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3 GJM members arrested from Gurugram for Darjeeling arson

KOLKATA, SEP 22 (PTI): Three senior Gorkha Janmukti Morcha leaders were arrested today by the West Bengal CID from Haryana's Gurugram for their alleged involvement in arson and violence in Darjeeling earlier this year, a senior agency official said.

The state agency officer said a team of CID officers nabbed Dhan Kumar Pradhan, Tilak Chandra Roka and PT Ola from Sector 56 of Gurugram and they will be brought here.

They were allegedly involved in setting afire the Bhanu Bhavan in the heart of Darjeeling in June, he said.

Incidentally, the three were part of a five-member GJM delegation, that included leaders like Roshan Giri and Swaraj Thapa, which had met Home Minister Rajnath Singh earlier this week.

"They have been arrested from Gurugram. They will be brought to Kolkata on transit remand tonight," the officer told PTI.

While Ola is the ex-Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Sabhasad for Ghoom-Jorebunglow, Roka is the chief advisor of Planters' Associations and DK Pradhan was recently elected as the municipal chairman.

They have been arrested under several sections for rioting with arms and unlawful assembly. **turn to pg05**

Bangladesh Hindus to cut Durga Puja expense to aid Rohingyas

DHAKA, SEPT 22 (PTI): In a humanitarian gesture, Hindus in Bangladesh today decided to cut the expenses of the upcoming Durga Puja to set up a fund to provide relief for the Rohingyas refugees who poured into the country following the ethnic violence in Myanmar.

More than 420,000 Rohingyas, mostly Muslims, fled Myanmar's Rakhine State to evade atrocities which the United States. Reports suggest that the violence also forced some 800 Hindus in Rakhine State to take refuge in Bangladesh.

"Their mass exodus has unfolded a horrific humanitarian crisis (and so) we will stand by the persecuted refugees with assistance by saving **turn to pg02**

Bhanjyang slide inspected, found highly vulnerable to further collapse

DISTRICT AUTHORITIES ORDER EVACUATION, PLACE SLIDE ZONE UNDER 24X7 WATCH

SUMMIT REPORT NAMCHI, 22 SEPT:

A team led District Collector (South), Raj Yadav, and comprising of Joint Director, Senior Geologist and Assistant Geologist from Mines & Geology Department, Assistant Engineer, and Junior Engineer from Roads & Bridges Department and Training Officers from Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department visited the landslide affected area at Bhanjyang in South Sikkim. They have decided to evacuate the area coming under the sweep of the slide which has left the area vulnerable and destabilized.

The team surveyed the slide area and then sat in a meeting at the District Collector's office here to discuss and come up with a relief plan for the affected people and



areas, a press release from the District Collector [South] informs.

The Mines & Geology Department team has said that the site has become highly

vulnerable and may collapse anytime leading to a massive landslide.

The meeting agreed upon evacuating the landslide vulnerable area. It was decided

that evacuation orders shall be given to the people residing in the landslide prone areas along with a warning message to the people through Social Media as well.

Senior Superintendent of Police [South] was requested to depute a police personnel to monitor the slide and traffic at the landslide prone area 24X7. The Power Department has already installed halogen lights for improved visibility to monitor the section. The inspection team also found cracks formed about 400 feet from the road which the team has marked as highly 'dangerous'.

Tarpaulin sheets have been placed there to prevent rain water from seeping through the cracks.

The damaged footpath is already undergoing repair works helmed by District Level Review Committee [DLRC].

The Roads and Bridges Department has been directed to keep one JCB 24X7 on standby to clear the roads immediately in case of a slide.

Aviation Minister slams AAI officials for slow progress in Pakyong airport construction work

VISHNU NEOPANEY

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:

Civil Aviation Minister, Ugen Gyatso Bhutia today pulled up the officials of the Airport Authority of India at Pakyong Green Field Airport and said that the blame game must stop and work should be completed as per the scheduled time given for the formal inauguration of the airport.

The state government wants to know if the AAI is ready to meet the deadline for the formal inauguration of the airport, he said.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Jayant Sinha, had said that the Pakyong Green Field Airport will be operational by November this year during a meeting during a meeting with the Sikkim Tourism Minister, MP Lok Sabha, PD Rai, and Tourism Secretary, C. Zangpo in New Delhi on 12 Sept.

Today the State Civil Aviation Minister along with officials of the line departments, Building & Housing Department Minister, DT Lepcha and area MLAs of Rhenock & Namcheyong reached the airport to take stock of preparedness for the inauguration of the airport by the end of Nov but were surprised to see that a lot of construction works are yet to be completed.

Mr Gyatso directed the officials of the AAI to coordinate with the state line departments like Power & Energy, Water Security & Public Health Engineering, Roads, Forest, Directorate of Handlooms in preparation for the inauguration adding that the state is ready to extend all possible help.



sible help.

The high level committee of AAI is expected to arrive at Gangtok on 23 Sept and will be holding a meeting with the Chief Secretary.

"We [Ministers] seek appointments with the so called high level committee to discuss the matter with great urgency as the Prime Minister is expected to inaugurate the state's lone airport by end of November this year," said the Civil Aviation Minister making his displeasure clear.

He added that the state government is not satisfied with the pace of the construction works and directed to expedite works. The state does not want to miss the deadline and if it is missed, it will be a great embarrassment to the state government, he added.

Mr Gyatso stated that the Union Civil Aviation Minister

has already pursued the matter with great concern and has already invited the PM to inaugurate the airport.

He further directed all the state line departments to coordinate and work as directed by the Government. Forest department has been directed for beautification of the airport whereas the state Special Branch has been directed to train its manpower in consultation with AAI for security purposes.

He also directed the State Roads and Bridges Department to complete the upgradation and surfacing of road from airport to Ranipool immediately.

State Building & Housing Department Minister, DT Lepcha, said that the state government will not tolerate lame excuses and assurances. He added that the construction and beautification work has to be completed

on time to avoid last minute hassles.

The state government has also handed over the mutation papers of the land transferred to AAI which consists of 205.11 acres including 5 acres of land at Rangpo for staff quarters of AAI.

He directed the Director of AAI to take responsibility to ensure that the construction and preparedness for inauguration of airport is completed before 30 Nov, later this year.

When asked about the completion of construction of the airport on time, Pakyong Airport Authority Director, Ragu Nath, refused to speak to the media and only said that he has been recently posted to Pakyong.

He added that he is not the appropriate person to talk to media nor is he assigned to speak to any other official on progress of the work as of now.

State govt notifies conduct of Panchayat Elections 2017

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:

The state government has authorized the State Election Commission to hold the Panchayat Election through a notification published on 21 Sept. The two-tier Panchayat election is scheduled to be held in Oct-Nov later this year.

With this notification, the State Election Commission is empowered to hold the Panchayat polls for 183 Gram Panchayats consisting of 1038 Panchayat wards including two Dzumsas of North Sikkim and 113 territorial constituencies for Zilla Panchayats.

In the notification, it is said that in terms of Sections 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Sikkim Panchayat Act of 1993, in respect to Gram Panchayats and Sections 49, 50, 51 and 52 of Zilla Panchayat [Territorial Panchayats], read with the Article 243B and E of the Constitution of India election has to be held for the purpose of constituting new Gram and Zilla Panchayats in the state of Sikkim.

It is further said that as recommended by the State Election Commission in pursuance of Conduct of Panchayat Rules, 1997, the state government has authorized the conduct of election to elect members of the Gram and Territorial Panchayats in accordance with the provisions of the Sikkim

Panchayat Act.

Sources in the State Election Commission at Gangtok have said that the Commission has also notified the roster reservation system of the Panchayats which is expected to be formally announced on 23 Sept.

Sources have also said that the formal Code of Conduct for holding election will be notified on 03 Oct and election is expected to be held in the last week of Oct and all the election procedures will be completed by 10 Nov.

The Panchayat ward-wise voter's lists have also been compiled by the State Election Commission based on enrolment of voters list updated till January 2017.

The State Election Commission has already called an all-party meeting on 23 Sept, it is informed.

The delimitation of Wards Panchayat [WP], Gram Panchayat Units [GPU], and Territorial wards for Zilla Panchayat [ZP] are over and the same has been notified with slight increase in number of seats compared to 2012 as per the mandate of Sikkim Panchayat Raj Act, 1992.

The State Election Commission has completed all the formalities for the upcoming elections, the source further informed. It may be mentioned that the tenure of the sitting Panchayats is going to end on 27 Nov later this year.

Transfers

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:**

The State Government effected seven transfers at the Special Secretary to Secretary level in the State administration today.

Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department Special Secretary, Dhanjyoti Mukhia has been transferred and posted as Special Secretary, Roads & Bridges Department.

Sonam Tshering Tamang, on deputation as Additional Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, has been posted as the new Additional Secretary at Labour Department while the recently promoted Deputy Secretary of Rural Management & Development Department will now be serving as the Additional District Collector, East under Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department.

Tsewang Doma Bhutia who was serving as the Deputy Secretary under Energy and Power Department has been officially transferred as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Industries Department along with Tshering Lhaden Lachungpa who is also transferred as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Industries Department from her previous post as the Deputy Secretary of Development Planning, Economic Reforms and North East Council Affairs Department.

Similarly, Tripti Hangma Subba and Tirsang Tamang have been transferred from their posts as Under Secretaries under Human Resource Development Department to Under Secretaries under Election Department in Namchi, South Sikkim.

Bangladesh...

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during the Dugra Puja festival," general secretary of the apex Puja Celebration Council said.

He said puja celebration committees across Bangladesh had been asked to save to set up a fund to provide relief for the Rohingya refugees.

Bangladesh has been overwhelmed by Rohingya Muslims since violence erupted in Buddhist-dominated Myanmar's Rakhine state on August 25. The Rohingya are regarded as illegal immigrants in Myanmar.

World Students' Day celebrations begin at Tibuk Jr High School

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 22 SEPT:**

The celebration of World Students' Day was kicked off by Forest Minister Tshering Wangdi Lepcha here at Tibuk Junior High School in North Sikkim today.

