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RS rejects amendments on women's reservation bill

NEW DELHI, FEB 7 (PTI): Rajya Sabha today rejected three amendments seeking inclusion of a passage on the Women Reservation Bill in the President's address to the joint sitting of Parliament, but the government said it was ready for a discussion on it.

The Motion of Thanks for the President's address was passed by a voice vote in the Upper House after the Prime Minister's reply to the debate.

The amendment, proposed by T K Rangarajan of CPI(M), was negated by division with 57 members in favour and 86 against.

The amendment sought inclusion of the phrase: "but regret that there is no mention in the Address about the Government's failure to pass Women Reservation Bill."

The result of division evoked sharp response from the former union minister and Congress leader Renuka Chowdhury saying "You are all anti-women. Thank You."

Congress and other opposition members also supported Chowdhury saying "Sharam Karo, Sharam Karo" (shame, shame).

Reacting to this, Information and Broadcasting Minister Smriti Zubin Irani said "You have no right to say that."

The women's bill was passed during the UPA rule in Rajya Sabha in March 2010, but could not be passed in Lok Sabha.

Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad said, "We passed this bill in this House. But some coalition members did not agree on the bill (in the Lower House)."

Responding on the division pressed by Rangarajan, Finance Minister

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CM attends All Sikkim Christian Summit

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JORETHANG, 07 FEB:**

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling attended the All Sikkim Christian Summit 2018 at Jorethang Playground today. He was accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chairpersons, Advisors, Heads of Departments, Zilla Panchayat, Panchayat members, reverends, pastors and a large number of devotees from different churches of the State.

Addressing the gathering the Chief Minister extended his best wishes to the congregation of All Sikkim Christian Association on their maiden Sikkim Christian Summit.

Religious and communal harmony in the state could be at risk in the coming days, he said further adding that mixing religion and politics will only lead to instability.

"In my entire political career I have never considered any religious community to be my vote bank," said the CM. He also criticized the SKM



foundation day programme for only being about blaming the SDF government. SKM does not have a single programme that is better than SDF's to offer to the people of the state, he said.

Regarding the demands placed before the CM by the organizing committee, he assured full help and cooperation in the construction of a community

hall, appointment of marriage registrar under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 and relaxation of registration of lands for building churches in the state. He further clarified that some of the demands placed will be duly deliberated upon and announced shortly as they are governed under the laws of the Supreme Court and

Central Government.

On the demands placed by the All Sikkim Christian Kami Damai Forum regarding reservation, Mr Chamling emphasized that the demands will be looked into at the earliest after due examination by the concerned Minister

The CM drew stark comparisons between the status

of Christian community in the past and in the present day. Further, he also attributed the present state government for the existence of Ecclesiastical Department in the State that oversees the construction of various religious structures of worship to enhance and advocate religious harmony in the State. He called on the public

and the youth to denounce social vices and instead co-exist with each other with goodwill and brotherhood.

The CM informed that the Christian Missionaries have contributed immensely to the development of education in the state and also for other social causes.

He also announced various vacancies being created by the state government to provide avenues of employment for the youth.

During the course of the program the Chief Minister was felicitated by the organizing committee for his exemplary leadership and work done for the betterment of Sikkimese people in various sectors. Pastors from various churches were also felicitated during the occasion. Chief Patron of the program, GT Dhungel was also felicitated during the course of the program.

The program also saw release of an audio CD "Samarpan" on the said event by the chief guest.

Sikkim's Dhara Vikas initiative impresses Nitin Gadkari

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 07 FEB:**

On invitation received from the office of Union Minister of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari, Rural Management & Development Department [RMDD], Government of Sikkim represented by Additional Secretary cum Project Director, MGN-REGA, Sarika Pradhan and Officer on Special Duty, RMDD, Dr Subhash Dhakal, attended a meeting today in New Delhi to present the Dhara Vikas initiatives of the State, a press release informs.

The Union Minister was impressed with the pioneering Dhara Vikas initiative of the State for its simplicity and effectiveness. He has asked his Ministry to see how this initiative can be upscaled to other Himalayan and North East States where the same is replicable, as per the release. He has further requested that the State of Sikkim present this initiative in the Bhujal Manthan being organised by the Central Ground Water Board



on 16-17 Feb. The main objective of the Bhujal Manthan is for brainstorming interactions applying collective wisdom amongst various researchers, stakeholders, water managers engaged in ground water resource management and policy planners to give attention to role of ground water in irrigation, water

conservation & recharge and participatory ground water management and sustainability. Chaired by Mr Gadkari, the meet also had the presence of Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Chairman of Central Ground Water Board, Regional Director, Central Ground Water

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Mamata returns to Darj, unloads on Sikkim

**SMRITA KHAWAS
SILIGURI, 07 FEB:**

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressed a public gathering in Darjeeling today, an engagement after a pause of nearly seven months

during which the Hills saw the statehood demand revive, violence and now sits in apparent calm. Underlining the importance of tourism to the Hill economy, Ms Banerjee also lashed out at the establishment in

Sikkim and hinted that trouble in the Darjeeling Hills served Sikkim's interests since it diverted the tourists there.

She suggested that it was this fallout of a tense Darjeeling which

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RBI keeps policy rate unchanged; flags inflation, deficit

MUMBAI, FEB 7 (PTI): The Reserve Bank today kept interest rates unchanged for the third time in a row saying that higher government spending would accelerate inflation, and warned of risks from wider fiscal deficit.

The 6-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel, retained the repurchase or repo rate at 6 per cent and reverse repo rate at 5.75 per cent.

It kept a neutral stance at its 6th and the last bi-monthly monetary policy review of the current fiscal, 2017-18.

Inflation, which surged to a 17-month high of 5.21 per cent in December, is likely to accelerate further after Budget for 2018-19 widened fiscal deficit target so as to finance higher rural spend and mega healthcare plan.

"We are still awaiting some of specifics on that in terms of costing it... we have said that there could be impact but we have not said how much," Patel said. "There is not enough information at the moment about what the costing would be."

The Union Budget 2018-19 would stoke demand but worsening public finances may crowd out private funding and investment, RBI said in a statement.

RBI upped its inflation forecast to 5.1 per

cent for the current fourth quarter of the 2017-18 fiscal ending March 31.

It expects inflation to firm up further to 5.1-5.6 per cent in first half of the next fiscal, before cooling down to 4.5-4.6 per cent in the second half.

There is "need for vigilance around the evolving inflation scenario in the coming months," it said. "Fiscal slippage as indicated in the Union Budget could impinge on the inflation outlook."

Upside risks to inflation include oil prices and the staggered impact of the implementation of HRA by various state governments.

Patel and four other MPC members voted for status quo on the interest rate while one member, Michael Patra favoured a 25 basis point rate hike.

Stating that it stays committed to keep headline inflation close to 4 per cent, RBI put the Gross Value Added (GVA) -- a key measure of growth -- at 7.2 per cent for the next fiscal year with risks evenly balanced.

For the current fiscal, it lowered the growth rate to 6.6 per cent from previously projected 6.7 per cent. This compares to 6.5 per cent forecast by the government, down from 7.1 per cent a year earlier.

"Apart from the direct impact on inflation, fiscal slippage has broader macro-financial implications, notably on economy-wide costs of borrowing which have already started to rise. This may feed into inflation," RBI said.

MPC was of "the view that the nascent recovery needs to be carefully nurtured and growth put on a sustainably higher path through conducive and stable macro-financial management."

The resolution of the MPC said "the inflation outlook is clouded by several uncertainties on the upside", flagging risks from 7th pay panel implementation in states, high oil prices, hike in customs duties and fiscal slippage to 3.5 per cent in 2017-18 and a higher target for 2018-19.

"Fiscal slippage as indicated in the Union Budget could impinge on the inflation outlook. Apart from the direct impact on inflation, fiscal slippage has broader macro-financial implications, notably on economy-wide costs of borrowing which have already started to rise. This may feed into inflation," it warned.

RBI said however that it is too early to assess the impact of the minimum support prices hike in foodgrains and the impact on inflation.

