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## Transfers

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

As per an office order issued by the Department of Personnel today, Principal Secretary, Development and Coordination, Sikkim House, New Delhi under DPER&N-ECAD, Bhagwan Shanker has been transferred and posted as Principal Secretary, Information and Public Relation Department. He will continue to hold the substantive posting as Principal Secretary, Development and Coordination as additional charge.

Principal Secretary cum Development, DPER&N-ECAD, VB Pathak will hold the additional charge of Principal Secretary, Information Technology Department. Further, he will hold additional charge of Principal Secretary, Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department with effect from 01 Sept 2017 replacing MG Kiran who has since retired.

Commissioner cum Secretary, Raj Bhavan, Gangtok, Ravindra Telang will hold the additional charge of Commissioner cum Secretary, Excise [Ab-kari] Department. Mr Telang will relinquish the additional charge of Commissioner cum Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department.

Secretary, SHDB on deputation, Sarala Rai has been repatriated and posted as Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department. She will continue to hold the charge of Secretary SHDB as additional charge till further order and will relinquish the charge of Secretary, Excise [Ab-kari] Department.

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## Filmmaker Ugen Chopel to make acting debut in Malayalam film



### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Sikkimese filmmaker Ugen Chopel is making his debut in front of the camera for "Oolu", a Malayalam film being made under the banner of Piravi Vision and directed by Shaji N Karun, one of the most respected names in the South Indian film fraternity.

In the film, Mr Chopel is playing a Tibetan monk who is an art curator and researcher.

The film's crew has a host of national award winners and internationally celebrated technicians like Director of photography, MJ

Radhakrishnan, Make-up artist Pattanan Rashid and national award winner for dress designing, Indrans Jayan.

The cast is headed by Shane Nigam, the 22-year-old upcoming young hero of Malayalam cinema and 16-year-old Esther Anil apart from a host of other veterans from the Malayalam film industry.

The film is a unique love story revolving around mythical and ancient beliefs. A major part of the film will involve CGI (computer generated images) and visual effects including under water scenes which will be done at Prasad studios in Chennai. The marathon

two-month long shooting schedule kicked off in Chheravatur in the backwaters of Kerala on 06 Sept and will go to Cochin, Bylakuppe monastery near Bangalore, Trivandrum and end at Rajasthan.

"I did the film because I needed a break and had to vent out whatever little creative juice that was left inside me. Also the temptation to work under one of the best internationally known film makers was too much to resist. It's a small but very important role and I'm enjoying myself...though the make-up is irritating in the heat of Kerala," says Mr Chopel.

## Wins for Aakraman FC and RUSFC in Sikkim Premier League



### SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Ahmed by Tenzing Tshepel helped Sikkim Aakraman Football Club to defeat Pakyong United Football Club 3-0 today in the ongoing Play247 Sikkim Premier League 2017 here at Paljor Stadium. After playing a draw in the last match, the defending champion recorded its first victory in the league today.

Sikkim Aakraman FC finished the first half with 1-0 lead after Tenzing Tshepel's goal in the 24th minute.

While Pakyong United play-

ers tried their best to equalise the scoreline, however, Shahensha Ansari extended the lead of Sikkim Aakraman FC to 2-0 in the 78th minute. Tenzing Tshepel completed his brace in the injury time of the match to seal the 3-0 victory of Sikkim Aakraman FC.

In another match, Royal United Sikkim Football Club [RUSFC] continued its winning streak registering its consecutive third win today in the premier division. Playing its third league match under flood light this evening, RUSFC humbled Sikkim Police 4-1.

This evening's match also drew a good number of spectators sitting in all galleries of the stadium.

Norbu Lepcha scored an early lead for Sikkim Police in the 10th minute but Sonam Zangpo scored the equaliser for RUSFC in the 33rd minute to end the first half in a 1-1 draw.

In the second half, RUSFC players kept the pressure on their opponents. Ong Tshering Lepcha scored the second goal for RUSFC in the 65th minute and his teammate, Karan Rai extended the lead of RUSFC to 3-1 in the 85th minute.

In the injury time of the match, the referee offered a penalty kick to RUSFC for a rough tackle by a Sikkim Police defender in D-box area. RUSFC captain, Mayal Dok Lepcha successfully converted the penalty kick to the fourth goal for the team. With this 4-1 victory, RUSFC has added 3 more points in the points tally.

On Sunday, Boys Club will take on Dzongri Football Club in the first match at 2 p.m., while in another match, Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club will take on the State Sports Academy at 6 p.m. under flood lights.

## 119 students groomed to combat substance abuse at SAATHI's 8th offsite training camp

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] conducted their 8th offsite training camp for the year 2016-17 which was attended by 119 students from Government Senior Secondary Schools of Lingdok, Lingee, Lingmoo Kolthang and Central Pandam from 13-15 Sept.

A SAATHI press release informs that it conducts these residential camps at the Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism [IHCAE] in Chemchey, South Sikkim as an ongoing endeavor to curb drug abuse issues amongst school age children. The students are accompanied by the teacher coordinators of the respective schools and the SAATHI project team.

Over the two and a half days in the camp, various motivational and technical sessions on drugs along with learning based fun and phys-

ical activities were conducted with the students.

The session on medical aspects of drugs was undertaken by SAATHI teacher coordinator from Rumtek SSS, Roshan Chandra Dahal, while the inspirational and life skills session was facilitated by instructor from IHCAE, Anand Gurung. This was followed by an experience sharing session by KC Nima from Freedom Rehab Centre-Gangtok.

The newly launched SAATHI App was also presented and demonstrated to the students by the SAATHI project team during the camp. Other activities included team building sessions, planning sessions, meditation, nature walk/physical training and talent hunt.

The students participating in the camp pledged to be peer educators and help the greater cause of fighting against drugs in the State.

The next camp will be held from 17-19 Sept, the release adds.

## To practice what he preaches, Kohli drops Pepsi, fairness products

**New Delhi, Sep 16 (PTI):** Keen to be seen as a socially responsible youth icon, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli has stopped endorsing soft drink maker Pepsi and fairness products because of their association with junk food and racism.

The 28-year-old swashbuckler is among the most sought after for endorsements but Kohli has decided that he would lend his name only to brands which he himself uses and believes in, people in the know of his endorsement deals said on Saturday.

The first casualty of this principle has been his association with Pepsi, a company he had been endorsing since 2011.

Kohli refused to renew the contract which ended in April this year, saying at the time that he would not ask people to consume something that he himself does not.

Kohli has time and again endorsed healthy lifestyle, which



has been key to his awe-inspiring fitness levels and endorsing a soft drink certainly appeared to be a contradiction.

While Kohli's management firm Cornerstone refused to answer queries on the matter, a market insider, who has worked closely with the Indian captain on brand deals, said he is now more aware of his social responsibilities.

"Virat also no longer endorses fairness creams or products of that genre. Virat has risen through the ranks by virtue of talent and hard work," the official, who has worked with Kohli told PTI on Saturday.

"The fairness products which relate one's success with skin tone is something that goes against the values for which Virat stands," he added.

Industry experts also feel that since Kohli is currently the brand ambassador of global nutrition company 'Herbalife', which deals in nutrition and weight management care products, it is only appropriate that he picks his other endorsements carefully.

Herbalife also has sports drinks on their product list.

"If Virat is endorsing health products of Herbalife, endorsing any junk food or fizzy drinks contradicts with his image also," said

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## BJP Sikkim team visits SKM leaders on hunger strike

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

A team of Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh led by its president, DB Chauhan, met Sikkim Krantikari Morcha leaders sitting on a relay hunger strike near DC office and expressed best wishes to them. The BJP state president stated that the BJP government at the centre has been working to make the country corruption free for the last three years. The party has welcomed the initiative of the SKM and expressed hope that their demand for immediate CBI enquiry in Sikkim will be fulfilled.

*Biswakarma Puja greetings from BJP Sikkim and SKM*

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh and Sikkim Krantikari Morcha have expressed their best wishes to the people of Sikkim on the occasion of Biswakarma Puja.



## CCCT Chisopani celebrates Engineer's Day

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Centre for Computers and Communication Technology-Chisopani, South Sikkim, celebrated Engineer's Day on 15 Sept to honor Dr Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya's contribution towards the country in the field of engineering, a press release informs.

It may be mentioned here, Dr Visvesvaraya was an eminent engineer, scholar and statesman who is known for the floodgates which were installed at various dams across India including the Khadakvada Reservoir near Pune, Gwalior's Tigris Dam and Krishna

Raja Sagar Dam. He is also known for his discourses and writing on engineering and economics.

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, CCCT, organized various programmes including technical paper presentation, case studies, technical quiz, debate, group discussion and extempore to commemorate the day.

The finals of these in-house programmes were conducted in the presence of Superintendent Engineer [South/West]-Energy & Power Department, Jigme Namgyal, who attended the event as chief guest.

Also attending the function

was Assistant Manager-State Bank of India, Jorethang, Barun Gupta, who in his address emphasized on the importance of Digital Payment.

The monthly departmental newsletter 'Electro Synergy' was launched during the event.

Among the invitees were senior students and faculty members from Jorethang Senior Secondary School, Nandugaon Senior Secondary School and Salghari Secondary School.

The release further adds that the programme was organized as a reminder to anyone pursuing engineering on how engineers play an important role in developing a nation.

## Sensitization of tourist guides, operators, drivers concludes

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

The two-day sensitization programme organized by Department of Tourism & Civil Aviation for tourist guides/tour operators and taxi drivers as part of the World Tourism Day Celebration 2017 concluded today here at Paryatan Bhawan in Tadong, a press release informs.

The programme was attended by Deputy Regional Transport Officer [RTO]-Motor Vehicle Division, JB Thapa, Police Inspector [Traffic Division], Bimal Gurung, Tourism Officer, Manoj Chettri, and social activist, KC Nima.

