





## Meeting on upcoming SDF Day celebration held in Singtam

YOGEN THATAL  
SINGTAM, 22 FEB:

A general meeting for the celebration of the upcoming Foundation Day of Sikkim Democratic Front, scheduled to be held on 04 March at Mining cricket ground in East Sikkim, was conducted here at Nepali Dharmasala in Singtam today.

During the meet, various responsibilities and duties were allocated to the party members for better management of the celebration.

The meeting had the presence of area MLA cum Agriculture Minister, Som Nath Poudyal, accompanied by president of Singtam Motor Transport Workers' Association, Tinku Adhikari, Upa-adhyaksha, East, Sharmila Chettri, along with Panchayat representatives from Khamdong, Singtam constituency, representatives of Singtam Nagar Panchayat, and party workers.

During the meeting it was decided that vehicles will be provided by Singtam Motor Transport Workers' Association and New Generation Co-operative Society, Singtam while fooding and other necessities for the public will be supervised by the organizing committee and party workers. Every GPU, Ward and ULB will be provided with vehicle facility according to requirement, it is informed.



## Press Club's five-day tour concludes

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 22 FEB:

Five-day tour of the executive members of Press Club of Sikkim to Kolkata-Pune-Mumbai concluded on 20 Feb with an interaction session held with Mumbai Press Club.

A PCS press release informs that during the tour, the PCS delegation first visited Kolkata Press Club which is the oldest Press Club of the country followed by Maharash-

tra Institute of Technology [MIT] and Rajbaug campus of MIT wherein the delegation was welcomed by founder of MIT, Vishwanath Karad.

The delegation also visited Raj Kapoor Memorial which was followed by an interaction session with Working Journalist Union of Pune. The team also interacted with Editor of Saamna newspaper and MP Rajya Sabha, Sanjay Raut.

The PCS team, during its last day of the tour, had a dinner meet with the executives of Mumbai Press Club at Press Club of Mumbai Bhawan. The MPC executives have assured moral and technical support to PCS.

During the meeting it was also agreed that in order to bridge the gap between the two States of Sikkim and Maharashtra, cultural exchange programmes will be orga-

nized in the near future.

It may be mentioned here, the tour had been arranged by Governor Shrinivas Patil in association with PCS.

President, PCS, Joseph Lepcha, said that the tour was organised to empower the vision and dedication of young working journalists of the State. It will further enrich and enhance their experience and broaden the knowledge of jour-

nalism, he added.

"The tour is an initiative to integrate the State with the rest of India since mainstream India still does not have proper idea about Sikkim. Changes cannot be brought along by the government alone. It should be our collective responsibility towards our country. We, journalist fraternity, should do something to solve various issues," said Mr Lepcha.

## Cleanliness drive at STNM premises



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 FEB:

Sant Nirankari Mission, Gangtok branch conducted a cleanliness drive at the STNM Hospital premises in Gangtok today. The programme was organised to pay tribute to Late Satguru Baba Hardev Singh ji Maharaj on the occasion of

his 64th birth anniversary which falls on 23 Feb, 2018. More than 200 devotees participated in the massive cleanliness campaign, a press release informs.

Earlier, a spiritually motivated procession was organised from Nirankari Satsang Bhawan to STNM Hospital.

## SKM appoints Yangthang CLC president

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 FEB:

A meeting of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha was held at its Gyalshing office in West Sikkim today which was chaired by its working president, MP Subba. During the meet, Dorjee Tenzen Bhutia of Lingchom has been appointed as the president of Yangthang constituency with SP Mangyung as

the general secretary of Panchayat cell [West] of the party and coordinator of Yangthang constituency, informs an SKM press release.

The SKM working president congratulated all new office bearers and urged them to take policies, principles and programme of the party to the people at grassroot level.



## Piglets and heifers distributed in Upper Dzongu

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 22 FEB:

A total of 113 piglets and 35 heifers were distributed by Forest, Environment & Wildlife Department in coordination with Animal Husbandry Department, North Sikkim today for the beneficiaries of Upper Dzongu here at Nampridang in an awareness-cum-distribution programme.

It may be mentioned here, the distribution programme has been organized under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, Integrated Watershed Management Programme [IWMP]-I, North. The Forest Department has targeted to distribute 226 piglets and 70 heifers in Dzongu constituency.

The function was chaired by Deputy Speaker, SLA cum area MLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, as chief guest in the presence of Chief Conservator of Forest cum Member Secretary, BP Pradhan, Additional District Collector, North, TT Kaleon, Assistant Conservator of Forests, IWMP, TW Lachungpa, ACF, Pempa Dadul, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dzongu, Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, Panchayat members and other officials.



Divisional Forest Officer cum Project Implementing Agency, NT Bhutia, highlighted about the scheme and urged

all the beneficiaries to take proper care of the animals. He also expressed his gratitude to Animal Husbandry Department, North for their cooperation in making the scheme successful.

Likewise, DFO cum CEO, State Level Nodal Agency [IWMP], Blen Tshering Targain, underlined about the different schemes under IWMP.

Joint Director, Animal Husbandry Department [North], Dr KT Bhutia, sensitized the beneficiaries about dairy farming and also informed about the insurance for animals.

Zilla member, Hee-Gyathang GPU, Samroo Ugen Lepcha, on behalf of the people of Upper Dzongu extended gratitude to the concerned departments for providing the scheme to the needy.

Addressing the function, the chief guest appreciated the initiative taken by the concerned departments and urged the public to avail all the facilities being provided.

"Those who do not opt for cattle farming in the village will not be counted as farmers," he expressed.

He further underlined that milk procured from Dzongu is organic and also urged the officials for strict monitoring so that the schemes provided by the government are not misused.

## Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha invites all to participate in dharna

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 FEB:

Youth wing of State Bharatiya Janta Party, Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha [BJYM], has urged educated unemployed youth, political parties and social organisations in Sikkim to be a part of its two-day dharna in the capital scheduled to be held on 24-25 Feb here in front of the District Administration Centre [East] to protest against corruption, unemployment, suicides and other issues of Sikkim.

Addressing a press conference here today, BJYM state president, Laten Sherpa, urged members of political and social organisations and the public to join the protest. He added that if people of Sikkim do not get justice, BJP will start its movement on the road.

Likewise, BJYM general secretary, Bikash Dahal, alleged of suppression and exploitation of the people of Sikkim by the ruling government. He added that the protest is against the 'autocratic' government in the State.

## Man accused of sexual assault on minor

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 FEB:

One 22-year-old male hailing from Dentam, West Sikkim allegedly sexually assaulted one 14-year-old minor of Pelling on multiple occasions. The victim is reportedly a Standard VIII student and lives with her family. The accused is also the brother-in-law of the victim and as such, visited the victim's house regularly. Seizing opportunity, the accused used to repeatedly sexually assault the victim.

However, on 17 Feb, the victim along with other classmates underwent urine test in a programme conducted by ASHA members wherein the test result showed that the victim was pregnant. The accused is reportedly absconding. A hue and cry has been flashed.

## SKM trying to defame SDF alleges ASDLF

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 FEB:

Sikkim Democratic Front's labour front, All Sikkim Democratic Labour Front [ASDLF], has refuted the allegations made by Sikkim Krantikari Morcha in its recent press release wherein it alleged that various acts and rules in favour of the working class and labourers of Sikkim have not been implemented by the state government.

In an ASDLF press release issued by its general secretary, Hari Prasad Chhetri, ASDLF has urged SKM members to gather proper information about the ground reality from concerned agencies and establishments before speaking to the public.

"The opposition is only trying to defame SDF party and its government with baseless and false allegations from time to time. The SDF government has so far enforced and implemented number of Acts and Rules under Labour & Industrial Laws which the so called SKM labour leaders may like to collect and study before making such irresponsible comments through media," stated ASDLF in the release.

The release further informs that the SDF government and its leader, Pawan Chamling, have always been concerned with the working class and is proactive in the field for their welfare and security.

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## MB Gurung to take charge as new CIC

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 22 FEB:**

Following the demise of former Chief Information Commissioner, KT Chingapa, last month, the state government has designated MB Gurung as the new Chief Information Commissioner. Mr Gurung is a retired technocrat and will take charge of the post on 24 Feb after Governor Shrinivas Patil administers the oath of office to the incumbent here at Raj Bhawan.

