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Girls of Gangyap bag bronze at CBSE National Basketball C'ship

REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 27 Nov:
The Girls of Gangyap basketball team of Eklavya Model Residential School [EMRS] has bagged bronze medal in the CBSE National Basketball Cham-

pionship 2017. Montford Delhi scored a narrow win against Girls of Gangyap with 57-51 points to win the silver medal. Tshogyal Dolma enthralled everyone one with her 3-pointers scor-

ing 26 points against Montford Delhi with Se-meema adding 9 points. With this, YPS Chhattisgarh and Montford Delhi took the first and second positions respectively with EMRS Gang-

yap & Navarachna Gujarat securing the 3rd position in the under-19 category of the championship. The EMRS Gangyap team is scheduled to return home after their short tour to Agra and Gwalior.

The team has extended gratitude to Chief Minister Pawan Chamling for his generous help and blessings and has thanked all well wishers for their support and wishes.

ER cancels two north Bengal trains

KOLKATA, Nov 27 (PTI): Eastern Railway has decided to cancel two North Bengal-bound express trains from the city due to poor patronization and foggy weather.

The 12363 Up Kolkata-Haldibari Intercity Express would be cancelled on November 30, an ER spokesman said.

The zonal railway has also decided to cancel the 22309 Up Howrah-New Jalpaiguri AC Express on December 5, 12, 19, and 26, the spokesman said.

Release enhanced wages to Sawmill and Sericulture workers: ASDLF

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GANGTOK, 27 Nov:
Labour Front [ASDLF] has urged the Forest Department to immediately release the enhanced daily wages with arrears to workers of Sawmill and Sericulture under Forest Department at Bhandi Khola on Melli-Jorethang Road.

ASDLF has said that it has received information that 12 workers of Sawmill and

SC allows Centre to withdraw force from Darj hills



NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (PTI): The Supreme Court today permitted the Centre to withdraw four of the eight companies of Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) from strife-torn Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts of West Bengal for deployment in poll-bound Gujarat.

A bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud agreed to the Centre's plea to relocate half of the remaining paramilitary forces from the state's strife-torn districts to the poll-bound state.

The apex court had

earlier on October 27 permitted the Centre to withdraw seven of the 15 companies of CAPF from Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts for deployment along the borders of Jammu and Kashmir and in the north-eastern states and to the poll-bound states of

Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

The Calcutta High Court had earlier stayed the withdrawal of CAPF from Darjeeling hills, the scene of unrest over the statehood demand, till October 27 after the state government approached it opposing the Centre's decision.

Govt should compensate victims of its inaction: Delhi HC

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (PTI): The government should provide financial assistance and support to people who are the victims of their inaction and omissions, including wrongful incarceration, the Delhi High Court said today.

The court's observation came as it asked the AAP government and the legal services authority here to examine the feasibility of framing a scheme to compensate the victims of inaction or omission by the authorities.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar issued the directions while noting that

ground water in Mustafabad locality of Shiv Vihar area of northeast Delhi has been polluted by carcinogenic discharge from industrial units which are allegedly illegally operating there, due to the inaction of the local authorities. The court said that as a result of the polluted ground water, several persons of the area are suffering from cancer.

"The court is concerned with the inaction and omissions of the local authorities, resulting in contamination of ground water which has resulted in several people suffering from cancer.

"It cannot be denied that

it is the responsibility of the authorities to provide financial assistance and support to the victims and their family," it said and asked the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government and the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA) to give their recommendations in four weeks.

The direction came during the hearing of a PIL initiated by the court after a news report highlighted the plight of the residents of the colony.

The report had said that the untreated effluents were contaminating ground water, the main source of drinking water in the area, and it was

linked to the high rate of cancer in that area.

Two deaths and eight suspected tumour cases have been detected in the locality, it had said.

The bench from time to time has been issuing directions, including ordering a CBI probe into how the industrial units were allowed to operate there as well as calling for testing of water samples to find a solution to the problem.

The court today issued notice to the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the power distribution company of the area, asking them to indicate the procedure followed by them while

granting water and electricity connections to such units.

"In view of the nature and magnitude of the problem, the issues need consideration," the bench said while making DJB and the discoms of the area a part of the public interest litigation.

The DJB and the discoms have to indicate their stands before the next date of hearing on December 20.

The court told the CBI to start taking action against those who have violated the law by setting up illegal industrial units and those who allowed it to happen.

Direction was also issued

to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to provide the reports of the water sample tests to environmentalist Sunita Narain who has been appointed as amicus curiae by the court. DPCC, represented by advocate Sanjeev Ralli, said the reports will be ready in 15 days.

The Delhi government, represented by standing counsel Ramesh Singh, said 28 families have been identified in the area for grant of compensation under its various welfare schemes. The CBI said its probe was underway as the court asked it to file a status report by January.

Mobile app to ease parking problems launched

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 27 Nov:

A mobile app, Easy Parking, to book space in the desired parking spaces in advance and for other information about parking spaces, has been launched today. The mobile app has been developed by a Gangtok-based IT company, Cubiq Innovations.

The launch had UDHD Minister, NK Subba as the chief guest, while Gangtok MLA, Pintso Chopel Lepcha was present as the guest of honour. The

function was also attended by Mayor, Shakti Singh Chauhdary and GMC Commissioner, Tshewang Gyacho.

In his address, the Minister congratulated Cubiq Innovations founder, Ashish Dhakal for the innovative initiative and advised him to work with proper planning and co-ordination with the concerned authorities for the success of the initiative. He stated that the youth of the State should come forward with such initiatives. He also mentioned

that Gangtok and Namchi have been selected for the Smart City project and work will be starting very soon.

Likewise, Gangtok MLA, Mr Lepcha and Mayor, Mr Singh congratulated Cubiq Innovations for the innovative initiative and assured to provide all possible help and support for the success of the initiative.

The function was also addressed by Mr Dhakal and Cubiq Innovations chief technical officer, Dheeraj Jaiswal.

Ghatani attends International Ambedkar Conclave in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 27 Nov [IPR]: Minister for Health, IPR and Printings Departments, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, who is also an executive member of the Forum of SCs/STs Parliamentarians and Legislators, co-chaired the technical session of International Ambedkar Conclave on Constitution, Education, Skill Development, Economy and Entrepreneurship for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of India held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today.

The two-day conclave was formally inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind. Mr Ghatani also had the opportunity to share the dais with the President during the inaugural session.

Addressing the function, President Kovind emphasized on the remarkable contributions made by Dr BR Ambedkar to the nation. He particularly underlined the incredible role accomplished by Dr Ambed-



kar in formation of the Indian Constitution and promotion of elementary education.

Mr Ghatani also addressed the gathering comprising of noble laureates, politicians, intellectuals, social scientists, lawyers and representatives from different States of India and abroad in technical session-II based on the theme 'Making of Indian Constitution'.

In his deliberation, Mr Ghatani drew attention of the house to the unique endeavors made by the state government to ensure protection of rights of the Scheduled Caste community in Sikkim.

He stated that under

the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, the SC community in Sikkim is culturally recognized, socially well accommodated, politically encouraged and economically reformed.

The state government has awarded reservation to the community in politics, education and employment in the government sector. The SC community in Sikkim is fortunate enough to enjoy political rights in Legislative Assembly, Municipality, Zilla Panchayat and Gram Panchayat level. Atrocities courts have been established and the Atrocity Act is strictly implemented in the State,

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BJP Sikkim expels one, issues showcase notices to two

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 27 Nov: Bhatariya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh today expelled Padam Sharma from primary membership and other posts he was holding for six years. The state-unit of the party has also issued 'showcause notice for expulsion' to its general secretary, LR Gurung and a member, Bhim Kumari Sharma giving them one week to file their response.

The party has taken this decision for their involvement in anti-party activities, informed BJP state-unit spokesperson, JB Darnal in a press conference here today. The state-unit of the party also appointed JB Darnal and DN Nepal as its official spokespersons today.

Addressing the press conference, Mr Darnal stated that the party would not accept and tolerate any groupism and anti-party activities. The party will take action against those involved in anti-party activities after a thorough investigation, he added.

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Training on improved animal drawn equipments

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 27 Nov: College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology [CAEPHT], Central Agricultural University [CAU] Imphal, Centre of the All India Coordinated Research Project on Increased Utilization of Animal Energy with Enhanced System Efficiency organized a daylong training for farmers on 'Efficient utilization of draught animals with matching agricultural equipments' on 25 Nov at Namin in East Sikkim. Forty-five farmers were familiarized with improved animal drawn equipments during the training programme, a press release informs.

In his welcome address, Assistant Professor & Principal Investigator, SK Chauhan, explained the activities of CAEPHT-UAE centre in villages of Sikkim for animal based farming system on terraces for major crops. The highlight



of the training included display and demonstration of animal drawn improved wedge plough, improved peg type pud-

dler, Pant ICAR six-in-

one outfit tool, improved single and two row multi

crop zero-till planter and

improved yoke in Namin.

