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Bhaichung Bhutia to join Premier Futsal

MUMBAI, JUL 13 (PTI): Star football player and former India skipper Bhaichung Bhutia will join the Premier Futsal as the Talent Director heading its Indian amateur talent hunt program.

"Premier Futsal League has emerged as a category- defining offering in the Indian sporting landscape...It is a great honour for me to be a part of such a tournament," Bhutia said in a statement here.

Dinesh Raj, managing director, Premier Futsal League said, "It is a matter of great pride and honour for us to have a personality of Bhaichung's stature to be a part of Premier Futsal."



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STATE-LEVEL BHANU JAYANTI CELEBRATION IN GANGTOK

Bhanu Bhakta more relevant in present times: CM

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 JUL:**

"Bhanu Bhakta is more relevant now than ever to strengthen the unity of the Nepali community in the country," said Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling while speaking during the state-level 203rd Bhanu Jayanti celebration held at Manan Kendra, Gangtok today.

The Chief Minister also placed a suggestion before the audience that the annual celebration of the birth anniversary of Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya everywhere in the country could have a common theme every year based on prevalent contexts. This would give a strong message of unity among the Indian Nepalis spread across the country, he added.

He stated that the overpowering influence of global link language English over local languages is a universal phenomenon and should not



be taken as a deterrent, rather we should positively make individual and collective efforts to safeguard and promote our own language. For this, education should be life-oriented and not confined to being profession-oriented, he added.

Simultaneously, conscious effort should be made to safeguard and promote our language which can be possible

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Hill intelligentsia rise in protest on Bhanujayanti

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 13 JUL:

Two days of relative peace and hopes had soared that the separate state movement in the Darjeeling hills was changing course. But no, muscle is back again on the streets since Wednesday night.

Besides the violence, pressure politics is now the in thing. And, as suspected, Trinamool councilors of the different hill civic bodies and officials of the community-based development boards chief minister Mamata Banerjee had formed to allegedly drive a wedge among the different ethnic groupings, are likely to fall victims to the pressure tactic.

Several officials of the community boards have reportedly expressed the desire to resign their positions and so have several civic representatives. It is also reported that Chung Chung Bhutia, the lone Trinamool councilor of Darjeeling Municipality, has resigned from the Trinamool.

Whether the resignees join any of the po-

litical parties agitating for the separate state is for time to tell, but the phenomena of people in position leaving the Trinamool would be unique in Mamata Banerjee's West Bengal.

For the past six plus years, ever since the Trinamool came to power in the state, movement of people's representatives deserting their parent organization has been in only one direction - towards the Trinamool often against lucre, often under duress. That one-way street is under threat in the hills.

Very significantly on Thursday, a number of eminent personalities of the Darjeeling hills, who won awards of excellence from the state government for their contribution in enriching different art forms, have turned in their awards as a mark of protest against the state government's ways of handling the hill situation and also to express solidarity with the movement.

Normally placid, the civil society, when it speaks, people listen. When it reacts, people follow. The role of the civil society during the

Singur and Nandigram incidents is a burning example of not too distant times of what impact a civil society movement can have on the overall psyche of the populace. It had led to a change in government in the state paving way for the Trinamool to the seat of power.

Not that Thursday's spurning of awards by a section of the hill intelligentsia would lead to the formation of Gorkhaland, but it surely would speak louder than all the hostilities perpetrated so far. That is the impact of the civil society.

There is, however, the other form of the movement too - the strong-arm tactic. And, keeping with the spirit of muscle, pro-Gorkhaland bandh supporters obstructed tourism minister, Gautam Deb from attending the birth anniversary programme of Nepalese poet Bhanubhakta Acharya at Panighat - about 20 km from Siliguri town proper on the day. The hill movement along with the bandh now seems to have entered a one-way street, for how long, is the question.

GTA office, railway station set on fire in Darjeeling Hills

**Fast unto death
by GMCC leaders
postponed**

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG/

DARJEELING, 13 JUL:

A GTA office, a railway station and a government department guest house were set aflame and several vehicles damaged overnight here in the Darjeeling hills in a continuation of arson and vandalism which have become routine occurrences after night fall in the latest round of the movement

for Statehood. It was in the series of similar regressions that two Sikkim-bound trucks were also vandalized last night at Tarkhola on NH10 barely eight kilometers short Rangpo, and the house of the Tamang Development Board chairperson attacked in the outskirts of Kalimpong.

Today was the 29th day of the indefinite shutdown.

Meanwhile, two days after having announced that leaders of its constituent leaders would sit on

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Sikkim Govt approaches SC for safe passage of Sikkim vehicles

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

The State Government approached the Supreme Court on 11 July seeking its intervention in ensuring safe passage for Sikkim-bound vehicles from Siliguri in neighbouring West Bengal. Members of Parliament, Hissey Lachungpa and PD Rai, along with Chief Secretary, Alok Kumar Srivastava filed a writ petition in the Apex Court seeking directions for safe transportation of essential commodities and safety of Sikkim vehicles along NH10 and in Siliguri.

The Sikkim Government has listed Secretary, Ministry of Home, Government of India, the Secretary Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways, the State of West Bengal through Chief Secretary,

Writers Building, City Kolkata, and Director General of Police West as respondents.

The writ petition is expected to be heard by a division bench of Apex Court on 17 July, next Monday.

However, it is not clear if the writ petition talks about the losses incurred by the State because of the frequent bandhs in the neighbouring hills. When Summit-Times tried to contact the Advocate General, A Maraiputham in New Delhi for further details on the case, he was not available for comments.

It may be recalled that the Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, while addressing a function in South Sikkim last week,

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NHPC shuts down both Darjeeling hydel units, apprises govt

KOLKATA, JUL 13 (PTI): The National Hydel Power Corporation has shut down both its hydel power plants in the Darjeeling hills and has sought additional security for them from the West Bengal government.

"Today we have shut the 160 MW Teesta Low Dam IV unit after a pro-Gorkhaland mob agitated at the plant. Yesterday, we had to stop operations of the 132 MW Teesta Low Dam III at Rambi as a precaution after over than 600 people gheraoed the site," a NHPC official told PTI today.

NHPC has apprised the West Bengal power department secretary of the situation.

"We had already written to the state power secretary, the chief secretary and Darjeeling district magistrate to beef up security at the NHPC installations in Darjeeling district.

Today we met the power secretary and sought help," the official said.

Rammam hydel power plant (51 MW) and Jaldhaka hydel power plant (44 MW) of WBSEDCL is also closed for security reasons.

According to official sources, the state government has assured to beef up security and at the same time pointed to the insufficient central security forces in the Hills.

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Man assaulted in Martam

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

Three persons hailing from Upper Martam, East Sikkim, reportedly assaulted one Sagar Gadai with a wheel range of a vehicle on his head after forcefully entering his residence at Upper Martam on 12 Jul. The victim has been referred to CRH Tadong, while two of the accused have been arrested. The other accused is absconding and efforts are being made to trace him.

One dies in truck mishap

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

One DCM truck, driven by one 30-year-old male hailing from Lachen in North Sikkim, met with an accident and tumbled down the road approximately 35ft below near Lachen. The truck was hired to ferry porters from Zeema-I to Lachen and had 24 occupants including the driver. Out of the 24 occupants, eight managed to escape unhurt. Out of the other 16 injured occupants, nine were seriously injured and were forwarded to Mangan District Hospital. However, one occupant [27-year-old male from Chungthang] was declared brought dead by the Medical Officer on duty.

Three SADA cases

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

During routine checking of incoming vehicles at Rangpo checkpoint on 12 Jul, three persons hailing from Sichey, East Sikkim, were found in possession of one bottle of cough syrup, six files of Spasmaproxynon containing 144 capsules and five files of N-10 containing 100 tablets. The trio has been booked under SADA Act.

In another SADA case on the same day, one 36-year-old male hailing from Singtam, East Sikkim, was found in possession of four bottles of Phencyrex cough syrup and 72 files of Spasmaproxynon. The accused was further found to be under the influence of contraband substances during the time of arrest.

In the third SADA case of the day, a truck plying from Siliguri towards Jorethang on 12 Jul was intercepted at Manpur junction after Police received information from sources that the truck carried contraband substances. On investigation, two sacks of contraband substances were found concealed between the stocks of cement bags. The driver of the truck [32-year-old male from Deythang, West Sikkim] and his helper boy managed to flee from the scene leaving the truck unattended. The seized contraband substances included 485 bottles of Wis-Cof cough syrup and 72 files of Spasmaproxynon capsules. Sources have been deployed to trace the absconding duo.

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Two truck drivers injured in attack near Tarkhola

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GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

Another incident of vandalism and looting of Sikkim trucks has been reported on the National Highway between Melli and Rangpo last night. It is learnt that more than 35 trucks carrying food items, industrial goods and essential commodities from Siliguri were suddenly attacked and vandalised by a group of miscreants. It is informed that two drivers were also injured in the incident which took place between 12 a.m. to 01 a.m. in the night.

An affected driver, Hirman Tamang, informed that a group of people attacked his vehicle near Tarkhola and snatched away his wallet which had cash Rs 19,000 and his mobile phone. Another driver, Manoj Tamang, reported that around eight persons suddenly attacked his vehicle near Tarkhola and physically assaulted him. However, he ran into the nearby jungle to save his life.