The opening programme featured the start of an open football tournament sponsored by the family of the late Ralli Maya Limboo. The finals of the tourney will be played on the occasion of World Students' Day on 15 Oct to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

A total of 52 teams have enlisted for the tournament which offers cash prizes of Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000 along with trophies for the winner's and runner's up respectively.

The inaugural match was played between



Rong Rong Dzongu and NS 15 with the latter emerging victorious with a 3-0 scoreline.

In the second match, Eklavya Model Residential School, Swayem, defeated Tingzey FC 3-0.

Addressing the function, the chief guest Mr Lepcha recollected the footprints etched by Dr

Kalam and also stressed the hard work required to achieve success.

Mr Lepcha was accompanied by Divisional Forest Officer, North, Tenzing Norbu Bhutia, Block Development Officer, Mangan, Karma Thendup Denzongpa, and Zilla member, Mangshilla Tibuk GPU, Dhan

Maya Limboo.

Speaking on the issue of the approach road to Tibuk which is in the pipeline under a JICA project, the Minister said that this was coming through due to the efforts of the Dzongu MLA and needs to be applauded.

He further urged stu-

dents to embrace innovation and pursue their goals with passion. He also informed the gathering about the start-up scheme initiated by the Chief Minister for drop outs.

Responding to the demand placed by the schools, the Minister also offered a photocopy machine and a computer set to Tibuk JHS and Rs 50,000 to Swayem JHS for procuring cultural costumes.

A colorful cultural programme was also presented by the students of Tibuk JHS.

Also present for the function were Additional Director, Human Resource Development Department [North], Tempo Bhutia, Assistant Education Officer, Thimley Namgyal Lepcha, Panchayat members, officials, students, teachers and the general public.

Gramin Protsahan programme held at Lungchok Kamerey

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:**

A 'Gramin Protsahan' programme was organised by State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) today at Lungchok Kamerey Gram Panchayat Unit. The programme was chaired by the Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Tulshi Devi Rai as chief guest and was attended by Gram Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats, BDO Sumbuk and representatives from SIRD, a press release informs.

The objective of the programme, as informed by the Field Facilitator, Suren Mohra, is to felicitate the Gram Panchayat



Level Panchayati Raj Institutions workers and stakeholders for their selfless service to the society thereby encouraging them to work with more zeal and enthusi-

asm towards strengthening the PRLs in the state.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Ms Rai lauded Lungchok Kamerey GPU for the initiatives taken by it to

empower people and strengthen the Panchayati Raj Institutions. She also said that the huge involvement of the youth in the programme was a positive development

and urged the youth to come forward in building the villages as dreamt by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling.

The Minister was also felicitated on the occasion followed by the felicitations of 20 former Panchayats, 50 senior citizens (above 70 years), retired officers, school heads, BDO Sumbuk, former MLA of Melli Constituency, Girish C Rai and social workers.

Tokens of appreciation were also presented to VAC Staff, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA workers, Area Coordinators (NERLP), CSPs and MNGREGA mates. The programme also extended birthday wishes to the Chief Minister.

MLA to star in film on Swachha Bharat Mission

YOGEN THATAL

Singtam, 22 Sept: The shooting of a

film titled 'Auta Kura' on Swachha Bharat Mission commenced today at the auditorium hall of Singtam Nagar Panchayat with the participation of more than 200 students from Singtam Senior Secondary School and East Point School.

Directed and produced by Praja Pradhan, the film also stars West Pendam MLA, Gopal Baraily and well-known names in the local film industry like Chunni Lal Ghimiray, Kishor Dungmali Rai along with emerging local artists.

"Swachha Bharat Mission is a well known campaign. The message of the campaign, however, needs to reach every corner of the state. The film basically portrays the responsibility of a literate and educated person in helping people unaware of the importance of cleanliness and hygiene," informed Mr Pradhan.

"It is a great opportunity for me to be a part of such a film and I am grateful to the director and the team for giving

me a platform wherein I can deliver the message to the entire state and nation," shared Mr Baraily while speaking to SummitTimes.

Mr Baraily plays the role of a doctor in the documentary with Chunni Lal Ghimiray as president of an NGO and Kishor Dungmali Rai as a School Principal.

The second phase of the film will be shot at Singtam SS School with Namthang and Sang Martam scheduled as the next venues.

IRBn CO is new SP South

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:**

The state government has issued a list of transfers and postings of police officers today.

Commanding Officer, 01 IRBn, Dr Siva Prasad Yellasiri has been transferred and posted as Superintendent of Police [South].

His responsibilities as the Commanding Officer, 01 IRBn will be taken over by Pratap Pradhan who is the current Superintendent of Police [South].

Similarly, Superintendent of Police [North], Shammi Rai has been transferred and posted as Superintendent of Police [Special Branch] whereas Karma Loday Tenzin who was serving as the Superintendent of Police [Special Branch] has been transferred and posted as SP [North].

Sub Divisional Police Officer, Mangan, Dr Tsering Namgyal Gyatso from now on will be serving as the new Additional Superintendent of Police [North].

Similarly, Sub Divisional Police Officer, Namchi, Linda Palmoo Bhutia has been transferred and posted as Additional Superintendent of Police [South] while

Sub Divisional Police Officer, Rangpo, Ajay Kumar Rai has been transferred and posted as Additional Superintendent of Police [West] along with Deputy Superintendent of Police [Communication Branch], Eden Subba who has been transferred to the post of Sub Divisional Police Officer, Mangan.

Kaziman Chettri who was the Sub Divisional Police Officer of Jorethang has now been appointed as the Sub Divisional Police Officer of Ravangla.

Deputy Superintendent of Police [Sikkim Vigilance Police], Palden

Bhutia has been transferred and posted as the Sub Divisional Police Officer of West Sikkim while Sub Divisional Police Officer, Ravangla, Sonam Rinzing Shenga will be rendering his service as the new Sub Divisional Police Officer of Rangpo.

SO to Director General of Police, Cocola Pradhan has been posted as the Deputy Superintendent of Police, East Headquarters whereas Deputy Superintendent of Police [Crime Investigation Department], Rinzing Paljor Bhutia will be the newly transferred Deputy Superintendent of Police, North Headquarters.

Tseten Paljor Bhutia is the newly posted Deputy Superintendent of Police [Crime Investigation Department].

Sub Divisional Police Officer, Gyalshing, Bishal Rai has been transferred and posted as the Sub Divisional Police Officer of Gangtok while Deputy Superintendent of Police [Crime Investigation Department], Sonam Dechu has been transferred and posted as the Sub Divisional Police Officer of Jorethang.

Sub Divisional Police Officer, Gangtok, Passang Tshering Lepcha has been transferred and posted as Deputy Superintendent of Police [Sikkim Vigilance Police] along with Deputy Superintendent of Police [Namchi] who has been transferred and posted as Deputy Superintendent of Police, Namchi.

Lastly, Deputy Superintendent of Police, 02nd IRBn, Pipaley has been transferred and posted as Deputy Superintendent of Police, South Headquarters.

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Shram Daan observed in North Sikkim

MANGAN, 22 SEPT (IPR): Shram Daan under Swachhata Hi Seva was observed with a massive cleanliness drive here at Mangan today. The campaign was carried out under the guidance of ADC (Dev), North, Tashi Chopel and SDM (HQ), PW Lepcha. Officers and staff of DAC and Police personnel took active part in the massive cleanliness drive in the DAC complex and around Pentok.

The cleanliness drive started with cleaning of rooms of different depart-

ments, toilets and premises of the District Administrative Center. Similar campaign was held also in the different parts of the district. Various Schools of the district also carried out cleanliness drives under Swachhata Hi Seva where teachers, non-teaching staff and students took part.

Cleanliness drive is a part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Hi Seva' national campaign launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.



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Sunset: 05:32 PM

Swachhata Hi Seva cleanliness drive DAC East

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT [IPR]: As part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Hi Seva' national campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a massive cleanliness drive was carried out at the premises of the District Administrative Centre in Gangtok under the guidance of Additional District Collector-East, Bharani Kumar.

The cleanliness drive also had the presence of Superintendent of Police-East, Tenzing Loden Lepcha, Sub Divisional Magistrate-East, Hemant Rai, along with officers and staffs of the DAC.

The 'Swachhata Hi Seva' programme started with cleaning of rooms, passages of the DC office premises along with cleaning of drains and garbage in surrounding areas.

Cleanliness drive by SSB Gangtok

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT [PIB]: As a part of the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign, Sashstra Seema Bal-Gangtok Sector carried out a cleanliness drive today at its premises and surrounding areas of the office building and the footpath connecting Development Area to Zero Point. All the officers participated in the cleanliness drive.

It may be mentioned here, SSB-Gangtok Sector carries out the drive regularly every Friday.

You can contact Summit TIMES @ 03592-208698

LOST: Ms. Yangkit Lepcha d/o- Chyakching Lepcha of Lingzya Dzongu North Sikkim have lost her Class XII marksheet, no.3219333, CBSE of 2005 in and around Mangan. If found please Contact @ 8116413629.



Swachhata-hi Sewa at Raj Bhawan

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:

Governor Shrinivas Patil today participated in a special cleanliness drive at the Group-C Quarter Complex of Raj Bhawan as part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Hi

Seva' national campaign. Officers, staff of Raj Bhawan and ITBP personnel also offered Shhrama-daan on the occasion, informs a press communiqué received from Raj Bhawan.

The Governor has appealed

to all to join the campaign to achieve the dream of Swachhata. He also urged the employees to keep their homes and surroundings clean and develop the habit to sustain cleanliness throughout the year.

National seminar on State Politics in North East India begins at SU

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT

(PIB): Political Science Department of Sikkim University in collaboration with Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata is organizing a two-day national seminar on 'State Politics in North East India' starting today.

The inaugural session of the seminar was held today at the university with professors and directors from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Sik-



kim University and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in attendance.

