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CHIEF MINISTER CELEBRATES LONGEST-SERVING CM RECORD WITH PEOPLE AND COLLEAGUES

People throng Mintokgang to congratulate Chamling

CM CALLS FOR HUMAN AND QUALITATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

GANGTOK, 29 APR [IPR]: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today surpassed the record of former West Bengal Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, by becoming the longest serving Chief Minister of any Indian State.

To congratulate the CM for achieving the historic feat, hundreds of people gathered at his official residence here at Mintokgang from early morning. Among those who called on the CM were the Speaker, Cabinet Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Mayor, Panchayat Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas, Chief Secretary, senior officers of the State Government, SDF party functionaries, and people from all over the State.



The Chief Minister greeted everybody individually and accepted their best wishes. Speaking to the media, Mr Chamling expressed his gratitude to his parents for having nurtured him and making

him capable to consistently serve the people of Sikkim. He shared that he learnt the basic tenets of humility and service from his parents. "By the time I was a youth, I had started believing that I

have to live my life in the service of others," he said.

"I therefore started participating in social work before entering active politics," he informed, adding, "From the very beginning, my political ideology was based on inclusive development, equality, freedom, and right for all."

He went on to share the journey of his political career from being a Panchayat President to becoming the longest serving Chief Minister of a State in the Indian Union. He shared that he and his party have never deviated from the promises and commitments made to the people from the very beginning.

"Our politics is not driven by personal ambition but by the agenda of the people. It is our commitment and endeavor to ensure that the people of

Sikkim of all socio-economic strata are empowered and self reliant," stated Mr Chamling.

"After serving the people of Sikkim for over 23 years, I am still energetic, positive and motivated to give my best. I don't do politics for myself; I have no personal ambition. I am totally surrendered to serving the people. That is where I get my strength and motivation from," stated the Chief Minister.

He thanked the people of Sikkim, the Central Government, media, friends and family for supporting him and his vision to transform Sikkim into a model State.

"I feel I should use the Chief Minister's post as a medium for development. Although a lot has been achieved over the years and I am quite a contented person, there is still so much

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Blast at India-developed HEP in Nepal weeks before inauguration by Modi

KATHMANDU, APR 29 (PTI): A bomb exploded today at the office of a hydroelectricity project being developed with Indian assistance in eastern Nepal, an official said, weeks before its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The compound wall of the 900 MW Arun III Hydroelectric Power Plant's office in Tumlingtar area, nearly 500 km from here, was damaged in the explosion, said Siva Raj Joshi, Chief District Officer of the Sankhuwasabha district.

An unidentified group was behind the explosion targeting Arun III office situated at Tumlingtar, according to Chief

District Officer Shivaraj Joshi.

Joshi informed that the explosion caused minor damage to the office. However, no one was injured in the incident.

Joshi has informed that further investigation into the incident is underway and extensive search is on for the perpetrators.

Following the incident, security has been stepped up in the area.

The blast comes at a time when preparations were going on for laying foundation stone of the project by Modi during his official visit to Nepal on May 11. The project is slated to come into operation

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Seoul: Kim says he'll give up nukes if US vows not to attack



SEOUL, APR 29 (AP): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un told his South Korean counterpart at their historic summit that his country would be willing to give up its nuclear weapons if the US commits to a formal end to the Korean War and a pledge not to attack the North, Seoul officials said today. Kim also vowed during his meeting with South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Friday to shut down the North's nuclear test site in May and disclose the process to experts and journalists from South Korea and the United States, Seoul's presidential office said.

While there are lingering questions about whether North Korea will ever decide to fully relinquish its nukes as it heads into negotiations with the US, Kim's comments amount to the North's most specific acknowledgement yet that "denuclearization" would constitute surrendering its weapons.

US national security adviser John Bolton reacted coolly to word that Kim would abandon his weapons if the United States pledged not to invade.

Asked on CBS' "Face the Nation" whether the U.S. would make such a promise, Bolton said: turn to pg02



Buddha Purnima celebrated in Rangpo

NITESH R PRADHAN RANGPO, 29 APR:

Buddha Purnima was marked today with traditional fervor and enthusiasm with devotees marking the occasion in various monasteries across the State.

Pema Cholling Monastery, Rangpo, received the

Rinpoche from Chorten Monastery, Deorali, who graced the occasion for ceremonial rituals conducted as part of the festival at the monastery. The program witnessed devotees from surrounding areas offering prayers and receiving blessings from the Rinpoche.

A grand spiritual rally was organised around Rangpo in which devotees carried holy books.

Various clubs and societies of the area distributed water and snacks to the devotees. The program was organised by the Pema Cholling Gumpa Committee, Rangpo.

It must be noted that

the birth of Lord Buddha is celebrated on different dates under various Buddhist traditions across the world according to their calendars.

In Sikkim, the upcoming festival of Saga Dawa is also celebrated as the birth, nirvana and mahaparinirvana day of Buddha.

Agriculture Minister inaugurates Kisan Bazaar

GANGTOK, 29 APR [IPR]: Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture and Cash Crops Development Department, Somnath Poudyal, today inaugurated the first Kisan Bazaar of the State here in Gangtok.

The seven-storied complex has been set up at the cost of Rs 22.75 crore by Urban Development and Housing Development Department and is aimed to benefit the farmers of Sikkim.

In his brief interaction, Mr Poudyal said that the Kisan Bazaar is an initiative of the government to help farmers sell their produces in the capital.

"The bazaar is a huge asset for the State-wide organic mission," he added.

The Minister also said that the Department under his leadership is focusing on boosting and encouraging farmers to grow more and double their income by selling

their organic vegetables and products directly in the market.

"I am positive that the farmers of Sikkim will benefit from this initiative," he said.

The Minister thanked the farmers for coming all the way to Gangtok to sell vegetables and spreading the organic mission throughout the State.

He informed that the department is set to begin establishment of another Kisan Bazaar in Singtam shortly.

UD&HD Minister, NK Subba, in turn, informed that the bazaar has cold storage units with capacity of 250 metric tonnes each and other facilities like a canteen and a cafeteria.

He further informed that out of the three cold storage units in the bazaar, one is allotted to SIMFED and the remaining two to the farmers.

"The department has provided

28 vehicles in 28 constituencies for transportation so that our farmers can bring their vegetables to the Kisan Bazaar here," he informed.

Farmers can either forward their produce to SIMFED or sell them directly to customers at Kisan Bazaar anytime, provided they bring a proof of identification or recommendation from the concerned Panchayat, he informed.

The Ministers were accompanied by Gangtok Mayor, Shakti Singh Choudhary, GMC Deputy Mayor, Lasey Doma Bhutia, GMC Chairman, Ashish Rai, UD&HD Secretary, LB Chettri, GMC Commissioner, Tshewang Gyachho, Sikkim State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited [SIMFED] Chairman, Girish Chandra Rai, officials from AH&CCD and UD&HD and farmers from different constituencies of all the four district of Sikkim.



BJP to celebrate Labour Day at Rangpo

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 29 APR:**

Bharatiya Janata Party's Sikkim unit has announced plans to celebrate International Labour Day in a grand manner on 01 May at Rangpo Bazaar in East Sikkim.

"The party has decided to pass various resolutions in the interest of workers and farmers of Sikkim," a BJP release informs.

The celebration is being organized by the party's labour front and will highlight the rights and privileges given by the Centre for workers.

The release adds that the Sikkim-BJP has been fighting against injustice and exploitation of local workers in different industrial units and projects in the State.

It is informed that the State BJP has been apprising issues of workers to the Labour Department from time to time but the department has not shown its concern towards any issue.

The party has appealed to the farmers and workers of Sikkim to be a part of the celebration.

Govt to demarcate 'stem cell therapy' from 'stem cell drug'

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the body and multiplied or subjected to genetic manipulation in the laboratory and subsequently stored for administering it to the same or another patient are termed 'more than minimally manipulated stem cells.'

Such cells would be termed as drugs as per the amended Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1945 and, accordingly, will have to undergo the requisite screening and trials, stipulated for a new drug.

The focus of the discussion in the conference was about the regulations for stem cell therapy in India. The scientists and doctors are hopeful about the future of stem cell therapy and welcome the new Indian Gazette," said Dr Sharma.

These changes are very progressive following the recent developments in countries like Japan, Korea and USA. This amendment will facilitate growth of cell therapies in India and will also make these therapies available to lakhs of patients who are currently suffering with incurable diseases.

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SDCA Cup Cricket tournament begins in Jorethang

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 29 APR:**

The 1st state-level SDCA Cup Cricket Tournament 2018, organized by the South District Cricket Association (SDCA), got underway at Jorethang playground today.

The opening ceremony had the president of Sikkim Cricket Association (SCA), Lobzang G. Tenzing, as chief guest accompanied by Sonam Palden Bhutia (general secretary of SCA) as guest of honour and Jigme Namgyal (SE-Energy and Power Department, Jorethang, South Sikkim) as special guest, a press release informs.

In his inaugural ad-



dress, the SCA president appreciated the initiative taken by the South District Cricket Association and wished them success for the tournament.

On behalf of the entire SCA team, he also congratulated Chief Minister Pawan Chamling on having become the longest serving Chief Minister of

the country.

A total of 18 teams are participating in the tournament which is scheduled to continue till 16 May 2018.

The tournament was flagged off with a match between HRCC-Namchi and WCCC-Legship which the latter won by 16 runs.



Dr Loday conducts eye check-up camp for footballers

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 29 APR:**

Ophthalmologist, Dr Karma Loday Bhutia, today conducted a free eye checkup camp at Paljor Stadium here for teams participating

in the 02nd Mahendra Karki Memorial Football Tournament 2018.