## Kalimpong Craft Training center inaugurated at East Paiyong

### SUMMIT REPORT

**KALIMPONG, 22ND FEB:**

In a bid to revive the old glory of Kalimpong arts & crafts, Kalimpong Mani Trust, a local social organization, has taken an initiative under the Pahal of Employment opportunity in collaboration with the West Bengal Khadi and Village Industries Board to open a Kalimpong Crafts Training Center in the Hills.

Thus far, a total of 13 such centers have been opened in the Darjeeling Hills and today, one more was inaugurated at East Paiyong under Kalimpong Block-2. The Center was inaugurated in the presence of Subash M Singh, chairperson of Mani Trust.

Local women will be given training in handloom by a specialist teacher and also provided a monthly stipend of Rs 3,000 for three months.

Mr Singh, in his address, shared that the goal of the institution was to make every woman in the area self-reliant and financially independent.

He stressed that crafts from Kalimpong used to be exported to Europe in the olden days, a practice which suffered a setback during the agitation of the mid-80s and never really recovered since then.

Now, in a move to bring back this lost glory, Mani Trust is establishing Kalimpong Craft Center, he said.

The aim is to train around 2,000 women in two years and set them off towards a more self-dependent future.

## Dr Suberesh Bhattacharya is NBU's new VC

**SILIGURI, 22 FEB:** Dr Suberesh Bhattacharya has joined North Bengal University as its new Vice Chancellor today. In his address, Dr Bhattacharya expressed his desire to develop the University to its best.

# Sikkim University observes Matri Bhasa Diwas

**GANGTOK, 22 FEB [PIB]:** Sikkim University observed Matri Bhasa Diwas on 21 Feb to promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and promote multilingualism.

It may be mentioned here, Matri Bhasa Diwas was first announced by UNESCO in the year 1999.

On this occasion, the Departments of Hindi and Nepali jointly organized a programme at the Cauveri Hall of the University. Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jyoti Prakash Tamang, Registrar, TK Kaul, Fi-



nance Officer, Debasish Pal, Dean, School of Languages and Literature, Professor Irshad Ghulam Ahmed, faculty members, staff and students attended the programme.

Students recited poems and presented songs in different languages like Nepali, Hindi, Assamese, Bodo and Nagpuri to commemorate Matri Bhasa Diwas.

Assistant Professor, Dr Samar Sinha, and Assistant Professor, Department of Nepali, Balaram Pandey, spoke on the importance of language in the social and cultural milieu and also on preserving the native languages.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof Jyoti Prakash Tamang, stressed on the fact that languages are the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing heritage.

"All moves to promote the dissemination of mother tongues will not only serve to encourage linguistic diversity and multilingual education but also to develop full awareness of cultural and linguistic traditions throughout the world," the VC added.

# CRH introduces concessional beds for BPL patients

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 22 FEB:**

Recognizing the diversity with regard to public health infrastructure, socio-economic conditions of public and as part of its social responsibility, Central Referral Hospital, 5th Mile

has introduced 75 concessional beds dedicated to the poor or financially unsound individuals and families of Sikkim and the neighbouring State of West Bengal.

A press release issued by Medical Superintendent, CRH, Dr Gautam

Dey, informs that these concessional beds have been provided to facilitate quality health care access in the State's largest hospital.

This benefit will be extended to BPL patients of Sikkim & BPL card holder from WB, patients

admitted for academic purposes, patients referred from Health Camp conducted by CRH who cannot afford health care at CRH & requires hospital care [the financial status for such patients can be verified by local administration], patients

requiring hospital treatment brought by registered NGOs [the financial status of these patients are certified by these NGOs] and unidentified road traffic accident cases brought by administration/ police/good samaritans.



# Awareness on Anti-Hypertension Diet by Nursing students

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 22 FEB:**

Nursing students [B.Sc., II Year] from Sikkim Manipal College of Nursing, SMIMS organised a mass health awareness programme on 'Anti-Hypertension Diet' at Lumsey in Gangtok today.

An SMU press release informs

that the nursing students started the programme by stating the prevalence of the disease in India and Sikkim. They educated the audience about hypertension, its causes, signs and symptoms and its management mainly focusing on diet.

Demonstrations on preparation of anti-hypertensive diet

to regulate blood pressure were made by the students wherein 06 food items were prepared by the students and later given to the audience to taste.

The programme concluded with an interactive session with the participation of 40 community members.

# Yougan Tamang conferred National Youth Icon Award 2018

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 22 FEB:**

Yougan Tamang from Sikkim was conferred with the National Youth Icon Award 2018 by the International Youth Committee [IYC] in New Delhi on 20 Feb.

The award was handed over by Chairperson of IYC, Dr KK Singh.

It may be mentioned here, IYC is an organization that focuses on empowering youth and is also responsible for organizing World Youth Conference.

Sharing the dais with the youngest Padmashri nominee, Zabi Khan, and Forest Man of India, Suwendu Sharma, Yougan said, "I dedicate the award to the young minds of Sikkim."

Son of Meena Rai and DR Tamang, 29-year-old Yougan hails from Jorethang in South Sikkim. He is also a research scholar and is at present doing a research on "Concept



of health, diseases and treatment amongst the Tamangs of Sikkim" from North Bengal University.

In the year 2014, Yougan represented the country in the Youth for Peace International Workshop held at Bangkok in Thailand.

"I initially wanted to become a lawyer but later shifted my interest

to Journalism. I always wanted to choose a discipline that would help me interact more with people and the society," says Yougan who is also the Co Founder of the digital news platform, Sikkim Chronicle.

He was awarded with Sikkim's Civilian Award, "Sikkim Sewa Samman 2013", for his contribu-

# Darjeeling govt employees to get 4 months salary

### SUMMIT REPORT

**SILIGURI, 22 FEB:**

An order issued by the Finance Department, Government of West Bengal, dated 27 Nov, 2017, had declared regular employees of all Hills Sub Divisions of Darjeeling including Gorkhaland Territorial Administration [GTA] eligible for their entire salary for 04 months during strike period against adjustment of 15 days' Special Casual Leave and accrued Half Pay Leave.

Following the same, District Magistrate, Darjeeling has directed Drawing & Disbursing Officers [DDOs] of GTA to place the cheques for such employees.

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## The Art of the Dodge

...and this is why problems remain

Only fools would expect USA to do something compassionate or considerate. We should have known this well from experience and history by now, but since the US footprint is so big and prominent across the world mindspace, there is no escaping its headlines. But not everything that comes out of the US of A is unhealthy, there are still some lessons one could learn well from the American life. In the latest instance, it is about this bizarre hyper-violence unique to USA – mass shootings in schools. An 18-year-old expelled student with a history of violence and even social media admissions of becoming a “professional” school shooter managed to walk into a gun-store, pick up an assault rifle, go to his former school, shoot people, expend what must have been hundreds of bullets, kills seventeen people and walk away. This is not the first time such mass shooting has happened in the US. It will not be the last because it has now become such a divided people that all it requires is an artful dodge by the corrupt, compromised and the powerful for supporters to discover the fig leaf behind which they can tuck in the ugly profiteering that puts so many people at risk.

So, for once when there is no counter-argument to why assault weapons should be so easily available, the gun lobby agrees with the protestors and then takes the argument away from them by supporting proposals which seek that minimum age to be able to legally purchase a gun be raised from 18 to 21 and that bump-stock, a contraption which converts a semi-automatic weapon into a rapid firing machine. The Right Wing is lapping this up as a major initiative, but neither really is a significant climb down for the lobby which insists that USA remains the most weapon-dense community in the world. If there are no many guns around without any real need or cause, it is only a matter of time before they fall into the wrong hands. Not every killer buys a gun legally. The gun lobby also does not lose anything in the deal. For one, 18 year olds, even in USA, rarely have the money to splurge on guns, so that is not a significant market segment they are giving up. The proposal is also offensive because when one can vote, drive and drink at 18, what is the logic behind refusing them the right to bear arms. The problem is the easy access to weapons, not at what age they are available. And then, for all we know, the industry itself wanted to do away with bump stocks. Look at it this way, why would people purchase a proper fully automatic weapon at exorbitant prices and after deeper background scrutiny when they can pick up a cheaper add-on and convert the semis into automatic weapons? When they do so, the gun lobby loses potential profits. And then there is this mad proposal to arm and train teachers to keep schools safe. The imbeciles who propose such villainous plans are clearly not looking at safety, but the jump in gun sales that such a move will trigger.

