



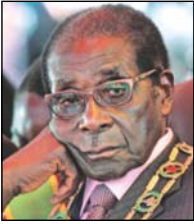
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Mugabe ousted as ruling party chief as end nears

HARARE, Nov 19 (AFP): Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe was today facing the imminent end of his 37-year rule as the once-loyal ZANU-PF party sacked him as its leader and army generals piled pressure on him to resign. Mugabe's grip on power was broken last week when the military took over, angered at his wife Grace's emergence as the leading candidate to succeed the 93-year-old president.

Yesterday, tens of thousands of overjoyed demonstrators flooded the streets of Zimbabwe in peaceful celebrations marking the apparent end of his long and authoritarian rule.

Outside a ZANU-PF meeting in Harare, a delegate told AFP that Mugabe had been ousted as party chief and replaced by Emmerson Mnangagwa, who was previously Grace Mugabe's chief rival to succeed the ageing president.

"A resolution has been adopted to recall the president and elevate Mnangagwa as the party president," said the delegate, who declined to be named.

Mugabe - the world's oldest head of state - remains national president for the time being but now faces overwhelming opposition from the generals, much of the Zimbabwean public and from his own party.

"(Mugabe's) wife and close associates have taken advantage of his frail condition to usurp power and loot state resources," party official Obert Mpofu told the ZANU-PF meeting.

Army chiefs who led the takeover were due to hold further talks with the president later today.

The two sides first met on Thursday, smiling in photographs that attempted to present a dignified image of the tense process of negotiating Mugabe's departure.

Veterans of the independence war - who were also formerly key Mugabe allies - added their voice in support of him resigning, demanding that he leave office today.

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India, China have to 'live side by side': Dalai Lama

NEW DELHI, Nov 19 (PTI): India and China have to "live side by side" whether they like it or not, Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama today said and asserted that the two countries can together work towards making a more compassionate world.

The 82-year-old Buddhist monk also said Tibetans are not seeking independence or separation from China but meaningful autonomy, and added that he "admired the European Union spirit".

The Tibetan spiritual leader appreciated the idea of the "Union of India". Citing his recent visit to Manipur where he learnt that some politicians wanted independence for the state, he said they needed to "think broadly, more holistically".

He said India and China are more than two billions of people together and though they have differences, Nalanda thoughts are not alien to them.

Nalanda university, the ancient seat of learning in Bihar, attracted scholars from China, Korea, Japan,



Tibet, Mongolia, Turkey, Sri Lanka, among other countries. These scholars have left records about the ambience, architecture and learning of this unique university.

India and China can "do something for a more compassionate

world, more compassionate humanity", the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate said.

"And then India and China, at a practical level also, neither one has the ability to destroy others. Whether you like it or not, you have to live

side by side," he told reporters when asked about the strain in bilateral ties over the Doklam issue.

Earlier during an interaction with children at an event here organised by the Smile Foundation, the Dalai Lama said many Chinese people appreciate Tibetan scholars' knowledge of Nalanda.

He said the Nalanda school of thought, a shared heritage of India, China and Tibet, can help resolve the Tibetan crisis.

"Many Chinese Buddhists are very very eager to learn from Tibetan masters. And, we are not seeking separation from China... I really admire the European, the EU spirit... of national sovereignty," he said.

Amid all the linguistic and cultural diversity in India, it is a country that is the "most stable, more peaceful" of the Asian nations, he said.

"Here you have east India, north India and west India and south India ... different India, different scripts, different languages, but spirit of one India, which is wonderful," the Dalai Lama said.

"At a meeting, someone told me that some Maipur politicians want independence (for the state). I think they need to think broadly, more holistically. Union is important.

Of course, I have no right to criticise," he said.

Making a veiled reference to the Catalan movement, he said, "In Spain, I think it was too short-sighted."

"It was time to think of one Europe. And, here (in India), you already have one nation... time to think long-sighted, about the wonderful Union of India," he said.

Hailing India's ancient knowledge system, especially the one based on the Nalanda school of learning, the Tibetan spiritual leader appealed to India to lead the world in shaping an education system which will inspire students to think "outward as much as inward" and be wary of "materialistic outlook".

At the event, he also announced that his philanthropy body will grant endowment to the Smile Foundation over the next five years.

Aakraman FC off to winning start in Tamchom Memorial Tournament

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 NOV:

Sikkim has made a good start in the 11th Tamchom Memorial North East Tournament at New Wellington Camp ground [Air Force Ground] in New Delhi.

In its first match, Aakraman Football Club of Gangtok which is representing Sikkim at the tournament, edged past Wung United, Nagaland, by a solitary goal.

The winning goal for Sikkim was scored by Ashish Chettri.

Aakraman FC has been placed in group D along with Wung United, SSPP FC and Indian Air Force FC.

Sikkim Aakraman FC is now scheduled to take on SSPP Football Club, Manipur, in its second match on 23 Nov. The team has requested all friends and supporters in Delhi to come and support the team. The match is scheduled to kick-off at 2.30 pm at Ambedkar Stadium.



USFC defeats Garo XI 1-0 as it extends exposure tour

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 19 NOV:

United Sikkim FC which is presently on its last leg of an exposure tour of North Eastern Region on Friday defeated Meghalaya's Garo XI 1-0 in a friendly match.

"We won the match 1-0 with the only goal of the match scored by Sanjay Chettri," team manager, Arjun Rai, informs.

USFC had travelled eight hours to reach Tura from Shillong after playing a friendly match against Shillong Lajong FC.

"Our players were physically tired and the pitch today was also a bit uneven. It took time for the players to adjust to the pitch but they played well. The organizers and the crowd were also happy to see the performance of our boys. The organizers told us that their local players learned some important football tips while playing against the United Sikkim FC players," said Mr Rai.



The match at Tura was supposed to be the final friendly match of United Sikkim FC during its Northeast tour.

However, the Gangtok club will now be playing two more friendly matches and have extended their stay in Meghalaya.

Mr Rai informed that Meghalaya Chief Minister Mukul Sangma has invited United Sikkim FC and Bhaichung Bhutia to visit his home constituency, Ampachi, and play a friendly match on Saturday.

Ampachi is about one hour drive from Tura.

"Meghalaya Chief Minister invited Bhaichung and United Sikkim FC to play a friendly match against Meghalaya XI. We are going to play the match tomorrow. The Chief Minister

is also attending the match," said Rai.

After Ampachai, United Sikkim FC squad will again travel to Shillong where they will play another friendly match against Shillong Lajong FC.

United Sikkim FC had played a 1-1 draw against the I-League club on 15 Nov at Shillong.

Shillong Lajong FC owner L. Ming was impressed with the performance of the club during the friendly match and wanted another game.

"Shillong Lajong FC's owner has requested us to play another friendly match at Shillong. He was impressed with the game of United Sikkim FC and also wanted his club to have another match as part of their preparations for the upcoming I-League. The match will be played on 21 Nov under floodlights at Shillong," Mr Rai informed.

United Sikkim FC squad will be wrapping up its exposure tour on 21 Nov after its friendly match against Shillong Lajong.



NYK kicks off Communal Harmony Campaign Week at Ramom

**SUMMIT REPORT
MANGAN, 19 NOV:**

With a view to foster and reinforce the spirit of “communal harmony, national integration and pride in vibrant, composite culture and

nationhood”, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Mangan, kicked off the Communal Harmony Campaign week at Ramom ward in Upper Dzongu today.

Organized by the National Foundation for

Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous organization with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the week long campaign will go on till 25 Nov and will be observed all over the

country.

The programme was presided by ward panchayat, Dawa Doma Lepcha with the students, teachers and staff members of Ramom School in attendance.

West DC and Agriculture Deptt inspect VLOs and farms

GYALSHING, 18 NOV [IPR]: District Collector [West], Kapil Meena, along with the Sub Divisional Magistrate [Gyalshing] and Joint Director [Agriculture] and Agriculture Department staff visited Village Level Offices and farms in Kaluk and Daramdin today.

The team also visited Bermiok School to inspect the school playground repair work.

As per the DC, the engineering cell of Human Resource & Development Department will be informed to speed up the leveling work of the playground.

The team took notes of various problems faced by the farmers of the area like lack of proper irrigation and unavailability of spare parts of the tilling machines used by the farmers.

Agriculture Department



ment has been notified about the problems who in turn have assured to deal with the problem by handing out newer tilling machines to the farmers. The farmers also requested the DC to find ways to divert water from the nearby sources to their field for proper irrigation of the crops.

The team also visited the Village Level Worker offices in the area and problems like seepage of water through the cracks were noted at Block Technology Manager's office at Hee-Martam as well.

Water pipelines at Hee Gaon were found to be damaged which the DC has assured to find a

solution soon.

Lastly, the team paid a visit to the farm fields at Daramdin maintained by Agriculture Department.

Cultivation of crops like buckwheat, paddy as well as roses were found to be extremely motivating with produces being exported to Gangtok as well as Siliguri.

BJP confident of excelling in 2019 Assembly elections

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 NOV:**

A public meeting of the Bharatiya Janta Party's Sikkim unit was held at Rongli Bazaar in East Sikkim today.

The main objective of the meeting was to thank the people for their support to the party in the recently-held Panchayat elections in the State in which the BJP, even though it did win any wards is happy with the vote-share it received, and to highlight the corruption and weakness of the State government, informs a BJP press release.

BJP-Sikkim president, DB Chauhan, thanked the people for their support and added that the party was determined to win the State elections in 2019.

“We are strong enough to give a contesting fight in the upcoming election,” Mr Chauhan said.

He also lashed out at Sikkim Democratic Front on corruption and other issues of the State.

