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CHILLY WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAIL IN SIKKIM

GANGTOK, JAN 31 (PTI): Chilly weather condition prevailed in Sikkim today with Gangtok being the coldest place in the state. The higher altitude areas continued to receive snowfall. The Meteorological Centre has in a bulletin forecast light rain/thundershower/snow (in higher altitude areas) over next two days.

CRPF faux pas has Sikkim aflutter

VISHNU NEOPANEY

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

Sikkim Police was surprised yesterday by a communiqué arriving on its tables from the DIG, Central Reserved Police Force [CRPF], Siliguri Range, informing about deployment of a CRPF battalion in Sikkim because of “impending threat perception in present scenario”. This deployment, the rather vague letter explained, was required “to meet the emerging challenges”.

Much as the Sikkim Police top-brass must have been caught scratching their collective heads wondering which “competent authority” was privy to information on “impending threat perception” or “emerging challenges” that the law & order agency here was un-

aware of, the letter leaked and triggered wild speculations on Social Media.

This letter was marked “Most Urgent” and required Sikkim Police to revert by 5pm on Tuesday itself with details on the Force would be stationed and deployed.

There was clearly a misunderstanding, the kind caused by central agencies clubbing Sikkim with the rest of the North East and including it in the bulk mails for the seven northeastern states some of which are going to polls soon and where there is political uncertainty brewing.

While there is no official confirmation on this speculation, what has been confirmed is that the CRPF has since realised its faux pas and withdrawn its “Most Ur-

gent” letter. And this within hours of the first letter.

The follow-up letter is just as vague and states that the earlier letter be “treated as cancelled and no action is required please”.

When contacted Additional Director General of Police Sudhakar Rao explained that a misconception by a subordinate officer had led to the first letter being despatched and that the same was withdrawn by the CRPF DIG, Siliguri Range, when the mistake came to light.

The ADGP also reassured that there were no reports of any impending threat perceptions in Sikkim and underlined that Sikkim remains one of the most peaceful states and was in no need of deployment of central paramilitary forces.



Mary Kom in final, Shiva, Manoj upstaged in semis

NEW DELHI, JAN 31 (PTI):

Five-time world champion M C Mary Kom advanced to the final but Shiva Thapa and Manoj Kumar settled for bronze medals after upset semifinal losses in the India Open boxing tournament for men and women here today.

Seeded 12th, Mary Kom (48kg) was up against a rather gritty Mongolian Altansetseg Lutsaikhan. But the five-time world and Asian champion gained the upper hand with her aggressive approach in the first two rounds.

The Manipuri did seem drained in the final three minutes but managed to connect just enough blows to come up trumps.

Mary Kom will face Philippine's Josie Gabuco who sent second seed and local favourite Monika packing with a dominating performance.

In the women's draw, top seed L Sarita Devi

Eduwork Japan Centre of Excellence debuts in India via Sikkim

SAGAR CHHETRI

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

The first centre of Eduwork Japan Centre of Excellence [EJCOE] in the country was launched here in Sikkim today. The centre has been opened by Eduwork Japan in partnership with Agora Institute.

The launch was presided over by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling here at Chintan Bhawan. The function was jointly organized by Eduwork Japan, O-Hara College of Business, Japan, and Gakken Holdings, Japan.

The key activities of EJCOE, it was informed, will be promoting Japanese education, skilling and careers in Japan for the youth and students of Sikkim. The Centre will also organize Japanese Culture, Education, Skilling and Career fairs in Sikkim, providing free Japanese language training to youth who enrol in the study and work programs in Japan.

The Centre will also provide scholarships, it was further informed. In his address, the CM expressed happiness on Sikkim being chosen as the destination for the first centre of EJCOE in the country and stressed that provided a great opportunity for local youth to benefit from the top-notch education of Japan along with receiving skill development and career prospects in a country like Japan.

He added that the establishment of EJCOE in Sikkim was an



extension of the vision of the State Government for education and skill development.

The CM urged youngsters to avail of the opportunities offered by the Centre and strive for success in fields of their choice.

He also congratulated the group of local youth who have been partnering in this venture.

He highlighted that the Japanese are renowned for their perseverance, hard work and exquisite work culture. He called on the youth to draw inspiration from how the Japanese reconstructed their country into the most developed nation despite the devastation of World War II. There were important lessons on State and nation-building from the Japanese experience,

he highlighted.

The CM also took the opportunity to speak of the Organic Mission, and pointed out that Sikkim's recognition as the first Organic State of the country had opened markets across the globe for local produce.

He also shared that the government has been facing a lot of obstacles in pursuit and continuance of its Organic Mission and urged the people to extend more support to the organic mission.

The CM also mentioned that education was a priority sector for the State Government and underlined that his government was committed to provide the best and complete education to students here.

He also called for a change

in the mindset from remaining job-seekers to becoming job-providers.

He also urged the youth to develop a stronger sense of belonging, ownership and accountability towards the State. He urged everyone to come forward and work responsibly in the State-building process.

The CM also stated that Sikkim was leading the country in various sectors and urged the youth to support the government in maintaining peace and security and sustaining development. He added that the work of the State government was to create opportunities and that it was on the people to take advantage and benefit from these opportunities.

CM also officially launched the EJCOE Sikkim Centre brochures on the occasion.

Principal, O-Hara Japanese Language Institute, Tokyo, Hishiro Yoshioka, in his address, mentioned that the venture was an important milestone for Indo-Japanese collaboration in education. He added that in this venture, students from India and Japan can learn about each other and further strengthen the relationship between the two countries.

He urged the youth and students of Sikkim to avail the opportunities to build successful careers.

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‘Pilots’ deputed to escort Ministers

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

The State Government has decided to depute “pilots” (escort vehicles) to Cabinet Ministers here. These pilots were seen escorting the vehicles of Ministers today. The decision, it is informed, was taken after security aspects were reviewed. This development was also mentioned by the Chief Minister at one of his public addresses recently.

The Home Department green-flagged the provision of escort vehicles to Cabinet Ministers following security updates from the Sikkim Police, sources inform.

The State Government had reportedly accepted the recommendation last month and the

Home Department has issued the notification in follow-up.

As many as 12 new escort vehicles with the prescribed police personnel have been provided to the Ministers, confirmed ADGP (Security), Sikkim Police, who is also the spokesperson for the Sikkim Police. He reiterated that after examining all the security aspects, the pilots have been provided to the Ministers.

Thus far, Sikkim was the only State where pilots were not allotted to Ministers.

Each escort vehicle has 3-4 police personnel.

Earlier, Home Department had provided pilots to the Governor, the Chief Minister, the Speaker, Chief Justice and Judges of Sikkim High Court.

SAATHI teams up with EDTS and Lower Jaubari for leadership development among students



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

A three-day long awareness programme for children and their parents from in and around Jaubari in South Sikkim was organized by Panchayat member, Lower Jaubari Ward, Phurba Dawa Sherpa, and the youth of Lower Jaubari in collaboration with Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] and Education Development Trust of Sikkim [EDTS] at the tourism hall of Government Primary School, Lower Jaubari from 29-31 Jan.

A press release received from SAATHI informs that the programme had active participation of 43 students from Lower Jaubari Primary School, Pakchey PS, Chiadara PS, Upper Jaubari

Secondary School, and Damthang Secondary School.

Aimed at building young leaders within the community through some leadership development sessions and activities, the event included various sessions on career, drugs, leadership, agriculture, waste management and biodiversity conducted by various resource persons from in and outside the State.

The SAATHI team also conducted parental counseling to discuss the current scenario of the State in terms of drug related problems and various challenges they face to combat these problems. Learning based group activities were also conducted during the programme with active participation from the students and parents.

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SIRD holds capacity building programme, addresses various aspects of drug abuse

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GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

The State Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj [SIRD&PR], Karfector, in collaboration with National Institute of Social Defence, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, conducted three-daylong capacity building programme on Social Defence Issues for

Panchayati Raj Functionaries 29-31 Jan, a press release informs.

Thirty six participants including Panchayati Raj Institution representatives from different GPUs namely Sudun-glakha, Nandok Saramsa, Turung Mamring, Mellidara, Namphing, Tadong Rinchenbong, and representatives of civil societies like Atish Depankar Destitute Home Chakhu-

ng, Turuk Development Society and No DAST from Namphing GPU.

Intelligence Officer, Narcotics Control Bureau, Kolkata Zonal Unit, Santu Saha, president, Iswaramba Old Age Home, Jalipool, MR Rai, Assistant Superintendent of Police, South, Linda Palmu, incharge, Nimtar Rehabilitation Centre, Mahendra Tamang, Associate Profes-

sor, Chakung, Dr PC Rai, District Child Protection Officer, South, Roshnita Gurung, Panchayat member, Maniram Phalidara GPU, Topda Bhutia, and Editor, Sikkim Chronicle, Yougen Tamang, attended the event as resource persons.

The three-daylong training also included exposure visit to DRISYA Rehabilitation Centre in Samatar, South Sikkim.

The topics dealt during the programme were old age care and its magnitude & policies, Senior Citizen Act 2007, drug abuse and prevention, programmes and legislative provisions, role of NCB in respect of drugs, problems of destitute and related State legislation, role of civil societies, local bodies and media and network.

Consultation and Interaction Workshop on Smart City

GANGTOK, 31 JAN [IPR]: Gangtok Municipal Corporation in collaboration with Urban Development & Housing Department organized 1st Consultation and Interaction Workshop on Smart City at a local hotel in the capital today.

