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Normalcy slowly returning to Kalimpong as shops choose to resume business

**SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG, 23 SEPT:**

Kalimpong seems to be slowly returning to normalcy with many shops keeping their shutters half open. After the recent clash between police and Gorkha Janmukti Morcha supporters, Kalimpong had turned into a fortress with heavy police protection in the town area. Kalimpong administration too had held a meeting with

school heads, banks and chamber of commerce to restore normalcy.

In the last day or two, many shops have resumed business while some have half their shutters open. Some roadside stalls have also started doing business. Senior students are going to school for coaching classes and vehicles have started plying on the roads. Many vehicles were seen going to Siliguri today.

"We have brought some items

from Siliguri but the consumers are not coming," said one businessman.

He added that it is time for Dashain and everyone is facing a financial crunch.

Meanwhile, police barricades which were placed at many areas after the clash were removed today and traffic duty has resumed. Government offices are open, banks are open but internet connectivity remains suspended.

Pakyong United FC scores a win in Premier League

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

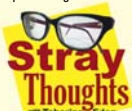
Pakyong United Football Club outplayed Dzongri Football Club in the ongoing Play247 Sikkim Premier League 2017 here at Paljor Stadium on Saturday evening. A brace by Pratap helped Pakyong United FC to register the 3-1 victory to secure 3 points.

Pratap scored an early goal for Pakyong United in the 2nd minute but soon Zigdal Bhutia scored the equaliser for Dzongri FC in the 6th minute. However, Bikram took the lead of Pakyong United to 2-1 in the 8th minute and in the 24th minute Pratap completed his brace to extend the lead of Pakyong United to 3-1.

In the second half, Dzongri FC players played their hearts out to bounce back into the match but could not score any further goals. Finally, Pakyong United won the match by 3-1.

On Sunday, the first match will be played between Boys Club and Sikkim Police and in another match Royal United Sikkim Football Club will take on the State Sports Academy.

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22 students from Sikkim qualify for Regional Math Olympiad

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

Twenty-two candidates of Sikkim have qualified for the Regional Mathematical Olympiad [RMO] 2017 to be held on 08 Oct. The Pre-Regional Mathematical Olympiad was held on 20 Aug at Government Senior Secondary School Rangpo, Sikkim Centre, a press release informs.

Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE) declared the Pre-RMO Result 2017 today. A total of 13,500 students have qualified for the RMO 2017 from all over India.

The top 500 students (plus those having the same score as the 500th candidate) from each region have been selected to appear for the Regional Mathematical Olympiad, as per the release.

Dr. Hannah Yonzan, the Principal of Government

Senior Secondary School, Rangpo reported that 41 candidates had appeared out of the 46 registered and 22 candidates qualified the said examination.

Out of 22 qualified candidates, 13 are from Rangpo Sr. Sec. School, 08 from Thurpu Sr. Sec. School and 01 from East Point School Singtam. The candidates who have qualified will need to register for the RMO 2017 Exam at <https://secure.hbcse.tifr.res.in/rmo2017reg/> by verifying their details on or before 01 Oct.

The RMO Exam will be held in the respective regions on 08 Oct 2017 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Based on the RMO exam, the final list of 30 top students plus the next 5 girl students will be sent by each regional co-ordinator to HBCSE by 30 Nov. This should be done after completing

re-evaluation (provision for which is mandatory).

HBCSE will announce the list of students eligible to appear for Indian National Mathematical Olympiad 2018 (INMO 2018) from all regions by 07 Dec.

The INMO exam will be held on 21 Jan 2018 and will be conducted by each regional co-ordinator and the papers sent to HBCSE.

Those students who qualify INMO will be eligible to appear for International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO).

The aim of conducting Mathematical Olympiad is to strengthen the knowledge of the students, enhance their innate problem solving skills and to identify talent at a young age.

The international Olympiad movement is aimed at bringing the

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Panchayat polls scheduled for 03 Nov, MCC from 03 Oct

**VISHNU NEOPANEY
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

State Election Commission today announced the dates for the Panchayat polls. Voting has been scheduled for 03 Nov while the Model Code of Conduct will come into force on 03 Oct when the notification regarding the election will be published.

The State Election Commission, Nima Lhamu Yetenpa, in a press statement issued today, announced that the two-tier Panchayat election will be held on 03 Nov after formal publication of commencement of election process and results will be declared on 05 Nov.

Last date for filing of

nomination is 10 Oct and the scrutiny of nominations will be done on 11 Oct. Last date for withdrawal of candidature is 13 Oct and counting will be held on 05 Nov. The entire election procedure will be completed before 08 Nov.

The State Election Commission is holding the Panchayat polls for 113 Territorial constituencies for Zilla Panchayats and 183 Gram Panchayats consisting of 1038 Panchayat wards excluding the two Dzumsas of North Sikkim.

The Election Commission has appealed to all political parties, contesting candidates and the electorates to participate in the election process

peacefully in keeping with the democratic tradition and in spirit of tolerance and non-violence.

On Friday, the state government had published a separate notification authorizing the State Election Commission to hold the Panchayat election.

The state government has also notified the delimitation of Gram Panchayats and Zilla Panchayats (Territorial), reservation of seats and has vested power in the State Election Commission to hold the Panchayat election, informed Ms Yetenpa.

The Rural Management and Development Department had published a Gazette Notifi-

cation on 21 Sept with regard to the reservation structure for gram and zilla Panchayats under the provisions of the Sikkim Panchayat Delimitation and Reservation Rules 1997 read with Section 13 and 50 of Sikkim Panchayat Amendment Act.

She further said that the nodal Department, RMDD has notified the reservation roster for the ward and Zilla (Territorial) wise reservation details.

The official data shows that 40 percent of seats have been reserved for Scheduled Tribes (which includes Bhutia, Lepcha, Limboo and Tamang), 06 percent

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Indian Journalists Union condemns

Singh's killing

NEW DELHI, SEP 23 (PTI): The Indian Journalists Union today strongly condemned the killing of senior journalist K J Singh and his mother in Mohali and urged the state government to track down the killers.

Earlier in the day, Singh and his 92-year-old mother were found dead at their residence.

Singh's throat had been slit his mother Gurcharan Kaur was suspected to have been strangled.

Expressing outrage, the journalists union also referred to murders of two more scribes earlier this month— Gauri Lankesh in Karnataka on September 5, and Shantanu Bhowmick in Tripura on September 20.

"Three journalists killed in last three weeks in different parts of the country exposing the fragility of safety of journalists in the country," the IJU said in a statement.

Singh, who was in his sixties, was a former News Editor of the Indian Express, The Tribune and The Times of India in Chandigarh.



GFPF launches four new products

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

The Sikkim Government Fruit Preservation Factory under the Commerce & Industries Department launched four new products today.

The products released are Pineapple Candy, Pineapple Drink, Ginger Drink and a first-of-its-kind Quinoa Chocolate bar.

The scrumptious daily consumable chocolate bars are made from Quinoa, a popular super food of South American origin which is a great source of quality protein, micronutrients and which is low in glycemic load. Sikkim Supreme has said that



the chocolate is an excellent and healthy snacking option for all.

The products were launched in the office of the Minister for Commerce & Industries, Ugen T Gyatso, at Paryatan Bhawan in Tadong.

These four products are very effective for high alti-

tude, said Mr Gyatso while launching the products.

Also present at the launch function were the General Manager of the Government Fruit Preservation Factory, Pawan Awasthy, and the Principal Secretary of Commerce & Industries Department, Arvind Kumar.

SMD Summit concludes with adoption of Aizawl Declaration

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

The Sixth Edition of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit organized by the Integrated Mountain Initiative annually concluded at Aizawl on 22 Sept. The three-day Summit was a platform for discussion and brainstorming of ideas and solutions for issues surrounding its two major themes - Climate Change and Sustainable Mountain Cities, a press release informs.

A meet of the Legislators from across the Indian Himalayan States, on the theme 'Climate Change - Impacts and Way Forward', was chaired by Speaker of Mizoram State Leg-



islative Assembly, Mr Hiphei, and co-chaired by Member of Parliament PD Rai.

Eight Members of Parliament from the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Assam and Uttarakhand, 19

Members of Legislative Assemblies including two Ministers and Deputy Speakers from all 11 Mountain States actively participated in the meet.

Mr Hiphei drew the attention of the delegates to the issue of Climate Change

and adverse impacts due to excess rain. He said that for floods, adequate relief measures were in place however, for landslides no such mechanisms were available. Hence, this must be looked into immediately, he added.

He thanked IMI for bringing the meet and also thanked all the Legislators who made their presentations in Hindi. He said that the MSLA was enriched and the dignity of the Assembly enhanced by this.

Member of Parliament-Sikkim, Mr Rai, reflected on the value of the IMI platform and the Legislators' meet. He said that the increasing interest of the Legislators in the meet showed the usefulness of the

conversations that were happening amongst Legislators. He said that this meeting was by far the most successful in terms of participation.

Keynote Speaker, Dr Mandira Kala from PRS Legislative Research drew the attention of the Legislators towards challenges facing the region, cross sectoral impacts of climate change at the level of constituencies and need to strengthen policy framework on Climate Change.

All the legislators present participated in the discussions. The discussion surrounded challenges, legislative measures already present in states and necessary future action. Some of the issues

raised by the MPs and MLAs were - recent series of extreme climatic events such as heavy rains, floods and landslides affecting the region; policy framework by the Center often does not take into account that the increased cost of infrastructure projects in the North Eastern Region; lack of basic infrastructure such as hospitals and schools in far flung areas of most Mountain States and adverse impact of climate change on main drivers of economy such as agriculture and tourism.