Mr Bhutia said that the camp was his personal contribution to the tournament organized in the memory of

his friend and footballer, the Late Mahendra Karki.

The tournament is being organised by Sikkim Boys FC. The club also provided free medicines to the footballers

attending the camp.

The final match of the tournament is scheduled to be played on Monday with United Brothers, Kalimpong, taking on Sikkim Police for the trophy.

Five-day basic yoga program concludes

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 29 APR:**

Five-day Yoga Level-I Program organized by Art of Living, Gangtok, concluded at Gangtok on 28 Apr.

The program was facilitated by International Art of Living faculty and Director of AOL programs, Swami Purnachaitanya from AOL International Centre, Bangaluru, a press release informs.

70 yoga enthusiasts participated in the programme, according to the organizers.

The organizers have further announced to conduct second level yoga program in July.



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I want to give to the people of Sikkim," he stated.

He talked about the transformation of Sikkim in the last forty years and how it has become one of the most progressive States of the country. He reiterated that Sikkim spreads the message of peace and security to the world.

"The world is dealing with issues of violence and insecurity, and here we have a State surrounded by three international borders and is still the most peaceful State in the country," he said.

He went on to add that Sikkim merged with the Indian

Union in 1975, and along with geographical integration, people have emotionally integrated with the mainstream, and have always exhibited great patriotism towards the nation.

There could not be a bigger contribution to nation building than this, he exclaimed.

Speaking about his future in active politics, Mr Chamling stated that he came to politics with the mission to help people, and added that he is completely at the disposal of the people.

"It is for the people to decide if I should continue serving them or I should step

down," he said.

Responding to a question about challenges and threats in his political career, Mr Chamling quipped that he sees no political party as a threat and that he is fearless.

He added that with years of experience in the service of the people of Sikkim, he does not see any situation as a challenge anymore.

"I am driven by my one-point program that is to make the people of Sikkim happy and self reliant," he added.

Delving on the issue of seat reservation at Sikkim Legislative Assembly, the Chief Minister explained that

the present formula proposed by the State Government of increasing the seats to forty (40) is in the best interest of the people of Sikkim and is democratically correct. He iterated that the proposal has received in-principle approval by the Central Government and could receive the President's Ordinance or get passed by the Parliament in the near future.

Mr Chamling further stated that the people of Sikkim should understand that politics is a responsible work and that there should be adequate debate, discussion and opinion making to understand the truth.

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"Well, we've heard this before. This is - the North Korean propaganda play-book is an infinitely rich resource." "What we want to see from them is evidence that it's real and not just rhetoric," he added.

Seoul officials, who have shuttled between Pyongyang and Washington to broker talks between Kim and President Donald Trump that are expected in May or June, said Kim has expressed genuine interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons.

But there has been skepticism because North Korea for decades has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition.

The North has long vowed to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its 28,500 troops from South Korea and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan.

During their summit at a truce village on the border, Moon and Kim promised to work toward the "complete denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula but made no references to verification or timetables.

Kim also expressed optimism about his meeting with Trump, Moon's spokesman Yoon Young-chan said.

"Once we start talking, the United States will know that I am not a person to launch nuclear weapons at South Korea, the Pacific or the United States," Kim said, according to Yoon.

Yoon also quoted Kim as saying: "If we maintain frequent meetings and build trust with the United States and receive promises for an end to the war and a non-aggression treaty, then why would we need to live in difficulty by keeping our nuclear weapons?" The Korean Peninsula technically remains in a state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War was halted with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

The closing of the nuclear test site would be a dramatic but likely symbolic event to set up Kim's summit with Trump. North Korea already announced this month that it has suspended all tests of nuclear devices and intercontinental ballistic missiles and plans to close its nuclear testing ground.

Still, Adam Mount, a senior defense analyst at the Federation of American Scientists, said Kim's

comments were significant because they are his most explicit acknowledgement yet that denuclearization means surrendering his nuclear weapons.

"Questions remain about whether Kim will agree to discuss other nuclear technology, fissile material and missiles. However, they imply a phased process with reciprocal concessions," Mount said in an email.

"It is not clear that the Trump administration will accept that kind of protracted program." Analysts reacted with skepticism to Kim's previously announced plan to close down the test site at Punggye-ri, saying the northernmost tunnel had already become too unstable to use for underground detonations anyway following the country's sixth and most powerful test blast in September.

In his conversation with Moon, Kim denied that he would be merely clearing out damaged goods, saying the site also has two new tunnels that are larger than previous testing facilities, Yoon said.

Some analysts see Moon's agreement with Kim at the summit as a disappointment, citing the lack of references to verification and timeframes and also the absence of a definition on what would constitute a "complete" denuclearization of the peninsula.

But Patrick McEachern, a former State Department analyst now with the Washington-based Wilson Center, said it was still meaningful that Moon extracted a commitment from Kim to complete denuclearization, which marked a significant change from Kim's previous public demand to expand his arsenal of nuclear weapons in number and quality.

North Korea has invited the outside world to witness the dismantling of its nuclear facilities before. In June 2008, international broadcasters were allowed to air the demolition of a cooling tower at the Nyongbyon reactor site, a year after the North reached an agreement with the U.S. and four other nations to disable its nuclear facilities in return for an aid package worth about USD 400 million.

But the deal eventually collapsed after North Korea refused to accept U.S.-proposed verification methods, and the country went on to conduct its second nuclear test detonation in May 2009.

Blast at India-developed HEP in Nepal weeks before...

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ation by 2020.

A Project Development Agreement (PDA) for Arun III was signed with India's state-owned Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN) on November 25, 2014 in the presence of the then Prime Minister Sushil Koirala and visiting Prime Minister Modi. Meanwhile, the Indian embassy here has discussed the matter with the Nepal Foreign Affairs Ministry here, an official at the embassy said.

The Foreign Minister of Nepal said they had asked the Ministry of Home Affairs to investigate the matter.

This is the second blast in a month in Indian properties in Nepal.

On April 17, a pressure cooker bomb went off near the Indian Embassy field office in Biratnagar damaging the walls of the premises.

Nepal is currently facing shortage of power and the production of hydropower from the project will mainly serve its domestic demands.

The project is expected to bring in USD 1.5 billion foreign direct investment into Nepal and create jobs for thousands of people.

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Gangtok on Monday, 30 Apr

Temp: 20°C / 12°C
Forecast: Cooler; a couple of morning showers followed by showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 04:58 AM
Sunset: 6:08 PM

KASS to conduct painting drive at Chuja Primary School

YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 29 APR:

After successful painting drives at Lower Tanak Primary School, South Sikkim and Bardang Secondary School, East Sikkim, Krypton Arts Society of Sikkim (KASS), Singtam, in a general meeting today announced plans to conduct a painting drive at Chuja Primary School under Martam Block Administrative Center.

KASS has also been invited by Majhitar Secondary School to beautify its school premises.

Till now, more than seven government schools have invited KASS for beautifying their school premises.

Two booked under SADA by Rangpo police

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 29 APR:

Two persons were booked and arrested under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act by Rangpo Police on 28 Apr for allegedly possessing contraband substances. The accused persons were reportedly traveling in a vehicle and were intercepted by police personnel on duty at Rangpo check post. 308 Spasmoproxyvon and 110 N-10 tablets were reportedly recovered by police from the vehicle. The accused persons were then placed under arrest while the recovered items were seized and sent for chemical analysis.

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NPS dominates ARCIES 'AB' and Open Division Basketball Tournament

GANGTOK, 29 APR: Namchi Public School's Boys' and Girls' team has won the ARCIES 'AB' and Open Division Basketball Tournament, 2018, a press release from the school informs.

Organized by NPS, the tournament was participated in by St. Xavier's School, Pakyong, St. Joseph's School, Martam, Don Bosco School, Malbaisey, Holy Cross School, Tadong, St. Francis' School, Jorethang and the host school.

In the 'AB' division final match, NPS boys' team defeated Don Bosco School, 42-18 while the girls' team defeated St. Xavier's School, 29-25.

St. Xavier's School Pakyong secured third po-



sition in the 'AB' division boys' category by defeating Holy Cross School while in the 'AB' division girls' category, DBS came third.

In the open division finals, NPS boys' team defeated St. Xavier's School, Pakyong, 49-26 while NPS girls' team defeated St. Xavier's School, 34-

06. NPS's Tenzing Shakya Bhutia and Dixita Subba bagged the 'Most Valuable Player' honours in the 'AB'

division while Rahul Pradhan and Rashmi Rai were named the 'Most Valuable Players' in the open division based on their performances.

CME on management of complex fractures held at SMIMS

GANGTOK, 29 APR: A Continuing Medical Education (CME) workshop on 'Recent Advances on Management of Complex Fractures of Humerus' was conducted at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences [SMIMS] today, a press release informs.

The CME workshop was organised by the Department of Orthopaedics, Central Referral Hospital [CRH] under the Dr Ramdas Pai and Vasanti Pai Endowment Fund.