The incident has already been reported at Rangpo Police outpost in West Bengal side and Rangpo Police Station on the Sikkim side. Traffic on the National Highway was stranded as affected drivers blocked the highway with their trucks from 01 a.m. to 06 a.m.

Sikkim Truck Drivers Association president, Mingma Sherpa, raised concern over the safety of truck drivers and warned that drivers will stop plying trucks on the highway if the administration does not take any action to save them from Police harassment in Siliguri and from attacks and vandalism by anti-social elements on the NH10.



Bhanu Jayanti at Pakyong



REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 13 JUL: The 203rd Bhanu Jayanti was celebrated today at Pakyong in East Sikkim with much gaiety. The programme was organised by Sikkim Pratiba Pratishthan of Pakyong.

Minister for Transport De-

partment, DT Lepcha, attended the event as chief guest and paid homage to 'Aadi Kavi' Bhani Bhakta Acharya by offering khada and garland on the statue of Bhanu Bhakta at Bhanu Baatika in Pakyong during the inaugural session.

A Shova Yatra was taken out from Bhanu Baatika and gathered at the auditorium of St Xavier's School, Pakyong. The Yatra had the participation of the attending guests, students and teachers of various schools of Pakyong and the general public.

Sikkim Govt approaches SC for safe passage of Sikkim vehicles

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had said that the State is considering legal action against the West Bengal government demanding compensation for losses upto Rs 60,000 crore suffered by Sikkim due to the unrest in West Bengal.

Shortly after unrest began in the neighbouring hills, Sikkim vehicles travelling to and from Siliguri became targets for vandals and a series of attacks on vehicles have since been reported. This has also resulted in shortage of essential commodities in the State as the number of vehicles carrying supplies has whittled down. Earlier, bandhs in the hills

made travel along the NH10 unsafe, however, this time, Sikkim vehicles are also being targeted in Siliguri since the Sikkim CM spoke in support of the Gorkhaland demand. Today, however, Sikkim vehicles were attacked at Tar-Khola near Rangpo in West Bengal.

The Sikkim Government has also filed an Interlocutory Application seeking favourable order directing the Central Government and the West Bengal Government to provide safe passage to the commuters from Sikkim and transportation of essential commodities, fuel, medicines and other materials.



Bhanu Jayanti in Singtam

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 13 JUL:

The 203rd birth anniversary of Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya was celebrated with great fervor here in Singtam today.

Attending the programme were Tourism Minister, Ugen T Gyasto, and area MLA, Somnath Poudyal as chief guests accompanied by litterateurs Chuni Lal Ghimerey and Pravin Rai, along with other dignitaries, students and teachers from various schools in

and around Singtam and the local public.

A Sobha Yatra was taken out during the programme which had the participation of students, teachers, members of NGOs, Singtam Motor Taxi Workers Association, Marwari Yuva Manch-Singtam, Bihari Jagran Manch-Singtam, Dara Gaon Suraksha Samiti, Shanti Nagar Gaon Sudhar Samiti, Jan Kalyan Samaj and various other organizations.

The event also fea-

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Bhanu Jayanti celebration in Namchi

NAMCHI, 13 JUL [IPR]:

The 203rd birth anniversary of Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya was observed amidst much gaiety at the Community Hall in Namchi today. The celebration was organized by South Sikkim Sahitya Sammelan in collaboration with District Administration South. Chairperson of Namchi Municipal Council, Uday Chandra Rai, attended the programme as chief guest along with officials, litterateurs, local gentry and students.

The programme began with an offering of garlands and prayers to the statue of Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya at Bhanu Park, Namchi. Thereafter, Shova Yatra took off from Bhanu Park till Community Hall, Namchi wherein the celebration programme commenced.

Addressing the gathering, chief guest Mr Rai spoke in detail about the significance of celebrating Bhanu Jayanti and underlined that Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya is considered as one of the most prominent and revered literary figures in the history of Nepali literature.

Mr Rai detailed on how Bhanu Bhakta Acharya wrote immensely on Nepali literature and laid emphasis on the many



topics covered by the literary figure ranging from human tragedies to various social issues. He highlighted that through the writings of Bhanu Bhakta Acharya, Nepali literature has been exposed, comprehended, understood and appreciated globally.

Additionally, he urged the students present to inculcate a habit of reading various kinds of Nepali literature and put forth a concept of establishing a reading corner in Namchi for the greater good of the general public.

President-South Sikkim Sahayatik Sammelan, Tiru Prasad, presented a brief overview about the life and the achievements of Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya and further advocated the attendees of the celebration to draw inspiration from Aadi Kavi's work as well as of other Nepali litterateurs thereby, bringing laurels to the state in literature and in various

other spheres.

This year Shiv Kumar Rai Smriti Puraskar was presented to Sahityakar Basanti Sharma while the Kavi Agam Singh Tamang Prathiba Puraskar was handed to Kavi Sharman Subba.

The day's event saw students from various schools participating in Ramayan Path, Kavita Path [poem recitation] and Nepali Lok Nritya.

Namchi Girls Senior Secondary School, Namchi Senior Secondary School, and New Secondary School stood first, second and third, respectively, in the Ramayan Path competition. Similarly, in Kavitya Path, the first position was secured by Anisha Sharma from Namchi Girls Senior Secondary School followed by Maniam Subba from Namchi Public School and Kripa Chettri from New Secondary School in the second and third positions, respectively.



Gyalshing celebrates Bhanu Jayanti

GYALSHING, 13 JUL [IPR]:

The 203rd birth anniversary of 'Aadi Kavi' Bhanu Bhakta Acharya was celebrated here in Gyalshing today. The programme was jointly organised by Paschim Sikkim Sahitya Prakashan and District Administrative Centre and had MLA-Yangthang, Chandra Maya Subba, as chief guest along with Advisor-Tourism Department, MB Dahal, Chairperson-Milk Union, MB Rai, and Chairperson-Gyalshing Municipal Corporation, IK Neopani, as special guests.

The programme started with offering of garland to the statue of Bhanu Bhakta at Bhanu Salig followed by Shova Yatra till the Community Hall in Gyalshing where the main event of the day was held.

Yangthang MLA, Ms Subba, while addressing the gathering, said that Bhanu Jayanti celebration must be a source of inspiration to all the people of Sikkim towards preserving culture, language and literature. She appealed to the coming generation to develop more interest in preservation of the same.

During the occasion, many literary figures and individuals from various fields were honoured. Snehilata Rai of Darjeeling was awarded with Lall Man-Sancharani Award along with citation and cash prize of Rs 15,000, sponsored by eminent writer, BB Muringla, in memory of his parents.

Sharasta Puraskar 2016-17 in three different categories was awarded to

Kiran Chettri of Gangtok for Katha, Kamala Rai of Mirik for Kavita and DB Ghising from Siliguri for Nibandha. Cash prize of Rs 5000 along with citations were handed to the awardees.

Trivhawan Dhakal Smriti Puraskar was awarded to Chetana Sharma, a student of Gyalshing Girls' Senior Secondary School for securing the highest marks in class X board exam in Nepali subject from the district.

For the various competitions that were held at the interschool and open level, the chief guest presented certificates and cash prizes to the winners. Pelling SSS [school level] and Arigan Samaj Sudhar Mandali [open level] were declared the best in the Ramayan recitation competition.

Likewise, Krishna Sharma [school level] of Middle Gyalshing Secondary School and Puran Bhandari [open level] of Khecheopalri were declared winners for Kavita recitation.

For Katha, Pratiksha Sharma [school level] of Gyalshing GSSS and Anmol Sharma [open level] from Salley were declared winners. The winners of Nibandha competition were Sandhya Rai of Gyalshing GSSS at the school level and Purnima Sharma of Durga Samaj, Salley, at the open level.

The celebration also featured the release of a collection of poems written by Sanjoy Pradhan, "Sangharsh Pratibimba" and a colourful cultural programme presented by the students of different schools.

**Gangtok on
Friday,
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Chamling rues WB's failure in providing safe passage for Sikkim vehicles

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

As Sikkim continues to get crushed in the tussle between an intransigent Darjeeling's aspiration for statehood and the West Bengal's consistently shoddy handling of the situation, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today regretted the neighbouring state's failure in ensuring security for Sikkim vehicles and travelers.

Speaking at the Bhanu Jayanti celebration here today, the CM said, "Law and order is a state subject, but when Sikkim faces problems in Siliguri in West Bengal, the state government there remains silent instead of ensuring safe passage."

Atta, maida, pulses and sugar in short supply in South

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

District Collector-South conducted a meeting today with all officers to review the situation of availability of essential commodities in the market in South district.

As per a press release from DC South, during the meeting, scarcity of atta, maida, pulses and sugar in the open markets of Temi, Bermiok and Namthang was reported by District Civil Supplies Officer-South. The DCSO has been directed to co-ordinate and supply the items to the mentioned areas

from nearby markets. The supply of Essential Commodities in Melli, Jorethang, Namchi and Ravangla was reportedly improving and supplies are being received from time to time.

The DCSO-South further informed that the supply of PDS will last till 31 Jul.

With regard to High Speed Diesel/Motor Spirit supply in the district, scarcity was reported only in Yangang and the Sub Divisional Magistrate of the area has been directed to continue rationing till the stock becomes sufficient.

It may be mentioned here, the distribution of HSD/MS is being done under the supervision of SDM, Sub Divisional Police Officer and Station House Officer of South District.