On the positive side, MPC said there are mitigating factors like subdued capacity util-

isation and moderate growth in rural wage, while welcoming the focus of Union Budget 2018-19 on rural and infrastructure spending.

On volatility in global financial markets, RBI said it is due to uncertainty over the pace of normalisation of the US Fed monetary policy.

A majority of watchers were expecting the MPC to go for a status quo in rates with a hawkish commentary on inflation concerns.

At the last policy review, it had raised the inflation forecast to 4.3-4.7 per cent for the second half of the current fiscal.

Factors which can fuel price rise include a proposed increase in minimum support prices for grains, a rally in oil prices and the government deviating from the fiscal consolidation roadmap to target a wider 3.2 per cent deficit in 2018-19.

On the economic growth front, there has been some improvement as the effects of the twin blows of demonetisation and GST implementation are waning. The government is expecting a 7-7.5 per cent growth in 2018-19.

The RBI had switched stance to neutral from being accommodative in February last year as it saw rise in inflation. It had last cut the repo rate by 0.25 per cent in the August 2017 monetary policy review.

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SDF using religion for political gain, SPA alleges

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GANGTOK, 07 FEB: Sikkim People's Alliance [SPA] has accused the Sikkim Democratic Front government of playing with caste and religion for political gains. SPA has said this in the context of the recent meeting with various religious institutions and their managing committees organized by the Ecclesiastical Affairs Department on 06 Feb.

A press release issued by SPA chief convenor, MK Subba alleges that dividing the Sikkimese society on caste and religious lines has been the main mantra and ideology of the SDF party since its inception.

"The Chief Minister is once again trying to fool and lure the innocent people of Sikkim by organizing various meetings with religious organizations in the state in the pretext of giving funds and other support for these institutions from the State Budget," the release states.

SPA has also accused the SDF government of misusing government machinery to propagate political agendas in view of the upcoming General Election.

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Arun Jaitley said "We will try to call a meeting of all political parties."

But Rangarajan pressed for a division, saying "Only after pressing for division, the government says they agree to discuss the bill. I am pressing for it now."

Thereafter, another related amendment 245 by CPI leader D Raja provided for including "regret that the address does not mention about the delay in passing the legislation on reservation for women in Parliament and state assemblies."

It was also put to vote and rejected by a voice vote.

Similarly, an amendment by Congress leader Husain Dalwai which provided for including "regret that the address does not mention about the lack of interest of the government to introduce the Women Reservation Bill on priority basis," was also rejected by a voice vote.

As many as 324 amendments were proposed by the members in the Presidents' Address. All of them were either rejected or withdrawn.

Among the amendments, some sought inclusion of mention of the growing attacks on freedom of speech and reference to the triple talaq bill.



IGRMS Director invites CM to attend Foundation Day celebration

BHOPAL, 07 FEB [IPR]: A team of officers from Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim led by Secretary, Sarala Rai, visited the Tribal Research Institute and the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya National Museum of Mankind [IGRMS] in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 06 Feb.

The purpose of this visit was to get a comprehensive idea for the establishment of a Tribal Museum in the State that will function effectively and efficiently.

Director of IGRMS, Professor Sarit Kumar Chaudari, welcomed the team and informed them that the institute will be organizing a Sikkim themed festival from 21- 23 Mar at their campus which will coincide with the Foundation Day of IGRMS. The aim of the festival will be to showcase the cultural heritage of Sikkim through cultural dances, organic and ethnic cuisine, traditional handloom/handicraft, etc., including an academic programme wherein a book on the cultural heritage of Sikkim

will be released.

The Director expressed his desire to request the Chief Minister of Sikkim to attend the event.

Secretary, Ms Rai, thanked the institute and the team and assured that all help and support required from the SJEDW will be extended in making the event successful.

NYK Namchi conducts residential training on Youth Leadership

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 FEB: Three-day residential training on Youth Leadership and Community Development Programme organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Namchi was held at Indian Himalayan Center for Adventure and Eco-Tourism for 40 participants including National Youth Volunteers from 03-05 Feb, a press release informs.

During the programme, classes were taken on leadership or role of youth clubs, community mobilization, programme bills and voucher, report writing, documentation, role of youth in nation building, community development through youth club and role of youth in community development.

The participants also took part in District Youth Parliament and



evening culture programme.

The valedictory programme on 05 Feb had the presence of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Nam-

chi, Sunil Kumar Mothay, District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Namchi, Sangita Dahal, Ex- DYC, Puran Chettri, District Coordinator,

North East Rural Livelihood Project, South, Rabin Acharya, Accountant NYK Namchi, Dilip Sharma, NYV, Suyog Pradhan, President and mem-

bers of different Youth Clubs of South district.

In the closing ceremony, chief guest Mr Mothay distributed certificates to the participants.

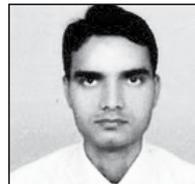
Spices Board Scientist to participate in BioFach 2018

GANGTOK, 07 FEB [PIB]: Scientist [Crop Improvement] of Indian Cardamom Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Spices Board, Tadong, Ashutosh Gautam, will be participating in Global Organic Fest 'BioFach 2018' at Nuremberg in Germany from 14-17 Feb.

It may be mentioned here, BioFach is the world's largest trade fair for organic food and agriculture. It brings together more than 2700 exhibitors and approximately 46700 trade visitors from around 130 countries.

Mr Gautam has extended gratitude to Chairperson of Spices Board, Dr K Jayathilak, for being an inspiration for officials of the organization.

Talking about organic movement in the country, Mr Gautam said that Sikkim has been a pioneer



in adapting the organic approach proactively and its efforts were recognized globally when Chief Minister Pawan Chamling received the One World Award.

"Sikkim has already raised the standards in terms of going organic for other states, so now it will be a real challenge for us in future to show the way to rest of India. An Organic India is definitely a well conceived idea and it can be achieved with active involvement of public and government and well planned implementation of policies," expressed Mr Gautam.

Show cause notices for BJP Sikkim workers involved in attack

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 07 FEB: Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim in-charge, Rajnish Kumar, has condemned the recent attack on some senior leaders of the BJP State-unit by some BJP party workers and others at Singtam party office. It is informed that on 29 Jan, some party workers accompanied by others vandalised the Singtam party office and manhandled the State vice-president, JB Darnal, and also abused and threatened general secretary, SB Kariki, south district in-charge, LB Chauhan, and east district president, YT Lepcha.

A BJP press release informs that after consultation with the Pradesh Sangathan Mantri, Pan-

chanan Rawat, State president, DB Chauhan, and State core committee and high command, BJP Sikkim incharge has issued a show cause notice to all BJP workers involved in the attack.

It is informed that in connection with the incident that took place on 29 Jan, the State president has issued show cause notices to Bhim Kumari Sharma, Leela Ram Gurung, Elimit Rai Pal, Lakpa Sherpa, Kunga Bhutia, Dawa Gurung, Tikendra Sharma, Amber Singh Sunuwar and Adip Sherpa and has asked them to respond by 14 Feb.

The release informs that the State incharge has also directed that stringent action should be taken against these party workers.

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SNP installs dustbins in Singtam

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 07 FEB: Singtam Nagar Panchayat today installed blue and green colored dustbins for local residents at various places in Singtam Bazaar.

Green dustbins are for disposing of wet

waste while the blue ones are for dry waste

"Without community participation we cannot achieve what we have set out to achieve and that is a clean place for us to live in," SNP member, Birendra Rai said.

Apart from the dustbins, SNP has put 12 safai karmacharis and garbage collection vehicles to round up the garbage of the town.

More than 20 dustbins were installed in walkways and bazaar premises.

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ter Board, Secretary and Joint Secretary of Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.

The RMDD representatives informed the attending dignitaries about the department's responsibility to provide drinking water supply in the rural areas of the State which, however, requires work to be done in extremely challenging physical landscape of the mid-hills [900 m-3000 m] with scattered households on the fragile slopes.