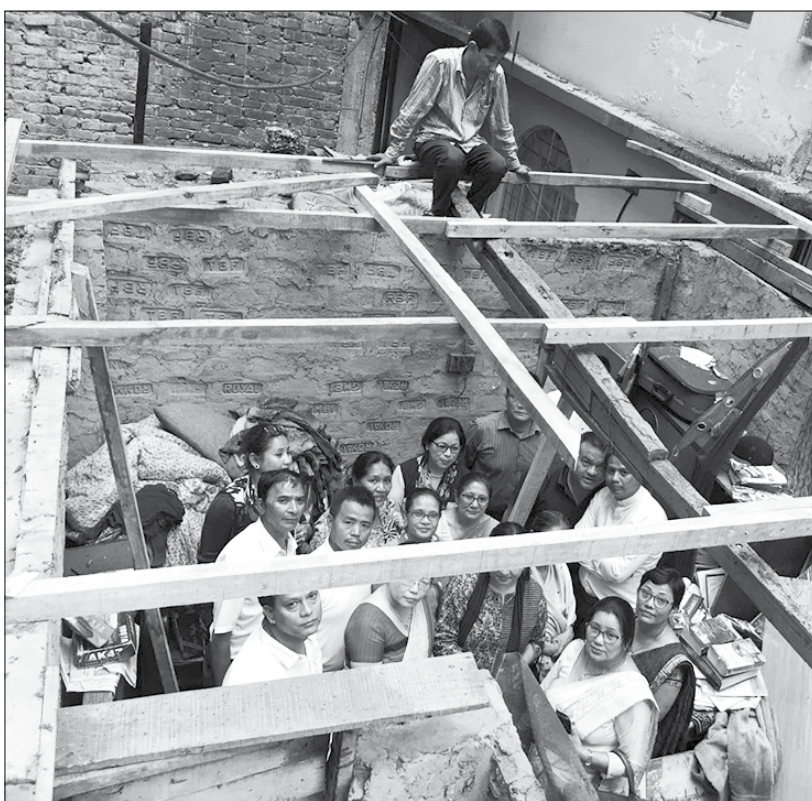
The workshop was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University, Lieutenant General Dr M.D Venkatesh.

Resource persons from various reputed medical colleges across the region took part in the deliberations, the release informs.

The aim and objective for the workshop was to upgrade the knowledge and implement new surgical techniques within and outside the State for the betterment of orthopaedic management. The Department is scheduled to conduct similar CME workshops on a regular basis.

The workshop was also attended by SMIMS officiating dean, head of departments, CRH doctors, professors and doctors from STNM Hospital.

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CHURCH MEMBERS HELP REPAIR HOME

GANGTOK, 29 APR: Shiloh Church, Singtam, today volunteered service to repair the dilapidated house of a family in Daragaon, Singtam. The church members reached out to the family and offered to help them repair their home. Divisional Engineer [Power Department] also supported the cause by providing electric equipments to the family, a press release informs.

Democracy is in danger: Ex-PM Manmohan Singh

NEW DELHI, APR 29 (PTI): Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh today sought support for the Congress and its president Rahul Gandhi, saying the democracy of the country is in danger with the Modi government consistently undermining its Constitutional institutions.

Launching an all-out attack on the government, he said it has failed to fulfil all its promises it made before coming to the power and it's the time it should give an account of its works to the people of the country.

The former Prime Minister claimed the an-

ger among all sections of the society has shot up in the last four years due to the rising threat to the safety and security of the people and the vanishing employment opportunities, which has left the youths worried.

Singh said the pessimism is on the rise across the country, the law and order situation is bad and the atrocities against the minorities, the Dalits and the women are rising, but the Modi government seems hardly perturbed.

"The manner in which the Modi government is functioning, it

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Ghewa

The 49th Day Ghewa of our mother Late Indra Maya Lama w/o Harka Singh Lama who left for her heavenly abode on 18th March 2018 falls on 5th May 2018. We request all friends, relatives and well wishers to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at Chongey Busty (below POC, School), Gangtok, East Sikkim. We also like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement.

Harka Singh Lama (husband) 9733029453, Urmilla Passang Pakhrin (9933733062) & Shermila Smaden Lama (8945812246) daughters.

KUTSE SHEGU



The 49th day Kutse Shegu of Late Rinzing Lepcha S/O Late Loday Gyatso Lepcha who left for heavenly abode on 15th Mar 2018 falls on 2nd May 2018. All the relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to join us for offering prayers for the departed soul at our resident below

Karthok Gumpa, Pakyong, East Sikkim. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who stood by us in the time of our bereavement.

Norzing Lepcha (Elder Sister), Kinzong Lepcha and Dupchen Bhutia (Sister and Brother-in-Law), P.T. Lepcha and Jamuna Subba (Brother and Sister-in-Law), Palzor Tsh. Lepcha and Tshering Doma Bhutia (Son and Daughter-in-law) Contact: 7872976439, 8016788758, 9593783168, 9832875540

Kutshe Shegu

The 49th day Kutshe Shegu of Late Norbu Tshering Lepcha who left for his heavenly abode on 15 March 2018 falls on 02 May 2018. All friends, well-wishers and relatives are requested to join us in offering prayer for the departed soul at our residence, Chamkong Lee (Ruvong, Hee-Gyathang, Dzongu, North Sikkim. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement and regret our inability to thank them individually.

Pemtu Tsh Lepcha (eldest son) 9734365676, Songmit Lepcha (eldest daughter) 9593822460, Dr. Sonam Rinchen Lepcha (younger brother) 9647884804, Dathup Lepcha (younger brother) 7407015920



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM WATER SECURITY & PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT GANGTOK NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Divisional Engineer, Water Security & P.H.E. Department, East Division, invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of class IV grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department VIDE NOTIFICATION No. 373/R&B/Secy Dated: 1/5/2017, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat/ Urban local bodies where the works is to be executed. The works are listed as under:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Value of work put to tender	Earnest Money 2.5% for issue of tender form	Bank receipt towards cost of tender Documents	Completion time in month
1.	Construction of water pumping station and rising mains till WTP Rangpo distribution line for new housing Majhgaon, Goshkan area and Houing, Mandi Bazar backside are and Goli ground area at Rangpo East Sikkim	Rs. 62,49,419.00	Rs. 1,56,235.48	Rs. 5000,00	12

(A) DATES

- Dates of submission of application with Bank Receipt and issue of tender documents [Excluding the tender form] from 10.00 am to 4.00pm
- Date for issue of tender form 30.05.2018 from 10.00 am to 4.00pm
- Date and time for submission of tender 31.05.2018 from 10.00 am to 12.00pm
- Date and time for opening of tender 30.05.2018 at 1.30pm

(B) GENERAL CONDITION

- The intending tender contractors should apply in writing for issue of tender documents. The application should invariably be signed by the contractor himself/herself. The tender documents will not be issued to a person other than the INTENDING TENDER. The application shall be submitted individually for each work listed above will all required documents.
- The application should enclose attested copy of the [a] latest GST/VAT Clearance Certificate, [b] Latest Income Tax clearance certificate and [c] Validated/Updated Enlistment Certificate during sales/issue of tender Documents for verification.
- The prescribed non-transferable Tender Documents can be obtained during the period specified in [A] above from the office of the 'Divisional Engineer, Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department, Bypass Gangtok' on production of requisite Bank Receipt duly deposited in State Bank of Sikkim to the cost of tender document [non-refundable] under the receipt Head, Cost of Tender Form [0215 W/S % Sanitation 800-0ther Receipt].
- Earnest money @ 2.5% duly deposited in State Bank of Sikkim shall be in the form of TDR in favour of the Account Officer., Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department Gangtok. Tender form shall be issued only on production of the TDR as prescribed only to those contractor firms who have obtained the tender documents.
- The Tender documents including the TDR with quoted offer should be placed in a sealed cover with the name of the tender and the name of the work super scribed on it. Supporting documents listed at Sl. No. 2[a] [b] and [c] above should be enclosed with the offer.
- Sealed tender may be deposited in the tender box in the office of the Divisional Engineer [N/E] Water Security and Public Health Engineering Department, Bypass Gangtok on the date and within the time indicated above.
- Tender will be opened by the tender opening committee in the presence of the tenders on the date and time indicated above.
- The Tenderer should sign on every page of the tender document as acceptance of the [General Direction and Condition of the Contract and other laid down norms. The rate quoted should be both in figures and words and should be inclusive of all applicable taxes. Overwriting should be avoided and if occurs it should be authenticated. Incomplete/Conditional tenders shall be rejected.
- In case of any discrepancy in rates printed in the Schedule of Rates and Quantities issued with the tender document then the rate as per approved standard Schedule of rates will be taken as correct. For items outside the SOR, the rates shall be as per the technically checked estimate.
- The work shall commence within 15 days from the date of issue of work order.
- The department reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Ensure That They Labour Safe

On May Day, prioritise worksite safety

It can be universally accepted that Sikkim is a poor master. Not necessarily in how it compensates the labourers who toil for it, but definitely in how it looks out for their safety. In fact, it does not look out for their safety at all, making only token gestures like legislating rules for worksite safety, but doing nothing, not at the mega project sites, nor at private constructions, to ensure that at least a minimum modicum of safety is offered. Construction workers routinely suffer avoidable injuries and some even die because unsafe practices continue because worksites are not properly regulated and site visits by authorities remain rare. Even government departments fail miserably as is borne out by the unconscionable number of linesmen who have died and suffered debilitating injuries because basic safety regulations remain ignored, slackly enforced and forgotten too often.

And these are isolated, solitary incidents, and since much the same management practices, if not worse conditions, exist at the bigger undertakings like hydel project sites or other major constructions, the state stares a poor track-record of labour affairs. The loss of lives due to the 18 September 2011 earthquake would have been much higher had it not coincided with Biswakarma puja followed by a Sunday when most worksites enjoy a holiday. Had the hydel labourers been at work, the immediate fatalities would have been high, and made much higher because disaster preparedness and safety feature too low in the list of priorities. In this regard, one needs to also mention the deaths at the Rangpo HEP at Lamaten [beyond Rongli in East Sikkim] in April 2009. Ten labourers had drowned in a hydel tunnel there, trapped when a flash-flood came crashing into the work-site. It had taken nearly a week to recover all the dead bodies. While accepting that accidents cannot always be averted, what was obvious in the 2009 mishap was that adequate safety measures had not been put in place.

