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CM assures Limboo-Tamang seats in Assembly soon

**SUMMIT REPORT
GYALSHING, 8 MAY:**

"ALL THE OPPOSITION parties will come together against the Sikkim Democratic Front in the coming election. The Sikkim Democratic Front will fight the election singlehandedly. The national and regional opposition parties will be active in the state with political agendas based on caste and religion, the SDF party functionaries should work with renewed vigour to strengthen the party from all aspects. Forces bent on destroying the integrity of Sikkim for political gains must not be welcomed in Sikkim", Chief Minister Pawan Chamling said. He was addressing the party workers at a programme organized by the party today here at Geyzing community hall.

Speaking further Chief Minister urged the party cadres to work committedly for betterment of the party. He said that party's functionaries must be active for propagation of party's ideologies, agendas to the people. He added that



party cadres must work to bridge the spaces between party and the people. "The election is just a year away. So the party workers must work with priorities to strengthen our party. They should inform and aware the people about inclusive and pro people agendas of the party and they must work in tandem keeping aside the personal differences while serving the party", Chief Minister added.

Lambasting the opposition parties of the state he said that all the op-

position political parties are the parties bent on destroying Sikkim, opposition political forces with vested political interests will not fulfil the aspirations of Sikkimese people. "Many parties in the state are being run by political masters from outside the state. They try to misguide the people in the name of caste and religions. People should remain aware of such parties which can disturb the peaceful environment of Sikkim. People should not welcome communal forces

in the state", Chamling added.

Speaking briefly on all the aspects and issues of the state Chief Minister said that Sikkim has witnessed comprehensive development under the SDF led state government, under SDF rule people are enjoying essence of development and democracy in the state. Development of sectors like education, economy, agriculture and others have been ensured well in the state, he explained.

Chamling informed

that under SDF regime Sikkim has seen almost 5500 times of improvement in terms of development. He shared that progress and development happened under the SDF are evidence of uncorrupted and good governance. He also spoke about improvement achieved in the human development index by the state along with living standard of the people.

He mentioned that under SDF led government the democratic, religious, social and po-

litical rights of people have been secured. "SDF is not only a political party but an organization of the Sikkimese people. We have the support of the common people who understands the agendas and idealism of our party", said Chief Minister.

He ascertained that aspirations of the people will be fulfilled by the SDF.

He further added that democracy and secularism are well maintained in the state. Unlike some other states of the country we have not witnessed religious intolerance in Sikkim, acts of vandalism of religious centres are unheard in Sikkim and nobody has lost life in the name of religion. We must keep alive the essence of unity and communal harmony. People should not politicise the religions as such political designs

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Transport subsidy, other incentives to Sikkim organic farmers

GANGTOK, MAY 8 (PTI): The Sikkim government will provide transport subsidy and other incentives to organic farmers of the state over the next five years, Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling has said.

Chamling also urged landowners not to keep any cultivable land barren, and grow multiple crops which will fetch good returns for them and meet the growing demand for organic produces in the domestic market and outside.

"Over the next five years, the state government will be providing transport subsidy, goods compensation, crop insurance and price support in order to encourage organic farmers and to ensure success of the organic

mission," he said at a mass contact programme in West Sikkim yesterday.

The chief minister said it has been decided to allot shops in a Gangtok market only to organic growers and similar markets would be set up in all other district headquarters so that farmers get a ready place to sell their produces.

"The demand for organic products is growing globally.

With Sikkim being the only fully organic state, there are a host of opportunities to be explored for which the youths should come to the forefront and utilize all the opportunities coming their way with support from the state government," Chamling added.

ICSE, ISC exam results to be declared on May 14

NEW DELHI, MAY 8 (PTI):

The results of the ICSE Class 10 and ISC Class 12 examinations will be announced on May 14.

The Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations, which conducts the exams, will announce the result at 3 pm.

"The council will announce the results at 3 PM on May 14. The results will be made available through CAREERS portal, the website of the council and through SMSes," said CISEC Chief Executive and Secretary Gerry Arathoon.



SUNDAY HAAT AT YANGANG BAZAAR

NAMCHI, 08 MAY: Farmers from different villages of Yangang, under Ravong Sub Division in South Sikkim, put their locally grown produces on display at Yangang Bazaar on a Sunday Haat. **[Pic: REBYNA RANA]**

Training on Electoral Literacy Club conducted at Namchi Govt College



NAMCHI, 08 MAY [IPR]:

Two-daylong training for District Level Master Trainers [DLMTs], Nodal Officers of educational institutions, National Cadet Corps, Nehru Yuva Kendra, National Service Scheme & youth hostel organized by the State Level Master Trainer [SLMT] for Electoral Literacy Club [ELC] was held at the auditorium of Namchi Government College in Kamrang, South Sikkim today. The programme organized by the Chief Electoral Office had the presence of Deputy Secretary [Elect], Tashi Choden Bhutia, Sub Divisional Magistrate [Headquarter], Hemant Rai, Principal, Kamrang College, Dr PR Poudyal.

Addressing the gathering as resource person, SDM [Kabi] cum SLMT, Mahesh Sharma, gave a detailed presentation on ELC wherein he emphasized on the aims and objectives of ELCs which he said will be responsible for developing and sustaining the electoral culture among future and new voters.

"ELC will also aim to develop a culture of registration and electoral participation right from the youngsters' first election once they cross 18 years of age," he added.

Mr Sharma further emphasized that ELC shall function as a mini election office to conduct simulated elections, organize events and activi-

ties that promote understanding electoral system and processes, electoral institutional structure, organization and electoral participation.

Additionally, he articulated the overall objectives of establishing of Electoral Literacy Clubs in schools and educational institutions which is to educate the targeted populations about voter registration, entire electoral process and related matters by engaging them through well designed attractive resources in hands on experience.

On the occasion, another resource person Under Secretary [Elect], Tripti H Subba, also presented a brief about ELC

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Two POCSO cases reported in North and East Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

A 45-year-old man from Phodong, North Sikkim has been accused of raping an 11-year-old minor girl two months back, Phodong Police Station reports. The accused hails from Nepal and is report-

edly missing since the last 20 days. Ward Panchayat, Upper Tingda after confirming the news with the victim filed a police complaint at Phodong PS on 07 May. The victim after proper medical examination at Mangan Hospital was handed over to District Child

Protection Officer [North] for counseling and safe custody. A case under Protection of Children against Sexual Offenses Act, 2012 has been registered against the accused. Efforts are being made to trace the culprit.

Meanwhile, Ranipool Po-

lice Station on the same day arrested a 45-year-old Head Constable under Forest Department for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old minor girl. The accused has been booked under POCSO, 2012 and is currently under police custody.

Bihar govt approves aid for SC/ST civil services aspirants

PATNA, MAY 8 (PTI): Bihar's Nitish Kumar government today approved a scheme under which it will give Rs 1 lakh as assistance to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students who crack the civil services preliminary tests conducted by the UPSC, an official said.

The scheme - Anusuchit Jati Evam Anusuchit Janjati Yojana - was approved by the state cabinet during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Kumar.

Addressing a press meet, Chief Secretary Anjani Kumar Singh said "likewise,

an assistance of Rs 50,000 will be given to SC/ST students who clear the PT (preliminary test) for civil services exams conducted by the Bihar Public Services Commission (BPSC).

"Preparations for civil services exams, whether those conducted by the UPSC or the BPSC, often require candidates to move away from their home towns to places with better study facilities. The move is aimed at helping bright aspirants concentrate on their studies without worrying about expenses", Singh said.

"The money will be transferred directly into accounts of the eligible candidates and the entire amount will be paid in a single instalment," the chief secretary, accompanied by Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Arun Kumar Singh, and Secretary SC/ST Welfare Department Prem Singh Meena, said.

Another measure aimed at helping SC/ST students approved by the cabinet was an assistance of Rs 1,000 per month to "to all boys and girls from the community who may be studying while putting up in hos-

tels meant for the SCs and STs", Singh said.

The aforementioned assistance will be a part of the Mukhyamantri Anusuchit Jati Evam Janjati Chhatravas Yojana, he said.

"Nod was also given for extending the benefits of schemes run under the Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission to all SC/ST families across the state," Singh said.

The announcement that all SCs and STs would be getting benefits earlier reserved only for Mahadalits (poorest among Dalits) was made by the chief minister at a function organised by Union Minister Ram

Vilas Paswan, whose Lok Janshakti Party is an alliance partner in the ruling coalition in the state.

The move had caused anxiety among opponents such as Hindustani Awam Morcha founder Jitan Ram Manjhi, who recently broke away from the NDA to join the Congress-RJD combine.

Manjhi, a former CM of Bihar, had issued a statement alleging the Kumar's pro-Dalit stance was tantamount to shedding "crocodile tears" ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

SDF 'panicking' due to SKM's role as a sincere opposition, says SKM spokesperson

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party in a press release has said that the recent statement of Sikkim Democratic Front spokesperson, Bhim Dahal on the important demands of Sikkim being under consideration of the Central Government proves that the State Government is 'very weak' and 'helpless' to fulfill the demands of Sikkimese people.

The party further said that the SDF government has 'failed' to provide tribal status to eleven communities of Sikkim.

A press release from SKM spokesperson, Jacob Khaling said that SDF party is 'panicking' due to SKM's role as a 'sincere opposition party'.

The release further alleged that after failing to protect the rights of Sikkim and its people, SDF party is making excuses by bringing up Central Government in every pending demands of the Sikkimese people.

The release further alleged that the State Government had promised to reserve Limboo Tamang seats in the State Assembly after granting tribal status to them by 2003 but has 'failed' to do so.

The release further added that due to wrong information to the Centre from Burman Commission and other documents, the issue of seat reservation and tribal status to 11 left out communities are still pending.

The release then alleged that the Centre had initially restricted Karmapa to visit Sikkim due to wrong report submitted by the State Government in the past.