He further explained the working of all the equipments on display to the farmers for cultivation of crops namely maize, wheat, buck wheat, mustard, pea and black gram to achieve higher profitability. Farmers were informed about the advantage of zero till drill [single pass operation without preparative tillage] for seeding of crops along with the crop management practices. The zero till drill was light weight and save around 50% in cost of operation over traditional practices [2-3 ploughing by wooden plough and 2 passes of 'dande' for clod breaking and planking, cost of operation Rs. 10000 per hectare].

The associated staff of UAE Centre explained the working of the equipments on display and demonstrated the relative advantages over the traditional practices.

Principal Investigator-AICRP on UAE, CAEPHT, Ranipool, urged the farmers to adopt the animal drawn improved equipment package and to seek help when required from the UAE Centre of the college. One improved animal drawn wedge plough was purchased by resident and farmer of Namin, Kapil Das Pradhan.

Further during the training programme, the management for improved health care measures of draught animals with nutritive feeds and improved housing of the work animal was explained.

One small hand tools [Tubularhand maize Sheller] and first aid medical kit for animals were offered from the college through the village Panchayat to experience the performance of the tools by the farmers and provide feedback for further refinement if any, the release adds.

36th Bn SSB starts Fishery Training for youth of West Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 27 Nov: Two-day fishery training for 25 youths from Ribdi, Uttarey, Namboo and Intake villages of West Sikkim, under Community Welfare Programme, commenced today at Titanic Hall in Uttarey, a press release informs.

Zilla Panchayat Maneybung Dentam, Til Bahadur Subba, attended the programme as chief guest along with Joint Director-Fisheries Department, CS Rai, Range Officer, Lobzang Tamang, Block Officer Headquarters, Surendra Bhandari, Block Officer-Uttarey, Naresh Sunar, Commandant-36th Bn SSB, RN Mishra, Deputy Commandant, Joy Gopal Namasudra, subordinate officers, jawans, members of Maneybung Dentam GPU and beneficiaries.

Commandant RN Mishra, in his welcome speech, appraised about the aims and objectives of organizing the training and informed that during the programme, training will be given on the farming of Rainbow Trout fish which is one of the special fishes of West Sikkim. The training



will be delivered by the Fishery Department, Government of Sikkim, he added.

He urged all the participants to take advantage of the training and expressed hope that the training will be helpful in making them self-reliant, thus, providing opportunity for income generation.

Joint Director-Fisheries Department, Mr Rai, highlighted about the syllabus and contents of the training programme and urged participants to take the training seriously.

Chief guest, Mr Subba extended gratitude to SSB for the initiative and hoped for more such welfare activities from SSB in future. He also assured cooperation from the public in maintaining peace and security of the nation.

Unhygienic conditions in meat shops harmful for health

YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 27 Nov:

Momos are the most relished delicacy in our State but while we go bonkers over a plate of momos in a restaurant or stall, questions of proper maintenance of hygiene required in its preparation hardly ever cross our minds.

Most of the hotels selling momos use the same chopping board for every meat and are rarely given a proper wash after use. Meat shops use the same water to wash and dress chicken without replacing it with clean water from time to time. Chopping desks need to be washed with hot water so as to kill any harmful bacteria. But how many shops and hotels care about these factors here?

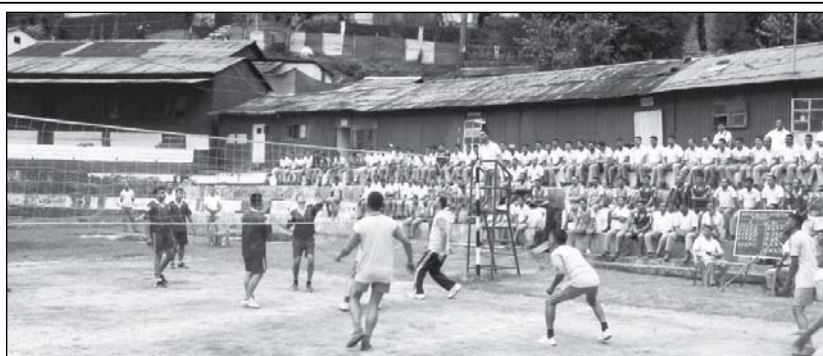
"Unhygienic meat when consumed can affect our health in various ways. Vomiting, fever, bacterial infection can occur," says Dr AH Khan, who runs a private clinic here at Singtam Bazaar.

Officials from the Health Department say, "We keep informing and instructing meat shops

to maintain clean and hygienic premises. Yes, they follow it but just for a day or a two. Shop owners keep neglecting and avoiding the instructions."

Meat shops are also not allowed to slaughter animals in the shop. This mostly happens in chicken shops. As per rules and regulations, meat is to be supplied from the slaughter house located at Majhitar where the process is done under the supervision of officials and veterinarians from the Animal Husbandry Department. This process is hardly followed here. As per rules, meat shop owners are required to put up a black glass window in the shop which in Singtam, as always, is ignored.

The concerned department needs to organize awareness programmes for customers as well as hotel and meat shop owners regarding health and hygiene issues and conduct regular inspections so that momo lovers can indulge themselves without being worried about their health.



11TH BN ITBP ORGANISES INTER-COMPANY VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

GANGTOK, 27 Nov: 11th Bn, ITB Police organized an Inter-company volleyball competition at Pegong in North Sikkim today which was attended Commandant, 11th Bn, Rajesh Kumar Tomar as chief guest, informs a press release. During the closing ceremony, Mr Tomar gave away prizes to the winners. The aim of such competitions is to boost the morale of unit personnel, the release mentions.

NYKS and RGNIYD Chandigarh conduct youth and peace building prog

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 26 Nov: A five-day long residential capacity building programme on youth and peace building for the volunteers of Sikkim Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan concluded on 25 Nov at Animal Husbandry Training Center in Gangtok, a press release informs.

Jointly organized by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development Regional Center, Chandigarh and NKYS, Sikkim, the closing ceremony was attended

by Chairperson [Sikkim Youth Development Board], KP Dahal, as chief guest accompanied by NKYS State Director, Nabin Kumar Naik, officials from RGNIYD, Chandigarh, Anthropology Department Head [Sikkim University], Dr. K Ram Mohan, Master Trainer, Dr DK Gurung and the 25 volunteers who participated in the programme.

During the training programme professors from Sikkim University were invited as resource persons to educate the participants on

self awareness, SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities, Threats), conflict resolution, intervention and mapping, communication – communication strategies, interpersonal competencies, citizenship rights, democracy and meditation and governance, negotiations and mediation competencies, identities caste and tribes, motivational talk and the role of NYK in peace building, reads the release.

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Sericulture under Forest Department have not been getting enhanced daily wages as per the recent notification of the state government.

An ASDLF press release issued by its general secretary, Hari Chettri mentions that as per the notification issued on 15 September 2017 the arrear of the daily wages raised from 01 July 2017 should have been paid before Dasain. The release adds that other government and non-government workers started getting their enhance wages with arrear from September but these 12 workers have been deprived of their rights so far.

On the same, the ASDLF has urged the concerned officials of the department to immediately correct the mistake and provide enhanced daily wages with arrear to these workers.

Due to some error and carelessness of certain officials the entire family of the worker suffers and defames the entire department and the government, the release states. ASDLF has urged officials to actively and honestly implement all directions of the government for the welfare of workers and the public at large.

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he added.

Mr Ghatani also shared the historic announcement and implementation of Dr BR Ambedkar Scholarship made by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling on 14 April 2015 for Class V toppers from SC community from each district of Sikkim during the 124th birth anniversary celebration of Dr Ambedkar at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok. Besides, 7 % reservation in Chief Minister's Meritorious Scholarship Scheme is also granted to the SC Community, Mr Ghatani added.

He also informed about the ongoing construction of Scheduled Caste Bhawan in Gangtok. He shed light on the impressive outcomes after the construction of Eklavya School and Kasturba Gandhi School in the State.

The programme was also addressed by Union Minister Vijay Sampla and former Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India, Justice KG Balakrishnan.

Lachen MLA addresses demands of Toong Naga GPU

WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 27 Nov:
Toong Naga GPU organized a picnic today at Naga multipurpose ground in North Sikkim with Forest Minister-cum-Lachen MLA, TW Lepcha, as chief guest accompanied by Sub Divisional Magistrate-Chungthang, ST Topgay, Superintendent of Police-North, KL Tenzing, former Upa-adakshya-North, Nim Tshering Lepcha, SDF district president, Khamsoong Lepcha, new elected Zilla member, DT Lepcha, Ward Panchayat members and other officials.

Zilla member-Toong Naga, Dorjee Tak Lepcha, in his welcome speech, urged for the completion of all incomplete works like Naga Gumpa and new Naday Gumpa. He urged the Minister for financial help from the department and also demanded Gumpa Road upgradation, development of Tosha tourist trekking route and three water falls within Naga GPU from the Tourism Department. He also demanded that quarrying at Lanthey Khola be stopped.



Former Up-adakshya, Mr Lepcha informed that Naga Government Junior High School will complete 50 years in 2018 and that Toong Naga GPU wants to celebrate it in a grand manner. He also urged the MLA to upgrade the school to senior secondary level.