As per the report of Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries & Veterinary Sciences, shortage in supply of chicken, egg and fish in the district has reached an 'alarming situation' while the supply of other meat is normal, the release mentions.

The Chief Medical Officer-South, during

the meeting, highlighted that there is inadequate supply of medicine from Central Health Store Organisation [CHSO]. As a result, the district is not receiving the required amount of supply from the head office.

However, it was reported that there is sufficient supply of medicine in open market. A meeting with all the medical shop owners has been conducted and they have been directed to keep sufficient stock of medicines, the CMO-South apprised.

A report submitted by Joint Director-Agri-

culture/Horticulture Department highlights that there is sufficient supply of vegetables except onion. Availability of onion in the market will reach an 'alarming situation' after three days, it was informed. The concerned officers have been directed to arrange for extra supply of vegetables in the market.

The supply of LPG cylinders in the South District will continue to be normal till next week. Another report will be submitted later next week by the DCSO-South as per the situation, the release adds.

Meeting resolves to promote and preserve Lepcha Heritage Centre

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

A coordination meeting concerning the Lepcha Heritage Centre in Yangyang was held on 12 Jul at the Centre under the chairmanship of Chairperson of Primitive Tribe Development Board, Sonam Dupden Lepcha, informs a press release issued by general secretary-Sikkim Lepcha Youth Association, Lob-sang Chopel Lepcha.

The meeting was attended by Chairperson-State Social Welfare Board, Phurmit Lepcha, Chairperson-Sikkim Industrial Board, Kumari Mangar, officials from Primitive Tribe Welfare Board, Executive members of SLYA, Sub Divisional Magistrate-Yangyang, Panchayats and the general public.

After a prolonged discussion, the meeting unanimously resolved to work for the promotion and the preservation of the Lepcha Heritage Centre that was conceptualized by the present gov-

ernment for the welfare of the Lepcha community.

The Primitive Tribe Welfare Board on their part requested all the local stake holders for their cooperation and coordination so that they can work in tandem for the conservation and up gradation of the Centre.

The SLYA [Central Executive Committee] also held another brief meeting with all the stake holders present regarding the celebration of upcoming Indigenous Lepcha Festival 'Tendong Lho Rum Faat'.

The proposal of the Youth Association to celebrate the upcoming festival at the Lepcha Heritage Centre on 07 Aug and at Mt Tendong on 08 Aug was widely appreciated and welcomed by the gathering.

Further the meeting also decided to elect Phurmit Lepcha [Chairperson, State Social Welfare Board] as the Chairperson of the Celebration Committee for the upcoming indigenous Lepcha festival, the release adds.

Lok Sabha MP chairs meeting with stakeholders on GST

ARPAN PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

An important meeting on Goods & Services Tax and related issues was held at the conference hall of Eco-Paradise Resort in Rangpo, East Sikkim today. The meeting was chaired by Lok Sabha MP, PD Rai, along with other officials.

The programme also had the presence of the Medical Superintendent of STNM Hospital, Dr KB Gurung, along with a team of doctors from STNM Hospital. Various Pharmaceutical companies that are functional in the State and other organisations like NHPC, Titan, Godrej, and



some power project companies were also present during the meeting.

Mishel Chandak presented a short presentation on implementation

of GST as per the Government of India directives and various issues related to the same.

Along with GST, the meeting also discussed is-

suess on Sustainable Development Goals for which a brief was presented by RP Gurung from Eco-Tourism & Conservation Society of Sikkim.

Bhanu Bhakta more relevant in present times: CM

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only if intellectuals and members of the civil society collectively take initiatives. Instead of blaming anyone, we should introspect on our own shortcomings and work towards mending them, he added.

The CM further stated that the Government has consistently worked towards preservation of Nepali language through creation of infrastructures and institutions of learning. He informed that the Government has even started recruiting Nepali Graduate teachers and will expand to the Primary level too in near future. (Presently only Post Graduate Teachers are recruited for Nepali Language).

The Chief Minister expressed his concern over the under-utilization of institutions created by the Government such as the Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya Adhyayan Kendra in Gyalshing, which he lamented, is allowed to stagnate as a mere infrastructure. He exhorted the literary community and members of the civil society to take ownership of such institutions instead of depending entirely on the Government for its sustenance and development.

"I call upon the learned community to come forward with your suggestions to safeguard these infrastructures created by the Government for the intellectual development of the present and future generations," added the Chief Minister.

The CM further announced that the annual grant of Rs. 10 lakh awarded to Nepali Sahitya Parishad will now be increased to Rs. 15 lakh. He added that this increased amount could be used to increase the amount that accompanies the 'Bhanu Puraskar' which will henceforth be made Rs. 5 lakh. He further suggested that cash incentives be given to the Seva Shri Samman recipients as well.

Announcing the Gyan Mandir, India's biggest library in Gangtok, he said that a large number of books in Nepali will be collected. He further appealed to all to donate in any way possible for the establishment of the library.

This year, noted litterateur Raj K. Shrestha was conferred with the 'Bhanu Puraskar'. The Award is constituted by the Nepali Sahitya Parishad Sikkim and is conferred every year on the occasion of Bhanu Jayanti on individuals

who have made noteworthy contribution in the field of Nepali literature and preservation of the language and culture. Mr Shrestha has made significant contribution to Nepali literature in a period spanning over three decades. He was awarded the 'Bhanu Puraskar' by the Chief Minister who was present as the chief guest.

Apart from the 'Bhanu Puraskar', the Seva Shree Samman was also conferred to individuals for their notable contribution in various fields like language, literature, music, art and journalism.

The Seva Shree Samman Awardees were K.N. Sharma - Bhasa Seva Shree Samman, N.H. Khan - Sahitya Seva Shree Samman, Sanjay Subba - Sangeet Seva Shree Samman, Madhav Ghimire - Sangeet Seva Shree Samman, Matrika Sharma - Natak Seva Shree Samman, Geeta Bhandari - Patrakarita Seva Shree Samman and Bhawani Pradhan - Chitrakarita Seva Shree Samman.

Earlier, finalists of the Inter School Ramayan Path Competition presented verses from the Nepali Ramayan. In the competition held earlier this week, Tadong Senior Secondary School had stood first, while there was a tie for the second prize between Deorali Girls SSS and Enchey SSS. The third prize went to West Point Senior Secondary School. The participants were also handed over cash awards announced by the Chief Minister during his address.

The programme also saw poetry recitation by Smita Basnet of PNG School and Gopal Dhakal in the open category. They had stood first in their respective categories in the competition held earlier in the week. The participants of the poetry competition were also felicitated and awarded cash grant from the Chief Minister.

Likewise, in the Inter-School Shova Yatra Competition held in the morning, Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, Tashi Namgyal Academy and Modern Senior Secondary School stood first second and third respectively in the inter-school category, while in the open category, Nepali Sanskriti Samrakshan Samiti 5th Mile Tadong stood first and Akhil Kirat Rai Sangh and Akhil Sikkim Thami Sangh were first and second runners up respectively.

Bhanu Jayanti celebrated at Mangan

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 13 JUL:

The 203rd birth anniversary of Aadi Kavi Bhanu Bhakta Acharya was organized by Bhanu Jayanti Celebration Committee of Mangan District Administration, North Sikkim, at the Community Hall of Mangan today.

The programme was attended by Minister of Forest, Mines and Geology, TW Lepcha, as chief guest. The programme featured Ramayan Path and poem recitations by students of different schools, teachers and local youth.

The first position in Ramayan Path was bagged by Mangan Senior Secondary School with Little Flower School in the second position. The schools were presented with certificates and tokens by the chief guest.

The chief guest, in his address, highlighted the importance of the day and stressed on preserving our tradition, culture and literature.

"Hydel projects are one of the important sources of revenue for the state government.



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Learning from Achievers

Rewinding to when Sikkim extended Samman

In the current environment of hypersensitivity about issues of identity and belonging, it would perhaps be apt to step back and rewind to a moment thirteen years ago, when, at exactly this time of the year in 2004, the Sikkim hosted a grand Sikkim Samman Sammelan. One misses the event and hopes that it will be revived in the coming years so that people of the region realize that despite all the ignorance in the mainland about their “status as Indians”, a staggering number of them have done the region and their respective communities proud, have broken stereotypes and have helped create new introductions for the people provided they are interested in leveraging them.

As mentioned, the Sikkim Samman Sammelan was a grand affair and managed to achieve a lot. Apart from lavishing honour on those who truly deserve it, it brought to Sikkim's midst, as also the regions, people who have gone against the grain so to speak - people who have shaken off the languor which characterises the professional pursuits of the Hill people; People who have persevered and proven wrong the prejudices which brand every person from these parts a “kancha or Bahadur” in the boorish indifference of the plains. Success did not have easy for any of the 63 achievers felicitated on the occasion. Of course, success does not come easy to anyone, but the Nepali-speakers who received Sikkim's Samman in 2004 were also combating stereotypes and chauvinism, so they had to sweat and persevere even more, much more, and hence the Samman, and hence the need to take more inspiration from them. Not only did they go up against a system which did not understand them or their ambitions, they did so from home bases which were equally confused [if not downright unsupportive] of their pursuits. What is more, they achieved what they did in the absence of precedence or grooming. They are people, everyone, even tangentially associated with them, can be proud of.