"It is only due to sincere efforts of the SKM president, PS Golay and SKM MLAs Sonam Lama and Kunga Nima Lepcha the Centre has allowed the Karmapa to visit Sikkim," the release reads.

The release has stressed that if the State Government is really sincere towards the people of Sikkim then it should immediately convince the Centre to fulfill all demands of the State.

Neil Tara Academy conducts investiture ceremony in Zero Point

GANGTOK, 08 MAY: SUMMIT REPORT

Neil Tara Academy held an investiture ceremony for the academic year 2018 at Zero Point in Yumthang, North Sikkim on 06 May. The ceremony featured oath-taking session wherein students pledged to serve the school and fulfill their responsibilities to the best of their abilities. Further, two captains, Kalina Pradhan and Anmol Bhutia, were awarded with the prestigious "White Coat", a press release informs.

"Instead of a mundane investiture ceremony which is followed by various institutions, we chose to break the stereotype and took our students to these high altitude snow



capped mountains so as to inspire one and all to think differently, as in today's world we

need creative minded people with creative solutions to overcome problems in every field

so it's our moral duty to transform ourselves into creative beings for our states and coun-

try's bright future," said Principal of the school, Pramila Pradhan, in the release.



NIFFA Sikkim branch launched at Namchi

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

Nationwide Non Governmental Organization and six-time Guinness Book of World Record holder, National Integrated Forum of Artist and Activists (NIFAA) officially launched its branch for Sikkim at South District Officer Club at Namchi, South Sikkim, a press release informs.

The event had Chairperson, Sikkim State Commission, Rena Rai as the chief guest and NIFFA chairman, Preetpal Singh Pannu as special guest along with Namchi Bazaar Officer, A.B Gurung, Women Commission executive member, Kavita Rai, Zilla Panchayat members, Panchayats, NIFFA executive members, dignitaries and representatives from different clubs and NGOs of the State.

Sambadana Patra was presented as a tribute to renowned Sikkimese artist, Late S. B Pradhan.

NIFFA chairman, Preetpal Singh Pannu talking about the aims and objectives of NIFFA informed the gathering that the slogan of NIFFA is 'Youth for Constructive Change'. He further mentioned that NIFFA's branch in Sikkim is the 22nd branch to be launched by the NGO.

"By 2020 NIFAA will have 707 branches in 707 districts of India," he added.

Mr Pannu while reiterating the aims of NIFFA said that the organization aims to promote youths, new artists and different culture and traditions in global platforms.

He also informed about NIFFA's youth exchange programme 'Harmony 2018' for the

Northeast States of India and invited youths to take part in the programme scheduled to be held later this year.

Chairperson, Sikkim State Commission, Rena Rai addressing the gathering shared the achievements of the Government of Sikkim in empowering women like 30% job reservation in government sector, 50% in panchayat seats, 50% in municipality seats and schemes like unmarried pension, widow pension and other government initiatives for women in the State.

During the programme, NIFFA Sikkim Branch members were presented with certificates.

Colorful cultural programme were performed by the cultural wing of NIFAA Sikkim, the release reads.

SKM has failed to understand the significance of CM's West Sikkim tour: SDF

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

Sikkim Democratic Front party has alleged that the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party has been misinterpreting the public address of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling. The ruling party has strongly criticized and condemned the act of SKM accusing the CM of misleading and deceiving the people of the State.

An SDF press release issued by its publicity secretary, Chudamani Mishra, mentioned that the CM was on his West Sikkim tour to listen to people's grievances, to take report of developmental works in the area and to make on the spot sanctions of new works while interacting with the people.

The release added that SKM has failed to understand the significance and outcome of the CM's public address on 06 May at Kyongsa ground near Gyalshing. The SKM party has undemocratic and violent style of politics so it will not understand the politics with democratic values and recognitions, the release alleged.



Miscreants collecting funds from hoteliers in Siliguri in the name of SMC: SMC Mayor

SMRITA KHAWAS

SILIGURI, 08 MAY:

Siliguri Municipal Commission is conducting health inspection in every hotel and restaurant in Siliguri to keep the public safe and healthy.

However, some miscreants have reportedly started collecting funds in the name of SMC.

SMC mayor, Ashok Bhattacharya confirming

the reports said, "Few weeks ago SMC started conducting health inspection to check hygiene of hotels and restaurants. But some miscreants have started collected funds in the name of SMC."

Mr Bhattacharya has appealed the miscreants not to take advantage of the situation and cooperate to make Siliguri a healthy place.

KASS all set to conduct painting drive at Majhitar Secondary School

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 08 MAY:

After successfully completing its painting cum beautification drive at Lower Tanak Primary, South Sikkim, Bardang Secondary School and Chuba Government Primary School in East Sikkim, Krypton Arts Society of Sikkim has been invited to bring its creative force and conduct a painting drive at Majhitar Secondary School.

KASS working president, Kripesh Singh along with society members today visited the school premises and inspected the location to be beautified.

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Ready to become prime minister, says Rahul

BENGALURU, MAY 8 (PTI):

Congress president Rahul Gandhi said today he is ready to occupy the prime minister's post if his party emerges as the "biggest" party in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, making known his ambition for the topmost executive post.

"Well, it depends...it depends on how well the Congress does in the election...I mean, if it emerges as the biggest party, yes," Gandhi said, when asked during an interaction here if he would be the next prime minister.

This is not the first time Gandhi has spoken about his prime ministerial ambition.

In an interaction at the Berkley University in the US in September last year, Gand-

hi had said he was "absolutely ready" to be the prime ministerial candidate of the Congress in 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Amid the cut and thrust of the Karnataka Assembly polls, Gandhi said he is "pretty confident" that Narendra Modi would not be the next prime minister, and if the Congress acts as a "platform" (with other parties in a coalition), the BJP does not stand a chance of winning the elections.

"It is highly unlikely that BJP will form the next government, and the second part is that it is close to impossible that Modi will be the next prime minister," Gandhi said, speaking at a function where he launched 'Samruddha

Bharat Foundation'.

He said the opposition unity would not allow the BJP to remain in power. Gandhi asserted the Congress would win the Assembly polls in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.

Referring to the BJP and RSS, Gandhi said the forces his party was fighting against were trying to disrupt open-minded atmosphere, peace and the brotherhood that existed in India. Drawing a comparison between the RSS and Muslim Brotherhood, Gandhi said their agenda was to come to power, and then capture institutions.

"The BJP and RSS will repeat one more cycle of getting elected democratically

and then discard democracy," he alleged.

"The RSS over here and the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Turkey...they are doing the same thing. The RSS and Muslim Brotherhood do not see elections the way we see them. We win an election and we are okay with losing an election," he said.

Gandhi said the Congress never faced an "existential crisis" on losing an election but the BJP and the RSS "see elections as a way into government, and once they enter, they want to capture every single institution in India".

The Congress leader claimed demonetisation was the BJP's way to tell the coun-

try that there was not a single institution in the country that was "immune" to the saf-ron party.

He said the BJP praised Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and B R Ambedkar upfront but destroyed their legacy.

"Their method is to praise the leader, praise the icon, worship the icon and destroy every single thing he used to do," Gandhi said.

'Samruddha Bharat Foundation' is a platform to propagate liberal, secular and republican values across the country. Its trustees include veteran film director Shyam Benegal and noted Supreme Court advocate KTS Tuli.

Later speaking to re-

porters, Gandhi said Modi should explain to the people of Karnataka why a "corrupt person who went to jail" was made the BJP's chief ministerial candidate. "People of Karnataka want to know, why Narendra Modi could not find a non-corrupt chief ministerial candidate."

They also want to know why Mr Narendra Modi has given eight tickets to the Reddy brothers who have stolen Rs 35,000 crore of the people of Karnataka," he said.

Karnataka BJP chief B S Yeddyurappa is the party's chief ministerial face in the polls.

Responding to a question about BJP president Amit Shah, Gandhi said he was ac-

cused of murder.

"The Supreme Court has mentioned the (judge) Loya case. So I don't think Amit Shah has a lot of credibility."

Let's look at his background. Let's see what he is responsible for. Let's see how he does politics. Also don't forget he is a murder accused. This is fundamental.

"People in India forget that the president of BJP is a murder accused. That's the truth. The party that talks about honesty, decency, has a person who has been accused of murder," he said.

Shah was an accused in the alleged fake encounter killings of gangster Sohrabuddin Sheikh and his aide Tulsiram Prapapati.

*Gangtok on
Wednesday,
09 May*

Temp: 26°C / 12°C
Forecast: Intervals
of clouds and sun-
shine with a shower
or thunderstorm
in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 04:51 AM
Sunset: 6:13 PM

SPNS to organize Philatelic Workshop at schools

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

Sikkim Philatelic and Numismatic Society [SPNS] held its general meeting at Rhenock in East Sikkim on 06 May to discuss the development of hobbies in the State in the presence of its president, Ganesh Pradhan, a press release informs.

Also present on the occasion were Director of North Point Academy, Darjeeling, Anand Yonzon, as chairperson for the meet along with members of SPNS from Darjeeling, Siliguri and Sikkim.

During the meet, it was decided to work on different plans for the year 2018. Some important events included display of philatelic and numismatic exhibits at different places of Sikkim, philatelic workshop at different schools, membership drives and celebration of SPNS's 12th anniversary.

On the behalf of SPNS, president, Mr Pradhan congratulated SPNS members, Roshan Prasad and Vivek Yonzon, for securing silver medals at INPEX-17, a national philatelic exhibition held in Mumbai last year. Mr Prasad was also congratulated for his silver medal at Dubai Stamp Exhibition held earlier this year.

Member of SPNS, Vivek Yonzon, informed that he has initiated an organisation in Darjeeling named Alpine Philatelic and Numismatic Society [APNS]. "The society will work along with SPNS as sister concerns," he added.

Training on Electoral Literacy Club...

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wherein she underlined the significance of ELC which is to have citizens informed and aware about electoral process, motivation and facilitation for electoral participation and promoting informed and ethical voting.