It may be mentioned here, Gangtok has been selected as Smart City after Namchi under the Centres Smart City Mission.

The workshop programme was attended by Minister for UD&HD, NK Subba, Minister for Public Health Engineering Department, Tulsu Devi Rai, Members of Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Ugen Nedup Bhutia, Shyam Pradhan and T William Pradhan, GMC Mayor, Shakti Singh Chaudhary, Deputy Mayor, L Doma Bhutia, Councillors, UD&HD Secretary, LB Chettri, who is also the Mission Director of Gangtok Smart City Development Limited, CEO of Gangtok Smart City Development, GMC Commissioner, Tshewang Gyachho, Additional Director General of Police, Akshay Sachdeva and other officials from various line departments.

Addressing the gathering, Minister for UD&HD, Mr Subba said, "Due to good governance, visionary leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and the good image of the State, another smart city is coming up in Gangtok."

He said that the Union Ministry of Urban Development is respon-



sible for implementing the mission in collaboration with the state governments of the respective cities. The aim is to develop these cities by making it citizen friendly and sustainable.

The Minister further informed that all developmental works which are need based can be included so that all developmental related works are executed and implemented. Areas such as infrastructure, IT, and communications solutions to cities, supporting cities across multiple operational and infrastructure issues, proper waste management, car parking facilities, walkways alternative mode to transportation and communication, shopping complex, health facilities, regular supply of water and power, smart schools etc which comes under smart city norms can all be developed with proper planning and execution, he added.

He suggested plans around the city such as elevator walkways, cable car from Ranipool to Old Secretariat, underground

crossing, replication of MG Marg in Bye Pass area, etc.

Mission Director of Gangtok Smart City Development Limited, Mr Chettri, informed that under Smart City project, all the council area of GMC will be developed under need basis. All the wards will be connected with new networks and next generation infrastructures including digitally delivering services in banking, power, health, education, tourism, flower market and other various modes of communication will be looked after, he added.

Earlier, Nodal Officer of Gangtok Smart City Development Limited, Nabin Rai, gave in-depth presentation on Gangtok Smart City by highlighting various aspects of the project.

During an interaction session, officers from various departments including ADGP, Mr Sachdeva, gave valuable suggestions to the implementing agency and concerned line departments for making the Smart City vision a successful one.

Avian mortality increases in Singtam, people concerned

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 31 JAN: Of late, a visible increase in bird mortality is being noticed in Singtam with dead birds seen lying on the streets of Singtam Bazaar every day. While last year many sparrows had died in a worrying sight, this year it is mostly pigeons.

The cause of avian mortality is, however, not clear at present. Whether it is due to biological reasons or human-induced, the loss of birds to an ecosystem could have consequences in the future. It is time for the concerned departments to look into the matter and take measures to understand, explain and address the issue.



Dzongu MLA announces construction of community ground at Lum

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

DIKCHU, 31 JAN:

Dzongu MLA, Deputy Speaker Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, today announced the construction of a community ground at Lum village in Lower Dzongu in his address delivered on the third day of the Susakurtot Organic Festival at Lum today.

Mr Lepcha, who attended the function as chief guest, was accompanied by Zilla Adhyakshya, Namdey Lepcha, and SNT Chairperson Pintso Namgyal Lepcha as special guests.

The event also featured a cultural programme that included presentations by

various cultural troupes and traditional games and competitions.

The MLA appreciated the initiative of the Susakortot Organic Festival organizing committee in promoting the organic mission of the State and urged the people of Lum/Gor/ Sangtok GPU to continue the festival annually.

He added that infrastructure development of schools and healthcare centres has progressed in Dzongu during the tenure of the Sikkim Democratic Front government. He appealed to all to work in unity towards further development of the area.

Highlighting SDF as a

secular party, he underlined the construction of churches, temples and monasteries in Dzongu and commended the thoughts and the philosophy of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling.

The function was also attended by Joint Director, Human Resource Development Department, North, Sonam Lepcha, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dzongu, Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, SDM, Yulsom, Dr Sonam Rinchen Lepcha, Panchayat members, officials and people from all walks of life.

The function winded up with the vote of thanks delivered by Zilla member, Tshering Gyatso Lepcha.

SKM welcomes 20 new members

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

Twenty supporters of the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front from Rumtek-Martam, Kabi-Lungchok and Singtam-Khamdong constituencies have joined Sikkim Krantikari Morcha, it was claimed today.

SKM acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha, chief coordinator Sonam Lama, and working president, Navin Karki, welcomed them today into the party fold here at the party head-office.

In his address, SKM acting president stated that the process of joining SKM was increasing by the day.

He added that the people believe in the party and its vision of establishing good administration and curb corruption in Sikkim. He also announced that big personalities will also be joining the SKM in the near future.

Chamling convenes legislator's meet

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

A legislator's meet of the Sikkim Democratic Front was chaired by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling here at Mintokgang on Tuesday evening. After discussions and deliberations, the meeting took various decisions, informs a press release of SDF spokesperson, Bhim Dahal.

The meeting decided that the SDF Day and the closing ceremony of SDF's Silver Jubilee year will be held at Mining Ground in Rangpo, East

Sikkim.

It is further informed that at the meeting, the CM directed all MLAs to take all developmental activities and constructions in their respective constituencies seriously and on priority for completion within the scheduled time.

He also suggested that people at the grassroots should be able to utilise the Organic Mission to increase their livelihoods.

The release adds that the meeting also discussed projects like the

Gyan Mandir coming up in Gangtok, statue of Lord Parsuram at Barang in East Sikkim and the All Sikkim Christian Summit at Jorethang, South Sikkim.

The meeting also discussed on various government grants given to different religious centres. The meeting also deliberated over attempts of anti-social and anti-Sikkimese elements to spread misinformation on false and baseless issues and condemned such moves as being aimed at transforming Sikkim into an 'intellectual gas chamber'.

Mary Kom in final...

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(60kg) was up against fellow Indian Priyanka and in a bout fought on even keel, the former managed to get a split verdict in her favour.

Sarita stood out for being a better power-puncher than her opponent and managed to connect a few telling blows to Priyanka's torso. Sarita will face Finland's Olympic and world bronze-medallist Mira Potkonen in her summit clash.

However, there was a major upset in the men's draw when world and Asian medallist Shiva (60kg), seeded top in his category, settled for a bronze after going down in a unanimous verdict to fellow Indian Manish Kaushik.

This was Shiva's second loss to Manish after the national championships final last year.

Former Commonwealth Games gold-medallist Manoj Kumar (69kg) also made a shock exit after going down in a split decision to compatriot Dinesh in another fiercely-contested bout.

SKM condemns provision of pilots to Ministers

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 31 JAN: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has strongly condemned the decision of the State Government to provide pilots to Ministers.

While criticising the decision, Syari MLA Kunga Nima Lepcha, argued that it was another burden on the already

stressed State exchequer.

Addressing a press conference here today, he alleged that instead of properly managing the State's finances, the government has been squandering the people's money on unnecessary perks. He stated that there was no need for police escorts for Ministers in a state like Sikkim which claims to be the most

peaceful State of the country. He also questioned how the provision of pilots can be justified in light of the removal of VIP lights.

Mr Lepcha believes that the use of pilots by 12 Ministers will also affect traffic in the capital. He stressed that it was not proper to extend political privileges at the cost of the people's convenience.

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GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Majhitar, East Sikkim presented the SAMMAN Award for the month of December 2017 to its housekeeping employees today in recognition of their special contributions towards the institution, a press release from Sikkim Manipal University informs.

Laxmi Nirula and her team [cleaning highest number of hostel rooms in a month], Ranjit Rai [informing unusual activity in hostel] and Prem Bishwakarma [polishing marble of "F-Block"] were presented with the award in a ceremony held at SMIT.

It may be mentioned here, SMIT presents the SAMMAN Award to its employees as a token of appreciation for their noteworthy contribution and to reinforce behaviors and values that are important at SMIT.

Eduwork Japan Centre of Excellence debuts...

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ed, Global Strategy Division Executive Director, Kunihiro Arai thanked the State Government and the CM for extending full support to this venture. He stated that Sikkim has stood out as a progressive State under the leadership of Pawan Chamling.

He also appreciated the priority given by the Sikkim government to the education sector and expressed hope that the programme will benefit youth here.

Likewise, Eduwork Japan Director and CEO, Raju Monga, made a presentation on EJCCE and its activities. He added that the venture has been launched with the mission and vision of positive impact on youth and students of Sikkim.

He congratulated the young team of Nitin Rai, Dominic Savio Syangbo and Mandira Chettri for partnering in the venture.



SPARSH LEPROSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN OBSERVED IN SIKKIM

GANGTOK, 31 JAN [IPR]: In order to overcome ignorance and misconceptions and to achieve a "leprosy-free India", SPARSH awareness programmes were organized all over Sikkim with messages on leprosy being read out by "Sapna" [the campaign mascot] on 30 Jan. The activities related to SPARSH will continue till 13 Feb which is observed as "Anti Leprosy Fortnight".

ICAR-NOFRI organizes field day and farmers' training on scientific pig production

GANGTOK, 31 JAN [PIB]:

Krishi Vigyan Kendra [KVK] of ICAR-NOFRI, East Sikkim organized a field day cum input distribution programme under Tribal Sub Plan [TSP] project at Nandok village in East Sikkim on 30 Jan. The programme was attended by more than 30 livestock farmers of Upper and Lower Nandok.

