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Horticulture Secy clarifies stats on Sikkim's organic vegetable production

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 NOV:

Secretary, Horticulture and Cash Crop Development Department, Khorlo Bhutia, while speaking to *SummitTimes* over the phone today, clarified statistical details as published in the PTI report headlined, "Sikkim produces 80,000 metric tonne of organic vegetables", published in *SummitTimes* issue dated 14 Nov, 2017.

Making corrections to some of the statistics, the Secretary informed that 100% organic vegetables were being grown on farm area of 15,000 hectares out of the 76,392 hectares certified for organic farming in Sikkim. This area was mentioned as 14,000 hectares in the report.

Another 14,000 hectares are in fact dedicated to grow four main crops – cardamom, ginger, turmeric and buckwheat – under the Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCD) which is being implemented in all the North Eastern hill states including Sikkim.

The Secretary also corrected that locally-produced organic vegetables fall short by 20,000 metric tonnes for local consumption as against the 1,000 metric tonnes shortfall mentioned in the report.

Make-shift vegetable stall set ablaze

GANGTOK, 14 NOV:

On the intervening night of 12-13 Nov, some unknown miscreants allegedly set fire to the make-shift shed of Doma Sherpa and others at Jaubari in Namchi where they used to sell vegetables, damaging all the vegetables stored there. On investigation, one burnt LPG cylinder was found. One 38-year-old male hailing from Jaubari has been rounded up for interrogation as a suspect. The case is under investigation.

State remembers Chacha Nehru on his birthday

GANGTOK, 14 NOV [IPR]: State Level celebration of Children's Day was held at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok today.

Organized by Human Resource Development Department, the celebration was attended by Governor Shrinivas Patil as chief guest, accompanied by Minister for HRDD, RB Subba, Advisor-HRDD, OT Lepcha, Chief Secretary, AK Srivastava, and Additional Chief Secretary-HRDD, GP Upadhyaya on the dais.

The celebration started with the felicitation of the Chief Minister of Sikkim by HRDD on being conferred the Grand Prix One World Award by Rapunzel and IFOAM recently at Legau in Germany for excellence in the Organic Movement. The felicitation was presented by the Governor to the Minister for HRDD who received the felicitation on behalf of the CM.

While addressing the gathering comprising of young students, Heads of Departments, Municipal and Panchayat heads, officers and representatives of the various departments of the state government, the Governor expressed delight and stated that he was very touched to



see young children and teachers collaborate in celebrating Children's Day and added that such celebrations reminded him of his own childhood.

The Governor also briefed the gathering on the unparalleled contribution of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who ushered the country towards the path of prosperity with his eco-

nomical reforms. He went on to further state how India is rapidly progressing on the path to digitization and welcomed the sudden surge of technological advancement that our small State is witnessing along with the country.

He further called upon all the young students to derive optimum benefit from the

digitization wave and also gave suggestions on how the teachers should devise ways to help the students gain knowledge of the State.

Minister for HRDD, Mr Subba, in his address, spoke about Pandit Nehru and his unfaltering love for the Nation and his fondness for children. He added that children should

take inspiration from the life and times of Jawaharlal Nehru and take our society, our State and the Country forward.

The function was punctuated by a rendition of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan anthem 'School Tumko Pukare' by the girls of Deorali Girls Senior Secondary School and a soulful song by the teach-

ers of Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School which was dedicated to all the students.

The celebration also featured screening of a documentary on the life of Pt Jawaharlal Nehru by the Department of Information and Public Relations, Government of Sikkim.

Earlier, Additional Chief Secretary-HRDD, Mr Upadhyaya, in his welcome address, thanked everyone for taking out time to attend the State Level function. He also went on to brief the gathering about the various pro-student initiatives that are being undertaken and implemented by the Department in collaboration with the State and the Central governments.

It may be mentioned here, Children's Day coincides with the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru [14 Nov, 1889-27 May, 1964], the first Prime Minister of India. This celebration remembers Jawaharlal Nehru for his affection towards children and his faith that the education of children will propel the country towards progress.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Director [Higher Education]-HRDD, DK Pradhan.

CHILDLINE Se Dosti campaign starts in Kalimpong

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 14 NOV:

'CHILDLINE Se Dosti' is a weeklong national campaign aimed at making ordinary citizens stakeholders in CHILDLINE 1098. The campaign involves a range of events, activities across the country.