As a part of Climate Change adaptation and recognising the urgent need for ensuring water security, the RM&DD, conceptualised the Dhara Vikas initiative to revive the State's drying springs. The core thrust of Dhara Vikas is to catch the surface runoff water and use it to recharge groundwater. The initiative was funded from MGNREGA, with technical support from other government agencies and organisations like WWF-India, People's Science Institute, Dehradun, Advanced Center for Water Resources Development and Management [ACWADAM], Pune Arghyam, Bangalore and others.

The programme has been evolving over the years basically in a "Learning by doing" mode as there were no models for spring revival available to replicate in the State. Success of the programme is also being measured by people's perception and works are on to scientifically back this up with data and studies, the release mentions.

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Mridul Wangdi Bhutia inks dreams into reality

NITESH R PRADHAN GANGTOK, 07 FEB:

It is a cold winter day in the capital. Inside the glass wall, lost creating a tattoo on a client is Mridul Wangdi Bhutia, owner of MW Tattoos, a passionate artist who was bitten by the art-bug since his childhood days.

"Since childhood I was interested in drawing and sketching. Thanks to my mother who encouraged me and understood me," he says.

He appreciates this support he received from his parents.

From his first stint with a handmade tattoo machine in 2001-02 to his first introducing him to his first tattoo machine while he was pursuing an animation course in Bangalore, Mridul has come a long way.

By 2011, he was already an amateur tattoo artist, he furthered this when he joined Delhi Tattoo studio as an apprentice where his real journey into tattooing began.



After his return from Delhi, Mridul established Sikkim's first tattoo studio, MW Tattoos located at 05th Mile, Tadong in the capital. While he accepts that business wise, Sikkim cannot be compared to other states, he informs that satisfaction of his customers gives him more happiness. "Response is amazing. Great-

er than I expected," he says.

Further adding he says that with no compromise in the quality of machines and ink used in tattoos, he says that it can be a bit expensive.

"Who wants to compromise when it comes to one's own body," he says.

Adding further he says that hygiene is an important aspect which cannot be compromised.

It's been three years since the start of his tattoo studio and he has been attending various conventions representing Sikkim and India.

With creativity knowing no limits Mridul is all set to now learn sculpting to hone his creative talents.

Accepting the growing change in mindsets that hitherto saw tattoos as something only drug addicts sported but now look at it as an art form, he hopes to ink many more dreams into reality.

Man booked under POCSO in Jorethang

GANGTOK, 07 FEB:

A 21-year-old man from Nepal, currently residing in Jorethang, South Sikkim has been accused of sexually assaulting a minor girl on 06 Feb.

According to the police complaint filed by the victim's parents, the accused committed the crime in the absence of the parents. When confronted about the incident, the accused reportedly locked himself in his house and tried to commit suicide by hanging.

However, the accused was saved and immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for medical attention. The victim on the other hand has been handed over to Child Line Project after a thorough medical examination for counseling and investigation.

A case under Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 has been registered against the accused at Jorethang Police Station.

Reeyaz Sangeetalaya celebrates 5th Annual Day

ARPAN PRADHAN GANGTOK, 07 FEB:

Reeyaz Sangeetalaya, Gangtok organised its 5th Annual Day function here at Manan Kendra Mini Theatre in Gangtok today.

The programme had the presence of Professor from Music Department Sikkim University, Sanjay Bandhupadhya, as chief guest accompanied by Assistant Professors of Music Department, SU, and other dignitaries.

At the onset of the event, the chief guest lit the ceremonial lamp which was followed by presentation of Ganesh Vandana by students of Reeyaz Sangeetalaya.

The function featured various musical performances presented by the students.

Managing Director, Manoj Rai, while speaking to



SummitTimes said that the event is organised in order to provide platform to the students of the academy to showcase their talents.

It may be mentioned here, Reeyaz Sangeetalaya is a music

institution started by Singer/Composer/Music Director of Gangtok, Manoj Rai.

The institution was started in the year 2012 with the aim to teach pure classical and other musical forms to inter-

ested music lovers of the State. The Sangeetalaya is affiliated to Sarbabharatiya Sangeet-o-Sanskriti Parishad for Indian classical music and Trinity College of London for Western classical music.

Piglet distribution programme in West Sikkim

GYALSHING, 07 FEB [IPR]: Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department organized a distribution programme of piglets to Scheduled Caste beneficiaries of Tashiding and Dentam area in West Sikkim under Special Central Assistance [SCA] to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan [SCSP] at Veterinary Office premises in Gyalshing on 06 Feb.

Vice Chairperson, Gyalshing Municipal Corporation, Zangmu Rinchen Bhutia, attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by Councillor, Roshan Gurung, as special guest.

Addressing the gathering, Under Secretary, SJE&WD, Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, informed that the department has provided these piglets to help beneficiaries to improve their economic condition. In future,



officials from the department will also visit the houses of individual beneficiaries for supervi-

sion and monitoring, he added. Veterinary Officer, West, Dr Parbina Tamang, highlighted the

technical issues and gave information on proper rearing, shelter and timely vaccination of the piglets.

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convinced Sikkim to extend such frequent support to groups which caused trouble in the Hills. Of course, she conveniently ignored the fact that when Darjeeling erupted recently, it also wiped out what was building up to be a record tourist season in Sikkim.

Be that as it may, the WB Cm also distributed prizes to winners of the Himalaya Tarai Dooars Sports 2017-2018 today. In her address, she invited

the people to "directly demand" whatever they required without any hesitation.

"I support all cultures, castes and traditions and it was because of this that we revived GTA and Binoy Tamang and Anit Thapa and others like them are running GTA2 efficiently and we are helping them," she said.

She stressed that Darjeeling required peace to leverage its uniqueness and appeal to tourists. Tourism, since it was the

mainstay of the Hill economy, should not be held hostage to disruptions because that affects every family here and pushes them into distress.

Pointing out that her party has the MP and three MLAs from the Hills were not from her party and still she visited the Hills so often, "only to be with the people here whom I consider my own".

She went on to state that "money cannot buy Darjeeling" but if the people really loved it,

they could "earn it" for themselves.

About her announcements for Darjeeling, she said that a university will be established here soon and that she also plans to organize a global business meet here.

Binoy Tamang of GTA, in his address, said, "We are not against any political party of Sikkim nor Sikkim, we just want the Sikkim government not to interfere in the political issues of the Hills".

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Viva Suffragettes!

Nothing will be "given", it will have to be "won"

Anyone who follows the news would know that yesterday, 07 February 2018, marked the centenary of that moment in history when women in England were given the right to vote. A correction is perhaps required here – a hundred years ago today, women won the right to vote in England. A British Parliamentarian recently underlined that the movement for the right to vote was so viciously challenged by men in the late 19th and early 20th Century that to do justice to the memory and significance of the Suffragette movement, it is important to define the moment as one when women "won" the right to vote as against the more often used term "were given" or "received". Women in England won the right to adult suffrage on 07 Feb a hundred years ago, so what is the big deal one may ask? Well, for one, it is a big deal because a centenary on, and even in 2018 we are still some distance away from equality even in something as basic as equal pay for equal work. The obnoxiously regressive, but extensively widespread, disturbingly stereotyped and immersively internalized, gender roles compound the problem and continue manifesting patriarchy despite its destructive track-record. But, like always, we digress.

A quick Google-search will reveal that limited voting rights were gained by women in Finland, Iceland, Sweden and some Australian colonies and some states of USA in the late 19th century. Much like the prevailing mindsets, even a century ago, men were convinced that they knew better and could decide what was best for women and that women were somehow not to be trusted with serious decision-making. Understandably, the women disagreed even as many among them had also internalized the manufactured stereotypes and subscribed to what the male-dominated governments and lobbies proclaimed. But there were still women were galvanizing into action and in 1904 former the International Woman Suffrage Alliance to campaign for voting rights at par with men and for equal civil rights for women. Here, one may add, that even countries which had extended women the right to vote laid more conditions on them than on men – while men could vote at 21, for women it was only they were 30-31 years old and in many instances, while they could vote for state-level elections, they could not for national elections. In most cases, they also had to own property to be able to become electors, a condition not required of men. This segregation reinforced the misogyny that a section of women had serious issues with and one of the more dramatic protests was seen in Britain starting 1903 when activists of the Women's Social and Political Union, led by Emmeline Pankhurst, began advocating for the extension of the "franchise" to women. They were the Suffragettes. The movement had a radical slant and the women damaged property during their marches and sat on hunger strikes. The State responded even more viciously with violent crackdowns which included baton charges and even rape. The movement was bitter and long and was suspended in 1914 due to the outbreak of World War I. Eventually, in 1918 women in Britain over the age of 30, meeting certain property qualifications, were given the right to vote. There were no such criteria for men. The Suffragettes persisted, writing representations, lobbying support and campaigning hard an in 1928 suffrage was extended to all women over the age of 21 in England.