The seminar was also attended by professors from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Baroda Uni-

versity, Tezpur University, North Bengal University and other regional universities of North East India.

A book co-edited by Sikkim University professors, Dr Om Prakash

Gadde and Dr Amit Kumar Gupta titled 'India's Act East Policy through North East: Opportunities and Challenges' was also released during the seminar session.

Blood donation camp held at Namthang Sr Sec School

NAMCHI, 22 SEPT: Fifty-six units of blood were collected during the blood donation camp held at Namthang Senior Secondary School in South Sikkim today. The camp was organised by Red Ribbon Club and National Service Scheme Unit of Namthang SSS in collaboration with Voluntary Blood Donors Association, Sikkim and supported by District Blood Bank, Namchi.

During the camp, teachers and students of Namthang SSS along with members of Ahal-

ley Ekta Club, Amardeep Club-Rubdi Karek, staff of Nagi Karek GPU and the local public donated blood.

The programme was attended by Principal-Namthang SSS, Chandra Bahadur Sapkota, as chief guest accompanied by Senior Blood Bank Officer-Namchi District Hospital, Dr Anju Rai, technicians of District Blood Bank-Namchi, Red Ribbon Club South West Coordinator, Kishore Baniya, and Panchayat secretary-Nagi Karek GPU, Zion Lepcha.

Nagi Karek GPU organizes felicitation programme

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 22 SEPT: A felicitation cum awareness programme was held at Nagi Karek Gram Panchayat Unit today. Organized by Amardeep Club Rubdi Karek and sponsored by Nagi Karek GPU the felicitation programme was attended by Area MLA, Tilu Gurung as the chief guest along with South District Zilla Panchayat Upadhyaksha, Devi Maya Barailey, panchayats of Nagi Karek GPU and other officials of the GPU.

During the pro-

gramme 08 senior citizens of the GPU were felicitated by the GPU residents. Zilla Panchayat Upadhyaksha, Devi Maya Barailey was also felicitated by the public. On the occasion Ran Bahadur Chettri of Ruchung Ward was also presented with a letter of appreciation for regular attendance in the Gram Sabha and actively participating as a responsible citizen of the GPU.

In the awareness section of the programme

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219 LDCs promoted to UDC rank, 4 Joint Secy to Additional

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:

There was a windfall of promotions for Lower Division Clerks in the State Government on Friday when a batch of 219 were promoted to the Upper Division Clerk rank. The promotions came vide a

Department of Personnel office order issued today. Most of the LDCs continue in their present departments on the elevated ranks.

Also today, four joint secretaries were promoted Additional Secretary rank along with one Deputy Secretary who

was promoted to Joint Secretary rank.

The promoted Joint Secretaries are: Yangchen Doma Tamang, Bhim Bahadur Thatal, Benu Gurung and Suchitra Rasaily. They too continue currently in their existing departments.

Awareness prog held on standard and labelling of electrical appliances

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:

Energy & Power Department, the State Designated Agency and nodal agency of Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, supported by Gangtok Municipal Corporation organised a daylong awareness programme on standard and labeling [star label] of electrical appliances for electrical vendors, dealers, retailers and agencies of East District today at Hotel Tashi Delek in Gangtok.

A press release issued by Executive Engineer [SDA], Energy & Power Department, Pemba Lepcha, informs that as per the Energy Conservation Act 2001, electrical appliances should have minimum Energy Efficiency Standard for energy conservation.

Accordingly, the electrical vendors, dealers, retailers and agencies were sensitized to sell the star labeled electrical



appliances only.

Additional Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal officer [SDA], Dilip Kumar Sharma, urged the gathering for their support to make the Energy Conservation programme a success in the state of Sikkim. He also highlighted the various schemes on energy conservation implemented in the state.

A Power Point presentation was made on Energy Conservation by Junior Engineer, Nawang Choden Lepcha, and consultant, Devika Chettri, who highlighted about Energy Conservation Act 2001 while the aware-

ness programme on Standard and Labeling was facilitated by Executive Engineer-SDA, Pemba Lepcha.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner-Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Sonam Chopel, who attended the event as guest of honor suggested to incorporate declaration to sell star rated items only during renewal of electrical trade licence with effect from the next financial year.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Superintendent Engineer-SDA, Siri Kumar Gurung.



Shramma Daan at Assembly and MLAs Hostel

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT [IPR]: Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat observed "Shramma Daan" under the "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign today at the Assembly Secretariat premises. The programme was inaugurated by Speaker KN Rai with the taking of

the pledge on Swachhata Hi Seva. The event also had the participation by Deputy Speaker, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, Secretary, SLAS, LM Pradhan, and the officers and officials from the Secretariat.

Simultaneously, Legislator's Hostel also car-

ried out a Swachhata Abhiyan in the presence of members, Government Assurances Committee, Ugen Nedup Bhutia, DN Sherpa and Gopal Barailey, along with the officers and officials of Assembly Committees and Legislator's Hostel.

Bhutan backs G-4 countries' bid for permanent UNSC membership

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 22 (PTI): Countries like India and Japan, Brazil and Germany must be given permanent seats in the UN Security Council, Bhutan today said as it backed reforms in the world body to revitalise and strengthen it.

Bhutan Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay said the UN reforms would be incomplete without reforming the Security Council to reflect the changing realities of the world.

"As such, countries like India and Japan, Brazil and Germany must be called upon to serve as permanent members in the Security Council. And Africa must be appropriately represented," Tobgay said in his address to the UN General Assembly. "And Africa must be appropriately represented," Tobgay added.

The Secretary General's reform initiatives will provide the much-needed framework to revitalise and strengthen the UN. Bhutan joins all member states in backing this bold endeavour, he said.

Asking member countries to join him in observing a moment of silence to remember the victims of global terrorism, Tobgay said the recent acts of

terrorism have brought pain and suffering to countless people in nearly every part of the world, and far too many lives have been cruelly lost.

"The horrific acts committed by terrorist groups undermine global peace and security, and Bhutan joins the call for united action to combat these extremists. To win the fight against terrorism we have no option but to strengthen the United Nations, so that multilateralism and global cooperation are further enhanced," he said.

Referring to the three recent hurricanes that battered communities in the Caribbean and in the United States, and the devastating floods in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka that have taken more than 1200 lives, he said these disasters are not isolated incidents.

"Experts are increasingly convinced that natural disasters like hurricanes and floods are made worse by climate change. Climate change is a reality. Each of the last three years has been the hottest in recorded history. Sixteen of the 17 hottest years on record have all occurred in this new century. And this must alarm us, for we are only in 2017," Tobgay said.

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Booze is a problem that the society ignores at its own peril

The festive season is upon us; a march of weeks and months which will be as much about piety as they will be about excesses, making it perhaps the right time to speak about alcoholism. The cops appear to already be on the issue, at play with the new breathalyzer toys they have been issued, stopping vehicles and inviting drivers to blow into the equipment. One could argue about the many levels at which such random stopping [without any apparent reason] for random checks is wrong (inconvenient in the least), but that line will not find many backers in light of the weekend road mishaps which have become too frequent for comfort. And while checking by cops might lead to some challans and avert some accidents, what remains unaddressed is the root problem – alcoholism, a condition which does not surface only on weekends or only at night and is a 24x7 worry for too many families.

The problem of alcoholism is not talked about enough probably because it is substance abuse and HIV/ AIDS which receive funding, leading unfortunately to a situation where this condition is not as widely discussed as the scale of the problem requires. Many people tend to identify alcoholism as a traditional dispensation of the Hill People. This is an ill-informed preconception since alcoholism [as a widespread problem] could not have debuted in the hills more than half a century back or six decades at the most. Alcoholism really becomes possible with the arrival of the IMFLs [India Made Foreign Liquors] since the local brews required too much work and time to be manufactured in enough quantities to feed alcoholism on a scale that cause the kind of health and social complications which are now possible and common. It is hence wrong to begin any discussion on alcoholism by suggesting that it is a traditional weakness of the Hill People. The communities here might have allowed 'drinking', but that cannot be construed as addictive levels of drinking. The prejudice, however, because it serves so many businesses so well, has been allowed to set in and after it was ignored in the initial years [of IMFLs and other mass distilling units arriving], spread rapidly to ingrain itself in the society.

The damage wreaked by alcoholism cannot be stressed enough and media here should carry forward its success with getting the problem of substance abuse addressed and report more effectively and widely on the abuse of alcohol which is just as impairing. But the local media, when it overlooks the problem of alcoholism in the society, ends up reflecting the social acceptance of this malaise. Sikkim's indifference towards this problem will weigh heavy on its collective conscience some day. Many excuse alcoholism with the argument that the person is earning enough to indulge himself/ herself. Substance abuse, because it usually starts at a much younger age, is more scandalous also because of the petty crimes that the addicts invariably resort to finance their addictions. While there is no denying that substance abuse is a serious concern, alcoholism, because not enough seem to be taking it seriously, is even more worrying. Even if one were to keep the emotions aside, the impact alcoholism has on the economy should attract corrective action. Most people turn alcoholic in what should be the most productive years of their lives, both professionally as well as part of a family. When their faculties are compromised, as alcoholism is wont to do, their work suffers as do their families. Indifference towards this problem puts too much at risk because like with all social problems, alcoholism does not affect only the individual but has the entire family suffering. While the younger 'addict' makes the elders of the family suffer guilt pangs, an alcoholic, because in most cases they are working members of the family, end up abusing the family [because they have more 'power' but less control]. This is a social problem and requires the community to step forward and engage proactively in its battle against the bottle. Sadly, in Sikkim, even the war-cary has not been sounded yet...

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Trump speaks at the UN: 5 takeaways

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It is a short distance from Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue to the United Nations headquarters on First Avenue, but these are different worlds. Donald Trump's native world is one of unilateralism and competition, with more than a hint of bravado and aggression. The U.N.'s world is one of multilateralism and cooperation, with a heavy dose of diplomacy and collaboration.