But why was it Sikkim that had organised the felicitations, some might ask? Well, for the simple reason that only Sikkim, of all parts that Nepali-speaking people reside, has the resources of a State at its disposal. To applaud the initiative some more - because it is now apparent that only Sikkim cares any more. But the event was not just about felicitating achievers. There was much more meaning attached to it than just philanthropy. Unfortunately, not all the nuances got through.

At a certain level, the issues debated (it was a three-day affair of felicitations, speeches and deliberations) were not just about a particular community, but representative of the aspirations of all the people of the region, their right to an identity and individuality and recognition for what they are. It was a good beginning. It is another matter that the moment did not grow into confident pride, and identity continues to depreciate into tokenism and superficial displays in these parts. The lesson of perseverance that the achievers exemplified should have infused the expressions of selfhood with self-belief, but leaders continue to deal in self-denial and paranoia. And they are not called out. When people are fed doubts and fears more than ambition and confidence, they are easily riled into violence (with triggers as puny as Facebook posts) and as easily cowed into submission with calls to keep the larger picture in sight. Gangtok Bhanu Jayanti 2004 had attempted to show a different path, but that path has not received enough takers.

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By the age of two, most children use gender pronouns in their speech and proactively identify people as men and women. And by the time they turn seven, little boys and little girls have already learnt a lot about what is expected of them within our – binary – gender system.

Much of this learning is unintentional, communicated via pop culture.

A few years ago, a researchers from Granada University analysed 621 characters of both sexes from 163 cartoon series, including *Monster High* and *Shin Chan*. They found that women are largely relegated to secondary roles: girlfriends, mothers or companions to the animated heroes and villains.

Not only are cartoon women rarely leading characters, they're also awash in stereotypes. The Spanish researchers reported that most animated women are materialistic, jealous and superficial, obsessed with their bodies and keen to please other people.

HOW DO PRINCESSES LEAD?

Even when women do play the lead, they often reify tired adages about women.

With *Pocahontas* (1995), for example, Disney showed that not even cartoon women can “have it all”. The Indian princess must choose between success in the public sphere and a happy romantic life.

Indeed, studies have found that in all of the princess films produced by Disney between 1989 and 1999, male characters have three times as much dialogue as female characters.

American linguists found that men speak 68% of the time in *The Little Mermaid*, 71% in *Beauty and the Beast*, 90% in *Aladdin* and 76% in *Pocahontas*. Ariel, the little mermaid herself, actually prefers to be struck dumb forever in exchange for a man.

These lessons are not lost on children, who are well aware that superheroes are mostly boys and princesses are girls. That makes it more difficult to model leadership for young women.

Unlike superheroes, who use their extraordinary gifts to do good for society, cartoon princesses tend to focus on private issues, not public service.

Disney has shown some improvement since the days of passive Snow White (1937) and submissive Cinderella (1950). In recent years, female leaders have appeared among the studio's characters, most notably in *Mulan* (1998) and the 2013 megahit, *Frozen*.

But the messages conveyed are not so far removed from the most conventional Disney stereotypes.

Mulan is a bold Chinese warrior, respected and followed by her peo-

Teaching Little Girls to Lead



This year, the NFL's first female coach, Jen Welter, showed little girls that they can even lead the boys to victory.

ple...all of whom think she is a man, because she has deceived them by cutting her hair. The point here appears to be that to become a good leader, a woman should look and act like a man.

Frozen was hailed as “not your typical princess movie”, because it portrays two sisters who don't need to be rescued by a handsome prince. Instead, at the film's end, Elsa and Anna save each other with their sororal love.

But, the protagonist Elsa has dubious leadership skills. As the elder sister, she is responsible for governing, but when she gets nervous she lets her emotions get the better of her. Despite her good intentions, she cannot effectively wield power.

As a result, she freezes her realm and withdraws into a solitary world. In other words, she lacks emotional intelligence.

LESSONS IN FEMALE LEADERSHIP

What have we learned? Now, children, repeat after me:

1. Leadership is male.
2. Women are better leaders when they look and act like men.
3. A successful public life interferes in a woman's private life.
4. When women get emotionally involved, they lose rational thought, and their leadership capacity fails them.

It's hardly surprising that the lessons we've internalised since childhood are reproduced every day by (adult) media coverage of, say, female politicians, who face stereotypes and obstacles utterly unknown to their

male colleagues.

ALL IN GOOD FUN

But wait, say some cultural observers, aren't we're going too far, here? Watching Disney movies and play-acting the characters – that's just kids' stuff, fun and games!

Not exactly. Last year, academics from Brigham Young University in Utah looked into this subject, interviewing and observing 198 boys and girls in preschool and kindergarten.

They found that the more the girls identified with “princess culture”, the more they exhibited patterns of behaviour that corresponded to female stereotypes suggesting that beauty, sweetness and obedience are women's most valuable assets. The study empirically validates concerns that sociologists and feminists have been discussing for some time.

Recognising that female leadership is not well represented in Western society doesn't mean kids shouldn't be exposed to these cultural products. It's fine for a girl to play at being a princess, as long as she can also kick around a soccer ball, build things with nuts and tools, play the drums and fancy becoming a scientist, engineer, astronaut or firefighter.

Likewise, there's no reason why a boy dressed as his favourite superhero shouldn't pretend to take care of babies, cook dinner or vacuum the house.

GENDER FREE TOYS

This was the message of a 2015 holiday advertising campaign launched by the French supermarket chain

System U, which reminded consumers that there are not toys for boys and toys for girls – there are just toys.

The commercial, headlined #GenderFreeChristmas, opens by reflecting the clichés that surround children from birth, saying that perceptions about gender (“Girls like kitchens”, “boys play with guns”) are shaped by what we're taught when we're very young.

Those stereotypical conceptions fall apart when a group of little girls and boys are allowed to enter a room full of toys. A little girl rushes to the model car set; a boy goes for a baby doll.

Whether driven by profit or by social responsibility, companies are becoming more aware of the gender stereotypes promoted by their products. In Sweden, the chain stores Toys R Us and BR-Toys have said they'll stop publishing gender-differentiated catalogs and dividing toys into “girls” and “boys” sections.

Still, families must talk with children about the meaning of what they see, ensuring that girls understand that princesses are just one kind of role model – there's also the powerful Wonder Woman, smart Velma from *Scooby-Doo* and Peppa Pig (dubbed a “weird feminist” by one conservative blogger).

And, last but not least, adults must ensure that we do not reinforce negative gender messaging in our daily lives by making girls feel that they are most valuable when they look like pretty princesses.

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How to maintain the balance between boundaries and freedom in secondary school parenting

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There are four people central to secondary school students' learning and achievement: the student, the parent (or carer), the teacher, and the peers. Without question, the most influential of these is the student themselves.

It is the student who must engage in class, do homework, complete assignments, study, and sit exams. My research shows the next two most influential people are parents and teachers. While I have previously discussed the role of teachers, there is also much to be said regarding the role of parents and parenting.

Parents influence secondary school outcomes in numerous ways, including providing or arranging for help, encouraging the child, valuing effort and education, and creating a home environment conducive to study.

PARENTING STYLE

During secondary school, students will move through different stages of adolescence. Over this time they will experience enormous social, physical, emotional, and cognitive changes. In addition to the major academic task of completing school, students also have the major developmental task of establishing their autonomy, self-responsibility, and self-directedness. Meanwhile, parents will need to maintain

a delicate balance between providing support as needed and “letting go” as needed.

Research indicates there are four parenting styles:

- An “authoritarian” style adopts clear boundaries, consequences, routines, structure, and expectations - but little warmth and acceptance of the child.
- A “laissez-faire” or “permissive” style has very few boundaries, consequences, routines, structure, and expectations - but a good deal of warmth and acceptance.
- A “neglectful” style is characterised by very few boundaries, consequences, routines, structure, and expectations - and very little warmth and acceptance.
- An “authoritative” style has clear boundaries, consequences, routines, structure, and expectations - and also a good deal of warmth and acceptance of the child.

Overall, it is the “authoritative” parenting style that is linked to positive academic outcomes. Adolescents are best able to establish their autonomy, self-responsibility, and self-directedness when they are raised in a secure and predictable environment.

Undoubtedly, they will push and exceed the boundaries, but that and its consequences are part of the development of their identity and understanding the social “norms” to which they will be held to account in adulthood.

WHEN TO SUPPORT AND

WHEN TO LET GO

The line separating each parenting style can be blurry. As young people move into later adolescence, the “optimal” style will tend to slide between “authoritative” and “permissive”.

There will be times when it is appropriate to let go and even allow the child to “fail”. In other situations, however, rules and routines must be observed and consequences administered if not. This may be because “failing” would present too much of a risk to the young person's wellbeing.

Knowing when to let go also depends on the individual teenager. For example, there are some students with learning challenges that necessitate relatively more support, structure, and routine.

Some of my recent research, for instance, has focused on students with ADHD. These students experience significant executive function deficits (for example, planning, organisation and working memory) that impede their academic development. As a result of these challenges, I found these students were significantly less likely to complete schoolwork and significantly more likely to be suspended, expelled, change schools, or repeat a grade. These students therefore benefit from relatively more parental involvement and support than other students.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR CHILD'S

STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES

Effective teachers will take the time to understand their students so they understand who they are teaching and how to optimise their academic outcomes. They will differentiate and individualise instruction to make the most of each student's attributes.

Similarly, parents who can understand and accept their adolescent's temperament, abilities, strengths, weaknesses, and interests, are in a far better position to know when and how to support them. They will also more accurately know when and how to let go as necessary.