She added that it is imperative to identify key organizational partners from government as well as non-government sector namely that of school and colleges and guide them as they will be effective instrument of engaging young and future voters. She also highlighted the gathering that ELC will assist in developing effective electoral engagement, encourage participation, aid in making informed choices and ethical ballot decisions which she shared is extremely vital in a democratic country.

The training also had the participants and the resource persons develop a calendar of ELC activities.

Chamling's major asset is his strong bond with Sikkimese people, say senior journalists

ARPAN PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

"EVERYONE FEARED raising their voice against the then government of Sikkim Sangram Parishad and its leader but it was the need of the hour. One fearless leader showed courage and raised a voice for democracy. That was our present Chief Minister Pawan Chamling which made him a great and successful leader," said senior journalist, Joseph Lepcha, in Nayuma Television's special talk show, Gyantalk.

The talk show was held to discuss and trace the journey of Mr Chamling as the longest serving Chief Minister of India who carved his name on record on 29 April this year, beating the record of former Chief Minister of West Bengal, Jyoti Basu.

Accompanying Mr Lepcha on the special



panel discussion were Editor, Sikkim Express, Amit Patro, and Senior Journalist cum Associate Editor of Nayuma News, KK Chettri. The hour-long discussion was hosted by anchor Jiwan Rai.

The panel discussed

on the long journey of Mr Chamling while remembering the challenges faced by him and the start of his democratic movement.

"If the short six-month long government under the leadership

of Sancha Man Limboo would not have been formed, Sikkim Democratic Front under the leadership of Mr Chamling would have swiped all 32 seats in the Assembly Polls then. The six months' time during Mr

Limboo's Government created way for sympathy gain from the people for Sangram leader, NB Bhandari, who then managed to win some seats," said SE Editor, Mr Patro.

Mr Patro added that for him, the ma-

jor achievements of the State under Mr Chamling are inclusion of Sikkim in the North East Council, creation of Sikkim as a brand in tourism sector, the State's cleanliness and the Organic Mission.

Senior Journalist cum Associate Editor of Nayuma News, Mr Chettri, said that the scenario in the State was different during Sikkim Sangram Parishad's Government.

"People feared to criticize even the wrong things. The first two term of the previous government went well but the third term saw major drawbacks. Under the SDF Government, everyone

has the right to express which is a positive sign of growth and success of a democracy. Mr Bhandari was a good leader but he lacked things needed to make a democracy successful," he added.

Senior journalist, Mr

Lepcha, who is also the president of Press Club of Sikkim, added, "Connecting with the common people is very important. Mr Chamling developed a strong connection with the public and that became his major asset. He is a leader who is more sensitive towards people and their issues. This was absent during the previous government and thus made Mr Chamling popular amongst the common people."

The panel also discussed major achievements of the State that have been accomplished under the leadership of Mr Chamling.

The three journalists marked the achievement of Mr Chamling of being the longest serving CM of the country as historic.

It is informed that the talk show will be telecasted on Nayuma Television later this month.



Rotaract Club of Gangtok Hills sets up library for Nandok JHS

NIRMAL MANGAR

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

Youth wing of Rotary Club Gangtok South, Rotaract Club of Gangtok Hills has successfully set

up a library at Government Junior High School, Nandok in East Sikkim.

It may be mentioned here, in the month of Sept last year, Rotaract

Club of Gangtok Hills had organised kids' fashion contest, "Lil' Prince & Princess", in order to raise funds for setting up the said library.

"The Gangtok Hills family is grateful to everyone who helped us set up the library," said president of the club, Homnath Sharma.

District Mental Health Cell conducts wellness campaign

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

District Mental Health Cell, Department of Healthcare, Human Service and Family Welfare is conducting 'Winning Ways to Well Being' campaign in 23 schools in East District from 15 Apr to 10 May, a press release from District Nodal Officer for District Mental Health Program, National Tobacco Control Program and Opioid Substitution Therapy, Dr Satish Rasaily informs.

Dr Satish Rasaily along with Dr Kuljan Lama, psychologist counselors, Sonam Tongden, Archana Sharma, Pinkey Bhutia, Mamta Sharma, Nagandra Karki, and Udai Gurung so far have conducted the wellness campaign at 23 schools in Gangtok, Singtam and Rangpo.

"Winning Ways to Well Being' campaign is a unique initiative to promote adolescent health and wellbeing targeting children between 10-19 years of age with the objective to educate students on the concept of brain programming in realizing one's dreams and ambitions, sensitize teachers/ students to prioritize social and emotional intelligence, promote life skills education to infuse self-confidence, self esteem, positive thinking, goal settings, self-motivation, leadership skills, assertiveness

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State Govt needs to draw its attention to STNM's poor conditions: BJP

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

A delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim Pradesh led by its president, DB Chauhan, visited STNM Hospital in Gangtok today. The party president was accompanied by BJP Sikkim youth president, Laten Sherpa, East District president, YT Lepcha, and other leaders.

A BJP press release informs that during the visit, it was revealed that patients in Emergency and other wards in STNM Hospital have not been getting proper treatment as the situation of the hospital was in 'pathetic' condition and that the doctors and nurses have been giving treatment and services to the patients on the floor.

The release stated that STNM Hospital has

recently celebrated its centenary and has been providing services to Sikkim and its people selflessly. However, it has not been getting proper support from the ruling governments so far.

The STNM Hospital has reached a 'pathetic condition' in 24 years of SDF Government and the announcements of the ruling party in health sectors are limited to the time of elections only, the release added.

The party further alleged that the Health Department of the State has presently been running on the support of National Rural Health Mission of the Central Government.

The BJP, in the release, has suggested the State Government to start working in the interest of Sikkim and its people.



Sichey surges in the final of CM's Gold Cup Archery Tourney

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 08 MAY:

Sichey has entered into the finals of the ongoing 17th Chief Minister's Gold Cup Archery Tournament 2018 here at Sikkim Archery Association [SAA] archery field in Tathangchen.

In the first semi-final match played on Monday, Sichey defeated Navey 62-20 to secure its place in the finals of the tournament.

The second semi-final match will be played between Yangtse Tours and Travel from Bhutan and Garuda Blue from

Gangtok on 10 May.

The final match is scheduled to be played on 13 May.

Winner of the tournament will receive cash prize of Rs 01 lakh while runner-up will receive cash prize of Rs 50,000.

The tournament is being organised by Sikkim Archery Association with participation of 17 teams from Sikkim, West Bengal and Bhutan.

This prestigious archery tournament is an annual event of SAA mainly to preserve and promote traditional form of archery.

Daring PS bids farewell to one of its retired teachers

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

NAMCHI, 08 MAY:

School Management Committee of Government Primary School, Daring, South Sikkim along with the Panchayats and guardians accorded farewell to its senior teacher, Parbati Sharma, who has recently retired from her services, at a function held at the school premises today. Social worker, Garjama Rai, who attended the event as chief guest, extended best wishes and gratitude to Miss Sharma for her selfless services.



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pave the way for religious insecurity and communal disharmony and endanger the social fabric, he added.

Chief Minister terming politics as science said that science advocates the truth. He added that SDF party's politics is based on truth and people centric policies. He urged the party functionaries to reach out to the common people with agendas and idealisms of the SDF party. He urged the party workers leading the different fronts of the party to work collectively for

the welfare of the party.

Chamling added that personal ambitions like securing high posts and powerful positions should never be the reason to join politics. Rather, the main reason for becoming a politician should be to serve the people and the State. Being patient is the key to becoming a good politician along with readiness to serve the people in toughest conditions. Our Party functionaries should remember that we have always believed in inclusive politics, inclusive democracy and secular-

ism. Such guiding ideology and principle of the SDF Party has ensured that there is no discrimination of any kind based on caste or religion, he said.

Chief Minister reiterated that very soon Limboo Tamang communities will have reserved seats in the State Legislative Assembly. Stating that the seat reservation issue is pending with the central government Chamling said that Limboo Tamang communities should not fall prey to politics of intimidation and provocations.

Saying that the SDF led government has worked committedly for the welfare of all the communities Chief Minister urged the people to avoid being misguided by the negative forces. He added that integrity of people is necessity of the hour to take Sikkim on the path of prosperity. Chief Minister asserted that demands placed by the people regarding development of the state during his west Sikkim tour will be fulfilled within two months.

Lead by Example

To inspire the youth towards self-sufficiency, hold up some examples

The State Government is trying to convince the youth to opt for the pride of self-employment and becoming producers in what has been a consumer state for a long while. The advice is laudable and the government had begun the initiative many years back with the skill development programme in the hope of equipping the youth with the tools required to make this transition. Almost simultaneously came the CM-SES offer. The government is now reinforcing the commitment with the support for start-ups scheme.

To start at the beginning, the initial two programmes met with less than glorious results, and one of the reasons why the youth who attended these trainings and awareness programmes returned less than inspired could have been because they did not see too many “examples” worth emulating around them. And since the State is omnipresent here, the youth need to be shown success stories in government undertakings to get convinced that its executive can draft skill development programmes of any real consequence. Instead, what the youth see too much of is funds getting pumped into “development” projects only to deliver failures. Can they be faulted then if they are hesitant to put their scarce resources into similar projects? It is also true that government-run projects fail because of somnolent and corrupt implementation, whereas in the hands of private entrepreneurs, these very investments would have turned profits, but for the youth to accept this, the government will have to set the record straight. This, it can only achieve success by fixing accountability.

To flesh out what is suggested here, let’s share here the case look at a Comptroller & Auditor General’s Report for Sikkim of many years past. The year is not important, because the lesson rings as true today as it did some ten years ago. The Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Department received Rs. 45 lakhs in central sponsorship in August 2000 to establish a backyard poultry farm at Chujachen in East Sikkim. The idea was to maintain a breeding stock of poultry birds requiring low input technology and backed by adequate health coverage for the birds. The Department used up Rs. 39.86 lakhs of this outlay and the poultry farm commenced operations in August 2002. It closed down in August 2003 ‘with no birds and no eggs!’ When confronted with a query from the CAG Auditors, the concerned Secretary explained that the farm was struck by ‘some’ uncontrollable diseases leading to high mortality and, oh yes, there was also a defect in the construction of the building!

