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Govt notifies prohibition on sale of non-organic produce

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR:**

In a notification issued by the Home Department on 10 March, the state government has put into effect a ban on sale of 27 non-organic agricultural and horticultural commodities in the State.

As per the notification signed by Additional Chief Secretary, SC Gupta,

the list of vegetables include beans, brinjal, bitter melon, bottle gourd, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, capsicum, carrot, chayote, cucumber, drumstick, lady's finger, leafy vegetables, palak, pea, radish, tomato and pointed gourd (potol) while banana, guava, orange and papaya are amongst the banned fruits.

Maize has made it to the list of restricted cereals while banned spices and condiments include ginger, green chilli and turmeric.

"If there is any contravention to the notification, the commodities (banned) shall be liable to be seized and disposed of," states the aforementioned notification.

The notification further states that the state government has banned these 27 non-organic agricultural and horticultural commodities considering the drawbacks of using chemical fertilizers and pesticides for the interest of the farming community and for the overall health of the people of the State.

Although the notification does not mention a specific date on which the ban is to come into force, it does state that "the State Government hereby restricts the sale of non-organic agricultural and horticultural commodities as specified in the Schedule appended to the notification in the State of Sikkim."

Sikkim Govt has not been intimated about scrapping of transport agreement

**NIRMAL MANGAR
GANGTOK, 13 MAR:**

Principal Secretary of Transport Department, SBS Bhaduria, today said that they have not received any intimation from the West Bengal government regarding scrapping of the reciprocal transport agreement.

The members of taxi and truck drivers' associations today met with the Principal Secretary after the news surfaced in a national daily.

The Hindu has quoted Bengal Transport Minister, Suvendu Adhikari stating that Bengal will not continue the reciprocal transport agreement with Sikkim.

According to the

agreement, commercial vehicles from both the States could freely ply in different notified areas of West Bengal and Sikkim.

Mr Adhikari has alleged that Sikkim has regularly violated the agreement by entering restricted areas in North Bengal while the vehicles from Bengal are not allowed to ply in many areas of Sikkim.

"We have not received any form of intimation in this regard. We shall take up the matter once we get anything in a written form," said Mr Bhaduria.

Meanwhile, president of All Sikkim Truck Drivers Association, Mingma Sherpa, said that this will create problem for Sikkim transport vehicles.

"A total of 207 truck owners from Sikkim had applied for the special permit at Darjeeling District Administration which was rejected. Also the West Bengal Motor Vehicle and Traffic does not entertain the special permits issued by Sikkim Transport Department," said Mr Sherpa.

One Gangtok-based tour operator alleged of unnecessary harassment by Bengal police mainly in Siliguri and Jalpaiguri areas.

"Our drivers face harassment almost every day in Bengal roads. It must be known that this is largely affecting the tour operating business of both the States. There must be a concrete solution to this problem," he added.

Linguistic data of Census 2011 finalised: Govt

NEW DELHI, MAR 13 (PTI): The linguistic data of Census 2011 has been finalised and will be released after approval of the competent authority, Union minister Hansraj Gangaram Ahir said today.

He was replying to a question in the Lok Sabha on whether the government has taken any steps to make the linguistic data available to the public soon.

"The linguistic data of Census 2011 has been finalised and will be released after the approval of the competent authority," he said in the written reply.

CII to set up multi-skill centre in Darj

DARJEELING (WB), MAR 13 (PTI): The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) today said it will set up a multi-skill centre in Darjeeling in partnership with the Gorkha Territorial Administration.

CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said this at the inaugural session of the two-day Darjeeling Business Summit.

"This multi-skill centre will initially deliver training in hospitality, beauty and wellness and health-care," Banerjee said.

Since the region has huge potential in agriculture, floriculture and horticulture, CII's Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence can also work with the administration in proposing a sustainable model, he said.

"This would include better market linkages, increased productivity and quality and better variety of the produce.

All this leads up to a more value added food chain, including processing," said the CII Director General.

He said since many parts of Darjeeling continue to pg03



Lachung Dzumsa endorses Organic Farming, seeks govt support to move forward

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 13 MAR:**

In an awareness programme and workshop on off-season vegetable production held at Lachung in North Sikkim today, the Lachung Dzumsa put on record that the Lachungpas were ready to undertake Organic farming in earnest and called on the concerned departments for provision of organic farming related equipment and manure. The sought support and assistance pointing out that Lachung lies at a high altitude which could make exclusive Organic farming

difficult in the area.

The programme was organised by Horticulture & Cash Crop Department and was attended by the Horticulture Minister Somnath Poudhyal, accompanied by the area MLA, Forest Minister TW Lepcha, and officials from the Department.

The Lachung Dzumsa placed a demand letter seeking marketing support for vegetables, supply of seeds, green house for each house, distribution of Milch cows, farm tractor for Lema and Khedum, distribution of

fruit seedlings, etc.

They further pointed out that earlier, due to the use of fungicide by the Agriculture Department, apples in Lachung were struck by blight. The Lachung Dzumsa also put forward their grievances regarding complications faced during marketing of Rajma grown by them.

At the programme, Managing Director, Sikkim State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd, spoke about marketing of Organic vegetables while the area MLA informed that the demand

for distribution of Milch cows will be taken on top priority and also requested the concerned Minister for solar lighting in the area as demanded by the people.

Horticulture Minister Mr Poudyal, in turn, stated that the State government's main objective is to provide facilities to its people and added that tourism and Organic farming should be linked.

He further added that a marketing centre will be set up at Lachung and Lachen at the earliest.

Reshme to join referee course in Japan

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 13 MAR:**

National female football referee hailing from Sikkim, Reshme Chettri, is all set to participate in the AFC Football tournament cum AFC Project Future Referees Course scheduled to be held at Fukuoka in Japan, from 14-19 Mar.

"After many practical trials, fitness tests and theoretical tests, one or two get a chance to attend this course from each country. Reshme is sincere and a hard working woman. Due to her rigorous practice and dedication, she has been chosen," said head of referees of Sikkim cum referee's assessor of All India Football Federation, Chamchuk Lama, while speaking to SummitTimes.

Also a mentor to



Reshme, Chamchuk Lama, says, "I want to encourage more women referees to come forward for training to follow in the footsteps of two women national referees, Reshme Chettri and Phurki Lhamu Bhutia. Reshme is from Pangthang and works at Forest Department apart from being a referee. Ms Bhutia from Pabyuik Naitam, East Sikkim who is also a national referee will be participating

in the Indian Women's League [IWL] Football Tournament at Shillong from 24 Mar."

Reshme started her refereeing career from 2012 and has participated in many international assignments till date. Among many international referees, only two Indian referees namely Reshme Chettri [Sikkim] and Kusum Mandi [IFA Bengal] will be participating in the AFC Course in Japan.

"Victorious" farmers leave Mumbai



MUMBAI, MAR 13 (PTI): With hopes in their eyes and written assurance from the Maharashtra government to meet their demands, thousands of farmers, who had gathered here from all over the state, have gone back to their native places.

Under the banner of the Akhil Bhartiya Kisan Sabha (AKS) of the CPI(M), over 35,000 farmers trekked 180km from Nashik to here over six days under the blazing sun, some even barefooted, with a slew of demands which included their right to till forest land and a complete loan waiver.

The farmers called off their agitation yesterday after the BJP-led government announced it has accepted "almost all" of their demands in writing and assured to implement them in a time-bound manner.

The protesters, mostly farmers

and tribals, had taken their agitation to Mumbai where they gathered in the Azad Maidan yesterday.

They hailed from Nashik, Ahmednagar district, Thane, Raigad districts and other parts of the state.

The agitators left for home by various modes of transport, a senior police official said, adding two trains were arranged by the government to ferry them back.

Farmers and tribals from Nashik district boarded the special trains arranged by the government, Ashok Dhawale, AKS president and a member of the CPI(M) Central Committee, told PTI.

All farmers bought tickets and boarded the trains as it was not fair to take any favour from the government, he said.

"When our march reached Sonaiya Ground in Sion on the night

of March 11, the government was ready to provide us 100 BEST (civic) buses to take us to south Mumbai. But, we declined to take any favour that day too," Dhawale said.

"We decided to march past midnight because we did not want to cause any inconvenience to Mumbaiers and students who were having their SSC and HSC exams," he said.

Dhawale said the farmers were happy with whatever they got from the government.

"We won the battle, but the war is still on. We are going to see at the ground level how the government is going to implement the written assurance given to us.

"Smiles have returned on the faces of farmers and adivasis as their long-pending issues and demands are going to be sorted out," he said.

SKM condemns rumors of its MLAs joining BJP

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR: "DUE TO THE increasing popularity of SKM party, some anti-Sikkimese elements have been trying to spread rumors through social media regarding the two SKM MLAs joining BJP," SKM's Sangha MLA, Sonam Lama, said in a press release today.

While strongly condemning such attempts, he stressed that the rumours are false and that people should not believe such posts on social media. He has added that they will not leave the party in any situation and will keep working for the people of the State.

Meanwhile, the release informs that son of former MLA, Ashok Subba [Tsong], Todi Yong Subba [Tsong], formally joined SKM here at its head-office in Gangtok today. He was welcomed by MLA and chief coordinator, Sonam Lama, secretary general, Arun Uprety, east district vice-president incharge zone 1, Anand Lama, and Gangtok constituency president, Sanjeev Gurung.



NSUO conducts meeting for Samjhuata Diwas

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR: A meeting of the Nationalist Sikkim United Organisation (NSUO) was held at Metro Point, Tadong today to discuss preparations for "Samjhuata Diwas" observed by the organization and scheduled to be held on 08 May to mark the Tripartite Agreement of 1973, a press release informs.