Addressing the gathering, RTO, Mr Thapa, said, "Drivers are the first ambassadors to impress tourists through their manners, proper information and helping attitude as they go back and spread the word about the natural beauty of Sikkim, its people and their hospitality to the rest of India."

Police Inspector [Traffic Division], Mr Gurung said, "Most of the traffic accidents are the result of indiscipline, ignorance of rules, neglect and disobedience, both at the individual level by the drivers and vehicle owners as well. The area of our roads has remained the same while the

number of vehicles on roads has increased manifold and thus it is each individual's duty to follow traffic rules for their own safety."

The participants were also advised to keep their documents complete and updated and keep first aid-box and fire extinguisher handy while driving. They were also told to be patient while driving in highway and not use mobile phones or drink & drive.

Mr Gurung further said that every citizen must follow and maintain traffic rules for their safety and well-being. Alertness and awareness while on the go can save hundreds of lives, in-

cluding their own, he added.

Social activist, Mr Nima stressed, "Awareness in society through children and youth will create a positive impact in society and awareness regarding HIV in the state is very necessary. In the coming days, we plan to organize awareness programmes in taxi stands with the support from Sikkim State AIDS Control Society [SSACS]."

Stressing upon the importance of tourism, Tourism Officer, Manoj Chettri, highlighted different aspects of tourism and role of a driver in promoting tourism sector in the state.

## Awareness and health camp for senior citizens held at Gyalshing



### GALSHING, 16 SEPT

[IPR]: District Legal Services Authority, West District in co-ordination with the District Collectorate,

District Police & District Hospital of Gyalshing and Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department, Women & Child Development Division [West], organized an awareness-cum-health camp for senior citizens today at the Alternative Dispute Redressal Centre, District & Sessions Court in West District.

The health camp had the participation of about 108 senior citizens from all over the West District.

Besides the general health camp, there were special camps for ENT and Psychiatry which were manned by specialists.

Three Legal Aid Clinics were also set up for drafting petitions/applications for senior citizens, providing legal aid and advice and for disseminating information on the various schemes which were manned by

Panel Advocates, Para Legal Volunteers and officers from Welfare Department.

Members from Accredited Social Health Activists [ASHA], Sai Sameti, Gyalshing and Lingchom and Sant Nirankari Mission volunteered and provided assistance to senior citizens during the camp.

Medicines for the health camp were donated through District Police by Gupta Medical Store, Upkaar Medical Hall, Rikjeong Enterprise and Taluk Legal Services Committee [TLSC], Soreng.

The District Legal Services Authority expressed deep gratitude to the doctors from District Hospital Gyalshing, District Collectorate, officials of District Police, other Government officials, Panel Advocates, Para Legal Volunteers, all other volunteers and the medicine shops for their sincere help and assistance in making the awareness-cum-health camp for senior citizens a success.

## SKM coordination meet held for East District Zone II

### SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party conducted a coordination meeting of East District-Zone II in Pakyong, a press release from the party informs.

The meeting was chaired by acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha and was attended by chief coordinator-cum-MLA, Sonam Lama, working president, MP Subba, and other active members of the party.

Party executives of five constituencies of Zone II were in the meeting. They submitted ground reports and current situation in their respective constituencies in regards to the upcoming Panchayat election. Allegations of malpractice, threatening and luring of people in different wards by the ruling party



were made by the SKM executives.

During the open discussion, members highlighted the problem faced by them of which mostly were related to landslide and poor road connectivity.

Vice president [Scheduled Caste], Tilak

Ruchal, alleged that Sikkim Democratic Front Government 'deserted the people after the general election' while Navin Karki talked about how the Panchayats are used in general election due to which party based election continues in Sikkim, which is against the wel-

fare of the people.

Working president, Mr Subba, in his address said, "When a group of people raise their voice against injustice then it becomes a Kranti and this group is becoming bigger every moment and we will witness this Kranti in this Panchayat election.

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MUSS holds voluntary blood donation camp

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Manav Utthan Sewa Samiti [MUSS], Sikkim organised a voluntary blood donation camp on the occasion of the 66th birth anniversary of its founder, Satpal Maharaj, here at STNM Hospital today. MUSS youth members from all four districts donated blood during the camp.

On the occasion, MUSS state committee distributed educational materials to students of Subha Laxmi Home, Chandmari and Sanskrit students of Shivalaya Mandir under Mission Education scheme. Led by MUSS state president, Bhim Prakash Rai, the team also distributed food materials and clothes at Lee Aal Old Age Home in Tintek, East Sikkim.

To practice what he preaches, Kohli drops Pepsi, fairness products

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another image consultant, who has worked with top celebrities from all walks of life.

Currently, Kohli charges Rs 4.5 to Rs 5 crore per day for a brand. For any celebrity, the per day charge could mean either shooting for the brand or making appearances.

Pepsi did not say how much it paid Kohli for endorsing the brand. But it is known that he has over Rs 100 crore deals with sports goods major Puma and tyre manufacturers MRF.

Puma makes make all the customised merchandise for Kohli, just like it has done all these years for sprint king Usain Bolt.

The Indian captain also endorses luxury German car brand Audi and Tissot watches to name a few. Kohli currently endorses 17 brands -- all carefully chosen keeping in mind his social connect.

REBYNA RANA  
GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

In order to promote home products made from environment friendly cotton, local entrepreneur Angu Rasaily has opened a store called 'Inhabit' at Namnang Road in Gangtok which offers a range of pure cotton products at very affordable rates.

From kitchen linen like hand towels, aprons, tablecloths to other items like bed sheets, towels and pillows the store has it all.

Ms Rasaily mentions that the cotton products are environment friendly and bio-degradable and also good for human health as compared to polyester and plastic products.

"Why promote Chinese products when we are living in India," she says.



"We should promote our local products which are environment friendly rather than endorsing Chinese products which are not even reliable," she further adds.

First video conference between SLSA and DLSA held

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Sikkim High Court Judge and Sikkim State Legal Service Authority [SLSA] Executive Chairperson, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai today conducted a video conference session with the Chairpersons and Secretaries of all the four District Legal Services Authorities [DLSAs] of the State. This is the first video conference between Sikkim SLSA and DLSAs.

The video conference was held from the Conference Hall of Sikkim SLSA Office, Gangtok, a press release from the



SLSA informs.

Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai enquired with DLSAs about the status of various NLSA schemes in their respective districts.

Suggestions were sought about difficulties, if any, faced by DLSAs and Taluk Legal Services Committees (TLSC) in the implementation of these schemes.



"With the advent of Video Conference facility in Sikkim SLSA, there can be better, faster and effective co-ordination between Sikkim SLSA and DLSAs/TLSCs," reads the release. Member Secretary and Special Secretary, Sikkim SLSA were also present on the occasion.

SAKO team bags 55 medals at national C'ship

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

Sikkim Association of Kickboxing Organization [SAKO] team is back home after participating in the State National Kickboxing Championship 2017 for cadets, junior and senior held from 06-10 Sept at Balbeer Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

The 55-member Sikkim team bagged 20 gold medals, 19 silver medals and 16 bronze medals

during the championship.

A SAKO press release informs that the gold medalists of the championship will represent India in the upcoming WAKO World Kickboxing Championship 2017 to be held from 03-12 Nov this year at Budapest in Hungary.

The release further adds that the National Kickboxing Championship had 2200 kick boxers from different states of the country.

The Sikkim contingent was led by general secretary-cum-chief technical director of SAKO, Bidhan Ballav Subba.

The executive committee members of SAKO have congratulated all medals winners of the State and further expressed their best wishes for future competitions.



World Suicide Prevention Day observed at Singtam school

YOGEN THATAL  
SINGTAM, 16 SEPT:

A team from Psychiatry Department of District Hospital Singtam observed World Suicide Prevention Day here at the premises of Singtam Senior Secondary School today.

The programme had the presence of Principal-Singtam SSS, KB Chhetri, along with teachers and students of the school.

Speaking on the occasion, resource persons of the Psychiatry Department team shared information regarding the rising suicidal tendency among the young and the old. They also discussed various symptoms and preventive measures.

The students were informed about the helpline set up by the state government.



School heads complete course on leadership and management

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 16 SEPT:

A month-long Certificate Course on School Leadership and Management conducted under the aegis of State Council of Educational Research and Training [SCERT] concluded in Gangtok today.

An SCERT press release informs that the course, conducted for the first time in the State, was meant for Principals and Headmasters of Government Schools to enhance their capacity as school leaders and comprised of seven key areas of school leadership. The first batch had 29 Heads of Schools from all four districts.

It may be mentioned here, SCERT, Sikkim is a select School Leadership Academy [SLA] supported by National Centre of School Leadership [NCSL], National University of Educational Planning and Administration [NEUPA], New Delhi. The SLA is expected to carry out different courses in School Leadership for Heads of Schools of the State.

The valedictory function had Additional Chief Secretary-Human Resource Development Department, GP Upadhyay, as chief guest.

Director-SCERT, Dr Rabin Chhetri, welcomed the chief guest in his address and gave an overview of the month long programme.

Consultant-SLA, Sikkim, Dr Sunam Gyamtso, gave a brief report of the course conducted by SLA.

Additional Chief Secretary-HRDD, Mr Upadhyay, in his address stressed on the need to ensure that every child in the State completes education and becomes a good human resource.

Also attending the programme was Special Secretary-cum-State Project Director-Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan [RMSA-HRDD], MT Sherpa.

The programme concluded after distribution of certificates with the vote of thanks proposed by coordinator of the event, Malati Rai [Deputy Director-SCERT].

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## Play Hard, Support Even More

**Sporting success also needs fans to celebrate talent**

Sikkim accounts for only 0.05% of India's population, but when it comes to potential, it stakes claim to much more. Irrespective of what PeeCee might have to say about the film industry in Sikkim, the State recently produced a film, Dhokbu, that the best of studios would have been proud of attach their name to and has had a standout actor in Danny who has dazzled often with his oeuvre whenever he was offered a script he could sink his teeth into. Then there are the writers who have arrived in the publishing world to high critical acclaim and handsome sales and following.