Fourteen crossbred grower piglets [Hampshire X Indigenous] were distributed among 07 selected tribal beneficiaries. Under the same TSP project, the farmers were provided financial assistance for construction of seven numbers of low cost pig houses under deep litter system.

The programme was chaired by Joint Director, ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong, Dr RK Avasthe. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized on the importance of the livestock sector for livelihood security of farmers as well as sustainable organic agriculture in Sikkim. He also added that mixed farming combining agriculture and livestock plays an important role in strengthening the overall rural economy of Sikkim.

Dr Avasthe urged the farmers to adopt scientific pig farming to cater the



requirement of pork in the State and advised to follow the scientific practices of pig husbandry as per the low cost deep litter housing technology of ICAR-NOFRI. He also reiterated the importance of scientific pig production in rural Sikkim for self employment generation.

The participants were trained by team of scientists from ICAR-NOFRI on various aspects of scientific pig production and management. Dr Rafiqul Islam [Senior Scientist, Animal Reproduction] elaborated about the housing arrangement of the pigs for rearing them at various age groups. He also discussed about the prevention and control measures of major diseases of pig.

Dr Islam further explained to the farmers about the comfortable rearing of the livestock in the adverse climatic conditions to produce in a stress free atmosphere. He advised the farmers to avoid breeding the female with males from close relation to avoid problems of inbreeding.

Dr PK Pathak [Subject Matter Specialist, Animal Science] briefed about the advantages of scientific pig rearing in low cost pig house under deep litter system which was designed and developed with locally available natural resources for high rainfall, mid and high altitude areas of Sikkim. Further, he emphasized on the method of scientific pig feeding

by incorporation of low cost locally available feed resources to minimize the cost of feeding to enhance the profit margin.

During the farmers meeting, an interaction programme was also held. Scientists of ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong and SMSs from ICAR-KVK, East Sikkim interacted with the progressive tribal farmers about existing pig rearing practices and different constraints to which possible approaches were suggested for making pig farming as a profitable venture.

Block-level Bankers meet at Mangan discusses loan schemes and bank norms



SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 31 JAN:

Central Bank of India [CBI], Mangan Branch organized a Block Level Bankers Committee meeting at Block Administrative Centre in Mangan, North Sikkim on 30 Jan.

The programme was attended by Assistant General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Gangtok, IYI Namchu, Lead District Manager, RBI, Gopal Lama, Manager, CBI, Jharna Subba, officials from Mangan BAC, Managers of State Bank of India, AXIS bank, Canara Bank, Union Bank, IDBI Bank, SISCO Bank, Zilla members of Namok-Swayem & Ringhem-Nampatam GPUs and Panchayat members of Singhik-Sentam & Ringhim-Nampatam GPUs.

Manager, CBI, Ms Subba, in her address, informed about digital India schemes and informed that loanee parchas and land khatiyans are kept as security basis for official procedures. It works as a reminder of timely refunds for a loanee, she added.

Lead District Manager, RBI, Mr Lama, highlighted on Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and added that Zero Balance Account can be used as current account. He also spoke on Jiwan Suraksha Bima Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jiwan Jyoti Yojana and benefits of insurance and Atal Pension Yojana.

He further informed about the benefits of Kisan Credit Card loan schemes for farmers in organic production fields.

Zilla member of Namok-Swayem GPU in an open discussion raised the problems faced by unemployed youths while applying for loans for any business purposes.

It takes long process in official process those clients have already existing accounts in any nationalized banks so it's should be flexible and

"Indian Nationalized banks should be flexible and fragile with their customers to achieve the national level target of Digital India and Start-up India," he suggested.

Assistant General Manager, RBI, Mr Namchu stated that any bank registered with RBI are monitored by them. He urged the public to lodge their complaints at RBI office or RBI websites in case of any disputes in any bank.

"We will investigate the matter for early actions. But in any case of loans, the clients must submit the appropriate documents as per bank norms and conditions. There are so many loan schemes with subsidized process under State and Central government but banks will be verifying the process and enterprises before sanctioning the said loans," Mr Namchu added.

Prajapita Brahmakumari initiates residential personality development camp for children

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

A three-day residential personality development camp for children got underway here at Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya, Gangtok Centre in Development Area today.

The inaugural function had former Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly, Advisor to Tourism Department, MB Dahal, as the chief guest and the founder of Freedom Facility Centre, Tathangchen, KC Nima, as guest of honour.

Prajapita Brahma-

kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya, Gangtok Centre Incharge, Sonam Didi, informed that children aged between 8 to 15 years were enrolled this camp and will go through a series of activities and also taken out for a study tour.

In his address, Mr Dahal appreciated the initiative aimed at personality development of children through such a camp and stressed the need of proper guidance for children from a young age to make them better citizens in the future.

He also stressed the need for spiritual de-

velopment of children along with their physical growth and thanked Prajapita Brahmakumaris for organising the camp.

Mr Nima highlighted that Prajapita Brahmakumari has been working diligently for the transformation of the people trapped in negative activities. He informed that members of Prajapita Brahmakumari have been supporting Freedom Facility and organising such camps at the centre and stressed the need for spiritual knowledge to keep away from substance abuse.

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Committees Require Commitment

Their failure in basic tasks snowballs into across the board deficiencies

One understands that agencies and committees instituted by the government have only so much motivation, leeway or even interest in going after other agencies of the same establishment when it comes to fixing accountability. But something needs to be done if such committees are not delivering even on the basic task of keeping track or maintaining at least a semblance of an over-watch. The Annual Technical Report on Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies for the year ended 31 March 2016 by the Office of the Accountant General (Audit), Sikkim, tabled in the Legislative Assembly during the two-day session which concluded on Tuesday paints a rather dismal picture of the functioning of various committees constituted for smooth function of PRIs. And this is not the first time that such shortcomings have been flagged. In fact, the lethargy enumerated in the latest report have appeared in past reviews as well, but either no one is reading, or more worryingly, no one cares.

So, the State Government has constituted a string of such committees and appointed/ nominated people into them as well, but there is a big slip between the tasked assignments and performance on ground. For instance, anyone who lives in rural Sikkim would be aware of Social Audit-cum-Vigilance Committees which, on paper, are required to ensure that works are executed at Panchayat level as per estimate. They should also monitor the quality of works and are to be comprised of a "wide spectrum" of stakeholders, users and marginalized and vulnerable sections of society including women and senior citizens of the respective Gram Panchayats. The Audit Comment accompanying the report on "position of functioning" of this committee informs that it "simply certified" works executed by the GPs "without exercising any checks". Adequate monitoring was not undertaken, hence quality of work "as envisaged in the estimate" was not ensured. As a result, the "certificate" issued by these committees were a "mere formality" so that payments could be released to the contractors. Then there are the important, but similarly inept Disaster Management Committees which have been found to be "largely ineffective" due to lack of training or involvement as a result of which "victims could not be given immediate relief at the time of need". And really, when has anyone heard of the involvement of DMCs in the wake of any disaster in Sikkim. Sure, the district administration responds and delivers relief, but the disaster management committees surface only occasionally in press releases informing about meetings of drills. Then there is the Block Development Committee which might have a wider jurisdiction territorially than the Social Audit committees but that does not make them any more serious or effective. The Audit Comment for them refers to them as "largely non-functional"; this, due to absence of proper coordination among line departments, DPC and Block Office. And this comes at a cost because in its non-functionality, "identification, scrutiny, implementation of schemes and proper monitoring of schemes for overall development of the GP and Block could not be done".

One would have thought that the State Government's flagship CATCH programme and the State's Total Sanitation status would have provided the required impetus to the Village Health Sanitation Committees to be better performing. But even that has not happened for these VHSCs which the Audit has found "not adequately functional". Since these committees did not bother to carry out household surveys or analyse health issues and health conditions of the villages, sanitation facilities were not created adequately and community toilets were not maintained in hygienic condition. Everyone is aware of the result, now we also know why. There are, apparently, also District Technical Support Committees in Sikkim which are required to support the preparation of District Perspective Plans for each sector by coordinating with the PRIs and technical experts. What the Audit discovered was that estimates prepared by the GPs were not technically vetted by the DTSCs and this resulted in "deficiency in preparation of estimate and also execution of a number of works without preparation of estimates". The litter abandoned and/ or over-budget projects across the state stand testimony to this. A frequent complaint received from the villages is of the lack of proper drinking water supply. Water Supply & Sanitation Committees exist for preparation of Village Action Plans deliver "source to mouth" water supply proposals. These committees have remained "largely ineffective" the Audit Comment puts on record but that is being polite since records show that preparation of proposal for submission to district authorities has not even been initiated.

In its recommendations to the State Government, the auditors have suggested that utilisation certificates be submitted in time to avoid delayed or short release of funds; financial management be strengthened to avoid diversion of funds and/ or extra and avoidable expenses; programme execution be strengthened and dedicated and effective monitoring systems be established. All of these can be achieved if only the already existing bouquet of committees were somehow convinced to their basic tasks effectively enough.

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African philosopher, Achille Mbembe, has gained an enviable reputation as a scholar that challenges the tenets of modernity. Some aspects of modernity Mbembe is known to challenge are characterised by the move towards more capitalistic economies, an increase in social stratifications and the universalisation of Western European thought. From "On Private Indirect Government" (2000) to his recent book, "Critique of Black Reason" (2017), his interest has always been on how the world can account for the construction and consequences of race and racism.

In "Critique of Black Reason" Mbembe challenges us to rethink the present with the view of charting a future that, according to Mbembe, will differ from the past and the present.