When it comes to labour safety, 'adequate' measures are never volunteered, they have to be dictated and enforced by the State. In the initial days of the Rongli mishap, there was much talk of making project sites safer; some construction site safety regulations which followed soon after were probably expedited by this accident but remain timidly enforced. Since it is labour rights [safety is a right, isn't it?] one is speaking of here, more earnest initiatives need to be dictated and adhered to. Accidents, especially when dealing with labour-intensive projects on unstable hills and along temperamental hill streams, cannot always be averted, which is probably why the safest working conditions should be made the norm for every project and civil work in Sikkim and adequate foresight deployed while deciding what the working conditions should be. Someone should check with the "developers" about their preparedness plans for flashfloods and landslides, two episodes which could strike anywhere in Sikkim. They should never be allowed the Act of God excuse. A flashflood is one of the most violent manifestations of a hill stream, but it would be wrong to believe that it is always unexpected. A basic understanding of mountain streams, the terrain and genuine concern for safety can easily ensure that a flash flood does not always take people by surprise. Early warning systems are possible even for this event. Ditto for landslides. And even as they devise these systems, someone should start inspecting construction sites here to verify their safety levels. At least do this much for the workers on May Day...

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A Korean peace process is underway – but it still depends on the US and China

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The meeting between North Korea's Kim Jong-un and South Korea's Moon Jae-in is certainly one of the most dramatic and momentous events in the recent history of East Asia. Beyond the symbolism of cross-border handshakes and tree planting (not to mention a controversially decorated mango mouse that briefly ticked off Japan), the joint declaration that a peace treaty will be agreed this year and that the two countries share a goal of denuclearisation marks the most important development in inter-Korean relations since the Armistice that ended the Korean War in 1953.

The first real opportunity for this dialogue seemed to come when South Korea hosted the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang in February this year. But in practice, it's unlikely that a conveniently located sporting event was the only catalyst for such a dramatic shift in North Korean foreign policy.

Among analysts of Korean affairs, a few theories are circulating. Some think that the Kim government made its overtures because it genuinely fears that economic sanctions could become an existential threat; others surmise that the regime's programme of weapons testing has now provided it with sufficient reassurance that it could deter a serious attack. A third theory suggests that Donald Trump's unpredictable approach to international relations gave the north a sense of urgency.

But whatever the precise stimulus or concatenation of circumstances, the north has turned out to be rather more diplomatically sophisticated than many observers thought. When Pyongyang first reached out to Seoul about the possibility of a meeting via its emissaries to the Winter Olympics, it was unclear how such a historic summit could be organised in such a short space of time. Such

events ordinarily take months of planning and negotiation over the finest of details, yet the two sides gave themselves just a matter of weeks in which to arrange it.

Kim Jong-un's visit to Beijing – his first overseas trip as North Korea's leader – proved to be pivotal. Kim left reassured of his most important ally's support, and he eased Beijing's growing fear of being sidelined in the process. This summit also provided the first example of Kim's previously unappreciated diplomatic skills as he played the role of junior partner perfectly with Xi Jinping.

Still, for all the outpouring of emotion on all sides, a dose of realism is in order.

THE LONG GAME

Despite the declaration of Kim and Moon that the complete denuclearisation of the peninsula is the goal, it's not yet clear whether two sides take that phrase to mean the same thing. Whether or not Pyongyang is willing to accept a reduction in its capability of any level is unclear, but even if it engaged to the fullest extent in a denuclearisation deal, its weapons programme is ultimately irreversible: North Korea now knows how to produce these weapons, and it will still know how even if the ones it has are destroyed.

Another notable declaration at the summit was the two leaders' undertaking to "actively pursue"

meetings either with the US or with the US and China. This nods to an uncomfortable truth: any discussion about inter-Korean relations can never be purely bilateral. As historic as this summit was, the issues at the core of Korea's division cannot be resolved without the direct involvement of the US and China.

China will not tolerate being marginalised by the US, and will do all it can to ensure that the next step is a four-way dialogue. Similarly, North Korea will need the support of its most significant

economic partner if it is to rebuild its economy. Ultimately, China's interests are best served by peaceful coexistence between the two Koreas rather than reunification, which would deprive it of a buffer state between its border and that of a US military ally. It is likely that Xi will continue to support Kim and provide assistance in economic development rather than encourage a formal dissolution of the border with the south.

Similarly, regardless of the wishes of those south of the border, concrete progress with the north cannot be achieved without the US's contribution. As things stand, the south needs Washington's security guarantees, and the north's various priorities all revolve around safeguarding itself against hypothetical US military action.

So, as momentous as the Kim-Moon meeting was, the two men alone do not hold the key to their countries' futures. But despite this stark geopolitical reality, it would be wrong not to acknowledge the magnitude of this tremendous step forward. That the two Koreas are talking again is progress in itself – and that it seems likely they will keep talking and building trust is the very best anyone could have hoped for from this unprecedented meeting.

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Bill Cosby exposed by the media – but it was women who brought him down

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So much has happened in three and a half years: several abusive men have been exposed, the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements have gone international, millions have marched, and now an actual conviction for a man who appeared impervious to justice – a man protected by producers, high-profile friends, and fans.

So much has happened it is easy to forget the video that circulated on social media of comedian Hannibal Buress calling out Bill Cosby in his stand-up routine: "Yeah, but you rape women, Bill Cosby, so turn the crazy down a couple notches ..." he said in October 2014. Over the years, Buress has criticised Cosby, but it wasn't until the video of him went viral that things began to change.

Buress importantly brought attention to Cosby – but he is not the reason for the changing media coverage and ultimately Cosby's conviction. It's actually all the brave women who have come forward that have forced the news and entertainment industries to pay attention.

Shortly after the Buress video went viral, actress Barbara Bowman frustratedly asked in The Washington Post: "Why did it take 30 years for people to believe my story?", pointing to the double standards of taking men seriously but not women. Even so, it is what the 60-plus women who have come forward against Cosby have faced that has finally forced the public and media outlets to care about the systemic sexual violence perpetrated by some powerful men like him.

Remember when CNN host Don Lemon asked one Cosby accuser Joan Tarshis why she didn't just bite Cosby's penis? Well he doesn't ask questions like that anymore. Or when Canadian basketball star Andrea Constand originally took Cosby to court in 2005 and no one paid attention? Well the jury certainly paid attention to Constand this time around. Or when supermodel Janice Dickinson went on The Howard Stern Show in 2006 and only hinted about Cosby's behaviour because she was too afraid of being sued to say more? She has now spoken publicly to many news outlets and even testified in this last fateful trial.

But even with the improvements, news media still need to do better when it comes to interviewing and profiling women who come forward. Rape culture that is so common in societies, still plays out in news coverage. Specifically, women who



of the women accusing Cosby were "un-rape-able". Trump, of course, subsequently won the 2016 presidential election.

Meanwhile Fox presenter Bill O'Reilly, sacked from Fox News amid allegations of sexual harassment – said for years that he was merely a target for opportunistic women, with little push back. The examples go on.

PROVING CREDIBLE

Consequently, when interviewed, accusers/survivors are often forced to "prove" themselves rather than just tell their story. Or worse, are asked – Like Lemon did to Tarshis – why didn't they just prevent this from happening? They have to justify their previous actions and even their

character traits, which research shows does not determine whether or not a woman is assaulted.

When the Cosby story broke three and a half years ago, former co-star Phyllicia Rashad notably said "... this was not about the women. This is about something else. This is about the obliteration of legacy". Jerry Seinfeld said something similar about the value of Cosby's body of work – although to be fair he later went back on those comments.

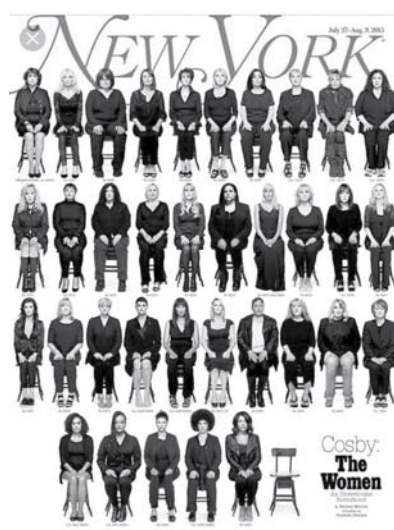
But in the end, the women in this case finally (and rightfully) made it about them. News coverage reflected this – even if they were 30 years late. Moving forward the biggest challenge will be making this the norm and not just the exception.

News coverage of the #MeToo movement that began in the wake of Harvey Weinstein's demise, has often played devil's advocate, asking (and sometimes emphatically stating) it has gone too far. This is without considering the international systemic problem of physical and sexual violence against women. Or the relatively short time the movement has existed as opposed to centuries of gender inequality. More context is needed when we read the news.

Also, more attention must be paid to surviving sexual abuse and misconduct, rather than the triumphant comeback stories that are now in the works for accused harassers, such as the disgraced CBS anchor Charlie Rose and former Today host Matt Lauer.

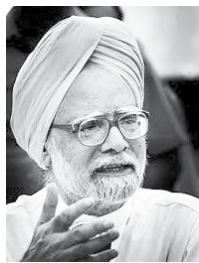
While recent news coverage has finally embraced reporting on sexual abuse allegations, there is still far to go before the issue itself and the problematic way we discuss all forms of violence against women is eradicated. Luckily, this didn't deter the brave women who helped bring Cosby to justice.

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come forward are doubted and disparaged. And powerful people who question, insult, and dismiss accusers coming forward are given ample attention in the coverage.