The meeting was also addressed by former MLA and senior leader of the party, Mohan Gurung, East District in-charge, YT Lepcha, and other leaders of the party, reads the release.

Prez to inaugurate north east development summit...

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Japan, Bangladesh, Switzerland, UAE, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, Lao PDR and other ASEAN countries will be participating in the summit to explore the scope for business opportunities in the North-Eastern region.

“North Eastern states have lot of potential which is still unexplored. There is a need to explore this unexplored potential for the development of the region and the development of the country as a whole,” the statement said.



LEGAL AWARENESS WEEK OBSERVED IN MANGAN

MANGAN, 19 NOV: Legal Awareness Week was observed by the District Legal Services Authority North and a Bicycle Rally with procession was carried out from District Court Complex to Kabi. The rally was flagged off by Sub Divisional Magistrate [Mangan], PW Lepcha and the public were made aware of various legal rights by the panel advocates.

Sethu FC gears up for IWL qualifiers

CHENNAI, NOV 19 (PTI): Sethu FC is gearing up to take part in the qualifiers of the 2017 AIIFF-Indian Women's League which starts on November 25.

The Madurai-based outfit is the first team from Tamil Nadu to take part in the premier women's football competition.

The first match is against Baroda FC on November 25.

The team is coached by Kalpana Dass, who holds an AFC 'A' licence and has previously worked with several major women's teams, including Pune FC.

Playing in the IWL Qualifying will be a big challenge for the side given their limited exposure and being an amateur side of school and college students, she was quoted as saying in a press release.

She said outstation players had been roped in this year but there were plans to use only Tamil Nadu players from next time.

“Sethu FC is the only team from Tamil Nadu in

the IWL..

Right now we have some outstation players.. From next year we want to use only Tamil Nadu players.. This time we have roped in outstation players to give our side some experience and raise the level of their game,” she said.

The team is owned by former president of Tamil Nadu Football Association and current chairman of women's committee, M Seeni Moideen.

Sethu FC is in six-team Group A in the qualifying league along with Rising Star (Odisha), Baroda FC (Gujarat), Capital Complex Sporting Club (Arunachal Pradesh), Indira Gandhi ASE (Puducherry) and J&K State Sports Council and will play five matches.

Group B comprises seven teams.

Only the toppers of each group will advance to the main event.

This would be the first National tournament for Sethu FC which has pre-

dominantly played in Tamil Nadu, the release said.

Moideen said, “There is a lot of potential in Tamil Nadu in women's football and I started this team to provide a boost to the women's game in the state.. Our focus is also to improve the game in the state at the grassroots level.”

Squad (TN unless specified): Goalkeepers: N Sowmiya, I Ramya, Vinitha, S Rumpa Malik (WB).

Defenders: P Juki, M Varalakshmi, JakiyaAfrien, N PoliKoley (WB), Rutuja R Gunwant (Maharashtra), Anline Fernandes (Goa), Laura Estibeiro (Maharashtra).

Mid-fielders: S Muthuselvi, S Iswarya, A Karthika, K Sowbakiyalakshmi, Alam (West Bengal), Indumathi, B Puja Karmakar (WB), Anagha Janakkiraman (Maharashtra).

Forwards: M Nandhini, S Abarna, R Sumitra, Velanie Fernandes (Goa), Manisha (Punjab).

Jammu man shocked on seeing his picture among dead terrorists

JAMMU, NOV 19 (PTI): In a faux pas, several media houses today reportedly carried the picture of a local lad as one of the six Lashker-e-Toiba (LeT) terrorists killed in a fierce gun battle in Bandipora district of north Kashmir yesterday.

“I was shocked on seeing my picture among the dead terrorists in electronic and print media. Somebody downloaded my picture from the Facebook account and circulated it as one of the dead terrorists,” a shocked Abdul Majid told PTI.

He has demanded a probe into the conspiracy. Majid, who is married with two children, sells barbecues at Khati Ka Talab here and is also associated with a religious group preaching Islam.

“I am not a terrorist. How can they carry my picture? It is the negligence of media and the state administration,” he said, adding that he has filed a police complaint.

Majid, having a long beard and wearing Afghan cap, displayed several newspapers which carried his picture on the front page with an alias ‘Abu Zargam’.

He said he was at home when he received a call informing him that his picture was among the six terrorists killed by security forces. “The news came as a big shock for my family. They are all very upset,” he said.

“I do not know whose conspiracy it is. But whoever has done it has tarnished my image. It is the negligence of media and the administration--how did they publish the picture of an innocent without any proof,” he asked.

Mugabe ousted as ruling party chief as end nears

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week in which the military seized power and put Mugabe under house arrest in response to his sacking of vice president Mnangagwa, who has close military ties.

yesterday, in scenes of public euphoria not seen since Zimbabwe's independence in 1980, huge crowds marched and sang their way through Harare and other cities.

The demonstrations included citizens of all ages, jubilant that Mugabe appeared to be on his way out.

In central Harare, a group of young men tore down a green metal street sign bearing Robert Mugabe's name and smashed it repeatedly on the road.

Such open dissent would have just a week ago would have been routinely crushed by security forces.

“What you saw yesterday, it shows that the people have spoken,” Mordecai Makore, 71, a retired teacher told AFP after attending today morning service at the Catholic cathedral in central Harare.

“All we want is peace, a good life with a working economy that creates jobs for our people. We will continue praying for that. I want my children and grandchildren to live a normal good life.”

The majority of Zimbabweans have only known life under Mugabe's rule, which has been defined by violent

suppression, economic collapse and international isolation.

Sources suggest Mugabe has been battling to delay to his exit and to secure a deal guaranteeing future protection for him and his family.

He attended a university graduation ceremony on Friday, in a show of defiance after the talks with General Constantino Chiwenga, who led the military power grab.

The factional succession race that triggered Zimbabwe's sudden crisis was between party hardliner Mnangagwa - known as the Crocodile - and a group called “Generation 40” or “G40” because its members are generally younger, which campaigned for Grace's cause.

“She is very acceptable. Very much accepted by the people,” Mugabe said of Grace in a faltering interview to mark his 93rd birthday last February.

The president, who is feted in parts of Africa as the continent's last surviving liberation leader serving as a head of state, is in fragile health. But he previously said he would stand in elections next year that would see him remain in power until he was nearly 100-years-old.

He became prime minister on Zimbabwe's independence from Britain in 1980 and then president in 1987.

Zimbabwe's economic output has halved since 2000 when many white-owned farms were seized, leaving the key agricultural sector in ruins.



Government of Sikkim Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department

Memo No: 37/NWS&PHED/1207/NAM Dated: 16.11.2017

Corrigendum Notice No: 02

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Tender ID No : 2017_WSPHE_238_1
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Due to unavoidable circumstances, all the prospective bidders are requested to please note the following charges:-
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Woman molested in Rangpo

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 Nov:

Rangpo police are on the lookout for two suspects involved in a molestation and vandalisation case registered at the police station on 18 Nov.

The suspects reportedly molested a woman and vandalized her house.

According to the police report filed by the victim's husband, he was at work when the incident occurred. He reportedly received a call from his wife who was traumatized by the incident. When he reached home, the suspects had already fled.

The victim then narrated the incident to her husband saying that she was molested by the accused whom she did not recognize and that they also vandalized the home.

The husband then filed a case against the unknown suspects at the police station. The victim has been sent to hospital for medical examination. Police sources in and around the area have been alerted and efforts are being made to trace the suspects.

Jharkhand to get 1,000 addiction-free model villages

RANCHI, Nov 19 (PTI): Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das today said 1,000 model villages would be developed and all of them will be open defecation free and addiction-free.

Referring to Aara and Keram villages becoming model villages Das said panchayats under which these 1,000 villages will fall will be incentivised with of Rs 20,000 every month.

While visiting Tundahuli panchayat at Ormanjhi on the outskirts of Ranchi today, the chief minister discussed various problems and aspects of rural development with the villagers and announced Rs 1 lakh to model villages - Aara and Keram.

Das said there should not be any BPL card holders in model villages.

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Assembly of God Church to face Wok XI for Inter-Church Football trophy

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 Nov:

Assembly of God Church, Gangtok, will take on Wok XI in the finals of the ongoing 06th

Sikkim Inter-Church Football Tournament 2017 here at Paljor Stadium on Tuesday.

In the second semi-final match played on Sun-

day, AoG Church edged past Sang EPCS 3-2 to secure a place in the final match of the tournament.

Wok XI had defeated ICYM Gangtok in the

first semi-final match yesterday.

An exhibition match will be played between Press Club of Sikkim and Sikkim Christian Sports

Committee on Monday. The winners of the exhibition match will again play with the team of Pastors on Tuesday before the final match.

12-member FAS team to represent Sikkim at National Futsal C'ship

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 Nov:

A twelve-member team from Futsal Association of Sikkim [FAS] will be representing Sikkim in the upcoming Futsal Association of India [FAI] Senior Nationals Futsal Championship Tournament to be held next month at Peddem Stadium, Mapusa in Goa.

The team members were shortlisted on the basis of their performance in the Independence Day Futsal Tournament held in August earlier this year, informs a FAS press release.

The team members are Sonam Rinchen Bhutia, Dr Karan Rai, Bishal Chettri, Dr Ujjawal Pradhan, Neeknore Pradhan, Dr Benoy Upreti, Kar-



ma Choppel Bhutia, Dr Bikram Tewari, Dr Chedup Lepcha, Dr Thakela Bhutia, Dr Remon Chettri and Udai Kunwar. The team will be accompa-

nied by Tenzing Norbu Bhutia as team coach and Nawayth Rai as manager. The team is scheduled to leave for Goa on 04 Dec.