Last year, Samjhuata Diwas was held in Dhanukay, Rorathang where four resolutions were adopted and a memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister, Governor and Chief Secretary.

The meeting decided to conduct this year's Sanjhuata Diwas at MG Marg in the capital, the release informs.

Organizing committee of the event will be

Sikkim fully committed towards eliminating TB by 2022, says Minister Ghatani



NEW DELHI, 13 MAR [IPR]: "Delhi End TB Summit - innovation and action to end TB" was held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today where Sikkim's Health Minister, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, underlined the commitment of the State government to eliminate Tuberculosis from Sikkim by 2022.

He outlined the existing scenario of TB in the State and urged the Union government to extend all necessary support to march towards control and elimination of TB by 2022.

The Minister was accompanied by Commissioner-cum-Secretary,

Vishal Chauhan, and Additional District Health Officer-cum-State TB Officer, State TB Cell [Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme] Sikkim, Dr Debbya Shree Kerongi.

The inaugural session of "Delhi End TB Summit" was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as chief guest and launched the TB-free India campaign and recorded his commitment to eliminate TB from India by 2025, five years ahead of Sustainable Development Goal of 2030.

The inaugural session was also addressed by Minister of Health, Indonesia, Dr Nila F Moeloek, Minister of Health, Nigeria, Issac Fadewole, Director-General, WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Later, addressing a parallel session chaired by Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare,

JP Nadda, in the presence of Union Minister of State, Anupriya Patil, Mr Ghatani said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, Sikkim was fully committed to eliminate TB by 2022.

He said that the State has been preparing a comprehensive elimination strategy to involve all stakeholders, public representatives, communities and civil societies to achieve the commitment made during the recent Assembly Budget Session.

The Minister informed that all investigations including blood tests, X-rays, CT Scan & MRI are free with provisions of free inpatient admissions in Sikkim. District hospitals and the PHCs have been provided with facilities for the management of TB patients, he added.

He detailed the CM's

seriousness towards prevention and control of TB in the State and informed about his recent announcement to supplement the ongoing RNTCP. He also shed light on the upcoming 127-bedded Isolation Chest and Respiratory Disease Ward within a newly constructed 1000 bedded multi-specialty hospital in Gangtok.

Mr Ghatani also spoke about Focus Group Discussions [FGD] held at grass root level followed by district level workshop and State Level Workshop "Towards Elimination of TB in Sikkim by 2022" on 07-08 Mar. The final strategic plan for Sikkim will be ready by 15 Apr; 2018, he added.

Health Secretary, Vishal Chauhan, and STO, Dr Kerongi, also participated in the interaction with other States on RNTCP chaired by Secretary of Health & Family Welfare Ministry.



SDF WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS FROM BELBOTAY

GANGTOK, 13 MAR: Seven persons of Belbotay, Melli, in South Sikkim, today joined Sikkim Democratic Front in the presence of area MLA Tulshi Devi Rai. Offering khadas, Ms Rai welcomed them to the party and thanked them for choosing SDF. While interacting with the new members, she highlighted the pro-poor and pro-Sikkimese programmes of the SDF party under the leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, a press release informs.



South DAC and Panchayats convene coordination meet in Namchi

NAMCHI, 13 MAR [IPR]: A daylong co-ordination meeting with the heads of the line departments under South District Administration and the Panchayats was held at the Officers' Club here today.

The meeting was chaired by Adhakshya [South], Farwanti Tamang, accompanied by Upadhakshya [South], Bhim Badhadur Lakhey, District Collector

[South], Raj Yadav, Superintendent of Police [South], Dr Siva Prasad Yellasi, Additional District Collector [Development], Benu Gurung, officials and Panchayats.

Addressing the gathering, Adhakshya Ms Tamang highlighted the objective of the meeting, which, she said, was to share details of activities and future plans of each department so as to avoid

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Indrajatra Management Committee of Kathmandu felicitates Sikkim Newar Guthi

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR: Delegates from Indrajatra Management Committee [IMC], Kathmandu, felicitated Sikkim Newar Guthi [SNG] on 11 March at a function organized here at Hotel Mt Sinolchu.

A press release informs that a plaque was handed over to Sikkim Newar Guthi by the delegates.

The plaque states that the IMC "highly appreciates the efforts and



achievements made by the SNG in preservation of Newar culture in Sikkim and especially on celebration of Yenyaa [Indrajatra] in Sikkim".

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The IMC also felicitated MLAs, Bikram Pradhan and Shyam Pradhan, who attended the event as chief guest and guest of honour respectively.

Similarly, the SNG also felicitated the members of the IMC while handing over souvenirs to Gautam Ratna Shakya [Chairman, IMC] and Udaya Pashakhala [Programme Manager].

MLA Bikram Pradhan, in his address, stressed on the need for conservation of culture of various

ethnic groups in Sikkim.

He detailed the efforts of the State government in helping preserve Newar language and culture in Sikkim.

Chairman, IMC, Mr Shakya, narrated legends about Kumari and also appreciated SNG for organizing cultural rally on the occasion of Indrajatra annually in various parts of Sikkim and also making this a symbol of cultural rejuvenation of Newars.

Vice-President, SNG,

Hari Prasad Pradhan, expressed gratitude to the Newar cultural activists of Kathmandu who come to Sikkim every year during Indrajatra and help the locals here get acquainted with the cultural aspects of the Newars.

A video highlighting the Newar culture of Kathmandu Valley was also presented on the occasion followed by Newari dance performances presented by children.

Cafe Fiction and Queer Ink
invite you to

Love is Love

a conversation with Dr Mark Macleod on Queer Literature
and an exhibition of sketches by Devdutt Pattnaik
'The Queer in Ancient Hindu Mythology'

The growth of storytelling about sexual diversity challenges stereotypes, but the values embedded in the stories are often surprisingly conservative.
Consultant editor for India's first LGBT publishing house, Queer-Ink,
Dr Mark Macleod leads this workshop on one of the most dynamic and important developments in contemporary publishing.

Award-winning Australian publisher, educator, media presenter and writer,
Dr Mark Macleod, published 'Ready or Not', the first Australian anthology of LGBT writing for teens. He is editing 'The Ocean that We All Swim In': a collection of memoirs by Indian writers for Queer-Ink publishers in Mumbai.

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ing and storages (micro and medium), irrigated agriculture, and control of Silt and contaminant transport into water bodies," he said.

The inaugural session was attended, among others, by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The water scanning tool leads to identification of promising sites for rainwater harvest-

*Gangtok on
Wednesday,
14 Mar*
Temp: 23°C /09°C
Forecast: Times of
clouds and sun with
a shower in spots
in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 05:47AM
Sunset: 5:43 PM

*Bombay
HC grants
woman’s plea
to remove
father’s
name from
daughter’s
birth
certificate*

MUMBAI, MAR 13 (PTI): The Bombay High Court today allowed the plea of a 22-year-old unwed mother from the city who had sought that the name of her daughter’s biological father be removed from her birth certificate.

A bench of justices AS Oka and RI Chagla directed the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to issue a fresh certificate, with the space for the name of biological father left blank.

The bench, however, rejected the woman’s prayer that the father’s name be removed from all records of the BMC.

“The Registration of Births and Deaths Act mandates that at the time of the birth of a child, the biological father or mother provide the names of both parents, their addresses, occupations, etc.

“The BMC then enters the same in its records as per the provisions of the Act and the birth certificate is issued on the basis of above entries,” the bench said.

“The BMC’s power to amend the entries thus made in its records is limited. Therefore this court cannot direct that the name of the biological father be deleted from the entire records,” the judges said.

The petition said that the woman gave birth to the child out of wedlock in November 2013.

She never gave the name of the child’s father to the BMC, and was unaware who disclosed that information to the authorities at the time of filling forms, she said.

The father’s name should be removed from the child’s birth certificate as well as from the corporation’s records, she demanded.

The BMC rejected her application, saying that an amendment can be carried out only if any entry in the birth certificate or records is erroneous.

At the time of the birth of the child, the petitioner had willingly disclosed the name and occupation of the biological father, the BMC claimed.

The child’s biological father -- who was summoned by the court -- stated that he had no objection to his name being removed.

The bench also relied on the 2015 landmark judgement of the Supreme Court which stated that single mothers cannot be compelled to disclose the name of their child’s biological father in the birth certificate.

Indian classical concert ‘New Feel’ receives standing ovation

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR:**

A complete Indian classical concert, ‘New Feel’, organized by Reeyaaz Sangeetalaya, Gangtok here at Janta Bhawan on 11 Mar received a standing ovation. Reeyaaz Sangeetalaya director, Manoj Rai, has expressed gratitude to the people for their support and encouragement towards the event.

The programme also featured soulful flute performance presented by Panchajanya Dey from Kolkata. He was accompanied by Arijit Saha from Kolkata on the tabla. The stage was also shared by Dr Surendra Kumar [Assistant Professor in Music Department, Sikkim University] with his performance in Hindustani



vocal solo. Mr Rai informed that the main motive of the concert was to inspire students

who are pursuing music and also to promote Indian Classical music in Sikkim. “We will continue to

hold such events in the future if we get the support and love from people. We have been work-

ing hard towards establishing classical music culture in our beautiful State,” he said.

SPA demands solution for transport dispute between Sikkim and WB

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR:**

Sikkim People’s Alliance (SPA) has expressed serious concern over allegations of Sikkim registered transport vehicles being unnecessarily harassed in Siliguri, West Bengal, after the supposed lapse of the Inter State Transport Agreement between the Government of Sikkim and the West Bengal Government.