It was further informed that the Toong Naga GPU welcomes Hydro Electric projects in the area as there is no other means of getting employment and other benefits.

Forest Minister, in his address, congratulated the new Zilla member who was elected uncontested and all Ward Panchayats of Lachen Mangan constituency.

He informed the gathering that Naga and Naday Gumpa construction has already been sanctioned.

"For construction of the new road, we demand that the work be given to a private company. And if enrollment is good at Naga School, I'll try my best to upgrade it to senior secondary level.

Toong Naga GPU faces shortage of drinking water so for that I have already directed the Assistant Engineer at PHE-North to look for a new water source. Regarding the quarry at Lanthey Khola, it belongs to the Forest Department and I have directed ACF-North to stop it immediately as the area is not safe. Stone chips and stable boulders should not be removed. Regarding the Tosha trekking route, the concerned department has already constructed proper a trail there," said Mr Lepcha, addressing the demands placed by the Zilla member.

He further highlighted that under JAICA scheme for tourism development, Rs 170 crore has already been sanctioned for development of tourism destinations. Zilla member and Panchayat members should be prepared for development of the GPU, he added.

The programme also had performances by singers Monali and Arpan Thapa from Gangtok and Jenifer Mohora from Mangan.

Towards building peace in the State: NYKS Sikkim

GANGTOK, 27 Nov [PIB]: Five days long residential capacity building programme on youth and peace building for national youth volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Sikkim was organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development Regional Center [RGNIYDRC], Chandigarh in collaboration with NKYS Sikkim from 21-25 Nov at Animal Husbandry Training Center in Sokeythang, Gangtok.

The valedictory programme was attended by Chairperson-Sikkim Youth Development Board, Government of Sikkim, KP Dahal, as chief guest accompanied by State Director-NYKS Sikkim, Nabin Kumar Naik, Coordinator-RGNIYDRC, Dr Kottu Sekhar, HOD-Anthropology Department, Sikkim University, Professor Dr K Ram Mohan, Master Trainer, Dr DK




Gurung, along with 25 national youth volunteers of four districts of the State. During the event, Suyog Pradhan, Sangkit Lepcha, Bhawani Regmi and Chandra Maya Limboo shared their training experiences. The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to the trainees.

During the five days training programme, faculty from Sikkim University namely Assistant Professor-Commerce Dept, Dr A Shanker,

HOD-Dept of Peace & Conflict Studies, Prof Dr NK Paswan, Assistant Prof-Mass Communication Dept, Dr Jasmin Yamchunger, HOD-Anthropology Dept, Prof Dr K Ram Mohan, Asst Prof-Dept. of Anthropology, Dr Charisma Lepcha, Asst Prof-Political Science, Dr Swastika Pradhan, Asst Prof-Mass Communication Dept, Dr Sanghamitra Choudhury, Asst Prof-Dept of Peace & Conflict Studies, Dr Salavin Paul, attended as resource persons and took sessions on self awareness, SWOT analysis, conflict resolution, intervention and mapping, communication - communication strategies, interpersonal competencies, citizenship rights, democracy & meditation and governance, negotiations & mediation competencies, identities caste and tribes and role of NYK in peace building.



GST WORKSHOP ORGANIZED BY SIKKIM JUDICIAL ACADEMY
GANGTOK, 27 Nov [IPR]: Sikkim Judicial Academy organized a workshop on Goods and Services Tax [GST] for all Judicial Officers of the State on 25 Nov at Sikkim Judicial Academy, High Court premises in Gangtok. Officer on Special Duty-GST Council, New Delhi, Rakesh Agarwal, and Assistant Director/GST-Commercial Tax Division, Finance Revenue & Expenditure Department, Government of Sikkim, Bikash Diyal, were resource persons for the programme.



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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Anxiety is Trumping Potential Too Often

Open deliberations instead of slotting pigeonholes

There is an Assembly election scheduled soon in the State, the promise to emulate whose “model” elevated a Chief Minister to the Pradhan Mantri’s chair three years back. That model is now being challenged, protested even, and the aspiration of a community there to be included in one of the segments which enjoys reservations and quotas appears to have become big enough to get even a 56-inch chest go through some nervous flutters. Write up another victory for the persuasive power of anxiety-inducing rhetoric which plays on the often misplaced and almost always exaggerated sense of persecution.

While this might be a new development for the mainstream, we in the margins are familiar with such manipulations which are almost a standard fare for vote-bank driven politicking that constantly seeks to re-frame and rearrange identities and statuses. The North-East, a Region into which Sikkim is now clubbed, supports many political careers based on the complications of identifying locals and othering the outsiders. The more one learns of the “unique” situations that now beset the region, the more one realises that there is nothing very unique to any situation and that the conditions are common to every place with an identity-driven confrontation, only the protagonists differ. Following the Gujarat muddle, and the Maratha chauvinism before that, it is also now confirmed that even the “mainstream” grapples with this problem. This then is clearly a human condition. So why should these be discussed almost exclusively at regional levels and not resolved through wider deliberations and collaborations?

Maybe the time will come for that as well, but for now, it will be within smaller circles that the issue is discussed. And such discussions should be encouraged because the sooner the issues of identity and belonging are discussed more openly, even if within sub-regions, the fewer, hopefully, will be the feelings of resentment.

The question of who is local being a sensitive one, emotional responses were expected, but the whole exercise is at risk of becoming a parody of itself with anyone wanting to have a say in the discussion, instead of engaging, forms an association/ organisation and begins issuing press releases expounding a fear or occupying a position. There is nothing wrong in holding an opinion, but before one foists it on the public, some basics have to be worked out. When something as sensitive as belonging are being debated, at least proper homework and due diligence to identify the fault lines need to be done. Instead, it is increasingly being seen that “leaders” take the easier option of stoking the generalised fear that inflicts every community and then fans this into (out)rage. The success rate of this approach is disturbingly high as is being proven with every electoral victory being reported from around the world. All the more reason then to encourage engagement, even if uncomfortable to begin with, before things come to such a pass that confrontation becomes the only response that people find themselves equipped with. The casual arguments that consistently get played into the public domain nowadays have become a worrying strain that infect almost all the voices that one hears on the issue. The local-non local, insider-outsider, special-underprivileged, entitled-sidelined debate, because those who understand issues better are not speaking up, is flirtingly close to becoming a Frankenstein that could soon run amok.

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The reviews are coming in harsh for Justice League (Warner Bros.), the keystone movie of the DC extended-universe. In some ways this shouldn’t come as a surprise, given the somewhat dubious artistic record of the Justice League comics.

If you walk up to someone on the street (or, more accurately a local comic book store) and you ask them to identify their favourite Superman, Batman or Wonder Woman stories, they can tell you, but ask them their favourite Justice League story and you’ll have a harder time finding a frontrunner.

The reason for this is obvious: Justice League doesn’t have a lot of good stories. But if Superman is awesome and Batman is awesome and Wonder Woman is awesome, shouldn’t the three of them together be thrice as awesome?

Not necessarily.

The problem is simple: You’re taking three characters who work well on their own and jamming them (along with all the baggage of their respective fictional universes) together, while tossing in a handful of other heroes that you hope will function on their own in future movies as well.

As a novelty, it’s delightful to see so many iconic characters in one place. As a storytelling vehicle, however, it creates an obvious problem and clear question: Who is our main protagonist?

LOOKING FOR OUR HERO

The protagonist — essentially, the hero — in a comic book or movie is the character the audience is meant to identify with. He or she is the main player in the narrative and the individual upon whose choices the events of the plot depend.

A good protagonist can leave the audience feeling invested. Whether in a comic book or a film, that’s important. Gaudy tights in comics and gaudy computer-generated imagery in film can be alienating. We need to care about the people in those tights, the people in front of that green screen.

For writers, attempting to create shared-universe storytelling — what we see in the Justice League — has challenges. They need to create a viable protagonist out of several characters. This general issue can be seen in comic books as well. Writing a team superhero book is a very different beast than writing a superhero tale

A team divided: Who is the hero of Justice League?



surrounding a singular character.

The fundamental mechanisms by which we are made to empathize with a character and feel immersed in their struggles are different when we go from one person to many people.

ANCIENT ARCHETYPES REFLECT OUR INTERNAL STRUGGLES

The distinction between single superhero versus a group of superheroes is as old as literature itself. It begins with The Epic of Gilgamesh, a Sumerian/Babylonian text circa 2100 BC that is very much a single-protagonist superhero story in all the ways that matter.

In contrast, the ancient Greek epic The Iliad, is a team book (but also a superhero story), featuring a diverse cast of Trojan and Greek heroes with strongly differentiated viewpoints and ideologies, as well as the sort of internal conflicts, struggles and even bantering that we associate with group superhero stories.

The culture and history of these ancient texts is very different from the era of North American comics, but the issues, pitfalls and opportunities for dynamic storytelling are very much the same. When strong, group-oriented comic books such as Fantastic Four, X-men and Teen Titans come along, beginning in the 1960s, the artists use them to explore this same dynamic of internal conflict in a way that is captivating.