A set of policy initiatives and reforms were put forward by the Legislators. Some of the suggestions were that

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State Meet of Para-Legal Volunteers

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GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:

As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, the State Meet of Para-Legal Volunteers was organised by Sikkim State Legal Services Authority today at the SLSA office in Development Area, Gangtok, a press release from SLSA informs.

The meet was held to appreciate and felicitate the outstanding work done by Para-Legal Volunteers in their respective villages from all the four districts of the State.

The meet was chaired by SLSA executive chairperson and Sikkim High Court Judge, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai as the chief guest along with Former Sikkim High Court Judge, Justice AP Subba as the guest of honour. The meet was



also attended by the judges and officials of SLSA, Sikkim High Court along with the officials of District Courts and DSLAs.

Sikkim State Legal Services

Authority had sought the names of the best performing Para-Legal Volunteers of the respective districts from the District Legal Services Authorities.

Lalita Tamang of Kaiyong, Pakyong (East District), Mingma Doma Bhutia of Rang Rang (North District), Thakur Mani Rai of Malbaisey (West District) and Chandra Bahadur Rai of Rongbull, Singtam (South District) were named the Best Performing Para-Legal Volunteers from their respective districts. They were awarded with certificate of appreciation and mementos by the SLSA.

Similarly, the Chairpersons of District Legal Services Authorities of East, North, West and South districts were presented with certificate of appreciation and

mementos by SLSA for their services in their respective DSLAs.

The chief guest, in her address, applauded the commendable work done by the PLVs for aiding the Sikkim SLSA to reach out to women, senior citizen and children at the grass root level and further informed about the 10th scheme of National Legal Services Authority.

Similarly, the guest of honour, Justice AP Subba informed about the role and functions of Para-Legal Volunteers and appreciated the good work carried out by the Para-Legal Volunteers in their respective jurisdiction.

The programme also had an interactive session between the guests and the attendees of the programme, reads the release.



SLYA team attends tribal conclave in Guwahati

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

A team from Sikkim Lepcha Youth Association led by its president, Ongden Tshering Lepcha attended the Regional Samvaad - A Tribal Conclave which was held in Guwahati from on 19 and 20 Sept, a press release from the association informs.

Organized by Tata Steel in collaboration with North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Guwahati the two-day conclave was based on the theme Aspirations of Tribal Youth & Leadership for Future.

Former SLYA president, Namgyal Lepcha also attended the tribal conclave. During the conclave the team engaged in activities like group discussion on various matters related to tribal affairs and cultural programmes.

While addressing the congregation the SLYA general secretary highlighted the achievements of the organisation so far and also spoke on aspi-

rations of Lepcha community in the State. He laid down the goals of the association like inclusion of Lepcha language in the eighth schedule of the Indian Constitution, inclusion of Lepchas under Particularly Vulnerable Tribe Group, Saving Environment, post creation of Regional News Reader in Lepcha in All India Radio, introduction of Lepcha Language in Open Schooling System like Indira Gandhi National Open University and introduction of Lepcha as one of the subjects in NESLET or establishment of SET for at least language learners.

Primula Lepcha also spoke during the session on the issue of women's empowerment within the Lepcha society and the contribution made by the men and women from all the North Eastern States in making India an independent Modern State. Panjo Lepcha, Dichen Lepcha and Chusong Lepcha enthralled the gathering with their beautiful musical performance, the release mentions.

Man accused of sexually assaulting differently-abled woman

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

A 31-year-old man from Mellie, East Sikkim has been accused of sexually assaulting a differently-abled woman on 22 Sept. The incident was reported at the police station by the victim's brother who said that the accused had entered the house in his absence and had committed the crime. The accused then went missing from the area. The victim on the other hand was forwarded to the hospital for medical examination. Efforts are being made to trace the accused.

SPCC condemns attack on Gangtok businessman

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee [SPCC] convened a meeting at the party head-office here at 5th Mile today. The meeting discussed the attack on SKM supporter, Raju Garg, vandalism of his shop on 20 Sept and the law and order situation in Sikkim, informs an SPCC press release issued by its general secretary, Punya Koirala.

The release mentions that the party president, Bharat Basnet, condemned the derogatory Facebook post against the Chief Minister as well as the attack on Raju Garg. Alleging that the attack was carried out by SDF workers, Mr Basnet said that such action by ruling party workers raises concern over the security of Sikkim's citizens.

The former Chief Secretary has made more dangerous remarks but the ruling party workers have not taken such action, the release adds.

While strongly condemning the incident, the party has demanded stringent legal action against the culprits at the earliest.

3-day Rigdzin Sogdrub prayers conclude at Rinchen Chholing Gumpa

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

The three-day 'Rigdzin Sogdrub' prayer organized on the occasion of Biswa Shanti Diwas (World Peace Day) concluded on 21 Sept at Ngayuar Rinchen Chholing Gumpa in Meghi Dara- Rinchenpong, West Sikkim, a press release informs.

The puja had programmes like Marme Menlom [lamp prayers] and Tshe Wang (long life empowerment) by Tulku Sangay Yonten Gyatsho Gurung Rinpoche.

"Rigdzin Sogdrub meaning 'accomplishment of the wisdom and perfect physical state of the enlightened one' forms one of the most essential parts of rituals in all the Sikkimese Monasteries and as an annual offering and invocation at private houses, a unique aspect of Sikkimese Tantra Buddhism," the release mentions,

The final day of the puja was attended by Minister for Roads & Bridges,



GM Gurung along with Human Resource Development Department Advisor, OT Lepcha, Commanding Officer [Indian Reserve Battalion], Prawin Gurung, government officials and devotees from across the State.

The puja started on 19 Sept which is also the second commemoration day of Gumpa Rabney ceremony.

The programme also introduced the newly constituted Core Executive Committee body of Rinchen Chholing Gumpa Management Trust. The new general secretary presented the brief annual report of the monastery.

The chief guest in his address assured to render all the necessary support for the development of gumpa. He also informed that the construction of Rinpoche's residence will begin soon after Dusshera holidays.

Tulku Sangay Yonten Gyatsho Rinpoche, in his speech, shared his views on kindness and wisdom to the attendees.

Later, the Rinpoche led the Marme Menlom followed by the lighting of butter lamps. Around 1,000 devotees attended and offered prayers at the monastery on the occasion.

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Swachhata hi Seva in Mangan



**SUMMIT REPORT
MANGAN, 23 SEPT:**

Mangan Nagar Panchayat, North Sikkim organized a programme under 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign today at the MNP office hall in Mangan Bazaar which was chaired by MNP president, Zangmoo Bhutia.

Ms Bhutia was accompanied by MNP Inspector, Palden Bhutia, ward councilors, MNP staff, business stakeholders, local gentries and students.

The programme featured a display and distribution of blue and green eco dustbins to MNP households and instructions on how to use the dustbins.

President-MNP, Ms Bhutia in her address said, "Let us keep Mangan district circle neat and clean. MNP households should clear garbage collection fees so that they can obtain the clearance from MNP office."

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by MNP councilor, N D Lepcha.

SKM delegation calls on Governor

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

A delegation of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha met Governor Shrinivas Patil today here at Raj Bhawan. The delegation led by its acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha, and accompanied by chief coordinator and MLA, Sonam Lama, secretary general, Arun Uprety, vice-president frontal organisation, Nuk Tshering Bhutia, chief convener-Nari Morcha, Kala Rai, treasurer, Keshu Agarwal, and general secretary [press & publicity], Bikash Basnet.

An SKM press release issued by its publicity secretary, Abhishek Sharma, informs that the delegation apprised the Governor of the attack on a businessman in MG

Marg on 20 Sept. The delegation demanded that the Governor take strict action against the culprits in order to maintain the peace and security in the State.

The SKM delegation also informed the Governor about the present health of the SKM president, PS Tamang [Gola] and stated that his referral to New Delhi against his will is a threat to his life. The delegation also demanded that the Governor direct the concerned department to refer Mr Tamang to the hospital of his choice which is Neotia Hospital in Siliguri.

The Governor assured to provide all possible support and to talk to the Chief Secretary on both the issues.

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Swachhata Hi Seva drive in Singtam



**YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 23 SEPT:**

Singtam Nagar Panchayat officials along with the residents of Singtam conducted a cleanliness drive under 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign today, Municipal Inspec-

tor, Birendra Rai administered the Swachhata pledge to the participants and the Nagar Panchayat officials. The drive, which was kicked off on 16 Sept, will go on till 02 Oct, informed a Nagar Panchayat official.

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dershower in a
couple of spots.
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SMD Summit concludes with adoption of Aizawl Declaration

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traditional knowledge preservation has to be actively boosted in order to live in harmony with nature; consideration of the green bonus of 2% of Gross Budgetary Support to States, recommended by the BK Chaturvedi Committee; an integrated Ministry for Himalayas as a solution going forward; adequate fund allocation is required to make farmers shift to sustainable farming practices; need to formulate policies to accommodate probable influx of climate refugees from our neighbouring countries such as Bangladesh and focus on renewable energy has to be enhanced.

Member of Parliament-Tura [Meghalaya], Conrad Sangma, summarised the ideas that came out of the animated meeting. He also read out the Aizawl Declaration which was supported by all members.

Sikkim's MLAs, Pintso Chopel Lepcha and TW Basnet, also attended the meet and participated in the deliberations.

The Legislators' meet concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Aizawl Declaration 2017, centered around re-engineering State Action Plans for Climate Change; engaging more at the Constituency Level; working closely with Universities for Research; stepping up disaster preparedness and intervention and oversight by Legislators in the Parliament and State Legislative Assemblies, the release adds.