In a press release, SPA has alleged that the State has been crippled by “the administrative failure of the Sikkim Democratic

Front led government in dealing with Inter State disputes.”

The tourism industry in the State was expecting to bounce back this season after suffering heavy losses last year due to the Gorkhaland agitation but this new controversy has led to hopelessness and uncertainty among tourism stakeholders, SPA has said.

SPA has demanded a permanent solution to the inter-state dispute within the framework of the Indian federal structure.

Faulty drainage affecting Rangpo residents: BJP Sikkim

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 13 MAR:**

A team of Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh led by its president, DB Chauhan, interacted with the people of Rangpo Bazaar in East Sikkim today. The team enquired about the affected road and houses at Tallo Bazaar in Rangpo due to heavy rainfall on 12 Mar, informs a BJP press release.

As per the release, people complained that drains which have been made recently by UDHD are not functioning well due to which people of the area have been facing flood-like situation in the area. It is informed that the people residing around the football ground have been most affected. The release also informs that lands of 37 families who have been living in the area since 40 years have not been regularized so far by the government despite promises made before every election.

The party has suggested that the state government stop misguiding people and deliver its responsibilities sincerely.



Wkshp on Learning Experience for Children begins in Gyalshing

GYALSHING, 13 MAR (IPR):

A six-day workshop on “Learning Experience for Children” began today at DIET, Gyalshing. 50 primary school teachers from all over West District are participating in the workshop designed to equip them with the evolving strategy in education. Learning Outcome, POCOS, Mental Health, Inclusive Education, Jodo Gyan are the areas of focus for the training.

Chief Guest for the day, Joint Director, HRDD, West, Tshering Eden

Bhutia, was also felicitated by the DIET-West family on having received the State Meritorious Award Republic Day for her “relentless effort in bringing visible changes in the education sector”.

DIET (West) has been providing Short Term Trainings and Orientation Courses for teachers and school heads here. The idea is to bring about qualitative enhancement in the education sector. AD’s and AEO’s from all the nine BACs also attended the inaugural session as guests.

South DAC and Panchayats...

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overlaps and to promote cooperation between the departmental officials and the Panchayats in the process of implementing the schemes and policies earmarked for the public.

Additionally, she called for smooth and effective co-ordination between the Panchayats and the officials with regards to the execution and timely completion of various schemes through the line departments.

“Panchayats are the local form of governance and are particularly responsible in empowering the society at the grass-roots level and entrusted with the holistic growth and well being of the public,” she stressed.

She also urged the Panchayats to monitor the outcomes of the Central and State flagship programmes which are currently being carried out in several blocks in South District so that officials and the Pancha-

yats can gauge how effectively the scheme and the policies have benefited the public at large.

DC Mr Yadav, in turn, described the meeting as a platform where the Panchayats and officials from line departments can come together to qualitatively discuss various schemes and policies.

He also emphasized that the schemes and policies need to be sanctioned promptly for the advancement of the general public. He further spelled out the roles and responsibilities of Panchayat and Zilla members for comprehensive development of a GPU.

During the course of the meeting, Panchayats from the various wards of South district placed a number of demands and suggestions for their respective wards. Officials from different line departments also presented brief updates about ongoing schemes.

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Sealed Tender are invited from individual having COI/SSC/RC and registered organisation for the award of Bazaar Contract, Car Parking Contract, Car Wash Centre, Pay & Use Toilet Contract and Restaurant under Mangan Nagar Panchayat for the year 2018-19.

The details of the contract and the tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Municipal Executive Office, Mangan Nagar Panchayat, Mangan, North Sikkim on payment by depositing the amount at Canara Bank, Mangan on all working days between 11.00 Am to 3.00 PM.

DATES

1. First Date for issuance of Tender Documents :	19.03.2018.
2. Last Date for issuance of Tender Documents :	22.03.2018
3. Last Date for submission of Sealed Tender :	23.03.2018 by 12.00 PM.
4. Date and Time of Opening of Tender :	23.03.2018 1.00 PM onwards.
5. The rate quoted below the offset price will be out rightly rejected.	
6. The detail term and conditions can be seen in the Tender Documents.	

**MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
MANGAN NAGAR PANCHAYAT.**

Mizo scribes protest against attacks on them by Assam police

AIZAWL, MAR 13 (PTI): Scribes in Mizoram organised sit-ins in the capital town of Aizawl and seven district headquarters to protest against alleged attacks by Assam police on their colleagues, including two lady journalists while they were on duty.

The protests against the alleged Assam police attack at Kolasib on the inter-state border was held by the Mizoram Journalists Association (MJA).


MJA president Vanlrema Vantawl said, “The journalists were not only attacked with batons by the Assam Policemen, but also fired at them.”

Seven scribes, two of them women, were injured in the incidents, he

claimed and accused the Assam Police of attacking the Mizo journalists despite being shown the press cards and told about their identities.

The action by Assam police took place on Thursday and Saturday last week when the scribes were covering the erection of a guest house by Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), the student apex body of the state, in Kolasib district on a piece of land gifted to them by the widow of the first chief minister Ch Chhunga, Vantawl said.

The two injured women journalists are of a private national TV news channel and the AIR, he claimed.



**GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
HOME DEPARTMENT
MANAN BHAWAN
GANGTOK- 737101
NO:13/HOME/2018 DATED : 10/03/2018
NOTIFICATION**

Whereas, the State Government has deemed it expedient to acknowledge the importance of supporting sustainable management practices, thereby to deliver log term benefits to our communities, our environment, our economy and our country. With regard to this, one of the most pivotal approaches followed by the Government is ‘organic farming’;

And whereas, with regard to the natural life-cycle systems, organic farming provides to the consumers tasty and reliable health oriented food. Unnatural substances such as chemical synthetic pesticide, synthetic fertilizer etc are prohibited in an organic farming process;

And whereas, considering the drawbacks of using chemical fertilizers and pesticides, for the interest of the farming community and for the overall health of the people of the State, it would be a prudent step to potentially help reduce the chances of disease/health related issues by ensuring consumption of proper organic produces in the State which will confer benefits and returns to the producers;

Now therefore, to regulate the sale of non-organic agricultural and horticultural commodities, with an object to prevent the risk to the health of human beings, animals and environment, the State Government hereby restricts the sale of non-organic agricultural and horticultural commodities as specified in the Schedule appended to the notification in the State of Sikkim.

If there is any contravention to this notification, the commodities shall be liable to be seized and disposed of.

By order and in the name of Governor.
Sd/- (S.C. GUPTA) IAS
**ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY,
HOME DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
FILE NO. GOS/H&CCDD/SOM/196**

**SCHEDULE
LIST OF NON ORGANIC AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL COMMODITIES.**

SI.No.	PARTICULARS (REFERRED TO IN NOTIFICATION NO.13 DATED 10/03/2018
1	2
1.	Cereals
	(i) Maize
2	Vegetables
	(i) Beans
	(ii) Brinjal
	(iii) Bitter gourd
	(iv) Bottle gourd
	(v) Broccoli
	(vi) Cabbage
	(vii) Cauliflower
	(viii) Capsicum
	(ix) Carrot
	(x) Chayote
	(xi) Cucumber
	(xii) Drumstick
	(xiii) Lady’s finger
	(xiv) Leafy vegetables
	(xv) Palak
	(xvi) Pea
	(xvii) Radish
	(xviii) Tomato
	(xix) Pointed gourd (Potol)
3	Fruits
	(i) Banana
	(ii) Guava
	(iii) Orange
	(iv) Papaya
4.	Spices and condiments
	(i) Ginger
	(ii) Green Chilly
	(iii) Turmeric

R. O. No. 620/ipr/pub/classi./17-18 dt. 13.3.2018.

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Of Latrines in a Nirmal Rajya

Now, Focus on the Left-Out

The socioeconomic indicators for Sikkim, as recorded in the Census 2011 data for household amenities and assets data present an impressive improvement when compared against the indices recorded ten years earlier in Census 2001. While congratulations are aptly due to the State Government for having ensured such a substantial improvement within a decade, the data also flags sectors which need special attention. These stats are of seven year old vintage now, but in the interim arrived the Earthquake and an apparent slowdown in “development”; safe then to suggest that the situation on ground would not have changed too much. Progress, it needs to be accepted, does not always march forward on a steady clip and dips and spikes can happen due to several factors, not all of which are avoidable. What statistics also do is flag issues of significance and help inform where the “developmental” thrust should focus. We take up the socioeconomic indicators of Census 2011 to flag some of those issues here.

While the socioeconomic improvements in Sikkim have been universal, in that the amelioration has been across the board, what remains a worry is that those who have been left out remain cut off from most of the amenities.

To begin with sanitation levels in the State - Sikkim was deservedly the first State to bag the Nirmal Rajya award for the total sanitation it achieved some years ago. There had been a qualitative improvement in this sector with 75% of the households (as of 2011, and this figure must have grown) having water closet latrines [with flush] as against 32.1% in 2001. Sikkim was the best performing State on this count, posting the strongest figures among the States with only the metropolitan union territory of Chandigarh doing better at 87.1% in Census 2011. This is obviously conversion from pit latrines to the better water closet option because the number households with pit latrines has come down from 32.1% in 2001 to 12% now. If one were to focus just on the rural scenario, the numbers remain as impressive for Sikkim. The State tops the listings among State with 68.5% of the rural households having water closet latrines, a huge leap from the merely 24.3% in 2001. Against the 40.6% of the rural households which had no latrines in 2001, the number had come down to 15.9% in 2011 and continues to fall. These statistics for urban Sikkim are also the best in the country with 91.8% of the urban households having water closet latrines, 3.3% having pit latrines, and only 8.2% in 2011 having no latrines. The overall figure for Sikkim reveals that against 36.6% of the households in Sikkim which had no latrines in 2001, in 2011, only 12.8% are so disadvantaged. This is indeed a noteworthy achievement.