When youth learn that poultry can be infected by ‘some uncontrollable diseases’ which even a Department with a Veterinary wing under it cannot contain and that a poultry farm requires such complicated construction that even government engineers can end up constructing a defective building, how can they be expected to get excited into opening poultry farms even if it carries a non-intimidating tag like “backyard poultry farm”? Of course, the reasons offered for why the farm closed down are lame excuses and even the CAG auditors had rubbished it as ‘not tenable.’ The farm after all had a Chief Veterinary Officer in charge for it and still the auditors could not come across even a single instance of either the mysterious outbreak being brought to the notice of higher authorities or of the CVO initiating any corrective action himself. It appears that Rs. 39.86 lakhs were wasted not because the poultry was sick or the construction defective, but because the monitoring and implementation were frail. What is probable though is that the official reason will be accepted and the matter forgotten.

This is but an example of how, if the government is serious about wanting to inspire the youth to strike their own futures, it will have to do more than just train – it will have to lead by example. It will have to make success stories out of poultry farms like the failed one at Chujachen for the youth to believe in the promise of alternative careers. But since that is not happening any time soon, it is reassuring that the start-up programme has arrived for those who have still not started out to watch and learn from those who have already taken the plunge. Apart from just supporting start-up ideas, it would serve Sikkim well if these ideas were more widely shared among the young and the success stories reached to them to inspire and give confidence.

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‘A time of anxiety’: The depressing new reality for local journalists in conflict zones

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For journalists who cover Afghanistan, the bombing that killed nine local reporters last week in Kabul was a sober reminder of the dangers the media continue to face in the country’s seemingly endless conflict.

The victims were not well-known foreign correspondents, but a group of courageous Afghan photographers, reporters and cameramen who had gone to report on another bomb blast that had exploded about 40 minutes earlier. They included a photographer from the French news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP), as well as contributors to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and several local media companies. Elsewhere on the same day, a 10th journalist was shot dead – a reporter for the BBC’s Pashto service, Ahmad Shah.

According to Reporters Without Borders, it was the deadliest single day for journalists in the country since the overthrow of the Taliban in 2001.

The principal way we receive news from conflict zones like Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq is via eyewitnesses on social media and the global news agencies – AFP, Associated Press and Reuters. Agency reporters are often the first “media responders” to deadly incidents like suicide bombings and terror attacks. They also negotiate with local reporters on the ground to secure the best pictures, which then get relayed to the thousands of media companies around the world who subscribe to their services. To feed this beast of global 24/7 news coverage, there is still an expectation that agency journalists will dare to tread where others will not.

JOURNALISTS AS TARGETS

Increasingly, this has become even more dangerous, as extremist groups like the Islamic State have shifted tactics to specifically target journalists. The Afghan Journalists Safety Committee warned of “an unprecedented increase in threats and violence against journalists” in a 2017 report:

Increased threats from DAESH to media and journalists have created a new wave of concerns about the security of journalists and media. What is seriously worrying is the group’s direct attacks against media, which in 2017 is responsible for the vast majority of journalists’ deaths.

Reporters Without Borders says 34 journalists and media workers have died in attacks by the Islamic State and Taliban in Afghanistan since the start of 2016. The situation has become so dire that the group



Afghan journalists light candles to remember the local reporters killed in last week’s Kabul bomb blast.

has called on the United Nations to appoint a special representative dedicated to protecting the lives of journalists. The proposal has been backed by French President Emmanuel Macron and the German parliament.

Without adequate security provisions, journalists have also been abandoning countries that have become too dangerous. Reporters Without Borders notes in its 2017 annual report on reporters killed in the line of duty. AFP continues to operate with a team of two or three foreign journalists in Kabul, backed up by seven full-time Afghan journalists and various stringers working across the country. Reuters employs just one foreign correspondent and one local journalist in Kabul, and AP has two local reporters and two local photographers.

Former BBC journalist Bilal Sarwary, who now works as a freelancer, tells me there are very few Western journalists left in Afghanistan because “Iraq and then Syria have commanded their attention” in recent years. He said The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post still have reporters based in the country, but now rely almost entirely on freelance photographers.

RESPONDING TO THE NEW REALITY

Under global news director Michèle Léridon, AFP has been highly innovative at adapting to news gathering challenges, but also strict in its policy of not being made stooges by terrorists. According to Phil Chetwynd, AFP’s global editor-in-chief, the com-

pany is constantly evaluating its security procedures.

We have always been cautious about rushing to the scene of attacks. We have moved our office several times in Kabul to find a better location as the threat level has changed. We have sent security experts to review our procedures and to recommend physical reinforcements and measures to our buildings. We have also sent reporters on hostile environment courses and sent trainers to Kabul to train all staff including non-journalists. The message to all our reporters remains that security comes first.

Chetwynd notes the suicide bomber who killed the nine Afghan journalists in Kabul last week – a group that included AFP photographer Shah Marai – had apparently been posing as a fellow reporter, a new tactic by terror groups. “We are already changing and reacting to this appalling new reality,” he says.

It’s clear that all media organisations need to constantly rethink their strategies when it comes to reporting in conflict zones. Media scholars, too, are tackling the issue. At the upcoming International Communications Association conference in Prague later this month, I will be joining other academics on a panel titled “Voices in Journalism: Local News Staff Producing International News” to discuss the latest research examining the working conditions of stringers, fixers and local journalists.

One of the panellists, Saumava Mitra, has researched the work of

photojournalists in Afghanistan and co-authored an essay last week on the challenges they face.

We have seen that local journalists usually have much poorer access to hostile-environment training, work-hazard insurance or even medical benefits from their employers. They face different threats and risks than those who parachute into the conflict and have nowhere to go if the situation escalates. They are also much more prone to reprisals. The first step to help prevent their deaths is to acknowledge that the news we consume is often produced by journalists working under precarious conditions in hostile places.

Marai, for one, always knew the dangers of working in Kabul, as his blog on the AFP website so devastatingly shows. In it, he recounts how life changed for the worse when the Taliban returned to stage attacks in Kabul in the mid-2000s:

“I don’t dare to take my children for a walk,” he says. “I have five and they spend their time cooped up inside the house. Every morning as I go to the office and every evening when I return home, all I think of are cars that can be booby-trapped, or of suicide bombers coming out of a crowd. I can’t take the risk. So we don’t go out.”

“I have never felt life to have so little prospects and I don’t see a way out,” he writes in conclusion. “It’s a time of anxiety.”

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In the Family Court, children say they want the process explained and their views heard. It’s time we listened

ANNE GRAHAM, JUDY CASHMORE
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Where will I live? Who will look after me? Can I stay at my school? Do I have to move house? Can I keep my dog?

When parents separate, children are full of burning questions.

In most cases, separating parents work out the arrangements for their children between themselves. But when parents cannot resolve their disputes they can end up in the Family Court or the Federal Circuit Court. Most cases are eventually settled, but about 7% of these cases have to be decided by a judge.

The children may or may not have any say in what happens. Among the issues under consideration in a review into the family law system presently underway at the Australian Law Reform Commission is how children can be better supported to participate in family dispute resolution processes.

Research provides some clues. Our study, undertaken by the Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University for Legal Aid NSW, included a survey of 54 children and young people (aged 7–16 years) accessing the services of Legal Aid NSW. We focused on children’s understanding and experiences of family law processes.

We found children placed most emphasis on being able to:

- understand the role of the Independent Children’s Lawyer (ICL), a representative that the court may appoint to represent their best interests and ensure the court hears the child’s views (if that’s what the child wants).
- trust the ICL
- have clear explanations about who will know what they tell the ICL
- be listened to and be heard
- check with the ICL about what’s OK for them to say in court

- be able to talk to the ICL when they need to.

GOOD PRACTICE FOR INDEPENDENT CHILDREN’S LAWYERS

We’ve used these findings to develop a good practice guide for ICLs (Independent Children’s Lawyers) who are tasked with representing the views of children in the legal process.

It’s important that ICLs:

- Consider logistics of the meetings they have with children (How easy is it for the child to get to? Will the parent wait outside the door?)
- Take time to build rapport with children
- Explain the legal process and key players in terms the child can understand, with analogies
- Explain the limits of confidentiality – that the ICL can keep some things to him/herself, but not all
- Address common concerns of children (Will I have to go to court? Will the ICL tell my parents what I have said? Who is making the decision? When will all of this be over?)

A DELICATE BALANCE

In the family law context, balancing children’s rights to protection while affording them their participation rights can be delicate.

It is now widely acknowledged that children have legitimate views and important things to say about what matters to them – for example, which school they attend, whether they can play sport on the weekend if their living arrangements change, how much time they spend with the parent’s new partner (whom they may not like).

While they want their views to be taken into account, most children do not want responsibility for decisions, and they do not want to upset their parents.

When disputes are ongoing, and involve serious conflict, allegations of family violence, abuse, and parental incapacity to provide safe care, children are likely to see a person appointed to write a family report for the court, and have an ICL appointed.

In these circumstances, children are likely to be unsure about talking to a lawyer and what they should and should not say. They may be concerned about the repercussions, and even their safety, if they go against a parent’s claims. This can mean that children may not share information that could help determine what would be in their best interests.

‘YOU REALISE THEY DO CARE’

Respecting what matters to children is crucial. It can help determine how sustainable and workable the arrangements are, and whether children feel recognised. As one child told us:

I think it’s important they’ve asked us our opinion before they’ve made a decision. And they’ve made us feel like they actually do care about us, whereas before ... when it first happened you felt like you were nothing ... and then once they start involving you in it you realise that they do care, they want to know our opinion, they want to make sure that we’re okay with it before they do it.