A key interest of the book is on how race and racism have played a role in how the modern world is organised. However much the world might have benefited from modernity, what is unavoidable is the integral role of race and racism in the construction of modernity. This is why for Mbembe it is of utmost importance that we examine this aspect of modernity as it continues to exclude subjects and create new and old victims that are "the wretched of the earth".

He writes: "race, operating over the past centuries as a fundamental category that is at once material and phantasmic, has been at the root of catastrophe, the course of extraordinary psychic destruction and of innumerable crimes and massacres."

For Mbembe, the construction of race emanates from the symbolic. It accounts for the ways in which subjects live and where they live. It explains the kinds of debates that prohibit – or allow them – to lead meaningful lives.

AGE OF REASON

The book focuses more on how discourses of race and other differences emerged in the eighteenth century

Achille Mbembe on how to restore the humanity stolen by racism



during what is popularly known as the Age of Reason or the Enlightenment.

This was a period in which science, philosophy and other disciplines, and social debates, constructed differences between people. This was driven by two factors: material interests and an unwillingness to live with the unfamiliar. Mbembe's book takes to task this idea of Enlightenment to show how it is responsible for the construction of race and racism:

"The Black Man is the one (or the thing) that one sees when one sees nothing, when one understands nothing, and above all, when one wishes to understand nothing."

This, for Mbembe, is not coincidental. This is because, "the term 'Black' was the product of a social and technological machine tightly linked to the emergence and globalisation of capitalism. It was invented to signify exclusion, brutalisation, and degradation, to point to a limit constantly conjured and abhorred."

Capitalism, from this perspective, is only possible because it's exclusionary. For much of our contemporary history, this has been through the discourse of race.

HISTORY OF AFRICA

Africa is the continent where most "black" people live. Mbembe's book therefore looks into the history of Africa and how it has been used, and abused, as the antithesis of Western modernity. Since the West depends on the "rest" in order to construct

itself, it is not surprising, Mbembe writes, that, "when Africa comes up, correspondence between words, images, and the thing itself matters very little. It is not necessary for the name to correspond to the thing, or for the thing to respond to its name."

This is because, "when one says the word 'Africa' one generally abdicates all responsibility."

And it is in this abdication of responsibility that Mbembe argues for a different way of being in the world, and of living with others that are different from oneself.

While, then, the word Africa might speak to a historical and present suffering, there is also something in the word, Mbembe writes, "that judges the world and calls for reparation, restitution, and justice. Its spectral presence in the world can be understood only as part of a critique of race."

Mbembe argues that while race and racism still play an important role in the present, it is also clear that there is a "Becoming Black of the world" that has to do with the numerous forms of exclusion and violence that haunt the contemporary.

For instance, Mbembe writes, "If yesterday's drama of the subject was exploitation by capital, the tragedy of the multitude today is that they are unable to be exploited at all. They are abandoned subjects relegated to the role of a 'superfluous humanity'."

TO BE HOPEFUL

How, then, does one continue to live,

and to be hopeful, when it seems as though the history of the world is a history of depredation and cruelty? To answer this question, Mbembe turns to philosopher Frantz Fanon (as he does in much of the book) and writes that one of the important lessons that he taught us is, "the idea that in every human subject there is something indomitable and fundamentally intangible that no domination - no matter what form it takes - can eliminate, contain, or suppress, at least not completely."

It is here that the possibility of a different future is possible.

This is because for Mbembe, "until we have eliminated racism from our current lives and imagination, we will have to continue to struggle for the creation of a world beyond - race. But to achieve it, to sit down at a table to which everyone has been invited, we must undertake an exacting political and ethical critique of racism and of the ideologies of difference..."

And that is precisely what this book does.

In bringing together thinkers such as Fanon, Aime Cesaire, Friedrich Nietzsche, Marcus Garvey, Nelson Mandela, Michel Foucault and many others, "Critique of Black Reason" is an impressive book. It offers readers insight into how the construction of race and racism underpins our understanding of modernity and therefore of the world we inhabit.

More than this though, it challenges readers to undo forms of exclusionary thinking that still haunt the ways we live. It is only in doing this, according to Mbembe, that we can, "restore the humanity stolen from those who have historically been subjected to processes of abstraction and objectification."

"Critique of Black Reason" is an illuminating and brilliant addition to Mbembe's corpus. It is the kind of book, I suspect, that will become compulsory reading for undergraduate and graduate classes worldwide.

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Asia is set for a difficult year in 2018—much of it centred around China

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In 2017 we finally realised that the four decades of geopolitical stability enjoyed by Asian countries and societies had come to an end. In 2018, the major patterns that will come to dominate the region will become increasingly clear.

China and the United States worked out a way to live with one another in the 1970s, and that paved the way for the region's remarkable economic growth. The US actively sought to engage China in the belief that Chinese economic integration with the world would eventually lead to the liberalisation of China's political system.

But as Xi Jinping's first five years in office have made clear, that optimism was misplaced. A more affluent China has become more authoritarian, more nationalistic, and increasingly intent on changing the international environment to one it perceives better reflects its interests.

In his first year in office, US President Donald Trump surprisingly played a gentle hand with China. In contrast to this campaign rhetoric, his administration approached China with moderation, focusing principally on establishing a good personal relationship with Xi and trying to garner Chinese help to manage North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

That is likely to change in 2018. As signalled in the National Security Strategy and the National Defence Strategy, the US sees strategic competition among major powers as the most important feature of the country's security environment.

The active engagement of China by the US, even one tempered by a degree of containment, is coming to an end. China is viewed now as a country that seeks to mould the international environment in its own image. Expect the US to increasingly contest China's power and influence, both in the region and globally.

This is likely to take both military and economic forms, as China is increasingly viewed by the US as a full-spectrum adversary. This will mean some kind of action on what the US perceives as China's predatory trade policy, as well as a ratcheting up of military steps to push back on Chinese activities, particularly at sea.

China will not respond to the likely increase in American pressure with equanimity. Indeed,



one real risk in 2018 is that China will overplay its hand. Its lesson from 2017 is that Trump is a paper tiger. Trump is perceived as being neither able nor willing to match his bombastic words with deeds. China could be emboldened to act provocatively because it miscalculates how the US might respond.

The disputed islands in the East China Sea are probably the most likely place for this to happen. The South China Sea disputes have a slightly lower risk in 2018, as China has largely achieved its objectives in that area, and while the US would prefer that this hadn't occurred, it can live with the consequences for the time being.

While Sino-American competition will increase the regional temperature, it is by no means the only way in which great power rivalry will shape the region.

Last year's Doklam crisis reminds us that the extensive border between China and India is highly contested. Expect India's ambitions and China's confidence to lead to further tensions in the Himalayas.

China was slightly surprised by India's response in Doklam, and will have learned from that occasion. When, and not if, China next tests India, it will probably involve a higher level of military risk.

In late 2017, senior officials from the US, Japan, India and Australia met, reviving the "quadrilateral initiative" of a decade ago.

The move is publicly framed as efforts to coordinate policies of countries that value an open and free Indo-Pacific. In substance, it is about collaborating to limit Chinese influence and sustain the liberal order. The "new quad" will take further steps in 2018 and China will respond in ways that will further heighten regional tensions.

This year will also see a further decline in the stock of liberalism in Asia. For a period in the early

2000s, liberalism seemed ascendant. China joined the World Trade Organisation, democracy was on the march in Southeast Asia, and economic globalisation was seen as an unalloyed good thing.

No longer. There are no democracies in continental Southeast Asia. Rodrigo Duterte is undermining liberalism in the Philippines, shutting down a vibrant news website, and some fear that the martial law he imposed in the restive south may be expanded across the country in 2018.

Cambodia has stripped away its thin democratic veneer, while Myanmar's democratisation process remains highly limited. Even in Japan and India, liberal ideas are under challenge from thin-skinned nationalists.

In 2018, liberal ideas in Asia will face an increasingly difficult environment, particularly as the geopolitical competition will encourage erstwhile champions of liberal ideas to put interests ahead of values in order to manage that contest.

This year will sadly see the Rohingya crisis linger on, with insufficient political incentives for international actors to help end the crisis. The alignment of interests between the military and the government in Naypyidaw will mean the region's worst humanitarian crisis in decades will continue.

There is also a good chance that in 2018 we will work out how to live with a nuclear North Korea. The US will ultimately realise that it has no options for managing the crisis – or at least none that carry acceptable costs – and that a nuclear north can be managed. Indeed, a North Korea that feels secure may finally undertake the kind of economic reforms that its populace needs, and which could integrate the isolated country into the regional economy.

Contested Asia has become a geopolitical and geo-economic reality. In 2018 we will see just how sharp the contests will become. The wounded nationalism of China, the erratic and unpredictable US, and the weak political leadership in many regional powers mean the coming year in Asia is going to be even more challenging than 2017.

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CBI registers 30 more FIRs in Manipur fake encounter case

NEW DELHI, JAN 31 (PTI): A Special Investigation Team of the CBI, probing the alleged extra-judicial killings and fake encounters in Manipur, has taken over probe in 30 pending cases in adherence to the apex court's January 31 deadline.

The Supreme Court had on January 16 chided the investigative agency for not registering the required number of cases in the matter, as directed by it earlier.

It had directed the SIT to lodge 30 more FIRs on or before January 31 this year, after the SIT informed the court that it had registered 12 First Information Reports (FIRs) till date in the case.

The agency has now registered 30 more FIRs in the Manipur fake encounter case, taking the total number of cases to 42.

The top court had on July 14 last set up an SIT comprising five CBI officers, and ordered registration of FIRs and probe into the alleged extra-judicial killings in Manipur.