The trick to success is to create a functioning gestalt protagonist — a group of heroes who serve, metaphorically, as pieces of a whole. Reed Richards, Mr. Fantastic, isn’t your protagonist in the Fantastic Four and neither are Ben Grimm (Thing), Sue Richards (Invisible Woman) nor Johnny Storm (Human Torch). Your hero is all of them as one. You identify with the group.

Thus, the broader metaphor that gets created through all the internal group tension is one of the inter-

nal tensions that we, as individuals, all deal with every day. Humans are complex creatures with a pluralistic perspective on the world; we are paradoxical in nature and often feel like we have a symphony of voices in our head rather than one distinctive voice.

A gestalt protagonist reflects our internal dialogues by externalizing that symphony. This creates a deeper, more nuanced character for the audience to engage with.

This is one of the major reasons both X-men and Teen Titans worked so well during their respective heydays in the 1980s.

Take X-men for example: Cyclops isn’t a person — not really. He represents an aspect of a person — their Type A side, their drive, their need for order and structure. Wolverine is the opposite to that — he represents the instinctual, the raw primal impulses that all humans grapple with.

A similar phenomenon can be seen in Teen Titans through the contrast between Beast Boy and Cyborg’s distinctively different responses to depression: Beast Boy plays a clown while Cyborg withdraws. This works well since a human being with depression doesn’t do one or the other. They do both, typically. Thus, the gestalt protagonist works.

Similarly, the hero of the Harry Potter series is more often Harry, Ron and Hermione, not Harry alone. Downton Abbey, Game of Thrones, The Walking Dead — all use a gestalt protagonist — you’re rooting for the group, not the individuals, and it works.

A THIN SPIN-OFF

So what’s different with Justice League? The answer is translation. It’s one thing to build a gestalt protagonist from scratch and a very, very different thing to form one out of pre-existing solo protagonists. The superheroes of a group book are usually too thin and fragmented to stand on their own.

For example, when a spin-off series is created, the character needs to be radically recontextualized in order to allow them to support their own book. They change a lot, add new elements that weren’t there before: new back story, new relationships, new internal conflicts. DC will have to do this with Aquaman’s upcoming film.

That can work but taking a fully fleshed-out protagonist and trying to fold them back into a shared universe is significantly harder.

The Marvel cinematic universe has been successful in terms of both critical and popular crowds — but even there we see brutal character inconsistencies as the Avengers bounce back and forth from group and solo films. This is obvious in the first Avengers movie.

The film’s writers felt they had to contrast the two “science bros” by making Hulk the calm, rational scientist and Iron Man the undisciplined reckless scientist, but doing so contradicted the narrative arc of those characters’ solo films.

Captain America had to become morose in a way that conflicted with his solo film. Thor forgot everything he learned in his solo film and became irrational and naive again.

So what did all these inconsistencies earn the writer and director of The Avengers? Universal praise for doing the impossible. Writer Joss Whedon made it work: Not in spite of these inconsistencies but through them. Whedon is considered the best of his generation at character juggling, though, so expecting the same of others, including Justice League — even though Whedon is involved — is asking a lot.

Shared-universe storytelling is a big trend in Hollywood and when it works, it works spectacularly well. Unfortunately, it doesn’t often work. There are deep challenges involved.

To be successful, writers will need to craft a gestalt protagonist out of other singular protagonists so that audiences will achieve satisfaction with these films. They need to transcend the simple novelty of a cinematic all-star team. They need to do what the film’s tagline tells us and actually unite the league.

If we’re going to do justice to the Justice League, we have to look backward — at our storytelling past — in order to look forward to the future of the shared universe model.

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Learning by Giving: How today’s students can become tomorrow’s philanthropists

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If someone asked you to picture a philanthropist, chances are a billionaire like Bill Gates or John D. Rockefeller Sr. would come to mind. But not all philanthropists are billionaires, or even millionaires for that matter. People who make modest gifts of time or money can make a big difference in their communities.

We are professors who teach and do research about philanthropy, the practice of expressing generosity by giving away money and in some cases time. We see our job as motivating and preparing college and graduate students to become future leaders of nonprofit organizations or donors with good ideas about how to make a difference – starting right now.

TEACHING ABOUT GIVING

One approach, known as “experiential philanthropy,” teaches about charitable giving through hands-on experiences. Students get real money, typically about US\$10,000 per class, to give away to local nonprofits. One of us (David) has determined that these courses are being taught on more than 80 different campuses.

Northern Kentucky University pioneered this approach in 1999. Since then, students there have collectively awarded more than \$1.5 million to local charities as part of their coursework.

A wealthy donor, Geoffrey P. Raynor, is building out that model through the Philanthropy Lab. So far, this national initiative has spread to more than 20 universities, including many attended by the nation’s richest students, such as Princeton and the University of Chicago.

These courses are for all students, however. Undergraduates majoring in everything from chem-

istry to philosophy and business to history enroll. While some of them are or want to become rich, others do not come from wealth or aspire to become upper-class. All of them sign up because they want to learn how to use their money and time to make change on the issues they care most about.

DOES IT WORK?



Giving away money – particularly when it’s not yours – can be fun. But does it actually teach students anything about philanthropy or how to become philanthropists?

To find out, one of us (Lindsey) led a study published in Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly that surveyed more than 600 Northern Kentucky University students who had taken an experiential philanthropy course there from 2009 to 2013.

The research team found that students were more interested in donating to and volunteering at local nonprofits after taking the course. They were also more likely to know more about issues affecting their community and what nonprofits were doing about them.

Our findings suggest that by studying – and actually engaging in – philanthropy, students learn more about what philanthropy is, why they should do it and how they can make a difference.

PAYING FOR IT

While the logic behind these programs may be clear, the question of where the money students give away comes from is not because it’s not something covered in a traditional university budget.

So far, foundations like the Learning by Giving Foundation, founded by philanthropist Doris Buffett – Warren Buffett’s sister – and the Once Upon a Time Foundation, funded by the same person as the Philanthropy Lab, are a leading source of financial support.

The federal government has also pitched in to support a program called Pay it Forward, which engages college students in hands-on philanthropy, grant-making and volunteer service. However, Congress abolished that funding in 2011. Its courses are being taught today only in Ohio, where local foundations foot the bill, at campuses like Denison University, The Ohio State University-Newark, Central Ohio Technical College and the University of Cincinnati.

Cutting these programs means that young people will be less likely to be able to take philanthropy courses in college. This is troubling, because one of us (Jodi) found that after having opportunities to be actively engaged in giving with a group of peers, young people can better understand philanthropy’s impact.

That’s because after learning through these hands-on philanthropic experiences, students often want to donate their own money to nonprofits.

Many other kinds of courses about philanthropy and nonprofits are taught at U.S. and foreign universities. But experiential philanthropy is different because students gain practical knowledge and skills. Whether a class gives away \$200 or \$2,000, they become equipped for future leadership in the

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Four abducted Tripura Gramin Bank employees still untraced

AGARTALA, Nov 27 (PTI): Four employees of Tripura Gramin Bank, who were kidnapped from Gomati district three days ago, are still untraced but police have recovered the car and the motor bike in which they were travelling.

Sub-divisional police officer of Ambassa, Pranab Deb Nath said the car was recovered from near Ambassa municipality office in neighbouring Dhalai district and the bike was recovered from South Maharanipur in Gomati district last evening.

The Taidu branch of Gramin Bank has been closed indefinitely after the kidnap at Taidu on Friday when the four were on way here after office hours and a notice has been put up in the bank's notice board communicating it.

Superintendent of police of Gomati district, Bijoy Debbarma said a massive search operation by police and paramilitary Tripura State Rifles (TSR) is on at Taidu and adjacent Ambassa to trace the kidnapped bank employees. BSF was alerted so that the kidnappers cannot sneak into neighbouring Bangladesh with the captives.

State Director General of Police A K Shukla, Inspector General (Law and order), K V Srijesh and Deputy Inspector General (Southern Range) Arindam Nath yesterday visited the spot at Taidu and the adjacent areas yesterday.

Meanwhile, BJP MLA Sudip Burman said the party would launch a movement from tomorrow unless the kidnapped persons returned home unharmed. "We will review the situation in the evening today and take decision on the movement we will launch from tomorrow," Burman said. The four kidnapped were the manager of Taidu branch of Gramin bank Tanmoy Bhattacharya, assistant manager Sujit Dey and two other staff members Raktim Bhowmick and Subrata Debbarma.

Learning by Giving: How today's students...

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Education is, to a degree, about investing in the potential of students. And philanthropic education gets students to think about their responsibilities to invest in the communities in which they live. It helps them see the power they have to make a difference.

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Can AFSPA be restricted to only sensitive districts in Assam? asks Par'l panel

NEW DELHI, Nov 27 (PTI): A parliamentary panel today questioned top officials of the government and a paramilitary force over the imposition of AFSPA in Assam, saying whether it can be restricted to only sensitive districts of the state.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs, headed by senior Congress leader P Chidambaram, was today briefed by Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba and senior officials of the Assam Rifles on the "security

situation in the northeastern states of India".