ITBP CONDUCTS CIVIC ACTION PROG

GANGTOK, 19 Nov: The 11th Battalion of Indo Tibetan Border Police organized a civic action programme at Thangu in North Sikkim under the guidance of its Commandant, Rajesh Kumar Tomar today. A press release informs that the programme was held to sensitize the locals about good health and the importance of sports in life.

IPR Minister convenes coordination meeting for deptt



GANGTOK, 19 Nov (IPR): IPR Minister AK Ghatani chaired a departmental coordination meeting here at Sochna Bhawan yesterday. The Minister interacted with officers and staff of each section and discussed in detail issues that needed immediate attention.

Principal Secretary Bhagwan Shankar informed that the Department has chalked out an action plan for the next one year and also shared some of the innovative programmes being envisaged. He also called for the need to embrace the latest technologies to improve overall efficiency.

Special Secretary Sherap Shenga briefed the meeting about activities being planned for each section of the Department. The Minister congratulated the officers and staff of the Department for organising the National Press Day in a befitting manner. He maintained that the IPR Department should not leave any stone unturned in disseminating pertinent information to the public. He further called for improved coordination between each section of the Department as well as with the officers and staff in each District. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

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RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from the local eligible Schedule Tribe (Limboo/Tamang) Women candidate for filling up of 01(one) post of Driver in the Pay Band 1 of Rs.5200-20200+GP 2400 through Direct Recruitment in the Printing and stationery Department, Government of Sikkim, Gangtok. However, during the period of Probation/Apprenticeship/Training, pay shall be governed by Notification No. 489/GEN/DOP dated: 31.10.2011.

01. Eligibility conditions for the post of Driver:

- (1) Minimum Educational Qualification : Class VII Passed from a recognized board. However, the School certificate should contain the date of birth of the applicant.
- (2) Other requisites : (a) the applicant should possess a valid Driving License for Light Motor Vehicle (T/NAT) category of vehicle issued by the Motor Vehicle Division of Transport Department as specified in the Central Motor Vehicle Act. 1988.
- (b) Candidates must be in possession of Sikkim Subject Certificate or Certificate of Identification (COI).
- (c) Should have valid Local Employment Card.
- (d) Should be in possession of Caste Category Certificate.
- (e) No Objection Certificate from the appointing Authority/ Head of Department in case or employed candidate(s).
- (3) Age : Should have attained the age of 18 yrs, but should not have exceed 40 (forty) years of age as on 30.11.2017 vide Not. No. M (3)/(55)/GEN/DOP/PT-II dated: 03/07/2017.
- (4) Reservation.

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1. Daily routine and check up the vehicle before starting Engine.
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3. Daily writing of Vehicle log book.
4. Should have the knowledge to differentiate between petrol and diesel engine.
5. Knowledge of Traffic signal and rules.

PART - B

- 1) Letter writing (two types): = 10 Marks.
- 2) General knowledge (National Importance) = 10 Marks.

TOTAL MARKS = 100(One Hundred)

- a) Persons interested to apply for the post should submit their applications in the prescribed form, which is obtainable from the office of the Printing and Stationery Department on all working days between 11 am to 3 pm w.e.f 11/12/2017 to 15/12/2017 on production of Bank Receipt of Rs.100/- (Rupees One Hundred) only which should be credited to the Head '0058-200 other receipt'. The amount so deposited shall not be refund or adjusted against any other purpose.
- b) Applications complete in all respects should reach the Office of the Under Secretary (Adm.), Printing and Stationery Department on or before 28th December, 2017 by 3 pm. No application thereafter shall be accepted. Incomplete application shall summarily be rejected.
- c) Date and Venue of written examination will be intimated in due course through local newspapers and will also be displayed on the notice board of the department.
- d) No TA/DA is admissible for attending the exams/interview.

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

We Gossip So That We Don't Have to Engage

Time to change that

Rumours serve only one purpose - entertainment. They titillate, scandalise, and then evaporate. In most cases, the receivers and circulators of such gossip know that no one believes the rumours and everyone partakes in it only get over the boredom with which most people appear afflicted in these lazy winter months. That said, there also appear to be a whole lot of people, who even if they don't accept rumours as true, convince themselves that there has to be a germ of truth some layers down for active imaginations to have created the dramatized versions in circulation. And then there is that whole smoke and mirrors trick that 'information' bereft of context can pull. But then again, while one can reason with the informed, there is really no defence against ignorance. Hence, at the end of the day, there is really only one way to settle a rumour - ignoring it. But while it is easy to ignore something when it is only whispered in street corners and closed circles, it becomes difficult to do so when they are palmed out and circulated in the public domain.

The drift should be obvious by now. Most rumours are brought into wider circulation by political parties, both ruling and opposition and the in-betweens, by way of press releases, public speeches, throwaway comments and wink-wink suggestions. Trolls, and the anonymity they hide behind, have now made it possible for nance to be abandoned on "social media" and fling anything at the thousands of walls hoping that something sticks. Leaders, most of them new to the medium, make the mistake of engaging with agent provocateurs either by getting into arguments themselves, unleashing their online armies or issuing official denials and/or suffering an online meltdown themselves. The moment they do any of these, they give the faceless rumour-mongers credibility as representative voices because they receive response. Once this cycle begins, followers follow and the lines start getting blurred and suspicions start getting stronger.

Meanwhile, newspapers, by the very definition of their jobs, are required to allow space for public statements by public personalities. Unfortunately, the party workers who play rumours into the streets are not required to be accountable. What is worse, few demands are made of them to even be professional. Allegations are raised without even prima facie evidence and claims are made without any supporting evidence and very often condemnations issued on something that is only being gossiped. To deny them the space by way of news coverage would be unfair to the profession of journalism, but to sensationalise their statements means being even more unprofessional. It is a difficult call, but given the extremes to which claims and counter-claims swerve in the political domain, the only hope is that the readers can see through the weak fronts on their own and sift the gossip from the news.

That would be the ideal situation, but we don't live in an ideal world.

The best defence against rumour-mongering would have been strong implementation of the Right to Information Act. If that were to happen, whenever people felt real fears or suspicions, they would be able to draft an application and exercise their right to information. But information by itself is worthless if the debate that follows is not intelligent, informed and coherent. Thus far, public debates have essentially been shouting matches with no heed paid to putting things in context or explaining the issues, much like the nightly TV newsroom debates. The people had to make do with slanging matches, but, if the people desire, things can be different now. They can inform themselves in advance and then hear out the politicians to decide whether their arguments and interpretations are sound or not. At the end of the day, the only weapon against rumours is the truth. Circulate it in the public domain and embarrass those who deal in rumours.

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With teen mental health deteriorating over five years, there's a likely culprit

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Around 2012, something started going wrong in the lives of teens.

In just the five years between 2010 and 2015, the number of U.S. teens who felt useless and joyless - classic symptoms of depression - surged 33 percent in large national surveys. Teen suicide attempts increased 23 percent. Even more troubling, the number of 13- to 18-year-olds who committed suicide jumped 31 percent.

In a new paper published in Clinical Psychological Science, my colleagues and I found that the increases in depression, suicide attempts and suicide appeared among teens from every background - more privileged and less privileged, across all races and ethnicities and in every region of the country. All told, our analysis found that the generation of teens I call "iGen" - those born after 1995 - is much more likely to experience mental health issues than their millennial predecessors.

What happened so that so many more teens, in such a short period of time, would feel depressed, attempt suicide and commit suicide? After scouring several large surveys of teens for clues, I found that all of the possibilities traced back to a major change in teens' lives: the sudden ascendance of the smartphone.

ALL SIGNS POINT TO THE SCREEN

Because the years between 2010 to 2015 were a period of steady economic growth and falling unemployment, it's unlikely that economic malaise was a factor. Income inequality was (and still is) an issue, but it didn't suddenly appear in the early 2010s: This gap between the rich and poor had been widening for decades. We found that the time teens spent on homework barely budged between 2010 and 2015, effectively ruling out academic pressure as a cause.

However, according to the Pew Research Center, smartphone ownership crossed the 50 percent threshold in late 2012 - right when teen depression and suicide began to increase. By



2015, 73 percent of teens had access to a smartphone.

Not only did smartphone use and depression increase in tandem, but time spent online was linked to mental health issues across two different data sets. We found that teens who spent five or more hours a day online were 71 percent more likely than those who spent only one hour a day to have at least one suicide risk factor (depression, thinking about suicide, making a suicide plan or attempting suicide). Overall, suicide risk factors rose significantly after two or more hours a day of time online.

Of course, it's possible that instead of time online causing depression, depression causes more time online. But three other studies show that is unlikely (at least, when viewed through social media use).

Two followed people over time, with both studies finding that spending more time on social media led to unhappiness, while unhappiness did not lead to more social media use. A third randomly assigned participants to give up Facebook for a week versus continuing their usual use. Those who avoided Facebook reported feeling less depressed at the end of the week.

The argument that depression might cause people to spend more time online doesn't also explain why depression increased so suddenly af-

ter 2012. Under that scenario, more teens became depressed for an unknown reason and then started buying smartphones, which doesn't seem too logical.

WHAT'S LOST WHEN WE'RE PLUGGED IN

Even if online time doesn't directly harm mental health, it could still adversely affect it in indirect ways, especially if time online crowds out time for other activities.