Keeping in view the aim of the campaign, CHILDLINE Darjeeling District Sub-Centre, Kalimpong, run by Bal Suraksha Abhiyan [BSA], commenced the celebration of the weeklong 'CHILDLINE Se Dosti' campaign today in Kalimpong District. The programme will conclude on 20 Nov.

The campaign's objective is to reach out to people from different walks of life to get to know CHILDLINE, begin to care about vulnerable children and initiate action towards change. The purpose of this campaign is to generate a Million 'Dosts' for



CHILDLINE and acquaint people with Child Rights and Protection.

The programme started with the setting up of Dosti Corner at Damber Chowk followed by tying of Suraksha Band [Dosti

Band] to media partners of Kalimpong, IC-Kalimpong, OC-Kalimpong, Police personnel, SSB personnel and common people, informed CHILDLINE Coordinator, Sr Elisha Gurung.

Team members, Pravin Tirwa, Narendra Chhetri, Abi Mukhiya and Chandrakala Rai along with intern, Sushmita Thapa, and BSA children were present for the event.



ITBP celebrates Children's Day at Pengong

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 NOV:

Indo Tibetan Border Police Public School celebrated Children's Day at Pengong in North Sikkim, under the guidance of ITBP Commandant, Rajesh Kumar Tomar,

wherein he distributed books and sweets to the school kids, a press release informs. During his address, he highlighted many events in the life of the first Prime Minister of Independent India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,

and urged children to take inspiration from his life.

Civil administration, local public and school teachers extended gratitude to Commandant Tomar for organizing the function.

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Let's talk children's security this Children's Day

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 14 NOV:

As much as children give joy and happiness to others with their innocence, the society has the increasingly arduous task of protecting them from crimes which they are vulnerable to.

As Sikkim observes Children's Day, the increase in crimes against children and minors in the State has instilled

fear among many parents about the security of children.

"Ours is the safest state in the country but crimes against children are a hidden social problem which has no boundaries," says the father of a 5-year-old girl, Anup Chhetri. Sikkim has its own share of missing children blamed mostly on human traffickers, although it is one of the lowest in the country. Even more vul-

nerable are the migrant children sent by their families from States such as West Bengal and Bihar due to financial distress.

The recent case of physical abuse of a domestic help in Nimtar is one of the prime examples of how vulnerable such children are.

A mother of two minor girls, Sangay Choden [name changed] who also has a domestic help from Doars

region of West Bengal says, "I want to know the proper procedure for verification as I don't want a case slapped against me in the future."

She further assures that all necessary requirements and facilities have been provided to the domestic help girl including education.

Raju Nepali, a journalist and an active social activist in the field of human trafficking,

states that while Sikkim is the best State in the country in all fields, there is a prevalence of child labour in the State with primarily children from Doars region of West Bengal.

He further seeks the help of Sikkim Police and media in order to rescue all the silent victims.

Like in the recent Nimtar case, where active vigilantism on the part of a social organi-

sation helped the child get relief, there are many more such cases waiting to be unraveled.

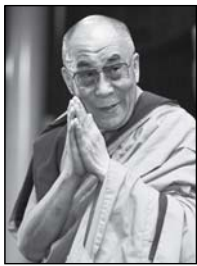
Given the small population in the State where family and societal ties are strong people do not speak up against such activities.

Children grow fast and time is limited. Till the time every child is given back their childhood, no Children's Day celebration can be complete.

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Dalai Lama to give teachings in Bodhgaya in early 2018

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

A press release issued by Secretary of Ecclesiastical Affairs informs that the Dalai Lama will be giving teachings in Bodhgaya from 05-16 Jan in 2018.

From 05-07 Jan, the Dalai Lama will be giving teachings in the morning on Dharmachakra Paricaretan Sutra on the Four Noble Truths [Chokyi-Khorlo-Korwe-Do] and Sutra on Dependent Origination [Tendrel-Chido].

Likewise, he will be giving teachings in the morning on Nagarjuna's Commentary on Bodhichitta [Jangchup-Samdrel] and Gyalsey Thokme Sangpo's Thirty-Seven Practices of a Buddhisattva [Lakchen-Soudnuma] from 14-16 Jan.