During the meeting, the panel members asked the officials about the imposition of the Armed Forces (Special Power) Act or the AFSPA in Assam and the present situation, a member who was present in the meeting said.

"Panel members also asked whether the AFSPA can be scaled down to a few sensitive districts in Assam as was done in Arunachal Pradesh," the

member said.

The panel also questioned the officials about various insurgent groups active in the state, especially the National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) and the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA).

The government officials said that the situation in the state was better after the imposition of the AFSPA, the member said.

The controversial AFSPA was extended for six more months

beginning September this year in the entire Assam by declaring the state "disturbed".

The stringent law was first imposed in the state in 1990 after violence perpetrated by the ULFA had created severe law and order crisis.

In Arunachal Pradesh, the AFSPA has been imposed in two districts -- Tirap and Changlang -- and some police station areas in a few other districts due to the presence of ULFA, NDFB and several Naga insurgent groups.



Manipur's Sangai deer needs a new home

IMPHAL, Nov 27 (PTI): The endangered species of brow-antlered deer 'Sangai' is in dire need of a second home as an epidemic or a natural calamity at its current and only habitat at Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLN) in Loktak Lake could spell doom for the entire race.

The Forest department has identified fresh water lake Pumlen Pat in Thoubal district as a suitable site for shifting the 'dancing deer of Manipur' but the local fisherfolk have expressed their reservations to the idea as it could threaten their livelihood, Chief Conservator Forest (wildlife) Anurag Bajpai told PTI.

"As of now, the Forest department is taking up various confidence-building measures for the local people and looking for another vocation to substitute their livelihood, mostly in the field of handicraft, handloom and others," Bajpai said.

For any species, including Sangai deer, a single isolated population always faces the threat of a potential epidemic, thereby increasing chances of its possible extinction.

A census survey conducted in 2016 has spotted 260 Sangai deer in Loktak Lake. "There has been a significant increase in the number of Shingai Deer over the years. The species almost went extinct in the 1950s and only 14 deer were spotted in the area in

1975," the Forest officer explained.

Poaching and natural calamity are the other factors that could affect the population.

"At present, 26 forest guards have been deployed at KLN to check poachers and the state government has given its consent to increase manpower in the area to check the menace," he said

Sangai is a medium-sized deer, with uniquely distinctive antlers, measuring 100 to 110 cm. It thrives on a variety of water living plants, grasses, herbaceous plants, and shoots.

The deer is considered sacred by the local population and the state government had been organising awareness campaigns for its preservation. The annual Sangai festival also derives its name from the species.

A captive breeding centre has been set up near the Iroisemba locality in Imphal West district, where 14 of these species have been kept under controlled conditions, said Bajpai, adding that measures are being taken to translocate the animals to its new ground at the earliest.

Sangai deer was declared 'protected animal' and its habitat 'protected sanctuary' by Manipur Wildlife Advisory Board in 1955. The endangered species has been listed under Schedule-1 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Siang water unusually muddy: Arunachal MP writes to Modi

ITANAGAR, Nov 27 (PTI): A Lok Sabha member from Arunachal has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to take up with the Chinese government the unusual receding of Siang river at Pasighat and a sudden change in its water quality.

Ninong Ering, Congress MP from the East Constituency, apprehended that the change in water quality, which is unusual during the winter season, could be due to a possible diversion of the river in Tibet.

While visiting the Siang River at Pasighat in East Siang district on Saturday, Ering said that the recent report of China constructing a tunnel of 1,000 km to divert the Siang (Brahmaputra) water to the Xinjiang province to the Taklamakan desert is likely to be true although China had denied it.

He mentioned in the letter sent on Saturday,



the report of Tsangpo (Siang/Brahmaputra) being diverted had appeared a few months back. Although China denied it, the matter remains an area of concern with the river suddenly undergoing a change in its appearance and character.

After the report appeared, the river Siang has become muddy and slushy. It is already two months that the Siang has turned black and contaminated. It is an unusual phenomenon.

"The reason for the river getting dirty is unknown. I have already put questions for discussions in Parliament under rule 377. But since it is not in session, I am requesting you to use your good office to seek the reason of the river being muddy in this season when the water is crystal clear.

Construction of a 600-km long tunnel has already started in the Yunnan province as a rehearsal, Ering said in his

letter.

The Congress MP further said there is no other reason for the mighty Siang getting dirty in the month of November other than a heavy land excavation in the Chinese side and that has to be verified by an international team.

When I saw the water, it looked like it was mixed with cement. It is a very serious issue and the Centre must take it seriously, the MP said.

Ering said a large number of fish has also died in the Siang river in recent times and he got it confirmed from Tuting and Geling areas in Upper Siang district close to China border.

He has also appealed to the External Affairs ministry and the Water Resources ministry to expedite measures to check the diversion.

4 injured during Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary eviction drive

GUWAHATI, Nov 27 (PTI): Four persons sustained injuries when they tried to disrupt an eviction drive at Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary in Guwahati today, police said.

The eviction drive was conducted for clearing forest land from encroachers, as per the directions of the Gauhati High Court. The four

were injured when police burst teargas shells when they attempted to obstruct the operation, said an Assam Police press release.

Protesting settlers in Nabajyoti Nagar inside the sanctuary attempted to obstruct the eviction operation in a major way and pelted stones injuring a photographer of the Forest Department, said

the release.

To disperse the protestors, police resorted to bursting of tear gas shells and four persons, including three women were injured, police said.

The release claimed that leaders of the Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) leaders instigated the people to obstruct the eviction drive.

KUTSE ZHIPCHU SHERGU

Say not in grief: "She is no more", but live in thankfulness that she was. "

Our Gratitude to all our Friends,Relatives and well wishers for their support and love during the time of our bereavement.

My Mother passed away peacefully at our home on the 16th of October 2017.
Her KUTSE ZHIPCHU SHERGU (49 day prayers) falls on TSE CHONGA (15th day of the 10th lunar month) corresponding to the 3rd of Dec 2017.

With all humility we request everyone whose lives my mother touched and connected them to her and her family, to please join us in prayer at our residence in Gyalshing.

Ugyen Chopel
The Shangdarpa Family of Gyalshing
The Yuksom Family.





Inter-BAC T-20 Cricket tourney commences

SUMMIT REPORT
GYALSHING, 27 NOV:

The opening ceremony of Inter-Block Administrative Centre T-20 Cricket Tournament, organised by Sports & Youth Affairs Department in collaboration with White Conch Cricket Club [WCCC] was held at Kyongsa ground in West Sikkim today, a press release informs.

In the first match of the tourney, BAC Soreng conceded to BAC Gyalshing by walk over.

Health Department played against BAC Kaluk in the second match of the day which was won by the latter by 8 wickets.

District Collector-West, Kapil Meena attended the programme as chief guest accompanied by Additional District Collector-Development, Block Development Officer-Gyalshing and officials from the Sports Department.

Bajrang, Vinod settle for silver medals at U-23 Worlds

NEW DELHI, NOV 27 (PTI): Asian champion Bajrang Punia and Vinod Kumar settled for silver medals at the Under-23 World Wrestling Championship in Poland after losing their respective finals as India finished with three medals at the event.

Bajrang lost the 65kg lop-sided final 6-17 to Russian grappler Kuular while Vinod lost 1-3 to American Richard Lewis.

Ritu Phogat had also won a silver medal in the women's 48kg final.



Aakraman goes down to Hmar FC

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 27 Nov:

Sikkim Aakraman Football Club went down to Hmar Football Club, Manipur 1-3 in

the quarter-final match of the 11th Tamchon Memorial North East Tournament at Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi on Monday.

The team officials mentioned

that although Sikkim Aakraman FC dominated the game, they failed to capitalise on some good opportunities throughout the match. The lone goal for the

Sikkim team was scored by Don Tshering Lepcha. The club has thanked all friends, supporters and well-wishers for all their love and support.

India crush Sri Lanka by innings and 239 runs

NAGPUR, NOV 27 (PTI): A ruthless India equalled their biggest victory margin, decimating a lacklustre Sri Lanka by an innings and 239 runs in the second cricket Test for a 1-0 lead in the three-match series, here.

The victory margin is identical to India's Test win over Bangladesh at Mirpur in 2007 when Rahul Dravid was captain.

Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (4/63) completed a coveted personal milestone of fastest 300 Test wickets in 54 games, beating Dennis Lillee's previous record of 56 matches, as he took the last wicket of Sri Lanka, who were dismissed for a paltry 166 in their second innings.

Ashwin is ahead of some of the illustrious names, who had completed the milestone in quick time. Among them are Muttiah Muralitharan (58 Tests), Richard Hadlee, Malcolm Marshall and Dale Steyn (61 Tests each).

Ashwin, who had a match-haul of 8 for 130,



bowled Lahiru Gamage with a doosra to bring down curtains on one of the most lop-sided Test matches in recent times. The celebrations were very muted with teammates shaking hands with Ashwin before quietly walking off the field.

Skipper Dinesh Chandimal (61) was the only Sri Lankan batsman to show some resistance as others never matched up to what is required to play highest level of international cricket.