For example, while conducting research for my book on iGen, I found that teens now spend much less time interacting with their friends in person. Interacting with people face to face is one of the deepest wellsprings of human happiness; without it, our moods start to suffer and depression often follows. Feeling socially isolated is also one of the major risk factors for suicide. We found that teens who spent more time than average online and less time than average with friends in person were the most likely to be depressed. Since 2012, that's what has occurred en masse: Teens have spent less time on activities known to benefit mental health (in-person social interaction) and more time on activities that may harm it (time online).

Teens are also sleeping less, and teens who spend more time on

their phones are more likely to not be getting enough sleep. Not sleeping enough is a major risk factor for depression, so if smartphones are causing less sleep, that alone could explain why depression and suicide increased so suddenly.

Depression and suicide have many causes: Genetic predisposition, family environments, bullying and trauma can all play a role. Some teens would experience mental health problems no matter what era they lived in.

But some vulnerable teens who would otherwise not have had mental health issues may have slipped into depression due to too much screen time, not enough face-to-face social interaction, inadequate sleep or a combination of all three.

It might be argued that it's too soon to recommend less screen time, given that the research isn't completely definitive. However, the downside to limiting screen time - say, to two hours a day or less - is minimal. In contrast, the downside to doing nothing - given the possible consequences of depression and suicide - seems, to me, quite high.

It's not too early to think about limiting screen time; let's hope it's not too late.

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Saudi prince's power play is more than just a purge

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The night of November 5 was a long one in Riyadh. Saudi authorities began a widespread crackdown aimed, on the one hand, against former economic policymakers and business leaders and, on the other, against the chiefs of the Saudi National Guard and Saudi Royal Navy. This had the look of a political purge - but it is much bigger than that.

The first sign of how serious this was came on November 4 with the removal of Prince Mutaib bin Abdullah, eldest son of the late King Abdullah and head of a powerful fiefdom, the Saudi Arabian National Guard. Essentially a force of tribal recruits from throughout Saudi Arabia, the guard's structure still bears the mark of King Abdullah, who oversaw it from its foundation in 1962 before passing it to Mutaib in 2015.

Then it was the turn of Saudi economic moguls, who have influenced financial policymaking and its implementation for years. The most remarkable takedowns were those of Prince Waleed bin Talal, one of the richest men in the world and a nephew of King Salman; Ibrahim Assaf, former finance minister and father of Prince Waleed's daughter-in-law; Prince Turki bin Abdullah, the former governor of Riyadh; and Adel Fakeih, minister for economy and planning.

Also taken into custody were Khaled al-Tuweijri, the extremely influential advisor to King Abdullah and head of his royal court, and Amar al-Dabbagh, former head of the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority. Business magnates were seized too, among them Saleh Kamel, Walid al-Ibrahim, and Bakr bin Laden, owner of the Saudi Bin Laden group.

Most of those arrested were prime figures in the political order under King Abdullah, with Khaled al-Tuweijri, Mutaib, and Turki among the most powerful members of the royal court. Ibra-



him Assaf and Amar al-Dabbagh were vital to economic policy. Adel Fakeih the minister of economy and planning and formerly of Health and Labour had also remained the mayor of Jeddah for five years. The notorious Jeddah floods in which scores died, occurred during his tenure.

In the world of money and communications, Walid al-Ibrahim was owner of the Middle East Broadcasting Company and its subsidiary channels. Walid also launched al-Arabiya News TV, in which Abdul Aziz Bin Fahd - also a nephew of Walid and the youngest son of King Fahd - reportedly had major shares. Saleh Abdullah Kamel is another prominent businessman, and the chairman of Dallah Albaraka Group.

WHY NOW?

This shakeup is not just a consolidation of power by the crown prince, Mohammad bin Salman, but an act of persecution against members of King Abdullah's policymaking circle. To properly move on from the Abdullah era, the leftovers of the old order had to be scrapped, and suddenly their time was up. The removal of Mutaib Bin Abdullah is merely a continuation of Mohammad bin Salman's strategy to bring the various royals' security fiefdoms

under his direct control. The removal of former crown prince and interior minister Mohammad bin Nayef, King Salman's nephew, was only the first step.

The Saudi government has framed the arrests as an anti-corruption drive and touted them as proof it is prepared to act against even the kingdom's richest and most powerful figures. Even Prince Mutaib has been purportedly accused of graft in the purchase of bulletproof vests. Mohammad Bin Salman has stuck to the anti-corruption line in public, as have his lieutenants; in an interview with Bloomberg, the crown prince's advisor, Mohammad al-Sheikh, spoke of uncontrolled spending during the oil boom of 2010-2014, with US\$80-

100 billion lost to inefficiency each year.

These financial habits and dealings led Saudi Arabia into a difficult situation, and at the time, Mohammad bin Salman - then "only" the defence minister - was not powerful enough to take on these influential royals and business elites. But once he became crown prince in June 2017 and saw Mohammad bin Nayef dispatched, the stage was set for a big political leap.

Bringing the state's axe down on the Abdullah circle could fulfil an economic motive and satisfy a PR objective, raising the crown prince's profile with the Saudi populace. And for now, Mohammad bin Salman has checked any attempts by the Saudi elite to question his grand schemes of the Economic Transformation Plan and Vision 2030. Having already detained religious dissenters, the crown prince has secured the economic and business fronts in his strategy, and managed to reshape his country's security apparatuses. The way is clear, if all goes to plan, for him to take the Saudi throne.

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Social media lessons for ICSE students

KOLKATA, Nov 19 (PTI): More than 250 students from 62 ICSE-affiliated schools of Kolkata and its neighbouring districts learned about social media and its impact on our everyday life at a day-long workshop here.

The seminar, conducted by counsellors and cyber experts, deliberated on the positives and negatives of social media networks like Facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram and online video games, including Blue Whale challenge, Secretary of the Association of ICSE Schools in West Bengal Nabarun De told PTI.

"Every school was represented by three students - from 9th, 10th and 11th standards - and a teacher at yesterday's workshop and the response was very encouraging," he said.

De said the concerned students will now interact with their classmates and juniors at their respective institutions and help spreading the message, De said.

Such interactions became necessary as smart phones are now an inevitable part of our lives and schoolchildren are not exception, Navneet Sharma, one of the attending teachers, said.

The workshop also sensitised students about the deleterious effects of smart phone addiction on their education and extracurricular activities, De said.

"We have always encouraged students to involve themselves in sporting activities and asked all member schools to encourage their peers to participate in on-field games, necessary for all-round development of young ones," he said.

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Mizoram minister hopeful of solution to Hmar imbroglio

AIZAWL, Nov 19 (PTI): Mizoram minister R Lalzirliana today expressed hope that the ongoing peace talks between the state and a faction of insurgent group Hmar People's Convention (Democratic), led by H Zosangbera, would end the imbroglio over Sinlung Hills Development Council (SHDC).

The home minister said the onus for continuation of parleys with the group lay with Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla.

"We are making prepara-



tions to hold political-level talks as most of the points of the memorandum of settlement have been agreed upon

by both the parties," he said.

Meanwhile, a source in the home department said another faction of the Hmar People's Convention (Democratic) (HPC(D)), led by Lalhmingthanga Sanate, which had earlier insisted on conditional talks with the state government, has now softened its tone.

The Sanate faction has expressed their willingness to come to the negotiating table, before the government signs a peace agreement with the

Zosangbera-led faction, he said.

The talks with the Zosangbera faction were delayed for months as the state government had been trying to rein in the Sanate faction, the source added.

The Assam-based Sanate faction had, in the past, insisted on creation of an autonomous district council for the Hmars by carving out areas adjoining Manipur and sought tripartite talks involving a senior official from the Centre, a

demand that was rejected by the state government.

Sources in the HPC(D) said public consultations were organised in Mizoram and Manipur by the Hmar Inpui, apex body of the community, where members reached a consensus on the points mentioned in the proposed agreement with the Mizoram government, including more autonomy to the SHDC and rechristening it to Sinlung Hills Council.

Odisha gets Rs 3,548 crore to develop mineral bearing areas

BHUBANESWAR, Nov 19 (PTI): The Odisha government has received Rs 3,548 crore under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) Trust Fund to carry out development works in mineral bearing areas in the state, a top official said today.

"The total contribution received in the DMF Trust Fund till October this year stands at Rs 3,548 crore," Chief Secre-

tary A P Padhi said.

The total amount allocated for projects, schemes and works sanctioned for funding out of the DMF was Rs 1,862 crore, Padhi, who reviewed the status of DMF in the state at a meeting held here yesterday, said. The DMF collection in the mineral rich districts of Angul, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Keonjhar and Sundargarh comes to about Rs 3,414 crore.

The Chief Secretary directed the officials to identify and build up a shelf of projects at least three times of the annual accrual in the DMF Fund under high priority and other priority areas indicated in the Odisha District Mineral Foundation Trust rules.

The high priority items include drinking water, health, education, women and child welfare, and nutrition while

the other priority items include infrastructure, electricity and irrigation.

These projects are to be forwarded to the respective DMF Trust Boards through Planning and Convergence Department for their consideration, he said.

The Chief Secretary has further directed the Line Departments to strengthen their field formations by redeployment

for faster implementation of the DMF sponsored projects, he said.

The meeting was attended by senior officials including the development commissioner and principal secretaries and secretaries of finance, steel & mines and other key departments.

Collectors of Angul, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts were also present.

Sad that bullies have prevailed again: Mehta on Padmavati, IFFI row

MUMBAI, Nov 19 (PTI): As the makers of "Padmavati" today said they were deferring the release of the film, director Hansal Mehta lamented that "bullies had prevailed again" and said people had resigned themselves to government inaction on such issues.

He expressed concern over filmmakers being targeted and said the stand taken by the government in the "Padmavati" and IFFI row was "disappointing but not unexpected".