A rural-urban comparison reveals that the improvements in sanitation levels has been more marked in rural Sikkim where the number of rural households without latrines has come down from 40.6% in 2001 to 15.9% in 2011. For urban Sikkim, the numbers have dropped from 8.2% in 2001 to 4.8% of the households. When the percentages are converted to numbers, one realizes that of the 1,28,131 households in Sikkim, 16,400 households have no latrines. This lack is explained to the large migrant population in Sikkim and the less than adequate tenements available to them [39,208 families in Sikkim live in rented accommodations].

But what needs immediate attention is the worrying fact that only 1,922 households [of the 16,400 without latrines] have access to public toilets. The remaining 14,478 households have to rely on open latrines. And this is a worry. Most of the already underprivileged and denied section of the population here remains left out from access to proper sanitation. It is important that immediate measures are undertaken to expand the footprint of public toilets to ensure that this section of the people receive at least the most basic of amenities.

Another section of the ‘left out’ from the strides made in socioeconomic indicators are the 18.2% of the households here which have none of the “assets” common to the rest of Sikkim. 23,320 households here own neither a radio, nor a TV, computer, telephone nor a vehicle. This section obviously needs to be prioritised in the release of whatever aids or grants are released by the State Government. Admittedly, a substantial number of this group might not qualify to make it to the beneficiaries list, so the least that can be done is extend all civic amenities to them which they deserve by way of their residence in Sikkim. Undoubtedly, the entire lot of households without latrines will fall in this category as well. It would have been ideal if this section had been serviced first when Sikkim made a stab for Nirmal Rajya status, but since that is in the past, one hopes their requirements are addressed on priority now.

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What makes Kim Jong Un tick?

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Kim Jong Un is a “smart cookie,” President Donald Trump said of North Korea’s leader in April 2017.

Smart enough, it seems, to merit a face-to-face meeting. President Trump’s acceptance of Kim’s invitation to discuss North Korean denuclearization is a stunning move that some have greeted as a potential breakthrough and others have decried as a massive risk.

If he does indeed meet with Kim, Trump will need to understand what makes the North Korean leader tick. Finding the answer to this vital question will require figuring out how the North Korean leader sees the world.

Although Trump will be the first sitting U.S. president to meet with a North Korean leader, he will be far from the first president to try to understand a foreign statesperson. As was the case with figures such as Adolf Hitler, Saddam Hussein, and Nikita Khrushchev, figuring out a dangerous international interlocutor is once again an urgent national security challenge.

Are there lessons from the past that can help President Trump as he prepares to meet Kim?

LESSONS OF THE PAST

In the spring of 1943, the director of the first centralized U.S. intelligence agency, Colonel William “Wild Bill” Donovan, sought help in understanding Hitler. Donovan wanted to give President Franklin D. Roosevelt a sense of “the things that make him tick.”

Donovan called Walter C. Langer, a psychoanalyst helping with the war effort, in for a meeting, and asked: “What do you make of Hitler? If Hitler is running the show, what kind of a person is he? What are his ambitions?”

Langer combined the scant intelligence on Hitler with insights from Freudian psychoanalysis into a study on Hitler. He accurately predicted that Hitler would commit suicide rather than be captured by Allied forces. But his insight was largely ir-



relevant to the military strategy for defeating Germany. The report took so long to produce that the war was nearly over by the time it was delivered to Donovan.

More recently, the former top U.N. weapons inspector Charles Duelfer and I studied what made former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein tick. For several years, Duelfer was the senior point of contact between Iraq and the U.S. After the regime fell, he produced the definitive report on its weapon program.

Looking for logic in Saddam’s decisions, we found instead a morass of idiosyncratic thinking. Most astonishing was his misreading of President George W. Bush’s June 2002 speech to the West Point Military Academy. Intending to warn Saddam that he must comply with U.N. demands or face war, Bush struck a stern tone. The “gravest danger to freedom,” he said, was “unbalanced dictators with weapons of mass destruction.” Later in the speech, Bush praised President Ronald Reagan for standing up to “the brutality of tyrants.”

What Bush said and what Saddam heard were two very different things.

Saddam did not see himself as unbalanced, and he knew that he did not have weapons of mass destruction. And U.S.-Iraq relations had been excellent under President Reagan, Saddam recalled. The United States had tilted toward his side during the Iran-Iraq war. Things started to deteriorate only under the Bushes, in his view.

Our analysis showed that Saddam believed Bush could not have

been talking about him. Instead, Saddam concluded he must have been threatening North Korea, not Iraq. Kim Jong Il, father of Kim Jong Un, possessed the nuclear weapons that the Iraqi president desired but did not have.

Bush was dumbfounded by the lack of Saddam’s response to his threats. Later he asked, “How much clearer could I have been?”

Duelfer and I had the academic luxury of malleable deadlines in studying Saddam. Langer spent many months on his Hitler study. Scholarship on Kim Jong Un may be too slow for the current crisis.

Major American decision-makers may instead need to rely on their intuition.

EMPATHIZE WITH YOUR ENEMY

Former Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara spoke about intuition in a 2003 documentary about his role in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. McNamara revealed crucial new details about the 1962 Cuban missile crisis. Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev had smuggled nuclear missiles into Cuba, threatening 90 million Americans. President John F. Kennedy’s first reaction was that he must destroy them with a massive air strike. This would have courted war with the USSR.

Seeking the widest possible range of advice, Kennedy asked Llewellyn “Tommy” Thompson, former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, to supplement his foreign policy team during the crisis. Thompson had come to know Khrushchev well and

had stayed at his house in Moscow.

“Mr. President, you’re wrong,” McNamara recalls Thompson saying of the air strike plans. “I think Khrushchev’s gotten himself in one hell of a fix.” The former ambassador knew that Khrushchev could be impulsive and later regretful. He imagined a terrified Khrushchev, in awe of the events he had set in motion. Thompson suggested that Kennedy help the Soviet leader find his way out of the crisis.

Kennedy decided on a naval blockade rather than an air strike, and Khrushchev backed down.

The lesson McNamara drew? Empathize with your enemy, and intuit how the world looks to them. “We must try to put ourselves in their skin, and look at ourselves through their eyes,” he said.

Turning to today’s crisis, Trump will have to reckon with several uncomfortable facts. The Kim dynasty has invested decades of effort in their pursuit of nuclear weapons; it is unlikely that they will negotiate them away. Further, Trump must recognize that by meeting with Kim, he is giving the North Koreans something they have long sought: to be dealt with as diplomatic equals.

With the president’s dearest hope off the table, and with the meeting itself already representing a win for the North Koreans, what is it that Trump can realistically expect to gain from talks? He and his staff will have to think about how they might cajole and persuade Kim to agree to things the U.S. values, such as a permanent freeze on further missile and nuclear tests.

History tells us that to influence Kim, we must empathize (note: not sympathize) with him. If the meeting is to be a success, Trump and his advisers must first understand how we look to the North Korean leader, peering at us from his very particular vantage point.

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Celebrating Marion Walter– and other unsung female mathematicians

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When I was teaching mathematics in the 90s, before the internet, I had a book of “women mathematicians.” This was helpful for sharing inspirational stories with my middle school students, but there were just six women in this short book.

These days, we have the internet – and more stories about women in mathematics. For example, the 2016 blockbuster movie “Hidden Figures,” based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterley, introduced the world to African-American women mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Vaughan and Christine Darden. The world recently lost Maryam Mirzakhani, the first woman to win a Fields Medal (sort of like the Nobel Prize, but in mathematics).

But we still need more stories about women in mathematics. While many mathematicians know of my colleague Marion Walter, she isn’t known well outside her field. And she should be, for her own story and the lessons she brings to our understanding of mathematics.

MEETING MARION WALTER

Marion Walter will turn 90 years old this July, but when you ask her about growing up, she’ll tell you she hasn’t yet.

She was born in 1928 to a Jewish family in Berlin. She and her sister, Ellen, attended a Jewish boarding school 390 miles away, in Herrlingen, Germany.

In 1939, Marion and Ellen left Nazi Germany on a Kindertransport, the rescue operation that evacuated thousands of Jewish children to England before the outbreak of World War II. When the war began, her school – like many others on the south coast – was evacuated to the English countryside.

At Christmastime in 1944, the headmistress of Marion’s secondary school called her to ask if she knew yet what her plans were now that she had graduated. It was the middle of the winter, in the middle of the war, and the math teacher had just

quit unexpectedly. So the headmistress offered Marion the position, for the salary of 10 shillings per week. This was enough for Marion to purchase fish and chips in the neighboring village, if she biked there.

Though Marion still had to sleep in the dormitory with her students, she was pleased to have access to the teachers’ lounge. At age 16, Marion taught math to students aged 5 to 16, and says that her graduating students all passed their school certificate examination.

LEARNING AND HELPING OTHERS LEARN

Marion taught for two terms before moving on to her next adventure: academic studies in mathematics and education.

She arrived in London in the fall of 1945, where she began her formal study of mathematics at the Regent Street Polytechnic. After she attained her intermediate Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, she moved with her family to New York City. While there, she earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and education from Hunter College,

then a master’s degree in mathematics from New York University.

She studied at night because she did computing work during the day. Marion worked on computations for research professors at New York University, using a Marchant calculator. This mechanical computing machine required the user to physically move a cylinder over when adding numbers with multiple digits.