These are however examples of individual brilliance, with the community or government having no real role in either their nurture or promotion, and while one hopes that more "locals" dazzle with their creative chops in more fields, we shift focus now to disciplines in which the local community and government policies can have a more direct impact – sports. Take football for instance; after decades of Bhaichung's dominance, the State which is far short of even 1% of the population, now has Bikash Jairu continuing Sikkim's presence in the national squad and also has Nirmal Chhetri and Sanju Pradhan who have been Men in Blue in the past and continue to be potentials for India XI. Significantly, all three are products of the Search for More Bhaichungs programme of the State Government.

Sikkim's football credentials in the national and international arena are safe with their boots and the still younger, still waiting in the wings and lacing up for ISL, perhaps carry even more promise benefitting from the experience of their seniors and their counsel. In other disciplines, archer Tarundeep Rai made a mark as did Chungda Sherpa. Olympic glory by a Sikkimese sportsperson is now a possibility in the not too distant future. The State's martial artists have also been routinely making a mark in national events and are on the verge of springboarding to greater glory.

The one common factor in all sporting achievers from Sikkim is that they have broken away from the pack here and struck out on their own. Bhaichung must have had many fellow strikers who played with him at Paljor Stadium, but only he made it. Nirmal, Sanju and Bikash too first persevered and then excelled. Tarundeep is definitely not the first archer from the State, yet he is the only one to make it to the Olympics. Pick any other sport and there will be individuals who have excelled. The irony which needs deeper introspection is how even in team sports, Sikkim has produced only individuals who have excelled. As a team, Team Sikkim is yet to achieve anything significant even in football. The I-League flash and promise of Bhaichung's USFC was too temporary and also more of an achievement of footballers who played for the club but did not necessarily belong to Sikkim.

That Sikkim has an impressive pool of sporting talent is an established fact, but what is also stark is that as a team, Sikkim has not tasted success of any consequence except in the Basketball dominance of the Girls from Gangyap. And even that, although the success has been impressive, has not been replicated enough. What Sikkim's sportspersons perhaps need to develop is stronger resolve, more intense determination... the thirst to excel beyond Rangpo. Too many promising footballers have given up midway when they were made to sit on the sidelines too long. Once Sikkim's players develop this resolve, the sports administrators will have to step up and provide them better infrastructure, exposure and training. At one time Sikkim celebrated only one Bhaichung, now it can follow something like eight footballers in the ISL. The local community needs to measure up with spontaneous support as well, patronizing local tournaments and following the careers and achievements of more players that this land produces. The aim should be to now also have a local club that everyone supports and follows and a many more players in many more disciplines that kids can have as role models...



## Rod Stewart's gay ballad 'Georgie' was ahead of its time

ROBERT MORRISON  
theconversation.com

Recently, Rod Stewart re-released a newly imaged version of his 1978 classic, "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy," with multi-platinum group DNCE. They premiered the single together on Aug. 27 at the MTV Video Music Awards, introducing Rod Stewart to a new generation.

While "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy" is one of his signature songs, peaking at No. 1 in six countries, some of his other songs stand out for their lyrics and ability to raise social awareness. What many don't know is that 40 years ago, Stewart wrote the first commercially successful pop song to address gay rights.

I have seen Rod Stewart live seven times: Calgary in 1984; Wembley Stadium in London in 1986; Brighton in 1987; Calgary again in 1988; Edinburgh in 2002; London in 2013; and on Prince Edward Island in 2015.

There are a number of reasons why I keep going to see him. In part, it's my small way of saying thank-you for all the times when listening to him has salvaged a bad day or improved a good one. In part, it's because he is now 72 years old, and yet still loves his job and is still having fun. These are worthy aims at any life stage, but especially when your 20s and 30s are firmly in your past.

In part, of course, it is his voice, which so convincingly delivers a wide range of emotion, from callousness and exuberance, through anger and whimsy, to hurt and self-deprecating mockery. Elton John summed it up in his acceptance speech at the 2013 BRITs Icon Award Show. Stewart, he said, is "the greatest singer that rock 'n' roll has ever had."

What is sometimes overlooked, though, and one of the primary reasons I have been a fan for 40 years, is Stewart's abilities as a song-writer, and particularly as a lyricist.

I teach and research 19th-century British literature for a living. But I have also spent time listening to and thinking about rock 'n' roll lyrics. Language is at the crux of both these projects, and it is a short step from one to the other. Great poems, like great lyrics, work in strikingly diverse ways. But at some level both almost invariably challenge set assumptions and break new ground – literary, political and social.

Take "The Killing of Georgie" from Stewart's 1976 album, A Night on the Town. The song is about a young gay man who is murdered in the "so-called liberated days" of the mid-1970s. Stewart is British, but he sets the song in America, where he has lived full-time for more than four decades. "The Killing of Georgie" is the first successful pop song with a gay man at the centre of the story. Though the BBC initially rejected the track, it eventually hit the top of the charts in the U.K., the U.S., Canada and the Netherlands.

### THE KILLING OF GEORGIE: lyrics

*In these days of changing ways so called liberated days a story comes to mind of a friend of mine  
Georgie boy was gay I guess nothin' more or nothin' less the kindest guy I ever knew  
His mother's tears fell in vain the afternoon George tried to explain that he needed love like all the rest  
Pa said there must be a mistake how can my son not be straight after all I've said and done for him  
Leavin' home on a Greyhound bus cast out by the ones he loves A victim of these gay days it seems  
Georgie went to New York town where he quickly settled down and soon became the toast of the great white way  
Accepted by Manhattan's elite in all the places that were chic No party was complete without George  
Along the boulevards he'd cruise and all the old queens blew a fuse Everybody loved Georgie boy  
The last time I saw George alive was in the summer of seventy-five he said he was in love I said I'm pleased  
George attended the opening night of another Broadway hype but split before the final curtain fell  
Deciding to take a short cut home arm in arm they meant no wrong A gen-*

### MEMORABLE RHYMES

In the song, Stewart normalized gayness. One afternoon, Georgie tells his parents he needs love "like all the rest." They don't understand. His mother cries. His father is angry. They cast him out, "a victim of these gay days it seems."

George travels by Greyhound Bus to New York City, where he settles down and soon meets people who are far more sympathetic, including the narrator: "He said he was in love, I said I'm pleased."

But one summer evening, as George and his new love walk home arm in arm from the theatre, they are ambushed by a New Jersey gang. A fight ensues, Georgie's head hits a sidewalk cornerstone and he is killed.

The lyric is notable for a number of reasons. It's a ballad, as Stewart makes plain from the outset: "A story comes to mind of a friend of mine." It covers a great deal of ground concisely, and within a solid structure of 18 stanzas.

But whereas ballads are usually written in quatrains (four-verse lines) with a rhyme scheme such as abab or aabb, Stewart writes "The Killing of Georgie" in tercets (three-verse lines), typically rhyming aab, a technique that puts a decisive emphasis on the opening couplet, and that quickens the overall pace of the lyric, as we (and Georgie) are hurried on after three lines rather than four:

Pa said, "There must be a mistake;  
How can my son not be straight;  
After all I've said and done for him?"

Stewart exploits a variety of different rhymes (including "end," "internal," and "slant") that repeatedly energize the lyric and produce some of the most memorable lines he has written: "Youth's

*tle breeze blew down Fifth Avenue  
Out of a darkened side street came a New Jersey gang with just one aim to roll some innocent passer-by  
There ensued a fearful fight screams rang out in the night  
Georgie's head hit a sidewalk cornerstone A leather kid, a switchblade knife He did not intend to take his life He just pushed his luck a little too far that night  
The sight of blood dispersed the gang A crowd gathered, the police came An ambulance screamed to a halt on Fifty-third and Third  
Georgie's life ended there but I ask who really cares George once said to me and I quote He said "Never wait or hesitate Get in kid, before it's too late You may never get another chance 'Cos youth a mask but it don't last live it long and live it fast" Georgie was a friend of mine  
Oh Georgie stay, don't go away Georgie please stay you take our breath away Oh Georgie stay, don't go away Georgie please stay you take our breath away Oh Georgie stay, don't go away Georgie, Georgie please stay you take our breath away Oh Georgie stay*

a mask but it don't last, / Live it long and live it fast."

### GAY RIGHTS NOT YET WON

Bigotry and gang violence kill Georgie, but the narrator eschews sentimentality: "Georgie's life ended there, / But I ask, 'Who really cares?'"

Above all, "The Killing of Georgie" carries what Stewart has called "a pro-gay message," as he put it in his 2012 autobiography, Rod.

In the "so-called liberated days" of the mid-1970s, people were attacked and killed in the street because of their sexual orientation, as the song relates.

Forty years later, in what we might like to think of as our own liberated days, progress has unquestionably been made on issues such as same-sex marriage and gay and transgender rights.

But we now live in a world with Donald Trump as a national leader, and it takes only a cursory glance at recent headlines to see that these topics continue to provoke hostility and backward-thinking. Among many other roles, great art and great lyrics frequently remind us of the battles that still need to be fought until they are won. We are a long way from the acceptance and mutual respect that Stewart asks us to imagine:

Georgie boy was gay I guess,  
Nothin' more and nothin' less,  
The kindest guy I ever knew.

When Stewart wrote the lyrics, he says there were people at his record label who were "mediocre enough" to fear that it might alienate some of his heterosexual following. "Stuff'em," he replied. "It's one of the songs that I'm proudest of."

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## Democratic breakthroughs in Africa: time to celebrate but worries still linger

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There is much to celebrate as the world marks International Day of Democracy. The last year has seen important democratic breakthroughs in Africa. In Gambia an entrenched autocrat was forced from power. In Ghana, a sitting president lost an election for the first time.