And these are the lessons that we everywhere else need to draw from art of the dodge that is currently on display in USA and has played out often in our country too. While one hand held up the obviously required ban on Triple Talaq, the other signed a law criminalizing it. No one paid enough attention but Triple Talaq was banned by the Courts, and it was the Government which went ahead and criminalized something which had already been declared invalid by the law. A clear mischief was at play to make criminals out of the ignorant. And then there is the end of subsidy on Haj which was billed as financial prudence. A gaggle of obvious misogynists repeat beti-padhao, beti-bachao enough times and people applaud then, drowning out the offensive tone of its leaders, the regressive reek of their own positions and the emptiness of anything worthwhile being done for gender equality. It is a worry when noise can be allowed to run as substance, claims accepted as performance and misdirections allowed to fool us so easily. And this is why we need to leverage our distance and watch what unfolds in shallow US to then understand the dodges and hoodwinks we allow ourselves to fall for.

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On Feb. 21, Billy Graham, the evangelical Christian minister who was widely regarded as “America’s pastor,” died at the age of 99.

Graham is best known for his global “crusades” – rallies that attracted crowds in the millions – and for the spiritual counsel he provided to American presidents for over a half-century. But, what is less widely known is his contribution to the religious language in American public life.

Americans before the mid-20th century were often ambivalent about religious language and images in public life. Graham helped change that reality.

### RELIGION IN AMERICAN PUBLIC DISCOURSE

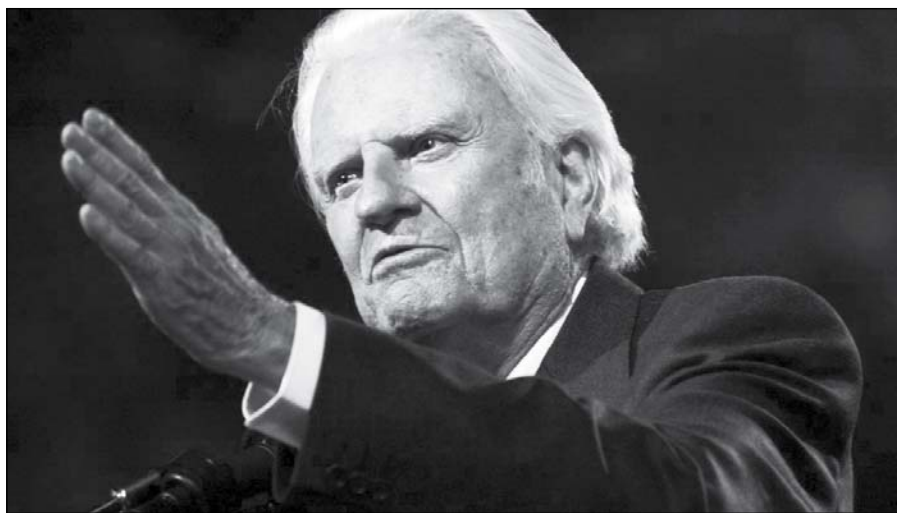
Rhetoric linking the United States with a divine power, which Graham would later embrace, emerged on a large scale with the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. M.R. Watkinson, a Pennsylvania clergyman, encouraged the placement of “In God We Trust” on coins at the war’s outset in order to help the North’s cause. Such language, Watkinson wrote, would “place us openly under the divine protection.”

In 1864, with the Civil War still raging, a group supported by the North’s major Protestant denominations began advocating to change the preamble of the Constitution. The proposed language would have declared that Americans recognized “Almighty God as the source of all authority and power in civil government.”

If the amendment’s supporters had succeeded in having their way, Christian belief would be deeply embedded in the United States government.

But, such invocations of God in national politics were not to last. Despite lobbying by major Protestant denominations such as the Methodists, this so-called Sovereignty of God amendment was never ratified.

Though “In God We Trust” was added to coins, it was not added



to the increasingly common paper money. In fact, when coins were redesigned late in the 19th century, it disappeared from coins as well.

As I demonstrate in my book, these developments were related to the spread of secularism in the post-Civil War U.S. For many people at the time, placing religious language in the Constitution or on symbols of government was not consistent with American ideals.

### GRAHAM’S INFLUENCE ON RELIGIOUS POLITICS

In the 1950s, however, religious language found its way into government and politics, due in no small part to Billy Graham.

In 1953, at the strong encouragement of Graham, President Dwight Eisenhower held the first National Prayer Breakfast, an event that brings together political, military and corporate leaders in Washington, D.C., usually on the first Thursday of February.

In the following years, Eisenhower signed a bill placing the phrase “In God We Trust” on all American currency and the phrase was adopted as the first official motto of the United States.

Both of these developments reflected the desire to emphasize

Americans’ religious commitment in the early years of the Cold War. Historians such as Jonathan Herzog have chronicled how leaders such as Eisenhower and Graham stressed the strong faith of the nation in setting the U.S. apart from the godlessness of Soviet communism. But, there were domestic concerns as well. Princeton University historian Kevin Kruse has shown that religious language was not merely rhetoric against communism.

Indeed, this belief in American religiosity had emerged over several decades. Conservative businessmen had allied with ministers and evangelical leaders such as Billy Graham, to combat the social welfare policies and government expansion that began with Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal. These wide-ranging programs, designed to tackle the Great Depression, irked many conservatives. They objected to government intervention in business and Roosevelt’s support for labor unions.

As Kruse notes, this alliance of conservative business leaders and ministers linked “faith, freedom, and free enterprise.”

To be sure, Billy Graham was not singularly responsible for all of these

developments. But as his biographers have noted, he loomed large in the religious politics of the 1950s.

### GRAHAM’S LEGACY

The prevalence of religious language in U.S. politics that Graham helped inspire continues to this day. Indeed, the Trump administration has been particularly swift to employ it.

In his address to the National Prayer Breakfast on Feb. 8, President Donald Trump emphasized the centrality of faith in American life. After describing the country as a “nation of believers,” Trump declared that “our rights are not given to us by man” but “come from our Creator.”

These remarks came a week after Trump linked religion with American identity in his first State of the Union address. On Jan. 30, he similarly invoked “In God We Trust” while proclaiming an “American way” in which “faith and family, not government and bureaucracy, are the center of the American life.”

Trump’s language captured the linking of faith and public life that Graham encouraged as he rose to fame nearly 70 years ago.

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## Are religious people happier than non-religious people?

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What makes people happy? This question can be difficult to answer. Happiness has been discussed throughout history. Philosophers, thinkers and activists, such as Aristippus, Aristotle, Zhuangzi, Jean Jacques Rousseau, Jeremy Bentham and Bertrand Russell, have considered happiness and life satisfaction to be one of the highest goals of human motivation.

But happiness and life satisfaction can be tricky to define. While both make up part of a person’s well-being, happiness refers to an individual’s emotions, feelings or moods. Life satisfaction, on the other hand, is more to do with the way people might think about their life as a whole – including their relationships.

Previous research suggests the “happy person” is young, healthy, well-educated, well-paid, optimistic and extroverted. The same research found the happiest people tend to be religious, married, with high self-esteem and job morale and modest aspirations. It seems your gender and level of intelligence don’t necessarily come into it.

Research suggests that around the world, over 84% of people belong to or are connected to a religious group. And our recent research looks at whether different religions experience different levels of happiness and life satisfaction. The findings show that individual religiosity and their country’s level of development both affect people’s happiness and life satisfaction.

### HAPPINESS RESEARCH

Our study looks at a large number of different religious groups across 100 countries – from 1981 to



2014 – using data from the World Value Survey.

Our findings suggest that Protestants, Buddhists and Roman Catholics are happier and more satisfied with their lives, compared with other groups. Jews, Hindus, Muslims, and the non-religious were in between, while Orthodox Christians were found to have the lowest happiness and life satisfaction rates.

In our research, we found that many factors were positively associated with happiness and life satisfaction. These included being Protestant, female, married and younger (16 to 24 years old). The household’s financial situation also came into it, as did a person’s state of health and freedom of choice.

We discovered that national pride and trust were important in terms of happiness rankings, as was having friends, family and leisure time. Attending weekly religious practice was also discovered to be an important factor. On the other hand, being unemployed and on a low income was negatively associated with happiness and life satisfaction.