Panchayat polls scheduled for 03 Nov, MCC from 03 Oct

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for Scheduled Castes, 26 percent for Other Backward Classes (Central List that includes Gurung, Rai, Bhuiel, Sunuwar, Jogi, Thami), and 25 percent for Other Backward Classes (State List that includes Newar, Bahun and Chettri) as per the 2007 criteria.

The State Election Commissioner had called an all-party meeting just before announcement of poll dates and sought cooperation from them for peaceful conduct of elections.

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Sikkim U-19 football team felicitated



SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:

Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs, RB Subba today urged young footballers to continue playing with dedication and hard work in order to be successful professional footballers in the future.

The Minister was speaking during the felicitation of Sikkim team members who stood third in the Oorja CAPFs Under-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament 2017 held at Delhi in July, earlier this year. On the occasion, Rs 8,000 was presented to each member of the team along with Coach Mayal Lepcha and technical head, Thupten Rapgyal.

The Minister stated that it was a glorious and proud moment for the State that it stood on the third position in such a tough and competitive national level tournament. He further encouraged them to work harder with dedication and teamwork to bring glory to the State.

Mr Subba mentioned that the state government has been working hard to provide better exposure, facilities and platform to bring out exemplary sportspersons in all disciplines. He encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the government to perform better in their discipline.

The function was also attended by Secretary, SD Dhakal, Additional Director, Kamal Chettri and other officials of SYA Department.

Urban Task Force Immunization Committee formed to improve immunization coverage

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:**

Urban Primary Health Centre [UPHC], Gangtok, constituted Urban Task Force Immunization [UTFI] Committee today to review the current status of routine immunization, identify gaps and decide strategic actions to improve the coverage of Universal Immunization Programme [UIP] in urban areas focusing on Intensified Mission Indradanush [IMI], a press release informs.

The UTFI committee was chaired by Shakti Singh Choudhary [Mayor-Gangtok Municipal Corporation]. Also attending the meeting were Commission-

er-GMC, Sub Divisional Magistrate-Gangtok, Assistant Director Health Services/Nodal Officer-National Urban Health Mission, Joint Director-Integrated Child Development Services, ADHS-Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, Head of Department of Pediatrics-Central Referral Hospital & STNM Hospital, UHSNC members, Undersecretary-Urban Development & Housing Department, JD-UPHC and President of Sai Samiti.

The Committee ensured their support for routine immunization coverage improvement of the urban areas and decided to meet once every quarter, the release adds.



Swachhata Hi Seva drive at Mines & Geology Deptt

GANGTOK, 23 SEPT

[IPR]: Swachhata Hi Seva was observed with a massive cleanliness drive here at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Geology in Gangtok today. The campaign was carried out under the guidance of Secretary, Ambika Pradhan, along with officers and staff of the Department.

It may be mentioned here, this is in continuation of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva national campaign being held from 15 Sept to 02 Oct.

The cleanliness drive was carried out in and around Mines, Minerals and Geology Department and it was observed to



create awareness on cleanliness, greenery, safety and also to be cautious towards natural ca-

lamities like landslides. etc with a vow to keep the surroundings clean, green, stable and safe.

The event was also observed by the Sikkim Mining Corporation in Rangpo.

Media consultation on reporting human trafficking and sexual assault cases

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 23 SEPT:

A media consultation on rights based media reporting on human trafficking and sexual assault cases was held today at Press Club of Sikkim. The media consultation was organized by Project Fight Slavery Shakti Vahini.

The consultation program highlighted various issues covering human trafficking and sexual assault cases with rights based awareness imparted and discussed with journalists of the state.

Rishi Kant, social activist with the Shakti Vahini moderated the program with information dissemination to media personnel.



He enlightened the audience of various laws that govern such cases including POCSO, missing children data, parliamentary questions and media ethics on reporting such cases.

He stressed on the need for the media to report such cases with urgency so that people will be aware of various aspects of laws and enti-

lements, the victim, families and people in general receive from the state.

He also stressed on the need to spread awareness on programs like Integrated Child Protection Schemes where the victims and their families can get the required support from the state.

Blaming the lack of awareness amongst both

the government and public, he said that the media can play a prime role in delivering justice to the victims which will lead to further awareness.

Adding further, he stressed on the need for active reporting by the media on sensitive topics like human trafficking and sexual abuse.

In the age of digital media, he also asked the media personnel to be vigilant on social media where traffickers and predators are on a look out for vulnerable victims.

The event had the participation of NGO members and media personnel.

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Recognise the Contribution of Counsellors

Intent is never enough, rehabilitation requires commitment

Rehabilitation of any kind is difficult. It is an ongoing task even when it is material tasks that one speaks of. The process continues, for example at Dikchu where the dam that had forced a sweep of rehabilitation when it was being constructed continues to create new needs and reasons for relief and rehabilitation even though the project itself was completed and commissioned several years back. These are the material challenges of rehabilitation. It is, however, also obvious that when one speaks of rehabilitation in terms of reconstructing lives shredded by substance abuse and alcoholism and not just homes rendered unsafe by blasting of sinking, the challenge multiplies many times over. It is already difficult of make people change, but when the change being demanded is to give up not only psychological cravings but also surmount the body's physical dependence on chemicals, the challenge acquires epic proportions.

Very few measure up to this daunting task; families often take the convenient exit route of ignoring the problem or shaming the victim (yes, it happens to addicts as well) and even doctors have been known to, on occasion, prefer prescribing the prescription med of abuse as medication instead of making time for counselling sessions which could all eventually go to waste. The society still washes its hands off addicts by branding them as misfit delinquent no-gooders and many schools would rather expel the "bad apples" rather than heal them. Even the Government prefers to engage with the problem as a law & order/ crime & punishment issue rather than understand the many layers and nuances with which a solution can be fashioned.

It is against this backdrop that the support provided by counsellors who continue to work among the addicts despite the general thanklessness of the society makes them heroes in these present times of easy distancing and convenient othering. Unfortunately, heroes are always in short supply and although there are many in Sikkim who are actively involved in counselling addicts and working patiently to get them walking the path of recovery, there is a felt need for more if Sikkim is to even make a dent in the citadel that addiction has constructed in the State. For this to happen, Sikkim will have to also recognise the contributions of these volunteers at the right platform as much to thank them for persevering with a responsibility that the society has danced away from as to inspire more to deploy their persuasive skills towards saving more lives. After all, where others would turn a blind eye or spare only disdain, they counsel, coax, care and tend to victims of substance abuse and try to rehabilitate them. What they do is not easy, and the least they deserve in return is recognition for their service.

After this, even the "sober" should seek out their counsel to inform their anti-drug laws better and construct the social networks required to catch and steady those who fall under the spell of "drugs".

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Early in the morning on Sept. 16, 1810, priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rang the bell of his church in the small town of Dolores, near Guanajuato, Mexico. His parishioners gathered round, and he urged them to revolt against Spain's two-year-old Napoleonic government.

Hidalgo's call to arms, which later became known later as the Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores), triggered the Mexican War of Independence. Every September 15, the president of Mexico takes to the balcony of the National Palace in Mexico City to reenact it.

This year, just a week before Independence Day, a historic earthquake struck Mexico's southern coast, killing nearly 100 people. So President Enrique Peña Nieto added a poignant element to his Grito by including in the incantation a reference to the impoverished states that were most devastated by the quake, crying "Long live the solidarity of Mexicans with Chiapas and Oaxaca!"

It was a nice twist on tradition, but these two states will need more than expressions of solidarity to recover. The 8.2 magnitude quake is the strongest Mexico has experienced in 100 years, surpassing even the Sept. 19, 1985 earthquake that killed up to 40,000 people in and around Mexico City, according to the highest estimates.

It was also significantly more powerful than the recent 7.1 magnitude earthquake that killed upwards of 200 people in and around Mexico's capital on September 19.

NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS

This latest quake shook Mexico City 32 years to the day after the 1985 "big one." I was 11 years old when the quake hit, and I recall the government of President Miguel de la Madrid reacting with what can only be described as criminal apathy: In the first days after the disaster, he prevented the army from rescuing victims and rejected international aid.

The people of Mexico City, however, took to the streets, distributing food, water and blankets among those who needed them and digging neighbors free from the rubble with their bare hands.

This time around, the death toll

Opinion

Twin Earthquakes expose Mexico's deep inequality

is significantly lower than it was in 1985: 78 fatalities in Oaxaca, 16 in Chiapas and four in Tabasco for the first earthquake, and more than 220 for the second. In part, this reflects improvements in building regulations since 1985 and the creation of both a Mexican Seismic Alert System and a National Civil Protection System.

Still, the damages are daunting. Scores of buildings in Mexico City have suffered catastrophic damage.

But it was Oaxaca and Chiapas – Mexico's two poorest states – that took the harshest blow. More than 2,500 schools have been severely harmed and 85,000 houses have been

it needs to go.

Unequal development in Mexico is an ongoing challenge. A recent report from the Bank of Mexico showed that during the second trimester of 2017, the Mexican economy grew in north (0.9 percent), center-north (1.2 percent) and central zones (0.7 percent), home to such powerhouse cities as Monterrey, Guadalajara and Mexico City, but contracted over 1 percent in the rural south.

If there's a silver lining to these twin earthquakes, it's that the post-disaster recovery analyses have finally shed some light on the historical neglect of Chiapas and Oaxaca,

lion against the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which had just been signed.

Condemning NAFTA as a death sentence for traditional agricultural methods still practiced on collectively owned indigenous lands, the First Declaration of the Lacandona Jungle asserted that Chiapas' rural population had "nothing": "no land, no work, no health care, no food nor education" – not even a roof over their heads.