Marion went on to earn her doctorate in mathematics education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and was hired to teach at Simmons College. While in Massachusetts, she founded the Boston Area Mathematics Specialists, a group focused on improving the teaching and learning of mathematics for school children. In 1977, she moved to the University of Oregon. I met her there in 2016.

Marion’s major mathematical line of study has

been problem posing – the art of asking and refining mathematical questions.

Her most significant book is likely “The Art of Problem Solving,” co-authored with mathematics educator Stephen Brown. She has also written several articles and children’s books about mathematics.

Marion is also one of few people to have a theorem named after her, based on the following question: If the sides of a triangle are trisected, what is the resulting area of the hexagon that’s created?

Like Marion, we can benefit from cultivating a sense of wonder. Wonder at how people make sense of mathematics, and wonder at how mathematics can describe the world. Wonder keeps us learning and growing.

REPRESENTING MATH

I asked Marion, who retired in 1993, if she had any advice to share. She was adamant on two counts. First, adults should never tell children, “I was not good at math.” And second, they should not tell children that they are wrong.

Research supports both claims. Telling students we’re not good at mathematics sends the message that they might not be either. And when children think they are not good at math, it hurts their ability to engage with it. On the second count, when someone has a “wrong” answer in mathematics, it’s often because they are thinking about a different problem, or the same problem in a different way.

That said, sometimes there are mathematically incorrect answers. So what do we say? Marion suggests asking, “How are you thinking about the problem?” When children are partners in problem-solving, they are invited into an apprenticeship as mathematicians.

The next time you have a reason to think about mathematicians, I hope you will remember Marion Walter. Women and girls have been told, in many ways, that there is no room in math and science for them. Representations matter. The more powerful women we see in mathematics, the more evidence we have that mathematics is for all people. Children who are learning about the world, and their potential place in it, benefit from visions of who they might become – perhaps a woman in mathematics.

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Darj is the heart of WB, says Mamata at 1st Darj Business Meet

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GANGTOK, 13 MAR:
Inaugurating the first Darjeeling Business Summit at Chowrasta in Darjeeling today, West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee, urged the people of Darjeeling hills to maintain peace in order to let industries and development into the district.

"Darjeeling is the heart of West Bengal. I will never let anyone divide Darjeeling for political benefits," expressed Ms Banerjee.

Addressing the event organized by State Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise [MSME] Department and the Department of Tourism and Gorkhaland Territorial Administration in association with Confederation of Indian Industry [CII], Ms Banerjee said, "Darjeeling has a huge potential for development of trade and business. We can tap this potential to create employment opportunities for the youth of Darjeeling. Apart from promoting tourism, tea industry, horticulture and floriculture, there is a lot of scope for development of cinchona cultivation in the hills. We want to hear what the industrialists have to say. We need to understand what they have to say. Bengal means business and we are number one at e-governance and other fields of commerce and industries."

Expressing hope that the CII would extend cooperation in setting up some high-end hotels in



the hills, Ms Banerjee asked the CII to prepare a Plan of Action on how development and industrialisation could progress together. She also requested the CII to prepare a Detailed Project Report on cultivation of cinchona, orchid and medicinal plants, which have huge market.

"The Darjeeling administration has faced huge loss during the 6-month long shutdown in Darjeeling last year. The layman suffered the most. This should not be repeated if people want to change their future. Let us make a new beginning with peace. Our government is ready to help you and I can assure that industrialists will offer full cooperation and support," Ms

Banerjee added.

Apart from focusing on eco-tourism and adventure tourism, the GTA is identifying heritage sites which can be converted into effective tourism products, she informed.

Tea tourism could also provide a lot of employment opportunities in the hills, she said adding that places like Sandakphu, Mirik, Kurseong, Kalimpong, Lava, Lolegaon and Tiger Hills could be made more attractive.

The CM also said that Kurseong will be developed as an Education Hub while two IT hubs will be coming up in Kurseong and Mirik.

Chairperson, GTA, Binay Tamang, on behalf of the GTA, BOA and the people of the Hills extended gratitude to the CM for inaugurating the first of its kind business meet in Darjeeling.

"In this we see the sincerity of our CM. This unique business meet will be a great boost to the Hill economy. It will help us move forward. There is a great potential for Information Technology too. We have a large population of educated but unemployed youth here. In order to change this, focus on traditional strengths of the hills such as horticulture, tourism and the rapidly expanding "Homestay" sector is needed. I along with the people of Darjeeling would like to give our commitment that Darjeeling and Kalimpong will be a strike free zone and there won't be any political disturbances anymore as we have already suffered a lot," said Mr Tamang.

Urging for the state government's support and co-operation, Mr Tamang concluded, "We need to be self-reliant and must learn to stand on our own feet and move ahead. I thank all the prospective investors who have come all the way here to attend the meet. We will provide every support, help and co-operation required for their ventures. Bengal means business and GTA means growth."

On 14 Mar, the meeting will be taking up ideas and statements from potential investors and stakeholders under the chairmanship of the CM.

Death toll in Nepal crash rises to 51, Bangladeshi experts join probe

KATHMANDU, MAR 13 (PTI):
The toll in Nepal's worst aviation disaster rose to 51 today with the death of two more passengers, as Bangladeshi experts joined the probe amid reports of an apparent confusion between the pilot and air traffic control over the runway.

The Dhaka to Kathmandu US-Bangla Airlines flight, with 67 passengers and four crew members on board, caught fire after it careened off the runway and ploughed into a football ground near the Tribhuvan International Airport yesterday.

The Nepal Home Ministry confirmed the death of 51 people in the crash the deadliest aviation accident in 25 years in Nepal, according to Himalayan Times.

Earlier today, hospital authorities confirmed the death of pilot Captain Ahid Sultan. His co-pilot First Officer Prithula Rashid was died



yesterday, the report said.

Meanwhile, a Bangladeshi delegation today joined a six-member Nepali committee to probe the crash-landing. The Bangla delegation includes Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism A K M Shahjahan Kamal, Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali and senior aviation officials, the report said.

The Bangladeshi airline and airport authorities in Kathmandu have blamed each other for the tragedy, after it emerged that there was confusion over landing instructions.

The last four minutes of the conversation between the pilot and Air Traffic Control at the airport indicates a possible confusion in the mind of the pilot about Runway 02 (the southern end) and Runway 20 (the northern end), a Nepalese newspaper reported.

The Nepali pilots of other aircraft are heard warning

the ATC that the US-Bangla pilot seems disoriented, according to the Nepali Times.

At the very outset of the tape, the control tower was heard warning the pilot, "I say again, do not proceed towards Runway 20." And later, he is warned to remain on hold and not to land because there is another aircraft on approach.

After the plane apparently takes a right orbit, the ATC asks the pilot whether he wants to land on Runway 02 or 20.

The latter responds and says "We would like to land on 20"; he is cleared to land on that end of the runway, the report said.

The pilot was then asked if he has the runway in sight, to which he replies, 'Negative', it said. He was asked to turn right, but immediately after that, the Flight 211 pilot says "Affirmative", that the runway is in sight.

The pilot then says, "Cleared to land Runway 02", even though he had sought permission for 20. However, ATC too now clears him to land on Runway 02.

Meanwhile, speaking to the Army 53 aircraft which is on hold about 10 kilometres away, the ATC says the Bangladesh aircraft is "on final for 20".

The last recorded words of the pilot are: "[Unintelligible] said sir, are we cleared to land?" After some silence, the clearly alarmed ATC controller shouts, "I say again, turn !".

There is silence for a while, then a 'Fire One' calls the tower, indicating that a crash has occurred and the airport fire tender has been activated.

There were 33 Nepalese nationals on board flight UBG 211, a Bombardier Dash 8 Q400. Others include 32 Bangladeshis, one Chinese and one Maldivian.

Bombardier is a twin-engine, medium-range and turboprop aircraft.

Canadian plane maker Bombardier said it was sending an air safety investigator to the site, as well as a field service representative.

The Dhaka-based US-Bangla Airlines is a private carrier that launched in July 2014 with the motto "Fly Fast Fly Safe". The airlines is a unit of the US-Bangla Group, a US Bangladeshi joint venture company.

Nepal has witnessed a number of accidents involving aircraft in recent years.

Yesterday's accident is deadliest since September 1992 when all 167 people aboard a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane were killed when it crashed near the Kathmandu airport.

In February, 2016, Tara Air's Twin Otter 400 crashed in Rupsa of Myagdi, killing 23 people.



Doctors, bikers start 2,200-km long ride for cancer awareness

GUWAHATI, MAR 13 (PTI):
A group of doctors and bikers have joined hands to travel through 2,200 kilometres across the North East to create awareness about cancer by enacting street plays and organising talks along their entire journey.

Twenty-five doctors and staff of Cachar Cancer Hospital & Research Centre and members of biking group 'Silchar Thumpers' have kick started their ride yesterday from Silchar in Assam.

Members taking part in the rally - a collaboration of Tata Trusts, Cachar Cancer Hospital and others - will criss-cross seven NE states and will touch Shillong, Guwahati, Tezpur, Itanagar, Dibrugarh, Kohima,

Imphal, Aizawl and Agartala before ending the ride again at Silchar on March 22.

"Our purpose is to both support delivery of high quality and affordable cancer care close to patients' homes and also to generate mass awareness about its prevention and early detection," Tata Trusts Medical Director (Cancer Care Programme) Arnie Purushotham told PTI.

There is a high incidence of tobacco-related cancers in the North East such as oral and lung cancer, many of which are curable through preventative measures, screening and early detection, he added.