A closer look at the magnitude of the association between these factors and happiness and life satisfaction revealed that health, financial stability and freedom of choice, or control over one’s life were the most important factors. But more research needs to be done to understand why some religious groups are happier and more satisfied than others.

### A GLOBAL OBJECTIVE

In recent years, interest in well-being research has surged – with economists such as Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz agreeing it is time to shift the emphasis from measuring economic production, to measuring people’s happiness and life satisfaction.

But to make human happiness the overall guide to human progress requires good data on the quality of human lives – and this is something that is sadly still lagging in most countries.

In the meantime, it might be worth both individuals and governments engaging with positive psychology. New research shows that schools teaching positive psychology radically improves the happiness of pupils in countries as varied as Peru, China, Bhutan and Australia.

It’s clear then that while happiness can mean different things to different people, there are some fundamental uniting principles that make us more likely to feel happy or unhappy. And as our findings suggest, by improving access to healthcare and supporting their basic financial needs, governments can do much to help boost people’s well-being and life satisfaction.

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Boy saves uncle from crocodile attack in Odisha

**KENDRAPARA (ODISHA), FEB 22 (PTI):** A 12-year-old boy from a remote village in Odisha's Kendrapara district has shown exemplary courage and presence of mind to save his uncle from a crocodile, a forest official said here today.

The survivor, Binod Mallick, a 26-year-old fisherman from Kandira village of the district, suffered multiple injuries on his hand and thigh in the attack and is undergoing treatment at a government-run hospital in Rajnagar, he said.

59 pc candidates in Nagaland polls are crorepatitis: ADR

**KOIHIMA, FEB 22 (PTI):** Fifty-nine percent of the candidates for the February 27 Assembly elections in Nagaland are crorepatitis with JD(U) nominee Ramongo Lotha being the richest among them with a total wealth of Rs 38.92 crore, an analysis of the affidavits revealed.

The Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR), which analysed the affidavits of 193 aspirants out of a total of 196 candidates, found out that 114 candidates are crorepatitis.

The findings were announced by Hekani Jakhalu of YouthNet Nagaland, a prominent youth organisation, at a press meet here yesterday.

The affidavits of three candidates could not be analysed as their affidavits in the public domain of the Nagaland Chief Electoral Officer was not at all clear,

Jakhalu said.

Lotha, a retired IAS officer, has movable assets worth Rs 22,81,960 and immovable assets at Rs 38,69,40,000 taking his total wealth to Rs 38.92 crore, the ADR analysis said.

The JD(U) nominee is contesting the elections from Sanis seat in Wokha district.

Akavi N Zhimomi fighting on APP ticket from Ghaspani-I assembly seat in his affidavit has shown nil movable and immovable assets, the analysis said.

Nagland Chief Minister T R Zeliang contesting on Naga People's Front (NPF) ticket from Perren seat has declared in his affidavit that his total assets (both movable and immovable) are worth Rs 3.52 crore, it said.

Former three-time chief minister and NDPP nominee from Northern Agamai-II seat

Neiphiu Rio has movable assets worth Rs 15.37 crore.

Another former chief minister K L Chishi has total assets of Rs 38.20 crore but he also has the highest liabilities among all the candidates at Rs 89 lakh, the analysis said.

The other candidates with meagre assets are T Ngampai, Chinkai Konya and K Kiko Konyak, Jakhalu said.

Ngampai is the Congress candidate from Phomching seat and has total assets worth Rs 5,000, the analysis said.

Konya, the NPF nominee from Tehok seat, has total assets of Rs 10,000 while K Kiko Konyak, the NDPP candidate from Moka constituency, has total assets of Rs 20,000.

While 46 candidates have assets valued at Rupees five crore and above, 42 aspirants have assets at Rupees two crore and

above, the analysis said.

Sixty nominees have assets worth Rs 50 lakh and above, 26 aspirants have assets at Rs 10 lakh and above and 19 are in possession of assets valued at less than Rs 10 lakh, it said.

Altogether 27 candidates have not declared their sources of income in their affidavits, Jakhalu said.

The ADR analysis also found three candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves. The candidates are one each from the NPF, NDPP and BJP.

While three candidates are illiterate, 16 candidates are class-8 pass and five are doctorates, the analysis said.

Only seven candidates are between 25 years and 30 years, 29 candidates are between 31 years and 40 years and the rest are above 40 years.

Tea Board for preferential trade pact between India, China

**KOLKATA, FEB 22 (PTI):** The Tea Board today pitched for a preferential trade agreement in tea between China and India to boost exports of black tea and imports of green tea.

Tea Board chairman P K Bezbaruah said here that India and China were not competitors as far as tea was concerned, but rather complemented each other.

On both sides, the duties at present were extremely prohibitive which was restricting exports from both the directions and needed to be lowered, he said speaking for the preferential trade pact before a 22-member business delegation from Dali prefecture in China.

Eighty percent of China's annual tea production is green tea and 18 percent Oolong variety, while 98 per cent of the beverage produced in India annually is black tea.

China's annual production was 2600 million kilograms, while India's was half of that, he said.

India exports around seven to eight million kg of tea to China, while the latter's exports of green tea to India was not significant.

About non-tariff barriers in both the sides, he said that there should be harmonisation of maximum residue limit for different pesticides by both the countries.

Bezbaruah also advocated greater collaboration in research with Chinese universities.

The Dali delegation was headed by Chen Jian, secretary of Committee of Communist Party of China (CPC) of the prefecture.

The business delegations comprised areas of walnut, textile, tea, natural spring water, tourism, education and culture.

Students should know how to market themselves: Chetan Bhagat

**KOLKATA, FEB 22 (PTI):** Popular author Chetan Bhagat feels scoring high percentage in board examinations is not enough, students should also know how to market themselves.

The author was speaking at a session on the 'Impact of Digital Co-creation in Business Revolution' organised by an engineering college here yesterday.

"Can the guy who scores good marks but cannot communicate get a job?" the 'Five Point Someone' writer asked.

Advising the students that they should know how to market themselves, he said, "Americans are good at marketing, they are the best at marketing."

Sharing his insights on education, the author of many best-sellers such as "The 3 Mistakes of My Life" and "2 States" said, there is a need to change the present education system to enable the students connect their knowledge with real life.

Students must have read in history books that Vasco Da Gama came to India in 1498, Bhagat said.

"Questions came in examinations, we answered and got marks. But then what? It was never taught in schools how Vasco Da Gama established links with the local people in that age of

Online video consumption grows 5 times in 2017: Report

**MUMBAI, FEB 22 (PTI):** Online video consumption grew almost five times in the country in 2017, with 96 per cent of all usage focused on long-form video, according to a report.

With affordable data prices, the last 12 months have seen higher video consumption in smaller towns, which are contributing more to the phenomenon, Star India's streaming platform Hotstar's India Watch Report noted.

"This marks an inflection point in India where the early years of online video were characterised by short-form consumption as users were deeply fearful of data charges," it said.

It observed that the small screen is the preferred medium as more than 90 per cent of time is spent watching on the

mobile, and an average user spends upto 2.5 times more watch time on mobile content, the web.

Hotstar, which has over 350 million followers, found that 96 per cent of watch time on its platform comes from videos longer than 20 minutes.

Cities with populations between 1 lakh and 10 lakh clocked the highest growth in watch time at 4.3 times and many

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The details of the contract and tender documents can be obtained from the Office of the Singtam Nagar Panchayat , Singtam from 5.3.2018 to 12.3.2018 during working days from 10 AM to 3 PM.