We now have good evidence and promising practice that could help to make family law processes a more positive, inclusive experience for children. Best for Kids is also a great resource for children and families, with a video explaining what an ICL does, and also other age appropriate information for children under 10 and those who are older.

But legislative reform and policy change won’t make a difference while we carry assumptions that children can’t or shouldn’t contribute meaningfully to post-separation decisions. This requires a different kind of change – one of mind and heart in the way we view and treat children, including how we support them to adjust to major change.

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Two minor boys held for rape of tribal girl in Jharkhand

GODDA (JHARKHAND), MAY 8 (PTI): Two minor boys have been arrested in connection with the alleged gangrape of a 12-year-old tribal girl at Harkatta village in Pathergama police station area of Godda district, a senior police officer said today.

The girl, who was here to attend a social function, had gone out to attend nature's call on Sunday night when she was gagged, dragged to the bushes and raped by seven youths, Superintendent of Police Rajeev Ranjan Singh said.

The girl returned home next morning and narrated the ordeal to her mother, who then raised an alarm in the village, he said.

"We registered a complaint based on the girl's statement. Two of them were apprehended last night and we have launched a hunt to arrest the other accused in the case," the SP said.

A medical examination has been conducted on the girl and the report is awaited, Singh said, adding that some of those accused in the case were minors.

The Godda incident came days after two more cases of rape in the state drew media attention worldwide.

A 16-year-old girl was recently raped and burned to death in Chattradistrict. Fifteen people, including the main accused, have been arrested in the incident.

In another case of assault, a minor girl was allegedly raped and set on fire by her neighbour in Pakur district. The victim is struggling for life with 70 per cent burn injuries at Bokaro General Hospital.

District Mental Health Cell conducts wellness...

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skills, negotiating skills and failure management, encourage healthy lifestyles habits and positive coping skills to manage stresses and failures, educate on risk taking behavior and its consequences (school drop-out, early sexual experiences, early marriage, teenage pregnancy, substance misuse, and promote prevention of tobacco, alcohol and substance misuse by providing relevant information on harmful effects of drugs abuse," the release reads.

Singtam District Hospital has conducted more than 200 WWWB programmes in schools of East Sikkim between 2015-2018, the release informs.

Bangladesh Supreme Court defers Zia's bail hearing

DHAKA, MAY 8 (PTI): Bangladesh's Supreme Court today deferred until tomorrow the hearing on a plea by the country's Anti-Corruption Commission challenging the bail granted to former prime minister and opposition BNP chief Khaleda Zia in a corruption case.

Zia, 72, was sentenced to five years in jail in February by a lower court in connection with the embezzlement of 21 million taka (about USD 250,000) in foreign donations meant for the Zia Orphanage Trust, named after her late husband Ziaur Rahman, a military ruler-turned-politician, during her 2001-2006 premiership.

The High Court on March 12 granted bail to Zia considering her age and health issues but the ex-premier continues to serve the term at the old



jailhouse of Dhaka Central Jail as the apex court stayed the court's order.

The Supreme Court's Appellate Division bench, led by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, was scheduled to pass the order today, but it deferred the hearing until tomorrow.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam and main appellant An-

ti-Corruption Commission's lawyers had appeared with their plea seeking to overturn the March 12 High Court order.

Top pro-BNP lawyers including former law minister Moudud Ahmed stood as Zia's counsels to free her on bail.

BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir and other senior party leaders were pres-

ent in the courtroom while party activists rallied around the Supreme Court complex prompting an extra security vigil in the neighbourhood as the hearing was underway.

Zia's imprisonment shook the country's political scenario ahead of the general elections in December this year. BNP, the main opposition outside parliament, alleged the trial was politically motivated to debar her from contesting elections, an allegation denied by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government.

Political analysts feared BNP was now exposed to a political wilderness after Zia's conviction, which is likely to disqualify her for elections unless she could obtain a different direction from the Supreme Court.

Tripura State Rifles jawan kills wife, children and self

AGARTALA, MAY 8 (PTI): A Tripura State Rifles (TRS) jawan today allegedly shot dead his wife and two children before killing himself with his service rifle at their residence at Malaynagar near the state capital Agartala, police said.

Manik Ghosh, 40, a naik of the 1st battalion of the TSR, a state para-military force, shot dead his wife Ratna Ghosh, 34, daughter Hritika Ghosh, 2, and son Debraj Ghosh, 11, Superintendent of Police (Control) Harkumar Debbarma said.

He killed them apparently after an altercation with his wife at around 8:00 am. The jawan shot

himself dead with the rifle shortly afterwards.

"Local residents rushed to their home after hearing the gun shots and found them dead. Later the villagers informed police," the SP said.

Debbarma said Ghosh was posted at a TSR camp in Panchabati, about 15 km from here.

Asked how the jawan got his service rifle from his duty post to his home, police said investigation was on to get the details.

On Sunday, a jawan of the Border Security Force shot dead his three colleagues and himself with his service rifle at a border outpost at Maguruli in Unakoti district.

WB Panchayat polls: HC allows filing of nominations through e-mail

KOLKATA, MAY 8 (PTI): The Calcutta High Court today directed the State Election Commission (SEC) to accept the nominations of those, who had sent their papers to the poll panel via e-mail for the upcoming West Bengal panchayat election, if those were found to be valid.

A division bench of justices B Somadder and A Mukherjee directed the SEC to accept the valid nominations, filed through e-mail by 3 pm on April 23, which was the extended date for filing nominations for the rural polls.

The court passed the order on an appeal filed

by the CPI(M) and directed that it pertained to those candidates, whose names appeared in the list submitted by the appellant before it.

The SEC had opposed the appellant's plea to allow filing of nominations through e-mail, claiming that the West Bengal Panchayat Act did not have any such provision.

The CPI(M) had submitted a list of over 800 intending candidates, claiming that they were prevented from filing nominations at the designated offices and thus, had sent their documents to the SEC through e-mail.

Girija Devi is the 'Voice of India': Guv

KOLKATA, MAY 8 (PTI): West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi has recalled his meetings with late classical singer Girija Devi and said she is the 'Voice of India' who took different streams of classical vocal music to a new height.

The singer, who died here last year at the age of 88, was a maestro in classical ghazna, who had equal command on 'ghazal' and 'bhajan' and other forms of classical music apart from 'thumri', Tripathi said after launching a book 'Pranam Appa' - a tribute to the Padma Vibhushan recipient here last evening.

Tripathi regretted that despite having met Devi on several occasions in Kolkata and earlier in Lucknow, his dream to invite the versatile singer to perform in the Raj Bhavan did not materialise due to her death.

Veteran classical singer Pt Vijay Kichlu said "Girija Devi crafted her own style. She made an effortless journey in all disciplines of classical music like dhrupad and thumri."



Recalling his association with Girija devi since 1978, Pt Ajoy Chakraborty said that she knew how to connect word with the Ragas.

The book, compiled by her disciple Supriya Newar, contains rare photographs and tributes by luminaries including Hariprasad Chaurasia and Birju Maharaj.

Kathua rape and murder: Accused to file fresh petition in SC, seeking CBI probe

JAMMU, MAY 8 (PTI): The accused in the Kathua rape-and-murder case will file a fresh petition in the Supreme Court (SC) in the next few days, seeking handing over of the probe to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

The apex court had yesterday directed that the trial in the case of alleged gangrape and murder of an eight-year-old girl, which had led to a nationwide outrage, be moved to Pathankot in neighbouring Punjab.

"A fresh petition seeking a CBI probe is ready. It shall be filed within a few days (in the Supreme Court)," Ankur Sharma, the lawyer of five of the accused in the case, said today.

A detailed counter on behalf of accused Sanjhi Ram, Vishal Jangotra and Parvesh Kumar was filed in the apex court, along with an additional affidavit seeking a CBI probe, he added.

Sharma said in yes-

terday's hearing, only a notice could have been issued if a fresh petition seeking a CBI probe was filed.

"The fastest way of getting a CBI probe in yesterday's hearing was through our counter and additional affidavit," he said, adding that their main concern was not the shifting of the case, but the CBI probe.

The lawyer denied that yesterday's court order, shifting the trial of the case to Pathankot, was a setback for them.

"It was a loss for the state government as it wanted the case to remain in Jammu and Kashmir, preferably in Ramban district," he said, adding that it was a loss for the victim's family also as it had wanted the case to be shifted to Chandigarh.

"The court has called for a fast trial of the case on a day-to-day basis. We are hopeful that the trial will be completed in a year," Sharma said.

The state government's "plot" of introducing 221 witnesses to cause a delay in the trial was busted by the apex court, he said, adding that the case would now be heard on a daily basis.

"We are hopeful that the case will be transferred to the CBI," Sharma said.

The body of the eight-year-old victim was recovered from a forest area in Kathua on January 17, a week after she had gone missing while grazing horses in the area.

The Jammu and Kashmir government had handed over the case to the crime branch, which had formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe it.

The crime branch had subsequently filed two separate chargesheets in the case, one against the seven adult accused on April 9 and another against the sole juvenile accused on April 10.

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India can finish among top two in group in Asian Cup: Bhutia

NEW DELHI, MAY 8 (PTI): Indian football great Bhaichung Bhutia says the country can not just qualify for the knockouts but also finish among the top two in the group stage of the AFC Asian Cup next year.

India have been clubbed with Thailand, Bahrain and hosts UAE in Group A.

Two teams will qualify for the knockout stages with the four best third-placed teams from six groups also making the cut.

"I am very happy with the group which we have drawn. I feel we have been extremely lucky as we didn't draw any Asian Superpower - Iran, Japan, Australia and the Korea Republic -- in our group.

"Every pot had six teams and from Pot A we avoided all the teams who have qualified for the 2018 World Cup," Bhutia said today.

The only Indian footballer to have played over 100 international matches, Bhutia said India can make it to the round of 16 with a bit of luck.

"I feel that we can finish among the top two from our group and qualify to the Round of 16. I understand it's not that easy but it's also not impossible. With a fair deal of hard work and a bit of luck, we can achieve it," the former captain said.