This was a major breakthrough because it demolished several prejudices and stereotypes even as it reinforced the fact that women will have to fight for equality – it is not going to "given" to them. And they will have to fight hard because they are up against generations of wrong grooming and centuries of privilege that men have enjoyed as a result. They will not relinquish things easily. The #MeToo campaign in USA is one such example. Even in the world of artists and performers, people one expects to have more empathy, sexual abuse and harassment was commonplace and would have continued as normal had some brave women not called out their pigs. Now, mighty heads have rolled. That said, USA is also the country with a President who has been accused, officially, of sexual assault by nine women, but he is still maintained in office by a mix of pliant and rabid core. So we should probably look at our own country, right? But clearly not for inspiration. There is a lot that needs to be corrected here... at every level. And Sikkim? There is a lot that it needs to deliver on ensuring genuine equality. And for all of this, the women will have to militate, step out, demand and wrest their rights for themselves. The Suffragettes established as much a 100 years ago, and because the struggle continues, fight on...

Why feminism still matters to young people

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It has been 100 years since women won the right to vote in Britain. More accurately, it's 90 years since young women were able to vote; 2018 actually celebrates 100 years since suffrage was given to women over 30.

Feminism is held up as one of the most successful social movements of the 20th century. But ten years ago, when Catherine Redfern and I were planning our book on reclaiming feminism, some said young people just weren't interested in "the f word" anymore.

Back in the 1990s and early 2000s, young women were portrayed smashing glass ceilings in Louboutin heels, and feminism seemed rather outmoded. Many women thought of themselves as post-feminist, feeling there was no need for feminism, since gender equality had been achieved. But this wasn't really true, and a lot of the fear about calling yourself a feminist came from the negative stereotyping of feminists as bitter "killjoys".

IT'S STILL NEEDED

Things have changed. Feminism is now less despised because it's more obviously needed. Women in the UK have been living under a regime of austerity since the 2008 economic crisis. They have shouldered 86% of the income loss from changes to the tax and benefits systems since 2010, simply because they are more likely to be welfare recipients in the first place.

Meanwhile, the resurgence of the far right has led to violence and harassment against ethnic minority women, with Muslim women bearing the brunt of virulent Islamophobia. There is a stubborn gender pay gap (now 14% for full-time workers), and women pensioners in the UK face one of the worst gender income gaps in Europe.

The list goes on: gender-based violence is alarmingly high. Crime statistics show that one in four women, and one in seven men aged 16 to 59 have experience domestic abuse. The most harmful forms of abuse – sexual violence, especially – affect mostly women. Yet three-quarters of councils have cut funds to domestic violence services due to government budget cuts, and a third of referrals to refugees are now being turned away because of a lack of room.

IT'S GAINING POPULARITY

These examples of gender inequality explain why more people are identifying as feminists – especially young women. A 2013 Girlguiding survey found that 35% of girls and young women aged 11 to 21 were happy to call themselves feminists. In 2017, this was the case for 43% of 18 to 34-year-old women, according to a poll by Plan International, or 54% of 18 to 24-year-old women, according to UM London.

Today's feminist movement is more diverse than ever before. Feminism has become more attentive to the wider range of experiences of those oppressed by gender norms and stereotypes, including men, non-binary and trans people.

There's also greater awareness of the way that racism, anti-religious hatred, disablism or homophobia work alongside sexism, creating complex forms of prejudice and oppression. It's not so much that feminism has moved "beyond" sexism. Rather, a wider range of voices is now being counted as feminist. The HeForShe campaign, which encourages men to become advocates for gender equality, and Muslimah Media Watch, a forum where Muslim women critique how they are presented in the media and popular culture, are examples of this.

IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING

If the current situation has anything positive to show, it's that where there's injustice, there's also resistance. Young people are already challenging the forces feminist author bell hooks calls "white supremacist capitalist patriarchy" with style and skill – they

don't need to be told how by older feminists. What's crucial now is to recognise the work they are doing and draw even more people to the cause.

Campaigns such as #TimesUp in the US and #tystnadtagning in Sweden have used the star power of famous actors – many of whom are young women – to draw a line under sexual harassment and abuse in the workplace, across all industries. Yet even worldwide movements can start with the actions of a single person: Alyssa Milano credited activist Tarana Burke with starting the #metoo movement more than ten years ago, based on her experiences as a youth camp director for Brooklyn-based Girls for Gender Equity.

As these examples show, feminist activism takes many forms, from a single person signing a petition, to group protests on local issues such as the campaign to close Yarl's Wood detention centre in Bedfordshire, right through to large-scale actions coordinated by women's organisations, such as Women's March. Feminist acts can be taken through formal political routes. For example, by lobbying a local member of parliament, or by informal means, such as sharing information about a topic on social media or boycotting a company known for exploiting women employees.

Individuals can make a difference by working for a women's charity, becoming a local councillor or calling out sexual harassment wherever they encounter it. Even the conversations we have with our friends in our spare time can be a productive way to raise awareness about sexism.

There is no "right" form of activism and no issue of greatest importance. A century ago, women's rights activists weren't all fighting for suffrage – some of them were working on other campaigns, such as equal access to university education, or a decent wage for working-class women. Nor did getting the vote solve other instances of gender injustice. So this 100-year anniversary is about much more than just "the vote". Feminism is a movement for gender justice, and it needs to be fought by many different people, in many different ways.

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A sports car and a glitter ball are now in space – what does that say about us as humans?

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Two controversial objects have recently been launched in space, and their messages couldn't be more different.

One is Elon Musk's red sports car, a symbol of elite wealth and masculinity, hurtling towards Mars.

The other is a glittering geodesic sphere in Earth orbit, designed to give humans a shared experience and a sense of our place in the universe: the Humanity Star.

A RED CAR FOR A RED PLANET

On February 6 2018, Musk's private space company SpaceX launched the much-vaunted Falcon Heavy rocket from Kennedy Space Centre – from the same launch pad as Apollo 11 in 1969.

It's a test launch carrying a dummy payload: Musk's own personal midnight cherry Roadster, a sports car made by his Tesla company. The driver, dubbed Starman, is a mannequin in a SpaceX spacesuit.

For the ultimate road trip soundtrack, the car is playing David Bowie's Space Oddity.

The car will enter an elliptical solar orbit, its furthest point from the Sun around the distance of Mars.

Musk thinks of it as future space archaeology.

Reactions include waxing lyrical about the speed the car will reach, lamenting the lost opportunity for a scientific experiment, and celebrating it as an inspirational act of whimsy.

FEAR OF FLYING

The Tesla Roadster might be an expendable dummy payload, but it's primary purpose is symbolic communication. There's a lot going on here. There's an element of performing



excessive wealth by wasting it. Giving up such an expensive car (a new model costs US\$200,000) could be seen as a sacrifice for space, but it's also like burning \$100 notes to show how how little they mean.

In the 1960s, anthropologist Victor Turner argued that symbols can encompass two contradictory meanings at the same time. Thus, the sports car in orbit symbolises both life and death. Through the body of the car, Musk is immortalised in the vacuum of space. The car is also an armour against dying, a talisman that quells a profound fear of mortality.

The spacesuit is also about death. It's the essence of the uncanny: the human simulacrum, something familiar that causes uneasiness, or even a sense of horror. The Starman was never alive, but now he's haunting space.

In a similar vein, the red sports car symbolises masculinity – power, wealth and speed – but also how fragile masculinity is. Stereotypically, the red sports car is the accessory of choice in the male mid-life crisis, which men use to rebel against perceived domestication.