Several Rajput groups and political leaders have accused "Padmavati" director Sanjay Leela Bhansali of "distorting historical facts" in the film, featuring Deepika Padukone in the title role.

Mehta, 49, also expressed disappointment over the information and broadcasting ministry's decision to pull out Malayalam film "S Durga" and Marathi movie "Nude" from IFFI's Indian

Panorama section.

"Sad that bullies have prevailed again. The government's stance is disappointing but not unexpected. After all what is a film compared to elections? 'S Durga', 'Nude' and 'Padmavati' to begin with. Many more to come..."

In a series of tweets, he said he regretted having recorded a video endorsing IFFI.

"It was done in good faith for the love of films and much before all this happened," Mehta wrote.

In a statement to PTI today, the makers of "Padmavati", Viacom18 Motion Pictures, announced they had "voluntarily" deferred the release of the magnum opus. It was scheduled to have been released on December 1.

The "Aligarh" director debunked the view by many industry bigwigs that postponing the

movie's date was a wise decision in the current scenario.

"I was told by many industry leaders that it was a wise strategy to delay 'Padmavati'. Truth is that people have resigned themselves to government inaction in the face of such blatant terror. The only advice given is to shut up, retreat and accept these attacks," he said.

"So SLB (Bhansali) should show the film to those who threaten to have him beheaded? And get their approval?" he wrote. The revised date of release will be announced soon, the makers said.

Censor Board chief Praseon Joshi had yesterday slammed the makers for allowing the film to be screened for various media channels before obtaining a certificate from the board.

The CBFC had sent the film back to the producer as the application for the certification

was "incomplete".

The movie also stars Shahid Kapoor and Ranveer Singh.

Directors Anurag Basu and Nikkhil Advani also took to social media in support of Bhansali.

"It's bizarre! The whole 'Padmavati' row is based on just presumptions. Protestors have not seen a single frame of the film yet, but they know that history has been tampered! How?"

"I can understand the desperation! Karni Sena and other protesters will face huge existential crisis post the release of 'Padmavati' so they are trying to juice out maximum," Basu wrote.

Advani tweeted, "First they came for... And I did not speak out... For I was not a... Finally they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me..." quoting lines from a poem by Pastor Martin Niemoller on Nazi Germany.

Tejas world-class fighter jet, plays defined role: HAL chief

NEW DELHI, Nov 19 (PTI): The indigenously developed Tejas Light Combat Aircraft is a world class fighter jet and can effectively play its "defined" role in securing Indian skies, its manufacturer Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) said today as the Indian Air Force looked at acquiring a fleet of foreign single-engine jets.

HAL chairman and managing director T Suvarna Raju said most of the 42 modifications in Tejas sought by the IAF, including weaponisation of the aircraft, had been carried out and asserted that the production of the jet could be stepped up depending on the requirement.

"Tejas is a four-and-half generation world class fighter jet. There is

no doubt about it. We can improve its various parameters. We are proud of Tejas. Every Indian will be proud of it. We will ensure enhancement in its quality and performance," Raju told PTI in an interview.

His remarks came amidst views in the IAF that the Tejas aircraft was not enough to maintain its combat readiness and it needed to quickly procure a fleet of foreign single engine fighters to deal with any possible security challenges facing the country in the backdrop of the dwindling size of its fighter fleet.

The IAF believes it has to have a wide mix of aircraft to maintain an operational edge over its adversaries.

The IAF has placed an order for 40 Tejas and is likely to seal a con-

tract "very soon" with HAL for another 83 aircraft. However, Raju said HAL was looking at supplying higher numbers, adding that it was ready to carry out further upgrades, modification and improvements on the jet "very quickly".

The HAL CMD said the four-and-half generation Tejas would be able to deliver what is expected of it, insisting that the lifespan of the jet would be a minimum of 30 years just like any other frontline combat aircraft.

The combat jets are classified under various generations depending on their avionics, capability and weapons systems.

The current fleet of fighter jets with the IAF range from three-and-half generation to fourth generation.

Rejecting criticism of a delay in the delivery of the jet to the IAF, the head of the state-run aerospace behemoth said HAL was ready to "significantly speed up" the delivery of the 83 jets as the public sector entity was investing Rs 1,300 crore to augment the existing infrastructure for manufacturing the aircraft.

"If I know the numbers, the investments can go (up). Rate of production can be increased to any extent. It depends on what cost economics you are looking at. I can create capacity for any number," Raju said.

Currently, HAL has the capacity to produce eight aircraft annually and Raju said it would go up to 24 aircraft per year by 2021.

"Another way to speed up produc-

tion is not by HAL investment but by encouraging the vendors, the local Indian industry to supply us with the major components," he said, adding HAL was giving contracts to L&T, WhAM and two other firms to supply the main components of the aircraft such as the front fuselage, centre fuselage, rear fuselage and wings.

"So this process will make us the integrator," he said.

Asked about questions being raised on the endurance, weaponisation and other key parameters of Tejas, Raju suggested that any comparison between Tejas and Gripen (Sweden) or F-16 (US) was unfair as Tejas was manufactured following a defined role and specific requirements of the IAF.

Woman tries to enter Ayyappa temple, questioned by police

SABARIMALA (KER), Nov 19 (PTI): A 31-year-old woman today made a vain attempt to enter the famous Lord Ayyappa Temple here, where female devotees in the 10-50 age group are not permitted.

The woman, a resident of West Godavari district in Telangana, was picked up from 'sannidhanam', the temple complex, police sources told PTI.

She was questioned and her statement recorded, they said.

According to the tradition of the temple, the entry of women in the 10-50 age group is restricted in the hillock shrine dedicated to Lord Ayyappa, considered the 'Naishtika Brahmachari' or the perennial celibate.

The woman, Parvathy, was not carrying the traditional 'irumudi', a small bundle containing coconut, ghee, turmeric and sandal paste which is offered to the deity. And, she took a different path to reach the 'sannidhanam', the police said.

Normally, devotees climb the 'pathinettam padi', the sacred 18 steps leading to the temple complex.

The woman, who was accompanied by her husband, two children and 11 other people from

her village, told police that she was unaware of the restrictions with regard to women of the banned age group at the shrine.

On suspicion, police checked her identity card which showed she was only 31 years old.

The entry of women is strictly monitored by police at Pampa before they begin to trek Sabarimala to reach the shrine.

Temple sources were clueless on how the woman managed to reach near the shrine defying the police monitoring and stringent checks.

Marking the beginning of the pilgrimage season, the Sabarimala temple opened on November 15 for the three-month annual 'Mandalam-Makaravilakku' festival.

Thousands of people across the country are visiting the hillock shrine every day to catch a glimpse of Lord Ayyappa and offer prayers.

The ban on the issue of entry of women in the age group has been challenged in the Supreme Court, which had on October 13 referred it to a constitution bench.

'Bhumata Brigade' leader and woman activist Trupti Desai had said she would enter Sabarimala defying restrictions on the entry of women of the banned age group.

Abusing SC/ST person over phone in public place an offence: SC

MANOHAR LAL NEW DELHI, Nov 19 (PTI): The Supreme Court has ruled that using castiest remarks over phone in a public place against the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe category amount to criminal offence warranting a jail of a maximum five years.

The apex court refused to stay the criminal proceedings and quash an FIR lodged against a person, who allegedly used expletive and derogatory casteist remarks over phone to a woman belonging to the SC/ST category.

A bench of Justices J Chelameswar and S Abdul Nazeer declined to interfere with the August 17 order of the Allahabad High Court which had rejected a plea of a Uttar Pradesh native, seeking quashing of the FIR lodged against him by the woman.

It dismissed his plea saying he has to prove during the trial that he had not talked to the woman over phone from a public place.

Advocate Vivek Vishnoi, appearing for the accused, said at the time of conversation both then woman and his client were in

different cities and it could not be stated that it was in public view.

He said that section 3(1)(s) of SC/ST Act relates to a person, who abuses any member of a SC or ST by caste name in any place "within public view".

"In this case, both persons were in different cities and the conversation took over phone which can't be said to be in a public view. This was a private conversation. The apex court had already settled what 'public view' means in its earlier verdict of 2008," he said.

Vishnoi said the issue involved

in the petition was that whether a private conversation on mobile phone between two individuals can come within the ambit of expression "within public view".

He said that by no stretch of imagination, a private conversation between two individuals on mobile phone can come within the ambit of expression "within public view" and that the charges framed against the petitioner need to be quashed.

The lawyer further said that the complainant has made some vague allegations regarding land sale transactions but no specific aver-

ments were made which may prima-facie show that offence of cheating and intimidation were made out.

The bench, however, refused to agree with the contenton and said it was only in trial that accused could prove if he was talking on phone in public view or not.

The high court had on August 17 dismissed his plea for quashing of FIR and stay of criminal proceedings against him saying it was not advisable to adjudge whether the case shall ultimately end in conviction or not.

"Only a prima facie satisfaction

of the court about the existence of sufficient ground to proceed in the matter is required," the high court had said while relying on various apex court verdicts.

The high court had also said that it cannot be persuaded to have a pre-trial before the actual trial begins and the perusal of FIR and material collected by the police on the basis of which the charge sheet was filed "makes out a prima facie case against the accused at this stage and there appear to be sufficient ground" for proceeding against him.

Chances of confirmation of wait list tickets during holidays now high: study

ANANYA SENGUPTA
NEW DELHI, NOV 19 (PTI): Have a wait listed ticket for your next trip during holidays? Not to worry, you might just be able to make it on a confirmed ticket.