Speaking about India's draw in comparison to the one in 2011, the last time the country participated in the tournament, he said, "In international football nothing is easy. But in comparison to the group in Doha 2011 where we were clubbed with the then World Cuppers Australia and the Korea Republic, this looks good, or should I say favourable.

16 schools selected for U-17 LD Kazi Memorial Inter-School Football Tourney

REBYNA RANA
Gangtok, 08 May:

16 schools from all four districts of the State have qualified for the final round of Boy's Under-17 L.D Kazi Memorial Gold Cup Inter-School Football Tournament.

The tournament organized by Sports and Youth Affairs Department and Human Resource and Development Department is scheduled to take place at Chakung Ground in West Sikkim from 09 to 18 May.

According to the organizers, the schools selected for the final round

of the tournament are: Tashi Namgyal Academy, Modern Senior Secondary School, Chujachen Senior Secondary School, Ralap Secondary School, Central Pendam Senior Secondary School and St. Xaviers School, Pakyong from East Sikkim, Buriakhop

Senior Secondary School, Pelling Senior Secondary School, Tashiding Senior Secondary School and Hee-Yangthang Senior Secondary School from West, Hee-Gyathang Senior Secondary School and Mangan Senior Secondary School from North and Manjushree

Public School, Namchi Senior Secondary School, Melli Gumpa Senior Secondary School, Namchi Public School from South Sikkim.

Winner of the tournament will represent Sikkim in the Subroto Mukherjee Cup, New Delhi later this year.



MI threat looms large as KKR up against odds

KOLKATA, MAY 8 (PTI): Hosts Kolkata Knight Riders run the risk of slipping away when they face resurgent defending champions and 'nemesis' Mumbai Indians in an IPL clash, here tomorrow.

KKR have an onerous task at hand as they need to defy history against Mumbai Indians, who have won 17 of the 21 matches against the hosts across 11 seasons -- the most wins for an IPL team against any opponent.

Their 13-run defeat at the Wankhede on May 6 stretched their losing streak to seven matches and 1125 days -- KKR's last win over Mumbai Indians was way back on April 8, 2015.

While KKR are fast running of time, the most successful IPL franchise, MI, are peaking at the right time, a revival that's quite akin to their triumphant campaign in 2015 when the Rohit Sharma-led side won seven of their last eight matches en route the title.

Both teams have four matches left in the round-robin league, but KKR have won five matches one more than MI as a loss for any of the two sides may complicate their play-off aspirations.

For KKR to overcome the past, Sunil Narine once again will have to play a crucial role both with the bat and ball.

A dehydrated Narine had to bat lower down the order in their previous clash and it did not help their 182-run chase. Narine will look to be back at the top and set them up with a fiery start.

Sharma is a vital cog in MI's batting as Narine will be KKR's answer with his exploits against the opponent skipper who has been dismissed six times by the Trinidadian.

But Narine will need more backing from the other bowlers especially their pacers who have been a big let down this season.

Be it veteran Mitchell Johnson or Tom Curran, both have been expensive, while all-rounder Andre Russell seems to be underbowling to preserve his troubled hamstring.

Shivam Mavi was forced to sit out with a finger injury and in his absence Prasadh Krishna did a reasonable job as it remains to be seen whether the U19 World Cup winning pacer would be back in action.

With 71 required from 48 balls and a well-set Robin Uthappa, Nitish Rana in the middle, KKR's chase looked under control before they were done in by a barrage of short balls.

Both Rana and Russell got out to short balls and were dismissed with addition of just 19 runs after Uthappa's fall to derail their chase which seemed achievable.

Hardik Pandya, who has 14 wickets from nine matches, will be a threat with both his smart bowling and aggressive batting.

Ben Cutting was expensive with the ball with Uthappa easily smashing him for four boundaries in a row as a specialist bowler in Mustafizur Rahman may seem to be a better choice.

Uthappa's first half-century (54) after 10 matches may seem to have given their fragile middle-order some relief as captain Dinesh Karthik will hope to get their act together.

Squads:

Kolkata Knight Riders: Dinesh Karthik (C), Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, Chris Lynn, Robin Uthappa, Kuldeep Yadav, Piyush Chawla, Nitish Rana, Prasadh Krishna, Shivam Mavi, Mitchell Johnson, Shubman Gill, R. Vinay Kumar, Rinku Singh, Cameron Delpert, Javon Searless, Apoorv Wankhade, Ishank Jaggi, Tom Curran.

Mumbai Indians: Rohit Sharma (C), Suryakumar Yadav, Evlin Lewis, Ishan Kishan, Hardik Pandya, Krunal Pandya, Kieron Pollard, Mayank Markande, Mitchell Lenaghan, Mustafizur Rahman, Jasprit Bumrah, Akila Dananjaya, Ben Cutting, JP Duminy, Rahul Chahar, Sharad Lumba, Adam Milne, Siddhesh Lad, Md Nidheesh, Mohsin Khan, Anukul Roy, Pradeep Sangwan, Tajinder Singh, Aditya Tare, Saurabh Tiwary.

Zidane hopeful Ronaldo will be fit for Champions League final

BARCELONA, MAY 8 (AFP): Zinedine Zidane is optimistic Cristiano Ronaldo will be fit for the Champions League final against Liverpool despite Real Madrid's star player going off injured against Barcelona.

Ronaldo appeared to sustain a knock to his ankle as he bundled home a 14th-minute equaliser for Real at the Camp Nou. The striker played on until half-time but was substituted during the interval.

Real went on to secure a 2-2 draw without Ronaldo, as Gareth Bale struck in the 72nd minute after Lionel Messi's superb individual effort put 10-man Barca ahead.

Sergi Roberto had been sent off at the end of the first period after Luis Suarez opened the scoring in a pulsating, and highly controversial, Clasico.

But Ronaldo's injury will be the key talking point, with the Portuguese now facing a fight to recover in time for the Champions League final against Liverpool on May 26.

"How long he will need I cannot tell you but for him, it is a small problem," Zidane said afterwards.

"We'll see tomorrow after the tests, what we have to do is see the damage done to the ankle. He is a little worried because his ankle is a bit swollen but he said it was only minor."

Ronaldo's injury, coupled with Barcelona avoiding defeat



despite playing half the contest with 10 men, meant it was the Catalans who left the more satisfied.

Ernesto Valverde's men are now three matches away from becoming the first ever team to finish a 38-match La Liga season unbeaten.

"It would have hurt to lose to Madrid, or any other team," Valverde said.

"I think we are the only unbeaten team in Europe in the big leagues and that is something that pushes us."

Bale's goal was his 15th in 24 games this year and the Welshman will hope it sparks a return to favour ahead of Real's European climax in Kiev.

But Bale was lucky still to be

on the pitch after he stabbed his studs into the back of Samuel Umtiti's calf, moments before Sergi was sent off.

It was one of a number of questionable decisions from referee Alejandro Jose Hernandez, as both teams departed wondering what might have been.

As well as Bale's reckless challenge, Suarez fouled Raphael Varane in the build-up to Messi's goal while Marcelo should have had a late penalty after he was brought down by Jordi Alba.

"Next year it will change with VAR," Zidane said.

"Then we will see what a match like that will look like."

Valverde added: "It was clearly a difficult match to ref-

eree. I am not sure about the red card for Sergi Roberto, he might have raised his hand but I do not think it was worthy of a red, maybe because I know him."

The thrilling nature of the match meant Andres Iniesta's last Clasico before leaving Barcelona at the end of the season was reduced to a footnote. The Spaniard went off to a standing ovation in the second half.

"I am doing everything possible so I can play these last few games and try to absorb them," Iniesta told Barca TV.

"Three matches remain, they are the last ones, it seems that the end never comes but we have won the league already and I will try to enjoy every minute.

Wenger 'surprised' at job offers as he prepares for Arsenal farewell

LONDON, MAY 8 (AFP): Arsene Wenger said today he has been surprised at the number of job offers he has received since his departure from Arsenal was announced, urging the club to appoint his successor as soon as possible.

The Frenchman will step down as Gunners boss after Sunday's Premier League trip to Huddersfield, with Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri reportedly the first



choice of the Arsenal board as his replacement.

Wenger will leave after almost 22 years at the helm and was handed an emotional tribute from the club following

Sunday's 5-0 defeat of Burnley, his final game in charge at the Emirates Stadium.

The 68-year-old has said he will take a break from football before de-

ciding on his next move but revealed on Tuesday he has not been short of suitors since last month's surprise announcement.

Asked if he had received any offers, Wenger replied: "Yes, more than I expected!"

"At the moment I focus on doing my job well. I didn't analyse anything or consider anything. I want to work well until the last day of my contract, and then after, I will rest a little bit and go

from there."

Allegri, who is set to deliver a fourth successive Serie A title with Juventus, is reportedly the frontrunner but Carlo Ancelotti and Luis Enrique, both currently out of work, have been linked with the job.

"I think the earlier, the better," Wenger said when asked if an appointment should be made ahead of the World Cup, but he refused to be drawn on who he favoured.

Langer taps Paine as ODI skipper as new Aussie era starts

SYDNEY, MAY 8 (AFP): New Australia coach Justin Langer today named Tim Paine as one-day captain for next month's tour of England as they look to open a new era after a damaging ball-tampering scandal.

Langer, who has been entrusted with restoring Australia's battered reputation, was widely expected to select Paine in his first major decision as coach.

The 33-year-old wicketkeeper has already been appointed Australia's Test captain after his predecessor Steve Smith received a 12-month ban for his part in the ball-tampering affair.

The five-match ODI series in England will be the Australian team's first outing since the disastrous South African tour and the players are sure to face intense scrutiny.

Chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said Cricket Australia had faith in Paine's ability to lead the 15-man squad in England, with Aaron Finch as his vice-captain.

Despite Australia's woes it has been a



heady rise for Paine, who only returned to the national set-up in November after sev-

eral years on the sidelines, during which he considered retirement.