A related cultural meme holds that owning a sports car is over-compensation. Have we just sent the

equivalent of a dick pic into space?

SPACE GRAFFITI

The brainchild of Peter Beck (founder of the New Zealand-based Rocket Lab), the Humanity Star was launched on 21 January 2018, but kept a secret until after it had successfully reached orbit.

In contrast to the lean and slightly aggressive lines of the sports car, the Humanity Star is a geodesic sphere of silver triangular panels. It's a beach ball, a moon, a BB8, a space age sculpture. Its round shape is friendly and reassuring.

Similar satellites – with reflective surfaces designed for bouncing lasers – are orbiting Earth right now. But this satellite doesn't have a scientific purpose. It's only function is to be seen from Earth as its bright faces tumble to catch the light.

Astronomers weren't happy, saying that it would confuse astronomical observations. It was even called "space graffiti", implying that its visual qualities marred the "natural" night sky. Some lambasted Rocket Lab for contributing to the orbital debris problem. Instead of inspiration, they saw pollution.

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

Beck wants people to engage with the Humanity Star. In his words, "My hope is that everyone looking

up at the Humanity Star will look past it to the expanse of the universe, feel a connection to our place in it and think a little differently about their lives, actions and what is important.

Wait for when the Humanity Star is overhead and take your loved ones outside to look up and reflect. You may just feel a connection to the more than seven billion other people on this planet we share this ride with."

This is the "Overview Effect" in reverse. We can't all go to space and see the whole blue marble of the

Earth from outside, inspiring a new consciousness of how much we are all together in the same boat. Beck has tried to create a similar feeling of a united Earth by looking outwards instead.

In nine months or so, the Humanity Star will tumble back into the atmosphere to be consumed. It will leave no trace of its passage through orbit.

THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE

Ultimately, these orbiting objects are messages about human relationships with space. Both objects were launched by private corporations, inviting Earthbound people to share the journey. However, one reinforces existing inequalities, while the other promotes a hopeful vision of unity.

Beck and Musk's intentions are irrelevant to how the symbols are interpreted by diverse audiences. Symbols can be multivalent, contradictory, and fluid – their meanings can change over time, and in different social contexts.

Every object humans have launched into the solar system is a statement: each tells the story of our attitudes to space at a particular point in time.

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WB Governor felicitates 55 NCC cadets from West Bengal, Sikkim

KOLKATA, FEB 7 (PTI): West Bengal Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi today felicitated 55 NCC cadets from West Bengal and Sikkim for their outstanding performance in 2017-18.

Select cadets of Army, Navy, and the Air Force who excelled in various activities were awarded the Governor's Medal at the ceremony that was attended by a large number of proud parents and relatives, a Defence spokesman said.

The cadets excelled in activities like shooting, snap shooting, aero-modelling, sailing expedition and marching contingent, the spokesman added.

Recounting the achievements of the cadets, Maj Gen K T Sree Kumar, ADG, WB and Sikkim Directorate, said that during the recent Republic Day camp held in New Delhi, West Bengal and Sikkim Directorate was adjudged fifth out of a total of 17 NCC participating contingents. This was an improvement of two notches over last year.

Cadets from this Directorate had won three gold, three silver and one bronze medal at the All India Mavlanar National Shooting Championships during the year, Sree Kumar said.

Bengal govt plans 200 modern vessels for ferry service

KOLKATA, FEB 7 (PTI): West Bengal has placed an order for 200 new modern vessels equipped with safety amenities and double engines to strengthen ferry services in the state, Transport Minister Suwendu Adhikari said today.

The vessels will have three categories with a sitting capacity of 40, 60 and 100 passengers.

Besides the new modern vessels, modernisation of some 118 jetties has been completed while work is on in another 418 jetties for ensuring safety of passengers, the minister in-



formed the Assembly. He said standard operating procedures have been given to 415 jetties. In the wake of accidents, Adhikari said the government has initiated steps for licensing of generator-powered boats used in ferrying people.

There are some 12,000 such boats plying across the state.

He said in line with the Gatidhara project that offers subsidy of up to Rs 1 lakh for owning a commercial car, the state government is also offering such subsidy to purchase safer boats.

It was not clear from the minister's speech whether unlicensed boats will be phased out or replaced.

Earthquake management plan for Guwahati

GUWAHATI, FEB 6 (PTI): A comprehensive earthquake management plan has been prepared for quake-prone Kamrup district which houses capital Guwahati.

Earthquake Management Plan for the district has been prepared by Kamrup Metropolitan.

"Guwahati is not just Assam's largest city, it is the gateway to Northeast India for providing the best connectivity to other states. Since, the state headquarters is located in the Kamrup Metropolitan District and it is very prone to earthquake, an effective management of earthquake is of utmost importance", said a district administration statement today.

The basic objectives of plan are to reduce earthquake risks by reducing vulnerability of people and infrastructure; To build the capacity of all stakeholders in the District to cope with

the earthquakes, it said.

The other objectives are to enhance district resilience to cope with the future earthquakes and better prepare the district Administration and the line departments for recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation post earthquakes.

Divided into nine chapters with annexures, the plan gives an idea why a plan is needed, its objective and perspective, besides describing the institutional mechanism of Disaster Management Authority of the district like formation, members involved etc, the statement said.

It also describes the operationalization of District Emergency Operation Centre as how information disseminates from one stakeholder to others, how early warning disseminates from state Emergency operation centre to the district up to Revenue Circle level.

70 authors to take part in Kolkata Literature Festival

KOLKATA, FEB 6 (PTI): Around 70 writers from various countries will be deliberating on contemporary issues and challenges faced by literature in the 5th Kolkata Literature Festival to be held from February 8 to 10, organisers said.

There would be 22 literary sessions at the literary meet to be held at the International Kolkata Book Fair ground here in three days, director of the festival Sujata Sen told a press meet today.

There will be a team of 10 French writers who will be participating in the literature festival as France is the theme country in this edition of the book fair.

Issues such as crime thrillers dominating the present Scottish literature, cross-cultural



influences on contemporary literature, poets emerging as performers before present age audiences and bloggers getting

celebrity writer status in the digital age would come up at the sessions.

Besides, literature and social

media becoming platform for voices of different communities, challenges faced by literature from tweets and digital media too would feature in the list of topics of discussion, Sen said.

There will also be sessions on women who live in shadows, Hindi poems, how mythology is being retold in modern Indian literature, she said.

The participants will include Graeme Macrae Burnet, one of the best selling writers of Scotland, Jenny Brown, Chair of the Bloody Scotland Crime writing festival, Anand Neelakantan, author of Bahubali trilogy, and former minister Margaret Alva among others.

The literature festival will be inaugurated by popular Bengali writer Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay on February 8.

Pay disparity of tea workers in 2 valleys, Assam minister says

GUWAHATI, FEB 7 (PTI):

The daily wages paid to the workers in Brahmaputra and Barak valley are Rs 137 and Rs 115, respectively, Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary today told the Assembly.

While replying to Kamalakhya Dey Purkayastha of the Congress in the Assembly today, he said Assam has 767 tea estates and 78,268 small

tea gardens.

The wages are determined jointly by the tea estate owners and the workers' union either at bipartite level or through negotiations, Patowary said.

To remove the disparity in wages of tea workers in the two valleys, the minister said it has to be decided between the garden workers' unions and the estate owners.

Naga tribes hoho & civil societies dissolve core committee

KOHIMA, FEB 6 (PTI): With candidates filing nomination for the February 27 Nagaland Assembly election, the Naga tribes hoho and civil societies today decided to 'dissolve' the Core Committee, a CCNTHCO release said.

Twenty two candidates filed their papers today, the penultimate day of filing nominations.

The Core Committee of Nagaland Tribes Hoho and Civil Organisations (CCNTHCO) held an emergent sitting with tribal bodies, civil societies, political parties and the Naga negotiating groups here today.

After threadbare deliberation, "it was resolved to dissolve

the Core Committee since all the political parties had already violated the January 29 declaration which their representatives had signed," stated a release issued by CCNTHCO convener Theja Therieh along with his four co-conveners and two secretaries.