As the recent earthquake reveals, the plight of indigenous Mexicans has not improved markedly over the past 200 years. Their homes offered tenuous shelter from the quake at best, and their food supplies, long delicate, are now running short.

THE WORST AND THE BEST OF MEXICO

Mexico is and always will be a land of earthquakes. Pre-Columbian records report seismic activity attributed to the wrath of gods said to be unhappy about the state of human affairs.

Today, quakes still unearth the best and the worst in Mexico.

It's not clear that Peña Nieto, whose government is dogged by scandals and wildly public corruption, can make use of this crisis to bring social change to Oaxaca and Chiapas.

Other politicians are falling short of this high bar, too. In a Facebook video, the wife of Chiapas Governor Manuel Velasco, a member of Peña Nieto's inner circle, toured a ruined Chiapas home to show the administration "is helping" but lamented her "tousled" hair.

The populace, at least, is coming to its own assistance. Right after the quake in Mexico City, people formed veritable factory lines of diggers to excavate their buried neighbors and lent out bicycles so stranded colleagues could make their way home.

Residents of Mexico's southern region have also showed the country what resilience looks like, even in the face of overwhelming historic odds. In the town of Juchitán, Oaxaca, where the historic town hall pancaked after the earthquake, a man picked up a Mexican flag that had previously decorated its facade, shook off the dust and then, in an act that touched millions, he placed it atop the debris.

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affected – more than 17,000 of them beyond repair.

Poverty makes these disaster impacts worse in the south. On average, 46 percent of Mexican households live in poverty. But 70 percent of Oaxaca's population earns less than what's needed to satisfy basic family needs, according to the government's CONEVAL agency, and 77 percent of Chiapas households do.

In both states, the lowest-income families make as little as 37 pesos (US\$2) per day, less than half the Mexican minimum wage, which is 80.04 pesos, or around \$4.50 a day.

The World Bank lists Mexico as the 15th most powerful economy in the world, but its wealth has not trickled down to the southern states.

That fact has left many on the ground wondering whether the 16 billion Mexican pesos (\$901 million) in federal disaster assistance being offered to 283 municipalities in Oaxaca and 97 in Chiapas will get to where

together home to around nine million Mexicans.

WHAT THE EARTHQUAKE UNEARTHED

It is not incidental that many of those residents are of indigenous descent. Upwards of 40 percent of Mexico's indigenous peoples live in the southern states of Oaxaca, Chiapas and Yucatán.

Their economic exclusion dates back to the colonial era. In 1813, a Chiapas priest, Mariano Robles Domínguez de Mazariegos, testified in Spain to the "violent humiliations" suffered by the indigenous inhabitants of Chiapas, who, he said, lived a life of "agitation and continuous terror and distress" because they were treated with such "contempt and hatred."

More than 200 years later, on New Year's Day 1994, the Zapatistas, whose ranks consist of largely of poor Mayans from Chiapas, used similar words to justify an indigenous rebel-

How the invention of zero helped create modern mathematics

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A small dot on an old piece of birch bark marks one of the biggest events in the history of mathematics. The bark is actually part of an ancient Indian mathematical document known as the Bakhshali manuscript. And the dot is the first known recorded use of the number zero. What's more, researchers from the University of Oxford recently discovered the document is 500 years older than was previously estimated, dating to the third or fourth century – a breakthrough discovery.

Today, it's difficult to imagine how you could have mathematics without zero. In a positional number system, such as the decimal system we use now, the location of a digit is really important. Indeed, the real difference between 100 and 1,000,000 is where the digit 1 is located, with the symbol 0 serving as a punctuation mark.

Yet for thousands of years we did without it. The Sumerians of 5,000BC employed a positional system but without a 0. In some rudimentary form, a symbol or a space was used

to distinguish between, for example, 204 and 20000004. But that symbol was never used at the end of a number, so the difference between 5 and 500 had to be determined by context.

What's more, 0 at the end of a number makes multiplying and dividing by 10 easy, as it does with adding numbers like 9 and 1 together. The invention of zero immensely simplified computations, freeing mathematicians to develop vital mathematical disciplines such as algebra and calculus, and eventually the basis for computers.

Zero's late arrival was partly a reflection of the negative views some cultures held for the concept of nothing. Western philosophy is plagued with grave misconceptions about nothingness and the mystical powers of language. The fifth century BC Greek thinker Parmenides proclaimed that nothing cannot exist, since to speak of something is to speak of something that exists. This Parmenidean approach kept prominent historical figures busy for a long while.

After the advent of Christianity, religious leaders in Europe argued that since God is

in everything that exists, anything that represents nothing must be satanic. In an attempt to save humanity from the devil, they promptly banished zero from existence, though merchants continued secretly to use it.

By contrast, in Buddhism the concept of nothingness is not only devoid of any demonic possessions but is actually a central idea worthy of much study en route to nirvana. With such a mindset, having a mathematical representation for nothing was, well, nothing to fret over. In fact, the English word "zero" is originally derived from the Hindi "sunyata," which means nothingness and is a central concept in Buddhism.

So after zero finally emerged in ancient India, it took almost 1,000 years to set root in Europe, much longer than in China or the Middle East. In 1200 AD, the Italian mathematician Fibonacci, who brought the decimal system to Europe, wrote that:

"The method of the Indians surpasses any known method to compute. It's a marvellous method. They do their computations using nine figures and the symbol zero."

gry, feminist-inspired, riffy, grunge noise, but on the other, well-produced enough, and with enough hooks and memorable tunes, to stand out from the crowd and get stuck in your head.

The elephant that's always in the room with this album is the circumstances of its release. It remains almost impossible to disentangle Love's entire career from her association with Kurt Cobain.

By attaching herself to rock's man of the moment, having a child with him, and then steadfastly continuing to refuse to behave, Love became the new Yoko Ono, reviled by fans, critics and Dave Grohl alike. Every uniquely gendered in-

This superior method of computation, clearly reminiscent of our modern one, freed mathematicians from tediously simple calculations, and enabled them to tackle more complicated problems and study the general properties of numbers. For example, it led to the work of the seventh century Indian mathematician and astronomer Brahmagupta, considered to be the beginning of modern algebra.

ALGORITHMS AND CALCULUS

The Indian method is so powerful because it means you can draw up simple rules for doing calculations. Just imagine trying to explain long addition without a symbol for zero. There would be too many exceptions to any rule. The ninth century Persian mathematician Al-Khwarizmi was the first to meticulously note and exploit these arithmetic instructions, which would eventually make the abacus obsolete.

Such mechanical sets of instructions illustrated that portions of mathematics could be automated. And this would eventually lead to the development of modern computers. In fact, the word "algorithm" to

describe a set of simple instructions is derived from the name "Al-Khwarizmi".

The invention of zero also created a new, more accurate way to describe fractions. Adding zeros at the end of a number increases its magnitude, with the help of a decimal point, adding zeros at the beginning decreases its magnitude. Placing infinitely many digits to the right of the decimal point corresponds to infinite precision. That kind of precision was exactly what 17th century thinkers Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibniz needed to develop calculus, the study of continuous change.

And so algebra, algorithms, and calculus, three pillars of modern mathematics, are all the result of a notation for nothing. Mathematics is a science of invisible entities that we can only understand by writing them down. India, by adding zero to the positional number system, unleashed the true power of numbers, advancing mathematics from infancy to adolescence, and from rudimentary toward its current sophistication.

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Hole's "Live Through This" is something inspirational

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For someone who spent her youth living in small towns in regional Australia, Hole were the accessible end of the early 90s feminist moment in rock music (along with L7). And by "accessible", I mean not sonically, but as something I could access at all. I could read about Bikini Kill in the music magazines at the local newsagents but actually finding their music to listen to was a lot harder.

Hole, and Courtney Love, I already knew, from their earlier album Pretty on the Inside. Live Through This came out in 1994, and was on the one hand, a raw, an-

sult that could be thought of as direct of her way – starfucker, goldigger, he probably writes her songs for her; it's her fault he's addicted, and most damningly BAD MOTHER.

The surprise of Live Through This was its overwhelmingly positive reception in the face of tragedy. Cobain killed himself a week before the album was due to come out. It turned out to be a perfect soundtrack for the grief and disbelief of the Gen X-ers who had just lost their hero.

From the lyrics - which could only be read as rejected attempts to reach out to someone struggling to survive the effects of celebrity – (from Doll Parts: "yeah they

really want you, but I do too") to the title to the perfect way the rage permeating the album intersected with Love's surprisingly well-received performance of the rock widow, even now it is difficult to disassociate Live Through This from Cobain's death.

In many ways though, this is unfair. Live Through This is an album I come back to because it is full of well-crafted and super-catchy but angry, biting, songs that – and this is important – I can shout along with when the mood takes me (or, let's be honest, at, karaoke).

Many of the songs on Live Through This show absolute mastery of the grun-

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Illegal arms factory on Indo-Nepal border unearthed

LAKHIMPUR KHERI, SEP 23 (PTI): An alleged illegal arms factory was unearthed in the remote Mahadev Tanda village in the Singahi area on the Indo-Nepal border, the police said today.

"Four persons Israr, Punnu, Mohd Shami and Rafiq were arrested yesterday while making country-made firearms. Twenty firearms, six more being manufactured, parts used in the manufacturing and other equipment were recovered from their possession," Superintendent of police (SP), S Channappa told PTI.

During interrogation, the accused confessed about smuggling of illegal arms in various districts, the official claimed.

The police did not rule out the possibility of cross-border smuggling. Further probe is on in the matter, the official said.

Swachhata Hi Seva campaign launched at Ranka

GANGTOK, 23 SEPT (IPR): As a part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Hi Seva' national campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a massive cleanliness drive was carried out from Banjhakri Falls to Ranka Block Administrative Center on 22 Sept.