The manner of abject surrender in this Test match would certainly hurt the island nation, which till few years back

was a force to reckon in international cricket. Just like the Test matches in Sri Lanka, they lost the Test match well inside three and a half days.

Ishant Sharma (2/43) looked menacing as he bowled short and quick while Ravindra Jadeja (2/28) was the beneficiary of some sharp fielding from Murali Vijay and indiscretion from the part of opposition batsmen.

Umesh Yadav (2/30) had a chance of completing his 100 wickets in Test but fell one short as the Tamil Nadu tweaker got to his milestone first.

Dimuth Karunaratne (18) was the first to get out

when he tried to flick Jadeja and Murali Vijay standing at short leg had the ball jam into him. The Tamil Nadu player showed good reflexes as Karunaratne was left stunned.

Lahiru Thirimanne (23), currently a senior player in the team stunned one and all when he chased a wide delivery from Umesh Yadav to hand Jadeja at point the simplest of catches.

It was a shocking dismissal as the ball was on the imaginary sixth stump and should have been left alone.

Former captain Angelo Mathews (10) was expected to show some

responsibility while batting alongside Chandimal but his choice of shot also left a lot to be desired.

Having hit Jadeja for a six over long-on, he tried the same shot over long-off but failed to clear Rohit Sharma at mid-off. The former skipper is a pale shadow of his self and questions have been raised about his form and commitment which has been hurting Lankan cricket for some time now.

Mathews used to look a fine player when Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara were around but post their retirement, he has not been able to find his mojo.

The Sri Lankan cricket had expected Mathews to carry on the legacy of Mahela and Sangakkara but over the past two years, he has failed miserably with no significant contribution in Sri Lankan victory.

Niroshan Dickwella (4) got a snorter from Ishant which he awkwardly fended off to Virat Kohli at third slip, who gobbled it on second attempt.

Delhi Soccer Association answerable under RTI Act: CIC

NEW DELHI, NOV 27 (PTI): The Central Information Commission has declared the Delhi Soccer Association (DSA) a "public authority", thus making it answerable to people under the Right to Information Act.

The ruling comes after one D K Bose sought to know from the DSA the status of various complaints received by the association against its office bearers from girl footballers of the national capital.

When no information was provided to him, the petitioner approached the Central Information Commission (CIC).

The football association claimed before the CIC that it did not come under the Right to Information (RTI) Act as it was not defined as a "public authority", hence, it was not answerable to queries posed by Bose through his application.

"...respondent is not a public authority as defined under Section 2(h) and (f) of the RTI Act, as is nor financed by the government, neither the government had any external control in day-to-day administration of the Delhi Soccer Association as defined in the judgement of the apex court titled 'TMA Pai and other vs state of Karnataka and other,' the DSA said.

The parent body, All India Football Federation (AIFF), also wrote to DSA asking it to "properly investigate" the matter raised by Bose and provide a suitable item-wise RTI reply along with relevant supporting documents.

The DSA, however, replied to AIFF claiming that petitioner Bose of Hindustan Football Club was known for manipulating documents for his personal benefits, and sought action against him.

After going through the responses of DSA, AIFF and arguments of Bose, Information Commissioner Sridhar Acharyulu noted that even in performing its activities as a sole body of football in Delhi, the DSA was expected to act under the control and supervision of the All India Football Federation, a public authority under the Ministry of Sports.

He noted that the monopoly recognised, sanctioned and continued by the government through the Ministry of Youth Af-

fairs and Sports (through the All India Football Federation) was indirect, but had substantial funding by the government.

"This factor is enough to declare the DSA as public authority, though another criterion could also be applied, i.e the direct and real control of the government or governmental agencies over it," he said.

Acharyulu noted that frequent complaints by women sports persons, including those of sexual harassment, against an important executive like vice president reflect an unhealthy atmosphere prevalent in the DSA.

"The submissions by the DSA are self-contradictory. On one hand, it accuses the application as 'misuse', and admits that it has given the information as far as possible, on the other hand, it claims that it is not bound to give any information," he said.

The information commissioner further said that the soccer body did not deny having complete monopoly over the game (of football) in Delhi, but refused to be answerable under the RTI Act.

"This is highly unbecoming of a sports body. In fact, being a public body concerned with public activity like football, the DSA should have voluntarily disclosed the entire information about it, including the bits and pieces asked by the appellant in this and several other appeals, and fulfil its obligation under Section 4 of RTI Act," he said.

He said the DSA should understand that it was answerable to each and every sports person and sports lover in the country, and has an obligation to the nation to bring out highly meritorious football players from the city, without quarrelling to deny information.

"The Commission has no hesitation to declare unequivocally that being under the control of the AIFF, and with grant of monopoly, established over the sport of football within the territory of NCR of Delhi, the Delhi Soccer Association is a body controlled and substantially financed by the Government of India, and hence, a public authority under Section 2(h) of the RTI Act, 2005," Acharyulu added.

Love India, desire to live there:DSC Prize winner Arudpragasam

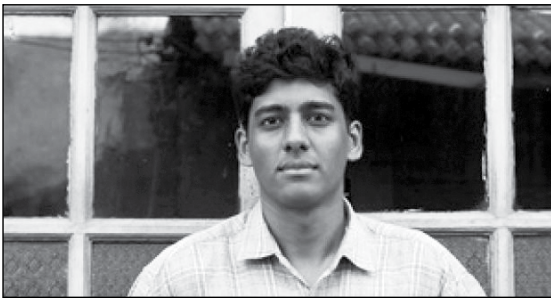
ZAFRI MUDASSER NOFIL DHAKA, 27 NOV (PTI): Sri Lankan writer Anuk Arudpragasam, the winner of this year's DSC Prize for South Asian Literature, loves India and has a desire to live in the country once he is back from the US after completing his PhD.

Just 29 years of age, Arudpragasam bagged the USD 25,000 prize for his debut novel "The Story of a Brief Marriage", which is set during the civil war in Sri Lanka. The award was presented to him at the Dhaka Lit Fest on November 18.

He is now going back to New York to complete his doctorate in philosophy at Columbia University.

"After that I would move back to South Asia, either India or Sri Lanka. I desire to live in India as I like India a lot," Arudpragasam tells PTI in an interview after his win here.

The fact that he has won a major literature prize for his first



book is yet to sink in.

"It's like a bit too early to appreciate but obviously I am very happy. This is the first prize I won, the first real big recognition I got. I think I will feel the positive effects in the coming weeks and months, over a longer period of time. But this prize is a kind of security. You feel you can continue to write," he says.

For the past two years, Arud-

pragasam has been working on another novel.

"It is a structurally complicated novel, so it has taken more time to write. It is about yearning, about a feeling of incompleteness," he says.

There was more good news for the young writer. He was also named the winner of the Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2017. The prize carries a cash award of Rs 2 lakh and a trophy.

"The Story of a Brief Marriage" is published by Granta Books and in India by HarperCollins. It is focused on one individual and how the war affected this family, says Arudpragasam.

Two and a half decades into the devastating civil war, Sri Lanka's Tamil minority is pushed inexorably towards the coast by the advancing Army.

Among the evacuees is Dinesh, whose world has contracted to a makeshift camp where time is measured by the shells that fall around him like clockwork.

Alienated from family, home, language, and body, he exists in a state of mute acceptance, numb to the violence around him, till he is approached one morning by an old man who makes an unexpected proposal: that Dinesh marry his daughter, Ganga.

Marriage, in this world, is an attempt at safety, like the beached

fishing boat under which Dinesh huddles during the bombings.

As a couple, they would be less likely to be conscripted to fight for the rebels, and less likely to be abused in the case of an Army victory.

Thrust into this situation of strange intimacy and dependence, Dinesh and Ganga try to come to terms with everything that has happened, hesitantly attempting to awaken to themselves and to one another before the war closes over them once more.

"My book is focused on this one individual (Dinesh) who has become alienated from himself, not just from the body but also from his own memories. He lost his memory. He has forgotten about the basic things - what to talk about, what to say to each other. He has forgotten completely about ordinary life," says the author.

The characters in the novel are fictional but Arudpragasam says

they are based on real people who had such experiences - people he talked to, people he read about and people he saw.

"Each character is a composite of different real people," he says.

Arudpragasam started writing "The Story of a Brief Marriage" in 2010.

"The process was very spontaneous. No reporters or external observers were allowed in the war zone and very few people had an idea of what was happening. Months after the war, through the survivors, some footage - videos and pictures - started making way to the Internet. This is when I came across a lot of this material," he says. Arudpragasam describes "The Story of a Brief Marriage" as a "very psychological and very introspective" book.

"It deals with trauma and what is means to be traumatised," he says.



Ivanka Trump to attend GES in India tomorrow

WASHINGTON, 27 Nov (PTI): Ivanka Trump, the advisor and daughter of US President Donald Trump, has said the Global Entrepreneurship Summit co-hosted by India and America is a testament to their growing economic and security partnership.

Ivanka will be leading a delegation of senior Trump administration officials and entrepreneurs at the three-day Summit in Hyderabad beginning tomorrow.