Those two worlds met when Trump gave his first speech to the U.N. as America's president. And the nationalism and pragmatism of the relatively recently inaugurated leader of the U.S., if no longer the free world, collided with the cosmopolitan, enduringly optimistic, if often weary, leadership of the U.N. Not surprisingly, it starkly contrasted with Barack Obama's final speech to the U.N. a year ago.

'IT'S COMPLICATED'

Since his inauguration, Donald Trump has conceded on several occasions that foreign policy is "complicated." And his speech at the U.N. reinforced that fact. He attempted to bridge an uncomfortable divide between the isolationism and muscular foreign policy embraced by much of his political base and the inescapable need to cooperate with other countries in order to tackle a series of foreign policy problems that even the most powerful of states cannot address alone. My initial impression as a student of international relations is that he largely failed to reconcile that tension.

Trump's inaugural presidential address was more memorable for his reference to carnage than an appeal to inspirational values. And, likewise, his first U.N. speech will probably be remembered more for his threats against North Korea and his reference to the decimation of the U.S. middle class than a few desultory utterances in which he commended the United Nations for its humanitarian efforts.

STRADDLING TWO CONSTITUENCIES

Unsurprisingly, Trump's commentary was broad-ranging and inchoate. In again invoking the concept of "principled realism," he tried to straddle, and to please, both his base and the audience in the room. But just like his wavering recent comments about events in Charlottesville or the fate of the "Dreamers" of DACA, his ambivalence on the future relationship between the United States and the United Nations will likely leave neither his supporters or his global audience



satisfied.

So, against this background, what were the lessons gleaned from Trump's speech?

Here are five key points:

#1. WE ARE THE WORLD?

For the last three decades, every student who takes a university course in international relations has been taught two things. The first is that the countries of the world are becoming more interdependent. The second is that the United Nations is one of the mechanisms that can be used to address issues that require a collective response, like climate change or growing inequality. Trump rejected that formulation. In his speech, he argued that the United Nations should be built on the basis of sovereign, strong and independent states fed by patriotism and nationalism – not cosmopolitanism. States should be left alone unless they threaten external security or, Trump suggested eccentrically, they abrogate human rights – singularly referring to Venezuela.

#2. THROWBACK TO W

Rogue states, or "regimes," are back in fashion. The term, like the "Axis of Evil," was introduced by George W. Bush's administration. Then, it principally referred to Iran, North Korea and Iraq, and was used to justify an interventionist U.S. foreign policy. That language disappeared during the Obama administration, in favor of a focus on strategic patience and diplomacy. Trump's rejection of Obama's foreign policy could have taken him off in several directions. But in this instance, he has returned to Bush's.

#3. A LINE TO REMEMBER

But Bush's foray didn't end well. He used the term – and the threat those countries reputedly posed to international stability – to justify a long, bloody and costly war in Iraq that

ultimately destabilized the Middle East. The consequences of Trump's return to that language could prove catastrophic on the Korean Peninsula. Never before can I recall an American president threatening to "totally destroy" another country like North Korea, as Trump did while standing at a lectern of an organization whose core mission is dedicated to peace. That, I suspect, will be the line from his speech that will be longest remembered, regardless of whether war actually breaks out.

#4. LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE

Paradoxically, according to Trump, in pursuing its own narrow, short-term self-interest on security and trade, the United States will remain a "model" for the rest of the world. Again, this claim upends conventional American wisdom.

Attempts to enhance America's global reputation for the last seven decades have been built on its efforts to cultivate at least an image of enlightened self-interest. This has entailed promoting global stability, trade and democracy. Taking this long-term view has been at a cost to American taxpayers, workers and even American lives in a series of wars. American presidents have routinely justified this sacrifice by calling the U.S. "a model" from which the world has ultimately benefited. Until now, none has justified selfishness as a virtue to the rest of the world. "As President of the United States, I will always put America first just like you, the leaders of your countries, will always, and should always, put your countries first," proclaimed Trump. It was a line reminiscent of Gordon Gecko's famous speech in the movie Wall Street, that "greed is good."

#5. IGNORING THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Economic and national security may be in, but enhancing economic and social development, addressing global inequality and combating climate change are certainly out.

The irony is inescapable: Two more hurricanes were threatening America's shores as Trump spoke. Seemingly oblivious to that fact, he completely ignored two of the greatest interrelated challenges facing humanity in a building whose central mission is to protect the species: how to feed the world's population while ensuring all of our children actually remain alive so that they can enjoy that meal. America First, he clearly implied, entails the right of the American middle class to drive to the mall and have enough money to spend on U.S. manufactured products when it gets there. But, on this occasion, the possibility that they may have to drive through a hurricane, flood, forest fire or smog to get there was not recognized by Trump as a major problem. And on questions of economic, political or social development? The nearest he got was a reference to refugees: Wars should cease so that they can return to their homes. It's cheaper that way. The president is probably unacquainted with the fact that a large proportion of the world's potential environmental refugees live in the Caribbean, and when the sea rises I suspect they will be heading in boats towards Florida, if not Mar-a-Lago, with no home to return to.

SO WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

First, principled realism is a nice term if you are trying to appear coherent. But its principle components – of isolationism and engagement – are inherently contradictory. Cobbling them together should lead us to expect contradiction and equivocation rather than be surprised by it.

Second, we learned once again that Trump looks longingly backwards rather than forwards. His speech, when dispassionately analyzed, would have seemed more befitting if delivered in 1917 rather than 2017.

And finally, the lukewarm applause Trump received – both when criticizing Iran and at the conclusion of his speech – suggests that, with few exceptions, the world's leaders share the sentiment held by a large portion of the American electorate: that the next three years and four months are going to feel like an eternity.

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Standing too much at work can double your risk of heart disease

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There's been a lot of interest in the harmful effects of prolonged sitting at work, from academics and the public alike. The attention being paid to sitting – or rather, not sitting – while on the job stems from the scientifically validated message that being sedentary in general, both indoors and outdoors, is bad for your health.

However, comparatively little attention has been devoted to the harmful effects of prolonged standing at work, despite past studies linking it to chronic back pain and musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) in the lower limbs.

What's more, research has shown that prolonged standing might increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. That's because standing too long can result in blood pooling in the legs, increased pressure in the veins and increased oxidative stress, all of which can contribute to an increased risk.

PROLONGED STANDING AT WORK DOUBLES HEART DISEASE RISK

We recently published a study that adds to that body of evidence on the adverse health effects of prolonged standing. It compared the risk of heart disease among more than 7,000 workers in Ontario, followed over a 12-year period, across different types of occupations.

Briefly, we grouped the workers into four categories according to the body position of their jobs.

The categories were: workers who mostly sit, workers who mostly stand, workers who use a mix of sitting, standing and walking, and workers who use other types of body positions, such as crouching or kneeling.

We found that people who primarily stand on the job are twice as likely to develop heart disease as people who primarily sit. This was the case even after taking into account a wide range of factors,

including personal factors (including age, gender, education levels, ethnicity, immigrant status and marital status), health (e.g., diabetes, arthritis, hypertension, mood and anxiety disorders) and the type of work being performed (e.g., physical demands, shift schedule).

An elevated risk for those who stand at their jobs (compared to sitting) was still present after taking into account smoking, leisure time, physical activity, alcohol consumption and body mass index.

In fact, the incidence of heart disease among those respondents who stood a lot at work (6.6 per cent) was similar to the incidence of heart disease among workers who smoked on a daily basis (5.8 per cent) or those who were obese (6.9 per cent). This suggests that workplace wellness programs should focus on reducing prolonged standing at work, just as they target smoking and unhealthy diet habits, to curb cardiovascular disease.

IS MY SIT/STAND DESK HARMFUL?

For those who may wonder whether their standing or variable desk is a health risk, the short answer is "No." The focus of our study was prolonged standing at work, without opportunities to sit. We expect that people using sit/stand desks do sit when they feel tired, unlike those in occupations that require prolonged standing, such as grocery store clerks or line cooks.

The opposite question, "Does standing a little bit more during the day reduce risk of heart disease?" is harder to answer, and was not specifically examined by our study.

The available research evidence suggests that while being sedentary in general is bad for you, the amount of time we spend sitting at work (distinct from sitting at home, in traffic, and so on) is not strongly linked with decreased risk of long-term conditions such as diabetes or heart disease.

To reduce the potential health impacts of sitting

in general, you would likely need changes in overall energy expenditure. And standing a little more throughout the day (without at least walking in addition to the standing) probably won't achieve this.

HOW CAN I REDUCE RISK?

Based on our study, and other studies in this area, it would seem wise to focus on ways to reduce standing time in certain occupations. In our study, people whose jobs involve standing for long stretches of time included sales and service workers, cooks, food and beverage servers and bank tellers.

With the exception of cooks, there aren't specific reasons why workers in many of these occupations need to stand for prolonged periods of time. Rather, the need to stand in these jobs has more to do with the need to be seen by the public as being attentive, interested and polite. So most workers could still perform their duties using a mix of sitting and standing.

As a result, greater awareness of the potential health effects of standing too long can help roll back this social expectation.

And luckily for workplaces, in the case of prolonged standing, there are interventions that are known to be effective and readily available: They're called chairs.

Preventing long-term health conditions such as heart disease likely requires multi-faceted interventions, focusing on factors inside and outside the workplace.

Reducing prolonged standing at work – and providing more flexible work environments in general – should be one of the aspects of work that are considered in the future.

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Mizo govt
- HPC(D)
peace talk
ends with
positive
note

AIZAWL, SEP 22 (PTI): The two-day peace talks between the Mizoram government and the Manipur-based Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) concluded today with a positive note, an official said.

The leader of the government delegation Lalbiakzama told PTI that they had worked out all the modalities for signing a peace accord as also power, function and autonomy of the proposed Sinlung Hill Council.