It had asked the CBI director to lodge the necessary FIRs and complete the investigation by December 31 last year.

The apex court, which is hearing a PIL seeking probe into 1,528 alleged extra-judicial killings in the north eastern state, had ordered registration of FIRs in 81 cases, but the CBI could not find enough material to register the same in large number of cases.

After going through the agency's status report, the apex court had on January 16 ordered to file 30 more FIRs in addition to the 12 cases already filed by the CBI.

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District-level Badminton tourney concludes at Soreng

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GANGTOK, 31 JAN:

District level Badminton Tournament, a three-day event, concluded at the community hall in Soreng, West Sikkim on 29 Jan with Upa-Adhyaksha, South Sikkim, Bhim B Lakhey, as chief guest and Joint Secretary, Sikkim Badminton Association, Tshering Sherpa, as guest of honour. The tournament that had started on 27 Jan was organized by Soreng Dara Gaon Youth Association in collaboration with Soreng Badminton Association, a press release informs.

It may be mentioned here, the tournament was held under the guidance & supervision of Minister cum Area MLA, Soreng Chakung constit-



uency, RB Subba.

Bhawesh Tamang bagged the winner's trophy in the under 16 boys' category while Manita and Dhan Raj were adjudged as the winners of the

mixed doubles category.

In the women's double category, Promita and Anju were the winners with Nim Tenzing Sherpa bagging the winner's trophy for men's

single category. Sajan Limboo won the winner's trophy for under 40 single category.

Addressing the gathering, chief guest Mr Lakhey, highlighted the

benefits and need of sports and physical exercises in our daily life. Further, he encouraged the sporting spirit of the players who participated in the tournament.



Review workshop held on budget preparation of North GPs

MANGAN, 31 JAN [IPR]: A district-level Review Workshop on Budget Preparation of Gram Panchayats of North Sikkim was organised today at Zilla Bhawan by the State Institute of Rural Development in collaboration with Finance and Accounts Cell of RM&DD.

ADC (Development), while welcoming the participants, said that the first phase of the workshop on budget preparation has been completed wherein the Panchayats Accounts Assistants and other functionaries were given detailed training on the procedure to prepare GPU level

budgets.

Today's workshop is the second phase and was organised to review the progress made so far and gauge the difficulties faced and see if the budgets made are in consonance with the prescribed guidelines.

The workshop held special significance as budget preparation and timely submission by Gram Panchayat Units have been made mandatory and a prerequisite for receiving Performance Grants from the Government.

The workshop was attended by Principal Director RM&DD Kuber Bhandari, Additional

Director Kumar Bardewa, ADC Dev Tashi Chopel Lepcha and BDOs Accounts Officers and officials from SIRD and PAAs (Panchayat Accounts Assistants), PDAs (Panchayat Dev Assistants) and VAAs (Village Admin Assistants) from various GPUs of North Sikkim.

Two GPUs from each development block made a presentation on the Gram Panchayat Budget estimates Receipts and Expenditure for the past three years and the present FY 17-18. The resource person pointed out deviations and suggested corrective steps to be

taken before final submission of the Budget.

Panchayat Account Assistants were asked to present detailed descriptions of all receipts from various sources and expenditures incurred in various schemes in the Budget.

Mr Dug Tshering Bhutia also gave presentation on the budget of North District Zilla Parishad.

Addressing the workshop, Mr Bhandari stated that Panchayat Account Assistants should work in coordination with other field functionaries and submit the final budget in the first week of February.



Leprosy awareness programme in Singtam

YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 30 JAN:

An awareness programme on leprosy with the theme "Let us all pledge to make India a leprosy free country" under the guidelines of National Leprosy Eradication Programme supported by National Health Mission, Government of Sikkim was conducted here at Community Hall of Singtam Nagar Panchayat today.

The programme officially started with the lighting of lamp in front

of a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi to mark his death anniversary.

Programme Officer, Dr T Bhutia, attended the programme as chief guest along with Municipal Executive Officer, SNP, Himmat Rai, SNP president, SK Pradhan, and other officials.

During the programme, students of Sirwani Secondary School, East Sikkim presented a short skit to spread awareness on leprosy and other diseases that have social stigma attached to it.

Siliguri TMC refutes allegations that child-murder accused is a party member



SMRITA KHAWAS SILIGURI, 31 JAN:

Town III Block Committee of the All India Trinamool Congress, Siliguri, has refuted allegations that the mother and family of the accused arrested in the gruesome child murder case have any active affiliation with the party.

The local TMC lead-

ership has countered that just because the party had rented the premises of the accused family during elections did not mean that they were affiliated with the party. It was tenant-landlord arrangement, and not party membership or party worker relationship, they clarified.

India slips to 42nd place on EIU Democracy Index

NEW DELHI, JAN 31 (PTI): India has slipped to 42nd place on an annual Global Democracy Index amid "rise of conservative religious ideologies" and increase in vigilantism and violence against minorities as well as other dissenting voices.

While Norway has again topped the list, followed by Iceland and Sweden, compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), India has moved down from 32nd place last year and remains classified among "flawed democracies".

The index ranks 165 independent states and two territories on the basis of five categories: electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation and political culture. The list has been divided into four broad categories -- full democracy, flawed democracy, hybrid regime and authoritarian regime.

The US (ranked 21), Japan, Italy,

France, Israel, Singapore, and Hong Kong have also been named among 'flawed democracies'.

The EIU is the research and analysis division of the UK-based media behemoth The Economist Group. Created in 1946, the EIU describes itself as having over 70 years of experience "in helping businesses, financial firms and governments to understand how the world is changing and how that creates opportunities to be seized and risks to be managed".

The top three positions on the list are occupied by Nordic countries -- Norway, Iceland and Sweden. New Zealand is at fourth and Denmark at fifth place, while others in top-ten include Ireland, Canada, Australia, Finland and Switzerland.

Only top-19 countries have been classified as 'full democracies', while the hybrid regimes include Pakistan (110th), Bangladesh (92nd), Nepal (94th) and Bhutan (99th).

Those named as 'authoritarian regimes' include China (139th), Myanmar (120th), Russia (135th) and Vietnam (140th).

North Korea is ranked the lowest at 167th, while Syria is a notch better at 166th place.

Top-ranked Norway has been given an overall score of 9.87 with perfect-ten scores for Electoral process and pluralism; Political participation; and Political culture.

India's overall score has fallen to 7.23 points, even as it scored well on electoral process and pluralism (9.17). It has not managed to score so well on other four parameters -- political culture, functioning of government, political participation and civil liberties.

"The rise of conservative religious ideologies also affected India. The strength-

ening of right-wing Hindu forces in an otherwise secular country led to a rise of vigilantism and violence against minority communities, particularly Muslims, as well as other dissenting voices," the EIU added.

This year's report which also measured the state of media freedom around the world noted that in India, media is 'partially free'.

Moreover, journalists are at risk from government, military and non-state actors and radical groups, and the threat of violence has a chilling effect on media coverage.

"India has also become a more dangerous place for journalists, especially the central state of Chhattisgarh and the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir. The authorities there have restricted freedom of the press, closed down several newspapers and heavily controlled mobile inter-

net services.

Several journalists were murdered in India in 2017, as in the previous year," it noted.

In the 2017 Democracy Index, the average global score fell from 5.52 in 2016 to 5.48 (on a scale of 0 to 10). Some 89 countries experienced a decline in their total score compared with 2016. 27 recorded an improvement. The other 51 countries stagnated, as their scores remained unchanged compared with 2016.

Almost one-half (49.3 per cent) of the world's population lives in a democracy of some sort, although only 4.5 per cent reside in a "full democracy", down from 8.9 per cent in 2015 as a result of the US being demoted from a "full democracy" to a "flawed democracy" in 2016.

Around one-third of the world's population lives under authoritarian rule, with a large share being in China, EIU noted.

Brain dead worker's organs harvested on 3 persons at JIPMER

PUDUCHERRY, JAN 31 (PTI): Three persons got a new lease of life after the kidneys and liver of a brain dead worker were harvested and transplanted on them at Centrally-sponsored JIPMER here.

The organs of one K Vijayakanth of Tiruvannamalai in neighbouring Tamil Nadu were transplanted to three persons after he was declared brain dead by doctors at JIPMER following a mishap on January 25, a press release said today.

While the kidneys were transplanted on two patients, the liver was transplanted on the third patient.

KUSHAN SARKAR

NEW DELHI, JAN 31 (PTI):

Michael Clarke claims to have done nothing but "smile" everytime he saw Sandeep Lamichhane bowl but Nepal's first IPL-contracted cricketer says he owes his growth to the former Australian captain.

Clarke has been like a mentor to the 17-year-old Nepal leg-spinner who has scripted history with a Rs 20 lakh IPL contract with the Delhi Daredevils.

Clarke could never really warm up to the IPL like many of his fellow Australians. A graceful Test batsman, he played just one season with the now defunct Pune Warriors in 2012, scoring 98 runs in six matches.

"Michael Clarke has had the biggest influence on me as a cricketer. From the time, he saw me bowling at the Hong Kong Sixes, he kept an eye on me. He is a kind man, a humble soul, who has helped



me grow as a cricketer and a person," Lamichhane told PTI during an exclusive interview from Dubai.

Clarke, on his part, has been modest about the "influence" that Lamichhane spoke about.

"I did nothing mate apart from smile every time I watched him bowl," he had responded on Twitter when his role in his growth was pointed out.