Indeed, social researchers have suggested we have some key needs that are critical to be met for our optimal functioning. One of these - the need to be taken seriously - is considered paramount, as is the importance of feeling understood and accepted by others.

Adolescents place high value on being taken seriously, feeling understood, and feeling accepted. Parents who strive to understand and accept their child are in a terrific position to provide tailored support as it's needed. This is also the basis for a good relationship and an adolescent's further growth and personal development.

50% OF SOMETHING IS BETTER THAN 100% OF NOTHING

Given adolescents' drive for autonomy, it is

natural for them to push back from parents and overstep boundaries. How parents respond to this is critical. Under-reaching or over-reaching is often undesirable. When the chips are down, I often ask parents to identify what they consider “minimally acceptable” to them and seek a compromise around this.

For example, a parent might want four hours study each weeknight leading up to Year 12 exams, but if the child is doing nothing, then two hours each night is an improvement. Not only are these two hours a potential basis for three hours down the track, but the parent has kept the lines of communication open, along with the likelihood of future compromise and negotiation.

THE LONG GAME

Adolescence is a time when a young person and their parent are figuring themselves and each other out. It is not easy and the journey will vary from family to family. Becoming autonomous, self-responsible, and self-directed will not happen at the last minute at the end of high school. Rather, it is a long game and to play it well, the parenting style will need to adjust over the course of high school and in response to the individual attributes of the adolescent.

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FCS&CA Deptt meets wholesale dealers

GANGTOK, 13 JUL [IPR]: An emergency meeting with the wholesale agents of Gangtok was convened by the Secretary, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, SK Shilal, today. The main objective of the meeting was to assess and monitor the present status of essential commodities in the market.

In the wake of the disruption of normal vehicular movement caused by the ongoing unrest in the neighbouring Darjeeling hills, the Secretary appealed to the wholesale dealers to cooperate in the situation and assured them that the department will extend all possible help to ensure that there is no shortage in the market.

He also mentioned that a special task force has also been constituted by DC East to monitor daily stock position in the market and to ensure that no malpractices or hoarding takes place.

Mr Shilal also said that the department is disseminating daily stock position of essential commodities to the District Administration and Home Department. Similar inspections and monitoring of essential commodities are also being conducted in all the markets of East district by the concerned Food Department In-charges.

Singtam Bhanu...

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tured the distribution of trophies and cash prizes to winners of the Ramayana and poetry recitation competition at both school and open level held at the auditorium of Singtam Nagar Pan-chayat on 10-11 Jul. The trophies were sponsored jointly by an official of Food Department, Shyam Rai, in the memory of his late parents, Bihari Jagran Manch-Singtam and Jai Shree Chettri.

A fashion show was also organised during the day's event wherein students presented cultural dresses of various cultures of the State.

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Anthyesthi Kriya



The 13th day Anthyesthi Kriya of **Late Jai Narayan Sharma** (80) retired SE, Building who left for his heavenly abode on 2nd July 2017 falls on **14th July 2017**. All friends, relatives and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers for departed soul at our residence in Lower Ghurpisey, Namchi, below CM's residence. We also take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who stood by us during the time of our bereavement.

Shora Sharma(wife), Sachin Rizal, Sameer Sharma(sons) & all families members. Ph. 9563779165/9614404550

Heavy downpour causes flash floods, landslides in Nagaland

KOHIMA, JUL 13 (PTI): Incessant rains across Nagaland has led to flash floods and landslides in several areas of the state, officials today said.

Yeveto village under Niuland Sub-Division in Dimapur district has been severely affected by the flood waters of Zubza river, official reports said.

Crops and plantations have been destroyed, livestock swept away and many families in the villages have been rendered homeless, the report said adding, a team of Irrigation, Flood Control and Power departments led



by Niuland ADC V Lovitoly Sema has visited the spot to take stock of the situation and coordinate relief and rescue work. There has been no

reports of any casualty or injuries to anyone, the report said.

In Kohima, the Disaster Management Authority (DMA) said the heavy downpour has caused landslides, besides severely damaging over 20 houses in Peraciezie Colony here.

There are also reports of landslides affecting the road transport in several parts of the state.

The Dimapur-Kohima National Highway-29 has also been badly damaged near Kiruphema village and alternate routes are being arranged for passage of vehicles, the DMA said.

Nagaland Cabinet turns down Guv's directive on trust vote

KOHIMA, JUL 13 (PTI): The Nagaland political crisis took a new turn today with the state cabinet turning down Governor P B Acharya's directive to Chief Minister Shurhohozelie Liezietsu to call an emergency assembly session by July 15 to seek trust vote.

A cabinet meeting headed by Liezietsu discussed the governor's directive last night and took the decision against calling any emergency session of the assembly.

"The state cabinet was of the firm opinion that there was no justification for an emergency session of the assembly to discuss or resolve the internal affairs of the ruling Naga People's Front (NPF)," stated a joint statement issued by Chief Minister Liezietsu and Chief Secretary Panjak Kumar.

The cabinet quoted a Supreme Court judgement, saying that "the governor can summon or prorogue and dissolve the House, only on the aid and advice of the council of ministers with the chief minister as its head, and not on his own."



With the by-poll to Northern Angami-I seat already notified and the Model Code of Conduct in force, the cabinet felt that since the chief minister has filed his nomination on July 11, "it would not be legally proper for the cabinet to advise so, and for the governor to summon the assembly during this election period."

"There is no split in NPF and the party supports the Shurhohozelie-led ministry," the cabinet maintained.

The governor's directive, asking Liezietsu to seek a trust vote in the assembly on or before July 15, came after former

Chief Minister T R Zeliang staked claim to form the government.

Zeliang claimed that he has the support of 37 NPF MLAs and seven independent legislators in the 60-member House.

"The group of dissident legislators from the NPF, now reportedly camping at Kaziranga in Assam under the leadership of T R Zeliang, who are demanding change of leadership still belong to the NPF Party."

"Though as many as 10 MLAs have been suspended, they are still bound by their membership of the NPF Party and they do not have a separate identity in the assembly," the cabinet said.

Therefore, the Cabinet said, the dissidents have "no legal right" to demand the Governor for effecting change of leadership, which can be taken up only in the official meeting of the NPF legislature party. It also said that they "cannot demand" a special assembly session to resolve an internal party matter either.

The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee, meanwhile, has urged the governor to dismiss the Liezietsu government and recommended the imposition of President's Rule in the State as it faces an "extraordinary situation of political instability".

Acharya is yet to respond to the Cabinet's decision not to call an emergency session of the assembly. He is expected to arrive here tomorrow.

The present strength of the 60-member Nagaland assembly is 59 as the Northern Angami I seat is vacant now. The bypoll for the seat would be held on July 29.

In the assembly, the NPF has 47 members, the BJP four and independents eight.

GTA office, railway station set on fire in Darjeeling Hills

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a fast-unto-death in pursuit of the Gorkhaland demand, the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee today informed that the indefinite hunger-strike, which was scheduled to begin at Chowrasta in Darjeeling on 15 July, has been postponed.

Addressing a press conference here this evening, the GMCC convener, Kalyan Dewan, announced that the proposed fast unto death has been postponed in light of the upcoming Presidential elections. No new date for the indefinite hunger strike has been decided yet, he further informed.

Elsewhere, the hills recorded acts of arson despite continued de-

ployment of three columns of army in Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Sonada.

As day broke, the paramilitary and police forces patrolled the streets and kept a strict vigil as Gorkhaland supporters took out colourful rallies reciting poems of Bhanubhakta Acharya and carrying placards demanding Gorkhaland. Bhanu Jayanti, it may be

recalled, was observed as Gorkha Unity Day in the Darjeeling hills today.

Internet services remained suspended for the 26th day. Also today, the ban on internet services and news on local cable channels was extended till 25 July.

The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) office for travel and tourism at Chowrasta-Mall Road in the

hill town was set ablaze early this morning. Several government vehicles were also damaged near the Darjeeling toy-train station last night, media reports have stated.

A railway station at Gayabari area of Kurseong was set on fire this morning besides a guest house of the Soil Conservation Department near Teesta Bazaar, officials inform.

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Irom Sharmila to marry Desmond Coutinho in Kodaikanal

KODAIKANAL (TN), JUL 13 (PTI): Manipur's iconic human rights activist Irom Sharmila has filed an application at the Sub-Registrar office here, to marry her long-time partner Desmond Coutinho, a British national.

Accompanied by Coutinho, she filed the application for registration of marriage under Hindu Marriage Act last evening, Sub-Registrar of Kodaikanal Rajesh said.

The official said permission could not be given for the inter-religion marriage immediately under the Hindu Marriage Act and it could be registered only under the Special Marriage Act, by giving a notice period of 30 days to receive objections, if any.

Meanwhile, the local police and Tehsildar have sought information

on the wedding date of the activist, the official said.

Sharmila moved to this hill town with Coutinho following her poll debacle in the Manipur state assembly elections in March and her party 'People's Resurgence and Justice Alliance' suffered a rout. The 44-year-old shot to fame after she launched her fast-unto-death on November 4, 2000, demanding the withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 from Manipur.

Sharmila, also known as 'Iron Lady', broke her 16-year-old hunger strike, the world's longest, on August 9, 2016 and declared she wanted to become the chief minister so that she could repeal the contentious AFSPA.