Under the circumstances, they said the CCNTHCO had no option but to dissolve. However, they reiterated that "the January 29 Joint Declaration still stands ..."

While the Committee stands dissolved, they however said that as mandated by the tribal hohos and mass based organisations, its mission was carried

forward to the fullest, thus leaving behind a positive spirit.

The CCNTHCO thanked all the people for having supported common cause while also appreciating the Nagaland Joint Christian Forum for having initiated the coming together of all apex tribe hohos and mass based NGOs to find solution for a common cause

The CCNTHCO was constituted on January 25 following a meeting of the apex tribal organisations and civil societies in the presence of political parties to take forward the general call for solution of vexed Naga political issue before elections.

The Core Committee after

holding three subsequent meetings from January 27 to 29 with the apex tribal bodies, intending political parties and also the Naga nationalist political groups, had concluded not to participate in the state Assembly elections to show the seriousness of the entire Naga populace towards solution of the Naga issue.

However, BJP was the first to back out and also declare its 20 candidates after coming to a seat-sharing agreement with Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP).

Subsequently, the other political parties also declared their candidates.

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ATK hope to salvage pride against resurgent Blasters

KOLKATA, FEB 7 (PTI): Smarting from four consecutive defeats, ATK will hope to salvage some pride when they take on a resurgent Kerala Blasters FC in an Indian Super League football fixture here Thursday.

The two-time champions suffered their fourth defeat in a row when they lost 0-2 to Bengaluru FC in the previous match, ending their title hopes.

ATK are the most successful franchise of the ISL but the team think tank chose to overhaul the squad this season, walking out of a successful partnership with Spain's La Liga team Atletico Madrid.

Former Manchester United star Teddy Sheringham was roped in as the chief coach as the team had a distinctive English touch but was shown the door after just 10 matches.

Technical director Ashley Westwood, the I-League winning Bengaluru FC coach, was given the interim charge but there was no change in their fortunes.

Even the club's owners have accepted the team was in the middle of a disastrous season



and blamed it on the new setup.

"We had a Spanish coach and Spanish players. We were champions in the first two editions out of three. New team new coach. We could not get our combination right. The change in management did not work for us," former India cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, a co-owner of the franchise said.

Plagued by injuries to key players, including Irish great Robbie Keane, ATK are now placed eighth in the table with 12 points from 13 matches.

In arithmetical probability, ATK may still have a chance to make the last-four however, the Kolkata side would look to end the season on a high note by winning the remaining five matches.

While ATK have not been able to find their act together, David James' men have managed successive wins on the back of four losses from 12 matches to keep their play-off hopes alive with four matches remaining.

Kerala pipped Pune City FC

2-1 in their last outing courtesy of a last-gasp winner by CK Vineeth.

The Blasters will be without defender Sandesh Jhingan (who picked up his fourth yellow card against Pune City) for tomorrow's match as it remains to be seen whether ATK get back to winning ways.

For the Kochi-based outfit, a hattrick of win will take them to the top half of the table as they now have 20 points from 14 matches to be on sixth position.

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Tendulkar urges BCCI to recognise India's blind cricket body



NEW DELHI, FEB 7 (PTI): Batting great Sachin Tendulkar has called on the BCCI to recognise the Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) and bring its players under the Board's pension scheme.

Tendulkar wrote to the Committee of Administrator's (CoA) chairman Vinod Rai, requesting him to consider recognition for CABI, weeks after the team won the Blind World Cup 2018, beating Pakistan by two wickets in the final on January 20.

"As we celebrate the fourth consecutive victory of the Indian team in the Blind World Cup, I urge you to consider

recognition of Cricket Association for the Blind in India by the BCCI," Tendulkar wrote in the letter.

The cricket icon was impressed with the team's fighting spirit, citing it as an example for others to follow.

"The team has overcome many hurdles and single-mindedly focussed on getting laurels for our country. Their victory is inspirational and reminds us of the limitless power of the human mind.

"I am glad to understand that the BCCI has lent its support to these players in the past and considering a similar initiative this time too."

It was India's second title at the mega event as earlier they had won the 50-over World Cup, outclassing Pakistan at Cape Town, South Africa in December 2014.

"However, I believe that it is time that a long-standing request to be recognised by the BCCI be considered. This gesture will truly be an acknowledgment of their passion for the sport of cricket.

"You may also consider bringing these champions under the BCCI pension scheme towards their long-term financial security."

Rai had said after the triumph that

the World Cup-winning players will be rewarded for their performance by the BCCI.

Tendulkar said recognition for CABI could have a ripple effect.

"The recognition by BCCI will go a long way in ushering a new era in Indian sports for the physically challenged where every athlete feels secure and celebrated, not struggling and eventually forgotten.

"Needless to add, it will also serve as a motivation for many others to take up sports passionately. I keenly look forward to your prompt action," Tendulkar said.



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 - Qualification & experience should be in relevant discipline/field and from an Institution of repute. Experience should have been gained after acquiring the minimum essential qualification.
 - TA /DA for interview etc not admissible.
 - The Government reserves the right to cancel selection process without giving any reason, thereof.
 - Submission of wrong or false information during the process of selection shall disqualify the candidature at any stage.
 - Appointment on contractual post is purely temporary and candidates shall have no claim for regular appointment either in the respective colleges or with the Government of Sikkim.
 - The selected candidates shall join duty within a week of the issuance of appointment order failing which the candidature will be forfeited / cancelled.
 - Unmarried Certificate (for Hostel Warden only.)
 - The candidates should be able to converse in either one of the languages, viz., English, Hindi or Nepali.
- IV. i. Applications in prescribed form may be submitted in the Office of the Deputy Secretary, Health Secretariat, Gangtok on or before 19/2/2018 (Monday) during office hours till 4.00 PM. No application shall be received after the stipulated date.
ii. Selection shall be done on the basis of interview to be held on 26/2/2018 (Monday) in the Conference Hall of Health Secretariat. They shall bring their original document for the interview.
iii. Interested candidates may download the prescribed application form appended to the notice from the Government of Sikkim website www.sikkim.gov.in.

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- Permanent Address: _____
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- Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
- Category : _____ (whether SC/ST/OBC/CL/OBC-SL/UR/Others)
- Marital Status: _____ (Married/Unmarried).
If married, Husband's SSC/Col No. (in case of female applicant): _____
- Educational Qualification:

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Sl.No.	Name of the Employer	Period	Post held	Scale of pay/ monthly salary	Reason for leaving

- Employment Card No: _____ Issued by: _____
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 - Have you ever been tried/convicted for any crime by any Court of Law: Yes/No: _____ If yes, give details: _____
- Declarations: I do hereby declare that the particulars for furnished in this form by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I take full responsibility to myself.**

Date: _____ Place: _____

Signature of the Candidate

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Swaraj meets Saudi counterpart Adelal-Jubeir

RIYADH, FEB 7 (PTI): External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj today met her Saudi counterpart Adel al-Jubeir and discussed ways to enhance bilateral trade, energy, defence and security ties.

Swaraj arrived here yesterday on her maiden visit to Saudi Arabia during which she will inaugurate the Janadriyah festival of the Gulf Kingdom, which is home to over three million Indians.

“EAM @SushmaSwaraj met Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Adel Jubeir & had an engaging discussion on



deepening our strategic External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar relationship,” Ministry of

tweeted.

He said the discussions between the two leaders focused on enhancing trade and investment, energy, defence and security, culture and people-to-people ties.

The two leaders also discussed the regional and global situation, Kumar said.

Swaraj will also inaugurate the prestigious National Heritage and Culture Festival ‘Janadriyah’, at which India is the guest of honour country. The festival, organised by the National Guard, exhibits Saudi Arabia’s rich tapestry of

culture and heritage. Swaraj thanked the Saudi government for according the ‘Guest of Honour’ status to India at the Janadriyah festival.

Last evening, Swaraj addressed Indian community members at a reception here and spoke in length about the growing relations between the two countries, Kumar said.

Swaraj thanked the Indian community for the goodwill it has earned for the country and lauded the Indian embassy for its promptness.