Even before IPL players' auction, Lamichhane had

been in touch with Clarke, calling the interactions therapeutic to an extent.

"Speaking to him helped me relax. It was a lifetime experience to have played under him for Western Suburbs Cricket Club in Sydney grade

league. That has been a huge gain for a young player like me," he said.

The leg-break is his stock delivery but Lamichhane has become more confident about executing the googly as well.

"I always had a good leg-break but I have now developed an effective googly working hard with my Nepal national team coach Raju Khadka," the teenager said.

"So when Delhi Daredevils summoned me for trials I was fully confident that their coaches would be impressed with my skills. And in any case if you don't have self confidence, you can't play the next level that is IPL," he added.

While the tiny Himalayan nation still can't boast of great cricketing facilities, Lamichhane said he is nonetheless indebted to Cricket Association of Nepal for backing him.

"Yes, it's true that we only have one proper cricket stadium in Nepal but we have had the determination. I owe it to

Nepal cricket as playing for my country got me the prominence. If I have got a contract with Delhi Daredevils, it is because of my performances for the national team," Lamichhane said.

His childhood idols are Sachin Tendulkar and Shane Warne.

"As a child, the two people whom I looked up to were Sachin Tendulkar and Shane Warne. For me, they are the two greatest cricketers. I would never miss an opportunity to watch whenever they played. I would watch their recordings," Lamichhane added.

Lamichhane has been flooded with calls from people of all walks of life and he is just soaking in the appreciation that's coming his way.

"I have got congratulatory messages from Nepal ministers, general people. My father says that IPL is my opportunity to make my country proud. I would need to grab it with both hands," he concluded.

Mumbai City FC eyes win against Jamshedpur FC at home turf

MUMBAI, JAN 31 (PTI): Mumbai City FC, who trounced FC Goa 4-3 in their last Indian Super League game, would like to continue their winning streak when they lock horns with Jamshedpur FC here tomorrow.

Interestingly, Jamshedpur had also emerged victorious 1-0 against ATK in their last ISL game and would also be keen to beat Mumbai in their back-yard.

Presently, Jamshedpur are on the fifth spot having 19 points from 13 games, while Mumbai are a place down on the sixth position, after grabbing 17 points from 12 matches.

A win, thus, will be crucial for the two sides to bridge the gap between the top three sides.

In the last two home games, Mumbai were trounced 1-0 and 3-1 by visiting Kerala Blasters and Bengaluru FC, respectively.

Thus, the home players would like to erase those memories and go all guns blazing tomorrow at the Andheri Sports Complex.

Mumbai coach Alexandre Guimarães said that in terms of defence they will have to aware as Jamshedpur have been



changing their approach.

"I am expecting a game where both teams will have an understating how to be competitive. So, in these kinds of games, every little detail will make a difference. But they are not a team that concede too many goal chances, we have to match the accuracy to convert what (chances) we have.

"Defensively we have to be very alert because they have been changing their approach and that has got them results," Costa Rican Guaraes told reporters here.

He conceded that tomorrow's match would be tough but nobody in his team is thinking of a draw.

"Our chances (to be in top 4) continue to be intact, but that will depend on very much on the other results. We are just

thinking about the next match," he added.

Mumbai's defence is solid with a back-line comprising defenders Gerson Vieira and Lucian Goian, backed up by an alert custodian in Amrinder Singh, who has on numerous occasions saved goals for his team.

They also have another goal-keeper in Kunal Sawant, who can chip in if required.

However, their defence will have to put their act together if they want to stop the opposition strikers and not commit mistakes like in the past two games, where they conceded a total of four goals.

For the home side, striker Balwant Singh, Brazilian Everton Santos, highly-impressive attacking mid-fielders Brazilian Thiago Santos and Cameroonian Achille

Emana can breach any good defence and Jamshedpur's one would be no exception.

But as their opponents have some good defenders, it will test the skills of Mumbai players.

On the other hand, Jamshedpur have a strong defence in Anas Edathodika, Andre Bikey, Spanian Jose Luis Espinosa Arroyo, Robin Gurung and Shouvik Ghosh.

They also possess mid-fielders like Brazilian Emerson Gomes De Moura, Mehtab Hossain, Souvik Chakrabarti, Tridade Goncalves, Wellington Priori, who will have to play their role to perfection if the team needs to win.

Jamshedpur coach Steve Coppell said Mumbai had a good game against Goa but there is not pressure on his side.

"I don't see any pressure and its another game in the schedule against a good side. Mumbai against Goa had a terrific result and it was an enthralling game to watch, it will be a good match but there is no pressure," Coppell said.

He said that tomorrow's game won't be a do or die match for either of the two sides but almost

like that.

"Any coach is ever happy with the level of play and is always looking for improvement," Coppell quipped.

"We had a great game only three weeks back in Jamshedpur (against Mumbai) 2-2, both sides wanted to win the game and the same will be true tomorrow, both sides will try to win the game and you win games by scoring goals, so Mumbai play the same way, whatever the circumstances be, they will look to score goals and similarly we will look to deal with Mumbai have to offer and counter ourselves and create problems (for them)," he said.

According to the Jamshedpur coach, their team's intention is to go out and get three points (a win).

The performance of Jamshedpur strikers Nigerian Izu Azuka, Kervens Belfort and Sumeet Passi would also be crucial if the Steve-Coppell managed team has to defeat Mumbai.

By the record and performance, Mumbai look as favourites, but Jamshedpur could even steal the show tomorrow.



Don't hide curves, celebrate them: Designer Rixi Bhatia

MUMBAI, JAN 31 (PTI): Promoting a healthy body image, designer duo Rixi and Tinka Bhatia today presented their collection and encouraged women to embrace their curves.

Label Half Full Curve used the wildflower as its inspiration. The designers chose women who are not professional models to break the stereotype of body type, colour and age.

"We wanted women to fall in love with their gorgeous selves. They don't need to hide those curves but celebrate them instead.

"Even in this collection, we aren't trying to hide anything under the layers. Every cut accentuates the body in the right places," Rixa said at the post-show press conference.

Tinka said the age bracket of the models ranged from 19- 81 years. She added that the floral appliques

on fabrics were used in the "body positive label" which "doesn't make the clothes look boring".

When asked about her experience on the ramp, the oldest model quipped, "I quite enjoyed myself. I wish women my age start thinking beyond singing bhajans and playing rummy."

The youngest catwalker at 19 had a philosophy to share after her walk on the runway.

"As a teenager, if you're plus size, you're not told that you could walk the ramp. But here, it felt like a celebration.

That no matter what, you have a place in the society," she said.

The collection included pants, off shoulder dresses, skirts with lacey sheer, flowy kurta pants in greens, pinks, ochre, beige and cream with embroidered flowers.

I will always stand for peace, says Gurmehar Kaur

MERAJ BHAT

JAIPUR, JAN 31 (PTI): Celebrities and others who trolled her and attempted to make her look bad only ended up exposing themselves, says Delhi University student and author Gurmehar Kaur, who was at the centre of a national debate on free speech and dissent last year.

The 20-year-old Lady Shri Ram College student, daughter of army martyr Captain Mandeep Singh, said she would always stand for peace, "no matter how anti-national" that makes her.

The literature student had launched the social media campaign "I am not afraid of ABVP", following the violence in Ramjas College over their seminar "Cultures of Protest" last year.

She was trolled online for her stand against campus violence and for appearing in an earlier recorded video in which she was seen holding a placard that read, "Pakistan did not kill my father but war did".

Former cricketer Virendra Sehwal, Olympic medallist Yogeshwari Dutt and wrestler sisters Geeta and Babita Phogat were among the celebrities who took to social media to question her views.



Sehwal shared an image of him holding a placard saying, "I did not score two triple centuries. My bat did.

They tried to make me look bad, but ended up exposing themselves. I was a huge Virender Sehwal fan, now I am not. I lost all the affection and respect for him," Gurmehar told PTI in an interview.

That can be heartbreaking, but at the end of the day they are just

men. And as a woman you face it a lot... that people try to patronise you, try to bring you down, she said.

Gurmehar said the row proved to be a blessing in disguise as she now has a platform to express her opinions and people who want to voice their views look up to her.

They think that if I can do it, so can they. They look up to me as an

example I was always a tough person. But with the controversy surrounding me I have only proved how tough I am, she said.

She added that she would not let anyone define nationalism for her, asserting that it was the people who decide what love for the country means, not the establishment.

Gurmehar also spoke at the recent Jaipur Literature Festival where

her first book, Small Acts Of Freedom, was launched by Congress leader and author Shashi Tharoor.

The book is a memoir, telling the story of three generations of women Gurmehar's maternal grandmother, her mother and herself.

The book is a collection of the most important stories of my life. The difficult task was to refresh these memories I wanted to write this book since I was all of 12 years. I wanted to tell the story of stronger women. I wanted to share the memories of my dad to immortalise him, she said.

Tharoor, who has authored 16 books, said it was wonderful that Gurmehar had written such a "remarkable book" at the age of 20.

Describing her as a woman with a distinctive voice, he said at the launch, "She has the convictions that she fought about and cared about. And she has the courage to express those convictions. These are extraordinarily admirable qualities in today's India.

The book, Gurmehar said, had always been in her head but it was the controversy that hastened the process of its completion and helped her publish it much earlier.

It was a difficult book to write because she had to relive memories she would rather forget.

I had to have tough conversations with my family. I was emotionally exhausted, she said.

Gurmehar went for a 10-day Vipassana retreat to recover from what she described as a pretty dark time.