A study by a popular travel portal has said that while the cancellation of wait list tickets was as high as 25.5 per cent during the Diwali of 2015 because of non-confirmation, the number has been stable at 18 per cent in 2016 and 2017.

This in effect means that more wait listed passengers have been able to travel with confirmed tickets than before.

A study by RailYatri, an online travel community that has 10 million monthly active users, said that for the Dehradun- Howrah Doon Express, the confirmation rate increased by over 20 per cent during the period, for Mumbai CST-Howrah Superfast Mail (Via Gaya) increased by 11 per cent, Pune-Jammu Tawi Jhelum Express by over 12 per cent and Bangalore-Danapur Sanghamitra Superfast Express by more than five per cent.

Even the average waiting list has gone down considerably from last year. For example, the wait list of the Kota-Patna Express has come down to 735 from 813, while of Ahmedabad-Haridwar Yoga Express has decreased from 731 to 717.

Similarly, the waiting list of the Mumbai-Darbhanga Pawan Express has come down from 800 to 769.

“Every year during Diwali, there is a huge demand for train tickets and many end up with wait listed tickets and uncertain travel plans. However, this year it is heartening to see that fewer people had to cancel their tickets. It is definitely a good trend,” said Manish Rathi, Co-founder and CEO RailYatri.

Both, officials of the rail ministry as well as Rathi, credited the trend to addition of new trains and extra coaches which have helped accommodate the rush of passengers.

“The Diwali rush this year was nicely managed by adding special trains at the right time and on the right route,” said Rathi.

During 2015-2017, railways has introduced 152 new trains, and special trains have made as many as 64,840 trips during the holiday season.

This means that the number of seats available for passengers has also increased.

Ayana bags maiden half marathon gold, Legese wins men’s race

NEW DELHI, NOV 19 (PTI): Ethiopia’s current woman world athlete of the year Almaz Ayana clinched gold while compatriot Berhanu Legese won the men’s event in the Delhi Half Marathon on Sunday as thousands of Delhiites turned up despite concerns of air pollution.

Ayana, who set the 10,000m world record while winning the gold in Rio Olympics, transferred her stunning form on track to road race as she clocked one hour, seven minutes and 11 seconds to emerge champion in her maiden half marathon race.

Ethiopians ran away with all three top positions as Ayana’s compatriots Ababel Yeshaneh and Netsanet Gudeta were second and third in the elite women’s race, clocking 1:07:19 and 1:07:24 respectively to cover the 21.097km distance.

Defending champion Worknesh Degefa was fifth in 1:08:09.

In the men’s elite race, 2015 winner Legese bagged the gold in 59 minutes and 46 seconds while another Ethiopian Anadamlak Belihu was second in 59:51. Leonard Korir of United States was third in 59:52. Reiging world marathon champion Geoffrey Kirui of Kenya finished sixth in 1:00:04.

Ayana and Legese, however, could not break the course records of 1:06:54 and 59:06 respectively, which still stand in the names of Mary Keitany (2009) of Kenya and Guye Adola (2014) of



Ethiopia.

Both Ayana and Legese pocketed identical USD 27,000 as winners’ prize money.

Ayana, who will turn 26 on Tuesday, was running in her debut half marathon though it was the second road race of her career (after 10km race in Angola in 2010).

“I was a bit nervous and confused, not knowing what to do, whether to follow other runners and to take the lead. The course was very good but the chilly weather created some problem,” she said after the race.

“Also, when the pacesetter dropped out, I was a bit confused and could not find the way. The language issue

(she can’t speak English) also created problems. I could have run a faster time,” she added.

Basically a track runner, Ayana, who also won a 10,000m gold in the London World Championships in August, said he may consider coming back to Delhi in future.

“It is not easy to run road races and I would prefer to run on tracks. But I think I will come back here,” she added.

For Legese, the course in Delhi was not new for him as he had won two years back also.

“I knew the course as I was here in 2015, and so it helps. Initially, I thought of running ahead of the pack after 15km but I did that af-

ter the 20km mark,” he said, adding that he will come back next year.

Among the Indian women, L Suriya bagged the gold in a course record (for Indians) time of 1:10:31 while veteran long distance runner Sudha Singh and Parul Choudhary were second and third in 1:11:30 and 1:13:09 respectively.

Nitendra Singh Rawat won Indian men’s race, clocking a new course record time of 1:03:53 in a dramatic photo finish with G Lakshmanan who also clocked the same 1:03:53 but got the silver when the timing was broken down to decimal seconds.

It was a sprint race towards the finish line but ultimately Rawat pipped Laksh-

manan to the post. In fact, in the tussle for the top position, Lakshmanan fell at the finish and had some bruises on his shoulder.

21-year-old Maharashtra runner Avinash Sable was third in 1:03:58 as he clinched a medal in his debut half marathon. He won the third place in a photo finish with Durga Bahadur who also clocked 1:03:58 but had to be content with fourth place.

In fact, all the top three Indian men finishers -- and even fourth -- bettered the earlier course record of 1:04:00.

The men’s and women’s winners among the Indians pocketed an identical Rs 3 lakh each while the second

and third place finishers will be richer by Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 1.75 lakh each.

Besides that, the three men’s podium finishers shared Rs 2 lakh among themselves for bettering the course record.

Suriya, the sister of Lakshmanan, got an additional Rs 2 lakh for bettering the course record.

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of runners braved the chilly weather -- around 15 degree Celcius when the men’s elite race started at 6:40am -- and turned out on Delhi roads despite the health warnings just a few days ago.

Besides participating in the elite category, runners also took part in four categories of Great Delhi Run, Timed 10K Run, Senior Citizens Run and Champions with Disability Run.

The pollution level in the city though has got better after the early morning rain on Saturday.

Before the race, the organisers have claimed that around 35,000 runners will take part in it. Around 30,000 had taken part in the race in 2015, while 34,000 took part last year, according to race organisers, Procam International.

The Delhi Half Marathon, one of the top half marathons in the world, has been mired in controversy after the Indian Medical Association called for its cancellation owing to the smog in the national capital.

After winning half marathon, Rawat fires salvo at AFI

NEW DELHI, NOV 19 (PTI): Nitendra Singh Rawat, who clinched gold in the Indian men’s race of the Delhi Half Marathon, on Sunday said that his win proved a point to the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) which did not include him among the national campers.

Rawat has not been included in the national camp for the preparation of next year’s Commonwealth and Asian Games as the AFI felt that his recent performances were not up to the mark.

“I have come here to prove a point. I am not being considered for national camp and am training alone in Ranikhet at my Army unit (Kumaon Regiment),” he said.

“Today, I have proved a point that I am fit and am still a top distance runner in the country,” he told reporters after winning the half marathon



race in a new course record of one hour, three minutes and 53 seconds.

31-year-old Rawat was one of the Indian trio that took part in the Rio Olympics but he finished a disappointing 84th.

“I have not being given any

reason why I was not called for the national camp. It is tough to train alone outside the camp,” he added.

AFI Secretary C K Valsion told PTI that Rawat’s performance was not up to the mark in the last one year or so and that’s why he was left out of

the national camp.

“Rawat’s performance was not up to the mark after the Rio Olympics. That was the reason why the coaches recommended that he be left out of the camp. So, he is not being called for the national camp,” Valsion said.

9th Palate Fest: Foodies spoilt for choice

NEW DELHI, NOV 19 (PTI): Cupcakes, fries, kebabs, curries, dim sums, tacos, pizzas, juices, drinks and beer are just a few of the hundreds of diverse and mouth-watering items you can munch and sip on at the 9th edition of the Palate Fest.

The three-day festival, that began on November 17 at Nehru Park here, has brought together over 100 stalls serving their signature recipes at economical prices. The pop-ups are an impressive combination of popular eateries like Giani’s and Keventers, along with high-end brands like The Taj, The Roseate, and ITC among others.

The cuisine ranges from local Indian street food to Chinese, Mexican, Italian and Lebanese.

“I have been coming to this festival with my family and friends. It is a great place to hang out. I have an amazing time every year,” said 21-year-old Shreya, a regular visitor at Fest.

The festival is a treat not just for foodies but also those who take pleasure in the art of cooking, thanks to the culinary demonstrations offered by renowned chefs like Ranveer Brar, Vicky Ratnani and Nishant Choubey.

The platform also served as an opportunity for new and upcoming brands like Chandigarh-based Wok Man to get an idea of the food market in the capital before they launch here.

Don’t think we care about climate change: Nila Madhab Panda

NEW DELHI, NOV 19 (PTI): Director Nila Madhab Panda said despite its massive and growing proportions, people are not concerned about climate change.

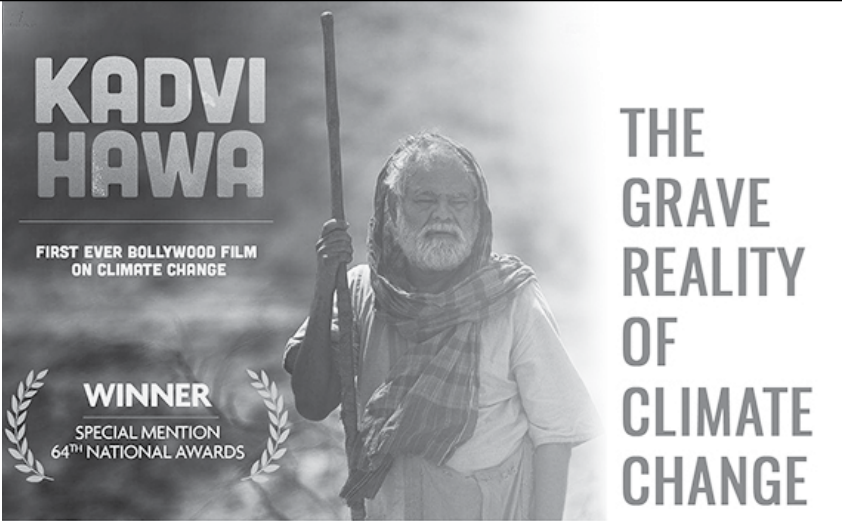
The 44-year-old filmmaker, whose next directorial “Kadvi Hawa” is up for release, said even as the capital, among other cities, gasps to find a breather amid the smog, people will forget about the issue soon.

