 (PTI):** The US has started accepting applications for H-1B visas, considered as the most sought-after work visa among highly skilled Indian professionals, amidst unprecedented scrutiny by the Trump administration.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), which is the federal agency responsible to process the visas, yesterday started accepting applications for H-1B visas for the fiscal year 2019, beginning October 1.

The USCIS had earlier indicated that there will be zero tolerance by it for even minor errors.

As of now, the USCIS has not indicated if it plans to go for a computerised draw of lots as has been the case in previous years after receiving several times more than the Congressional mandated cap of H-1B visas.

A leading advocacy group representing the tech industry including Mark Zuckerberg's Facebook said that it expects number of H-1B petitions to reach the Congressional mandated caps in coming days. As a result of which the USCIS would again resort to a computerised draw of lot to determine success-



ful applicants, it said.

"Within a few days we expect that the H-1B visa lottery will reach the annual cap, as it has for the past six years, highlighting the overwhelming demand for this visa category, FWD.us president Todd Schulte said.

The H1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.

The H1-B visa has an annual nu-

merical limit cap of 65,000 visas each fiscal year as mandated by the Congress. The first 20,000 petitions filed on behalf of beneficiaries with a US master's degree or higher are exempt from the cap.

"There are many ways in which our immigration system is broken and in need of comprehensive reform; fixing our legal and high-skilled immigration system, including protecting the H-4 rule and eliminating country caps for green cards, will ensure the US can maintain our global competitive advantage, Schultz said.

Observing that immigration has always been a source of strength for America's economy, Schultz said H-1B visa is a "key part of the high-skilled immigration" system that needs to be reformed to allow the US to remain the centre for global innovation.

"We should make it easier for the best and brightest to come from around

the world while also cracking down on bad actors, Schultz said, voicing his concern over the recent move to tighten the H-1B application approval process.

"H-1B visa holders create jobs and raise wages for native-born Americans by bringing their ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit to the science, engineering, and tech sectors, creating American jobs and benefiting thousands of businesses and countless communities across the country, he said.

"Reforming and expanding high-skilled immigration is an important part of a broader fight to protect legal immigration avenues," Schultz said.

Ahead of the H-1B visa filing process, the USCIS had said this work visa should help US companies recruit highly-skilled foreign nationals when there is a shortage of qualified workers in the country.

"Yet, too many American workers who are as qualified, willing, and deserving to work in these fields have been ignored or unfairly disadvantaged. Employers who abuse the H-1B visa programme may negatively affect US workers, decreasing wages and opportunities as they import more foreign workers," it had said.



## Malaysia intercepts boat carrying Rohingya refugees

**KUALA LUMPUR, APR 3 (AP):** Malaysia's navy chief says authorities have detained a boat carrying 56 people believed to be Muslim Rohingya refugees who fled from Myanmar.

Adm Ahmad Kamarulzaman Ahmad Badaruddin says the boat was intercepted after it entered Malaysian waters and is now at the northern resort island of Langkawi.

He said today that all 56 passengers, mostly children and women, were safe but tired and hungry, and were given

food and water. The naval chief said the boat and its passengers would be handed over to immigration authorities.

About 700,000 Rohingya have fled western Myanmar's Rakhine state to neighbouring Bangladesh in the past seven months to escape a brutal counterinsurgency campaign by Myanmar's army.

Rohingya, treated as undesirables in predominantly Buddhist Myanmar, used to flee by sea by the thousands each year.

## Nepal Cabinet endorses PM Oli's visit to India



**KATHMANDU, APR 3 (PTI):** Nepal's Cabinet today endorsed Prime Minister K P Oli's state visit to India beginning from April 6 during which he will hold talks with the top Indian leadership to strengthen the partnership between two countries.

Oli is visiting India at the invitation of his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi. It is his maiden foreign trip after assuming office in February.

Oli will be accompanied by Foreign Minister

Pradip Gyawali, Industry Minister Matrika Yadav, Physical Planning and Infrastructure Minister Raghuraj Mahaseth besides his wife Radhika Shakya.