Saudi Arabia is home to more than 3 million Indian people and ties

between the two countries are on an upswing in the last few years especially after the landmark visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Gulf Kingdom in April 2016.

Saudi Arabia is India’s fourth largest trade partner after China, the US and the UAE. The country is a major source of India’s energy requirement as it accounts for almost one-fifth of India’s crude oil requirement.

The volume of bilateral trade during 2016-17 was recorded at USD 25.079 billion, a slight decrease from the USD 26.71 billion in 2015-16.



Kim Jong-Un’s sister to visit SKorea in historic first

SEOUL, FEB 7 (AFP): The sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will visit the South this week for the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, Seoul said today -- the first member of its ruling family ever to do so.

Kim Yo-jong, who is a senior member of the ruling Workers’ Party, will be part of a high-level delegation due Friday and led by the North’s ceremonial head of state, the unification ministry said.

The two Koreas have been divided by the Demilitarized Zone since the end of the Korean War in 1953, and Pyongyang’s pursuit of nuclear weapons have seen it subjected to multiple rounds of United Nations Security Council sanctions.

Tensions soared last year as the North carried out multiple weapons tests, including intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of reaching the US mainland, and by far its most powerful nuclear test to date.

But the Olympics have triggered a rapid rapprochement on the peninsula.

“It is highly significant that a member of the Kim family is coming to the South for the first time in history,” said professor Yang Moo-jin of the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul.

She was likely to meet South Korean President Moon Jae-in and give him a personal letter from her brother, expressing his hopes for a successful hosting of the Olympics and desire to improve inter-Korean ties, he added.

“This will mark Kim Yo-jong’s debut on the international stage,” Yang told AFP. “She is being groomed as one of the North’s most powerful figures by her brother.”

Kim Yo-jong, believed to be aged about 30, was promoted in October to be an alternate member of the party’s powerful politburo, the decision-making body presided over by her brother.

6 dead, 88 missing after strong quake hits Taiwan

HUALIEN, FEB 7 (AP): Rescuers were working today to try to reach people who were trapped after a strong earthquake near Taiwan’s east coast caused several buildings to cave in and tilt dangerously. At least six people were killed and 88 missing in the quake.

Video footage and photos showed several midsize buildings in worst-hit Hualien county leaning at sharp angles, their lowest floors crushed into mangled heaps of concrete, shattered glass, bent iron beams and other debris.

Firefighters could be seen climbing ladders hoisted against windows as they sought to reach residents inside apartments.

The shallow, magnitude 6.4 quake that struck late last night caused at least four buildings to cave in and tilt dangerously.

A maintenance worker who was rescued after being trapped in the basement of the Marshal Hotel, whose ground floor had caved in, said the force of the earthquake was unusual.

“At first it wasn’t that big



... we get this sort of thing all the time and it’s really nothing. But then it got really terrifying,” the worker, Chen Ming-hui, told Taiwan’s official Central News Agency after he was reunited with his son and grandson following the quake. “It was really scary.”

Two employees of the hotel were killed in the disaster, CNA said. Taiwan’s National Fire Agency said rescuers freed another employee from the rubble.

Other buildings shifted on

Chancellor Angela Merkel has reached an “in principle” coalition deal four months after she failed to secure a majority in German elections. The deal with the Social Democrats (SPD) looks set to secure her fourth term as German leader. Talks between the parties carried on throughout the night with one source telling Reuters this morning: “It is done.” The deal will help lift uncertainty about Ms Merkel’s future but will be subject to the approval of the 464,000 members of the SPD by a postal ballot. The SPD served as a junior government partner under Ms Merkel from 2013-2017. According to German public broadcaster ARD, the final disputes centered around “ministry remits and personnel questions”. Days of talks between negotiators had covered everything from foreign policy to labor issues and healthcare.

6 dead, 88 missing after strong quake hits Taiwan

their foundations and rescuers used ladders, ropes and cranes to get residents to safety. Six people were killed in the quake, while 256 others were injured and 88 left unaccounted for, according to the fire agency. CNA reported that seven had been killed. The force of the tremor buckled roads and disrupted electricity and water supplies to thousands of households, the fire agency said. Japan’s Foreign Ministry said nine Japanese were

among the injured. Six mainland Chinese were also injured, the Chinese Communist Party-run People’s Daily reported. Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen moved to reassure the Taiwanese public that every effort would be made to look for survivors. In a post on her official Facebook page, Tsai said she arrived in Hualien on Wednesday to review rescue efforts. Tsai said she “ordered search and rescue workers not

to give up on any opportunity to save people, while keeping their own safety in mind.” “This is when the Taiwanese people show their calm, resilience and love,” she wrote. “The government will work with everyone to guard their homeland.”

China’s official Xinhua News Agency reported that the director of China’s Taiwan Affairs office, Zhang Zhijun, said China was “willing to send a rescue team to Taiwan” to help with relief efforts, adding that he was aware of a shortage of rescue workers in the disaster area.

China Central Television reported that more than 40 of the missing people were trapped in the Yunmen Cuiti building, a 12-story apartment building. Rescue efforts at the building were suspended because the structure was sliding, according to Taiwan’s Central Emergency Operation Center.

Taiwanese media reported that the Beautiful Life Hotel also was tilting. CNA posted photos showing a road fractured in several parts.

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Draw No:1 DrawDate on:07/02/18

1st Prize Rs.10,000/- 4542 2nd Prize Rs.2,000/- 4822

3rd Prize Rs.1,000/- 2335 4th Prize Rs. 502/- 1287

5th Prize Rs.200/-

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4th Prize Rs.300/- 1634 5th Prize Rs. 202/- 4926

6th Prize Rs.100/-

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6th Prize Rs.100/-

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1st Prize Rs.10,000/- 2036 2nd Prize Rs.2,000/- 5249

3rd Prize Rs.1,000/- 1795 4th Prize Rs.506/- 1409

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Draw Time: 11:55 am onwards

Draw No:10 DrawDate on:07/02/18

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 96C 24751

(Including Super Prize Amt)

Cons. Prize Rs.9496/- 24751 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

2nd Prize Rs.9000/-

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3rd Prize Rs.500/- 1040 1049 4549 6595 6728 7260 7806 7989 8584 9254

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DEAR VALUABLE

Draw Time: 04:00 pm onwards

Draw No:10 DrawDate on:07/02/18

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 86H 16558

(Including Super Prize Amt)

Cons. Prize Rs.9496/- 16558 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

2nd Prize Rs.9000/-

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3rd Prize Rs.500/- 0117 2692 4052 6078 6552 8011 8816 8901 9183 9462

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5th Prize Rs.120/-

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DEAR ELEGANT EVENING

Draw Time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:28 DrawDate on:07/02/18

1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 89B 51481

(Including Super Prize Amt)

Cons. Prize Rs.9496/- 51481 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

2nd Prize Rs.9000/-

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3rd Prize Rs.500/- 0082 2585 3615 4974 5580 6107 6440 9153 9516 9651

4th Prize Rs.250/- 1530 2172 2344 2724 2787 4400 6139 6487 6939 8965

5th Prize Rs.120/-

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KYLIE JENNER REVEALS HER BABY DAUGHTER'S NAME IS STORMI



and said she kept the pregnancy private because she needed to "prepare for this role of a lifetime in the most positive, stress free, and healthy way I knew how". She said: "There was no gotcha moment, no big paid reveal I had planned.

"I knew my baby would feel every stress and every emotion so I chose to do it this way for my little life and our happiness."

The star has been in the spotlight since she was nine years old as part of the Jenner-Kardashian family on reality TV show Keeping Up With The Kardashians.

She said pregnancy had been the most "beautiful, empowering and life changing experience" of her life and she is "actually going to miss it".

Jenner also shared an 11-minute video giving fans a peek into the last nine months, from the time she found out she was expecting until the baby's birth. During her pregnancy there were several rumours which she chose not to address, only posting pictures on social media where her stomach could not be seen.

On the same day her name was disclosed, it was revealed Stormi's father, rapper Travis Scott - real name Jacques Webster - had pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct for an incident last year at a concert in Arkansas.