First Date for the Sale of Tender Documents	5.3.2018
Last Date for the Sale of Tender Documents	12.3.2018
Last Date for Submission of Tender Forms	14.3.2018UPTO (1300 HRS)
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**CONTACT DETAILS : Municipal Head Assistant,94740-56128**

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First Date for the Sale of Tender Documents	1.3.2018
Last Date for the Sale of Tender Documents	8.3.2018
Last Date for Submission of Tender Forms	10.3.2018UPTO(1300 HRS)
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**NORTH DISTRICT(18)**

Sl. No.	Range	Location	Area	Unit	Type of Produce available	Earnest Money to be deposited by TDR	Proportionate Offset Price for Tender
1	Kabi	Bakcha Chu	3600	sqft	sand/stone	1080	10800
2	Lower Dzongu	Phidang Lower Dzongu	50000	sqft	sand/stone	15000	150000
3		Passingdang CWC, Sangkhalang	5000	sqft	sand/stone	1500	15000
4		Lower Singhik (near Sangkhalang)	2500	sqft	sand/stone	750	7500
5	Upper Dzongu	Bay U. Dzongu	20000	sqft	sand/stone	6000	60000
6	Mangan	Lower Tingchim	25000	sqft	sand/stone	7500	75000
7		Sangkhalang above bridge	15000	sqft	Sand/stone	4500	45000
8	Chungthang	Firing Range Bridge	24000	sqft	sand/stone	7200	72000
9		PhimchungNala(left bank)	10000	sqft	sand/stone	3000	30000
10		Mensithang River bed-II	5000	sqft	Sand/stone	1500	15000
11		ChhubaChhu	20000	sqft	Sand/stone	6000	60000
12	Lachen	PatalGhari	25000	sqft	Sand/stone	7500	75000
13		Zema above bridge	3000	sqft	sand/stone	900	9000
14		Zema Chu below bridge	24000	sqft	sand/stone	7200	72000
15	Lachung	ZyakuphuekChhu	5000	sqft	sand/stone	1500	15000
16		FareyLachungChhu	10000	sqft	sand/stone	3000	30000
17		SebuChhu	20000	sqft	sand/stone	6000	60000
18		Sewkin Chhu	20000	sqft	sand/stone	6000	60000

**SOUTH DISTRICT (36)**

Sl. No	Name of the Territorial Range	Location of Site	Area	Unit	Type of Produce available	Earnest Money to be deposited by TDR	Proportionate offset Price for Tender
1	Namthang	Kopchay Quarry (A) Teesta River Bed	40000	sqft	sand/stone	12000	120000
2		Kopchay Quarry (B) Teesta River Bed	40000	sqft	sand/stone	12000	120000
3		Kopchay Quarry (C) Teesta River Bed	40000	sqft	sand/stone	12000	120000
4		Kharpani Quarry Teesta River Bed	25000	sqft	sand/stone	7500	75000
5		Lower Maneydara (A), Opp. SMIT Teesta River Bed	25000	sqft	sand/stone	7500	75000
6		Lower Maneydara (B), Opp. SMIT Teesta River Bed	25000	sqft	sand/stone	7500	75000
7		Jholungey Quarry (B) Teesta River Bed	50000	sqft	sand/stone	15000	150000
8		Samardung Quarry, Teesta River Bed	50000	sqft	sand/stone	15000	150000
9		Lower Samardung, Near Muck Dumping Area. Teesta River Bed	40000	sqft	sand/stone	12000	120000
10		Kalej Khola	30000	sqft	sand/stone	9000	90000
11		Setikhola , Teesta River Bed	20000	sqft	sand/stone	6000	60000
12		RekepTeesta River Bed	18000	sqft	sand/stone	5400	54000
13	Melli	Akar Rangeet River Bed	90000	sqft	Sand/stone	27000	270000
14		Bijanbari Rangit River Bed	40000	sqft	sand/stone	12000	120000
15		Mazitar Rangeet River Bed	80000	sqft	sand/stone	24000	240000
16		ChampaRangeet River Bed	6600	sqft	sand/stone	1980	19800
17		Bharikhola, Rangeet River Bed	70000	sqft	sand/stone	21000	210000
18		Karlectar, Rangeet River Bed	48000	sqft	sand/stone	14400	144000
19	Lingmoo	Lower Payoung	15000	sqft	sand/stone	4500	45000
20	Namchi	SimchuthangManglay - I	20000	sqft	sand/stone	6000	60000
21		SimchuthangManglay - II	50000	sqft	sand/stone	15000	150000
22		SimchuthangManglay - III	25000	sqft	sand/stone	7500	75000
23		SimchuthangManglay - IV	30000	sqft	sand/stone	9000	90000
24		Pabongkhola I	50000	sqft	sand/stone	15000	150000
25		Pabongkhola II	70000	sqft	sand/stone	21000	210000
26		Pabongkhola III	70000	sqft	sand/stone	21000	210000
27		Opposite to NHPC- Stage V	32500	sqft	sand/stone	9750	97500
28		Orarey	30000	sqft	sand/stone	9000	90000
29		Gantey	4000	sqft	sand/stone	1200	12000
30	Rabongla	Sikkip, Rangeet River Bed	10000	sqft	sand/stone	3000	30000
31		Kitchudumra, Rangeet	50000	sqft	sand/stone	15000	150000
32		SimballayRangeet River Bed	60000	sqft	sand/stone	18000	180000
33		Below Legship Bridge	4000	sqft	sand/stone	1200	12000
34		Sipsookhola	30000	sqft	sand/stone	9000	90000
35		Simchuthang IRBn complex	12500	sqft	sand/stone	3750	37500
36		Below Tashiding Bridge	12000	sqft	sand/stone	3600	36000

**EAST DISTRICT (90)**

Sl. No.	Range	Location	Area	Unit	Type of Produce available	Earnest Money to be deposited by TDR	Proportionate Offset Price for Tender
1	Gangtok	Rorochu above Power Bridge-I	12500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3750	37500
2		Rorochu above Power Bridge- II	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
3		Rorochu (I)	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
4		Rorochu (II)	25000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	7500	75000
5		Rorochu (III) below Power Bridge	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
6		Yali Chu	7500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2250	22500
7		Rorochu below Power Bridge	36000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	10800	108000
8		Rorochu above Power Bridge-I	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000

9	Ranipool	Bechukhola	1000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	300	3000
10		Lower Samdong Tista River Bed (Arubotey)	16000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4800	48000
11		Lower SamdongTista-River Bed-I	9000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2700	27000
12		Lower Samdong Tista-River Bed-II	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone agg	3000	30000
13		Lower Samdong Tista River Bed(Lower Raley)	48000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	14400	144000
14		Tumin Rongchang DovanTista River Bed	32000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	9600	96000
15		8th Mile Lochhu Khola, Namong	4500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1350	13500
16		Takchum Chhu-III, Naitam	7500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2250	22500
17		Ranikhola Setikhola Confluence	2000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	600	6000
18		Opposite Science City	6,000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1800	18000
19	Rongli	Opposite Sunpharma	6000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1800	18000
20		Dhaka(Gaon, Lower Syari-I	7500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2250	22500
21		Dhaka(Gaon, Lower Syari-II	7500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2250	22500
22		Rorochhu above Jalipool Bridge	8000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2400	24000
23		Ray SIV/K khola-I	3000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	900	9000
24		Ray SIV/K khola-II	6000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1800	18000
25		Ray Sivik khola-III	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
26		Rorathang(Near Golden Cross)	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
27		Rorathang(Near Golden Cross)	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
28		Reshi River	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
29	Pakyong	Reshi River	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
30		Mulukay River Bed	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
31		Rongpo Chu	9000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	2700	27000
32		Rongli Bazar Back side-I	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
33		Rongli Bazar Back side-II	10080	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3024	30240
34		Rongli Bazar Back-III	10080	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3024	30240
35		Rongli Bazar Old stream	78000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	23400	234000
36		Rongli Bazar Old stream	12000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3600	36000
37		Rongli Bazar Old stream	12000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3600	36000
38		Rongli Bazar Old stream	12000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3600	36000
39		Rongli Bazar Old stream	12000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3600	36000
40		Rongli Bazar Old stream	12000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3600	36000
41		Rongli Bazar Old stream	12000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3600	36000
42		Rongli below GREF Camp-I	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
43		Rongli below GREF Camp-II	16080	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4824	48240
44		Titrey Botey(Rangpo River Reserve)	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
45		Below CIPLA II (Rongpo River Reserve)	2500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	750	7500
46		Below CIPLA II (Rongpo River Reserve)	2500	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	750	7500
47		5th Mile Resi (Rongpo River Reserve)	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
48		Pachey khola Dovan (Rongpo River Reserve)	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
49		Labour Botey (Rangpo River Reserve)	5000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1500	15000
50		Bamjam Botey (Rongpo River Reserve)	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
51		Rongchen Doven Tista River-III	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
52		RongchenDovanTista River -IV (New Potential)	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
53		MakhaTanakTista River Bank -I	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
54		MakhaTanakTista River -II	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
55		Singbel-Suntalay Tista river bank-I	21000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6300	63000