I had 10 days to think about it. I didn't want to surrender my freedom to anybody. I didn't want a news channel or a newspaper to tell my story. I wanted to do it on my own.

To me that is freedom, to not be coloured in narratives by other people, she said.

It was a pretty dark time. I was getting threats of death and rape from everybody... I could not feel my body. I was numb, if anybody would have pricked me with a needle, I wouldn't have felt it. I don't want other women to go through it.

These are scary times, Gurmehar said, adding that it is important for women to speak up and take that first step.

"The people that I am surrounded with. I know we are a strong bunch of people, she said.

Highly-skilled Indian professionals protest unfair visa norms in UK

ADITI KHANNA
LONDON, JAN 31 (PTI): Indian professionals along with highly-skilled migrants have protested opposite Downing Street against the UK government's "unfair and inhumane" visa policies.

The Highly Skilled Migrants group claims to represent over 600 doctors, engineers, IT professionals, teachers and their families in Britain and has raised over 25,000 pounds to challenge the UK Home Office in the courts where necessary.

"We are a group of highly skilled migrants



who have been suffering because of injustice done by the Home Office. This group was formed coincidentally on different social media platforms because of the unfairness and inhumane policies the Home Office had been

bringing," the group said in a statement.

The protest today focussed on the issue of indefinite leave to remain (ILR) applications being delayed or turned down by the UK Home Office on the basis of a section of

the UK Immigration Act which is aimed at criminals and tax evaders.

The professionals, who entered the UK on a Tier 1 (General) visa years ago, are entitled to apply for ILR after five years of lawful residency in the UK.

While the visa category used by numerous IT professionals from India among others was discontinued in 2010, the applicants are eligible to apply for permanent residency in Britain if they meet the necessary requirements.

"Skilled migrants with excellent education-

al and professional skills are being refused ILR on the ground of 'tax error rectification' because of small errors they have made in their tax returns in the past, which they have long ago rectified and paid off," claims Aditi Bhardwaj, one of the organisers of the protest.

Most protesting professionals, who are from countries outside the European Union (EU), claim to no longer have any ties to their country of origin as they have made their lives in the UK over the past many years. They are also protesting against the long delays in

processing of these ILR or permanent residency documents.

The UK Home Office claims it resolves all visa applications "as quickly as possible".

"It is vital, however, that the correct decisions are made, particularly with complex Tier-1 applications that require detailed consideration and verification of evidence with HMRC. These robust checks are essential to avoid the potential abuse of our immigration or tax system. Where such abuse is identified, we will act accordingly," a spokesperson said.

Sikh soldiers to get new war memorial in London

LONDON, JAN 31 (PTI): The UK government has agreed to support and fund a national memorial to honour the sacrifices and contribution of Sikh soldiers who fought for Britain and its allies during the two World Wars.

More than 83,000 turbaned Sikh soldiers gave their lives and more than 100,000 were injured during the wars.

"We are indebted to all those servicemen who volunteered to serve and fought to defend the freedoms we enjoy today," said UK communities secretary Sajid Javid yesterday as he announced government backing for the new memorial in London.

"A Sikh war memorial in our nation's capital will honour their sacrifice and ensure that this part of our shared history is never forgotten. So, I'm delighted to get behind this campaign and ensure its success," he said.



While the Seine River crested in Paris on Monday, floodwaters continue to threaten the city and towns downstream. In total, flooding across France has caused damage in 242 towns along the Seine and its tributaries in recent weeks, according to the Associated Press.

The flooding is occurring due to the wettest December and January period in 50 years, according to Meteo France. Rainfall in January across the country was more than double the normal amount with some locations recording more than three times their normal monthly rainfall before the end of the month. The flooding has inundated roads, railways and walking paths in Paris along the river, and impacts are expected to continue for several days as the Seine slowly lowers. Additional rounds of rainfall will keep river levels dangerously high into this weekend and continue to cause transportation issues on and long the river.

Trump vows to rebuild US' military might citing threats from China, Russia China, Russia

WASHINGTON, JAN 31 (PTI): Rogue regimes, terrorist groups and rivals like China and Russia are challenging American interests, economy and values, President Donald Trump warned today and promised to rebuild America's military might to deter any "acts of aggression".

In his first State of the Union address, Trump said his administration is restoring America's strength and standing abroad.

"Around the world, we face rogue regimes, terrorist groups, and rivals like China and Russia that challenge our interests, our economy, and our values," Trump said in his 80-minute speech.

He said America needed unmatched power to tackle these challenges.

"In confronting these dangers, we know that weakness is the surest path to conflict,



and unmatched power is the surest means of our defence," he said and asked the Congress to end the dangerous defence sequester and fully fund the military.

"As part of my defence, we must modernise and rebuild our nuclear arsenal, hopefully never having to use it, but making it so strong and powerful

that it will deter any acts of aggression," he said.

Trump also asked lawmakers to "end the dangerous defence sequester and fully fund our great military".

Sequestration is a procedure in United States law that limits the size of the federal budget.

The president expressed

hope that in the future there would be a magical moment when the countries of the world will get together to eliminate their nuclear weapons.

"Unfortunately, we are not there yet," he said.

Trump said last year he pledged that he would work with US allies to extinguish ISIS from the face of the Earth.

"One year later, I am proud to report that the coalition to defeat ISIS has liberated almost 100 per cent of the territory once held by these killers in Iraq and Syria. But there is much more work to be done. We will continue our fight until ISIS is defeated," he said.

He said the era of America's "economic surrender" was over and the US was seeking to enter into new trade agreements with nations that commit to fair and reciprocal trade, apparently referring to China.

"We will protect American workers and American intellectual property, through strong enforcement of our trade rules, he said.

"The era of economic surrender is over. From now on, we expect trading relationships to be fair and to be reciprocal.

We will work to fix bad trade deals and negotiate new ones, Trump said.

Trump had earlier criticised the one-sided and unfair trade relationship between the US and China and asserted that America must address the unfair trade practices that drive the trade deficit.

Trump said his economic policies is resulting in new confidence in the country.

He also asked Congress to help ensure American foreign-assistance dollars always serve American interests, and only go to America's friends.

Main accused in Kasganj violence held

LUCKNOW, JAN 31 (PTI): The main accused in the Chandan Gupta murder case in Kasganj was arrested today even as a Congress delegation was stopped from entering the violence-hit district amid continuing tension in some pockets.

"Salem, the main accused, has been nabbed," IG, Aligarh range, Sanjeev Gupta said.

Kasganj SP Piyush Srivastava said notices pertaining to attachment of properties of the accused have been pasted on their houses.

Authorities stopped a Congress delegation in Mirhachi area in Etah on the border of Kasganj district. They denied permission to the delegation from entering troubled areas, citing law and order issues, official sources said.

District Magistrate, Kasganj, R P Singh had refused to give permission to the Congress delegation apprehending that their visit to the

troubled areas might create additional problems.

Gupta died of gunshot wounds in clashes following stone-pelting by a mob on a motorcycle rally taken out to celebrate Republic Day last week. At least three shops, two buses and a car were torched in the clashes. At least 118 people have been arrested in connection with the violence.

Tension still prevailed in a few pockets of the western Uttar Pradesh town. Police said normalcy was slowly returning to the violence-hit town where security personnel have intensified patrolling in sensitive areas.

Stray incidents of violence were reported from Kasganj yesterday, but the situation was by and large peaceful today.

Officials said the state government was preparing a report sought by the Centre on the violence and steps taken to control it.

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OUT & ABOUT! 33-year-old actress, Olivia Wilde, donned a white T-shirt with the word 'hang' emblazoned across the front in bold black lettering to enjoy a vegan lunch at Gracias Madre.

Shah Rukh Khan: Nobody dares to misbehave with woman on my film sets

Superstar Shah Rukh Khan, known for his chivalrous attitude, says nobody has dared to misbehave with a woman on his film sets. The actor, who was feted with a Crystal Award at the World Economic Forum summit in Davos along with Hollywood celebrities Cate Blanchett and Elton John, spoke to BBC World News at length on gender equality in Bollywood and the cultural differences in India.

In the midst of the raging debate over sexual misconduct allegations against powerful men in Hollywood, Shah Rukh was asked if he has witnessed sexual misconduct in the Hindi film industry and done anything about it. "At a level when I'm making films or working in films, we are very clear about the attitude to women. Even the smallest aspects, of the



names coming first in title, which is not going to do anything, but the kind of respectability," Shah Rukh said on the "HARDtalk on BBC World News" show.

"Even this small thing needs to be done just to bring about the equality... Just see what we've reduced ourselves to. You know, to put a girl's name in front just to show what little guys we are, thinking of them as equals. And that is sad and that is strangely dichotomous when you're talking about creativity, and you have boys and girls working together. "I have never personally, first hand and nobody, if I may say, nobody dared misbehave with a woman on my set, I am very clear on that," he added. A transcript of the interview was provided to IANS by BBC.

'The house will never be the same': Khloe Kardashian

Khloe Kardashian has been left devastated by the passing of her beloved dog Gabbana.

Taking to Instagram with a collection of photos of the black Labrador, the 33-year-old pregnant star wrote a touching message revealing her sadness at losing the dog, who was with the Kardashian family for 14 years.

'Last night my sweet Gabbana passed away. She was more than a pet. She was my first child, my companion and my friend. She was incredible!' Khloe wrote.

'She made sure I was never lonely even during lonely times. The house will never be the same. I never thought I would be this devastated over losing a dog but 14 years, is a long time together.