"Tim is a strong leader and will captain the side for the series, supported by Aaron," Hohns said.

"A decision on a permanent one-day captain will be made in due course." World champions Australia will open the series against England at Lord's on June 13.

Hohns said the tour would help players test themselves on English pitches ahead of the 2019 World Cup in England.

"Obviously, these are the conditions we will face during the tournament, so now is a perfect chance to give these players an opportunity to press their case for selection," he said.

Cricket Australia also named a 14-man squad for a one-off Twenty20 match in England, followed by a tri-series tournament in Zimbabwe also featuring Pakistan.

Finch was named to lead the squad, with Alex Carey as vice-captain.

Meanwhile, Smith's fellow international exiles David Warner and Cameron Bancroft are reportedly considering returning to cricket in the Northern Territory as early as July.

Warner and Bancroft received 12 and nine-month bans respectively, but the sanctions do not apply to club cricket.

NT Cricket chief Joel Morrison told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation that the pair were considering playing in the Territory's limited-overs Strike League.

"The opportunity for us is to be able to have the likes of a Bancroft or a Warner around town to be able to pass on some of their knowledge to our local cricketers would be fantastic," he told the broadcaster.

Australia ODI: Tim Paine (capt), Aaron Finch (vice-capt), Ashton Agar, Alex Carey, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Nathan Lyon, Glenn Maxwell, Shaun Marsh, Jhye Richardson, Kane Richardson, D'Arcy Short, Billy Stanlake, Marcus Stoinis, Andrew Tye.

T20: Aaron Finch (capt), Alex Carey (vice-capt), Ashton Agar, Travis Head, Nic Maddinson, Glenn Maxwell, Jhye Richardson, Kane Richardson, D'Arcy Short, Billy Stanlake, Marcus Stoinis, Mitchell Swebson, Andrew Tye, Jack Wildermuth.

India, Guatemala to support each other for non-permanent UNSC membership

GUATEMALA CITY, MAY 8 (PTI): India and Guatemala have agreed to support each other's candidature for the non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council as they sought to push the 'complementary' and 'not competitive' nature of bilateral relations to a new level.

The decision was taken after Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu held extensive talks with the President Jimmy Morales, Vice President Jafeth Cabrera and Parliament Speaker of Guatemala Alvaro Arzu Escobar here yesterday.

This is the first ever visit of an Indian Vice President to the Republic of Guatemala.

During his talks, both sides agreed to take "complementary" relationship to a new high taking advantage of emerging opportunities in both countries, an official statement said.

India agreed to Guatemala's request for supplying solar panels to its airports. India will also train Guatemalan diplomats, English teachers.

Agreeing to push the 'complementary' and 'not competitive' nature of bilateral relations to a new level for mutual



benefit, India and Guatemala agreed to support each other's candidature for the non-permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council.

Guatemala will support India's candidature for UNSC membership for 2021-22 while New Delhi will do so for 2031-32 for Guatemala.

Naidu told Guatemalan leaders that "India is keen about enhancing its engagement with Latin America and looks at Guatemala, the most populous and biggest economy in Central America, as the gateway", the statement said.

"My visit to Guatemala is a

clear indication of this thinking in New Delhi. Going by trade patterns and consumption needs, we are complementary in nature and not competitors and need to take our relation to a new high taking advantage of emerging opportunities in both countries for mutual benefit," he said.

Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales said his country could benefit from the "successful economic story of India" and stressed on the need for improving bilateral engagement in various fields.

Referring to India's soft power, he said he was aware of

popular TV serial Kaun Banega Karodpati and films like The Slum Dog Millionaire and The Life of Pi.

He also referred to huge popularity of India-made two wheelers given their quality and after sale service in Guatemala, beating the popular competitors.

During his talks with his Guatemalan counterpart Franco, the two nations agreed that they were facing similar challenges including governance issues, terrorism in different forms, poverty and economic disparities and democracy was the best form of governance to address them.

Franco noted that contrary to the perception, their government was making determined efforts to check corruption and his country was facing a different kind of terrorism in the form of criminal gangs.

Guatemalan Speaker Escobar said, "India's vibrant democracy is a role model in harmonizing vast diversities and offers a lot to learn and India's economic success is equally inspiring."

Naidu suggested setting up Parliamentary Friendship Group to promote interaction among MPs of both sides.

After discussions between the two vice presidents, both the sides signed a Memorandum of Understanding for training of diplomats and a Letter of Intent for training Guatemalan English Teachers in India. These agreements will be valid for three years and will be extended thereafter, if required.

Franco also invited India to send a delegation to the Conference of Ibero America to be held in Guatemala City in November this year which is to be attended by all the Latin American Countries besides Spain and Portugal. This is the first time India got such an invitation for the conference held once in three years, the statement said.

Naidu invited Guatemala to join the International Solar Alliance.

During the visit, a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, and the Ministry of External Affairs of India through their respective Foreign Service Institutes for strengthening diplomatic cooperation through education was signed.

US Congressional committee seeks conditions on USD 350 mn aid to Pak

WASHINGTON, MAY 8 (PTI): A powerful Congressional committee has placed conditions on the release of USD 350 million financial aid to Pakistan for counter-terrorism operations to push Islamabad into taking action against the Haqqani network.

The Haqqani network has carried out a number of kidnappings and attacks against US interests in Afghanistan. The group linked to the Taliban is also blamed for several deadly attacks against Indian interests in Afghanistan including the 2008 bombing of the Indian mission in Kabul that killed 58 people.

Releasing the text of its version of the national defence authorisation (NDAA) bill, the House Armed Services Committee yesterday said that USD 350 million of the USD 700 million proposed financial assistance to Pakistan may not be released till the defence secretary certifies to Congress that Islamabad has taken actions against the Haqqani network militants.

According to the NDAA text running into more than 700 pages, it authorises USD 700 million in coalition support funds (CSF) to Pakistan.

"Of that amount, not more than USD 350.0 million may be provided until the Secretary of

Defence certified that Pakistan is taking demonstrable steps against the Haqqani network," it said.

The committee also authorised the president's budget request of USD 900 million for fiscal year 2019 for CSF payments.

In his new South Asia and Afghanistan policy in August, Trump had called for tougher measure against Pakistan if it fails to cooperate with the US in its fight against terrorism.

Since January, the Trump administration has suspended its security assistance to Pakistan alleging that Islamabad has not been taking satisfactory actions against terrorist safe havens inside the country.

The aid suspended has not be relocated yet but has been kept aside for Pakistan to be used later if and when it starts taking actions against terrorists.

Pakistan has repeatedly denied that there are any terrorist safe havens inside its territory. Both its officials in Islamabad and inside the United Nations in New York assert that there are no terrorist safe havens.

However, the top American leadership insists that there has been no change in Pakistani behaviour on this front that that it is fast running out of patience.



Vladimir Putin has been sworn in for his fourth term as President of Russia at a ceremony in Moscow. He has pledged new economic reforms that would boost living standards across Russia. "We must use all existing possibilities, first of all for resolving internal urgent tasks of development, for economic and technological breakthroughs, for raising competitiveness in those spheres that determine the future," he told thousands of guests. "A new quality of life, well-being, security and people's health - that's what's primary today." Mr Putin has been in power in Russia since 1999, either as prime minister or president, and is Russia's longest-serving leader since Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin.

Top Chinese official accused of plotting coup against Xi gets life term in graft case

BEIJING, MAY 8 (PTI): A former top Chinese Communist Party official, who was accused of plotting a coup against President Xi Jinping last year, was today sentenced to life imprisonment for taking USD 26.7 million in bribes.

Sun Zhengcai, a former Politburo member and party chief of Chongqing Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), was once tipped for a top leadership post. He was abruptly removed from office ahead of the party Congress in October last year.

The First Intermediate People's Court of Tianjin Municipality today sentenced him to life in prison for taking bribes of over 170 million yuan (USD 26.7 million), state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

Announcing the verdict, the



court also deprived him of his political rights for life and all his personal property was confiscated. Sun, 54, is the latest senior cadre to fall in President Xi Jinping's sweeping anti-corruption campaign.

During the CPC Congress in October, Liu Shiyu, chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission had alleged that Sun was part of coup attempt against Xi.

The Congress had confirmed

the second five-year tenure for Xi, regarded as the most powerful leader of China heading the party, the Presidency and the military.

China's parliament also removed the two-term limit for the president paving the way for Xi to continue in power for life.

Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post quoted Liu as saying on October 20 that Xi foiled the coup plot by former political heavy weights who were at the receiving end of his high-profile anti-graft campaign.

Sun had been accused of taking advantage of his position to seek profits for others and illegally accepting money and property during several positions held by him including as Minister for Agriculture, according to previous court statements.

Iran president warns of 'problems' as Trump decision looms

TEHRAN, MAY 8 (AP): Iran's president today warned the country could face "some problems" ahead of President Donald Trump's decision on whether to pull out of its nuclear deal with world powers.

Without directly naming Trump, Rouhani's remarks at a petroleum conference in Tehran represented the first official Iranian comment on the US president's overnight tweet that he'd make an announcement on the deal today.

"It is possible that we will face some problems for two or three months, but we will pass through this," Rouhani said.

Rouhani also stressed Iran wants to keep "working with the world and constructive engagement with the world."

That appeared to be a nod to Europe, which has struck a series of business deals with Iran



since the landmark 2015 nuclear deal.

Trump's tweet came late last night, meaning major newspapers across Iran missed the announcement for their front pages.

Iran's state-run television broadcaster carried the announcement at 10 am local time, and Iran's state-run IRNA news agency also carried a report on it.

Overnight, Iran's semi-official news agencies carried the news off Trump's tweet, while others shared foreign media reports online.

Trump's announcement, set for the 2 pm EST at the White House, will come after nightfall in Iran.