During his three-day visit, Oli will call on President Ram Nath Kovind, meet his counterpart Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

Swaraj had visited Nepal before Oli took office to congratulate him for the historic victory of the Left Alliance in the Parliamentary and Provincial elections.



**US President Donald Trump has invited Vladimir Putin to the White House, a senior Russian diplomat has revealed. The visit was offered in a phone call last month, the official said, when Mr Trump rang to congratulate Mr Putin on his re-election. But their governments did not have time to arrange details before the US expelled 60 Russian diplomats following the Salisbury poisoning, they revealed. Moscow's ambassador to the US Yuri Ushakov made the claims on Monday, adding he hoped for a "serious and constructive dialogue" between the two countries. White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders confirmed Mr Trump invited Mr Putin to Washington during the call.**

## Nelson Mandela's ex-wife Winnie Mandela dies at 81

**JOHANNESBURG, APR 2 (AFP):** Winnie Mandela, the former wife of South African anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela, died today aged 81, triggering an outpouring of tributes to one of the country's defining and most divisive figures.

She died in a Johannesburg hospital, her family said in a statement, adding that she had "fought valiantly against the Apartheid state" and that she was known "far and wide as the Mother of the Nation".

Winnie Mandela, who was married to Nelson Mandela for 38 years, played a high-profile role in the struggle to end white-minority rule, but her place in history was stained by controversy and accusations of violence.

Leading the tributes, anti-apartheid



campaigner and Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu described her as "a defining symbol" of the battle against oppression.

"She refused to be bowed by the imprisonment of her husband, the perpetual harassment of her family by security forces, detentions, banings and banishment," Tutu said.

"Her courageous defiance was deeply inspirational to me, and to generations of activists."

The statement from her family said that she passed away at the Netcare Milpark hospital in Johannesburg.

political dream under the repressive white-minority regime.

But her reputation came under damaging scrutiny in the twilight years of apartheid rule.

In 1986, she was widely linked to "necklacing", when suspected traitors were burnt alive by a petrol-soaked car tyre being put over their head and set alight.

In 1990 the world watched when Nelson Mandela finally walked out of prison -- hand in hand with Winnie.

The following year, she was convicted of kidnapping and assault over the killing of Stompie Moeketsi, a 14-year-old boy.

In 1992, the Mandelas separated, and then divorced in 1996, after a legal wrangle that revealed she had had an affair with a young bodyguard.

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**TRENCH TIME!** Singer Jennifer Lopez rocks a cream colored coat during a dinner date with Alex Rodriguez in West Hollywood.

## CHANNING TATUM AND JENNA DEWAN SEPARATE AFTER 8 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

After nearly a decade of marriage, Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan Tatum's off-screen love story is coming to a close.

One of Hollywood's most beloved couples is separating after eight years of marriage, they announced in a lengthy statement via Twitter.

"Hey world!" Channing and Jenna wrote. "So... We have something we would like to share. First off, it feels odd that we have to share this kind of thing with everyone, but it's a consequence of the lives we've chosen to lead, which we also happen to be deeply grateful for. We're living in an incredible moment in time, but it's also a time where truth can easily get distorted into 'alternative facts' So we want to share the truth so you know that if you didn't read it here then it's most certainly fiction."

They continued, "We have lovingly chosen to separate as a couple. We fell deeply in love so many years ago and have had a magical journey



together. Absolutely nothing has changed about how much we love one another, but love is a beautiful adventure that is taking us on different paths for now. There are no secrets nor salacious events at the root of our decision—just two best-friends realizing it's time to take some space and help each other live the most joyous, fulfilled lives as possible. We are still a fami-

ly and will always be loving dedicated parents to Everly. We won't be commenting beyond this, and we thank you all in advance for respecting our family's privacy. Sending lots of love to everyone, Chan&Jenna."

The couple first met while filming the 2006 movie "Step Up." They married in 2009 and have a young daughter together.