'She filled a significant role in my life and I'm forever



grateful. I love you Goober!! I'll remember you always!!

Khloe took in Gabbana when her mother Kris Jenner split from Caitlyn Jenner [then known as Bruce] in

2013 so she could live out her older years with her and get more love and attention.

Writing on her website in 2016, she explained: 'When my mom and Bruce separat-

ed, I was immediately like, "Let me take Gabbana!"

'She was the family dog, and since Kendall and Kylie both moved out, I thought Gabbana was lonely. I wanted her to have a fun home again!!!'

The Keeping Up With The Kardashians star, who is pregnant with her first child, described Gabbana's happy life with her.

'She'll spend all day playing Frisbee and swimming in the pool, and can even dive up to 15 feet!! She is so well-trained and super smart, and she looves Pup-Peroni, haha.'

Khloe now splits her time between her home in Los Angeles and her boyfriend Tristan Thompson's home in Cleveland, Ohio.

The couple are expecting a baby boy in the next few months.

'I GOT 22 GIRLFRIENDS': QUINCY JONES

Quincy Jones might be 84, but old age hasn't stopped his womanizing ways.

In a GQ interview published earlier this week, Jones revealed that he has romantic partners around the world — some as young as 28 — and they're all aware of each other.

He told the magazine: 'I got 22 girlfriends... Hell yeah. Everywhere. Cape Town. Cairo. Stockholm—she's coming in next week. Brazil—Belo Horizonte, São Paulo, and Rio. Shanghai—got a great girl over there from Shanghai, man. Cairo, whew.'

The famous producer has six daughters and a son through ex-wives Jeri Caldwell, Ulla Andersson, and Peggy Lipton, and former girlfriends, Carol Reynolds and Nastassja Kinski.

Jones further disclosed that he keeps things honest with his numerous partners about his womanizing ways: 'Yeah, I don't lie. And it's amazing—women get it, man. Don't you ever forget they're 13 years smarter than we are. Don't you ever forget it.'

The Thriller producer clearly has an appetite for women, but when asked if he'd date someone his own age, he told the magazine: 'Hell no! You see me with an 84-year-old woman? Are you crazy?'

When pressed as to why not, he responded with: 'Why not??? Why? For what, man? There's nothing...there's no upside. You gotta be kidding. I got me



some technology out there that keep fat and old away from here. Buzzes if they're too old.'

Jones continued: 'But you'd be surprised.... These women, the young ones, are aggressive now. Oh my God, they're fearless, man. All over the world.'

While the Off the Wall record producer prefers to date younger women, he admitted there are some age restrictions in place.

He said: 'Well, my daughters gave me new numbers, because they kept saying, 'Dad, you can't go out with girls younger than us.' I said, 'Y'all are not young anymore....' So the new numbers are 28 to 42. They gave them to me.'

Despite his old age, the music leg-

end said his desire for sex has not gone away: 'Not to me. Hell no. Never. Uh-uh.'

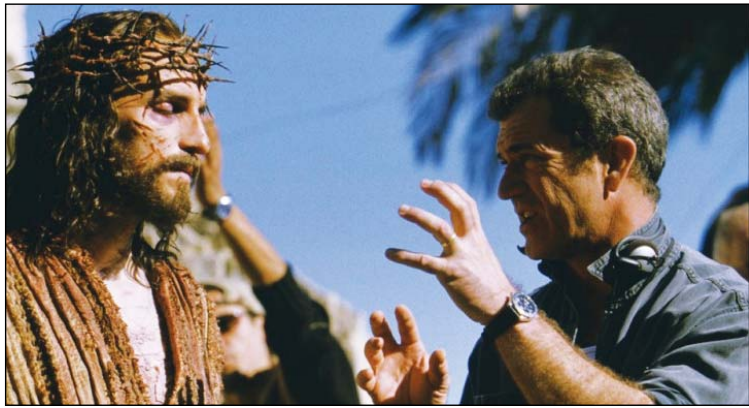
And while he doesn't plan to stop being a playboy, Jones thinks his punishment for his womanizer ways was to have gorgeous daughters.

He said: 'When you've been a dog all your life, God gives you beautiful daughters and you have to suffer. I love 'em so much. They're here all the time.'

Even though Jones is dealing with the punishment of having attractive daughters, he told the magazine that he wouldn't change anything about his past.

He told GQ: 'Je ne regrette rien de tout.'

'I don't regret s**t.'



He is risen!

Jim Caviezel set to return as Jesus in Mel Gibson's sequel to blockbuster The Passion Of The Christ

Anyone who knows their Bible knows that Jesus' crucifixion was not the end of the story. And now it's reported that Jim Caviezel is set to re-

prise the role of Jesus in a sequel to Mel Gibson's blockbuster The Passion Of The Christ.

Citing ICM Partners, which represents Caviezel, The Hollywood Reporter confirmed Tuesday that the actor is in negotiations with Gibson, who is likely set to produce and direct again.

The Passion Of The Christ was released in 2004 and grossed \$612 million worldwide. The film cost \$30 million to make, was shot in Italy and the dialogue was in Aramaic, Hebrew and Latin.

The R-rated movie also courted controversy with its graphic violence and alleged antisemitic undertones.

According to THR.com, screenwriter Randall Wallace, who wrote Gibson's Oscar-winning Braveheart, had been working on a screenplay for The Passion Of The Christ: Resurrection.

Wallace told the trade publication in 2016 that his script was for 'a huge and sacred subject' and five months later Gibson revealed the name of the sequel during an interview on CBS' The Late Show With Stephen Colbert, THR.com reported.

Meanwhile, Caviezel will star in the faith film Paul, Apostle of Christ slated for release in March, in time for the Easter weekend.

ARIES: Your heart is apt to beat much more rapidly than usual, Aries. Love is in the air, the trees, and the people around you. Whatever you do today, make sure that you spend the evening with someone special. Love is apt to be very expansive for you. Just the smallest seed will blossom into a gorgeous flower right before your eyes. Experience the full-body sensation of being immersed in love with the world around you.

TAURUS: More than likely there was at least one time in your life in which you felt like the ugly duckling, Taurus. Perhaps this had something to do with your weight. Whether this feeling of insecurity or self-consciousness was self-imposed or not, it's time to rid yourself of such thoughts and feelings.

Today is a day to love every bit of yourself. Have pride in your body inside and out.

GEMINI: Duels of love and romance are apt to come to a critical climax, Gemini, and you'll find that the person who is challenging you has quite a bit of gunpowder at his or her disposal. Your best assets are your abilities to communicate and to see both sides of an issue. The key is to not get too emotionally involved, although that's much easier said than done.

CANCER: Your extremely overpowering emotions are apt to scare people off today, Cancer, especially when it comes to matters involving intimate relationships. Unless your desired result is to convince everyone around you that you're completely insane, it may be best

for you to back off. Let someone else take the lead today and you may be quite pleasantly surprised at where you and this special person end up.

LEO: While long-term trends in your life may not be going exactly the way you want them to, Leo, you certainly have plenty of short-term pleasures to enjoy, especially today. Feel free to indulge in things that you might normally say no to. There is a great opportunity now to form an extremely powerful bond with someone close to you. Find this connection by immersing yourself in the things that you love to do the most.

VIRGO: You may be anxious to fit things in your life into pigeonholes, Virgo. When it comes to matters of love and romance, this

may be hard to do, especially on a day like today. Call upon your pioneering spirit to seek something new and not limit yourself to what you originally had in mind. Perhaps there is something bigger and better waiting for you. You'll only find it if you dare to accept something outside the norm.

LIBRA: You may feel like going back to being a student in junior high, Libra, just going through puberty and joining the other kids in animated discussions about who likes whom and who's going out with whom. Follow your whim with phone calls to close friends who'd be happy to share in your childlike nature. Wear something red today in order to serve as a reminder of the radiance of your loving heart.

SCORPIO: Be careful about getting caught up with people who are careless or fickle, Scorpio, especially when it comes to matters of the heart. Your tender emotions are too sensitive to endure the thoughtlessness, bluntness, and ultimately the rejection of someone who simply wasn't a good person for you to hang around with in the first place. Try not to invest yourself emotionally in situations or people today.

SAGITTARIUS: Your luck has just turned with regard to issues of love and romance, and wow! Has it turned for the better, Sagittarius! You should be sitting on cloud nine today when it comes to matters of the heart. If, for some reason, you aren't, perhaps you should consider who is sitting next to you on that

cloud. Maybe it's time for a change. This is your day to be happy.

CAPRICORN: Romance is in the air, Capricorn, and all of a sudden you notice that all around you couples are walking hand-in-hand, exchanging longing gazes. This could get you thinking about your own situation. If you want to make a move toward someone in the department of love and romance, feel free to go ahead, but don't get too hung up on positive results. If you get your hopes up too high, you might end up falling hard. Just take it easy.

AQUARIUS: Your upbeat and active nature is exactly what turns people on to you, Aquarius. Attention is apt to turn in your direction today when social acquaintances realize what an incredibly capa-

ble person you are. Focus on your strengths and accentuate these points in everything you do. The people around you will find you irresistible. You have a solid green light when it comes to love and romance tonight.

PISCES: Today is one of those days when you could feel lethargic and downbeat, Pisces. For some reason, even if you have a driving urge to get up and do something, it seems as if there's a two-ton weight sitting right on top of your head. Meanwhile, everyone else is off and running. You're probably better off this way. Learn from others' mistakes when they land flat on their face. Gather information so you know best how to proceed on your own when the weight has lifted. It will happen soon.