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3rd Prize Rs.500/- 1357 3279 3527 3737 4238 4365 4774 5408 8575 9595
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5th Prize Rs.120/-
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SIDE BY SIDE: Desi girls Priyanka Chopra and Deepika Padukone rock the annual Met Gala in New York.

RAMBO 5 TEASER POSTER CONFIRMS TITLE & FALL 2019 RELEASE



Sylvester Stallone confirms Rambo 5 is in the works, and its first teaser poster has now confirmed that the movie will release in fall 2019. Rumors about Rambo 5 have been circulating for some time. The fairly lackluster critical and box-office reception that was given to the fourth film (Rambo) didn't exactly set the studios running for another action movie starring the Vietnam War veteran.

Rambo earned \$113 million worldwide from a budget of \$50 million. That puts it as the lowest-earning entry in the franchise, with Rambo: First Blood Part II easily being the biggest earner by far. There was talk about a TV series that focused on Rambo's son in 2015, with Stallone reportedly set to make regular appearances. This project supposedly halted the development of further sequels, but the show was never given the green light, and Stallone even hinted that he was retiring the character. But it seems Stallone is ready to give John

Rambo one more shot.

The most recent reports on Rambo 5 indicated that Sylvester Stallone will reprise his role as John Rambo and possibly direct. The script is apparently undergoing final revisions by the actor/director, and it would see the character trying to rescue the daughter of a friend, leading him to go up "against the full might of one of Mexico's most violent cartels". While the story hasn't been confirmed yet, the film's first teaser poster is now on display at the Cannes Film Festival, which confirms a fall 2019 release for Rambo 5, now titled Rambo V. Stallone later shared the poster on his Instagram account today, with the caption reading: "Something wicked is coming this way".

With Stallone still heavily involved with Creed 2 and reprising his iconic role as Rocky Balboa, it remains to be seen if he will indeed assume directorial duties or not. And with the current high turnaround on big stu-

dio productions, it's very likely that we can expect to hear more about the casting and crew on this project very soon, especially if Millennium Films hope to adhere to that projected release frame. Beyond that very basic synopsis, the involvement of Stallone, and that just-released date, nothing else is known about the film.

Stallone has always been very vocal in his intentions to continue the Rambo franchise and explore more facets of the character. The fourth film is regarded by some as a misstep, for it mostly concentrated on pure firepower and violence than further developing the character and story. With the standard of today's action films, it will be interesting to see how the original action hero intends to bring the older John Rambo to the screen again. After all, franchises like Fast and Furious and Stallone's own The Expendables have upped the ante in terms of scale and explosions.



THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100

- 1. Drake- Nice For What
- 2. Post Malone Featuring Ty Dolla Sign- Psycho
- 3. Drake- God's Plan
- 4. Bebe Rexha and Florida Georgia Line- Meant To Be
- 5. Zedd, Maren Morris, Grey- The Middle
- 6. Camila Cabello- Never Be The Same
- 7. Post Malone- Better Now
- 8. Post Malone Featuring 21 Savage- Rockstar
- 9. Blocboy JB Featuring Drake- Look Alive
- 10. Ariana Grande- No Tears Left To Cry

DEADPOOL 2 POSTER HYPES SEQUEL 'FROM THE STUDIO THAT KILLED WOLVERINE'

A brand new poster for Deadpool 2 reminds fans that the movie comes from the same studio that killed off Wolverine, one of Marvel's most iconic superheroes. The original Deadpool proved to be one of the biggest cinematic surprises of 2016 and a post-credits sequence confirmed that a sequel featuring Cable was already in the works. After intense casting speculation, Josh Brolin was cast in the role and Zazie Beetz joined the team as Domino, with most faces from the original movie including Colossus, Negasonic Teenage Warhead and Morena Baccarin's Vanessa also returning for the second installment.

Unfortunately, original director Tim Miller left the project due to creative differences and was replaced by David Leitch. Ahead of Deadpool 2's release later this month, 20th Century Fox's marketing campaign is in full swing and a collection of promotional trailers have put Wade Wilson's edgy, fourth-wall breaking humor front and center, taking snipes at the DCEU's dark tone, Henry Cavill's facial hair and Brolin's dual superhero duty as Thanos in Avengers: Infinity War. The footage released thus far has also confirmed the introduction of the X-Force with Deadpool leading a new super-team that includes Bedlam, Shatterstar and crucially, Peter Dinklage's Cable.

In a knowing wink of self-aware humor, the poster also features a pedalo-riding Deadpool cruising past a kitchen sink. The poster's Wolverine line is, of course, a reference to Logan, Fox's swansong for Jackman during which the mutant tragically met his end in a moment that had grown men crying into their popcorn. Although Deadpool 2's mar-



keting has poked fun at both Marvel and DC, it's pleasing to see that Fox are also willing to turn the joke around on themselves too.

As is now expected of Deadpool 2's marketing tactics, the poster is a hilarious, reference filled piece of promotional material but the hand drawn style elevates the image from being a simple gag to a genuinely interesting and attractive film poster. Aside from the joke references, it's also worth noting that the poster includes a parachute with what appears to be an invisible person attached. Eagle-eyed fans saw a similar unmanned parachute in a recent trailer, suggesting that the X-Force will include an invisible hero from the Marvel canon such as ForgetMeNot. Conspicuous by his absence is the scandal-hit TJ Miller who, despite appearing in trailers, is the only major character not featured here - unless you count Dopinder.

THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: Have you been reviewing your family history lately, Aries? Of special interest is your cultural background. What educational, social, and religious environment were you born into? What are its values? In the end, do you feel a strong affinity with them now or are those views different from the ones you hold? These are interesting avenues of thought for you today.

TAURUS: It's time to elevate your sense of self, Taurus. You're just as good as anyone else, so why don't you believe it? The problem is that you're very sensitive about having an ego. Even though you know everyone does, you punish yourself for its existence! This is a noble idea, but it

doesn't do you any good. You'll never be perfect and neither will anyone else. What are you worrying about?

GEMINI: Today your intellectual and expressive abilities should receive a boost from the planets. It's an excellent time to organize your thoughts about presenting a project to a possible collaborator, engage in trade, or write. In terms of your private life, it's also a good time to examine the latest events, certain aspects of which are still partially misunderstood.

CANCER: Overall, the forecast for today is fairly good. The aspects seem to favor figuring out the meaning of all that's transpired over the past several weeks. It's an opportunity for you to take a lei-

surely look at the distance you've covered moving toward your goals. Since it's an auspicious day for social activities, why not get together with friends and discuss the latest events with them?

LEO: Have you felt somewhat lost for the past few days? The fog may lift today and enable you to situate yourself at last. You're probably eager to settle a question that has nagged at you and interfered with your judgment. However, you should be patient, especially if it has to do with emotional matters. Try to understand, but don't take immediate action. You'll be more objective beginning tomorrow.

VIRGO: You may have been feeling somewhat disillusioned.

Perhaps you lost sight of your goals or misplaced your faith in yourself. You'll feel some relief beginning today. This is an opportunity to end what has been a somewhat apathetic and moody phase and begin a new one that's based on work and meditation. As you can imagine, this new phase will be much more fulfilling!

LIBRA: You might be tempted to settle certain matters by radical means. The visionary part of you means you're painfully aware of the world's wrongs. You see no reason not to take action to correct them. But the forces in play are so powerful that you can't expect to institute a new order in one day. If you have an emotional question to resolve, it would be

better to wait a few days before making a decision.

SCORPIO: Today will be fairly calm in terms of outside events, but your inner world is likely to be in a rush of activity. Today you wish you could find the solution to your heartaches as well as your career predicaments. You'd like to achieve some supreme understanding of the events that took place over the past month. First you must force your brain to slow down. Haste makes waste, as you know!

SAGITTARIUS: You have a lot of thinking to do about your professional goals, Sagittarius. You'll go over the elements to see if there isn't some way to approach things differently. Are there new paths you could try or ways to improve

things? Your mind will go a thousand miles a minute today. Those who spend time with you may be totally exhausted by the end of the day because of all the questions you ask!

CAPRICORN: You just can't do everything at once, Capricorn. How do you expect to reduce your stress and recuperate while at the same time continue to be a superstar performer in every area of your life? Don't pressure yourself to perform today. If you do, you're likely to deplete your reserves even further. Take it easy, rest, and relax! You've earned this little break.

AQUARIUS: This is a good moment to adapt your logic and reason to reality, Aquarius. If you don't,

you're going to run into some intellectual problems. Everyone knows that you find new ideas plentiful, but unless you have plans to be a novelist, link your thinking to reality. The "pie in the sky" thinking that you engage in isn't particularly useful to the rest of us living here in the real world.

PISCES: It's going to be a little difficult talking to you today, Pisces. You, who can be easily influenced by others, will be listening to and criticizing everything that people say. Nothing emotional or vague is going to get into your head. It's as if you've installed an extremely fine filter that lets in only what you allow. You're going to appear to be a real expert. Don't show off too much!

SONAM KAPOOR AND ANAND AHUJA ARE MARRIED NOW



Sonam Kapoor and Anand Ahuja tied the knot today (May 8) in a traditional Sikh ceremony at her aunt's mansion, Rockdale, in Bandra, Mumbai.

It was quite a star-studded event, and was attended by close family and friends of the Kapoors and Ahujas, including Boney Kapoor with daughters Janhvi and Khushi, Arjun and Anshula Kapoor, Jacqueline Fernandez, Ranveer Singh, Aamir Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukerji.

Sonam looked absolutely gorgeous in a traditional red-and-gold Anuradha Vakil

lehenga-choli while Anand Ahuja chose a Raghavendra Rathore creation.

After the ceremony Sonam is scheduled to fly to the French Riviera to walk the red carpet at the Cannes International Film Festival this year. As soon as she returns, she will get busy with the promotions of her upcoming film Veere Di Wedding, which hits the screens on June 1.

Sonam and Anand, who is a Delhi-based fashion entrepreneur, met through a common friend in 2014. If reports are to be believed, he proposed to her within a month of meeting her.