In just the last few weeks, Kenya has also joined the club of precedent-setting nations, after the Supreme Court ruled that the election of President Uhuru Kenyatta was illegal and must be held again. Not only was this a first in Kenya, it was also the first time that the election of a sitting president had been overturned by the judiciary in Africa.

These changes reflect a broader trend in sub-Saharan Africa and much of the world. An increasing number of countries are holding multiparty elections. And an increasing proportion of these states have witnessed a

transfer of power from one party or leader to another.

It's true that more elections are now being held than at any time in human history. But recent highlights in Gambia, Ghana and Kenya mask a problematic reality, namely that the expansion of multi-party politics has often gone hand-in-hand with political and economic exclusion. Over the past five years, the level of political repression and economic inequality has increased in Africa. In turn, this has called into question the extent of the continent's democratic gains.

### RIISING REPRESSION

In recent times high levels of repression have been witnessed across much of the continent. These include the arrest of opposition leader, Kizza Besigye, as he campaigned against his defeat in the 2016 presidential election in Uganda. Also, in Kenya there were a high number of human rights violations when security forces cracked

down on opposition protests during the election.

According to Freedom House, an American think tank that rates the level of freedom in every country in the world, the quality of civil liberties in Africa has fallen every year for a decade. Seven out of the 15 countries that showed the biggest deterioration in the quality of their political environment over the last 12 months were African. They are the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Niger, South Sudan, and Zambia. Next year, Tanzania may well join that list.

Other forms of political exclusion are also prevalent. Rwanda leads the world on female legislative representation while Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda also perform well on this metric. But very few women are ever elected in the continent's largest states such as Angola, Nigeria and the DRC.

Minority groups often suffer a similar

fate. In Botswana, a state often lauded as one of those leading on democratic rights in Africa, the indigenous San community have been largely excluded from the political process. Similarly, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer citizens typically find that their human rights are undermined. Fortunately, this is not true of countries with more progressive constitutions such as South Africa.

### RIISING INEQUALITY

In many states, political exclusion has gone hand in hand with rising economic inequality. As a result the relative poverty – the gap between the rich and the poor – is growing. This is despite the fact that the level of absolute poverty has fallen in a number of countries.

In other words, serious developmental gains are occurring at the same time that other forms of economic exclusion are intensifying.

One of the most stunning facts about the

continent is that the Human Development Index – a composite statistic of life expectancy, education, and per capita income indicators – shows that

"every country in Africa is today less equal than it was in 2010."

More worryingly, there is no evidence that democracies are performing better than authoritarian systems on this issue. If anything, the reverse is true. Indeed, one of the most intriguing paradoxes of African democracy is that it is those countries that are most democratic that are most unequal. Botswana, Namibia, and South Africa, three of the continent's most secure democracies, feature the highest levels of inequality in the world.

The combination of political and economic exclusion in Africa is important for intrinsic and instrumental reasons. Intrinsically, democracy is failing to deliver if it is not

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Cong asked to stop politicising Chakma-Hajong refugee issue

**Itanagar, Sep 16 (PTI):** Arunachal Pradesh govern- ment today asked the opposition Congress to stop politicising the Chakma-Hajong refugee issue and to work togeth- er for a logical solution.

The union Home min- istry’s recent decision to grant citizenship to Chak- ma and Hajong refugees in North East has evoked resentment in the state. Apex students’ body of the state, All Arunachal Pradesh Students’ Union (AAPSU), has called for a statewide dawn-to-dusk bandh on September 19.

“It is time that all political parties should join hands for a solution to the vexed issue,” state government spokesman Passang Dorjee Sona told a press conference.

He also urged the Con- gress to work with the state government for a re- sult instead of giving the issue a political colour.

Arunachal Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) on September 14 criticised the Centre’s decision to grant citizen- ship to Chakma and Ha- jong refugees in the state.

Sona said Chief Minis- ter Pema Khandu has in- formed Union Home Min- ister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju that granting citizenship to Chakma- Hajong refu- gees would distort social fabric of the state.

“The government had earlier filed a Special Leave Petition in the Su- preme Court and anoth- er SLP filed by the AAP- SU was pending in the court,” he said.

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helping the worst as much as the best off. Instrumentally, the combination of econom- ic and political exclusion increases the risk that political grievances will develop into instability.

**BUILDING A MORE INCLUSIVE WORLD**

One reason that democratisation has not al- ways reduced the degree of exclusion is that political systems in Africa, much like the rest of the world, tend not to feature inclusive po- litical arrangements.

The continent only features a handful of states that are federal or feature high levels of political devolution. These include Kenya, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Africa and Sudan. Moreover, even within this small sample the ability of opposition parties to get elected at

the sub-national level has often been limited, especially in Ethiopia and Sudan. As a result, individuals and groups that lose out in the race for national office rarely enjoy the kind of local self-government that might make them feel that they have a stake in the political sys- tem.

Institutional mechanisms to ensure a form of power sharing are also rare. By and large Af- rican states are presidential and highly major- itarian. They also do not feature constitutional provisions that guarantee minorities and los- ing parties a seat at the table.

Indeed, Burundi is currently the only country that comes close to the consocia- tional “ideal type” of inclusive politics outlined by the famous political scientist Arendt Lijphart. But even there the authoritarian bent of Pres- ident Pierre Nkurunziza has undermined both the letter and the spirit of the country’s carefully designed constitution.

Absent political representation, and with so few checks and balances on the exercise of power, it is unsurprising that minorities and opposition groups get such a raw deal. Of course, this is not to say that political inclu- sion is a cure-all: there are many established democracies with less exclusive political ar- rangements that have failed to reduce eco- nomic inequality. But until African political systems become less majoritarian and do a better job of protecting the rights and inter- ests of minorities, the true benefits of demo- cratic government are unlikely to be realised.

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GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT  
SORENG, WEST SIKKIM

NIT No: ND/R&B/S/06-07/136/158/Sor.

Dated. 14.09.2017

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer (Soreng), Roads & Bridges Department invites sealed tenders under single bid system from eligible contractors of class IV Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 373/R&B/Secy. Dated 01/05/2017, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat / Urban Local Bodies where the work is to be executed. The works are listed as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Cost of work put to tender (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender documents (in Rs.)	Completion Time.
1	Carpeting of road from zhapzhap-ey to pakki goan in west Sikkim (km 0.00-0.750)	96,56,493.00	2,41,412.00	15,000.00	18 months.
2.	Carpeting of road from zhapzhap-ey to pakki goan in west Sikkim (km 0.750 -1.450)	92,26,726.00	2,30,668.00	15,000.00	18 months.
3.	Carpeting of road from zhapzhap-ey to pakki goan in west Sikkim (km 1.450-2.300)	94,99,313.00	2,37,483.00	15,000.00	18 months.
4.	Carpeting of road from zhapzhap-ey to pakki goan in west Sikkim (km 2.300-3.150)	98,11,502.00	2,45,288.00	15,000.00	18 months.
5.	Upgradation and carpeting of Karthok to Lower Dodak road in west Sikkim Km 1 <sup>st</sup> .	92,73,098.00	2,31,827.00	15,000.00	18 months.
6.	Upgradation and carpeting of Karthok to Lower Dodak road in west Sikkim Km 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	67,61,213.00	1,69,030.00	15,000.00	18 months.
7.	Upgradation and carpeting of Karthok to Lower Dodak road in west Sikkim Km 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	55,28,456.00	1,38,212.00	15,000.00	18 months.
8.	Upgradation and carpeting of An- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(0.00 to 0.800)	92,58,301.00	2,31,458.00	15,000.00	18 months.
9.	Upgradation and carpeting ofAn- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(0.800 to 1.600)	89,43,653.00	2,23,591.00	15,000.00	18 months.
10.	Upgradation and carpeting ofAn- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(1.600 to 2.400)	65,43,978.00	1,63,599.00	15,000.00	18 months.
11.	Upgradation and carpeting ofAn- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(2.400 to 3.200)	83,32,494.00	2,08,312.00	15,000.00	18 months.
12.	Upgradation and carpeting of An- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(3.200 to 4.00)	84,62,933.00	2,11,573.00	15,000.00	18 months.
13.	Upgradation and carpeting of An- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(4.00 to 4.800)	81,06,612.00	2,02,665.00	15,000.00	18 months.
14.	Upgradation and carpeting of An- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(4.800 to 5.600)	72,66,473.00	1,81,662.00	15,000.00	18 months.
15.	Upgradation and carpeting of An- den Gumpa Tareybhir road in west Sikkim Km(5.600 to 6.200)	57,47,400.00	1,43,685.00	15,000.00	18 months.

Time Schedule for Sl. No. 1-15:-

- Date of submission of application with bank Receipt For issue of Tender Documents (excluding Tender Form) :13<sup>th</sup> Nov.2017 (From 10.00am to 4.00pm)
- Date of issue of Tender Form on submission of TDR (as Earnest Money) : 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 (From 10.00 am to 4.00pm)
- Last Date and Time of submission of Tender.
  - For Sl.No. 1 to 7 :-17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 (from 10.00 am to 12.00pm).
  - For Sl.No. 8 to 15 :-20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 (from 10.00 am to 12.00pm).
- Date and Time of Opening of Bid
  - For Sl.No. 1 to 7 :-27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 (at 1.30pm).
  - For Sl.No. 8 to 15 :-28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2017 (at 1.30pm).