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SHSC enters semis of SFA U-15 football tourney

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club thrashed Melli Sports Academy 4-0 in the quarter-final match in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association Under-15 knock out Football Tournament 2017 here at Paljor Stadium on Thursday. A brace each by Abhijit Subba and Hissay Wangchi helped Sikkim Himalayan SC enter the semi-final round of the tournament.

On Friday, North Sikkim Football Association, Mangan will take on Gangtok Football Club in another quarter final match of the tournament.

11 Indians killed in Saudi blaze

JEDDAH/NEW DELHI, JUL 13 (PTI):

Eleven Indians have been killed in a fire in the southern Saudi city of Najran and the Indian Consulate in Jeddah is providing all assistance to the families of the deceased and those injured in the tragedy, the External Affairs Ministry said today.

Among the Indians killed in the fire, four were from Uttar Pradesh, three from Kerala, one from Bihar, one from Tamil Nadu and details of two others were yet to be ascertained, it said.

Apart from the 11 Indians killed, five Indians were also injured in the blaze that ripped through a windowless house where the workers were staying.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Gopal Baglay in New Delhi put out the details of the deceased and said the Consulate General of India, Jeddah, was providing "all assistance".

Arab News reported that 11 people suffocated and six were injured yesterday, in a fire that ripped through a windowless house they shared at a farm.

"Firefighters put out a blaze in an old house lacking windows for ventilation. Eleven people died of asphyxiation, and six others were injured," the local civil defence authority said. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi said, "I am aware of the fire tragedy in Najran...I have spoken to Consul General Jeddah."

Arjun Rai appointed Manager of Indian Legends team

SAURABH RAI SILIGURI, 13 JUL:

Senior Manager of United Sikkim FC who has recently been appointed as the Joint Secretary of Sikkim Football Association, Arjun Rai, has been entrusted with the role of Manager of the Indian Legends team.

The Indian Legends team comprises of legendary players like IM Vijayan, Bhaichung Bhutia and Bruno Coutinho along with a host of other former Indian international players. They will be playing matches all across the country and abroad for charity and benefit of fellow footballers.

On 18 Jul, the Indian Legends will play a match against



Oorja Under-19 selection team in New Delhi. The team will also present an amount of Rs 5 lakh to former India International goalkeeper, Bhaskar Ganguly, after the match.

"It's a big achievement for me and a matter of great happiness. I think it's an honour to the entire football fraternity of Sikkim. I had never thought that I would be a manager of such a

great team, the Indian Legends. Till now my biggest achievement was when I got appointed as the Manager of United Sikkim FC in the I-League. Now this achievement to be the Manager of the Indian Legends has surpassed that," said Mr Rai.

Mr Rai has been serving Sikkim football for more than 2 decades in various capacities. A former National Level footballer, he has remained attached to the game even after retiring in the 90s. He is popular amongst the players and has been the manager of Sikkim team for many Santosh Trophy and other National level tournaments over the years.



SFA C Division S-League

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

Daddy's Dzongri played a goalless draw against Mustang Football Club in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association C Division Sikkim-League here at Paljor Stadium today.

In another match, Af-tamath Football Club defeated Khamdong Sports Academy 3-2. Namgyal,

Avilash Subba and Kalden scored a goal each for Af-tamath FC, while Karma Chopel and Avay Pradhan scored a goal each for Khamdong SA.

Tathangchen Football Club will take on Tadong Yargay Football Club on Friday, which will be followed by another match between Gangtok Sporting Club and Kumar Sporting Club.

Jigdal Denzongpa Memorial Chess tourney begins

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 13 JUL:

Four-day long Jigdal Denzongpa Memorial State-level Open Chess Tournament 2017 was inaugurated by Lok Sabha MP, PD Rai, here at SDF Bhawan in Gangtok today. Three hundred and twenty seven [327] chess players from different parts of the State are participating in the tournament.

The tournament is being organised by Sikkim Chess Association [SCA] in memory of a talented state chess player, Jigdal Denzongpa, for his contribution towards the development of chess in the State.

In his inaugural address, Lok Sabha MP, Mr Rai, who was present as the chief guest, expressed his happiness on



maximum participation of young students from different schools in the

tournament. He also appreciated the efforts of the SCA for promoting

chess in the State and for providing bigger platform to young children

through such events. He also expressed his best wishes to all participants

in the tournament.

Likewise, Sikkim Olympic Association president, BK Roka, encouraged SCA to continue with its efforts for the promotion and development of chess in the State. He also assured to provide all possible support and help from the SOA in near future.

Chief Arbiter of the tournament, Dharmendra Kumar, congratulated the SCA for producing talented chess players from Sikkim in a short period. He also appreciated the efforts of SCA general secretary, Mahendra Dhakal, for taking chess forward in the State. He also stated that the increase in participation of school students was a good sign of development of the game in the State.

A state chess player, Phurba Wangyal Bhutia, spoke about the life and contribution of Late Denzongpa to Sikkim chess.

The inaugural function was also attended by family members of Late Denzongpa. The inaugural function was followed by commencement of matches in the tournament.

The tournament is following the FIDE Swiss League System of 9 rounds. The tournament also has prizes in U-7 [boys & girls], U-9 [boys & girls], U-11 [boys & girls], U-13 [boys & girls] and U-15 [boys & girls] categories apart from cash prizes to top 15 in the open categories. The tournament carries total cash prize of around Rs 1 lakh.

Indian women cueists slam disgraceful pay disparity

BHARAT SHARMA

NEW DELHI, JULY 13 (PTI):

Keerath Bhandaal and Suniti Damani may be little known names in the world of cuesports but have reignited the age old debate on pay disparity, saying it is "disgraceful" to be paid five times less than men for a national title despite representing India for many years.

"We are still very much on our own despite playing for India for so many years. I won a national title earlier this year and all I got was Rs 5000. It is disgraceful to say the least," Bhandaal, who was all of 10 when she made her World Championship debut in 2007, told PTI.

Delhi-based Bhandaal has claimed national titles in both billiards and snooker while Damani is among the country's leading snooker players, having won the national pool title in 2012.

Besides their achievements at the national level, they have represented India at multiple World



Championships.

The pittance of prize money was for the junior girls' title while the previous season, she got Rs 10,000 for winning the senior billiards title last year while the men received Rs 50,000.

"The prize money we get has

more of a sentimental value than monetary value. It is unreal to think a national champion is getting Rs 10,000. They might as well not pay us," joked Bhandaal, who is still pursuing academics and is studying in the city's Jesus and Mary College.

The men not only get paid five

times more, they also get the bulk of the public sector jobs. Sixteen-time World Champion Pankaj Advani is employed by ONGC while his teammate at the recently concluded Asian Snooker Championship, is with the Railways.

"The disparity is everywhere be it the prize money or finding jobs or sponsors. Most leading male players have the job security while the women continue to be ignored," said Damani, who juggles with a private job in Kolkata and training stints in Delhi.

"I have taken a break from my job to come here and practice. Despite being the leading player in the country for so many years, I still have to fend for myself. I still feel I am treated like a beginner. It is disheartening to be honest.

"There has to be a system where top 8 players of the country don't have to worry about anything other than the game. It surely seems a far

cry at the moment," added Damani.

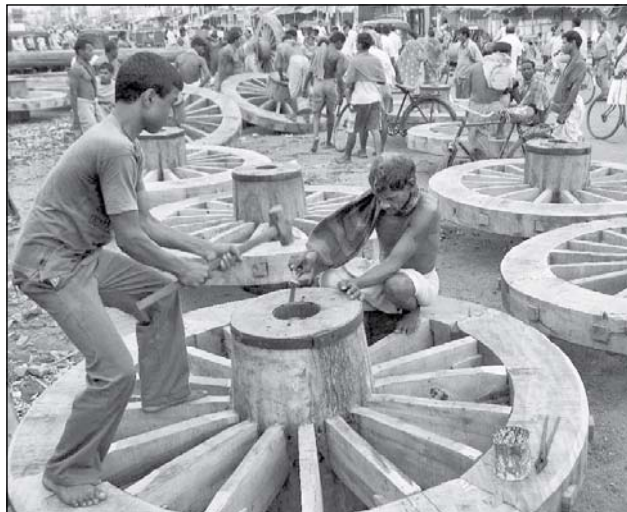
India's biggest name in the business, Advani, says there are some pressing issues in Indian cuesports that need to be addressed.

"You have to ask the federation about the prize money disparity and other issues faced by women players. I can only say that all Indian players should be looked after well. They can only perform better if they don't have to worry about their future," said Advani.

S Balasubramanian, secretary of he Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI), promised an increase in the women's prize money from next year onwards but it would still not be at par with the men.

"It has been decided that BSFI will significantly increase the prize money in women's events. As far as women not getting jobs is concerned, it is up to the public sector companies to hire them. We can only recommend," he added.

The making of chariots for Puri Ratha Yatra!



NEW DELHI, JUL 13 (PTI):

Do you know that three new wooden chariots to carry the presiding deities of the Sri-mandira temple at Odisha's Puri are constructed every year for the Ratha Yatra and the process of making these starts nearly four months before the annual procession?

The Ratha Yatra in which Lord Jagannatha and siblings Balabhadra and Subhadra ride the three colourful chariots in their annual sojourn to their garden house and birthplace Gundicha Temple, where they stay for seven days before returning, is a meticulously planned event that sees the congregation of lakhs of devotees, says a new book.