In every state capitals and town that the rally

would pass, the riders' arrival will be accompanied by a series of events, including street plays, sensitisation and educational talks as well as stories of cancer patients, he added.

In addition, workshops on cancer research and careers in oncology will be conducted for medical students and nurses in Guwahati by Tata Memorial Hospital (Mumbai), Adyar Cancer Institute (Chennai) and Regional Cancer Centre (Trivandrum).

During the rally, the doctors will interact with people at locations along the route to spread awareness about cancer, its preventive measures, detection aspects and treatment modalities.

According to data available with Tata Trusts, the Northeastern region with a population of approximately five crore sees about 45,000 new cancer cases every year.

Across India, Aizawl district in Mizoram reported the highest rate of cancer cases among men, while Papumpare district in Arunachal Pradesh recorded the highest incidence among women.

Tata Trusts is also working with Emmanuel Health Association, Ajmal Foundation, Deepshika Foundation, National Service Scheme and Rotary Foundation among others for cancer care awareness and screening in the outreach programme.

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Book signed by Tagore auctioned for USD 700



BOSTON, MAR 13 (PTI): A signed hardcover copy of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's 'The King of the Dark Chamber' - the English translation of his famous Bengali play 'Raja' - has been sold for USD 700 at an auction in the US.

Signed on a prefatory page in fountain pen by Tagore, the Bolpur edition of the book was published by The Macmillan Company in 1916.

The play revolves around a mysterious, unseen, omniscient king, who is both benevolent and efficient.

His reluctance towards being seen causes most of the drama in the story, rattling his beautiful wife and the kings of nearby kingdoms.

The book was consigned by an American book dealer, according to US-based RR Auction.

It was initially expected to fetch USD 500 at the online auction.

Tagore became the first Indian to win a Nobel Prize (Literature) in 1913.

He wrote successfully in all literary genres, but was first and foremost a poet, publishing more than 50 volumes of poetry.

Tagore was knighted by the British in 1915, but gave up his knighthood after the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in 1919.

B'desh court sentences 39 ruling party activists to death

DHAKA, MAR 13 (PTI): A court in southeastern Bangladesh today sentenced to death 39 activists of the ruling Awami League for brutally killing a fellow local level party leader four years ago.

Ekratul Haque, the upazila Awami League president, was hacked, shot and burnt alive by miscreants inside his car in broad daylight in Feni town's Academy area on May 20, 2014.

"The court handed down the death penalty to 39 people in this single case," a prosecutor told PTI over telephone from Feni.

"All the convicts were local leaders and activists of Awami League," he added.

He said the district judge's court, however, acquitted 16 people, one being a local leader of the main opposition BNP, though initially he appeared to be the prime accused in the case.

Haque's brother Rezaul Haque Jasim had filed the murder case accusing BNP leader Minar and 30-35 unidentified people.

A total of 44 arrests were made over the years and 15 of them confessed in court.



State pugilists bag 14 medals at East Zone Boxing Championship

SAGAR CHETTRI GANGTOK, 13 MAR:

Sikkim pugilists have returned with 14 medals from the 1st edition of Boxing Federation of India Elite [Men's & Women's] East Zone Boxing Championship 2018 held from 09-11 Mar at Dergaon in Assam. The team

bagged one gold, five silver and eight bronze medals for the State in the championship.

The only gold for the State was won by Sukraj Rai while Roshni Subba, Neera Kumari Sharma, Pawan Singh Darnal, Jas Bahadur Mangar and Yougel Subba bagged silver medals.

Puja Ranpal, Sabitri Limboo, Sunita Rai, Raj Kumar, Sukraj Rai, Prem Kumar Rai, Subash Tamang and Saurav Gurung won a bronze medal each in the championship with Roshni Subba being adjudged as the Best Challenger of the championship.

The 14-member team was ac-

companied by Sports & Youth Affairs Department coaches, Vabiya Gurung [women's team] and Mukesh Rai [men's coach] and Sunita Chettri as team manager.

Women's coach, Ms Gurung, expressed her happiness on the performance of the State's pugilists during the championship.

SBI reduces charges on non-maintenance of minimum balance

MUMBAI, MAR 13 (PTI): The State Bank of India today reduced its charges on non-maintenance of an average monthly balance (AMB) in savings account by up to 75 per cent, effective April 1.

The charges for non-maintenance of AMB for customers in metro and urban centres have been reduced from a maximum of Rs 50 per month plus goods and services tax (GST), to Rs 15 per month plus GST. The above revision will benefit 25 crore bank customers.

For semi-urban and rural centres, the charges have been reduced from Rs 40 per month plus GST to Rs 12 and Rs 10 per month plus GST, respectively, the bank said in a release.

"We have reduced these charges taking into account the feedback and sentiments of our customers," SBI's managing director (retail and digital banking) P K Gupta said.

"The bank has always

focused on keeping the interests of its customers first and this is one of our many efforts towards fulfilling customers' expectations," he said.

The SBI also offers its customers to shift from a regular savings bank account to basic savings bank deposit account (BSBD) on which no charges are levied.

A customer always has the option of converting the regular savings bank account to BSBD account free of charge, in case he desires to avail basic savings bank facilities without being subject to maintenance of AMB, Gupta said.

The lender has 41 crore savings bank accounts, out of which 16 crore accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna/ BSBD, and of pensioners/ minors/ social security benefit holders are already exempted from charges on non-maintenance of minimum balance.

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IndiGo, GoAir cancel 65 flights after grounding of faulty planes

MUMBAI, MAR 13 (PTI): Budget carriers IndiGo and GoAir cancelled as many as 65 flights on Tuesday after the country's aviation regulator DGCA grounded 11 of their A320Neo planes with faulty Pratt & Whitney engines, causing severe inconvenience to hundreds of flyers.

The Gurugram-based IndiGo cancelled 47 of its 1,000-odd flights per day, the Wadia Group-promoted GoAir said it had cancelled 18 flights.

GoAir has cancelled 18 flights originating from over eight cities, the airline said in a statement to PTI. GoAir operates 230 flights per day.

IndiGo announced on its website the cancellations of some 47 flights across its domestic network for Tuesday.

The flights that have been cancelled are from Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Patna, Srinagar,

Bhubaneswar, Amritsar, Srinagar and Guwahati, among others.

Later in a statement to the media, IndiGo said the affected passengers have been given the option to either choose another flight at no additional cost or cancel their booking and get a full refund without any cancellation charges.

"IndiGo has cancelled certain flights due to the grounding of our aircraft further to the DGCA directions which has been issued in the interest of safety," the airline said.

"While we understand that this may cause inconvenience to some of our passengers, given that we have multiple flights to the same destination, we are proactively re-accommodating all our affected passengers on other flights," it added.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) cracked the whip after an IndiGo flight

bound for Lucknow returned to Ahmedabad within 40 minutes of its getting airborne due to a mid-air engine failure on Monday.

Citing safety of aircraft operations, the Director of the DGCA, in the March 12 order, said that A320Neos fitted with PW1100 engines beyond ESN 450 have been grounded with immediate effect.

Three other IndiGo A320Neo planes have been on the ground since February following similar engine problems.

On Monday, hundreds of passengers were stranded across the country as dozens of flights were cancelled by IndiGo and GoAir due to the grounding of the 11 A320 Neo planes of the two carriers.

IndiGo carries about 40 per cent of domestic flyers, while GoAir has a market share of around 10 per cent.

Serena Williams ousted from Indian Wells by sister Venus



INDIAN WELLS, MAR 13 (AFP): Serena Williams' return to tournament tennis came to an abrupt end here Monday as she crashed out of Indian Wells with a 6-3 6-4 loss to her sister Venus.

Venus closed out the 29th career meeting between the two on her second match point as Serena sailed a forehand long to end the third round match.

The 10th seeded Venus moves on to the round of 16, where she will face either Anastasiya Sevastova or 12th seeded Julia Georges.

It was the first meeting between the two sisters since they clashed in the final of the 2017 Australian Open which Serena won before taking a 15-month hiatus due to her pregnancy.

It is rare for the Williams sisters to play this early in a tournament. It is the earliest they have faced each other since their first encounter at the Australian Open in

1998. The sisters arrived outside the stadium together on a golf cart then walked through the tunnel with Serena entering the court first with many in the crowd standing and cheering.

Venus blasted six aces but had eight double faults in the one hour 26 minutes main stadium match. Serena is still shaking off the rust after the long layoff as she hit four aces but had her serve broken four times.

This was their first encounter with Venus as an aunt and Serena as a new mother after giving birth to her baby daughter, Alexis Olympia, on September 1. Venus's victory also comes 17 years after an ugly booing incident led to a 14-year boycott of the tournament by the sisters.

But for some it brought closure to the once testy relationship between Indian Wells and the sisters who hail from the Los Angeles suburb of Compton.

NIA to issue fresh summons to former Nagaland CM Zeliang

NEW DELHI, MAR 13 (PTI): The National Investigation Agency (NIA) will issue fresh summons to former Nagaland chief minister T R Zeliang after he did not appear before it for questioning in connection with an alleged terror financing case being probed by it, official sources today said.

The federal anti-terror agency had asked Zeliang to be present for the questioning at its headquarters here today.

Zeliang has expressed inability to appear before the NIA, they said, adding that the agency will issue fresh summons to him.

The NIA is investigating massive scam in which funds meant for the Nagaland government allegedly went to militant group NSCN(Khaplang) and

other regional terrorist organisations, according to the agency officials.

The agency is looking into the alleged terror financing since 2016, they said.

Zeliang was Nagaland chief minister during May 24, 2014 and February 19, 2017, and between July 19, 2017 and March 7, 2018.

Neiphiu Rio has become a new chief minister of the state and took over the office on Thursday.