CONDITION OF CONTRACT:-

- Tender is open only to the eligible Contractors/Firms of appropriate Class/Area.
- The intending tenders/contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application would invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender document will not be issued to any person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted initial for each work listed above with all required documents.
- The applicants should enclose attested copies of the (c) Validated/Updated Contractor Enlistment Certificate , along with the application. It is mandatory to produce the Original validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sale/issue of the Tender document for verification.
- The prescribed Non-Transferable Tender Documents (excluding the Tender Form) can be obtained during the period specified in (As above from the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads & Bridges Department, Soreng Sub-Division, on production of requisite Bank receipt of the state of Sikkim the cost of Tender Doc-

- uments (non-refundable) under the receipt Head “0509-80-800” cost of Tender Form (Roads & Bridges).
- Earnest money deposit @ 2.5% in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of Deposit Receipt of Schedule Bank which includes deposits in the form of temporary deposit receipts (TDR) in favour of the Sr. Accounts Officer, Roads & Bridges , Gyalshing, West Sikkim. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the towards deposit receipt of 2.5% earnest money.
  - The Tender Documents, including the Tender Form with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tenders and the name of the work superscripted on it, supporting documents listed at Sl.No. 3 along with other relevant documents be enclosed with the offer.
  - Sealed tenders may be deposited in the Tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer, Roads and Bridges Department, Soreng Sun-Division, on the date and within the time indicated above.
  - Tenders will be opened by a Tender Opening Committee as prescribed by the Government in the presence of the Tenderers on the date and time indicated above.
  - The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender documents as Acceptance of the general Direction and Conditions of the Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of and all other applicable Taxes and Levies. Over writing and correction should be avoided and if made should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected forthwith.
  - In case of any discrepancy in rate(s) printed in the Schedule of Rate and Quantities issued with the tender documents, rates as per approved Schedule of Rates will be taken as correct. For items outside SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate/analysis. Decision of the Principal Chief Engineer cum Secretary/ Head of the Department will be final in this regard.
  - The work value, scope and quantum of work are subject to change, the contractor shall execute the work as per the directives of the Department. No claim on this account shall be entertained whatsoever. If any claim is made, it shall be as per the agreement rates.
  - The Department reserves the rights to with hold payments to the contractor unless test certificates are not produced by the contractor when called upon to do so.
  - Avoidable damages due to negligence of the contractor shall be at his own risk and cost. The Department shall not be liable for payment of such damages (in any) , including accidents to labours at site.
  - The offer shall remain valid for a period of 90 days. The work should commence within 15 days from the issue of work order.
  - All conditions as mentioned in the NIT shall be deemed to a part of the agreement to be entered with the contractor. Security deposit shall be collected by deductions from the running bills of the contractor @ 5% of the value of work done.
  - The defect liability period for the pavement work shall be period of 5 (five) years with shall not covered damages due to natural calamities, formation sinking, landslides etc.
  - The payment of for the work executed shall be done only after obtaining sanction under NABARD and no claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained before the sanction.
  - The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
  - The contractors are also required to submit PAN NO. as per provisions Indian Income Tax Act, wherever applicable.
  - The recoveries on all applicable Taxes and Royalties on Forest Produce shall be as per rates notify by the Government from time to time and applicable on the date payment. In no case , claim of any contractor for deduction as per rates incorporated in the analysis of rates or Schedule of Rates on the date of tender shall be acceptable.
  - In case of carriage of non stock materials, if this materials are available at site or actually transported for less of distance then indicated in the Schedule, the department shall pay carriage as per actual proof of a carriage supported by permits issued by Forest Environment Wildlife Management Department indicating the quarries which required to submitted by the contractor with bill, nor exceeding the rates incorporates in case in this schedules. The contractor are required to submit necessary documents to fulfil the claim of payment for carriage of non stock materials.
  - Subletting of contract work is against the norms and it comes to notice the original contract shall be cancelled and appropriate action shall be initiated as per the rules.
  - The Department also reserves the right to increase, decrease, alter or modify the item or works as indicated in the NIT without assigning any reason thereof.
  - In case the man powers employed by the contractor are from outside the State or neighbouring countries, it shall be the responsibility of the contractors to get them registered with the Labour Department, Govern- ment of Sikkim as per the relevant Labour Laws.
  - Use of explosives shall be regulated as under:-
    - Transportation, Handling, storages and use of Explosives (in necessary) shall be in accordance with the provisions of the India Explosive Act and General Guidelines, Circulars issued by the department and other competent authorities on the subject from time to time.
    - The rules and regulations issued by the Sikkim Public Works department or any other competent authority strictly be adhered to with regard to transportation, storage, handling and use of explosives shall be main- tained by the contractor.
  - The contractor shall also make arrangement to have photographs of the works taken at least at three stages of the construction period i.e beginning, middle and completion stage.
  - Quarrying of stones shall be allowed only from designated approved quarries. Where work of Water bound Macadam is involved, binding materials shall strictly be in accordance with the specifications, both in quality and quantity. Works such as compaction, consolidation and stabilization etc., will be required to be done on trail stretches to ensure that materials, procedure and equipments are producing the desired result.
  - Damage to properties in and around the work site must be avoided at all cost. The contractor shall be held responsible for any acts of negligence and shall be made to make good the damages.
  - Expenditure involved for material testing, cube strength of concrete, crushing strength or road metals etc., at site or in laboratories shall be borne by the contractor. The contractor shall make necessary arrange- ments accordingly as and when instructed to do so.
  - It is accepted to the tenderer to have inspected the site before submitting his/her bid. There may be pos- sible site difficulties for which the tenderer should have their own correct assessment before submitting the bid.
  - The contractor will have to pay all taxes and duties as applicable and notified by the State/Central Govern- ment and no claim shall be entertained in this regard whatsoever.
  - The cost of stock materials and bridges parts supplied from the Department store will be deducted from the contractors’ bills as per rules.
  - The bidders shall produce a Certificate of Residence from the concerned Gram Panchayat Unit where the work is to be executed.

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## 15-year-old Shapath qualifies for World Cup Finals

**NEW DELHI, SEP 16 (PTI):** Indian teenager Shapath Bhardawaj has now qualified for the prestigious ISSF World Cup Finals for shooting.

Having become the country's youngest athlete to figure in the government's Target Olympic Podium (TOP) scheme, the 15-year-old, who clinched an individual bronze medal in the Junior World Cup in Italy last month, will compete in men's double trap alongside Ankur Mittal and Sangram Dahiya.

The World Cup finals, the most prestigious annual tournament of the International Shooting Sport Federation, will be held at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range next month.

Champion pistol shooter Jitu Rai, Ravi Kumar (10m air rifle), Pooja Ghatkar (10m air rifle), Amanpreet Singh ((50m pistol), Meghana Sajjanar and Deepak Kumar (10m mixed air rifle), Rai and Heena Sidhu (10m air pistol mixed) will be seen in action.

Rai will be competing in three events - 10m air pistol and 50m pistol - besides mixed team.

The players qualified for the tournament based on their performances in a series of three World Cups held in India, Mexico and Cyprus respectively.

Besides his junior bronze in Lonato, Shapath has won the team gold medal at the Shotgun World Cup in Moscow recently.

The Meerut-based Bhardwaj, a student of class 10, is among 45 elite athletes, including Olympic medallists PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Saina Nehwal, to be selected for the TOP scheme.

Bhardwaj attracted the attention of the shooting fraternity when he was selected for Indias double trap team at the age of 14 after selection trails in Patiala in November last year.

He represented India along with his senior teammates Ankur Mittal and Sangram Dahya in the ISSF World Cup, Delhi in February and then at the ISSF World Cup in Mexico in April where he secured 10th and 12th ranks respectively.

He then secured the fourth position in qualifying round of the ISSF World Cup in Cyprus in May and topped the 22 shot shoot-off to enter the final where he finished sixth.

Bhardwaj participated in the ninth International Junior Shotgun Cup held in Finland in July and scored 137 out of 150 as India won the gold. He ended up winning the individual as well as team gold in the International Junior Grand Prix in Italy last year.

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# Eye on Summit: Indo-Oz rivalry resumes in familiar terrain

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**CHENNAI, SEP 16 (PTI):**

On a roll after decimating Sri Lanka, Virat Kohli's Indian team will be aiming for another comprehensive show against a depleted Australia when the two sides square off in the opening encounter of the five-match series, here on Sunday.

The Indo-Australia rivalry over the years have been more traditional with the intensity right up there as lot is always at stake.

Not to forget the passion and frayed tempers, a testimony to that was the Test series that India won 2-1, earlier this year.

A 5-0 win for India, which could be a rare first against Australia, will put them at the top of the ICC World rankings while a 4-1 win for the visitors will help them grab pole position.

For India, facing an Australian side without their top two pacers -- Mitchell Starc and Josh Hazlewood would certainly work to their advantage but at the same time, the likes of Steve Smith, David Warner and Glenn Maxwell are seasoned pros for whom India is like a "second home".

The two teams trained ahead of the match with focus on fine-tuning things and probably to zero in on the playing XI.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel suffered an injury scare, spraining his ankle while playing football and it has to be seen if he takes part in this afternoon's practice session.

However the Aussies are well



aware of what threat wrist spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal can pose for them

Accordingly, they summoned mustery spinners KK Jiyas and local lad Murugan Ashwin to prepare for the match.

The two teams are playing an ODI here after a gap of three decades, having last met at the iconic stadium in the opening fixture of the Reliance World Cup, way back in 1987.

It was a thrilling encounter that Australia won by 1 run.

The last time the Australians played a bilateral ODI series in India in 2013, the hosts won seven-match series 3-2 with two games were abandoned due to inclement weather.

Steve Smith, who wasn't part of that series is now the leader of the Aussies and would be expected to lead from the front in a tour that promises to be another run fest.



The Chepauk track is expected to be a batting paradise.

India's vice-captain Rohit Sharma said at a media interaction on Friday that the pitch looked like a typical Chennai wicket hard and with a lot of runs.

Rohit has been prolific against the Australians and posted his first double century in ODIs in the 2013 series and is coming off a strong performance in the recent limited-overs series in Sri Lanka.