In "Ratha Yatra: Chariot Festival of Sri Jagannatha in Puri",

former civil servant Subas Pani tells how the chariot procession is rooted in ancient traditions, myths and legends and embodies the most colourful elements of the classical and folk cultures of the Indian subcontinent and the Odisha region.

"The process of making the chariots starts around four months before the Ratha Yatra on the auspicious occasion of Saraswati Puja or Basanta Panchami, typically in February, in a simple ceremony in front of the temple office," the book, published by Niyogi, says.

The first lot of timber arrives by this time but before that, a team from the temple office proceed for selection of trees.

"On reaching the Dasapalla area, they first offer prayers at the temple of Bada Raula Thaku-

rani, a village deity representing the mother goddess. Thereafter, they proceed to select the trees from nearby forests," the author says.

But before cutting down the first tree, they offer a simple puja at the site.

Earlier, the logs were transported through the river and then by bullock carts but nowadays trucks are used.

Hard wood varieties like phasi, dhaura and asana and soft wood like simili, gambhari and mahi as well as trunks of coconut and palm trees are used for the construction.

The construction of the chariots is done according to a schedule and sequence followed for generations, starting on the Akshaya Trutiya day with the ceremony of Ratha Anukula.

The final decoration of the chariots is completed on the day of the Ratha Yatra by adding the floral embellishments.

The making of the chariots is the responsibility of separate groups of servitors granted privileges for this purpose, as is the case with other activities associated with the temple and worship of Jagannatha.

The coffee-table book covers a wide span including the geography of Puri, legends surrounding the temple, the unique architectural style of the temple complex and the elaborate preparatory summer festivals leading up to the main festival.

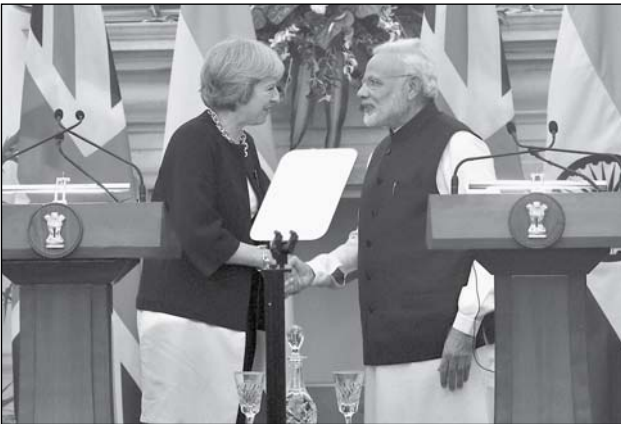
It brings alive every stage of the intricate rituals and ceremonies lasting almost two months, giving a complete portrayal of different phases of the festival.

India ready to forge ‘ambitious’ trading relations with UK: May

LONDON, JUL 12 (PTI): India is among the countries ready to forge an “ambitious” new trading relationship with the UK after Britain leaves the European Union (EU), Prime Minister Theresa May has told the Parliament.

In a statement in the House of Commons on the recently concluded G20 summit in Hamburg, May said that her meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi involved discussions on a wide range of issues, including tackling modern day slavery.

“At this summit, I held a number of meetings with other world leaders, all of whom made clear their strong desire to forge ambitious new bilateral trading relationships with the UK after Brexit. This includ-



ed America, Japan, China and India,” May said in her statement on Monday.

In response to Opposition Labour party leader Jeremy Corbyn on the issue of striking new trade deals, she added: “I am very happy to tell him (Corbyn) that we are already working with the Americans on what a trade deal might look like. We already have a working group with the Australians, and we have a working group with India as well.

“We are working on trade in three areas. Obviously, one area is looking ahead to the trade agreements we can have with those countries we do not currently have them with as a member of the European Union.

“The second is ensuring that, where there are trade agreements with the EU, we are able to roll those forward as we leave the EU.

“The third area is working with countries such as India and Australia to discuss what changes we can make now, before we leave the EU, to improve our trade relationship.”

Labour MP Graham Jones asked May if she had raised the issue of modern day slavery and child prostitution in India during her meeting with Modi, to which she said that it was an issue “previously” raised with the Indian PM as the UK wants “people around the world to address it”.

“We are very clear that we want to see this issue being dealt with.

That is one of the reasons why we have put into legislation the requirement for companies here in the UK, which will be manufacturing and will be sourcing products from around the world, to look at their supply chains and report on what they find in them and whether or not modern slavery is taking place within them,” she told Parliament.

Modi and May had held bilateral talks on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Germany last week, during which the Indian leader had raised the issue of Indian economic offenders like liquor baron Vijay Mallya and former Indian Premier League chief Lalit Modi and sought the UK’s cooperation in extraditing them to face the Indian courts.

Man arrested for raping, killing schoolgirl

SHIMLA, JUL 13 (PTI): The Special Investigation Team (SIT) today arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly raping and killing a minor schoolgirl in Kotkhai area here, a case which has sparked statewide outrage.

The class X student had gone missing in Shimla district on July 4 and her body was recovered from the nearby Halila forest two days later. The police had registered a case against unknown people.

Based on evidence gathered so far, a police team arrested Ashish Chauhan alias Ashu (29), a resident of Sharaal village in the Mahasu area of Kotkhai, said Inspector General of Police (Southern Range) Zahur H Zaidi, who is also heading the SIT.

The SIT is in the process of collecting more evidence and more arrests are likely in the days to come, Director General of Police Somesh Goyal said.

Referring to some photographs which have been doing the rounds of social networking sites and apps, the DGP appealed to people not to circulate unverified news and photographs related to the case on social media. Such posts can attract civil and criminal liability, he said, apart from making the case more complicated.

Trump seeks consensus with France despite differences

PARIS, JUL 13 (AP): President Donald Trump and his French counterpart, Emmanuel Macron, are looking to set aside differences on trade and climate change and find common ground as they meet today ahead of Bastille Day celebrations in Paris.

Trump arrived in the French capital after an overnight flight from Washington and hours before his meeting with Macron to tackle potential solutions to the crisis in Syria and broader counterterrorism strategies.

Trump’s decision last month to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate accord sparked outrage across Europe and anti-Trump protests are planned while he is in Paris.

Macron, a staunch advocate of research to combat global warming, has beckoned “all responsible citizens,” including American scientists and researchers, to bring their fight against climate change to France.

The leaders plan to hold a news conference after their talks, and Trump may face tough questions about emails revealing that his eldest son welcomed the prospect of receiving Russian government support in last



year’s presidential campaign against Hillary Clinton.

Trump came to his son’s defense Wednesday, praising Donald Trump Jr.’s performance in an interview on Fox News Channel. Trump tweeted: “He was open, transparent and innocent. This is the greatest Witch Hunt in political history. Sad!”

The visit to Paris could offer Trump a well-timed distraction from the controversy. He will mark the 100th anniversary of America’s entry into World War I by visiting US troops. He’ll also be the guest of honor at Friday’s Bastille Day events a celebration of French national pride.

White House officials are casting it as a celebration of the US-French military alliance both

then and now.

The leaders and their wives will end a busy day of meetings Thursday with a lavish dinner at Jules Verne at the top of the Eiffel Tower.

Trump is visiting a city he has repeatedly disparaged.

When he announced his decision on the climate agreement, Trump said he was “elected to represent the citizens of Pittsburgh, not Paris.” And he’s repeatedly said the city has been ruined by the threat of terrorism, which he ties to immigrants.

“Paris isn’t Paris any longer,” he said in February.

But counterterrorism issues give Macron and Trump the potential for a strong working relationship.

Macron’s national security pitch hasn’t differed drastically from Trump’s. On Syria, he argues for intervention, saying that President Bashar Assad is a threat to Syria and the Islamic State group is a threat to France.

France has been plagued in recent years by extremist attacks. During last year’s Bastille Day celebrations, a 19-ton cargo truck deliberately plowed into crowds in Nice, killing more than 80 people.

SBI to cut NEFT, RTGS charges by up to 75% from Sat

NEW DELHI, JULY 13 (PTI): In a push to digital payments, state-owned lender SBI will cut charges on electronic transfer of funds through NEFT and RTGS by up to 75 per cent from Saturday, benefiting nearly 5.27 crore customers, a release said today.

“The reduced charges will be applicable on the transactions done through internet banking

(INB) and mobile banking (MB) services offered by the bank,” it said while releasing the revised NEFT and RTGS charges from July 15. As per the revised schedule, the NEFT charges on fund transfer up to Rs 10,000 has been halved to Re 1, and to Rs 2 for up to Rs 1 lakh.

For transfers between Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, the NEFT charge will be reduced to Rs 3 from the

existing Rs 12. The charge above Rs 2 lakh has been fixed at Rs 5 as against the current Rs 20. For RTGS transactions, the charges will be Rs 5 for transactions between Rs 2 lakh and Rs 5 lakh. Currently, the bank charges Rs 20 for such transaction.

If a customer transfers more than Rs 5 lakh through the RTGS channel, he will be charged Rs 10 as against Rs 40 currently.

Anthyesthi Kriya

Anthyesthi Kriya of **Late Pushpa Chandra Neopanay** who left for heavenly abode on 02 July falls on **14th July 2017**. Friends, well-wishers and family members are requested to attend the praying ceremony to be held at our residence at **Tadong, Gangtok, East Sikkim**.