# Novels my way to respond in measured way: Nadifa Mohamed

**ZAFRI MUDASSER NOFIL**  
**NEW DELHI, FEB 22 (PTI):** Soma-  
lian author Nadifa Mohamed says  
she is constantly enraged by con-  
flicts and unrest across the globe  
and the only way she can calm her-  
self and contribute anything mean-  
ingful is responding in a measured  
way through her novels.  
“There has to be respect for hu-  
man life that you don’t let people  
die. That’s the line you don’t cross.  
And I feel that this line has been  
crossed,” she rues.  
“I am very aware of how much  
the present situation, present fears  
have impacted my ability to re-  
spond in any kind of measured way.  
And the only way I can respond in

a measured way is through fiction  
and my novel,” London-based Mo-  
hamed, who was in India recently  
for the Jaipur Literature Festival,  
told PTI.  
“I am constantly enraged by the  
news of conflicts, atrocities and  
unrest and the only way I can calm  
myself and contribute anything  
meaningful is through my novels  
written after adequate research,”  
she says.  
According to Mohammed, eco-  
nomic depressions like the Great  
Recession always bring out the  
most violent, most irrational re-  
sponses politically.  
“That’s what we are seeing, we  
are seeing it in the West, we are see-

ing it in the Muslim world, we are  
seeing it in too many places. The  
underlying reasons have been there  
for long and probably they are re-  
curring. The recent energy behind  
the conflicts we are seeing, the in-  
stability we are seeing may be due  
to the gratuity loss,” she says.  
Mohamed, a Granta best young  
British novelist, is working on her  
third novel which is about miscar-  
riage of justice and deals with a  
murder case from the 1950s.  
“The book has been in my mind  
for about 10 years. I intended it to  
be a very short and tight novel but  
it is now almost 600 pages long. It  
is very, very historical. It has got  
real life characters,” she says.

For her, what becomes a novel is  
something that gets under her skin.  
“It might be personal too. I have  
written a lot about my family or  
something that relates to a feeling  
I have had for a long period of time.”  
She thinks she has been get-  
ting deeper and deeper in trying  
to understand what people have  
been talking about constantly dis-  
crimination, justice, migration,  
self-identity.  
“So I think the novel is still pre-  
cious for that. There is no other  
way I know that you sit with some-  
one, you sit with the story for days  
and days and really absorb it. I am  
not convinced that I have as much  
as of a transformative effect on

the reader but it just grabs a more  
meaningful attention from them  
than anything else that I can think  
of,” says Mohammed, who was  
born in the Somali city of Hargeisa  
in 1981 while Somalia was falling  
deeper into dictatorship.  
In 1986, she moved to Lon-  
don with her family in what she  
thought was a temporary move  
but a couple of years later it be-  
came permanent as war broke out  
in Somalia.  
Her father’s stories were the  
basis of her debut novel “Black  
Mamba Boy”.  
Mohammed s next work “The  
Orchard of Lost Souls”, set in Har-  
geisa, is the story of three women

- nine-year-old Deqo, an orphan  
born and raised in the Saba’ad ref-  
ugee camp; Kawsar, a well-off wid-  
ow in her 50s whose late husband  
was the city’s chief of police before  
the public offices were purged; and  
Filsan, an ambitious young soldier  
in her late 20s.  
On migration of authors to oth-  
er countries, she says, I have no-  
ticed that many writers, not surely  
they are refugees, but they have  
moved either a lot or one big time  
in their childhood. So there must  
be something to do with leaving  
one world behind and entering a  
new world at a very formative age  
that enables or switches on the  
writer’s mind.

55		Singbel-Suntalay Tista river bank-I	21000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6300	63000
56		Singbel Suntalay Tista river bank-II	21000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6300	63000
57		Singbel-Suntaley Tista river bank-III	18000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	5400	54000
58		Singbel -Suntaley Tista river bank -IV/ (New Potential)	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
59		Ralap Linku-Tista river bed -I	16000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4800	48000
60		RalapLinku-Tista River bed -II	14000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4200	42000
61		RalapLinku- Tista river bed -VI	6000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	1800	18000
62		Rangpo River Bed -I	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
63	Singtam	Rangpo River Bed -II	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
64		Rangpo River Bed-III	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
65		Rangpo River Bed-IV	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
66		Rangpo River Bed -V	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
67		Rangpo River Bed VI	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
68		Rangpo River Bed -VII	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
69		Rangpo River Bed - VIII	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
70		Tista River Bed -I	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
71		Tista River Bed -II	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
72		Tista River Bed -III	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
73		Tista River Bed Mining-I (above Bridge)	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
74		Tista River Bed Mining -II (above Bridge)	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
75		Tista River Bed Mining -I Below Bridge	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
76		Tista River Bed Mining -I (below Bridge)	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
77		Tista River Bed Mining -III (below Bridge)	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000
78		BagheyKhola -I	90000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	27000	270000
79		BagheyKhola -II	70000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	21000	210000
80		20 <sup>th</sup> Mile Tista River Bed -I	70000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	21000	210000
81		20 <sup>th</sup> Mile Tista River Bed -II	35000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	10500	105000
82		Golitar (Tista River Bed -I)	30000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	9000	90000
83		Golitar(Tista River Bed-II)	30000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	9000	90000
84		Golitar(Tista River Bed-III)	30000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	9000	90000
85		Singtam Khola(new potential)	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
86		Lower Martam Rongnichu-I	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
87		Lower Martam, Rongnichu- II (New Potential)	10000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3000	30000
88		Tista River Bed Mining(Confluence Tista&Rangpo	20000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	6000	60000

89		Onda Area KM 9.20, C-N-T Road	15000	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	4500	45000
90	Kyongnosla	Car Post KM 3.20, C-N-T Road	10800	sqft	Sand/Stone/Stone chips/ stone aggregate	3240	32400

WEST DISTRICT (26)

Sl. No.	Range	Location	Area	Unit	Type of Produce available	Earnest Money to be deposited by TDR	Proportionate Offset Price for Tender
1		Rangdu Kalej Khola II	9000	sqft	Sand & Stone	2700	27000
2	Dentam	Simshore Khola	2700	sqft	Sand & Stone	810	8100
3		Rangsang dovan	7000	sqft	Sand & Stone	2100	21000
4		Rimbi River Reserve I	600	sqft	Sand & Stone	180	1800
5	Gyalshing	KalejKhola Reserve, Chongzong near SHPVL	26144	sqft	Sand & Stone	7843.2	78432
6		KalejKhola Reserve, Subidang, Geetang	600	sqft	Sand & stone	180	1800
7		RangitKholaKalej	1500	sqft	Sand & Stone	450	4500
8		KaleyKhola Reserve, Kamatar	1050	sqft	Sand & Stone	315	3150
9		Sagbari Rangit RR	57600	sqft	Sand & Stone	17280	172800
10		RangitKhola Reserve, Charcharey	1500	sqft	Sand & Stone	450	4500
11		KalejKhola-Kasitar	8000	sqft	Sand & Stone	2400	24000
12		KalejKhola-Sapung	4500	sqft	Sand & Stone	1350	13500
13		RangitKhola Reserve Legship	100000	sqft	Sand & Stone	30000	300000
14		Rangit khola, Piplay	12000	sqft	Sand & Stone	3600	36000
15		Rangit khola, Baiguney	24000	sqft	Sand & Stone	7200	72000
16		Rammam, Mangsari	10000	sqft	Sand & Stone	3000	30000
17		Rammam below CP	3000	sqft	Sand & Stone	900	9000
18	Soreng	Sisney Rangit	3000	sqft	Sand & Stone	900	9000
19		Rammam, Sipsoo	15000	sqft	Sand & Stone	4500	45000
20		Rangit khola, Ghumuwmei	40000	sqft	Sand & Stone	12000	120000
21		Rammam, Ghorley	10000	sqft	Sand & Stone	3000	30000
22		Rinzyang Khola	3000	sqft	Sand & Stone	900	9000
23	Tashiding	Yangtam Kholatar River Reserve	5000	sqft	Sand & Stone	1500	15000
24		Rangit River Reserve	20000	sqft	Sand & Stone	6000	60000
25	Yuksam	Rimbi III near SHPVL barrack site	16700	sqft	Sand & Stone	5010	50100
26		Rimbi IV near Rimbi Power House	5000	sqft	Sand & Stone	1500	15000