Zeliang, leader of the Nagaland People's Front (NPF), is at present the Leader of Opposition.

A statement issued by his office has termed the timing of the summons as "conspicuously odd" and alleged political motivation and vendetta behind the move.

Guardiola plays down hopes of clinching title in derby



MANCHESTER, MAR 13 (AFP): Pep Guardiola tried to play down growing excitement among Manchester City supporters over the possibility of winning the Premier League title when they face bitter rivals United in the derby early next month.

Jose Mourinho's side visit the Etihad Stadium on April 7 for a game which could see City make mathematically certain of being crowned champions following their 2-0 victory at Stoke yesterday.

First, City must win their visit to mid-table Everton but, should they do so, Guardiola will win his first league title in English football with victory over his old rival Mourinho at the Etihad.

"Everybody is always asking this question," said Guardiola. "But the important thing is on March

12, we have 81 points, that is a lot of points.

"We want to be champions. We need three wins, but we are able to do it with two (if City beat United).

"But before and after United, we have the (Champions League) quarter-finals, and at the moment that is the most important thing to focus on.

"I understand for the fans, okay, but the important thing is to be champions. When and where, it doesn't matter."

The in-form English team are also in with a strong chance of winning Europe's premier prize for the first time in their history.

The draw for the Champions League last eight takes place on Friday and Guardiola will watch it live, along with his first-team squad, at their warm weather

training camp in Abu Dhabi, where City flew immediately following the Stoke win.

City's shock exit from the FA Cup, at the hands of third-tier Wigan, leaves them without a game until the clash with Everton on the final day of the month.

"We are going to be together and make three training sessions in five days," said the City manager.

"We are going to have lunch together, dinner, some people are playing golf. But the weather conditions are better than here - the forecast in Manchester is rain, rain, rain!"

"So we are going to go there and do the training we should be doing here. Last season we were there and it was good and that's why we're going to the airport now."



Clinton criticised for her remarks against Trump supporters

WASHINGTON, MAR 13 [PTI]: Hillary Clinton has been criticised for her remarks during the former US Secretary of State’s India visit in which she targeted people who supported President Donald Trump in the 2016 elections.

Clinton, at a conclave in Mumbai, suggested that those who supported Trump did so because they did not like black people getting rights, women getting jobs or Indian-American succeeding more than them.

“You know, you didn’t like black people getting rights. You don’t like women, you know, getting jobs. You don’t want to see that Indian-American succeeding more than you are. Whatever your problem is, I’m going to solve it,” Clinton said during the India Today Conclave 2018, Mumbai.

Puneet Ahluwalia, a member of 2016 Trump Asian Pacific Advisory Committee said that Clinton remarks were “a desperate attempt to overshadow her divisiveness and shortcomings by accusing President Trump’s first year in office successes.”

Donald J Trump Jr, who was recently in India on a business tour, also supported the Indian-Americans.

“Just when you think she can’t get worse... she does. She always does, Trump Jr said.

He also re-tweeted a short video clip of Clinton from the India Today Conclave.

“If you look at the map of the United States, there’s all that red in the middle where Trump won. I win the coasts, I win Illinois, I win Minnesota, places like that,” Clinton said.

“What the map doesn’t show you is that I won the places that represent two-thirds of America’s gross domestic product,” Clinton explained.

“So I won the places that are optimistic, diverse, dynamic, moving forward. And his whole campaign, ‘Make America Great Again,’ was looking backwards,” alleged the 2016 Democratic presidential candidate.

“The ‘most qualified candidate ever’ folks. What a joke,” Trump Junior said in another tweet along with a youtube video of her speech.

“The whole interview at the India Today Conclave is outrageous. She is trashing America’s heartland. There are a lot of hardworking Americans, including Indian, Asian and Africans in those states and just because they did not vote for her, doesn’t mean they were moving backwards,” Ahluwalia said.

Explosion strikes Palestinian PM’s convoy in Gaza

JABALIYA [GAZA STRIP], MAR 13 [AP]: An explosion struck the convoy of the Palestinian prime minister today as he was making a rare visit to Gaza, in what his Fatah party called an assassination attempt it blamed on Gaza militants.

The explosion went off shortly after the convoy entered Gaza through the Erez crossing with Israel.

Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah was unharmed and went on to inaugurate a long-awaited sewage plant project in the northern part of the strip. But Fatah quickly held Gaza’s Islamic Hamas rulers responsible for the “cowardly attack” on the convoy, further escalating tensions between the bitter rival factions.

Three of the vehicles in Hamdallah’s convoy were damaged, their win-



dows blown out. One had signs of blood on the door.

Hamdallah, who is based in the West Bank, arrived in Hamas-run Gaza to inaugurate the sewage plant and said there that the attack will “not deter from seeking to end the bitter split. We will still come to Gaza.”

The rival factions have been trying to recon-

sis in Gaza.

Today, the White House is hosting a special meeting to discuss Gaza’s devastated economy.

The plant in question was envisioned in 2007 after overburdened sewage reservoirs collapsed, killing five villagers.

The World Bank, European Union and other European governments have paid nearly USD 75 million in funding.

Hamas’ takeover of Gaza from the Palestinian Authority in 2007 and the ensuing Israeli-Egyptian blockade, power shortages and conflicts delayed the opening of the project for four years.

Besides the old reservoirs, the plant will receive wastewater from four towns and villages. After treatment, the water will be transferred for irrigation and the remainder will be safely dumped to the sea.



Bhandari relected as Nepal president

KATHMANDU, MAR 13 (PTI): Nepal’s first woman president Bidya Devi Bhandari was today reelected for a second term in office.

Incumbent President Bhandari defeated Nepali Congress leader Kumari Laxmi Rai with an overwhelming majority in the presidential election.

Bhandari, 56, won since her nomination was backed by the ruling Left alliance of the CPN-UML and CPN (Maoist Centre), the Sanghiya Samajbadi Forum-Nepal and other fringe parties.

She became Nepal’s first woman president in 2015.

With 148 lawmakers in the Federal Parliament and 243 in Provincial Assemblies, the CPN-UML commands a total vote of 23,356.

CPN (Maoist Centre) has 65 lawmakers in parliament and 108 in provincial assemblies, which account for 10,319 votes.

The Nepali Congress, which has 76 seats in parliament and 113 in provincial assemblies, has a total vote of 11,428.

Sanghiya Samajbadi Forum-Nepal and other fringe parties had also announced support for Bhandari.

Trump sacks Tillerson; appoints CIA chief as new Secretary of State

WASHINGTON, MAR 13 (PTI): US President Donald Trump today fired his Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who is currently on a visit to Africa, and replaced him with CIA Director Mike Pompeo.

“Mike Pompeo, Director of the CIA, will become our new Secretary of State. He will do a fantastic job!” Trump tweeted, in a surprise announcement.

The position, however, needs to be confirmed by the US Senate.

“I am confident he is the right person for the job at this critical juncture. He will continue our program of restoring America’s standing in the world, strengthening our alliances, confronting our adversaries, and seeking the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” Trump said.

“His experience in the military, Congress, and as leader of the CIA have prepared him well for his new role and I urge his swift confirmation,” the US president added.

Trump also thanked Tillerson for his service.

“A great deal has been accomplished over the last fourteen months, and I wish him and his family well,” he said.

Tillerson, 65, the former chairman and CEO of Exxon Mobil was appointed last year on February 1. He had never previously held political office.



Thirty-eight people have died after the bus they were travelling in plunged off a cliff in northern Ethiopia, state media said today. “A total of 38 people, [28 male, and 10 female] were killed in the accident,” state-affiliated Fana Broadcast Corporate said of the crash in the Legambo district of the regional state of Amhara, citing local authorities.

Nepal plane crash: B’desh team arrives in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, MAR 13 [PTI]: A high-level delegation from Bangladesh today arrived here to discuss with Nepalese officials the issues related to a crash involving a US-Bangla Airlines aircraft that killed 49 people.

The Bangla delegation includes Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism A K M Shahjahan Kamal, Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali and senior aviation officials, My Republica reported.

The team will meet the survivors of the crash and also discuss the possible reasons for the accident with Nepali authorities, amid reports



of confusion between the air traffic control and the pilot of the ill-fated plane.

The Dhaka to Kathmandu US-Bangla Airlines flight, with 67 passengers and four crew members on board, caught fire after it careened off the runway and ploughed into a football ground near the Tribhuvan International Airport yesterday, killing 49 people.

Meanwhile, six officers stationed at the Air Traffic Control Tower

who witnessed the air crash have been shifted to another department to “minimise shock of the accident,” the paper said.

“This is a standard procedure to release stress after a fateful incident. They witnessed a huge disaster and they are shocked. Hence, we have transferred them to other departments to reduce their stress post-crash,” said Rajan Pokharel, deputy director general at the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal.

Pokharel also clarified that the transfer was not due to the leaks of audio conversations between ATC and the pilot before the accident.

The airline and airport authorities have blamed each other for the tragedy, the worst in the country in 25 years, after it emerged that there was confusion over landing instructions.

There were 33 Nepalese nationals on board flight UBG 211, a Bombardier Dash 8 Q400. Others include 32 Bangladeshis, one Chinese and one Malaysian.

A six-member committee led by former director general at the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal Yagya Prasad Gautam has been formed by Nepal to probe the accident.

The panel has been assigned to initiate an investigation as early as possible.

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RED CARPET KICKOFF! Heidi Klum attends the red carpet launch of "America's Got Talent" season 13 at Pasadena Civic Auditorium in CA as the search begins to see who'll follow in the footsteps of 2017 winner Darci Lynne Farmer.