To be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, more than 1200 young entrepreneurs, a majority of whom are women, from 127 countries would attend the summit.

In addition some 300 investors and ecosystem supporters are also attending the mega event.

The world's largest gathering of young entrepreneurs is being co-hosted by India and the United States.

It is "a testament to the strong friendship between our two people and the growing economic and security partnership between our two nations," Ivanka Trump told reporters during a preview of her India visit.

Ivanka, 36, has travelled to India before, but this is her maiden trip to the country as a senior presidential advisor.

Accompanied by several top administrations official, a large number of Indian Americans are part of her delegation, which numbers 350 from 38 states.

Prime Minister Modi had personally invited Ivanka to participate in the GES, which is being held in India for the first time, when he travelled to the US in June.

This year's summit theme, 'Women First, Prosperity for All', demonstrates the Trump administration's commitment to the principle that when women are economically empowered, their communities and countries thrive, she told reporters last week.

Five per cent of entrepreneurs at GES are 30 years or younger. The youngest entrepreneur is 13 and the oldest entrepreneur is 84.

Ivanka said she aims for this summit to serve as an open and collaborative environment for the exchange of ideas, to broaden networks, and to empower entrepreneurs to take their ideas and passion to the next level.

Pak law minister quits; Protesters call off deadly protests

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, 27 Nov (PTI): Pakistan's law minister Zahid Hamid today quit as the government "surrendered" to hardline religious groups, who called off their violent protests in Islamabad that had left six people dead and hundreds injured.

An official of the Prime Minister House confirmed that the law minister last night sent his resignation to Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, who accepted it today.

Hamid's resignation cleared the main hurdle in the lifting of siege of the capital by protesters who demanded his removal for changes in a law related to the Khatm-i-Nabuwat (finality of prophethood) oath in the Elections Act 2017.

His resignation comes in the aftermath of deadly clashes between security forces and protesters during the weekend, that killed six people and injured hundreds. The sit-in had paralysed the national capital for three weeks.

Activists of Tehreek-i-Khatm-i-Nabuwat, Tehreek-i-Labaik Ya Rasool Allah (TLY) and Sunni Tehreek Pakistan (ST) religious groups started protests three weeks ago.



Official sources said an understanding was reached with protesters to call off the protest as their key demand had been accepted and the changes made in the law had already been taken back when parliament restored the original oath.

Following the agreement and the subsequent resignation of Hamid, TLY chief Khadim Hussain Rizvi ordered his followers all over the country to end the sit-ins and go home.

"We have decided to end the protest after assurance by the army chief and an agreement with government," he

said at Faizabad interchange, where he was camping with over 2,000 supporters for last three weeks.

He said that law minister resigned and government agreed to take action against those who were responsible for making changes in the oath about finality of prophethood.

The right wing cleric, who parlayed life in Islamabad and neighbouring Rawalpindi, said his party was not in favour of violence. He said all of his supporters arrested during crackdown would be released by the government.

He also expressed anger at

media for not showing his announcement live and threatened that media persons would not be allowed to leave the venue until his announcement was shown on channels. But he later allowed reporters to go.

Meanwhile, Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui of Islamabad High Court lashed out at the government and the powerful military for the role assigned to the Army as the "mediator" in striking the deal with the protesters to end their sit-in.

"The court had asked the government to clear the roads and not for an agreement with

protestors. What you have done is surrender," the judge told Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal.

He also used strong words against army's role to mediate the agreement, when the minister said the agreement with the protesters was reached with the help of the Army.

"Who is the Army to play the role of mediator?...Where does the law assign this role to a Major General?" he asked.

In more scathing words, the judge said the protesters could not sit at Faizabad if it were located closer to the Army's headquarters.

Justice Siddiqui told Iqbal that the government had constitutional right to call in Army to help civil administration in any emergency situation.

He also said the "Army chief is an officer in an institution that comes under the state" and rhetorically asked "Is he above the law?"

Later in the day, the government opened the Islamabad Expressway linking the capital with its only airport and thickly populated suburban areas along the highway.

Radio Pakistan said that Hamid, the minister for law and parliamentary affairs, "voluntarily" presented his resignation to Abbasi to bring the

country "out of a state of crisis".

The protesters were demanding Hamid's ouster over his alleged role for changes in the oath about finality of prophethood in the recently passed elections laws.

They had linked the action to blasphemy -- a highly contentious issue in the Muslim-majority Pakistan.

Hamid said in resignation that the Election Act was formulated by a parliamentary committee comprising members belonging to all political parties.

According to the agreement, government would take back all cases against protesters and make public the probe regarding the changes in the oath and also punish those who were responsible for crackdown on protesters.

The agreement lauded efforts of Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa for playing key role in peacefully ending the stand-off, which became possible after an important meeting between Bajwa and Abbasi yesterday.

Citing military sources, Dawn reported that the army chief had opposed use of force against its own people since the population's trust in the institution of the army "can't be compromised for little gains".

Thousands flee as Bali raises volcano alert to highest level

KARANGASEM (INDONESIA), 27 Nov (AFP): A rumbling volcano on the resort island of Bali could erupt at any moment, authorities warned today as they raised alert levels to maximum, accelerated a mass evacuation and closed the main airport, leaving tourists stranded.

Massive columns of thick grey smoke that have been belching from Mount Agung since last week have now begun shooting more than three kilometres (two miles) into the sky, forcing flights to be grounded.

Some 40,000 frightened people have fled their homes around the volcano but as many as 100,000 will likely be forced to leave, disaster agency officials said after raising the alert to its highest level.

The exclusion zone around Agung, which is 75 kilometres from the beachside tourist hub of Kuta, has also been widened to 10 kilometres.

"Continuous ash puffs are sometimes accompanied by explosive eruptions and a weak booming sound," the National Board for Disaster Management said.

"The rays of fire are increasingly observed at night.

This indicates the po-



tential for a larger eruption is imminent."

Agung rumbled back to life in September, forcing the evacuation of 140,000 people living nearby. Its activity decreased in late October and many returned to their homes.

However, on Saturday the mountain sent smoke up into the air for the second time in a week in what volcanologists call a phreatic eruption -- caused by the heating and expansion of groundwater.

Then on Monday so-called cold lava flows appeared -- similar to mud flows and often a prelude

to the blazing orange lava seen in many volcanic eruptions.

"I'm very concerned because I left my house behind and I'm also worried about family," said 36-year-old farmer Putu Suyasa, who fled with some of his relatives from a village eight kilometres away from the volcano.

"The mountain is spewing thicker smoke than before."

Mt Agung last erupted in 1963, killing about 1,600 people in one of the deadliest eruptions in a country that has nearly 130 active volcanoes.

The airport in Bali's

capital Denpasar, a top holiday destination that attracts millions of foreign tourists every year, has been closed, a move expected to affect tens of thousands of passengers. "I have to make sure that the runway has no ash," said Bali airport's general manager Yanus Suorayogi.

While there was dismay from some tourists who were unable to return to their homes and jobs, others took events in their stride.

"What can I say? We have to cooperate because this is a natural disaster," said Indian visitor Krisna Mustafa.

Many were told that even in the best scenario it would be several days before they could leave.

"My 7:00 am flight this morning got cancelled, just when we were about to board," said 23-year-old Indonesian tourist Merry Handayani Tumanggor.

"Now we have to stay in Bali again -- the earliest we can go is on Friday, they say."

The airport on nearby Lombok island -- also a popular tourist destination east of Bali -- closed on Sunday as ash from Mount Agung headed in that direction, but reopened today.

Bangladesh court upholds death sentence of 139 BDR soldiers

DHAKA, 27 Nov (PTI): The Bangladesh High Court today upheld the death sentence of 139 and the life imprisonment of 146 convicted soldiers of the then Bangladesh Rifles over the killing of 74 people, including 57 Army officers, during the 2009 mutiny.

The judgement comes after the court started delivering the verdict yesterday in the death sentence of the total 152 convicted soldiers at the border guards' headquarters here.

"One thirty nine will have to walk to gallows and 146 will be imprisoned for life," attorney general Mahubey Alam told a media briefing, quoting the long verdict delivered by a three-judge High Court bench.

The judgement comes four years after a lower court in Dhaka handed down capital punishment to 152 and life term to 158 soldiers of the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR).

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THAT CHRISTMAS FEELING! Gwen Stefani signs her new album, "You Make It Feel Like Christmas" at The Grove in Los Angeles, California. The album is a collaboration with her country star boyfriend Blake Shelton and features classics like "Jingle Bells," "Santa Baby" and "Silent Night," as well as some original holiday songs.

Rebel Wilson discusses \$3.7 million Defamation Case win

Rebel Wilson got emotional on Australian TV talking about her defamation case against a global magazine publisher and reiterated that she plans on donating her record payout to charity.

In September, the Australian Pitch Perfect actress won A\$4.6 million (\$3.7 million) in damages after Bauer Media was found to have defamed her in articles printed in tabloids like Woman's Day and Australian Women's Weekly. She and her legal team had argued the stories, which accused her of lying about her age, name and other personal details, were inaccurate, damaged her reputation and caused her to lose a few acting roles.