When the Access Hollywood tape was released, featuring Donald Trump's unsavoury comments about grabbing women by the pussy, Trump was given carte blanche to call the women coming forward to accuse him of harassment liars and ugly and threaten to sue them. The women who accused Trump on the other hand, have always been given minimal exposure. Actor Daman Wayans famously stated that some



Democracy is in danger: Ex-PM Manmohan Singh

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can also pose a threat to democracy in the country. In the last few days, what happened in Indian Parliament is before the people of the country (to see)," he said, addressing the 'Jan Akrosh Rally' at Ramliha Maidan today.

Accusing the Modi government of thwarting the Opposition's 'No Confidence Motion' in Parliament, Singh said it did everything possible and conspired to stop it from being taken up in Parliament.

"It is clear from this that if the Parliament does not function, it can pose danger to the democracy in the country. Democracy is a gift of the India's Constitution and we should all strive to strengthen it."

"Today such an atmosphere is being created where the Constitutional institutions are being insulted. I talked about the manner in which Parliament was not allowed to function and how the Budget was passed."

"The way the 'no confidence motion' by the opposition was not allowed to be taken up..., all this is posing a danger to India's democracy," he said.

The former prime minister said what has happened in the banking sector with Nirav Modi and Mehul Choksi having taken thousands of crores of loans and run away from the country, is for everybody to see.

"This is affecting the health of our banks," he said.

He said the price of crude oil across the world was falling while in India the prices of petrol and diesel were constantly rising. He asked why this government was not working towards reducing the oil prices, which have put common man in great distress.

"The time has come that we support Rahul Gandhi in making this country a better place," he said.

Talking about unemployment, he said it was on the rise as the Modi Government has not created the much-promised two crore job opportunities, leaving youths and students, who had taken study loans, a worried lot in absence of jobs.

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Tripura govt takes steps to boost pineapple production

AGARTALA, APR 29 (PTI): The Tripura government has taken several steps to boost pineapple production in the state by planning to make infrastructure and laying emphasis on export.

Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb has recently said "we have to make more infrastructure like creation of food park, laboratory for testing food products, cold storage chains and training programmes for staggered pineapple cultivation to make it available round the year."

"The famous 'Queen' variety which has a GI tag is the best quality of pineapple in the world. The fruit will be exported for the first time to Dubai next month," Deb said.

The 'Queen' pineapple got the GI tag in 2015.

Officials from APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority), an apex organisation



under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, exporters, importers, logistics providers, scientists from Assam Agriculture University, Railways, Customs, and other government bodies met at Agartala recently to decide on ensuring production of the fruits round the year and export them to foreign countries.

Official sources said the government had also decided to buy pineapple from growers with good support price to encourage them for growing the fruit round the year.

Tripura is one of the largest pineapple growing states in the country and there are more than 100 commercial scale pineap-

ple plantations in the state, they said.

APEDA had earlier helped export the 'Kew' variety of pineapples from Tripura to West Asia.

A delegation, comprising exporters, importers, APEDA officials and those of the state government, also visited pineapple farms and discussed with the farmers about their problems and prospects recently.

The official said the state government would soon make a logo of the 'Queen' variety of pineapple and if the importers like the product, there would be regular business.

Amit Debbarma, a pineapple turned rubber cultivator, at Jumerdhepa in Sipahijala district, says that now he plans to grow pineapple in bulk quantity as it would earn more money.

Many of his fellow farmers echoed the same.

WB trafficking cases rising as people reporting more: minister

KOLKATA, APR 29 (PTI): West Bengal has registered a rise in the number of trafficking cases in recent years as more people are coming forward to report such incidences, a state minister has said.

Over the years, the state government, with the help of various welfare organisations, has been able to convince people to fight the menace, Minister of State for Women and Child Development Shashi Panja said.

"People often indulge in blame game, pointing fingers at the state government for the increase in the number of trafficking incidents. That isn't the case. In the past few years, we have seen more people mustering courage to talk about their plight," she asserted.

Panja was speaking at the seventh edition of 'Anti-Trafficking in Persons Conclave', hosted recently by the US consulate in Kolkata, in association with Delhi-based



NGO Shakti Vahini.

The two-day meet saw students, activists, journalists, government officials and delay their marriages till at least age 18. As per the scheme, Rs 750 is paid annually to girls studying in class 8 and above, and a one-

time grant of Rs 25,000 is paid after she turns 18 provided she is engaged in an academic or occupational pursuit and unmarried.

"The scheme is a safety net for many girls, who wish to study and do something with their life," Panja added.

Echoing similar sentiments, US Consul General Craig Hall, who addressed the inaugural session of the meet, said human trafficking was a global problem.

The US and India, as enduring partners of the 21st century, are committed to providing leadership on issues of shared interests, including the strengthening of

human rights, he said.

"In the last seven years, we have seen great examples of collaboration between civil society organisations and the government to combat trafficking," Hall added.

Sharing his experiences, Shrikumar Bandyopadhyay, the IG of Sashastra Seema Bal, Siliguri frontier, said the porous international borders often make it easy for traffickers to escape law.

"We visit schools in remote areas to generate awareness among the youths about the safe use of social media and the

risks of giving in to temptations," he said.

"In the past two years, we have rescued at least 150 victims from the clutches of traffickers," he stated.

Ravi Kant, the founder of NGO Shakti Vahini, said the conclave gave all stakeholders a chance to brainstorm ways to tackle the global menace.

"The two-day meet is a great occasion to strengthen our fight against forced labour and human trafficking. It is time that all stakeholders unite to end the menace once and for all," he added.

Zoom Air looking to spread its wings to B'desh, Myanmar

KOLKATA, APR 29 (PTI): Zoom Air is looking to fly to nearby international destinations like Yangon and Chittagong, from Kolkata, a top official of the airline has said.

Last week, Zoom Air launched daily flights between Kolkata and Tezpur in Assam, under the Centre's regional connectivity scheme (RCS).

"We are planning to operate flights to international destinations such as Yangon and Chittagong from Kolkata. These destinations are likely to be connected with one or two destinations in the North East," CEO cum MD of Zoom Air, Koustav M Dhar told PTI.

"We will be able to introduce international flights from Kolkata, because from now on, we will park two aircraft in the city at night," Dhar said.

At present, only one aircraft is parked at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport (NSCBIA) in Kolkata at night, and very soon the airline is going to park its new, the fifth aircraft, in Kolkata as well, he said.

"The routes on the international sectors are yet to be finalised. The options are Kolkata to Yangon via Guwahati and Kolkata to Chittagong via

Guwahati. We are looking at these routes since there is a demand," Dhar said.

Dhar also said that the airline is planning to start flights between Mumbai and Delhi with a stopover in Durgapur.

"We are planning to start flight operations to Durgapur and the route will be Delhi to Mumbai via Durgapur."

The Delhi-Durgapur-Mumbai flights are expected to start from August this year," Dhar said.

Zoom Air had started flights to Durgapur in February 2017 but withdrew from it in August 2017 citing bird hit in one of its aircraft.

At that time, the flight was being operated between Delhi and Kolkata via Durgapur, Dhar explained. He also said that a late night flight between Delhi and Kolkata is also on the cards.

"The Delhi-Kolkata" Delhi flight will not be under the RCS scheme. It will leave Delhi at midnight and reach Kolkata after two hours approximately," Dhar said.

Zoom Air is a full service carrier.

The airline at present has five 50-seater Bombardier Canadair Regional Jet (CRJ200) long range (LR) aircraft.

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BJP, Cong come together to rule district council in Mizoram

AIZAWL, APR 29 (PTI): The BJP is all set to rule the Chakma Autonomous District Council (CADC) in Mizoram with the support of six Congress members after the election threw a fractured mandate, a top state BJP leader said.

The CADC is an autonomous council for ethnic Chakma people living in South-Western Mizoram bordering Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Joining of hands by traditional rivals, the BJP and the Congress, is an interesting political event.

The BJP leader said the saffron party, with five members in the CADC, would head the district council formed under the sixth schedule of the Constitution in 1972.

State Sports Minister and Congress leader Zodinluanga had said on April 25 that a post-poll alliance was forged after local leaders of both the parties reached an agreement, and this would not have any bearing in Delhi or in the coming election to the assembly in the north eastern state.

BJP sources had, at that time, said the party may take action against its elected CADC members for forging the alliance with the Congress.

Later, the party leadership agreed to the tie-up after the six Congress members decided to join the coalition, the United Legislature party (ULP), as in-

dividual members leaving their party identity behind, the BJP leader said.

The ULP has elected Santi Jiban Chakma of the BJP as its leader and the Congress' Buddha Lila Chakma as deputy leader and the former is tipped to become the Chief Executive Member, the administrative head of the Council.

Chakma has already staked claim to form the executive committee of the CADC and also met Governor Lt Gen Nirbhay Sharma to discuss the committee's formation, he said. The Council exercises legislative, executive and judicial powers over allotted departments within the territory of CADC.

Election to 20-member CADC on April 20 last had thrown a mixed result. While the Mizo National Front (MNF) bagged 8 seats, the Congress won 6 and the BJP 5. Election to the Futuli seat was stayed by the Gauhati High Court.

Congress nominee from Futuli was earlier declared as elected uncontested after the MNF candidate's nomination was rejected during scrutiny. The high court stayed the Returning Officer's decision after the MNF nominee challenged it.

The MNF with eight seats was optimistic of forming a coalition with the BJP, but rejected its demand of electing its member to become the chief executive member, party sources said.