"We held the parleys under conducive atmosphere with complete mutual trust," Lalbiakzama said adding that the deliberation on the proposed legislation on the formation of the Sinlung Hills Council was successful with both sides agreeing on all the clauses.

The nitty-gritties of the framework agreement including surrender of arms and payment of rehabilitation package to around 60 cadres of the Hmar outfit were also discussed.

The date for the next round of peace talks was not fixed as yet, he said.

3 GJM
members
arrested from
Gurugram for
Darjeeling
arson

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sembly, promoting enmity between groups, and voluntarily causing grievous hurt.

Besides, sections for assault or criminal force to deter public servant, mischief by fire and explosive substance, criminal intimidation and criminal conspiracy and others of the IPC were also slapped against them, the officer said.

The three were also booked under sections of the West Bengal Maintenance of Public Order Act and Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, the officer added.

The CID had issued warrants against them along with GJM chief Bimal Gurung his wife Asha Gurung and six other party leaders in connection with the violence.

A case in this connection was registered at the Sadar Police Station.

Bimal Gurung asks people to punish Binay Tamang

DARJEELING (WB), SEP 22 (PTI): GJM supremo Bimal Gurung today asked the people of Darjeeling to "punish" rebel leader Binay Tamang, alleging he colluded with the West Bengal government and "compromised" the Gorkhaland movement.

The state government had on Wednesday announced the formation of a nine-member Board of Administrators in place of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration for Darjeeling hills and appointed Tamang and Anit Thapa as its chairman and vice-chairman.



"We have been saying this from the very beginning that Binay and Anit are hand in gloves with the state government.

They have not only compromised the integrity of the movement but also the cause of Gorkhaland and people's aspirations.

"They have betrayed the people of the hills. They deserve to be punished. I urge the people of the hills to punish, curse" and boycott them, Gurung said in an audio statement late last night.

Gurung said the indefinite shutdown in the hills would continue until tripartite talks on the issue begin.

Meanwhile, several shops remained open in Darjeeling even as the situation in the hills remained tensed on the 100th day of the GJM-led indefinite shutdown for a separate state of Gorkhaland.

Although no incidents of violence were reported since last night, police and security personnel have made special security arrangements in the hills and are maintaining a tight vigil to avoid any untoward incident.

The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha and other hill parties took out rallies demanding that the Centre immediately intervene and start the dialogue process considering the sentiments of the people of the hills.

For the 13th day in a row, police along with the administration, appealed to the locals using public address systems

to open shops and restore normalcy in the hills.

Peace rallies were taken out by the residents at Kurseong, Darjeeling and Mirik, while GJM supporters took out rallies in support of a separate Gorkhaland and the ongoing shutdown in sections of Darjeeling, Sonada and Kalimpong, the police said.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had urged the agitators in Darjeeling to withdraw their strike and restore normalcy.

Internet services remain suspended in the hills since June 18.

Sustainable Mountain Development
Summit held in Aizawl

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:

The sixth edition of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit being held in Aizawl, Mizoram was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Mizoram, Lal Thanhawla, on 20 Sept at the Mizoram University Auditorium.

A press release informs that the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit held

from 20-22 Sept focused on the theme, "Climate Change and Sustainable Mountain Cities".

The inaugural programme began with an opening song by the Mizoram Cardinal Choir which was followed by the welcoming address and presentation of Summit Outline by the Convener of SMDS VI and the Mizoram

Sustainable Development Foundation President, Dr Lalbiakmawia Ngente.

President of Integrated Mountain Initiative, former Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Alemtemshi Jamir, gave the opening remarks and presented a brief note on the journey of the IMI.

Expectations from the Summit were detailed by Minister UD&PA, Zodint-

luanga, who is also the Chairperson of the organising committee, Vice Chancellor-Mizoram University, Professor Lianzela, Team Leader-IHCAP, Dr Mustafa Ali Khan, and Councillor-elect [IMI], Ramesh Negi.

The function was followed by the inauguration of the 6th Indian Himalayan Photography Exhibition, the release adds.

Seven Bengali films to vie
for audience this Puja

KOLKATA, SEP 22 (PTI): Seven Bengali films are releasing this Durga Puja, the biggest festival of West Bengal, when people also watch films and theatre shows apart from pandal hopping.

Of the seven films Srijit Mukherjee's 'Yeti Obhijaan', Anjan Dutt's Byomkesh O Agniban, Dev's 'Cockpit', Anindya Chatterjee's 'Prajapati Biscuit', Raj Chakrabarty's 'Bolo Dugga Maiki', Swapan Saha's 'Sera Bangali' are releasing today.

Mainak Bhowmik's 'Chalachitro Circus' will be releasing on the day of Maha Saptami, the first day of the Puja, next week.

Asked if the audience will be able to watch all the films and whether simultaneous releases will not eat into one another's revenue, Bengali superstar Prosenjit Chatterjee told PTI, "each and every film will have its own place."

"And I also know Kakababu and Santu (two principal characters in Yeti Obhijaan) will have its own space." Prosenjit essays the role of adventurer Kakababu in 'Yeti Obhijaan'.

Actor-MP and producer of 'Cockpit', Dev said, "I wish all the Bengali films would not have aimed at Puja release and timed for other dates, but let me say all the seven films, representing different genres, will have their audience. Ultimately that will help the industry."

"Everyone in this industry wants all the films do well. But I will ask every member of

audience to make 'Cockpit' on the top of his wish list and then watch the other films one by one," Dev said.

Bengali film star and hero of 'Bolo Dugga Maiki', Ankush said, "so many films with good content are being released this Puja. I think people will find it the perfect time to watch Bengali movies as this is the time to go back to their roots and be proud of 'Bangaliana' (Bengaliness).

Asked about his puja release coinciding with other films, Director Mainak said, "my movie is my baby, and I don't want to share my baby's birthday party with that of another baby."

"But what can you do if someone's birthday party is bigger than yours," he said.

Kailash Satyarthi
begins North East leg
of Bharat Yatra

GUWAHATI, SEP 22 (PTI): Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi today launched the North East leg of his Bharat Yatra march against child sexual abuse and trafficking.

Addressing the students of Gauhati University where the march began, Satyarthi said the Yatra is aimed at initiating a mass movement calling upon each citizen to take urgent action to break the unacceptable silence about sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking of children every day.

Giving statistics about the dismal scenario of child safety in the country, the founder of Kailash Satyarthi Children's foundation said that every hour, two children are reported to be raped and six go missing, while 4.5 lakh children have been victims of trafficking, bought and sold for commercial and sexual exploitation.

Stating that children are not safe even in their own homes, Satyarthi said, "even two-month old babies are raped. Many go unreported. This epidemic is kept hidden under social taboo, family and the children's honour".

The Yatra was flagged off from Kanaya Kumari on September 11 and will cover 11,000 km in 35 days across 22 states and union territories.

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resource persons Deepak Rai talked about the effects substance abuse and alcoholism while Medical Officer, Dr Jalka Subba talked about adolescent health and hygiene.



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
CENTRAL HEALTH STORES ORGANISATION
HEALTH CARE, HUMAN SERVICES & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
CONVEY GROUND, TADONG

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No. 351/CHSO/17-18 Date: 21/09/2017

The H.C, H.S & F.W. Department, Government of Sikkim invited Online Tenders from Manufactures or their authorised dealers/Indian subsidiaries/direct importers having a place of business in any of the State of India for the **"THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF EQUIPMENTS/INSTRUMENTS FOR TRAUMA CARE CENTRES FOR DISTRICT HOSPITAL MANGAN, SINGTAM AND NAMCHI ON TURNKEY BASIS"** for the financial year 2017-18 w.e.f 23/09/2017.

The bid should be submitted online in the website <https://www.sikkim-tender.gov.in> for which, the bidders should have the necessary portal enrolment with his/her own Digital Signature certificate (DSC).

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CENTRAL HEALTH STORES ORGANIZATION.

R.O. NO. 333/ipr/pub/classi./17-18
Dt. 22.9.2017



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT
SORENG WEST SIKKIM

Memo No: GOS/136/WD-II/R&B/SRG/06-07/164
Dated: 20.09.2017

CORRIGENDUM

Reference to N.I.T No. WD/R&B/S/06-07/136/158/ SOR dated 14.09.2017 & R.O No. 310/IPR/PUB/CLAS-SI/17-18 dated 15.09.2017, the time scheduled for submission and opening of tender is as follows:-

1. Date and Time for submission of tenders:
(a) For SI.No. 1 to 7: 17th Nov 2017 (from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
(b) For SI.No. 8 to 15: 20th Nov 2017 (from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm)
2. Date and Time of opening of Bid:
(a) For SI.No. 1 to 7: 17th Nov 2017 (at 1.30 pm)
(b) For SI.no. 8 to 15 : 20th Nov 2017 (at 1.30pm)

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NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER

N.I.T No. 433/GOS/UD & HD/DE (N) Dated: 20.09.2017

For and behalf of Governor of Sikkim, the Divisional Engineer(N&P), Urban Development and Housing Department, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim re-invites sealed percentage rate tenders from Class IV grade contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department (SPWD) within the territorial jurisdiction (as per enlistment) mentioned below for the work detailed hereunder:-

A.DETAILS OF TENDER

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of work put to tender (in Rs.)	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Cost of tender documents (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Territorial jurisdiction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Development of Chungthang bazaar as river side city in North Sikkim	67,40,000/-	1,68,500/-	5,000/-	18 months	Within the territorial jurisdiction of the GPU where work is to be executed.
2	Construction of organic vegetable market at Rangrang in North Sikkim	99,35,000/-	2,48,375/-	5,000/-	24 months	Within the territorial jurisdiction of the GPU where work is to be executed.

B. TIME SCHEDULE

i)	Date of submission of application with Challan/BR for issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form)	:	26 th October 2017 upto 1500 hrs.
ii)	Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of Earnest Money in the form of TDR	:	28 th October 2017 upto 1500 hrs.
iii)	Date of submission of Tender	:	2 nd November 2017 upto 1200 hrs.
iv)	Date and time of opening of Tender	:	2 nd November 2017 at 1300 hrs.