## CREED 2 SYNOPSIS & CAST CONFIRMED AS FILMING OFFICIALLY BEGINS

Filming on Creed II is officially underway, and now the story and cast for the sequel have been confirmed. Sylvester Stallone tried to call it a day for the Rocky series with Rocky V in 1990, a sequel that was famously met with derision upon release. It took 16 years for Stallone to redeem the character with Rocky Balboa, where a long-retired Rocky is tempted back into ring to prove to himself he still has what it takes. The movie drew strong reviews and helped revive the actor's career after years of box-office disappointments.

While that entry was supposed to end the series again, Stallone was once again tempted back to the role for Creed, which followed the son of Rocky's late rival/friend Apollo Creed as he tried to make his own name in boxing. Rocky stepped into a mentor role for the story, with Michael B. Jordan taking on the lead. Thanks to an emotional story, great performances and stellar direction



from Ryan Coogler, Creed proved there was still a lot of life left in the franchise; Stallone also received a much deserved Oscar nomination for his touching performance.

Filming for Creed II is currently underway in Philadelphia, and now MGM and Warner Bros. have released an official synopsis and cast list. The sequel will see Adonis Creed squaring off in the ring against the son of Ivan Drago, the hulking Russian fighter who killed Apollo Creed in

the ring; Dolph Lundgren returns to the role for the first time since 1985's Rocky IV, while Florian Munteanu plays his son Viktor. Tessa Thompson and Phylicia Rashad also return from Creed.

Here is the synopsis in full:

*Life has become a balancing act for Adonis Creed. Between personal obligations and training for his next big fight, he is up against the challenge of his life. Facing an opponent with ties to his*

*family's past only intensifies his impending battle in the ring. Rocky Balboa is there by his side through it all and, together, Rocky and Adonis will confront their shared legacy, question what's worth fighting for, and discover that nothing's more important than family. Creed II is about going back to basics to rediscover what made you a champion in the first place, and remembering that, no matter where you go, you can't escape your history.*



## GOOGLE MAPS ADDS 'WHERE IS WALDO' MINI GAME FOR A WEEK

Google is again bringing fictional characters to the mapping service for its users. So, while using the Google Maps a boy with red and white striped hat pops up, don't worry it is Google's April fool day campaign. The company has integrated, Where is Waldo? game to the Google Maps and asking users to find Waldo.

Where is Waldo? is popular series of children's puzzle book created by an English illustrator Martin Handford. In the puzzle game, the children have to find the missing Waldo and his friends. Using the same scenario Google has created a puzzle game over the map starting from Saturday and will last for a week. While opening the map you will see Waldo waving at you, once you click the character it will take you to the puzzles from the book.

Along with finding the Waldo, the users also need to hunt down his friends including Wenda, Woof, Wizard Whitebeard, and Odlaw. Once you spotted the Waldo, you need to restart the search and the Map will take you to a new piece of the puzzle. The game is just another addition to the company's April fool campaign that it pulls off every year.



## BAAGHI 2 RACES TOWARDS 100 CRORE COLLECTION AT BOX OFFICE

While the action thriller collected close to 75 Crores on its opening weekend, it raked in Rs 12 Crore on Monday, bringing its total earning so far to Rs 85.20 crore.

Tiger Shroff and Disha Patani-starrer Baaghi 2, the sequel to 2016's hit film Baaghi, looks set to comfortably cross the Rs 100 Crore mark at the box office within its first few days of release. While the

action thriller collected close to 75 Crores on its opening weekend, it raked in Rs 12 Crore on Monday, bringing its total earning so far to Rs 85.20 crore.

The film, directed by Ahmed Khan, also stars Manoj Bajpayee, Randeep Hooda and Deepak Dobriyal.

Thanking his fans for all the love and appreciation on behalf of his entire team, 'Tiger shared a video on his

social media handle. In the video, Tiger said, "Hi everyone, I just wanted to thank you all for all the love and support you've given me and the whole team of 'Baaghi 2'... I can't thank you enough. It just feels so surreal and I feel like I'm still dreaming because this was really something that I could never even dream of in my wildest dreams or even dare to dream of."