Need to work hard to get used to Pune pitch, says Fleming

PUNE, APR 29 (PTI): Robbed off home advantage for the entire 2018 season, Chennai Super Kings will have to work hard in their adopted home venue here to be a force to reckon with in the ongoing Indian Premier League, said the team's head coach Stephen Fleming.

Back into the IPL family after serving a two-year suspension, CSK lost their home advantage after just one game in Chennai as the IPL organisers decided to shift its remaining home games to Pune in the wake of protests related to Cauvery issue and threats to disrupt more fixtures.

Fleming rued the fact that his players will need time to get used to the Pune pitch.

"We are going to be careful that we don't get carried away by the loss. The biggest thing for us is to get to know the pitch here, it is not Chennai. We picked the side which was going to be Chennai-based so we are learning as much as anyone," said Fleming after CSK lost by eight wickets to Mumbai Indians here last night.

"We have to work extra hard to get home advantage. We have learnt a little bit again today and we have only got a day to make sure we try and get the right combination," he added.

Sent into bat, CSK scored 169 for 5, a target which MI overwhelmed in 19.4 overs last night.

Fleming said they were probably 10-15 runs short of what could have been a winning total.

"We were in the fight. (But) we were probably 10 runs, may be 15 runs short with the bat. But we hung in pretty well and created opportunities," Fleming said.

CSK suffered its first defeat at its 'adopted home' in Pune and over-all its second in the tournament so far, courtesy a stunning performance by MI batters Rohit Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav and Evin Lewis.

"A score of 190 was a possibility, so for them (Mumbai) to bowl well and drag us back to 170 was good cricket. Another 10 (runs) would have been nice for us," the former New Zealand skipper said.

"He (Rohit) responded well in the 19th over and you are not going to win every game in the IPL. It was good game," Fleming added.

Rohit turned the tables around in the 19th over after he hit pacer Shardul Thakur for four boundaries.

Fleming also informed that pacer Deepak Chahar, who suffered a hamstring injury, would be out for a couple of weeks.

NEW DELHI, APR 29 (PTI): The fit-again duo of Sumit Sangwan (91kg) and Nikhat Zareen (51kg) was among the three gold-medallists in India's stupendous campaign at the 56th Belgrade International Boxing Tournament in Serbia.

Himanshu Sharma (49kg), who defeated Algeria's Mohammed Touareg 5-0 in his final bout, was the third top spot finisher last night as India ended the tournament with three gold, five silver and five bronze medals in all.

Continuing his fine comeback from a wrist injury, Sumit, an Asian silver-medallist, defeated Ecuador's Castillo Torres in a unanimous 5-0 verdict to claim the yellow metal. The 24-year-old later dedicated the triumph to his father Surrender Sangwan.

"He has been my rock through everything, I dedicate this medal to my babu (father). All the hard work I had



put in for the Commonwealth Games came in handy here after I missed out on that. My hand feels completely fine now," Sumit, who missed a trip to Gold Coast after go-

ing down in the trial, told PTI from Belgrade.

"This performance is a huge morale-booster for me and I am hoping to build on it in the coming months. The

boxer from Ecuador I faced in the final was a tough opponent, very aggressive but I didn't allow him to connect," he added.

Former junior world

champion Nikhat, also returning to action after recovering from a shoulder injury, notched up a 5-0 win over Greece's Koutsogeorgopoulou Aikaterini to pick up a morale-boosting gold.

"I am very satisfied with how I performed in this tournament. My shoulder is a bit stiff right now so it was by no means an easy campaign. The boxers from Russia and Serbia I fought were very muscular and physically it was draining," Nikhat said.

"My opponent in the semi-final Nina Radovanovic is a former professional boxer and she was very tough to fight. That bout took a lot out of me and my shoulder would need a bit of caring for once I am back," she added.

Surprisingly, the contingent did not have a single physio travelling with it for the tournament to take care of these niggles.

Signing off with silver medals among women were Jamuna Boro (54kg) and Ralte Lalfakmawii (+81kg). While Jamuna lost to local favourite Andjela Brankovic 1-4, Lalfakmawii went down 2-3 to Turkey's Demir Sennur.

In the men's draw, Laldinmawia (52kg), Varinder Singh (56kg) and Pawan Kumar (69kg) had to be content with silver medals.

Laldinmawia was beaten 0-5 by Korea's Kim Inkyn, while Varinder lost 2-3 to Brazilian Arilson Goncalves.

Pawan was also defeated in a split verdict, going down 1-4 to Croatia's Petar Cetinic.

Earlier, Narendar (+91kg) had fetched a bronze in the men's competition.

In the women's competition, Rajesh Narwal (48kg), Priyanka Thakur (60kg), Rumi Gogoi (75kg) and Nirmala Rawat (81kg) had settled for bronze medals.

Neymar recovery on track, will be back for World Cup: doctor

RIO DE JANEIRO, APR 29 (AFP): Neymar is working hard to recover from the foot injury that sidelined him in February and will be back in action by this summer's World Cup, the Brazil team doctor who operated on him promised.

"Neymar is recovering the best way possible," Rodrigo Lasmar told GloboEsporte.

"He is working hard and the expectation is that he will arrive well-prepared so he can take part in excellent World Cup training," Lasmar said.

Neymar who is recuperating in a Rio de Janeiro coastal mansion, said last week he would not return to the pitch until at least May 17 -- the date of his final medical exam following his



surgery in Belo Horizonte on March 3.

That pretty much puts a lid on his season with Paris Saint-Germain -- whose last fixture is scheduled against Caen

on May 19 -- but he remains on track to play in the World Cup in Russia from June 14 to July 15.

Brazil's players will attend a training camp from May 21 to 27 in Teresopolis, but Lasmar ac-

knowledgeed that Neymar's time off the pitch means he'll at first need a tailored fitness program in the run-up to the World Cup.

"We need to improve his physical fitness because it has probably decreased. Players recovering from injury deserve individual evaluation to design the best strategy for them," Lasmar said.

The 26-year-old forward -- the most expensive player in history -- broke a bone in his right foot on February 26 during his team's 3-0 rinsing of Marseille.

But optimistic, he said last week he hoped to bounce back to being even better than before in a bid to earn another star as a world champion with the Brazilian men's national team.



Prajnesh wins maiden singles title on Challenger circuit

NEW DELHI, APR 29 (PTI): Prajnesh Gunneswaran today clinched his first ever singles title on the ATP Challenger circuit when he downed Egypt's Mohammed Safwat in the final of the Kunming Open in Anning, a victory which will push him inside top-200.

Prajnesh, who had won the decisive fifth rubber of the recent China tie, beat the Egyptian 5-7 6-3 6-1 in one hour and 52 minutes.

It was second final at the Challenger level for southpaw Prajnesh, who had lost the Pune summit clash to Sadio Doumbia in October 2016.

The 28-year-old from Chennai, ranked 260, pocketed USD 21,600 and earned 125 points which are likely to help him jump more than 80 places when the new ranking chart will be issued tomorrow.

India will now have three players inside top-200 as Prajnesh is expected to be around 175. Yuki Bhambri leads the chart for the country at number 83 and is followed by Ramkumar Ramanathan (115).

"This victory could not have come at a bet-

ter time. First time I have earned so many points from a single event. These 125 points will help me a lot. I think it will help me secure (qualifiers of) both Wimbledon and US Open," Prajnesh, who will appear his final year exams at University of London, told PTI from Anning.

"This win has taught me what it takes to be in top-100. I always knew what I need to do to move to the next level but now I know how to do it. I think I am good enough to be in top-100," Prajnesh, studying Business Administration, added.

Prajnesh, who had a bright career as a junior but lost many years after turning Pro due to stress fractures in his knees, said after winning the fifth rubber against Chinese prodigy Yibing Wu, he has got a better understanding of his game.

"I was confident taking him since I was much higher-ranked but what I took from that match at 2-all, playing for country, was better understanding of my game."

Prajnesh will take a few weeks off to appear in exams and will again start playing closer to the French Open.



Resurgent Delhi take on table toppers CSK in crucial battle

PUNE, APR 29 (PTI): Their stuttering campaign back on the rails under new skipper Shreyas Iyer, a resurgent Delhi Daredevils will play table-toppers Chennai Super Kings in a crucial Indian Premier League match here tomorrow.

While Delhi would fight for survival, CSK would be equally keen to get back to winning ways after losing by eight wickets to Mumbai Indians in their adopted home ground here last night.

The Daredevils, who were struggling with Gautam Gambhir at the helm, found the elusive winning formula in their previous game when they comprehensively defeated formidable Kolkata Knight Riders at home.

Ricky Ponting-coached Delhi, now at the bottom of the table with just two wins out of seven games, however need to continue their winning spree to keep themselves in the hunt for the play-offs.

CSK, on the other hand, are still on top on the points table but their confidence suffered a blow last night against another struggling outfit in defending champions Mumbai Indians.

It would still be an uphill ask for the Daredevils to beat CSK at their adopted home - the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium but they cannot afford to lose.

Among other things, the Delhi outfit would hope that skipper Iyer continues to lead from the front as he did with a match-winning 93 against KKR.

Besides Iyer, other batsmen like opener Prithvi Shaw, Rishab Pant and all-rounders Glenn Maxwell and Colin Munro too will have to play their part to perfection.

Australian Maxwell has been getting starts but is unable to convert them into big scores.

It would interesting to see whether the Daredevils again leave out Gambhir, who is out of form and did not figure in the playing eleven against KKR, tomorrow.

Delhi's varied bowling stock too clicked in the last match and if the star-studded CSK batting line-up has to be checked, the visitors will have to bowl out of their skin.

On the other hand, returning to the IPL after serving a two-year suspension, CSK has been the team to look out for this season.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni is back among runs with his traditional late flourish while in-form Ambati Rayadu, Shane Watson and Dwayne Bravo are also capable of making a mockery of the Delhi bowling attack.