The Keeping Up With The Kardashians star had kept her pregnancy private so she could "prepare for this role of a lifetime".

Reality TV star Kylie Jenner and her boyfriend Travis Scott have named their daughter Stormi.

The youngest Keeping Up With The Kardashians sister posted the name on Instagram with a picture of the baby's hand clutching hers.

An out of focus Stormi can be seen in the background wearing baby pink, with Jenner's nails painted the same colour. After just an hour more than 5.5m people had liked the post.

It came two days after Jenner revealed she had given birth to a "beautiful and healthy" daughter on 1 February. Before that she had not made public any details of her pregnancy and had not even confirmed she was expecting.

Jenner apologised to fans for "keeping you in the dark"

SALMAN KHAN'S 'KICK 2' GETS A RELEASE DATE



Kick 2, Sajid Nadiadwala's sequel to his hit 2014 film, Kick, has a release date. Starring Salman Khan, Kick 2 has been slated for a Christmas release in 2019. Sajid Nadiadwala debuted as a director with Kick and went on to become the first director whose debut film gained entry into the Rs 200 crore club.

The first film, Kick, featured Salman Khan, Jacqueline Fernandez and Randeep Hooda in the pivotal roles, while Nawazuddin Siddiqui played the antagonist in the film. It is also being reported that Bhai may be playing a double role in the sequel. Salman Khan fans will surely be rejoicing next year as Bharat (directed by Ali Abbas Zafar) will be releasing on Eid in 2019 and Kick 2 will be out on Christmas.

ARIES: Take the time to consider your physical and mental health today, Aries. Given your hard-driving nature, these are areas that may be neglected. One really affects the other. If you overwork your brain or put off dealing with problems, your physical health will suffer. Things like excess weight, addiction, and bouts of depression are all indicators that there is an imbalance in your life. See about getting things more in sync.

TAURUS: It's the perfect day to do some planning, Taurus. Take the time on a regular basis to think about the things you want to do and accomplish. It's essential for feeling you have control over your life. It can be almost impossible to reach your goals without a concrete plan. Just as you wouldn't build a house

without a plan, it isn't wise to build a life without one either.

GEMINI: Today is a good day to think about your ambitions, Gemini. Considering what you really want out of life can be instrumental in setting goals and making dreams come true. Reaching them can often be as simple as making a decision and taking that first step. For example, if your dream is to have your ideal partner, and you're with someone who isn't, the practical choice is to end the current relationship. Fear, worry, and lack of confidence are the things that can keep you from moving.

CANCER: You might be feeling a bit more hesitant than usual when it comes to making decisions, Cancer. Even if someone accuses you of being distrustful, it's your sense of



CARRIE BRADSHAW, IS THAT YOU? Sex and the City starlet Sarah Jessica Parker is seen in all grey in New York.

'Pari' Teaser: Not a Fairy Tale Indeed



Bollywood doesn't have a great legacy of horror films. Ramsay brothers created a cult of course but not in the serious horror film genre. As aren't the interminable franchises from the Bhatt camp. But Anushka Sharma's Pari might just change this.

Starring Anushka and Parambrata Chatterjee, Pari appears to be about a woman possessed by an evil spirit. The just-released trailer shows Anushka's character

being possessed and wreaking havoc. The trailer begins with child-like sketches of a couple and then the face of the devil, followed by Anushka getting scarier by the minute. The trailer is loyal to the film's tag line: "This is not a fairytale".

A joint production by Anushka and her brother's Clean Slate Films & KriArj Entertainment, the horror film has been directed by Prosit Roy and is slated for a 2 March release.

BACKSTREET BOYS ARE 'HUGE FANS' OF BTS

It might be time to carve a heart on a tree reading "BSB + BTS," now that the Backstreet Boys' members revealed that they're fans of the K-pop group.

Backstreet held a Twitter live Q&A recently and the iconic boy band shared their love for BTS, arguably the most popular boy band in the world today.

After being prompted by a fan to hear their thoughts on the South Korean group, Nick Carter said that not only are BSB fans of the K-pop septet, but they've also heard some unreleased BTS music remixed by Steve Aoki, who Backstreet also said they'll be working with. The band even invited the younger act to their Vegas residency.

"We are huge fans of BTS, we love them," said Carter, responding to a question asked by Twitter user @romvnrgrs. "Actually, Aoki played us one of their songs that hasn't been released. It's a remix that he did in the studio, because we're actually going to be doing something with Steve



Aoki as well. We want to actually invite the guys to our show in Vegas, if you guys want to come. So BTS all the way, baby."

"Bring it!" added AJ McLean, referring to BTS' attending one of their concerts.

The Korean group is on the rise in the U.S, and their latest single, the

Steve Aoki remix of "Mic Drop" featuring Designer, has charted on the Billboard Hot 100 for 10 weeks now, as of the chart dated Feb. 10.

In the past, BTS has talked about growing up listening to Backstreet Boys and other '90s boy bands and expressed gratitude when being compared to them. Comparisons between

BSB and BTS are easy to make, considering that each of the boy bands are known by three-lettered "B" acronyms and have a fandom known as "Army". Backstreet has been supported through three decades by BSBArmy, while BTS has a close relationship with their A.R.M.Y, or Adorable Representative MC For Youth.

caution that saves you a lot of grief. If a person or situation has you feeling skeptical, there is probably a good reason for it. Examine what you need in order to feel comfortable, but not to the extreme that you deny yourself opportunity.

LEO: You may feel that you have to defend your motives today, Leo, and this can really put you off, especially if you can't see a reason for it. Try not to take it personally. Just because you know where you're coming from doesn't mean the other person does. It may simply be a communication problem. Make the effort to clarify your position. If this doesn't suffice, it isn't your problem any more. The other person will have to look at his or her trust issues.

VIRGO: Is there a person in your life who keeps coming to mind

again and again, Virgo? If so, it might be time to get together.

Whether there's something that needs to be worked out or you simply miss him or her, take the steps needed to connect, even if it takes email, letters, or a phone call to get in touch. Rather than having them pop into your head continuously, reach out and make contact.

LIBRA: Your usual outgoing and often radical nature may be far more conservative today, Libra. This can be a result of the day's planetary influences, and if used well, this mood can prove most beneficial. It can add seriousness to your day that suits such activities as goal setting, budget planning, or recovery. Make the most of this energy by digging into the areas of your life that could use

some rethinking.

SCORPIO: Focus on yourself today, Scorpio. Yours is often an extremely giving nature. You can be compassionate to a fault, in that too much of your energy goes to helping solve others' problems. Then you're left without enough focus for yourself and the things that are troubling you. See about spending some time alone to concentrate on any issues you have. Reach out to a trusted friend for guidance and support. Allow someone to nurture you for a change.

SAGITTARIUS: Today is an excellent day to set some new goals, Sagittarius. When was the last time you did this? Many think that New Year's Day and birthdays are prime times to make resolutions or set goals, yet this is something

that can be done any time. In fact, it's advisable to renew, rename, and revamp ambitions on a regular basis, since life brings constant change to circumstances. Pull out some paper and jot your ideas down.

CAPRICORN: Another person will probably bring you much comfort today, Capricorn. It could be someone you know well, but chances are it will be someone you'd least expect to be there for you. With your tendency to keep to yourself and be on the quiet side, you may not always notice those around you. Yet this doesn't mean that they don't notice you. Embrace a new friend and the support offered when the opportunity arises.

AQUARIUS: Aquarius, you may find yourself feeling more aggressive than normal today. This

can serve you well when it comes to getting what you want, provided no one suffers in the process. It isn't generally in your nature to step on anyone on the way up the ladder, and you aren't likely to feel good if this occurs. Look at all possible ways to attain your goals. You're sure to find something that suits you that isn't harmful to others.

PISCES: It would be wise to spend some time thinking about your finances today, Pisces. Do you have a realistic budget, or does yours exclude such things as entertainment, gifts, and occasional splurges? Such a budget won't suffice, because these are expenses that everyone has. Take a good look at your spending habits and see where you could cut back without too much pain.