Along with his captain (Kohli) he is part of a formidable batting unit that could take on any attack. Rohit also indicated that his Mumbai teammate Ajinkya Rahane may don the opener's role in the absence of Shikhar Dhawan, who has been granted a break to attend to his ailing wife.

Despite the thrashing handed out to the Sri Lankans, the Indian think-tank would be worried about a middle-order that didn't look too

convincing.

KL Rahul's struggles at the No.4 spot pose a few questions but the skipper and coach Ravi Shastri have hinted that the Karnataka batsman was being considered for the role given the fact that Rohit and Shikhar Dhawan are the established opening pair.

Kohli himself has been in wonderful form and carved out a couple of tons against Lanka while veteran M S Dhoni guided the team home in his own inimitable style in two matches.

The trio (Kohli, Rohit and Dhoni) will be expected to do the bulk of the run-scoring while the improving Hardik Pandya would be expected to provide the spark both with bat and ball.

Kedar Jadhav and Manish Pandey have put their hand up in the opportunities they have got and the lower-order too has contributed.

The bowling unit sees the return of Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yadav after missing out the ODIs in Lanka. The focus would be on the inexperienced spin attack in the absence of the leading duo of Ravichandran Ashwin, playing in the County circuit in England and the rested Ravindra Jadeja.

The tweakers Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav did the job against the Lankans but the Aussies are a different proposition altogether. How they fare would have a bearing on the series with the batsmen expected to have the upperhand.

There has been a lot of talk about

wrist spinners have a key role in the series with Rohit and Australian spinner Ashton Agar stressing on the value they offer. The India vice-captain felt that they have mystery about them and can provide breakthroughs at crucial junctures.

Agar, on his part, said that his teammate Adam Zampa with his experience of playing in India and in the IPL, could do well against the home side's powerful batting.

On the other hand, Smith's men would be aiming to exact some revenge for the defeat suffered in the 2013 series but a lot depends on batting big and the bowlers finding ways to contain a marauding Indian batting line-up led by Kohli and Rohit.

The absence of big-hitting opener Aaron Finch, at least for the first three games owing to a calf injury, may have upset the Aussies plans but they have others to step up.

**Teams (from)**

**India:** Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma, Ajinkya Rahane, KL Rahul, Manish Pandey, Kedar Jadhav, Hardik Pandya, MS Dhoni (WK), Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav.

**Australia:** Steve Smith (captain), David Warner, Hilton Cartwright, Travis Head, Glenn Maxwell, Marcus Stoinis, Matthew Wade (WK), James Faulkner, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Pat Cummins, Kane Richardson, Ashton Agar, Adam Zampa, Peter Handscomb, Aaron Finch. Match starts at 1.30 PM.

## Sindhu seals final spot at Korea Open



**SEOUL, SEP 16 (PTI):** Olympic silver-medallist PV Sindhu defeated China's He Bingjiao in the semifinals to set up a mouth-watering summit clash with world champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan at the Korea Open Super Series, here today.

The 22-year-old Indian had come into the match with a 3-5 head-to-head record, having lost to the Chinese at the Asia Badminton Championship this year.

But that didn't matter as Sindhu saw off the World No.7 21-10 17-21 21-16 in a match that lasted an hour and six minutes here.

The World No.4 Indian, who had won the China Super Series Premier last year and clinched the India Super Series and Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold this season, now stands just one win away from another title.

However, it will once again be her World Championship final nemesis and eighth seed Okuhara, who will stand in the way when they clash in the final tomorrow.

The Olympic bronze-medallist Japanese entered the final with a 21-17 21-18 win over World No.2 compatriot Akane Yamaguchi, seeded second.

Sindhu made a rampaging start to the opening game as she rushed to a 9-1 advantage before moving into the break at

11-4 when the left-handed Chinese hit out.

Sindhu made a few unforced errors but she didn't let it derail her game as she moved to a 10-point advantage and sealed it when Bingjiao once again hit out.

In the second game, Sindhu and Bingjiao were tied 4-4 initially but the Indian once again clinched a five-point advantage at the break when she unleashed a body smash and then Bingjiao hit out again.

But unforced errors by Sindhu and Bingjiao's resilience helped the Chinese slowly erase the deficit and make it 10-13.

Sindhu tried to engage her

opponent in fast rallies but Bingjiao managed to claw back at 15-15 with a precise straight down-the-line smash.

Sindhu suddenly hit a bad patch as two wide shots and one of her returns were buried in the net, giving the Chinese a 20-16 advantage. A deceiving return on Bingjiao's serve saw Sindhu save a game point but the Chinese sealed it next when the Indian found the net again.

The decider saw the longest and quickest rallies as both the shuttlers looked to outwit each other. Sindhu managed to lead 7-4 and 9-6 before Bingjiao clawed back with three straight points.

However, two wide shots once again spoiled Bingjiao's run as Sindhu held the advantage for the third time at the interval.

The script didn't change much after the break as Sindhu continued to lead even as Bingjiao struggled with her length and ended up sending the shuttle wide and long.

Sindhu moved to a 19-15 lead before Bingjiao produced a powerful smash to gather a point but the Indian was in no mood to stretch it any further as she moved to the match point when Bingjiao hit wide again.

The Indian then sealed the issue with a lucky net chord.

## 3 Indian students to join as Scholastic kid reporters

**NEW DELHI, SEP 16**

**(PTI):** Three Indians figure in a list of 44 kid reporters selected to cover current events, breaking news, entertainment stories, and sporting events from around the world this school year.

Ananyaa Chopra (from Delhi), Roopkatha Roy (Kolkata) and Rohan Saketh Devulapalli (Bengaluru) were selected from more than 400 total applicants to report from India.

The student reporters for the Scholastic News Kids Press Corps are aged between 10 and 14.

Suzanne McCabe, editor of the Scholastic News Kids Press Corps, said by reporting "age-appropriate, high-interest news stories", the kid reporters are "helping their peers gain an appreciation for quality journalism and a broader understanding of the world so that they can become well-informed community members and voters of the future".

Since 2000, the Scholastic News Kids Press Corps has

delivered "news for kids, by kids."

In the 2016-17 program year, the kid reporters closely covered events, including the US presidential election, the International Consumer Electronics Show, and the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show.

Kid reporters also interviewed notable public figures such as conservationist Jane Goodall, tennis player Andy Roddick, actress Glenn Close, author and actor Chris Colfer, actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg, author and illustrator Dav Pilkey, and skateboarder Tony Hawk among others, Scholastic said.

The other student reporters in the list are from the US, the UK, Australia, China, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Stories by Scholastic News kid reporters appear on the Scholastic News Kids Press Corps website and in issues of Scholastic classroom magazines, which reach more than 25 million students.

## US should take up Tibetan Buddhism suppression with China: experts

**LALIT K JHA**

**WASHINGTON, SEP 16 (PTI):**

Tibetan leaders and eminent experts have urged the Trump administration to take up with China on a priority basis the issue of "suppression" of Tibetan Buddhism.

The Chinese government implements countless restrictions on Tibetan Buddhism and Tibetan's peaceful religions activity that have created an extremely oppressive environment, said Tenzin Dorjee, the commissioner of the US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) during a Congressional briefing on "Tibetan Buddhism Today".

"The Chinese Government has

intensified its efforts to suppress Tibetan Buddhism," he said, adding that Beijing recently has appointed Communist Party members to control the monastery education system.

The Chinese Government seeks to strike at the heart of Tibetan Buddhism by attacking the Tibetan religious and educational institutions, he alleged. Expressing concern over the Chinese government control over reincarnation system of Tibet, he said this it was a very serious matter.

In his remarks, Dorjee urged US Congress to pass the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act, which would deny entry into the US to Chinese government officials responsible for creat-

ing or administering restrictions on US government officials, journalists, independent observers, and tourists seeking to travel to Tibetan areas.

Bhuchung K Tsering, vice president of International Campaign for Tibet, said that the Trump administration should implement the Tibet Policy Act of 2002 to send a message to China that the US wants a solution to the Tibetan issue through negotiations between the Chinese leadership and representatives of the Dalai Lama.

This includes the early appointment of the Special Coordinator for Tibetan Issues, whose central objective is to encourage such a negotiation, he said.

The Tibetan Policy Act stipulates

that the administration should call for "the immediate and unconditional release of all those held prisoner for expressing their political or religious views in Tibet."

Tsering said the US should support the call made by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2012, urging Chinese authorities to address the longstanding grievances that have led to an alarming escalation in forms of protest, including self-immolations, in Tibetan areas.

The US should support the UN call to China "to allow independent and impartial monitors to visit and assess the actual conditions on the ground, and to lift restrictions on

media access to the region," he said.

Tsering argued that Congress should send a similar strong message to China by enacting the Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act, a bipartisan, bicameral legislation that aims to call for the same access to American diplomats, journalists, and citizens to Tibet, just as their Chinese counterparts get in the US.

In her remarks, Sarah Cook, senior research analyst for East Asia at Freedom House, urged the Trump administration to retain China's designation as a country of particular concern under the International Religious Freedom Act and impose additional penalties available under the law.



# Egyptian court confirms Morsi’s life sentence

**YOUSRA EL-SHARAKAWY**  
**CAIRO, SEP 16 (PTI):**  
An Egyptian court today upheld the life sentence against ousted Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in what is known as the Qatar espionage case.

The Court of Cassation, Egypt’s highest appeal court, rejected the former president’s appeal and said the ruling is “final and unappealable,” state-run MENA news agency reported.

The court also confirmed death sentences of three prominent members of the Muslim Brotherhood in the same case.

Life sentence in Egypt is 25 years in prison.

Morsi received the original sentence in June 2016 after being found guilty of using his post to leak classified documents to Qatar and selling



them to al-Jazeera channel.

The documents allegedly include information on general and military intelligence, armed forces and state policy secrets which harm the national security.

In October last year, the

same court had confirmed a 20-year prison sentence against Morsi for taking part inciting violence near Ittihadeya presidential palace in 2012.