The pleasing part for coach Stephen Fleming is that Suresh Raina has finally found his touch with an unbeaten 75 in a losing cause last night.

With Sam Billings and Ravindra Jadeja in the side, CSK have depth in their batting.

But CSK bowlers were hammered by Mumbai Indians and will need to regroup and come strong tomorrow.

Pacer Shardul Thakur needs to quickly

get over from the mauling he received at the hands of Mumbai skipper Rohit Sharma yesterday along side leg-spinner Imran Tahir.

To make matters worse for CSK, Deepak Chahar, who could not complete his third over in the game, has been ruled out for a few weeks after sustaining a hamstring injury.

On the spin front, veteran Harbhajan Singh will be crucial to choke up runs in the middle overs

Teams (from):

Chennai Super Kings: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (C), Suresh Raina, Ravindra Jadeja, Faf Du Plessis, Harbhajan Singh, Dwayne Bravo, Shane Watson, Ambati Rayadu, Deepak Chahar, K M Asif, Kanish Seth, Lungi Ngidi, Dhruv Shorey, Murali Vijay, Sam Billings, Mark Wood, Kshitz Sharma, Monu Kumar, Chaitanya Bishnoi, Imran Tahir, Karn Sharma, Shardul Thakur, N Jagadeesan, David Willy.

Delhi Daredevils: Shreyas Iyer (C), Rishabh Pant, Glenn Maxwell, Gautam Gambhir, Jason Roy, Colin Munro, Mohammed Shami, Amit Mishra, Prithvi Shaw, Rahul Tewatia, Vijay Shankar, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan, Shahbaz Nadeem, Daniel Christian, Jayant Yadav, Gurkeerat Singh Mann, Trent Boult, Manjot Kalra, Abhishek Sharma, Sandeep Lamichhane, Naman Ojha, Sayan Ghosh, Liam Plunkett, Junior Dala.

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Lanka's new Cabinet to be sworn in on May 1: Prez Sirisena

COLOMBO, APR 29 (PTI): The new Cabinet of Sri Lanka's unity government will be sworn in on Tuesday, President Maithripala Sirisena announced today, weeks after he had suspended Parliament in the backdrop of the ongoing political turmoil in the country.

The unity government of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) and the United National Party (UNP) was thrown into a crisis after former president Mahinda Rajapaksa's new party pulled off a stunning victory in February's local elections seen as a referendum on the ruling alliance.

Early this month, Sirisena was forced to face a vote of no confidence in Parliament moved by the Joint Opposition which has the backing of Rajapaksa.

Wickremesinghe won the vote convincingly even after some of the unity government's Sirisena loyalists voted for his ouster among them were six ministers of the Cabinet.

Wickremesinghe's party urged that those who voted against him need sacking from the government. Acting ministers were appointed to cover for six of them after they resigned.

Sirisena, on April 12, made the decision to prorogue Parliament by virtue of the powers vested in him by Article 70 of the Constitution.

A group of 16 Sirisena loyalists is to sit in Parliament as a separate opposition group.

Buoyed by the positive outcome of the local polls, the Rajapaksa camp now pushes for a snap parliamentary election ahead of the scheduled August 2020. However the next election due is the presidential election which must be called by November 2019.

The country had plunged into a political crisis after the unity government's parties lost the local council elections to Rajapaksa's Sri Lanka People's Front.

Sirisena immediately urged the resignation of Wickremesinghe but he resisted.

Sirisena in 2015 quit the then Rajapaksa government to join hands with Wickremesinghe, the then main opposition leader, to defeat Rajapaksa in the presidential election ending his nearly 10-year rule.

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One cannot be strong without a sound and strong heart: Prez Xi

WUHAN, APR 29 (PTI): Chinese President Xi Jinping has likened a microchip to the human heart, saying "no matter how big a person is, he or she can never be strong without a sound and strong heart".

Urging Chinese businesses to make major breakthroughs in chip technology, Xi, who hosted Prime Minister Narendra Modi here in the central Chinese city for an unprecedented two-day informal summit, said they should achieve new heights in global semiconductor industry.

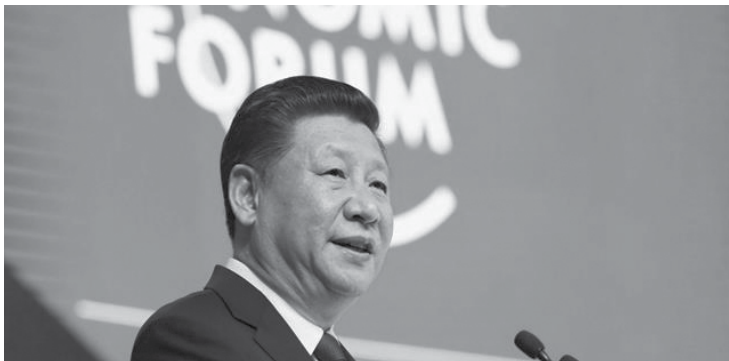
On Thursday, ahead of his one-on-one meetings with Modi, Xi, also the general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, inspected two leading chipmakers in a high-tech development zone in Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province.

The area, dubbed "China's Optics Valley," is the world's largest R&D and manufacturing base for optical communication equipment.

Xi first visited FiberHome Technologies Group, which leads the world in R&D and production of optical communication equipment of "ultra-large capacity, ultra-long haul and ultra-high rate," with technology that can enable 6.75 billion telephone calls at the same time using a single optical fiber, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Referring to chips as like the human heart, Xi said, "No matter how big a person is, he or she can never be strong without a sound and strong heart," he said.

Xi said that innovation is the priority in China's new development concept.



Having become the world's second largest economy, China must rely on innovation to spur economic growth as the old resources-dependent way is no longer effective, he said.

Independent core technology determines the survival of businesses, he said.

"Businesses must unceasingly make breakthroughs in core technology, mastering more key technologies with self-owned intellectual property rights and building up the ability to dominate industrial development. The country needs you to pick up the pace," Xi said.

The Chinese president then visited Wuhan Xinxin Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation to inspect a national memory production base and assembly lines of integrated circuits.

He listened to reports about smart manufacturing of chips and accelerating chip local-

isation progress.

China's integrated circuit (IC) industry production volume stood at 156.5 billion yuan (about USD 24.9 billion) in 2017, while the market value of the industry has reached 541.1 billion yuan, according to official figures.

Xi said the opportunities and challenges in front of China are unprecedented. He called on every Chinese to make a bigger contribution to the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

Xi also visited Qingheju, a modern community developed from a former shanty town. He said that redevelopment of former shanty areas is about allowing people to live and work in contentment, adding that there are still some daunting tasks.

"We will strive to take actions as long as they are good for the people, and will make every endeavour to get things straight," said Xi.



North Korea plans to shut its nuclear testing site in May and reveal the process to the outside world, South Korea has said. Announcing the pledge, Seoul said North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un has said Donald Trump will get to know he is "not a person" to aim missiles at US. "Kim said he would carry out the closing of the nuclear test site in May, and would soon invite experts of South Korea and the US to disclose the process to the international community

with transparency," Seoul's presidential spokesman Yoon Young-chan said. Mr Kim made the comment during Friday's summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, the spokesman added. North Korea had announced ahead of the summit that Pyongyang would immediately suspend nuclear and missile tests, and look towards scrapping its nuclear test site in order to pursue economic growth and peace.

Things 'going very well,' Trump says after talk with S.Korea's Moon

WASHINGTON, APR 29 (AFP): US President Donald Trump said Saturday that "things are going very well" after talking with South Korea's President Moon Jae-in about an upcoming summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

"Just had a long and very good talk with President Moon of South Korea. Things are going very well, time and location of meeting with North Korea is being set," Trump wrote on Twitter.

"Also spoke to Prime Minister (Shinzo) Abe of Japan to inform him of the ongoing negotiations," he wrote.

Moon met with Kim in a historic summit, agreeing on Friday to pursue a permanent peace and the complete denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.



An armistice brought the fighting on the Korean peninsula to an end in 1953, but 65 years later, a final peace agreement has still not been reached.

The Moon-Kim meeting has

raised expectations for Trump's own planned summit with the North Korean leader, the date and location of which have not yet been finalized.

Mongolia and Singapore are the final two sites under

consideration for the summit, CBS News reported, though Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Saturday that there had been no formal request for his city-state to host the meeting.

Last year, Pyongyang carried out its sixth nuclear test, by far its most powerful to date, and launched missiles capable of reaching the US mainland.

Its actions sent tensions soaring as Kim and Trump traded personal insults and threats of war.

Trump has demanded the North give up its weapons, and Washington is pressing for it to do so in a complete, verifiable and irreversible way.

Pyongyang is demanding as yet unspecified security guarantees to discuss its arsenal.

While visiting a community center, Xi urged more efforts to reform and innovate governance at the community level to offer more targeted and detailed services to the public.

Pushing high quality development is the fundamental requirement for good economic work, Xi said.

Supply-side structural reform should be pushed forward, with efforts to be made both on upgrading the traditional industries and developing emerging sectors, he said.

The overall quality of the supply system should be improved so that the system will be more adaptive to demand, Xi said. "Chinese quality should be just as world-renowned as Chinese speed," he said.

Technological innovation should be deeply integrated with economic and social development, Xi said.

Environmental protection should also be enhanced, and actions should be based on the understanding that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets," Xi said.

A holistic approach should be used to conserve the mountains, rivers, forests, farmlands, lakes, and grasslands, while controlling the pollution of the air, water, and soil should be strengthened, Xi said.