Note : The Challan for these works shall be issued from the Accounts Section of UD&HD at Head office below STNM Hospital.

Tender form/documents could be obtained from the office of the Divisional Engineer (North & Planning), UD&HD, Development Area, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

C. GENERAL GUIDLINES & CONDITIONS
Same as published & advertised earlier.

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Book tracing Indian community's heritage in Singapore launched

SINGAPORE, SEP 22 (PTI): A book that traces the cultural heritage of the Indian community in Singapore and casting a spotlight on its plight during the Japanese occupation has been launched here.

The 556-page book "Singapore Indian Heritage" brought out by the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) combines academic research with catalogue entries of the centre's collection of over 300 artefacts, photographs and documents.

The hardcover tome comprises a series of essays and photos and tells the journey of Singapore's Indian community from pre-colonial times, its contributions to nation-building and its current-day dynamics.

The book was edited by Associate Professor Rajesh Rai of the National University of Singapore and Professor A Mani of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan.

Singapore Minister for Trade and Industry (Industry) S Iswaran launched the IHC's first book yesterday.

Prof Rai said the Japanese occupation is not often thought of in terms of the Indian experience.

While the Indian National Army (INA), formed by Indian nationalists in South-east Asia, forged an alliance with the Japanese in their fight against British rule, Indians also suffered at the hands of the Japanese, he said.

Speaking at the event, Singapore's Ambassador-at-large Gopinath Pillai, said the book was a collaboration between "respected members of the academia and the centre's museum professionals".

"The IHC is invested in the long-term study of Indian history and heritage in Singapore and the wider South-east Asia region," The Straits Times quoted Pillai who is chairman of IHC's advisory board, as saying.

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SSA outplays Aakraman, Sikkim Police and Sikkim Himalayan play out a draw

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:**

Defending champion's Sikkim Aakraman Football Club were outplayed 0-2 by the State Sports Academy in the ongoing Play247 Sikkim Premier League 2017 here at Paljor Stadium today.

Being a crucial match, both teams played contesting football right from the start, unleashing an attacking game with the aim to take the lead. However, both

teams missed some good chances early on and the deadlock was finally broken in the 30th minutes from the boots of Sanjay Rai. The first half ended with SSA 1-0 ahead.

Aakraman strikers tried their best to bounce back into the match, but were unable to score any goal again in the second half. In the 77th minute, Surag Chettri extended the lead of the SSA to 2-0 and sealed the match for SSA which secured 3

points from this 2-0 win.

Another contesting match was played today - between Sikkim Police and Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Both the teams kept pressure on each other with some good attacks from the start. In the 33rd minute, the referee offered a penalty kick to Sikkim Police. Dawa Lepcha converted successfully and won the lead for Sikkim Police.

Sikkim Police players came out on the field 1-0 ahead in the second half and continued with their attacking game. In response, Sikkim Himalayan SC players also upped the tempo and in the 83rd minute, Sudesh Subba scored a beauty to equalise for Sikkim Himalayan SC to hold Sikkim Police to a 1-1 draw.

Dzongri Football Club will take on Pakyoung United Football Club on the evening of 23 Sept under flood lights.



ITBP T20 AT CHUNGTHANG

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 22 SEPT:**

The 11th Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police stationed at Chungthang organized an inter-company Himveer T20 Cricket Tournament at Fu-Fu ground in Chungthang, North Sikkim today, a

press release informs.

The opening ceremony had Commandant Rajesh Kumar Tomar as chief guest.

The first match was played between Kerang-20 and Dom-bang-20. Kerang-20 won the match by 50 runs.

I knew how to swing, now I also possess pace: Bhuvneshwar



KOLKATA, SEP 22 (PTI): Bhuvneshwar Kumar always knew how to swing the white ball but now he feels more complete as a bowler with an ability to generate pace in the death overs.

Bhuvneshwar bowled an impressive first spell comprising pace and swing as he finished with brilliant figures of 6.1-2-9-3 including the wicket of dangerous David Warner.

India won the second ODI by 50 runs to take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

"When I first came into the side, I needed conditions favouring swing bowling to flourish. A year after making my debut, I wanted to increase my pace, but I had no clue how to go about that," Bhuvneshwar made a humble admission during the post-match news conference.

The Meerut-born pacer attributed it to the inputs from strength and conditioning coach Shankar Basu for being able to increase of pace which has immensely helped him bowling during slog overs.

"Shankar Basu introduced me to a different type of training that eventually helped me increase my pace. That, in turn, went on to help me bowl at the death too."

Bhuvneshwar said after bowling the very first delivery, he knew that conditions are ideal for swing bowling, something which has been synonymous with the Eden Gardens.

Asked about the spell, he said: "Yes, I had planned to bowl like that. As soon as I bowled the first ball, I knew there was some swing on offer. To Warner, I knew outswingers can work against him. Pitching it on the offstump and getting it to shape away."

Having played alongside Warner for Sunrisers Hyderabad had obviously come in handy.

"Yes, I know a bit as to where he lacks and where I should bowl at. But execution is more important than anything. IPL is such a tournament that you end up knowing about the strengths and weaknesses of everyone because you are playing with so many people in the same side."

With senior pros Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Shami warming

the benches, Bhuvneshwar is now the leader of the Indian bowling attack but he does not want to look at it from that angle.

"I won't say I am a premier bowler or anything, because we are all trying to work hard and whoever gets the opportunity, wants to do well. Workload is taken care of a lot more these days. The support staff is working very hard on getting that right for us. It comes with time and adapting to the work culture," he said.

Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav, despite being wrist spinners are not unknown entities courtesy IPL but even then Australians are finding it hard to read them.

Bhuvneshwar feels as much as you dissect opposition's strength and weaknesses, if one can't execute their plans, there is no use doing homework.

"See, they might know our spinners (Kuldeep and Chahal) and might have even played alongside them in the IPL. But again, you have to execute on the field, like I said. Without that, there is no use of knowing anyone's strengths and weaknesses."

India's total of 252 might have been below-par but the home team dressing room was upbeat about their chances.

"It was obviously not a big total. But still, there was no bad mood in the dressing room at the halfway mark. No one was really upset with the performance. We believe in each other, and that makes a big difference."

"We kept talking about taking wickets at regular intervals. If you get those regular wickets in the middle overs, it always helps, irrespective of the runs on board."

Of late, Bhuvneshwar, the batsman has also come to the fore with some important cameos.

"I have natural talent when it comes to batting. It is not that I have done anything different to get better with the bat. It's very different in Tests and ODIs though. ODI is a format where I mostly need to hit out at the position where I bat."

"The knock against Sri Lanka (2nd ODI) actually gave me a lot of confidence. There is now a mindset that I need to work on partnerships."

Chinese govt plays Cupid to help youth get married

KJM VARMA

BEIJING, SEPT 22 (PTI): With over 100 million youngsters in China opting to remain single despite attaining marriageable age, the government has launched an ambitious blind date drive to encourage single youths to get hitched.

Young singles are encouraged to participate in organised blind dates following a guideline issued by the Communist Youth League (CYL), an influential body attached to the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC), to help young people find the right partner.

Official data shows that more than 100 million Chinese people of marriageable

age remain single.

The sixth census conducted in 2010 showed that 2.47 per cent of women above the age of 30 were single, 'China News Service' had reported in June.

The CYL, Ministry of Civil Affairs and National Health and Family Planning Commission on September 12 said in a statement that helping young people find the right partner had a direct impact on their further development, which affects societal harmony and stability.

The notice also said that "a civilised, healthy and rational concept of love and marriage" should be combined with socialist core values.

The initiatives came following reports that an increasing number of Chinese youth were disinterested in love life and were weighed down by tough working conditions and competition to succeed.

In response to the call, the CYL Zhejiang Provincial Committee established a special department for matchmaking in June and organised a blind date event which attracted 5,000 people.

Apart from CYL committees, other government bodies such as labour unions and women's federations also played Cupid, state-run Global Times reported.

"Family is society's basic unit. Without a family, people will lose their motivation

to work diligently, and too many single people will eventually affect social stability," said an employee surnamed Suo at the Women's Federation in Pizhou in East China's Jiangsu Province.

Suo has organised several blind dates for government employees.

28-year-old Zeng's boss at a state-owned company in Beijing warmed up to Suo's idea. Zeng said that he was allowed to take a day off when going on a blind date.

"My boss believes that a man will only be committed to work after he has a family," Zeng said.

While most Chinese netizens welcome the development, some disapprove of or-

ganisational interference.

An anonymous Internet user said on Zhihu, a Chinese Quora-like website, that her company's labour union often calls her.

"It (labour union) said that work is less important than marriage, and women are destined to get married," she said, adding that she finally blocked the labour union after it called her a fourth time.

Organisers said that few people successfully find a match at those blind date events.

"It's too short a time to get to know each other. And the men who attend are usually younger than the women," Suo said.

Resolve Kashmir issue bilaterally with India, China tells Pak

BEIJING, SEP 22 (PTI): China today said the Kashmir issue should be resolved bilaterally by India and Pakistan through talks, while dismissing calls by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation for implementation of the UN resolution on the dispute.

Asked about the contact group of the OIC calling for the implementation of the UN resolution on Kashmir, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said the issue should be resolved between India and Pakistan.

"China has noted the relevant report. China's position on the Kashmir issue is clear-cut," Lu said, in response to a question.

"The Kashmir issue is left over from history. China hopes India and Pakistan can increase dialogue and communication and properly handle relevant issues and jointly safeguard regional peace and stability," he said.

The 57-member OIC, of which Pakistan is a member, routinely passes a resolution on Kashmir calling for the implementation of the UN resolution.

The contact group of the OIC met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly two days ago.