Mel B dishes on Spice Girls Reunion & that Royal Wedding performance!



Mel B, 42, shared some exciting news about what's to come regarding her solo career and her career as one of the Spice Girls in an EXCLUSIVE interview with HollywoodLife.com at the America's Got Talent kickoff event in L.A. on 12 Mar.

The talented singer was happy to answer the many questions people have been hoping to get answers to and we loved every minute of it! When talking about her popular girl group, Mel gave us hope about that highly anticipated reunion.

"It is already confirmed, we are all signed to Simon Fuller," she revealed. "All five of us..." How amazing is that?! Will we see them at the finale of America's Got Talent? She stayed tight lipped but gave us hope with her answer. "I can't say anything... But you definitely will see us, all five back together this year... And not just in Geri's front room..." she stated. With this news, it's definitely time for a

celebration!

In addition to the reunion news, Mel told us about what she's looking forward to most when she gets back with Victoria Beckham, Emma Bunton, Geri Halliwell, and Melanie Chisholm.

"Well we are friends at the end of the day, we have tea and hangout and we talk about stuff, we are all parents now and for us five to be able to say that we can sell out arenas and concerts, that is a good feeling," she said with gratitude. "My nineteen year old calls me vintage and I don't know if that is cool or not but I will take it as cool..." So funny!

The America's Got Talent judge also answered about that Royal Wedding performance everyone has been talking about.

"I can't really say anything about that because I will get into trouble... Gosh!," she carefully said. "But we are definitely going to do stuff this year, that is for

sure..." Hmm... That definitely sounds like a firm maybe [leaning more toward a yes] to us! Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are set to get married at St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on 19 May, 2018 and we very well may see our five favorite British gals at the festivities!

The chat didn't end there, either. Mel also dished on how happy she is to be back on America's Got Talent along with her fellow judges, Heidi Klum, Howie Mandel, Simon Cowell, and Tyra Banks.

"I mean they are like family and I love Heidi and I adore... Do I adore Howie?" she jokingly said. "He is a bit annoying but I do adore him because I sit next to him and he is such a great guy. And Simon, this is his idea and his creation so it is nice to be a part of something time and time again where you watch people's dreams come true, so I feel very honored... I do!" Aw! We're so glad she's back on the competition show too!



The inspiration behind Rani Mukerji's film Hichki...

Motivational speaker, Brad Cohen, whose story has inspired Rani Mukerji's upcoming film, Hichki, says though he was outcast as a child, he never gave up and faced it all with courage. Sharing his story with the media from Atlanta, Brad said: "I was 10 years old when the medical condition started and I knew that I am different. But my mother never made me feel like one because she said if you have a positive attitude you can win the battle. Growing up with Tourette syndrome was not easy. I was always pushed into a corner."

He went on to add that his teachers gave up on him. He recalled, "Nobody trusted my potential. But I knew that I will be a teacher when I grow up. I wanted to tell everyone whether you are dealing with Tourette syndrome or any other challenges in life there is a way to face them and not to give up."

Asked about what made him write the book, Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had, he said: "In my childhood, nobody understood me in school. My teachers had no confidence in me and that used to affect my confidence. Now that I learnt to overcome my challenges in life, I want to stand by my every student and other people who are facing any kind of disorder that is creating an obstacle in their lives."

ARIES: You should be feeling especially strong, healthy, and charismatic. You're likely to receive some invitations to exciting parties. You might be surprised at what seems a sudden increase in your popularity. Expanded career opportunities could also come your way from new acquaintances, and you could find doors opening to a whole new life - new friends, new position, and possibly a new home. **TAURUS:** Optimism and enthusiasm for the months ahead have you feeling confident and strong. The sky's the limit! A male visitor could have some surprising news for you. This is a great day to make investments or purchase property. If you've been expecting money through legal

papers or contracts, it could come in the mail today. The night could bring vivid and interesting dreams. In all, it's a thoroughly satisfying day. **GEMINI:** Some interesting information could come to you from another state or country. Gemini. This could induce some pretty deep thinking, leading to decisions that could alter the course of your life in some way. You might be considering returning to school to advance your education. Your mood today should be optimistic and positive. You could be full of utopian schemes for the future. Wait a few days and then start to make definite plans. **CANCER:** You should wake up feeling strong and confident. Cancer. Expect to receive some

good news today, which will only heighten your mood. In the afternoon you could attend a party or neighborhood get-together. You'll have a good time talking to friends and meeting new people. In the evening, relax! **LEO:** Your outgoing and jovial nature is intensified today, Leo, and so you're probably going to be sought after for any parties or celebrations. Your generosity is also at an all-time high, and will take many forms, which will be appreciated by that special someone in your life. Think about taking your partner with you as you make the social rounds tonight and making him or her the star of the evening. **VIRGO:** Inspiration is the keyword for today, Virgo. An opti-

mistic and enthusiastic attitude could lead to powerful imaginings, which may take solid form as plans for future projects. These could be artistic, business related, or centered around your home in some way. Whatever they are, this is a good day to put those plans into motion. All signs indicate success on any project begun or completed today. **LIBRA:** A group you're associated with could bring information to your attention that puts you in a very positive frame of mind and almost has you skipping all the way home. You should enjoy socializing today, Libra, as you're even more gregarious than usual. Both old and new friends could seek out your company. A victory of some kind has come

your way, contributing to your great mood. Enjoy your day! **SCORPIO:** Your faithful and diligent work, Scorpio, in addition to a lot of sacrifices for the sake of your career, will soon bear fruit. The anticipation of a great evaluation, with possible advancement, is likely to have you walking on air all day, full of dreams and plans for the future. Enjoy this well-deserved peace of mind. Spend some time today enjoying your family. Perhaps you could plan a pre-celebration. **SAGITTARIUS:** Congratulations, Sagittarius! You've finally reached a goal you've been working toward for a long time. Success and advancement are on their way, and you should be feeling extremely enthusi-

astic and optimistic about your future. Some vast changes may take place in your life, but they all promise to be positive. Expect to travel and learn a lot. Make the most of these energies. **CAPRICORN:** Vivid, wonderful dreams may have haunted your sleep last night, Capricorn, leaving you disappointed that they weren't real. They have a message for you, so write them down, set them aside, and analyze them later. Your psychic abilities and imagination are very sharp today. This is a great day to start an artistic project that has been in the back of your mind for some time. Enjoy your day. **AQUARIUS:** Feel free to take full advantage of the very open social energies of today, Aquarius.

You, especially, will feel at home in any social gathering, totally at ease talking to new people and charming the room. This would be an ideal day to meet someone new. Someone of the opposite sex may be particularly attracted to you. Feel free to be as flirtatious as you want! **PISCES:** Expect some very pleasant surprises today, Pisces. If you're single, you're likely to receive a phone call from someone who interests you romantically. This should greatly increase your level of self-confidence, and you're therefore likely to float through the rest of the day. With these aspects, any new relationship or project begun today will have a wonderful energy behind it.

JB 'Cool' With Selena Taking Time-Out!

Justin Bieber isn't too worried about his 'break' with Selena Gomez.

For Selena Gomez, 25, and Justin Bieber, 24, distance makes the heart grow fonder. And amid reports that they're taking some time apart, JB and Sel are still very much in love. In fact, the "What Do You Mean" singer is okay with the idea that Selena needs a little space. "Justin is cool with Selena taking some time out from their relationship. This time around, they're both in it for the long run, so they're committed to not sweating the small stuff, and to giving each other some space when needed," sources report.

"It's definitely a much more mature and grown-up relationship this time, and they don't argue over any of the stupid petty things that they did previously. They've also been working super hard at their trust issues, and that's been helping a lot when it comes to their relationship," the source continued. So, all of you believers



out there can relax! We're happy to hear their break isn't serious, and apparently they're still in contact, according to E! News. Phew!

Plus, just one day after their "split," Jelena was spotted at the same church. They were photographed leaving the service separately on March 7, but the fact that they were there together lets us know they will be just fine.

While apart, Selena is reportedly trying to repair her relationship with her mom Mandy Teefey, 41.

If you recall, Mandy isn't a big fan of Justin, so we guess this break is definitely good for something. We hope Mandy comes around, but we understand her concern. After all, this is Jelena's third time giving their relationship a chance!

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Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety box office collection!



Kartik Aaryan, Nushrat Bharucha and Sunny Singh's Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety is having a fantastic run at the domestic box office.

The movie has not only impressed the audience, but is also raking in the moolah across the country. On day 18, the film remained rock steady as it added another Rs 1.82 crore on its third Monday. With that, the film has now raked in Rs 88.58 crore.

Talking about the current trend and breakdown of collections in the third week, trade analyst Taran Adarsh mentioned on Twitter, "#SonuKeTituKiSweety is ROCK-STEADY. [Week 3] Fri Rs 2.27 crore, Sat Rs 4.12 crore, Sun Rs 4.66 crore, Mon Rs 1.82 crore. Total: Rs 88.58 crore. India biz. #SKTKS."

Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety is Kartik, Nushrat and Sunny's third film together after Aakash

Vaani and Pyaar Ka Punchnama 2. With the audience loving their pairing and with a hilarious plot and fantastic execution, Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety was an instant hit. In fact, even though the critics weren't so impressed, the audience loved the movie. They raved about it on social media, helping develop tremendous word of mouth publicity for Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety. This in turn helped increase the footfalls for the movie and with that, it raked in such a huge amount at the box office.

Looking at the current trends, the movie is expected to continue earning decent amounts of money over this week. However, with Ajay Devgn's Raid releasing this Friday [16 Mar], it is quite sure Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety will end its run at the domestic box office.