"Yes, I'm an actress and I'm in the public eye," she said on Australia's Channel 7 TV show Sunday Night this weekend through tears, "But I'm a human being, who worked really, really hard to get to that point. And then to have it all taken away was just, it was just malicious, and it was ugly."

"People were calling me a liar and a fake and for someone like me prides herself on being very candid and authentic, it was just probably the most devastating thing



they could have said to me," she said.

Wilson told Sunday Night that she did not lie about her age, but rather chose not to reveal it, and also did not lie about her name, saying she legally adopted the family nickname Rebel in 2002.

Bauer is expected to appeal the amount of damages they have to pay out, which is the highest defamation payout in Australian history and at least twice the amount awarded in past defamation cases in the country.

"They're whining about the amount they're gonna have to pay me and trying to get it reduced," Wilson said. "Which is really gross considering that I'm giving the money to charity." Bauer Media has not responded to the actress' comments.

After the ruling, Wilson

humor intact. Chocolate helps. Tomorrow will be better!

GEMINI: The bubble you've been living in for a long time may burst today. You could face some real disappointments. Try not to let this get you down. Keep the big picture in mind as best you can. Remind yourself that trips or meetings or fun days out can always be rescheduled, and then you'll have the pleasure of looking forward to these events all over again.

CANCER: This is a day to be directed inward rather than outward. It's a good thing, too, because the outer world isn't too pleasant. Nothing seems to be going right. Checks aren't arriving and calls

had tweeted, "I'm looking forward to helping out some great Australian charities and supporting the Oz film industry with the damages I've received." "Also looking forward to getting back to my career and entertaining everyone!" she added.

Wilson can be seen next reprising her role of Fat Amy in Pitch Perfect 3, which hits theaters in the United States on December 22.

She is currently filming the comedy film Nasty Women, a remake of the 1988 comedy Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, with Anne Hathaway. The new film is set for release in August.

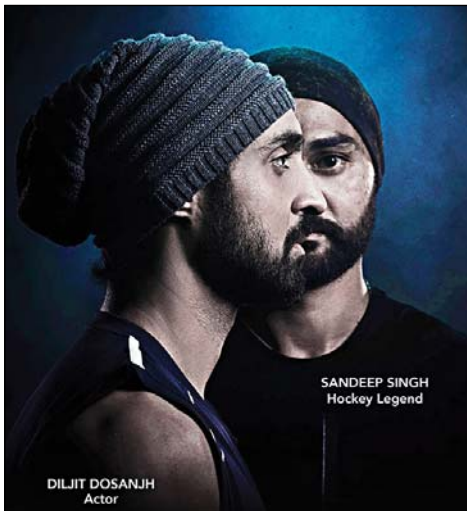
Wilson can also be seen in the 2019 romantic comedy movie Isn't It Romantic with Liam Hemsworth and Priyanka Chopra.

aren't returned. You're feeling ineffective at best. Take heart. It has nothing to do with you and everything to do with the planets. The mood will pass. Meanwhile, do something fun by yourself.

LEO: You've allowed money issues to become too prominent. It's true that your financial picture isn't as rosy as you'd like it to be, but whose is? Try to put your troubles in perspective. There's no need to let these worries impact your relationships with friends and family. Ask for help if you feel you need it.

VIRGO: Your body, which usually runs at warp speed, is telling you to slow down. You need to take a

Diljit Dosanj as Hockey legend Sandeep Singh is simply perfect



Diljit Dosanjh earned new fans after he debuted with Uda Punjab in Bollywood. He has always been super popular in the North but the film gave him recognition nationwide. In fact, the only thing that helped Phil-lauri, his second film, earn good money was his presence in the film. His fans just lapped it up. Now the actor is ready to hit the screens with an intense character in the Hockey legend Sandeep Singh's biopic. He plays the legendary player himself. The first poster of the film was revealed recently and it makes us believe that he is the perfect choice for the role.

The teaser poster has also been very neatly designed to give you an inkling of who Diljit plays in the film. It has

half a face of Diljit and another half of Sandeep Singh's face. It creates just the right amount of drama and tells you what an apt casting this is. We simply love this poster. Not much is known about Sandeep Singh and thus this will be one biopic we will put our bets on.

Diljit is presently on a roll. His movie with Sonakshi Sinha which the two had been shooting for a while now, Golmaal in New York will release soon enough and then there is a film with Kriti Sanon as well which was recently announced. The latter is a character driven comedy and will hit the floor in February 2018. That too is a pretty exciting project to look forward to because comedy comes easy to Diljit. Remember Jaat and Juliet?

BOLLYBUZZ!!!

Talk about modern love!

Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin have proved that their oft-mocked "conscious uncoupling" really does work.

Paltrow shared a happy Instagram image with her rocker ex-husband and her rumored fiancé Brad Falchuk on Sunday. Despite the potentially awkward situation, the A-list actress' current and former men appear to be thick as thieves, enjoying some good eats round the table together.

The 45-year-old posted the Instagram photo of the two smiling men, seated at the breakfast table with the caption, "Sunday brunch #modernfamily." For those with eagle eyes who want to know just what the Goop founder eats for brunch, the product between the two men is a jar of Pesek Zman, an Israeli chocolate spread (kind of like Nutella, but not Nutella).

Last week, E! News reported that the TV producer and the domestic goddess had gotten engaged after more than three years of dating, but have yet to confirm their status update on their tight-lipped relationship.

Meanwhile, Paltrow and Falchuk met on the set of

Glee—which Falchuk co-created and executive produced—in 2010 and were rumored to have been dating for a year before they finally confirmed their romance in 2015.

Gwyneth was married to the Coldplay frontman for 10 years before they decided to split in March of 2014, a few months before she began seeing Brad. The pair have son Moses and daughter Apple.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

28TH NOV

WORLD HISTORY

1520: Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan enters the Pacific Ocean with three ships, becoming the first European explorer to reach the Pacific from the Atlantic.

1905: Sinn Fein is founded by Arthur Griffith.

1919: American-born Lady Astor becomes the first woman to take a seat in the UK Parliament.

1942: Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin meet in Tehran for their first meeting during World War II.

1964: The US spacecraft Mariner 4 is launched on its way to the first successful mission to Mars.

1967: Horse racing is suspended in Britain due to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

1968: English children's

writer Enid Blyton dies.

1990: Margaret Thatcher formally tenders her resignation to the Queen and leaves Downing Street as UK Prime Minister for the last time.

1994: Norway has for a second time rejected membership of the European Union in a referendum after a closely-fought campaign.

1999: Eleven people are injured in a sword attack at a church in south London, after a naked man wielding a Samurai sword bursts in during Sunday Mass.

2010: Wikileaks release 250,000 classified documents and sensitive national security information sent by US embassies; the US condemns the unauthorized disclosure.

INDIAN HISTORY

1890: Jyotirao Phule, activist and radical intellectual, passed away.

1962: Krishna Chandra Dey, Bengali actor and musician, passed away.

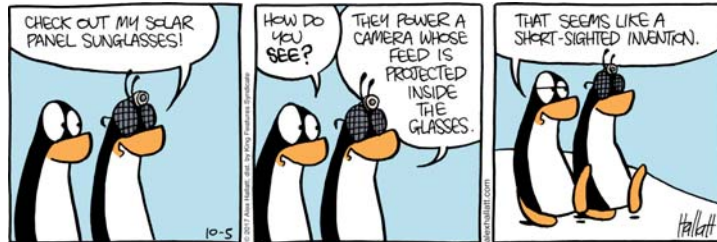
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SCORPIO: Flowers and fresh plants can perk up your mood as well as your home. You may feel your abode is looking a bit shabby. Simple tricks to improve its appearance will do wonders for your outlook. Go to a kitchen store and splurge on a few new items. Put a pot of herbs in a window. You'll be amazed at the change in your mood and in the room!

SAGITTARIUS: You're in a spiritual state of mind today. Your dreams are vivid and you're sure they're trying to tell you something specific. It's hard to dispel the urge to travel. In particular, you're drawn to someplace where you can

study a different culture. Such a trip might not be practical now, but you can manage some online research on the subject!

CAPRICORN: It's important to confront your troubles head on, but not at the expense of putting your life on hold. An important person, someone who acted as your touchstone, no longer figures prominently in your life. This is a difficult adjustment for you. Make an extra effort not to turn inward as is your tendency in times of trouble. Force yourself to socialize and you may find a new friend.

AQUARIUS: Looking good is the best revenge. If you're trying to get over a failed relationship, the best

way to pull yourself out of a depression is to look your very best. Get up early and go for a run or an exercise class. Buy some new clothes and take extra care with your grooming. You'll lift your spirits and attract a new, more fitting partner.

PISCES: As much as you enjoy being out with people, tonight is a good evening for rest. If you can, try taking the afternoon off. Curl up in your favorite chair with a good book, take a slow walk through a garden, or putter in the kitchen and cook something fabulous. You need some time to refuel your soul. You'll tackle your projects tomorrow, relaxed and rejuvenated.