The programme was attended by Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastava who also inaugurated the 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign by launching the Swachhata sticker, trash bags and recyclable trash bins. Mr Shrivastava also installed bamboo bins along the road leading to Ranka BAC.

Mr Shrivastava also flagged the Zero Waste Swachhata Hi Seva marathon which was participated by around 2000 runners from across the area. Apart from the marathon and distribution of dustbins the chief guest also inspected the cleanliness of the area and participated in the Safai Abhiyan.

The programme was also attended by Rural Management & Development Department Secretary, DR Nepal, Special Secretary [RMDD], Anil Raj Rai, Additional District Collector (Dev), AB Karki, officials from BDOs and RMDD, Panchayats, students



and local residents.

The Chief Secretary, in his speech, said that he was overwhelmed by the effort put in by everyone and said that they are the reason behind the State winning so many national awards on the rural front. He encouraged everyone to work harder and make the State proud and thanked everyone for their undying support.

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Various awards and certificates were also handed over during the programme. Prizes were distributed for District Level Essay Competition, District Level Short Film making Competition, Award for Cleanest House, ICDS and School in the BAC and many others cleanliness oriented awards were distributed in the programme.

Tripura Internet suspension to continue till Monday

AGARTALA, SEP 23 (PTI): Internet service which was suspended in Tripura following the killing of a journalist on September 20 in West Tripura district would continue for another 48 hours to stop spreading of rumours.

"Suspension of Internet service would continue in the state till Monday to stop spreading of rumour by any quarter," Superintendent of Police (West) Abhijit Saptarshi told PTI.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 CrPC would also continue at Mandai, Khumlung and Jirania areas till tomorrow considering the situation, Saptarshi said.

Chief Minister Manik Sarkar yesterday visited the slain journalist Santanu Bhowmik's house at Jirania yesterday.

Bhowmik, a journalist working with a local television channel, was

covering a clash between the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) and the Tripura Rajyer Upajati Ganamukti Parishad, the tribal wing of the CPI(M), in Mandai when he was hit from behind and abducted.

Later, Bhowmik was found with serious stab injuries and was taken to Agartala Medical College and Hospital where doctors declared him 'brought dead'.

However, prohibitory orders would continue to be in force in Chhankhola and adjacent areas of Padmabil, Gayamuni and Baizalbari in Khowai district until normalcy is restored, district officials said.

Over a hundred activists of the Gana Mukti Parishad were injured in a clash with IPFT workers at Chhankhola area of Khowai district on September 19.

Media workshop on Intensified Mission Indradhanush for NE States

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GUWAHATI, 23 SEPT:

A daylong media workshop for 'Intensified Mission Indradhanush [IMI] for North Eastern States of India' was organized by Regional Resource Center for NE States at Hotel Shoolin Grand in Guwahati today.

The main objective of the workshop was to discuss the launch of IMI in the eight states of NE India in an intensified manner from 07 Oct 2017 in order to achieve immunisation targeting 90% children and the media's role for the same.

Addressing the workshop, Director-RRC NE, Dr Bamin Tada, said that the immunisation coverage at the national level is at 62 % as per National Family Health Survey 2015-16. This translated into a cohort of 89 lakh missed children who are hard to reach and underserved populations.



On the full immunisation status of 2015-16, Dr Tada praised the state of Sikkim and Manipur for their progress in achieving a good percentage on immunisation with Sikkim at 83% and Manipur at 65.9% followed by other states of Meghalaya at 61.5%, Tripura at 54.5%, Mizoram at 50.5%, Arunachal Pradesh at 38.2% and Nagaland at 35.7%. He praised the state of Sikkim for achieving better parameters.

Enlightening about the IMI, Dr Tada ensured

of 90% full immune coverage by December 2018.

"While acknowledging the impact of IMI in improving immunisation coverage across the districts over the three phases, the Prime Minister, through PRAGATI platform, emphasised the need of a supplemental aggressive action plan to cover all left outs and drop outs in select districts and urban cities with low routine immunisation coverage in specific time-frame. Four immunization rounds

will be conducted for 7 working days in 118 districts, 17 urban cities and an additional 52 districts in North Eastern states with highest number of children with incomplete immunisation and without immunization between October 2017 and January 2018," Dr Tada informed.

Simultaneously, the workshop was also addressed by Health Specialist for NE-UNICEF, Dr C Ravichandran, on the objective and strategy for IMI.

"The first four phases of IMI have been completed in 528 districts across the country. More than 2.47 crore children and around 67 lakh pregnant women have been vaccinated under the mission so far," he informed.

Health Officer for NE states-UNICEF, Dr Maulik, gave an overview on immunization status for NE States. He also emphasized the milestones achieved in the journey of the immunization programme since 1978. Progress has been made in full immunization of children in NE region and will aim towards achieving 90% coverage by December 2018, he added.

Later, the workshop also held an open house discussion with media personnel on IMI.

The half-day meet concluded after a series of technical presentations on routine immunization and IMI followed by a session on "Role of Media in Routine Immunization" by Communication Officer-UNICEF, Assam, Tahseen Alan, wherein media persons came up with recommendations on improving coverage of health and RI stories in their respective states.

The media sensitization workshop was attended by journalists and editors, representatives from Directorate of Information and Public Relations and officials from the Department of Health from the seven states of NE along with representatives from UNICEF and RRC NE.

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao awareness at Hee Gyathang



SUMMIT REPORT

DZONGU, 23 SEPT:

An awareness programme under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme was held at Hee-Gyathang Senior Secondary School today.

The resource persons

underlined about Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act, Juvenile Justice Act, drug addiction along with information on adolescent health and development and MDR tuberculosis.

22 students from Sikkim qualify for Regional Math Olympiada

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most gifted secondary and higher secondary students of the world together in a friendly competition of the highest level. The Olympiads do not lead directly to any career benefits; rather, they provide a stimulus to begin a career in science or mathematics, to undertake a lifelong journey into the realms of exciting intellectual challenges. The Olympiads are not

merely competitions, they are the meeting places of the brightest young minds of the world, and many friendships forged at the Olympiads form the seeds of scientific collaboration later in life. Much like the Olympics in sports, the Olympiads are a celebration of the very best in school level science and mathematics.

Hole's "Live Through This" is something inspirational

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ge "soft-loud-soft" dynamic that was so effective for many of the genres' best known bands, particularly the opening pair of tracks Violet and Miss World.

The lyrics throughout deal unapologetically with women's issues, from rape (Asking for It) to motherhood (Plump), even through to Love's critique of the Riot Grrrl movement in Olympia. Many of the songs are about relationships with other women, including difficult ones, rather than love songs about men.

Courtney was by no means the first woman to create women-centric music, but she was one of the first I came across (small country towns, remember?) That I later tried to start a band was in part thanks to not just Love's role modelling on Live Through This, but bass player Kirsten Pfaff and drummer

Patty Schemel's. (That I was terrible at it was entirely down to me.)

It is such a good album that I feel confident in saying it would be regarded as a classic even if Cobain was currently trying to make a come-back with a reformed Nirvana after years of dodgy, experimental solo projects.

But as much as judging art purely on its own merits sounds like a nice (if unobtainable) ideal, and as nice as it would be to find a way to assess Hole without having to refer to a man who wasn't in the band, an appreciation of Live Through This is in some ways enhanced by knowing what the band was up against to create the album.

Love was a woman who not only did the things she wasn't supposed to do, but kept doing them in the face of whatever fate or other people would throw her way. To say she

has always done this with grace and in sensible ways would be lying. But despite everything, she is still a feminist icon to me.

There is still something inspirational in a scrappy, messy, sometimes self-destructive diva who is visibly ageing but also really visibly trying not to age. Because who among us isn't sometimes a mess, and who can claim they really aren't just a bit self-conscious about their growing wrinkles? (Especially after being presented with the flawless visages of Beyonce or Gal Gadot as our current crop of feminist icons.)

Hole might not have lived up to the expectations placed on them, but Live Through This still speaks of potential - particularly feminine potential - being unlocked in new and exciting ways.

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

A.DETAILS OF TENDER

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of work put to tender (in Rs.)	Earnest money (in Rs.)	Cost of tender documents (in Rs.)	Time of completion	Territorial jurisdiction
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Development of Chungthang bazaar as river side city in North Sikkim	67,40,000/-	1,68,500/-	5,000/-	18 months	Within the territorial jurisdiction of the GPU where work is to be executed.
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B. TIME SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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UP: Woman BJP leader booked for slapping girl

ALIGARH (UP), SEP 23 (PTI): An FIR has been registered against a local woman BJP leader at the Gandhi Park police station here for slapping a girl who was sitting with a Muslim youth in a tea shop here, police said today.

The FIR was registered last night under sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (insult intended to provoke breach of the peace) of the IPC against BJP's Aligarh women cell leader Sangeeta Varshney on a complaint by the girl's father, they said.

Varshney had slapped the girl on Monday evening reportedly for sitting in a tea shop with a young man belonging to the Muslim community.

The incident was captured on camera and went viral on the social media.

The police had earlier registered a case under relevant sections of the IPC pertaining to obscenity at a public place against the youth. He was arrested and released on bail, police officials said.

However, after the video clipping of the incident went viral, there was outrage.

In the video, Varshney is heard saying, "Tere ko samajh mein nahi aata kaun Hindu hai, kaun Musalmaan hai. Pyaar se samajhaa rahee hoon, samajh hee mein nahi aa raha. (Don't you understand who is a Hindu and who is a Muslim. I am politely making this clear, but even then it seems that you are not getting it)."