In an interview with PTI, Panda said, “I don’t think that our generation, who has read about the issue of climate change, actually cares about it. When the World Environment Day comes, people just post something about it on social media.

“Recently, the schools were closed because of pollution.

But what will happen next is that people will forget about it in one month.”

At the centre of Panda’s film is a 70-year-old blind man, played by actor Sanjai Mishra, who is most



affected by the water crisis in the Chambal belt in the Bundelkhand region of northern India.

The director said he tried to explore the life of a person who has zero carbon footprint in the mov-

ie and becomes the one to bring about the much-needed change.

“What we try to bring is a guy,

a blind man, whom the society considers that he is good for nothing. A guy who is old, who has no existence, whose thoughts and ideas do not matter to the society. But this guy opens the eyes of the people.”

The issue of climate change may have become a trending hashtag now, but according to Panda, the problem has persisted since time immemorial.

“My first impression about climate change was shocking.

Years back, I had to make a film for Discovery channel. So I went to this coast in Odisha. A friend of mine is working at Centre for Science and Environment. He used to tell me that around Odisha coastline villages have drowned and ocean has swept them.

“I used to dismiss his claims. But when I went to the place, it had actually drowned and for the first time in my life I saw a handpump in the sea. In 20 years, the handpump which was in middle of a

village, is now in an ocean,” he said.

The “I am Kalam” filmmaker said he wanted to make a film on climate change for a long time but the story took a long time to pan out.

“It was not an easy film to make. I have been planning to make it for years. Whenever I started to make the movie, I used to think how we should make because it was either about the farmers’ suicide or about a person who lost everything in a cyclone. So we were finding an anchor for our film.”

Panda said Mishra was a little hesitant to take up the role as he found it “preachy.”

“When I asked Sanjai Mishra to play the role, he was initially hesitant because he said the role of a old, blind person is kind of preachy. His mind, however, changed after reading the script.”

“Kadvi Hawa”, also featuring Ranvir Shorey and Tillotama Shome, is scheduled to be released on November 24.

Prachanda's only son dies of cardiac arrest: hospital

KATHMANDU, Nov 19 (PTI): Nepal's former prime minister and Maoist chief Prachanda's only son Prakash Dahal died today due to sudden cardiac arrest. He was 36.

Prakash was rushed to the Thapathali-based Norvic Hospital early this morning, where he was pronounced dead.

Addressing a press conference, Dr JP Jaiswal of Norvic Hospital said Prakash was dead around three hours before he was admitted to the hospital at 5:50 am this morning.

"His eyes were unresponsive and there was no pulse when he was brought to the hospital," said Jaiswal.

"In 90 per cent of such cases, patient suffers a severe cardiac arrest," he added.

Prakash was secretary to his father Prachanda and also central member of CPN (Maoist-Centre).

Prachanda arrived at the hospital in Kathmandu from Jhapa, where he was attending election campaign for the upcoming elections.

President Vidya Devi Bhandari reached Prachanda's house in Baluwatar to express condolences on the demise of his son.

Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, CPN-UML chairman K P Oli and other senior leaders have also expressed condolences.

The news of Prakash's death comes two weeks before the first phase of provincial and parliamentary elections.

Prakash's wife Bina Dahal is contesting election for the Parliament from Kanchanpur district.

Prachanda had one son and three daughters. One of his daughters died four years ago. She was suffering from breast cancer.

19 killed, eight injured in a house fire in China

BEIJING, Nov 19 (PTI): A devastating fire ripped through a house in Beijing's southern Daxing district, leaving at least 19 people dead and eight others injured, the state media said today.

The inferno was reported around 6.15 pm (local time) yesterday from the house in Xinjian village, prompting authorities to rush fire tenders to the spot.

The fire was extinguished around 9 pm (local time), the state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Nineteen people were killed and eight others were injured in the fire, it said.

The injured were taken to hospital for treatment.

According to local authorities, the city will set up a team to investigate the accident. The suspects are under police control, the report said.

Bambawale takes charge as new Indian envoy to China

BEIJING, Nov 19 (PTI): India's new ambassador to China Gautam Bambawale arrived here today to take up his position.

Bambawale, a seasoned diplomat who till recently served as high commissioner to Pakistan and earlier as envoy to Bhutan, will take charge tomorrow.

A 1984-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Bambawale succeeded Vijay Gokhale who took over as Secretary (Economic Relations) at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

A deft hand on Sino-India relations, Bambawale earlier handled the China desk at the MEA which also included relations with Japan, China, South Korea, Mongolia and North Korea.

A Mandarin speaker, he has also served as the deputy chief of mission



of the Indian Embassy in Beijing earlier.

His arrival here comes at a time when India and China are trying to put behind the Dokalam standoff, and work on a "forward-looking" approach in their ties.

For the first time after the 73-

day standoff, the two countries held their border consultation and coordination mechanism meeting here two days ago during which they reviewed the situation in all sectors of their border and exchanged views on confidence building measures and military contacts.



Rohingya refugees are facing the threat of disease, malnutrition and mudslides, the Disasters Emergency Committee has warned. More than 600,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled Myanmar since a violent military crackdown was launched in August, in what the UN has described as a "textbook example of ethnic cleansing". Nicola Peckett, head of communications at the DFC, which co-ordinates UK aid charities, said a "massive effort" was needed to prevent the spread of disease in the refugee camps in Bangladesh.

India, Egypt hold talks to enhance trade cooperation

CAIRO, Nov 18 (PTI): Egypt is keen on boosting economic co-operation with India specially in developing small and medium enterprises, a senior minister said here today.

India is Egypt's 10th largest export destination and also the 10th largest import source.

Minister of Trade and Industry Tarek Kabil said there are possibilities to enhance bilateral cooperation in key areas like automotive industry, textile and leather products.

His remarks came during a meeting with Tamil Nadu's Minister of Rural Industries P Benjamin who is here leading the Indian delegation participating in the MACTECH Fair in the Cairo International Convention Centre from November 16-19.

India's Ambassador to Egypt Sanjay Bhattacharyya said that both the sides discussed possibilities of technology and investment cooperation in textiles and leather sectors.

"India's participation with 50 companies at MACTECH Fair was with the objective of showcasing our strengths in engineering and capital goods. Our advantages lie in high quality, affordable prices and efficient utilisation of labour," Bhattacharyya told PTI."Among the largest suppliers of capital goods to Egypt, we wish to increase exports and also look for opportunities for joint ventures," the Indian envoy said.

The delegation from the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC India) comprises

50 leading Indian machine tools and technology firms. The Indian Pavilion is organised by the EEPC, the premier trade and investment promotion group in engineering sector sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, in association with the Embassy of India in Cairo.

The participating Indian

companies represent various segments of engineering products including machine tools, industrial tools, heavy tools, machinery, generators and tube and wire machinery.

India stands 13th in production and 10th in the consumption of machine tools in the world with 0.9 per cent share in the total global production.

The market is expected to reach USD 3 billion by 2019-20, growing at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 14 per cent from 2013-14 to 2019-20.

India is set to become an important player in the global machine tools industry and is expected to see substantial increase in the manufacture of high-end products. The automobile sector, a major user of machine tools, is set to grow 3.5 to 4 times from its current size of USD 74 billion to reach about USD 300 billion by 2026.

New emerging sectors such as defence and aerospace, consum-

er durables, green investment in auto sectors are likely to enhance demand for machine tools.

In Machine tools and Industrial tools sector, India is among the top five exporting countries to Egypt. India exported USD 3.16 million of hand tools to Egypt in 2016 constituting six per cent of the total imports of Egypt for the product.

MACTECH is the picture-perfect event for metal forming, machine tools, industrial tools, welding and cutting equipment technology makers; providing widespread competition array, constant business opportunities, far-reaching media coverage and cross-industry technology transfer.

Egypt has traditionally been one of India's most important trading partners in the African continent.

During the year 2016-17, bilateral trade between India and Egypt was to the tune of USD 3.23 billion.

Indo-Chinese eatery marks UK-India Year of Culture

LONDON, Nov 19 (PTI): One of London's first-of-its-kind Indo-Chinese restaurants is marking the 'UK-India Year of Culture' with its own first-year anniversary celebration.

Hakkaland was set up by Indian-Chinese chef Steven Lee to bring the distinct flavour of Chinese food from his birthplace of Kolkata alive in the UK. "This fusion cuisine represents Indian food at its best and symbolises the UK India Year of Culture with its successful one year in business," said Lee.

"This country is full of multi-cultural diversity and we want to offer something different. We want them to feel at home away from home," he said.

Lee, who trained under top Indo-Chinese chefs during his time in India, has cooked for celebrities and some of India's elites, including actor Amitabh Bachchan

and business magnate Anil Ambani.

He mastered the art of the unique Indian influence on Chinese cuisine at Mumbai's China Garden restaurant before an invitation to work with UK-based celebrity chef Udit Sakhel brought him to Britain many years ago.

Lee is planning to turn Hakkaland into a chain of Indo-Chinese restaurants across the UK.