Persecution Against Pakistani Christians Discussed in the United Nations

GENEVA, 21 Sept (IPR): The European Organization for Pakistani Minorities organised an event entitled "Persecution without Prosecution: The Plights of Pakistani Christians" at the United Nations, Geneva on 18 September 2017. The event was moderated by Dr. Mario Silva, Executive Director of the Toronto-based IFFRAS organisation, while the speakers included Alberto Cirio, Member of the European Parliament and Farrukh Harrison, Pastor and Christian victim from Pakistan. Another speaker Pastor Humayun Sunil, who was also a witness of persecution of Christians in Pakistan, was not allowed to exit the country by Pakistani immigration.

Opening the event, Dr Mario Silva stated that the situation in Pakistan for the minorities was not getting any better. He called Pakistan as the 4th most dangerous country on earth for members of religious faiths and stated that despite being a part of Pakistani society since the inception of the country, the Christians were the most persecuted victims of social discrimination, violence and near constant threats of terrorist attacks.

Trudeau tells UN Canada has failed its indigenous people

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 22 (AFP): Declaring that Canada is "no land of wonders," Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has told the United Nations that his country was working to address failures in the treatment of its indigenous people.

Trudeau yesterday told the UN General Assembly that Canada's 1.2 million indigenous people had mostly known "humiliation, neglect and abuse" in a country often held up as shining example of diversity.

"We know that the world expects Canada to strictly adhere to international human rights standards," said Trudeau, who has put reconciliation with first nations at the top of his reform agenda.

"That is what we expect of ourselves, too."

Trudeau drew applause when he pledged Canada's "unwavering" support to global efforts to combat global warming which he said was affecting the lifestyles of Inuit communities



in the north.

Canada's permafrost is melting in the Arctic and "huge pieces of tundra" are eroding into the ocean, he said.

Trudeau also took an implicit swipe at the US over its withdrawal from the Paris agreement on climate change.

"There is no country on this planet that can walk away from the reality of climate change," said Trudeau, alternating between French and English in his remarks.

It was Trudeau's second address to the world body following his 2015 election.

"Canada is no land of wonders where hardships that you know do not exist," said the prime minister, whose country consistently ranks among the world's highest in living standards.

"Canada remains a work in progress," he declared.

Pak rakes up Kashmir at UN, warns India against 'limited war' doctrine

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 22 (PTI): Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi today urged the UN to appoint a special envoy to Kashmir and warned India against pursuing the doctrine of "limited war" against his country.

"The Kashmir dispute should be resolved justly, peacefully and expeditiously. As India is unwilling to resume the peace process with Pakistan, we call on the Security Council to fulfil its obligation to secure the implementation of its own resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

Abbasi in his maiden address to the UN General Assembly, raked up the Kashmir issue, alleging that the struggle of the people in the Valley is being "brutally suppressed" by India.

In his anti-India rhetoric, Abbasi accused India of indulging in

terror activities against Pakistan and warned of a "matching response" if it "ventures across the LoC (Line of Control)" or acts upon its "doctrine of limited war" against his country.

"The Kashmir dispute should be resolved justly, peacefully and expeditiously. As India is unwilling to resume the peace process with Pakistan, we call on the Security Council to fulfil its obligation to secure the implementation of its own resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

He said the UN Secretary General should appoint a special envoy on

Kashmir. "His mandate should flow from the longstanding but unimplemented resolutions of the Security Council."

He lamented that despite over 600 ceasefire violations on the India-Pakistan border since January this year, Pakistan has acted with restraint.

"But if India does venture across the LoC, or acts upon its doctrine of limited war against Pakistan, it will evoke a strong and matching response," he said.

The Pakistani prime minister said the "legitimate struggle for self-determination" of

the people of Jammu and Kashmir continues to be "brutally suppressed" by Indian security forces.

Abbasi, who assumed office few months ago, mentioned Kashmir a total of 17 times and India 14 times among other things in his speech.

He also claimed that from day one of its creation, Pakistan has faced "unremitting hostility" from its eastern neighbour (India).

"India refuses to implement the unanimous resolutions of the UN Security Council, which mandate a UN supervised plebiscite to enable the people of Jammu and

Kashmir to freely decide their destiny," he said.

Abbasi demanded an international investigation into the alleged atrocities in Kashmir and sending of an inquiry commission to the Valley.

He alleged that the Indian security forces' "brutalities" clearly constitute war crimes and violate the Geneva Conventions. However, he said that Pakistan remains open to resuming a comprehensive dialogue with India to address all outstanding issues, especially Kashmir and discuss measures to maintain peace and security in the region.



Donald Trump is "deranged" and will "pay dearly" for his threats, according to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. In a rare statement reported by the country's official news agency, Mr Kim said the North would consider the "highest level of hard-line countermeasure in history" against the US. Mr Kim's words follow the US President's threat to "totally destroy" North Korea, comments described by the North Korean dictator as "the most ferocious declaration of a war in history". He said that Mr Trump's speech at the United Nations on Tuesday had only convinced him that Pyongyang's nuclear programme must continue.

Kim says Trump 'deranged' as Pyongyang hints at Pacific H-bomb

SEOUL, SEP 22 (AFP): US President Donald Trump is "mentally deranged" and will "pay dearly" for his threat to destroy North Korea, Kim Jong-Un said today, as his foreign minister hinted the regime may explode a hydrogen bomb over the Pacific Ocean.

In a rare personal attack published hours after Washington announced tougher sanctions, the North Korean leader took aim at Trump over his maiden speech to the UN General Assembly in which he branded Kim "Rocket Man" and threatened to "totally destroy North Korea".

Trump "insulted me and my country in front of the eyes of the world and made the most ferocious declaration of a war in history", Kim said, according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

"I will make the man holding the prerogative of the supreme command in the US pay dearly for his speech," which he called "unprecedented rude nonsense".

The dispatch was accompanied by a photo of the North Korean leader sitting behind a desk holding a piece of paper.

"I will surely and definitely tame the mentally deranged US dotard with fire," he said.

On the fringes of the UN General Assembly in New York, North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho told reporters Pyongyang might now consider detonating a hydrogen bomb outside its territory.

"I think that it could be an H-bomb test at an unprecedented level perhaps over the Pacific," he said.

However, he added: "It is up to our leader so I do not know well."

India slams Pakistan at UN, says it is 'terroristan', land of pure terror

LALIT K JHA

UNITED NATIONS, SEP 22 (PTI): India today ripped into Pakistan, describing it as "terroristan" and a land of "pure terror" that hosts a flourishing industry to produce and export global terrorism.

In a no-holds-barred speech at the UN General Assembly, India's representative said it is extraordinary that the state which protected Osama Bin Laden and sheltered Mullah Omar should have the gumption to play the victim.

India was exercising its right to reply after Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi raked up the Kashmir issue at the General Assembly.

"By now, all Pakistan's neighbours are painfully familiar with these tactics to create a narrative based on distortions, deception and deceit, Eenam Gambhir, a First



Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India to the UN, said, asserting that efforts at creating alternative facts do not change reality.

"In its short history, Pakistan has become a geography synonymous with terror," she said.

Playing on the country's

name, which means "land of pure," she said the quest for a land of pure has actually produced 'the land of pure terror'. Pakistan is now 'Terroristan', with a flourishing industry producing and exporting global terrorism, she said.

Gambhir noted that Pakistan's current state can be

gauged from the fact that Hafiz Mohammed Saeed, a leader of the United Nations designated terrorist organisation Lashkar-e Taiba, is now sought to be legitimised as a leader of a political party.

She said that Pakistan's counter-terrorism policy is to mainstream and upstream terrorists by either providing safe havens to global terror leaders in its military towns, or protecting them with "political careers".

"The state of Jammu and Kashmir is and will always remain an integral part of India. However much it scales up cross-border terrorism, it will never succeed in undermining India's territorial integrity, she said.

Earlier, Abbasi accused India of indulging in terror activities against his country and warned of a "matching response" if it "ventures across the LoC" or

acts upon its "doctrine of limited war against Pakistan."

He urged the United Nations to appoint a special envoy to Kashmir, claiming that the struggle of the people in the region is being "brutally suppressed" by India.

He also claimed that there are no Taliban safe havens in Pakistan.

"Having suffered and sacrificed so much due to our role in the global counter-terrorism campaign, it is especially galling for Pakistan to be blamed for the military or political stalemate in Afghanistan," Abbasi said.

Attacking Pakistan, Gambhir said having diverted billions of dollars in international military and development aid towards creating a "dangerous infrastructure of terror" on its own territory, Pakistan is now speaking of the

high cost of its terror industry. "The polluter, in this case, is paying the price," she said.

"Even as terrorists thrive in Pakistan and roam its streets with impunity, we have heard it lecture about the protection of human rights in India. The world does not need lessons on democracy and human rights from a country whose own situation is charitably described as a failed state," Gambhir said.

"Terroristan is in fact a territory whose contribution to the globalisation of terror is unparalleled. Pakistan can only be counseled to abandon a destructive worldview that has caused grief to the entire world. If it could be persuaded to demonstrate any commitment to civilization, order, and to peace, it may still find some acceptance in the comity of nations," she said.

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'NEWTON' STARRING RAJKUMAR RAO IS INDIA'S OFFICIAL ENTRY FOR OSCARS 2018

The race to Oscars 2018 has begun. And India, too, has finalised its entry. Yes, it's official now that Amit Masurkar's 'Newton' will be the Indian entry at the Oscars next year.

The Film Federation Of India (FFI), in an official statement on Friday confirmed the nomination.

The Hindi movie was the unanimous choice of FFI's selection committee, headed by Telugu producer C V Reddy. "Newton" has been selected as India's official entry to the Oscars. It was unanimously chosen from 26 entries this year," FFI secretary general Supran Sen said.

The National Award-winning actor Rajkumar Rao plays the lead in this indie drama. The film also stars Anjali Patil, Pankaj Tripathi and veteran thespian Raghubir Yadav of 'Mungeri Lal' fame.

The decision to choose the film, which was released commercially today, for the Oscars was the proverbial "cherry on the cake", said actor Rao. "It is a really hon-



free and fair poll in a conflict-hit area of Chhatisgarh.