Chinese-made chips for mobile devices account for more than one-fifth of the global market share.

The country's high-end design capacity is also improving. Domestic design industry market scale rose from 104.7 billion yuan in 2014 to 198 billion yuan in 2017, the second largest value in the world.

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DEADPOOL 2: BILL SKARSGÅRD CONFIRMED AS X-FORCE'S ZEITGEIST

After weeks of speculation, Bill Skarsgård role in Deadpool 2 has been confirmed as the mutant Zeitgeist. When the first official trailer for Deadpool 2 rolled it, we learned the film was going full force with its comic book characters. Not only that, a number of characters from various teams on the page have been introduced for an early version of the X-Force crew ahead of the film's release. While Deadpool and Domino were obvious and fans quickly recognized the iconic outfit of Shatterstar, a couple other characters were left in the realm of theory.

Thanks to the release of more trailers and TV spots, we know a lot more about the mutants in the movie. The identity of 'The Kid' was revealed recently, teasing a fire-powered mutant from the comics named Firefist will be the target of Cable's mission. Meanwhile, Deadpool will pull a number of C-and-D-list characters from the page to jumpstart his



own supergroup. But until today, we still didn't have confirmation of who exactly IT star Skarsgård is playing in the movie.

Deadpool 2 actor Rob Delaney confirmed the identity of Skarsgård's character today via the the Peter W Twitter account he created for his character from the film. The feed is a great example of both the comedian's sense of humor and some nice viral marketing that provides an insight into X-Force's sole human member. Plus, it's got some informative tidbits from the movie.

As many fans assumed, Skarsgård is playing the acid-spitting mutant Zeitgeist. Though his name hardly fits his power, he's another great misfit mutant to join the X-Force lineup. In fact, the

character premiered in 2001's X-Force #116 where he joined the titular team. Unfortunately, he died the same issue so his prospects in the XCU may not be good.

It's unclear how many characters from Deadpool 2 will join the actual X-Force film, but it's been known for awhile that Wade and Cable will make amends someone and combine their skills. Meanwhile, we recently learned Domino will be in X-Force as well, so at least Deadpool 2's three biggest mutants will be involved.

With Avengers: Infinity War currently dominating theaters, it may be easy to forget that Marvel fans won't have to wait much longer for the Merc with a Mouth to return. Deadpool 2 may open bigger than the original according to the latest predications, which will be good news for Fox and their efforts to build out the franchise. After all, Deadpool 2 will be their only X-Men film in 2018, so hopefully it satisfies fans.

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AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR BECOMES THE BIGGEST OPENER OF 2018

Abrash entertaining crossover to showcase each Marvel superhero and their supreme powers, Avengers: Infinity War is every Marvel fan's wild fantasy and a dream come true. If you're updated with the Marvel universe and have your superhero mythology sorted, this film is a delight and will take you on an action-packed trip. The same action is being witnessed at the ticket windows also. Breaking records for all Hollywood films, Avengers: Infinity War

has become the biggest opener of 2018 in India. Earning a whopping INR 31.30 crores at the box office on Friday itself, the film beat Baaghi 2 and Padmaavat to secure the first spot in the list of biggest openers of 2018. The achievement of Avengers is bigger because it was released in just 2000 screens and still it raked in so much. Saturday and Sunday also look sold out.

Worldwide, the film became the only third film to cross 100 million \$ in the

first day after Star Wars' two episodes, The Force Awakens and The Last Jedi. The film is already on a dream run and is making Marvel fans all over the globe rush into theatres to witness the big action hero war.

After the elaborate introductory films like Iron Man, Hulk, Captain America and Thor, this cross over with the big guys was long due. The superheroes come together to fight against the bad guy Thanos.

SNAPCHAT GAMIFIES ITSELF WITH "SNAPPABLES" AR LENSES

Along with regular Snapchat glasses, users can now use "Snappables." But Snappables may suffer the same fate as Google Glass.

Despite competition from Instagram Stories, Snapchat remains a popular platform for disappearing content. The unique filters and friend engagement potential keeps users coming back.

Spectacles first launched back in 2016 and received a mixed response with the tech specs criticised for their durability and battery life but applauded for offering fans a fun way to post pictures and videos on the platform.

Now these connected sunglasses are getting improved with the addition of a water resistant design as well as improved video and audio quality plus much faster transfer speeds.

There's also new colours including onyx, ruby, and

sapphire and the glasses are more comfortable to wear due to their lighter design.

Snapchat says that their new video Spectacles can store up to 150 videos or 3,000 photos at a time and are instantly charged the moment they are popped back in their case.

These new interactive Lenses allow users to play augmented reality games against their Snapchaps contacts.

The feature has already begun rolling across the world with Snapchat fans able to control Snappables using touch, motion, and even facial expressions.

Speaking about the feature Snapchat said: "We see Snappables as just the very beginning of a new type of AR experience on Snapchat."

"Up until today, Lenses have been about transform-



ing your look or the world around you through content.

"Snappables invite you to become a part of another world and then your share that world with your friends."

Despite further concerns that Instagram will eliminate Snapchat, the company remains positive. But the real question here is: how will Snappables integrate with Snap Spectacles?

Snap, Spectacles capture video, so it stands to reason that Snapchat might want to integrate the two. If they do, we might find ourselves in an odd Google Glass situation.

But this might be the exact boost Snapchat needs to maintain high user engagement. This kind of interactive AR tech may be a solution over wearable tech in the short term.

Of course, many users fled the platform after the Rihanna ad debacle that affected Snapchat stock prices. Still, the company presses onward, incorporating user-generated AR lenses for their carousel.

The jury is still out on whether this will be a fad, flop, or AR revolution, but it certainly restores some of Snapchat's public reputation.



HANDSOME HEMSWORTH! Avengers: Infinity War actor Chris Hemsworth looks happy to return to Los Angeles at LAX airport.

ARIES: A contract of some kind, perhaps involving the home, might need some careful consideration today, Aries. You could find it a little difficult to understand, as it could be full of fine print and legalese. Don't be afraid to ask someone with a little more savvy to explain what you're trying to read. It's important that you know all the ins and outs before signing anything, for your own peace of mind, if nothing else.

TAURUS: You might pick up some rather disturbing thoughts from a friend, neighbor, or relative, Taurus. This person could be upset over something and not communicating his or her feelings. It isn't appropriate to try to coax this person into sharing with you now. They aren't upset with you, but they might be if you

push! Back off and let this person come to terms with the problem. Your friend will talk the time is right.

GEMINI: Some gossip about a friend could reach your ears today, Gemini, and it might seem a bit shocking at first. Money could be involved. However, don't accept what you hear at face value. However got the rumor going is apt to be less concerned with the truth than serving a personal agenda. Call your friend and try to learn the facts without prying. They're probably far less dire than the gossip implies.

CANCER: Today you might find yourself the center of attention, Cancer. Friends could ask for some information they know you have. It might involve telling a story or giving practical advice.

Whatever it is, you might find it difficult to explain without going into some pretty heavy detail. You can do it! Talk slowly and let what you have to say unfold on its own. Your audience will probably be rapt.

LEO: Today you might take up some sort of occult study, such as astrology, numerology, or alchemy that seems like Greek to you at first, Leo. As a result, you could be tempted to abandon it. Don't! Once you get past the jargon, you'll probably find it fascinating. Keep a dictionary handy, and don't worry if you have to go over something several times. You have the brains to do it. Now just put in the time.

VIRGO: A friend might be in such a dour mood that you wonder if this is the same person you

know and love, Virgo. During the day you might be tempted to try to analyze what's going on, but this is apt to raise more questions than answers. Probably this is a case of too many problems hitting your friend at once. Don't pry, but make sure your friend knows you're there if needed.

LIBRA: A friend or romantic partner might need your advice, Libra, and want to discuss a few things that you don't really understand. This could concern this person's job, which involves a lot of technicalities with which you're unfamiliar. Don't be afraid to stop occasionally and ask for an explanation. If you're going to be of any help, you have to have some idea of what this person is talking about.

SCORPIO: Today you might

read a book on exercise or nutrition that seems a bit unsettling, Scorpio. According to the book, you're doing everything wrong! Remember that what the author is probably outlining is a certain practice that worked for him or her. Everyone is different. Don't change your habits for practices that don't feel right. Consult a professional if you're still concerned. Such a person is more than capable of discerning what's right for you.

SAGITTARIUS: Memories and emotions welling up from the past might excite your creative impulses today, Sagittarius. You may not quite be able to understand what all of this means, but the pictures should keep coming to you nonetheless. It might be a good idea to take some notes, even though

you might not comprehend all you write. This may be more a process of releasing ancient traumas than creating great masterpieces, but even so, it's worth pursuing.

CAPRICORN: A subject you're researching, perhaps for a class or workshop, might prove more difficult than you expected, Capricorn. The resources you consult might be very scholarly and thus difficult to read. If you can't find anything comprehensible, try to rent or buy a video on the subject. It's more important to understand the material than force yourself to approach it in the accepted scholarly manner. It's also important that you enjoy it.

AQUARIUS: A neighbor or relative might volunteer to help you with some chores around the house, Aquarius, but you could

sense that his or her heart isn't in it. This person is probably thinking about things and just needs some kind words and a little advice. Just accept that even though you have help, you'll probably end up doing most of the work yourself. Offer what support you can, and think of it as good karma. **PISCES:** Paperwork involving money could be a real drag for you today, Pisces. You'll have to get it done, but you'd rather be elsewhere. It might also seem a little confusing. If you get to it early and concentrate, you should finish it quickly and then get on to what you want to do. After a morning of intense, tedious work, you'll probably be ready for some entertainment like a movie or sports event. Have fun!