"The plans are big and if we get the same support as we have now received, then I promise Hakkaland will be at the top of the fusion restaurant list," said Lee, who specialises in adapting Chinese cooking techniques to Indian flavours and tastes using the classic Chinese wok.

Some of his signature dishes reflect their roots in West Bengal such as Kolkata Chilli Chicken and include a variety of typically Indian-style vegetarian Chinese dishes.

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ANGELS IN SHANGHAI

HARRY STYLES AND MIGUEL CONFIRMED AS VICTORIA'S SECRET FASHION SHOW 2017 PERFORMERS

Harry Styles has been officially confirmed to perform at the 2017 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, after main act Katy Perry's visa was denied.

Ed Razek, executive producer of the annual event and the lingerie company's chief creative officer, said in a statement on Saturday that the male singer signed on months ago.

"Also appearing are Grammy award-winning artist Miguel, Tony award-winning star of Hamilton Leslie Odom Jr., and Chinese sensation Jane Zhang," he said. "We are incredibly thrilled to have them with us."

In early October, rumors swirled that both Styles and ex Taylor Swift would perform at the Victoria's Secret show after Swift fans circulated what many believed to be a press release from the Shanghai Culture, Radio, Film and Television Administra-



tion Bureau that stated that the singers had been issued administrative licenses to perform four songs in Shanghai on November 20—the date of the event.

A couple of weeks ago, Perry was rumored to be a performer after a letter that she appeared to have sent requesting permission to perform in China was posted by the Chinese press and also circulated on Twitter.

Perry was initially informed that she'd be able to

gain access but that the decision was reversed after the Chinese government found out about her wearing a sunflower dress and a Taiwanese flag at a 2015 concert in Taipei, which China had perceived as a show of support for Taiwanese anti-China protesters. Perry and Victoria's Secret have not commented.

Several models who were set to take part in the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show were also denied entry to China. Gigi Hadid was sup-

posed to return to the runway and announced earlier this week she wouldn't be able to make it to the country. She did not provide a reason. Her statement comes months after a video of her squinting purposely was criticized on Chinese social networks and spurred accusations of racism. Gigi apologized on China's site Weibo, saying, "I have learned to be very careful of how my actions can come off or be portrayed, and I'm hopeful you'll accept my apology."

Her sister Bella Hadid was granted a visa and will be walking the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show runway for the second time.

She and several other models who did make it to China for the event, including Victoria's Secret Angels Alessandra Ambrosio and Candice Swanepoel, posted pics upon their arrival.



BLOWING KISSES: Victoria Secret Angels Alessandra Ambrosio, Karlie Kloss and Sara Sampaio are among the bevy of beauties who will walk in the upcoming Victoria's Secret Fashion Show in Shanghai, China.

BOLLYWOOD WELCOMES ED SHEERAN WITH BIG BASH AT FARAH KHAN'S HOME

Shah Rukh Khan, Shahid Kapoor-Mira Rajput, Sushant Singh Rajput welcomed Ed Sheeran with a grand party at Farah Khan's Mumbai pad.

After Coldplay and Chain-smokers, it's Ed Sheeran's turn to take Mumbai by storm. The Shape Of You singer who is set to enthrall the audience on Sunday first attended a party put together by Bollywood director Farah Khan.

Bollywood filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan threw a grand welcome party for the singer and the who's who of Bollywood turned up to welcome the international sensation.



In attendance were Shah Rukh Khan, Sushant Singh Rajput, Shahid Kapoor-Mira Rajput, Rajkumar Rao,

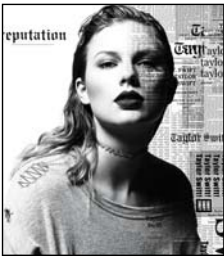
Patralekhaa, Rhea Kapoor, Malaika Arora Khan among others. Farah was the first per-

son share a photograph with Sheeran on social media. She wrote, "And the party begins!! He loves the shape of me!! @edsheeran."

Not just Bollywood, but actors from the television fraternity were a part of the celebrations too. In fact, Jai Bhansushali revealed that Sheeran grooved to 90s Bollywood tracks at the party.

"Shape of you" had a super rocking time with @teddysphotos saw him dancing on 90s Bollywood song and he was looking cute ..thank you so much @farahkhankunder the party was rocking and u were a great host luv u always," he wrote.

TAYLOR SWIFT'S 'REPUTATION' A MONSTER HIT



A week after its release, Taylor Swift's new album Reputation has tallied a staggering 1.28 million in pure album sales, according to BuzzAngle Music.

A week after the album's release, and following a standout performance on Saturday Night Live, Reputation has tallied 1.28 million in pure album sales, according to BuzzAngle Music.

In total consumption, which includes audio streams for Reputation tracks over the last seven days, the number inches closer to 1.29 million.

Those numbers are more than enough to qualify Rep-

RECORD-BREAKER

utation, released by Big Machine Label Group, as the year's biggest album and Swift's largest sales week. With the holiday shopping season still to come, expect the monster hit to only get bigger.

Swift is already the only act to have four different albums sell a million copies in a week since 1991.

For Reputation, the singer chose to withhold the album in its entirety from streaming services for a week.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

20TH NOVEMBER

1995: Diana Princess is interviewed on British Television by Martin Bashir for the Panorama programme about her life with the Royals, her separation and Prince Charles relationship and affair with his long term friend Camilla Parker-Bowles . During the one hour interview the princes admitted to an affair with her riding instructor, James Hewitt. For the first time on television she also talked about her struggle with depression and bulimia. Following the Revelations of both Princess Diana on Panorama and an earlier interview by Prince Charles with Jonathan Dimbleby where he admitted having an affair they were formally divorced with a decree nisi on August 28th 1996.

1953: The country of Poland called upon neighboring countries for support. Part of this support would be granted by Germany. There was concern that this new army would be German-dominated and cause a new world war. Communications were requested of countries such as France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway, Denmark, and the Netherlands regarding the gathering of troops. The country of Poland also joined Russia in the demand for a "Big Five" conference, concerning the future of Germany.

1979: 400 Armed Sunni Islamic Muslims, fundamentalist dissidents of the Al-Masjid,



Seize the Grand Mosque taking pilgrims present for the annual hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) hostage. The attack came on the final day of the hajj, and due to the large number (fifty thousand worshippers) most are released but the insurgents kept over 6,000 hostages. Saudi authorities evacuate the city of Mecca and over the next two weeks a number of attacks were mounted on the Grand Mosque resulting in the death of many insurgents, National Guard members and hostages. In early December after more than 2 weeks of shootings the remaining members of the group finally surrender after more than 250 are killed.

1985: Microsoft's launches it's first version of a multi tasking graphical user interface GUI for the PC (this allowed the user to run multiple windows with multiple programmes switching between one and another. Windows 1.01 was the very first version of Windows launched. Windows 1.01 and all older versions of Windows prior to Windows 95 required MSDOS installed on the computer and the user would install Windows from floppy discs.

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ARIES: Short trips and long talks with your special someone are on the agenda today. You may decide to drive into the country, perhaps to visit quaint shops and rustic restaurants. A confusing call could come from an acquaintance this evening. The person won't seem to be telling you anything yet expect some kind of feedback. Don't be afraid to ask for an explanation!
TAURUS: A lot of paperwork that you need to complete could have you nervous and stressed. You might experience some headaches. Don't sacrifice your well-being for this. You won't lose your focus if you have to put off some tasks until tomorrow. Calls or visitors could

also get on your nerves. Turn off the phone and tell people you'll visit later. They'll understand.
GEMINI: Ideas you read could inspire you to develop some new ideas of your own. You might want to write these down or share them with others. Some of the ideas you explore might be unclear in some way, but you'll enjoy digging into them. The dark side of life might hold a special fascination for you now, too.
CANCER: The presence of children in your home could arouse your nurturing instincts today. You might want to read to them or tell them stories. Stay away from any

particularly gruesome fairy tales. The atmosphere may be a bit gloomy, and the macabre may have too powerful an effect on them and you. In the evening, plan a private, intimate evening with your special someone.
LEO: Newspapers may bring knowledge of strange events that capture your imagination. You might want to learn more about the stories and similar events. Your mind is sharp enough to grasp it all, yet there will still be hidden elements that render it that much more fascinating. The human mind and its dark side might be especially interesting to you today.

VIRGO: A heightened sense of ambition might have you developing your writing skills today. This could mean learning technical or creative writing. Either way, if you've been thinking about it, this is an excellent time to take a course or jump in and do it. Books on the subject as well as talks with those experienced in these matters could help.
LIBRA: A letter or other communication serves as a sort of wake-up call today. A long-term goal is finally going to be reached. Your ambition should take on a new dimension, possibly going for a second career either in addition to or instead of the one you have. You might not be sure where you want

to take it, but it's worth pursuing.
SCORPIO: A letter or call from someone you know who's ill and confined to the hospital or home might come today. You might decide to pay this person a visit. You may not know him or her well, but your humanitarian instincts are awakened. Take care of business that needs to be handled and then go see this person. You'll feel better for it.
SAGITTARIUS: Letters and calls pertaining to your long-term goals or those of a group you're affiliated with could take up a lot of your time today. You might have to deal with paperwork at some point, and

you might not understand some of it. Ask for help if you need it. Your self-confidence and mental strength are high. You'll receive a lot of letters or calls, some from far away. Don't be surprised if you spend most of the day talking.
PISCES: Information on psychology, particularly dreams, could capture your imagination. You could decide to collect as much information as you can. The dark side of the personality may be especially appealing. You'll remember anything you read or hear today, as your mind is particularly retentive. This includes financial trends and ways to increase your income.