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- Terms and condition proposed for the tender process are as follows:-
- Tender form should be collected from the office of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) after depositing State Bank of Sikkim BR (in favour of 0406-01-800-04 forest revenue) for Rs. 500/- which is non-refundable.
  - Proportionate offset price for Tender for temporary collection of loose boulders, sand and stone is calculated @ 75% of Rs. 4.00 per sq. ft. (i.e. offset tender price = 0.75x4x total area of the site in square feet).
  - 10% of the offset tender amount shall be the Earnest Money payable by TDR of the State Bank of Sikkim in favour of concerned Divisional Forest officer (Territorial). The TDR of the unsuccessful bidders shall be returned to the respective participants.
  - The highest bid for each temporary collection site of loose boulders, stone and sand shall be accepted as the successful bid and the license for the period from 1st April 2018 to 31st December 2018 would be granted to the party offering it on payment of the bid amount in full, as detailed in Sl. no. 11 below.
  - No Tender shall be accepted after 12 p.m of 22nd March 2018.
  - Tender form should be supported with residential certificate from Panchayat (to prove his/her nativity in the particular Panchayat unit falling under Forest Range), TDR and Sikkim Subject/COI.
  - The area earmarked for auction is open for inspection if anybody so desires. For this he/she needs to contact the respective Range Officer within whose jurisdiction the area falls.
  - Department is not responsible for the approach road for any temporary collection of loose boulders, stone and sand. Any complication in it should be sorted out by the successful tenderer.
  - No subletting of License will be allowed.
  - Furnishing of any wrong information or documents shall be liable to the cancellation of license and the amount paid will not be refunded.
  - Successful bidders shall make the payment in full to the office of the DFO (T) concerned latest by 28 March 2018, vide Demand Draft, Bank Challan and collect his/her License; failing which his/her tender acceptance shall be cancelled without any notice thereof and Earnest Money forfeited.
  - Applicant should be the resident of the same Territorial Range and the Gram Panchayat where the site for temporary collection of loose boulders, stone and sand for which the tender is being submitted, is located.
  - He/She should be a Domicile of Sikkim and possess a relevant Sikkim Subject Certificate/COI
  - He/She should not be employed in any Government or other Public Sector or Private Enterprises.
  - He/She shall abide by the provision of Labour Laws with regard to the engagement of labour in his/her site.
  - He/She shall compensate any losses suffered by any person or the Government as a consequence of collection related activities, in a manner as may be fixed by Government.
  - He/She shall ensure that the full quantity of produce commensurate with the cost charged shall be supplied to the consumers.
  - He/She shall not operate the temporary collection of loose boulders, stone and sand after expiry of his/her license.
  - License holder has to maintain the sale proceeding register, pay the applicable taxes to the Government.
  - The Government shall call tenders immediately and issue a fresh license in respect of any temporary collection of loose boulders, stone and sand that may be discontinued by a License holder for any reason during the validity period of his License and the tender shall be accepted only for the unexpired term of the original License.
  - The successful tenderer, after obtaining the license from the concerned DFO (T) shall print and issue Challan of the produce which will be carried by the driver of the vehicle. This is necessary to avoid illegal operation of the collection site.
  - The use of excavators and practice of dredging for collection of produce has been prohibited, as one of the condition in the Environmental Clearance.
  - The Government shall reserve the right to stop the operation of any temporary collection of loose boulders, stone and sand if it deems its continued operation to be detrimental to the public interest.
  - Tender Committee reserves the right to cancel or reject any of the tender, if the committee is satisfied second person shall be considered in case of failure of actual successor instead or calling fresh tenders.
  - License holder should not sell the materials more than the prices notified by the Department.
  - Any other conditions as may be imposed by the Government from time to time.
  - The PCCF-cum-Principal Secretary, Forest Env. & Wildlife Management Department shall reserve the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
  - For tender notice interested persons/parties may visit the following website: [www.sikkimforest.govt.in](http://www.sikkimforest.govt.in) or [www.sikknvis.nic.in](http://www.sikknvis.nic.in)

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# Brit Awards 2018: Stormzy scoops Ed Sheeran to win top prizes!

South London grime superstar Stormzy beat Ed Sheeran to the main prizes in a surprise result at the Brit Awards.

Stormzy, who seemed overwhelmed when he won best British male and best British album for Gang Signs and Prayer, also closed the show and criticised the PM's handling of the Grenfell tragedy.

Sheeran didn't go home empty-handed - he was given the global success award.

Dua Lipa won best British female and the breakthrough award, while Gorillaz were named best British group.

But the night belonged to Stormzy, who held his head in his hands as he walked to the stage to accept best male, and fell to the ground when he was named winner of British album.

He told the crowd Gang Signs And Prayer - the UK's first grime album to reach number one last March - was "the hardest thing" he had done and gave "all the glory to God".

He said: "I've never worked on something like this in my life. We made something I feel that is undeniable, that I can stand by today."

The star also used a freestyle between songs at the end of the show to deliver a blistering criticism of the Prime Minister's handling of the Grenfell Tower fire.

"Yo, Theresa May, where's that money for Grenfell?" he rapped. "What, you thought we just forgot about Grenfell?"

Ed Sheeran had the biggest commercial success of 2017, but won't have begrudged Stormzy his wins - before the ceremony, he said he wanted the Croydon rapper to win best album.

"I think he made the album of the year, personally," Sheeran told BBC 5 live. The pair performed together at last year's show on a remix of Shape of You.

Meanwhile, Dua Lipa was the only other artist to walk away with two



awards at the ceremony, in London's O2 Arena.

In one of the night's most touching moments, she took her younger brother and sister on stage as she accepted her award for best breakthrough and told them, with millions watching: "I love you."

Dua Lipa was one of many artists who wore white roses or rose badges on the red carpet as a mark of support for the Time's Up and Me Too movements.

Ellie Goulding, who presented best international female, had a dig at the Grammy Awards and their boss Neil Portnow, who said women needed to "step up" in the music industry.

The British star said: "We're very proud to be women and I think we can all agree we've been stepping up for years."

Meanwhile, in a poignant tribute to the victims of last May's Manchester Arena attack, Liam Gallagher performed a rendition of Oasis hit Live Forever, accompanied by cello and acoustic guitar.

He was introduced by fellow Mancunian Gary Barlow, who paid tribute to the 22 "innocent, music-loving people" who lost their lives.

Ariana Grande had been due to perform that section of the show, but was unable to travel to London "on

doctor's orders".

Gorillaz were named best British group and their leader Damon Albarn used his acceptance speech to send a message about Brexit.

"This country is - believe it or not - quite a small, little thing, right, but it's a lovely place and it's part of a beautiful world," he said. "But what I want to say is, don't let it become isolated, don't let yourselves become cut off."

"Considering our size we do incredible things in music, we've got a real spirit and a real soul and don't let politics get in the way."

Here's the complete list of the winners and nominees of BRITs 2018.

British male solo artist: Stormzy [WINNER], Ed Sheeran, Liam Gallagher, Loyle Carner, Rag 'N' Bone Man  
British female solo artist: Dua Lipa [WINNER], Jessie Ware, Kate Tempest, Laura Marling, Paloma Faith  
British group: Gorillaz [WINNER], London Grammar, Royal Blood, Wolf Alice, The xx

British breakthrough act: Dua Lipa [WINNER], Dave, J Hus, Loyle Carner, Sampha

Critics' choice: Jorja Smith [WINNER], Stefflon Don, Mabel

British single: Rag 'N' Bone Man - Human [WINNER], Calvin Harris ft Pharrell / Katy Perry / Big Sean -

Feels, Clean Bandit ft Zara Larsson - Symphony, Dua Lipa - New Rules, Ed Sheeran - Shape of You, J Hus - Did You See, Jax Jones ft Raye - You Don't Know Me, Jonas Blue ft William Singe - Mama, Liam Payne ft Quavo - Strip That Down, Little Mix - Touch

British album of the year: Stormzy - Gang Signs & Prayer [WINNER], Dua Lipa - Dua Lipa, Ed Sheeran - Divide, J Hus - Common Sense, Rag 'N' Bone Man - Human