Devka Neopanay [wife], Ajay Neopanay [son], Anjana Neopanay [daughter] & all Neopanay family.
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Tanka Pd Sharma, Ishwar Pd. Sharma (sons) Kiran Sharma, Kalyani Sharma, Beena Sharma & Prabha Sharma (Daughters) Lata Sharma & Indira Sharma (Daughter in law) & All Dhitals Family
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Inside the Game of Thrones Season 7 Premiere

HBO celebrated the return of its award-winning and record-breaking fantasy series in epic fashion and it's hard to reconcile winter's arrival in the thick heat of summer, but Game of Thrones is nothing if not adept at shattering conventional thinking.

Even without a single drop of actual snow in sight, Los Angeles nevertheless played the role of a wintry Westeros on Wednesday night, hosting HBO's world premiere of the fantasy drama's seventh season. The event, which included red carpet interviews with cast and crew as well as the world's first look at a new episode of Game of Thrones since season six wrapped more than a year ago, was held at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Downtown Los Angeles.

In the weeks and months leading up to the premiere, HBO has touted season seven as the year that House Stark's iconic words become more than just a warning. Winter is no longer coming; it's here, and with it comes the Night King's army of the undead, and the promise of all-out war [to borrow from another show in which zombies are featured] breaking across Westeros.

The event's red carpet theme reflected the ever looming threat of winter, beginning with the fact that the red carpet was more like a frosted blue. What's more, the villainous Night King loomed over the proceedings, figuratively and literally, in the form of a massive statue that stood in front of the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

Winter's arrival impacted Game of Thrones on more than just a story level this year, too. Production was delayed in order to capture more scenes of winter, which not only led to the season's later-than-usual debut



[Thrones typically airs in the spring; season seven is the first year it airs in the summer], but also unseasonably cold conditions for the cast and crew. With that said, the folks responsible for Thrones know their way around a blizzard or two at this point.

Beyond bad weather, season seven promises an accelerated pace thanks to the

fact that disparate stories are starting to thread together. For instance, Daenerys Targaryen [Emilia Clarke] and her forces will finally

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touchdown in the Seven Kingdoms this season, an act of war that's guaranteed to register on Cersei Lannister's [Lena Headey] radar.

With so many characters who have yet to cross paths now existing on the same [admittedly sprawling] continent, fans can expect more and more stories to start colliding, as the words "winter is here" take on meaning beyond the forecast.

Given the show's propensity for killing off charac-

ters, many of the actors who walked the red carpet were likely attending their final Game of Thrones premiere as an active member of the cast. But even for those who escape season seven, the final curtain call is on its way. Potential spinoffs are on the way, yes, but the proper Game of Thrones series will end its run next season, making this the penultimate premiere event for the historic series.

Following the red carpet, attendees settled into their seats inside the Walt Disney Concert Hall, where HBO president of programming Casey Bloys spoke a few words before the gathered crowd.

After thanking a litany of members of the HBO family, Bloys introduced producers and showrunners David Benioff and Dan Weiss on stage. Rather than speaking about their process or the achievement of reaching seven seasons, the pair instead focused on the efforts of Ramin Djawadi, the show's composer and someone they described as "the nicest guy in the world," and the brain behind "the best music in the world."

With that, Benioff and Weiss brought Djawadi onstage, where he conducted a sprawling symphony of musicians, with footage from Thrones playing in the background. Djawadi began by conducting a live rendition of the Game of Thrones opening sequence, and then sat in front of a keyboard to play "Light of the Seven," the riveting piece that haunts the explosive first act of the season six finale. The live music portion of the night concluded with a third piece, the same that played over the final moments of season six, scored against a montage of scenes from the same season.

With music, anecdotes, acknowledgements and bathroom humor out of the way, the event turned toward what everyone came for: fire and blood. Presumably, anyway. At the request of HBO, absolutely no details about what's contained in the season seven premiere can be revealed at this time.

Will Jon Snow and Daenerys cross paths? Will her dragons finally incinerate an army of White Walkers? Will Cersei's reign as queen end after no more than a single episode? Don't bother asking; the gag order placed on the audience may as well have been made from Valyrian steel. Needless to say, the massive premiere elicited more than a few dropped jaws and uproarious applause before the credits

rolled. Countless celebrities were spotted at the party, including Lost and The Leftovers creator Damon Lindelof, Westworld masterminds Jonah Nolan and Lisa Joy, Joe and Nick Jonas, Patton Oswalt and his new fiancé Meredith Salenger, Jimmy Kimmel, Timothy Simons [HBO's Veep] and Alex Karpovsky [HBO's Girls].

Game of Thrones returns July 16.



14TH JULY
WORLD HISTORY
1789: Storming of Bastille Fort took place. Commemorating the day France observes Bastille Day on 14th July. The storming of a grand fortress that was infamous for holding political prisoners, during the first moments of the French Revolution 1789 is considered as an important milestone in the History of the entire world.
1791: Owing to a riot Joseph Priestley, an 18th-century English theologian, natural philosopher, chemist, innovative grammarian, multi-subject educator, and liberal political theorist who published over 150 works, and a supporter of the French Revolution, was ousted from Birmingham, England. He is also credited with the discovery of oxygen.
1933: The Nazi eugenics had commenced with the proclamation of the Law for the Prevention of Hereditarily Diseased Offspring that called for the compulsory sterilization of

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any citizen who suffered from alleged genetic disorders.
1958: In Iraq the monarchy was overthrown by popular forces led by Abd al-Karim Qasim, who became the nation's new leader.
INDIAN HISTORY
1636: Aurangzeb, the sixth Mughal Emperor, was appointed as the Viceroy of Deccan by his father Emperor Shah Jahan.
1893: Garimella Satyanarayana, a poet and freedom fighter of Andhra Pradesh was born. He influenced and mobilised the Andhra people against the British Raj with his patriotic songs and writings, for which he was jailed several times by the British administration.
1992: The Lok Sabha passes a bill seeking to confer on the President the powers of the Legislature of Jammu & Kashmir.

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THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: Whatever skills or talents you're using to accomplish your present goals may seem blocked, Aries. This could give rise to a sense of frustration if you let it, but don't fall into this trap. If you can't get motivated, focus on something else, perhaps an activity you've never tried before. This could get your mind going again while allowing your other skills to pick up steam.

TAURUS: You might feel creative, artistic, and full of ideas for new projects. However, Taurus, other responsibilities could keep you from starting on them. At the same time, your mind could be so focused on them that your other work takes longer than it should. Write down your ideas before they escape, then concentrate on the tasks at hand. Finish those and then you can pursue what you really want.

GEMINI: Spiritual matters could be very much on your mind, Gemini. You may want to delve into metaphysical studies and meditation, but work or family responsibilities could interfere with making those desires a reality. Don't let this get you down. Instead, stay focused on the mundane chores and finish them. Then you can move on to the really fascinating matters.

CANCER: A friend may seem in a dark and gloomy mood and unwilling to talk about it. Don't force the issue. This probably has more to do with your friend's circumstances than with you, Cancer. It's best if you continue to pursue your cherished goals. Not only could you advance your interests but you might also inspire your friend and bring him or her out of the dumps. Go for the gold.

LEO: Professional interests might temporarily interfere with your social life, Leo. This might cause a little friction between you and a close friend or romantic partner. Your friend is more apt to want to brood than discuss it with you. Don't worry. This person will come out of the funk and be more understanding. Explain the situation the best you can and then continue with your work.

VIRGO: Responsibilities to work, family, or both could temporarily delay plans for a much-needed vacation. This could be a bit depressing, Virgo, but don't let it get you down. Take care of your responsibilities as quickly as you can and then move ahead with your plans. All signs are that this trip is important to you and should go ahead as scheduled.

LIBRA: Your financial situation should continue to expand now, Libra. Believe in yourself. Don't worry if you hear rumors that make the future seem rather grim. This is probably misinformation coming from unreliable sources. Continue to work toward your goals. Meanwhile, check out the rumors and find the real facts. You will probably discover that all is far better than the gossipers claim.

SCORPIO: Today it may seem like home and family responsibilities are interfering with your social life, Scorpio, including a get-together you really want to attend. Don't worry. All signs are that something unexpected will occur at the last minute that makes it possible for you to proceed with your plans. Try to take care of your duties as efficiently as you can so you can enjoy the evening.

SAGITTARIUS: You may wake up feeling strong and energetic, but as the day wears, stress could cause you to feel tired and worn out. Be careful, Sagittarius. You could become short-tempered around others. This won't happen if you avoid the temptation to go like a house afire first

thing in the morning. Pace yourself and your relations with others should remain excellent throughout the entire day.

CAPRICORN: A temporary lack of funds might interfere with creative projects or your ability to have fun, Capricorn. You might encounter an apparent coolness from a close friend or romantic partner that you might not understand. Don't make too much of it. This probably relates more to the person's general mood than to anything you've said or done. Your friend should be back to normal in a few days.

AQUARIUS: If you spend the day at home, Aquarius, the walls may seem to close in around you. Squabbles

over nothing could erupt between you and other household members, and a lack of energy could plague you. This is a good day to get some exercise. Take a walk, ride a bike, or take a cardio class. This should work off your frustrations while creating more physical energy.

PISCES: Today you might be waiting for a letter or call from a close friend or love partner. Pisces. The delay could cause a powerful feeling of gloom. Don't let it spoil your day. The communication will come, and if not today, then within a few days. Meanwhile, this is a great time to try your hand at writing or music. Be creative while you wait. You might also call another friend.