Kalpna Gupta, a women's rights protection group activist, charged Varshney with indulging in moral policing and trying to humiliate the girl publicly despite her assertion that she was an adult and had the right to befriend any one of her choice.

Amid the outrage, the girl's father submitted a complaint following which a case was registered against Varshney, police officials said.

Some activists had allegedly rouged up the girl and the youth and had later called up BJP women's cell leader Varshney, according to reports.

That's my boy - Real boss Zidane faces son Enzo

MADRID, SEPT 23 (AFP): Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane will go up against his son Enzo Fernandez for the first time when he takes his struggling Spanish champions to Alaves today.

Midfielder Enzo, 22, left Real's reserve team in the close season in search of first-team football at Alaves, where he has made two La Liga appearances so far.

But with his side already seven points behind early league leaders Barcelona and in desperate need of points, Zinedine will put his job over family ties.

"I hope he (Enzo) doesn't score, we've got to look after our interests," said the 1998 World Cup winner.

"I don't know if it'll be strange to be up against him but I'm happy for him because he's doing a good job.

"I haven't thought about it much. I'll have my own feelings but the match is Alaves against Real Madrid, that's the most important thing for me."

Zidane's 19-year-old son Luca could also make the trip as Real's third-choice goalkeeper, and like Enzo, he has played for the French Under-19 team, while his younger brothers Theo (15) and Elyaz (11) also play in Real youth sides.

Former Ballon d'Or winner Zidane said that he has not had a hands-on approach with Enzo's career since he left the Santiago Bern-

abeu, after giving him his Real debut in a Copa Del Rey match last year, in which he scored.

"Enzo is very competitive, as am I. I'm watching his development as a player but I speak to him as a dad," he added.

"I'm not his coach, I'm his dad and I don't have to give him anything in terms of football. When we speak, it's nothing more than a father-son relationship."

Although his dad might not be willing him on, Alaves could do with a goal from Enzo on Saturday, as they sit second-bottom in the early table, without a point or a single goal in five matches.



Late Ralli Maya Limboo Open Football Tournament



SUMMIT REPORT MANGAN, 23 SEPT: The second day of the Late Ralli Maya Limboo Open Football Tournament at Tibuk Junior High School in North Sik-

kim was played between Jusing FC and SM FC wherein Jusing FC emerged victorious by 3-0 goals.

Similarly, in the second match played in the tourney, Mangshila Senior Secondary

School defeated Gor Secondary School 3-2.

The final match will be held on 15 Oct on the occasion of World Students' Day celebrated to commemorate the birth anni-

versary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. The winner of the tournament will be awarded with cash prize of Rs 50,000 and Rs 30,000 for the runner up along with trophies.

Mohun Bagan look to end East Bengal's dominance in CFL

SILIGURI, SEP 23 (PTI): Mohun Bagan will look to end East Bengal's seven-year reign in the Calcutta Football League when the two bitter rivals clash for the title in the season's first derby here tomorrow.

The 38-time champions East Bengal are yet to lose the title in seven years, and a draw at the Kanchenjunga Stadium will be enough to extend their dominance.

Mohun Bagan will have to win to go past East Bengal who are ahead on goal difference and they are jointly on 22 points. Mohun Bagan have last won the title in 2009.

Kamo Stephane Bayi and Ansumana Kromah have been prolific up front for Mohun Bagan and duo will play a big role if they are to deny Khalid Jamil his first title with the red-and- gold.

East Bengal will be missing the services of striker V P Suhair while Trinidad and Tobago forward Willis Plaza is fit along with Syrian midfielder Mahmoud Al Amna who will be their two key players.

Having guided Aizawl FC to the I League following a fairytale journey, Jamil decided to take up the East Bengal mantle, and his first challenge will be tomorrow.

Describing this as the final, Jamil said: "No doubt there's pressure for Sunday's match. We made a good start in the tournament, and now, we need to end it perfectly."

Mohun Bagan coach Shankarlal Chakraborty is pinning hopes on his team to end East Bengal's reign.

"In football, nothing is impossible. We are ready for this challenge," Chakraborty said.



ITBP inter-coy volleyball tournament concludes

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 23 SEPT: The inter-coy volleyball tournament organized by 11th Battalion of Indo Tibetan Border Police, Chungthang at Pengong in North Sikkim concluded

today, a press release informs.

Commandant-11th Btn, Rajesh Kumar Tomar, attended the programme as chief guest.

The final match of the tournament which had commenced on 19 Sept was played between ADM coy and SPT wherein ADM coy emerged victorious.

Commandant Tomar declared some rewards for the best players.

U-17 WC can be crucial for many young players: Ronaldinho

NEW DELHI, SEP 23 (PTI): India is hosting the 17th edition of the FIFA U-17 World Cup and the legendary Brazilian footballer Ronaldinho says that the tournament can be crucial for many young players as it has given him "a wonderful start" to his glittering career when he won it for the first in 1997.

Ronaldinho won Brazil's first FIFA U-17 World Cup 20 years ago in Egypt. He is the only player to have won both FIFA U-17 World Cup (1997) and FIFA World Cup Finals (2002) titles.

A total of 12 players who have played in FIFA U-17 World Cup have also represented their countries in a FIFA World Cup Finals.

"The U-17 World Cup is a very special tournament for me.

It opened the door for

my professional career. I was lucky enough not only to take part in the competition but to win it too. I can honestly say that it opened the door for my professional career," said Ronaldinho, who was named FIFA World Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005.

"The U-17 World Cup can be crucial as for many players it marks the start of their careers. Young players dream of making it big, and this competition gives them a fantastic opportunity to make that dream come true. It got my career off to a wonderful start and will always be close to my heart," he was as quoted as saying by www.fifa.com.

In a career spanning almost 20 years, the Brazilian won almost every title in football, includ-

ing the 2002 FIFA World Cup, the FIFA Confederations Cup 2005 and the UEFA Champions League in 2006.

Ronaldinho is currently featuring in the Premier Futsal tournament in India, playing for the Delhi Dragons, taking on fellow ex-pros Ryan Giggs, Deco, Paul Scholes, Michel Salgado and Hernan Crespo.

"The most wonderful moment of the tournament was when we became world champions and I got to lift the trophy. It was something Brazil had never done before and experiencing something like that was wonderful," Ronaldinho recalled.

Ronaldinho, now 37, has played for Brazil senior side 97 times and has 33 international goals to his name.

Gaitonde's 1963 untitled work fetches Rs 19.99 cr

NEW DELHI, SEP 23 (PTI): A 1963 Untitled expansive blue canvas by V S Gaitonde fetched a whopping Rs 19.99 crores at Saffronart's evening sale here, making it to the five most expensive artworks by the artist sold worldwide at auction.

The artwork also became the most expensive artwork sold by Saffronart to date, by selling for double its lower estimate of Rs 10 crores.

"We are delighted with the strong results achieved in our Evening Sale. Demand for modern Indian artists continues to grow, with new bidders

and buyers coming in from around the world.

"The painting by Gaitonde represents a Saffronart record, and is an important milestone for the company. We were happy to see strong bidding for entry-level price points, which underscores a growing interest among new buyers," Hugo Weihe, CEO, Saffronart, said.

The auction held at The Leela here on September 21, saw modernists like Tyeb Mehta, Bhupen Khakhar and Russian born artist Nicholas Roerich, emerging strong.

Roerich's 1940 work "Himalayas" fetched Rs 4.8 crores, four times its lower estimate of Rs 1.8 crores, becoming the most expensive artwork by the artist sold at an auction in India.

The artist who had made India his home in the 1920s, earned the title of 'Wizard of Eastern Landscapes and Master of Mountains', thanks to his breathtaking paintings of the Himalayas

Artworks by three modernists in particular -- Arpita Singh, Ganesh Pyne, and Jamini Roy -- saw enthusiastic bidding, exceeding their pre-sale estimates.

Singh's 'Girl at the Win-

dow' (1989) doubled its upper estimate and sold for Rs 14.4 lakhs against an initial estimate of Rs 4 - 6 lakhs.

Responses to two paintings by Pyne - Untitled (1955) and 'The Gardener' (2008) - indicated a growing interest in the artist's subdued palette and themes.

Estimated at Rs 7 - 9 lakhs, the 1955 work sold for Rs 16.8 lakhs, and 'The Gardener' fetched Rs 51.6 lakhs against a pre-sale estimate of Rs 28 - 38 lakhs.

Three paintings by Roy, from the collection of a Dr Susanta Sen, a physician with a

passion for collecting, too surpassed expectations.

An Untitled painting of a Bankura horse, estimated at Rs 3 - 5 lakhs, sold for Rs 13.2 lakhs, more than doubling the upper estimate.

An Untitled painting of a deer, done in Roy's signature sweeping strokes, sold at double its upper estimate at Rs 10.2 lakhs, against a pre-sale estimate of Rs 3 - 5 lakhs.

The third, an Untitled painting of a woman, starkly minimalist in execution, trebled its upper estimate. It sold for Rs 33.6 lakhs compared to

a pre-sale estimate of Rs 8 - 10 lakhs.

Mehta's 1959 artwork "Crucifixion", estimated at Rs 4 - 6 crores, sold for Rs 4.2 crores, crossing its lower estimate.

The painting was one of Mehta's most unique paintings, given its Christian theme.

The winning bid for the work came in through the auction house's mobile application, making the bidding process more convenient for users around the world.

The auction sold 86 per cent of the lots for a total of Rs 66 crores.