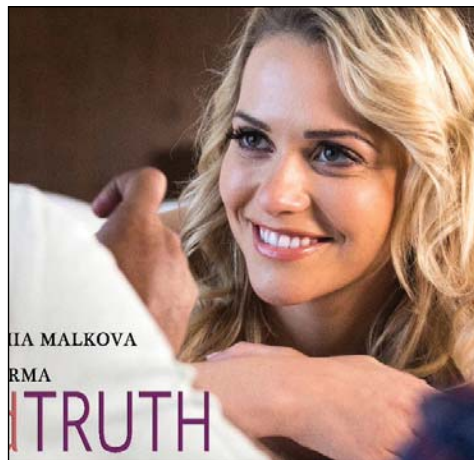
British artist video of the year: Harry Styles - Sign of the Times [WINNER], Anne-Marie - Ciao Adios, Calvin Harris ft Pharrell / Katy Perry / Big Sean - Feels, Clean Bandit ft Zara Larsson - Symphony, Dua Lipa - New Rules, Ed Sheeran - Shape of you, Jax Jones ft Raye - You Don't Know Me, Liam Payne ft Quavo - Strip That Down, Little Mix - Touch, ZAYN and Taylor Swift - I Don't Wanna Live Forever

International male solo artist: Kendrick Lamar [WINNER], Beck, Childish Gambino, DJ Khaled, Drake

International female solo artist: Lorde [WINNER], Alicia Keys, Bjork, Pink, Taylor Swift

International group: Foo Fighters [WINNER], Arcade Fire, Haim, The Killers, LCD Soundsystem

Brits Global Success Award: Ed Sheeran.



## IF RGV SHOT GOD, SEX AND TRUTH IN HYDERABAD, HE MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE!

There's no end to the controversies surrounding Ram Gopal Varma's latest film - God Sex Truth starring adult actor Mia Malkova. As per the latest update, there is now huge speculation that Ram Gopal Varma's film was not shot in any foreign location but in a hotel in Hyderabad. As per reports on Greatandhra, an activist has proof to show that the film was shot in Hyderabad. The activist states that she has plenty of evidence to prove that Mia Malkova had come to Hyderabad to film this movie. To add to it, some working stills of the film have shown up online. What could make matters worse is that some of RGV's friends were also spotted in the stills.

If this allegation is supported with substantial evidence, RGV and the hotel concerned could fall into trouble. The director's ac-

tion will have serious repercussions. Moreover, filming adult movies is not exactly legal in India, but then again this film is termed as a documentary. As per reports, RGV has defended himself stating that he takes sole responsibility for the film and that it doesn't matter where it was shot. This is not only controversy surrounding the movie.

As per other updates, RGV has filed a case against the scriptwriter on the ground of plagiarism. He also announced on Twitter that he was going to file a case against a Telugu channel for distorting facts and providing misleading information. In other news, various Women Right groups are also protesting against this film - while some have vowed to go on a hunger strike, some want the filmmaker to be arrested as soon as possible.



**DAPPER GIRLS!:** [L-R] Jenna Fischer, Angela Kinsey, Heather Graham, Stephanie Beatriz, and Molly Shannon attend the after party for the premiere of Momentum Pictures' "Half Magic" at The London West Hollywood in West Hollywood, California.

## Lindsay Lohan wearing a hijab at London Fashion show is breaking the internet!

Lindsay Lohan is in the news again after she was spotted wearing a hijab at the London Fashion Show in Dubai. There were a lot of speculations about the 31-year-old actress converting to Islam which she had denied. But her recent pictures have sparked a debate on the internet. Speaking about her decision to wear a hijab at the fashion event, Lindsay told BBC Minute, "Fashion doesn't always have to be so naked and [it] can be adventurous and still beautiful with a strong group of women behind it." A renowned cosmetics brand also posted a picture of the actress wearing a hijab, praising her for it.

The Instagram post read, "Oh my days! As if Lindsay Lohan came over to say hello to Team Hawa! She was so lovely and was saying how she's into halal cosmetics and what she's actually wear-



ing on her face today was all halal!! Well all I can say is if it's good enough for Lindsay Lohan, gurlll whatcha all waiting for?!!"

Lindsay had commented earlier how she was scared of returning to US because of her beliefs in Islam and Donald Trump.

She told a leading portal, "I was scared to come here with everything going on because of my personal beliefs. I think always in the public eye you're going to be scrutinized. He is the president - we have to join him. If u can't beat him, join him."

**ARIES:** A change of scene is in store for you, Aries. It's unclear whether or not this is a voluntary move, but it's clear that chaos and confusion reign over the next few days. There is much to be done. Fortunately, your organizational abilities will serve you well. You don your general's hat, wield your clipboard like a sword, and get everybody doing your bidding. The move is completed in record time!

**TAURUS:** It's possible that you could fear for your job today, Taurus. Fortunately, those fears are unfounded. There is a lot of upheaval occurring at work. You're best advised to steer clear of it, if you can. If you continue to do your job well, you're likely to receive a bonus or promotion as a result

of your efforts. You've earned it.

**GEMINI:** It's hard to deny the power of a chemical reaction to another person. You'll likely meet someone today or perhaps you've just met someone who has a strong influence on you, Gemini. You can't get this person out of your mind. It isn't clear whether this is a one-time fling or a long-term romance. Whatever it turns out to be, you're thrilled to be feeling so excited and alive.

**CANCER:** "The person who dies with the most toys wins" may well be your philosophy, Cancer. And today you certainly move ahead in the race as you add yet another technological wonder to your home. What is it this time? A scanner, digital camera, DVD player, or

all of the above? It's a small indulgence for all the hard work you do. If these things really give you such pleasure, then you deserve to have them.

**LEO:** Today you could sit down at the computer for just a minute to research something on the Internet and wind up spending most of the afternoon entranced by what you're reading, Leo. You could very well stumble upon some information on the occult and mysticism. It's always fascinated you, and now that you've begun learning, you don't want to stop. Perhaps you could enroll in a workshop and mingle with others who share a similar interest.

**VIRGO:** You've always had a knack for all things financial, Virgo, but today your ability

is especially enhanced. You've discovered all the free investing information available over the Internet, and you absorb it like a sponge. Your natural fiscal sense enables you to separate the nonsense from the sound investment advice. Your portfolio and your mood benefit immediately!

**LIBRA:** Keep your eyes wide open today, Libra, as you may meet the person of your dreams! Or you could stumble, literally, upon a stack of cash. It's likely to be a most unusual day, so keep your wits about you and your mind open to all possibilities. If an intriguing new business opportunity comes your way, don't accept it right immediately. Take down all the information and review it when life has settled down

somewhat.

**SCORPIO:** A change of profession may be in the stars for you, Scorpio, or a change of hobby at the very least. The latest technological advances have really captured your interest. Making films, in particular, gets your creative juices flowing. Perhaps it's time to sign up for a weekend workshop or splurge on that video camera you've been eyeing. The diversion will do you a world of good.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You're likely to be feeling the tug of distant lands, Sagittarius. Today you could stop at the travel agent's office, the one you've walked by countless times, and stare at the pictures. Thailand, Hong Kong, and New Zealand are just a few of the places

you'd like to see. The pictures look so enticing. Go ahead. Plan such a trip, although it's likely to be only a temporary diversion. Your wanderlust indicates a fundamental restlessness that must be resolved.

**CAPRICORN:** Change, even when it's for the better, can sometimes be a little scary, Capricorn. You could feel some hesitation about taking a new job or upgrading your home. Nevertheless, you're being given a terrific opportunity. If you don't seize it, you'll likely regret it for the rest of your life. What's occurring is for the best, so stretch your arms up high and reach for that brass ring!

**AQUARIUS:** There are plenty of opportunities out there, and you're tempted to seize every one of them. Well, Aquarius,

a bit of discrimination is in order if you're going to make the best use of the auspicious atmosphere. Travel is definitely in the picture, as is continuing your education in some way. It could be something simple, such as enrolling in a cooking class at an adult education center. Or perhaps you're going to fulfill a lifelong ambition and apply to business school. Good for you!

**PISCES:** You're likely to receive a windfall of some sort today. Be cautious with it, Pisces. If you invest it wisely, it will serve you long and well. Your curiosity has been piqued about some rather esoteric subjects, perhaps the dark arts. Why not visit your local library to check out some books on these topics of interest?