**ARIES:** You could come into conflict with someone who has a very inclusive attitude, Aries. Perhaps he or she encourages a humanistic approach that you find unrealistic and even a bit offputting. State exactly how you feel, but make sure you have the facts to back up your point and prepare for a counter argument. A great deal of fantasy is tossed around as truth, so it's important that you not add to it.

**TAURUS:** Take care of your friends by supporting their ideas, Taurus. Be careful that you don't automatically encourage a plan or viewpoint that you know is wrong or doomed to fail. Even though you might want to make them feel good by saying exactly what they want to hear, this isn't really doing them any favors.

People come up with some wild schemes, so it's important to bring a levelheaded perspective to the table.

**GEMINI:** You could be teetering between the real world and a fantasy realm, Gemini. The fantasy world is more than likely the one that wins out, but that doesn't mean you should lose all touch with reality. If anyone can bridge these two worlds, it's you. You'll probably find yourself drawn to art, which can wonderfully bridge the two. Indeed, your creative juices are gushing like a waterfall today.

**CANCER:** Nurture your loved ones, Cancer. Tonight feel free to escape into a fantasy world with the object of your desire. Make plans to set your wildest fantasy into motion. Let your imagination lead the way. You'll

never get where you want to go until you head in that direction. Have confidence that you can turn your dreams into reality. Don't waste another day doing things that don't contribute to your long-term plans.

**LEO:** Regardless of your situation, Leo, you'll want to take the easy way out. There's a laziness sweeping over you, and you could be trying to find a way to sneak out of some responsibilities. Even if this idea seems terrific now, it's likely to get you into some trouble later. Be wary of cheating the system and then expecting the full benefits of hard work in return. You'll earn exactly what you deserve.

**VIRGO:** You might be frustrated with romance because it seems to be causing more tension than

relaxation, Virgo. No one said love was easy, but it doesn't have to be miserable. The key is to not get too stressed out about the little things. Know and expect that some things aren't going to match your expectations. You simply have no control over some aspects of a relationship - the other person, for example.

**LIBRA:** Your imagination is your best friend, Libra. You aren't about to let anyone disturb your fantasy world. You have fit love and romance perfectly into this place, and everything is wonderful in your head. Implementing this plan and making it work in the real world are two different things, so try not to get too tied to this idea. Definitely aim to manifest your vision, but don't be unrealistic

about it. **SCORPIO:** Aggression in your world of romance is likely, Scorpio. Whether coming from you or your close partner, the tension is there and can't be ignored. Keep in mind, however, that it's possible that much of it stems from something that isn't even true. Perhaps there was a misspoken word or misunderstanding of some sort that's now causing confusion. Do your best to clear the air of any misconceptions.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You're anxious to make a bold move toward the love of your life, Sagittarius. Love and romance are most certainly in your favor right now. It isn't surprising that you feel brave. Be careful, however, about getting so carried away with your self-assurance that

you distort the truth of the situation. There's an element of fantasy operating that's making it difficult for you to see the whole picture.

**CAPRICORN:** Although you generally like to keep both feet on the ground and proceed in a stable, organized manner, Capricorn, there's a strong force encouraging you to spread your wings. Incorporate more fantasy into your day, and practice the art of dreaming. Liberate yourself from reality for a while and feel the weight lifted from your shoulders. Let your imagination run wild. This will bring a greater sense of balance to your life.

**AQUARIUS:** You might be pegged as the wise guy who's unable to take anything seriously, Aquarius. Regardless

of the situation, you can turn it into a joke of some sort. Your humor likely lifts the spirits of everyone around you. Be careful of taking this too far, however. There could be some people who are uncomfortable with your constant jesting. Let them know that you do have a serious side, too.

**PISCES:** One whiff of a familiar scent is likely to send your imagination running wild, Pisces. Perhaps you're suddenly transported back to when you were dating someone you adored. Once your imagination starts running, it could be difficult to slow it down. Your fantasy world is likely to be the safest place to hide, so don't worry about avoiding reality. Keep playing in the past if that's where you'd rather be today.