In November, the court had quashed one of the two life sentences handed down to

Morsi and ordered a retrial in connection with the Qatar espionage case.

Morsi, who became Egypt’s president in June 2012 after the first democratic elections in the country, was ousted in a military coup after a year in power following mass protests against his rule.

He came to power after Egypt’s long-time president Hosni Mubarak was toppled in an uprising in 2011.

In May, 2015, Morsi and 106 Muslim Brotherhood supporters received death penalties over a mass jail break following the 2011 uprising. But his death sentence verdict was overturned.

In a separate case, the court condemned to death seven people for membership of a militant group affiliated to the

Islamic State group in Libya.

The case’s documents were referred to the Grand Mufti, who must review all death sentences as per the Egyptian law.

His decision, however, is not binding.

The final decision of the court will be announced on November 25 which involves 20 defendants. However, the verdict can be appealed.

Charges also include possessing weapons, inciting violence and participating in the slaughtering of 21 Egyptian Coptic Christian workers in Libya in 2015.

The Egyptian government has been cracking down on the Muslim Brotherhood and its supporters since the ouster of Morsi, which left thousands in jail, and hundreds facing trials on a variety of charges.

# ‘Significant arrest’ made in London Tube terror attack: Police

**ADITI KHANNA**  
**LONDON, SEP 16 (PTI):**

An 18-year-old man was arrested today in connection with the terror attack on a packed London Tube train, the Metropolitan Police said, calling it a “significant” development in the ongoing investigation.

The man was arrested by Kent Police in the port area of Dover this morning under the UK’s Terrorism Act. He was taken into custody at a local police station and then transferred to a south London police station.

“We have made a significant arrest in our investigation this morning. Although we are pleased with the progress made, this investigation continues and the threat level remains at critical,” said Metropolitan Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu.

At least 30 people were injured during the attack in which an improvised explosive device (IED) was detonated on a Tube train at Parsons Green underground station during the morning rush hour yesterday.

Basu, also the UK’s Senior National Co-ordinator for Counter Terrorism Policing, seemed to indicate that the force was still on the hunt for further suspects.

“This arrest will lead to more activity from our officers. For strong investigative reasons we will not give any more details on the man we arrested at this stage,” he said.

“The public should remain vigilant as our staff, officers and partners continue to work through this complex investigation. We are not, at this time, changing our protective security measures and the steps taken to free up extra armed officers remain in place,” he added.

UK security minister Ben Wallace had said earlier today that there was “potentially a very dangerous individual or individuals out there and we need to track them down.”

The Met Police said so far detectives have spoken to 45 witnesses and continue to receive information from the public to

the confidential anti-terrorist hotline.

The Islamic State group has said it was behind the bomb but Met Police’s Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said it was “very routine” for ISIS to claim the attack, whether in contact with those involved or not.

Announcing the change in the UK threat level, Prime Minister Theresa May said the military would be providing support to police and would replace officers on guard duty at national infrastructure sites not accessible to the public.

It is part of the first phase of Operation Temperer, activated when the terror threat level reaches its highest possible.

“This is a proportionate and sensible step which will provide extra reassurance and protection while the investigation progresses,” May said.

This is the fourth time the UK national terror threat level has been raised to “critical” since the system was made public in 2006. The last time was in May this year following the Manchester Arena bombing, when it was feared that the bomb-maker was still at large and could strike again.

May took the decision last night after the independent Joint Terrorism Assessment Centre recommended raising the terror threat level to critical meaning another attack is expected.

The blast, which is being described as a “bucket bomb” sent a “fireball” through the Tube causing burn injuries to many commuters. The main device, which had been fitted with a crude timer using shop-bought fairy lights, failed to detonate, meaning hundreds of people were spared death and serious injury.

Anti-terror police are understood to be working on the theory that the bomb was detonated early by accident and that the intended target may have been the Tube station at Westminster, near Parliament in central.

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## India favours discussion in UNGA on ending worst forms of violence

**UNITED NATIONS, SEP 16 (PTI):** India has favoured a discussion in the UN General Assembly, the first in 12 years, on ‘Responsibility to Protect’ and the prevention of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

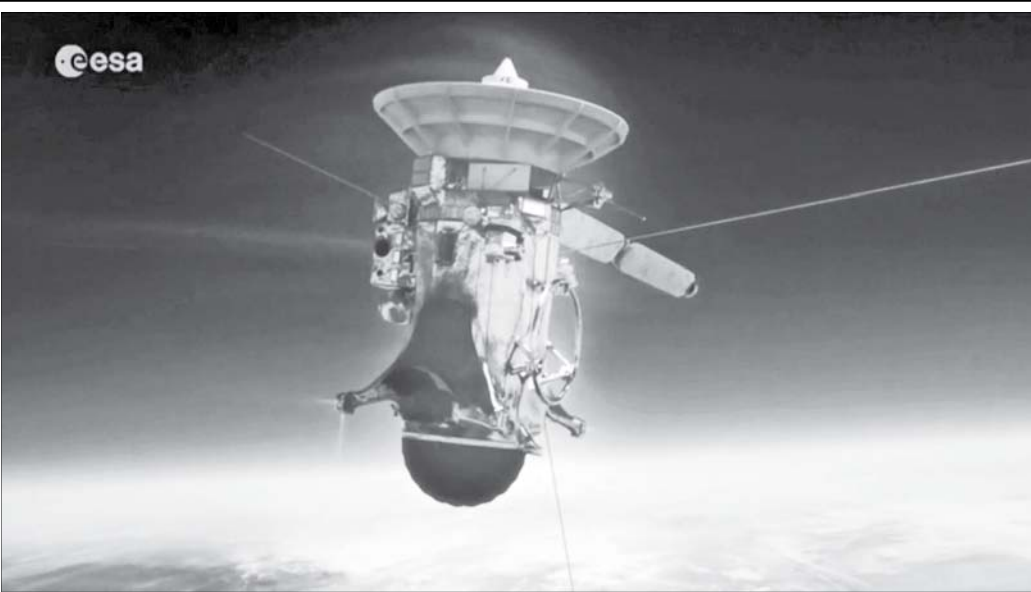
As many as 113 countries, including India voted in its favour, while 21 others including Pakistan opposed the idea of having a debate. Seventeen countries registered their abstention. Syed Akbaruddin, India’s Permanent Representative to the UN, said that the discussions on the concept required open, inclusive and transparent deliberation.

The Responsibility to Protect was one of the foremost of every State, and as such, India would support the inclusion of such an item on the agenda for the current session, he said.

Akbaruddin said India is voting in support of the recommendation of the General Committee to include it on the agenda of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly with the understanding that the sponsors of the proposal aim to have a debate at the 72nd Session only.

This is for the first time in 12 years that the General Assembly voted to include the item on the formal agenda.

India like many others recognizes the need to find appropriate ways to address these legally complex and politically challenging issues, he noted.



**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED:** The Saturn probe Cassini has disintegrated in the planet’s atmosphere, bringing its 20-year mission to the ringed planet to an end. Cassini had been investigating Saturn and its moons since 2004 as part of a £2.5bn project which has unearthed a treasure trove of discoveries. At 12.56pm UK time, radio contact with the 22ft-long nuclear-powered probe was lost as it tumbled to its demise 930 miles above the cloud tops of the planet.

# Burundian refugees killed in DR Congo

**BUKAVU (DR CONGO), SEP 16 (AFP):** Troops shot dead 34 Burundian refugees in clashes in Kamanyola in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, local officials in the eastern province of South Kivu said today. A Burundian refugee said that more than 30 had been killed and at least 100 wounded in the violence yesterday.

Interior ministry official Josue Boji said troops had tried to disperse the refugees by “firing in the air but were overwhelmed” when the group responded by throwing stones. Boji said the clashes began after a group of refugees

overran a jail run by the country’s domestic intelligence agency to demand the release of four Burundians who had been arrested for expulsion on Wednesday night.

“There are 34 dead and 124 wounded among the Burundian refugees,” he said, revising upwards an earlier toll of 18 dead plus one DR Congo soldier.

Boji had warned earlier that the toll could rise further, as the refugees took the bodies of other victims to the Pakistani-run UN camp at Kamanyola.

A spokeswoman for MONUSCO, the UN’s peacekeeping mission

in the country, gave a toll, which was also provisional, of 18 dead and 50 injured. A Burundian refugee told AFP: “I saw people falling down, men, women and children who were completely unarmed.

“So far, we have counted 31 dead and at least 105 injured, 15 of them seriously,” the refugee said.

Burundi’s foreign minister, Alain-Aime Nyamitwe, on Twitter described the incident as a “shooting” and said “explanations are needed.”

Tens of thousands of Burundians have fled to the eastern DR Congo to escape a wave of violence

that unfurled in 2015 after Burundian President Pierre Nkurunziza sought a fiercely contested third term in office.

Overall, the violence in Burundi has claimed between 500 and 2,000 lives, according to differing tolls provided by the UN or NGOs and more than 400,000 Burundians have fled abroad.

Around 36,000 are in DR Congo, mainly in the overcrowded camp of Lusenda, in the east, or several transit camps.

Most of the refugees involved in yesterday’s incident are followers of a female prophet called Zebiya, who has attested to seeing visions of the

Virgin Mary in northern Burundi, according to testimony to AFP from some of them.

They fear religious persecution if they are sent back home, they said. On September 4, the UN released a report accusing Burundi’s government of crimes against humanity, including executions and torture, and urged the International Criminal Court (ICC) to open a case “as soon as possible.”

Burundi’s government firmly rejected the allegations, accusing the UN investigators of being “mercenaries” in a Western plot to “enslave African states”

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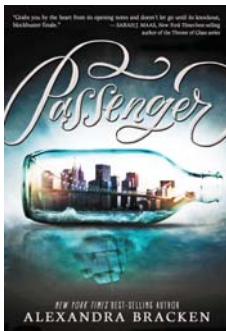


**RAINY DAY SMILES:** Chloe Grace Moretz flashed her smile while filming a rainy scene for 'The Movie' in Dublin.

## BOOK OF THE DAY: Passenger by Alexandra Bracken

Alexandra Bracken's newest book, *Passenger*, was released earlier this year, and it's already among one of the best reads of the year.