The director expressed his happiness, calling it a double celebration for the team. "We are really happy. The fact that the film is releasing today doubles the happiness. We hope that people will now really head to the cinema halls to watch the film," he shared.

"Newton" is

Masurkar's second directorial venture after the 2014 indie "Sulemani Keeda". Meanwhile, the film is also winning Bollywood hearts on Twitter. Actor Amitabh Bachchan was one of the first to laud the film.

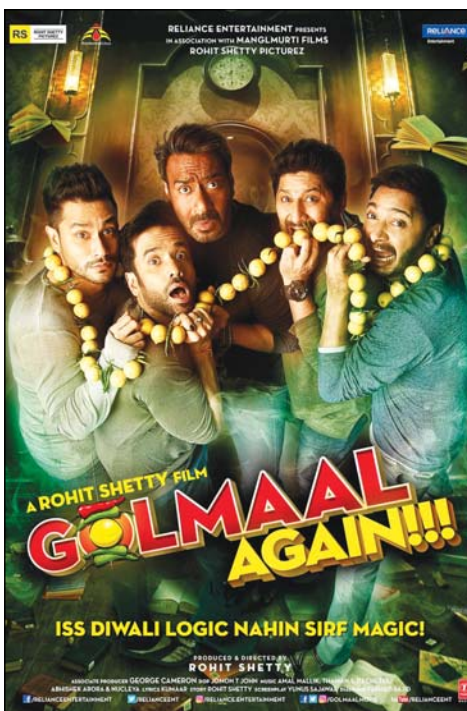
"Saw the film 'Newton'... its stark reality was a treat to watch! An eye opener on many aspects!" he tweeted.

Last year, the Tamil film 'Visaranai' made it to Oscars' Foreign Language Film category, but it failed to earn the coveted spot.

est film and we are already getting an overwhelming response. We will put all our energies to take the film forward," he added.

The movie is a telling commentary of contemporary times, and portrays an idealistic government clerk who is trying to survive the apathy, lethargy and corruption around him. The film is a political satire revolving around an honest election officer's attempt to conduct a

AJAY DEVGN'S GOLMAAL AGAIN IS A HORROR COMEDY



Ajay Devgn and Rohit Shetty's collaboration for the Golmaal series are known to be power-packed action-comedies. But it seems to be a little different this time. Ajay took to his social media handles to reveal a few posters as the countdown for its trailer release

One of the posters sees Ajay along with Arshad Warsi, Tusshar Kapoor, Shreyas Talpade and Kunal Khemu being scared of something. But it gets clearer that the film will be ghost humor when we see them holding onto the nimbu-mirchi trail.

The much-in-news trailer of 'Golmaal Again' was released recently and it looks bigger and better than all the other installments of the franchise. This time however with Ajay Devgn, Tusshar Kapoor, Arshad Warsi, Tabu, Shreyas Talpade, Kunal Kemmu and Parineeti Chopra, the

story has an added twist of horror.

The three-minute-long trailer that was unveiled post a trailer launch in Mumbai sees the story unfold for the fourth installment. Ajay Devgn and Shreyas Talpade set the base for the audience

what's TRENDING

as the trailer opens to a howling background score. What follows is a series of supernatural events that set the tone of a paranormal existence in the house where all these characters reside in the film. Parineeti is the fresh female face in the film with Tabu as Rukmini.

The fourth film boasts of a huge star cast including Parineeti, Tabu, Neil Nitin Mukesh, Sanjay Mishra and Johnny Lever while retaining the usual suspects - Ajay, Tusshar, Arshad, Kunal and Shreyas. The film is scheduled to release on October 20, 2017.



SWEET CREATURE: Former One Direction member Harry Styles performed at the Greek Theatre in L.A. as he embarks on his first solo world tour.

MALALA COULDN'T BELIEVE SHE MET PRIYANKA CHOPRA ON REAL LIFE

Have you ever seen 20-year-old Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai lose her cool? Neither have we.

In fact, she upped her professionalism on Wednesday in New York, where she visited the UN General Assembly to discuss women's education with global leaders. Reminding us that we really need to start working harder, the recent high school graduate spoke with the Vice President of Argentina Gabriela



Michetti and leaders from Afghanistan and Pakistan, urging all to prioritize the education of young girls. And then she met one of the globe's biggest actresses: Priyanka Chopra.

The Hollywood and Bollywood star was on hand to discuss the UN's Spotlight Initiative, which works to get rid of violence against women. And while we're sure the two talked about serious

matters, they made sure to pose together for a killer image any 20-year-old would dream of.

"Can't believe I met @priyankachopra!" Malala wrote on Twitter.

Chopra replied humbly, writing, "Oh @Malala no words will be enough ... I can't believe I ... met ... U!! You're just a young girl with so much heart ... and such achievements. So proud."

time for you, but not a time to get too focused on one thing. Make sure to keep all your options open. Don't get roped into making a commitment to just one camp now.

LEO: Hop on board early today, Leo, or you may get left behind. If you sit around and wait for someone to grant you an invitation, you'll probably never get where you want to go. Once you get on, there'll be no stopping you. The key now is to take that first step. This is a good day to take the initiative and go wherever the tide takes you.

VRIGO: You may sense a bit of conflict in your world today, espe-

cially when it comes to emotions, Virgo. Keep in mind that your perception of a dispute may make or break the result. Look for opportunities in the spaces where you might disagree with others. You can gain a wonderful perspective when you open your channels to things completely new to you.

LIBRA: You might be thrown off balance by the lightness of today, Libra. Perhaps it's difficult to make a decision about anything. Try not to get too caught up in the gossip swarming around you. People may talk quite a bit today, but what you should be concerned with is substance. You want results and action, not empty infor-

mation and promises.

SCORPIO: You're ready to soar like a bird, Scorpio. When the next gust of wind comes up, you'll take flight and send your beautiful presence all over the world. Try not to spread yourself too thin, but feel free to soar to every corner of the field. There's an expansive feeling in the air today that gives a boost to your emotions.

SAGITTARIUS: You'll be pulled in many directions today, Sagittarius. It could be like you're in a candy shop with only a dollar and everything looks delicious. Be careful of starting off in too many directions at once and not following through on any of them.

If you're stuck and unsure which way to turn, retreat from the situation and spend some time by yourself. You work best alone.

CAPRICORN: Thank your friends today, Capricorn. Let them know how much they mean to you. It's important to show your appreciation to the people around you. There's an expansive feeling in your heart that will shine through. The more generous a spirit you can project, the better off you'll be in all situations. Share your smile and you can't go wrong.

AQUARIUS: It's important to communicate your feelings today, Aquarius. You tend to hold them inside and wait until they build up

and erupt like a volcano. Emotional blocks in your system are clogging up the works and preventing new, healthier energies from moving in. Say what you need to say to the people who need to hear how you feel.

PISCES: This is a terrific day for you, Pisces, so make the most of every moment. You can accomplish a tremendous amount as you juggle a dozen different things at once. Others will be inspired by your miraculous feats. You're a superstar! While you hold everyone in thrall, take the opportunity to send your love and generosity outward. It will be cherished.

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1924: Theodore Roosevelt Assistant Secretary of the navy has been nominated as Governor of New York State.

1925: President Hoover believes self supporting commercial air lines in the United States should be created and an authority to oversee the industry created with help and federal funding. He also has bought in the Postmaster General as Air Post would be an important part of helping the fledgling industry take off. He is pressing municipalities to provide local airports to help the new industry.

1958: The United Nations general assembly is expected to vote today on China's entry and a seat in the United Nations.

1968: Two Colombian Passenger jets have been hijacked and taken to Cuba where it is presumed they have been given political asylum. It is unknown how the hijackers managed to board the plane with guns as all passengers are supposed to be checked prior to boarding.

1977: Plans to create a new



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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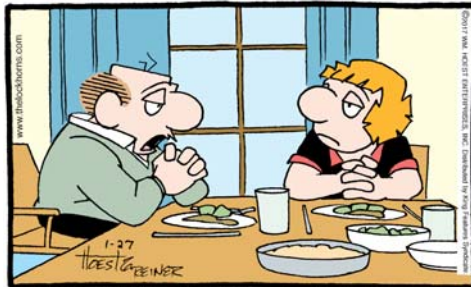
route for Concorde from London Heathrow to Los Angeles have been halted after the Mayor of San Francisco has said Concorde can not meet the cities anti-noise requirements and will not be given permission to land.

2004: Hurricane Jeanne slams into Haiti, killing thousands although the storm was only a category 2 hurricane the accompanying heavy rain caused the floodgates for the Peligre River to fail which caused flash floods to sweep through entire villages, carrying away hundreds of people. Jeanne was part of a series of deadly storms to hit the region during the 2004 hurricane season.

2012: Billie Joe Armstrong, the lead singer of Green Day admitted that he was seeking treatment for substance abuse. The announcement came only days after the group performed at the MTV Video Music Awards.

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BABY BLUES

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ARIES: You may be asked to turn yourself inside out today, Aries. People may bombard you in a way that makes you want retreat into your protective shell. Let their steam dissipate before you pull out your witty, well-crafted retort. Your cutting sense of sarcastic humor is exactly what's needed to puncture any inflated, superficial egos.

TAURUS: You can cruise from left to right and front to rear and back again, Taurus. There's plenty of fuel for your fire today, and so you should take this opportunity to move forward toward your goals. Connecting with others is an important aspect of the day. Do

your best to work with like-minded individuals.

GEMINI: Your mind is buzzing like a busy bee today, Gemini. Keep things light and social. Don't get too wrapped up in details. You may tend to worry about outcomes, but the truth is that problems will work themselves out quite well if you maintain a clear view of your goals. How you get there isn't as important as where you want to go.

CANCER: You're on top of the world today, Cancer, as you should be. You're on your way to conquering a domain that you once considered impossible. Stay strong and assertive. This a great