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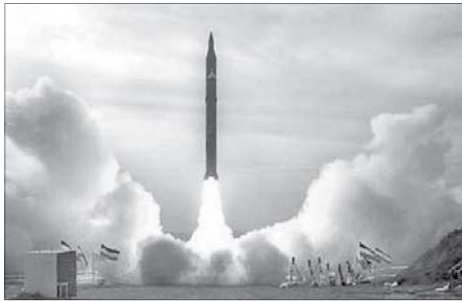
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Iran tests new missile defying US warnings



TEHRAN, SEP 23 (AFP): Iran said today that it had successfully tested a new medium-range missile in defiance of warnings from Washington that it was ready to ditch a landmark nuclear deal over the issue. State television carried footage of the launch of the Khoramshahr missile, which was first displayed at a high-profile military parade in Tehran yesterday.

It also carried in-flight video from the nose cone. The broad-

caster gave no date for the test although officials had said yesterday that it would be tested "soon".

Previous Iranian missile launches have triggered US sanctions and accusations that they violate the spirit of the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and major powers.

President Donald Trump has threatened to bin the agreement over the issue, saying that Iran's missile programme could give it the technical knowhow for a de-

livery system for a nuclear warhead when a sunset clause in the deal expires in 2025.

He is due to report to Congress on October 15 on whether or not he believes Iran is in compliance with the nuclear deal. If he decides that it is not, it could open the way for renewed US sanctions and perhaps the collapse of the agreement.

Trump said on Wednesday he had made his decision but was not yet ready to reveal it.

Etihad Airways launches 'fly now pay later' scheme

DUBAI, SEP 23 (PTI): The UAE's flag carrier Etihad Airways has launched a 'fly now and pay later' scheme which provides people an option of paying the ticket fare in monthly instalments, the airline said.

The Abu Dhabi-based airline said the initiative is designed to allow families to book flights with convenience as payment plans have been tailored to meet their requirements.

Etihad Airways is the first in the Gulf region to offer fully automated online instalment plans after partnering with PayFort, a leading online payment service provider in the Arab world, the airline said in a statement.

To participate, travellers need to select the 'Pay by Instalment' option, choose their bank they have a credit card with and their payment period while making an online payment on the airline's website.

The instalments can be paid within three to 60 months, with 17 participating banks, it said.

The airline's Vice President Digital Strategy and Innovation Justin Warby said: "We understand travel can be a significant expense, especially for families and those on a tight budget, so this new initiative is a great way for people to book and enjoy their travel without having to worry about paying in one large sum.

"When we were designing this product, we were really looking at how we can assist those low to medium income travellers and families, but of course, spreading the payment over a period of months is also a great way to indulge in Etihad Airways' famous premium cabins".

As of now, the offer is available only to the residents in the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, the company added.

China to limit oil supplies to North Korea

KJM VARMA

BEIJING, SEP 23 (PTI):

China will restrict oil exports to and ban textile imports from North Korea, the commerce ministry announced today, as Beijing joined global efforts to enforce tighter UN Security Council sanctions on Pyongyang for its provocative nuclear and missile tests.

China, the closest ally of North Korea, accounts for about 90 per cent of Pyongyang's foreign trade.

Beijing has halted its imports of coal, iron ore, seafood and other goods, implementing UN sanctions imposed on North Korea for its provocative nuclear and missile tests. As China is North Korea most important trading partner, the suspension of textile imports is expected to affect Pyongyang's income.

The Ministry of Commerce said it will implement UN Security Council Resolution 2375 by halting the export of liquefied natural gas and gas condensate to North Korea from today and limit exports of refined oil from October 1.

The ban on textile imports will be effective from today, it said. Refined oil exports to North Korea from all UN members is capped at 500,000 barrels from October 1 to the end of the year and

two million barrels annually from January 1, 2018. China will suspend such exports once the total exports approach the ceiling, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Exported refined oil products must be used fully on civil purposes, not for North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, or other activities banned by the UN Security Council, the ministry said. A limited amount of petroleum products and liquefied natural gas, allowed under the UN resolution, would still be exported to North Korea.

The UN Sanctions followed recent missile and nuclear tests by the North Korean regime violating the previous resolutions. China's latest tougher stance is expected to bring about a financial isolation for Pyongyang, cutting off its international transactions routed through Chinese banks.

Yesterday, US President Donald Trump praised China for instructing its banks to cut off business with North Korea. Last month, the US announced sanctions against five Chinese firms and one individual, two Singapore-based companies and three Russian citizens alleging that they supported North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.



Donald Trump continued to belittle North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a rally speech in Alabama. The US President told supporters America "really has no choice" but to confront the Pyongyang regime over its nuclear weapon ambitions. And he pointed the finger at his predecessor, Barack Obama, and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton for not dealing with the North Korea threat earlier. He said: "We can't have madmen out there shooting rockets all over the place. 'The Rocket Man' should have been handled a long time ago. He should have been handled a long time ago by Clinton... by Obama. 'This is a different time. This shouldn't be handled now, but I'm going to handle it, because we have to handle it.' On Thursday, Mr Kim said Mr Trump would 'pay dearly' for a threat he made during a speech at the United Nations General Assembly. In that speech, the US President mocked the North Korea leader as a "Rocket Man" on a "suicide mission".

Bangladesh says Rohingya refugee influx over

COX'S BAZAR (BANGLADESH), SEP 23 (AFP): The influx of Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh has ground to a virtual halt, officials said today, almost a month after the eruption of violence in Myanmar which has seen nearly 430,000 flee in four weeks.

The Rohingya Muslims have jammed camps around the Bangladesh border city of Cox's Bazar, stretching government and UN agencies to the limit. But Bangladesh border guards said they have seen no boats carrying Rohingya on the Naf river, which marks the Myanmar border, or in the Bay of Bengal for at least three days.

Arrivals across the land frontier have almost stopped.

"Our guards have not seen any Rohingya coming in the past few days. The wave is over," Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) commander S M Ariful Islam told AFP.

The United Nations also said "the influx has dropped" as it gave a new estimate of 429,000 Rohingya crossing the bor-



der since a Myanmar military crackdown in Rakhine state was launched on August 25.

Neither the Bangladesh military nor the UN advanced any reason for the dramatic fall in new arrivals.

UN agencies had given a daily update on the figure but said it would now only be released every Sunday.

"No Rohingya came crossing our side of the border in the past few days," said Manzurul Hasan Khan, another BGB commander whose soldiers mostly patrol

the land border.

Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi said this week that troops had ceased "clearance operations" targeting Rohingya militants in Myanmar's border area.

Attacks by militants on Myanmar police posts on August 25 unleashed the military crackdown which the United Nations has said could amount to "ethnic cleansing."

Rohingya crossing the border say they witnessed mass killings and Buddhist militias in Myanmar. The army denies the

allegations.

Rights group Amnesty International said it has assessed three new videos taken inside Rakhine state as recently as yesterday showing large plumes of smoke rising from Rohingya villages.

The stateless minority has languished under years of discrimination in the mainly Buddhist country, where they are denied citizenship. Even before the latest exodus, Bangladesh was housing some 300,000 Rohingya who had fled previous violence in Rakhine state.

India calls for global action to counter use of Internet for radicalisation

LALIT K JHA

NEW YORK, SEP 23 (PTI):

Responses to terrorism must be similar across geographies and cultures and differential standards must not be accepted, India has said, seeking global action to tackle the evolving threat of Internet being used by terrorists for radicalisation and terror financing.

Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar made the remarks during a high-level meeting at the UN on 'Preventing Terrorist Use of Internet' hosted by the UK and Italy on Wednesday.

"Internet backbone, critical Internet resources and data centres should be dispersed and redundant to mitigate impact of major terror attacks, Jaishankar said, according to transcripts released by the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations on Friday.

"Responses to terrorism must be similar across geographies and cultures. This is an issue where differential standards must not be accepted, he said.

"Where the Internet is concerned, we all recognise how effective a tool it is for terrorism. Its utility for radicalisation, indoctrination, recruitment and financing is by now well-proven. In such a situation, we cannot be passive.

This forum is an effort to more actively attack this problem and we ap-

plaud that," he said. The top Indian diplomat said that India is cognizant of the threat posed by terrorists using Internet.

"Our pluralism and democratic values make us particularly sensitive to its dangers. We may have held out better than many others, yet the rapid growth of internet users -- now close to 500 million and growing -- underlines the scale of the challenge," the top Indian diplomat said.

In his remarks, Jaishankar said the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFFT) is an encouraging development because combating terrorist usage of Internet has stakeholders beyond the government.

"It calls for new policies but more important, new mindsets. And what we see is a positive change," he said.

The meeting agreed that terrorists using Internet is a global issue that needs innovative, international solutions.

In the presence of UK Prime Minister Theresa May, French President Emmanuel Macron and Italy's Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni, leaders from industry and several countries met on the margins of the UN General Assembly to re-affirm their collective determination to prevent the Internet from being misused by terrorist groups and individuals.

Working with India to take ties forward post-Doklam: China

KOLKATA, SEP 23 (PTI):

China and India are working together to "take forward" their relationship leaving behind the Doklam episode, the Chinese Consul General here has said.

Chinese Consul General Ma Zhanwu also asserted that by working together cooperation and exchanges can be further enhanced.

"India and China are working together. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping had a meeting on September 5 to discuss how to enhance the relationship," Zhanwu said here last night while addressing an event to mark the 68th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

"As long as the two countries work together, we will be able to enhance and develop exchanges and cooperation," he said.

Asked if both the countries have left behind the Doklam episode,

Zhanwu said, "Yes we have left that behind and are working together to take forward the bilateral relationship".

Prime Minister Modi had met President Xi on the sidelines of the 9th BRICS Summit on September 5.

The two leaders had agreed that both the countries should put in more effort to strengthen the cooperation between their security personnel and ensure that Doklam-like incidents do not recur.