Meet Violin prodigy Etta Spencer. She loses everything she knows and love in one devastating night. Thrown into an unfamiliar world by a stranger, she realizes that she traveled years from home. She has suddenly inherited an unknown legacy from a mysterious family, she's never heard of until now. Etta finds herself as an unusual passenger on a ship, where she meets Nicholas Carter. His life at sea signifies that he



is free from the Ironwoods- a powerful family in his land. As everyone searches in frenzy for a stolen object, all

the passengers in the ship believe only Etta, Nicholas' passenger can find it. In order to protect her, she must find it.

As they embark in a perilous journey, they find clues left behind by a traveler who is doing the impossible to keep the object away from the Ironwoods.

A dose of time travel, romance and smart science fiction, we were utterly absorbed by Bracken's *Passenger*. There isn't a boring moment, and we will confess that I would love to see this book come to life in a film adaption.

## HEMA MALINI FEELS ALIA BHATT IS PERFECT TO PLAY BASANTI FROM SHOLAY

When a leading daily recently asked Hema Malini about whom she thinks can play her iconic character Basanti from *Sholay* if the film was ever remade, the grandmom-to-be promptly took Alia Bhatt's name. "Alia Bhatt. I did that movie when I was very young. So, if I consider the age factor, it should be someone with a mischievous streak and I think Alia has that in her," the actress revealed.

Her daughter Esha had her baby shower recently which was the talk of the town. Esha is due to deliver in some time and Hema is looking forward to welcom-



ing the new addition to her family. "If it's a girl, I will teach her Bharatnatyam. If it's a boy, he will have to learn

the Georgian dance!" Earlier, when the veteran actress was asked about her reaction when she found out about Es-

ha's pregnancy, she said, "I was waiting for that and sensed it was happening but I didn't want to ask. Esha told me when the time comes I will tell you. I said fine, I will wait. But we were always praying for the best to happen so we are very excited about it! My daughter is staying with me and I am looking after her as a mother."

# Interactive music platform for revellers this Durga Puja

**KOLKATA, SEP 16 (PTI):** Two popular Durga Puja pandals will reverberate with music from a unique digital platform this year, as part of the 'Mix the City Kolkata' project, an initiative of the British Council.

"A 'Mix the City kiosk' will come up at the '75 Palli' Puja where the puja revellers will be able to listen to a collage of 12 different genre musical pieces created by as many musicians, and can even make their own audio-visual compositions which can be shared on social network," Director British Council, East and North-East India, Dr Debanjan Chakrabarti told PTI here.

The '75 Palli' puja in south Kolkata, having London as its theme on the 70th year of Indo-British cultural ties, has made arrangements with 'London Sharad Utsav' at Ealing in West London with the help of the British Council, for showing the inauguration of the Kolkata puja live at the London Sharad

Utsav venue.

The 'Mix the City' kiosk will also be set up at the puja in Ealing, where the Bengali diaspora can relive the nostalgia of Kolkata and feel closer home, Chakrabarti said.

In North Kolkata's 'Ahiritola Sarbojonin Durgotsab', the theme is 'Srishtir Melbondhon' (Creative Collaboration), where the 'Mix the City' video and audio loops will be played as revellers approach the puja.

Twelve musicians from Kolkata have provided the different musical tracks, which have been curated by acclaimed songwriter and producer Kutiman in the 'Mix the City' project of British Council.

The musicians include percussionist Pt Tanmoy Bose, vocalist Kaushiki Chakraborty, bass player and composer

Mainak 'Bumpy' Nag Chowdhury, among others, Chakrabarti added.



## FINN THE DOG IS RUNNING FOR MAYOR IN A CANADIAN CITY



Finn, an Australian cattle dog, is running for mayor of St. John's, Newfoundland in Canada. The adorable pooch's trainer, Glenn Redmond, announced the pup's candidacy when he shared a campaign style video promoting the playful stunt via Facebook on Sunday, September 10.

In the clip, which has already racked up more than 10,000 views, shows Finn on the campaign trail as he visits several local sites — wagging his tail and barking for the camera. Of his campaign promises, the four-legged friend plans to elevate public works projects, reduce taxes and assist small business development.

"St. Johns needs a new kind of mayor. One that will work tirelessly for you. Someone who is not afraid to tackle the most difficult of issues," a narrator said in the clip. "Potholes will be a thing

of the past with Finn's hands on leadership. Business owners will see a bright future with Finn at the helm. Finn's tax reduction plan is a real eye opener."

This is not Finn's first time in the limelight. The 05-year-old canine has also appeared in the hit movie *Maudie* and the television series *Republic of Doyle*. And of Finn's latest effort, Redmond told the Toronto Sun on Tuesday, September 12: "Finn's a tireless worker. All cattle dogs are. He's my buddy more so than anything, but he's trained for a bunch of different behaviors, so we just decided to create some roles for him." While voters won't see the furry companion's name on the ballot when they head to the polls on September 26, Redmond makes one thing clear: "A lot of people are saying he's the best candidate."



**17th September  
WORLD HISTORY**

**1743:** Marquis Marie Jean de Condorcet, French mathematician and philosopher, a leading thinker in the Enlightenment, was born.

**1796:** President George Washington delivered his "Farewell Address" to Congress before concluding his second term in office.

**1914:** In California some 35,000 people viewed the collision of two trains at the State Fair in Sacramento.

**1939:** The German U-29 sank the British aircraft carrier *Courageous*, 519 died.

**1942:** British Prime Minister Winston Churchill met Soviet

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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Premier Josef Stalin in Moscow as the German Army rammed into Stalingrad.

**1953:** The first successful separation of Siamese twins was performed.

**INDIAN HISTORY:**  
**1899:** The first British troops left Bombay for South Africa.

**1949:** The state political party of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry, the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) which means "Dravidian Progress Federation" was founded by C.N Annadurai.

## LOCKHORNS

- HOEST & REINER



"GREAT... NOW WE CAN'T TELL THE LENHARTS THEIR INVITATION GOT LOST IN THE MAIL."

## ARCTIC CIRCLE



## BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



**ARIES:** Someone may skip out on responsibilities today. Aries, causing extra tasks to fall to everyone else, including you. This might stir up some anger and resentment and it's definitely going to cause more stress. Delegate tasks if you can. Put yours in order of urgency and then take them one at a time slowly and carefully. If the less important ones have to wait until tomorrow, so be it!

**TAURUS:** If you've been planning to set off on a trip soon, Taurus, make a list of what you need to do beforehand and check off each task as you complete it. Otherwise you might panic at the last minute because you've forgotten something important. Stay calm even if it seems im-

possible. You're less likely to forget anything if you stay focused.

**GEMINI:** You may have been worried about money lately, Gemini. Today a family member could make an expenditure that you view as unnecessary and irresponsible. Before you become angry know that all may not be as it seems! If you look at the situation objectively, you may see that you aren't in dire financial straits and the expenditure didn't take that much out of the family coffers.

**CANCER:** Today you might find it necessary to turn down an invitation to a social event, Cancer, and the host might for some reason seem offended. Your friend is prob-

ably overworked and stressed and apt to overreact to just about any situation. Relax a little. Explain things to your friend and then propose that you get together at another time. That's all you can do now.

**LEO:** Have you been doing a lot of walking lately? If so, Leo, your feet may be sore. This could affect your energy level considerably, not to mention your ability to get any work done. Concentrate on routine tasks that require little thought and can be done sitting down. Stay out of any squabbles! Relax in a hot bath tonight.

**VIRGO:** An event could find a current or potential love partner paying a lot of attention to others, Virgo. You might feel neglected

and unloved, as though your friend is doing this to hurt you. This probably isn't the case. Your partner is just trying to be sociable and doesn't realize that it upsets you. Do some mingling. Your friend might have the same reaction as you and come running!

**LIBRA:** Do you sometimes go about things backward, Libra? Are you caught up in the rat race of trying to have more money and security with the idea that eventually you'll earn the freedom to do what makes you happy? The happiness factor actually works in reverse. You must first be who you are and then take the necessary actions in order to have what you really want.

**SCORPIO:** An angry call from someone who lives far away might catch you off guard today, Scorpio. In your mind, the person has no reason to be angry and is blowing things out of proportion. They probably won't listen to reason. Say as calmly as you can that you'll get in touch tomorrow and then hang up. Give this person time to calm down before even trying to straighten things out.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Today you might spend a lot of time looking for a lost object, Sagittarius. This item may only have sentimental value. Still, it's important to you that you find it. This isn't a good day to search. You're in a rather frenzied state and

could look right at it without seeing it. Wait until tomorrow to look. What you seek is probably nearby and just hidden in some way.

**CAPRICORN:** A minor quarrel or separation could take place with a love partner, Capricorn, probably over something that seems trivial. It's likely to get your dander up to the point where you may never want to see this person again. Go for a workout or brisk walk to clear your head, get the endorphins going, and view the situation more objectively. Then phone your friend and work it out.

**AQUARIUS:** Too much stress from overwork could have your nerves on edge today, Aquarius. When some-

one makes an offhand remark, you might see insult where none is intended. Don't get so jumpy that you imagine traitors behind every door. Work alone if you can, and take a walk to clear your head. This will put you in a better frame of mind and a more relaxed space.

**PISCES:** Squabbles may break out among members of your group, Pisces. You might wonder what the big deal is since what they're arguing over seems rather silly. Apparently it's important to them! If you feel up to it, get your friends out of their emotional chaos and view the subject more objectively. It might not calm them down, but at least you'll have done something!