The Chinese and the Indian troops were engaged in a prolonged standoff in the Doklam area of the Sikkim sector since June 16 after the Indian side stopped the construction of a road by the Chinese Army.

On August 28, India's External Affairs Ministry announced that New Delhi and Beijing have decided on "expedient disengagement" of their border troops in the disputed Doklam area.

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• SALMAN KHAN'S CAMEO IN JUDWAA 2 REVEALED



Varun Dhawan, Jacqueline Fernandez and Taapsee Pannu starrer Judwaa 2 is gearing up towards its release slated on September 29. Helmed by David

Dhawan, the film is a remake of Salman Khan starrer Judwaa (1997) which too was made by Dhawan.

When it was announced that Salman will have a special cameo in the film, the fans waited with bated breath to see the union of Judwaas. And finally today, we get to see it! Varun took to his social media handle to share the teaser where Salman ac-

centally meets Varun.

• **NAOMI CAMPBELL, CINDY CRAWFORD & MORE SUPERMODELS REUNITE FOR VERSACE TRIBUTE AT MILAN FASHION WEEK**
Supermodels unite! Donatella Versace just pulled off an incredible supermodel reunion. During the finale of Versace's Milan Fashion Week Show on Friday, the fashion designer walked out on the runway with Naomi Campbell, Cindy Crawford, Carla Bruni, Claudia Schiffer and Helena Christensen.

On top of that, the group of women walked down the runway to the late George Michael's song "Freedom '90." Campbell and Crawford were two of the supermodels who starred in the music video for Michael's song in 1990. The Spring 2018 show was a tribute to the late Gianni Versace, and all of the supermodels expressed how hon-

ored they are to be a part of the show and to reunite with each other on social media.

"Words cannot describe this moment! Congratulations !! @donatella.versace Amazing show !!! Thank you for bringing us all together again #I LOVE YOU @cindy Crawford @carlabruniofficial @claudiaschiffer @helenachristensen #longlive-GianniVersace," Campbell wrote.

"I can't even describe the feelings I had today," Crawford said on Instagram. "Thank you @Donatella_Versace for allowing us to pay tribute to Gianni and #Versace. Such a moment!" "Thank you for reuniting us," Bruni wrote on social media. "Grazie cara Donatella per avermi invitata all'omaggio per Gianni. Mi manca ancora @donatella.versace @versace_official #gianniforever."

Christensen posted a picture of the group on Instagram along with the caption, "A very emotional moment, walking down the runway with my girls honoring the wonderful and much missed Gianni Versace with @donnatellaofficial who created the most incredible collection."

Schiffer wrote after the show, "What a great way to remember #gianniversace."

The fashion designer also thanked her "icons" for being there at the show.



FAN-FRIENDLY: Selena Gomez stopped to greet some fans while shooting her new Woody Allen film in NYC's Greenwich Village.

KYLIE JENNER IS PREGNANT, EXPECTING FIRST CHILD WITH BOYFRIEND TRAVIS SCOTT



Baby on board! Kylie Jenner is expecting her first child with boyfriend Travis Scott, multiple sources have confirmed to a magazine. The Lip Kit creator, 20, and the "Goosebumps" rapper, 25, have already told their friends the news, according to TMZ, which was the first to report the news.

While the social media maven gave her close confidants the lowdown earlier this month at Day N Night Fest in Anaheim, California, the outlet reports that Scott told pals Jenner is carrying a baby girl.

Meanwhile, a source has said that Jenner is "at least four months" along. Although neither Scott nor Jenner have commented on the reports, the Kylie Cosmetics founder sparked pregnancy rumors this week when fans began to notice that she was posting old photos of herself on her Instagram account, as well as only current close-up snapshots.

The beauty maven and Scott began dating in April after they were spotted getting cozy and flirting at Coachella, weeks after Jenner called it quits with boyfriend Tyga, who she dated on and off for years.



24 September

1941: The Japanese consul in Hawaii is instructed to divide Pearl Harbor into five zones and calculate the number of battleships in each zone. This was then used in the planning of the Pearl Harbor attacks.

1948: Russian anti-aircraft gunners are planning to fire dangerously high in practice today in the American British airlift corridor to blockaded Berlin. The Russians also announced they would be bombing and fighter firing practice in that same corridor.

1988: Ben Johnson (Canada) wins the 100m gold at the Seoul Olympics in a new world record with a time of 9.79 seconds. Three days later after being tested positive for anabolic steroid, Stanazol he was stripped of his gold medal and sent home in disgrace by the Canadian team.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Dr. RAJEN UPADHYAY
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1989: South African police arrested over 200 people during an anti-apartheid march by anti-apartheid women's groups.

2007: The Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaking at New York's Columbia University clashed with the Columbia President Lee Bollinger who described him as a "cruel dictator" who denied the Holocaust. In response Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that Mr Bollinger's remarks were "an insult to information and the knowledge of the audience."

2013: China announced that it was banning the export of some materials and technologies to North Korea that could potentially aid in the development of nuclear weapons.

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Ranbir Kapoor addresses Mahira Khan row: 'Stop with the negativity, let's move on'



Ranbir Kapoor has finally reacted to the ongoing internet furore over Pakistani actress Mahira Khan's 'backless white dress' and the fact that she was smoking.

As per an official statement by Kapoor, the actor had this to say about the entire controversy — "I've gotten to know Mahira in a personal capacity over the last few months. She is somebody who I admire and respect, for her achievements and even more for the person she is. It is very unfair the way she is being judged and spoken about. What is also sad is the inequality in judgment just because she is a woman. I request you to stop the negativity and move on with your beautiful god gifted lives. Peace and love. PS - Both smoking and hate are injurious to health."

This statement comes hot on

the heels of many other celebrities from the entertainment industry standing in solidarity with Mahira after she was heavily trolled.

Earlier, singer-actor Ali Zafar took to his social media profiles to share an open letter coming out in defense of the actor. Varun Dhawan said "Shame on them for shaming her," according to an Indian Express report. Parineeti Chopra too spoke up against how unfair the entire situation was. "I'll just say one line. It's a little unfair. Everybody knows it's unfair and it'll stop. Today, because of social media, everything becomes too big a deal," said Chopra.

Ranbir and Mahira were captured smoking together outside an alley in New York City. The picture went viral on Thursday, leading to a lot of diatribe especially against Mahira.

THE DAY AHEAD
ARIES: You might host a gathering of friends and neighbors interested in astrology, tarot, numerology, or other forms of psychic focus, Aries. You'll probably enjoy yourself, both because of the information discussed and the camaraderie between you and your guests. This might have been planned as a one-time thing, but everyone will have so much fun that you'll plan another meeting.
TAURUS: This could prove a busy day for you, Taurus. You may attend at least one party, or perhaps just meet with a group of friends for drinks or dinner. On this occasion you're apt to find the banter and camaraderie shared

with people you care about not only stimulating but also relaxing. You could also receive a lot of useful information.

GEMINI: Some extra income could come your way through the use of computers or other technology, Gemini. You should have a busy day, but you'll like what you do and be excited by the prospect of the extra money. Though you might not be thinking about it now, what you're doing could develop into a lucrative business, eventually bringing you to the question, what do you really want to do with your life?

CANCER: Are you interested in video or computer games? If not,

Cancer, someone close to you may be, because all signs are that you might spend a lot of time now in the company of friends entertaining yourself with technology. This could be more enjoyable than you expect. You like being with these people and basking in their energy. The conversation will be interesting, too.

LEO: Today you might entertain a houseful of astrologers, with a few psychics and healers thrown in for good measure. Your head may spin as a result of all the concepts discussed, as if your brain can't process the information quickly enough. Don't despair. You're absorbing more than you think you are. After everyone leaves, take a

walk or you won't be able to sleep.
VIRGO: A lot of activity could take place in your neighborhood today, Virgo. If you live in a major city, perhaps a movie or news event is being filmed nearby and the crowds are gathering. Don't be too shy to go out and see what's going on. If you don't live in a city, this could be something more innocuous. Either way, expect some excitement.

LIBRA: Making use of state-of-the-art technology to increase your income could take up your time and energy today, Libra. You might be starting a new business or enhancing the efficiency of a current one, but in order to do it your brain will have to process a lot of infor-

mation. Don't be intimidated by the technical stuff. Just take it step by step and you'll catch on.

SCORPIO: Adventure is always one of your main priorities, Scorpio. Today you might have your mind on a type of adventure that you've never tried before. You might consider climbing a mountain, exploring Rome, or visiting the South Pacific. Whatever it is you want to do, you'd better start making serious plans now or you'll be too antsy for words.

SAGITTARIUS: The study of astrology and psychic disciplines might be your primary focus today, Sagittarius. You might even take a class in whatever subject interests you.

You can also expect to meet some intriguing new people who may be a bit weird but nonetheless could become close friends. If it isn't too dangerous, walk home after class.

CAPRICORN: Friends, group activities, and social events could take up a lot of your time today, Capricorn, so expect to spend your day interacting with people. They could range from any kind of social, ethnic, educational, or national background. You'll probably find the day interesting, entertaining, and gratifying. You could also make some new friends and meet at least one potential love partner.

AQUARIUS: This could shape up to be a busy day, Aquarius. You're

concentrating on two things. The first is working with computers and other technology, possibly in a creative capacity. The second is interacting with a lot of new people. Your contact with these people could be very pleasant and quite stimulating, so make the most of the opportunities.

PISCES: Today you should feel excited and enthusiastic about life in general, Pisces. Your mind might jump from possible creative projects to philosophy, travel, distant places, and you may consider all of them to be the focus of potential future activities. Romance could also be on your mind, but not in an obsessive way.