Children's Day at Mamring SSS

GANGTOK, 14 Nov: Mamring Senior Secondary School in East Sikkim celebrated Children's Day at the school premises today by organising various sports and cultural programmes.

A press release informs that the function included various competitions in different categories for students namely 400m race for senior girls, 100m race for junior boys and girls, 800m race for senior boys, cockfight for primary boys, nursery rhymes for LKG & UKG, House wise singing and dance competition and traditional fashion show for senior boys and girls.

Prizes were also awarded by the school to the winners and participants.

Principal of Mamring SSS, Prahlad Sharma, expressed gratitude to the staff and students for their involvement and active participation in making the event successful.



Training on Integrated Pest Management at Barbing-Chubathang

SUBASH RAI

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

A two-day Human Resource Development Programme on Integrated Pest Management [IPM] was organised by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India's Central Integrated Pest Management Centre [CIPMC], Gangtok here today at Barbing-Chubathang, East Sikkim.

Around 50 farmers from Lingdum and

Barbing villages were briefed by resource persons like Plant Protection Officer [PPO], CIPMC, BR Meena, Dy. Director [IPM], Food Security and Agriculture Development Department, Ram Kumari Sharma, PPO, Shilong Centre, UB Singh and Asst. PPO, CIPMC, Gangtok, K. Elangovan.

In his address, Mr. Meena informed the farmers about how they can control harmful pests by using

local organic remedies. He also briefed about several techniques and methods through which the crops can be protected from pests and highlighted the harmful effects on human health when chemical pesticides and fertilizers are used in farming.

Similarly, Ms. Sharma in her address said that soil and seed treatment is the best way to protect crops from pests while practicing organic farming.

She further informed that organic manures and pesticides distributed by the state department will help to recover soil fertility.

Visiting resource person, Mr. Singh expressed his happiness over the Sikkim government's decision to ban chemical pesticides and fertilizers in the State. He informed that following Sikkim's footsteps, Meghalaya Government has put a ban on the use of chemi-

cally manufactured fertilizers and pesticides.

Finally, Mr. Elangovan trained the farmers on preparing home-made remedies from locally available materials to get rid of pests.

The programme was also attended by Rey Mindu and Ranka GPU Field Assistants of Agriculture department namely Sherap Lepcha, Mukesh Chettri, Amrita Rai, HB Kalikotey and TB Kalikotey.



J&K State Rural Livelihood Mission on exposure visit to Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission [SRLM] has facilitated a three-day exposure visit to Sikkim for a group of 14 officials and Self Help Group members of Jammu & Kashmir Rural Livelihood Mission from 13-15 Nov.

The J&K team is here to study best practices followed in Sikkim by SRLM and SHGs and also to learn about organic farming in the State, an SRLM press release informs.

As a part of the visit, the team interacted with SHGs practicing organic farming in Kabi Block on

Organic mission and visited organic fields in Sikkim. Further, the delegates learnt organic farming techniques including manure and best management in organic management systems.

The visit was coordinated by State Project Manager-SRLM, Tenzing Geley.



Block level sports meet held in West Sikkim

GYALSHING, 14 Nov

[IPR]: As part of Block level sports meet a football tournament was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra in association with Meyong Youth Welfare & Eco Tourism Development Society [MY-

W&EDS] today at Meyong in West Sikkim. The tournament was attended by BB Rai as chief guest accompanied by District Youth Coordinator-NYK, OP Ghatani, and president-West District NGOs Federation, Dr DK Gu-

rung, as guests of honour.

The football tourney was won by Young Boys team which defeated YSS Meyong by a lone goal.

During the Sports Meet, the 'NYK Foundation Day' was also observed which featured a

cultural show and other activities performed by the youth.

Cash prizes and trophies along with certificates were awarded to winners and runner up teams and other participants of the event.

Debt ridden Lanco looking to sell 500MW HEP in Sikkim

VISHNU NEOPANEY

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

The Lanco Infratech Ltd is in the process of selling its 500 megawatt (MW) hydro-electric power plant in Sikkim, as part of an effort to consolidate its businesses and reduce debt. Talks with strategic investors are on with a view to divest its power assets in order to generate cash for its other businesses, it is learnt.

Lanco Teesta Hydro Power has said that it supported a decision by a consortium of nine creditors to put the project through a strategic debt restructuring (SDR) exercise, since it was taking a long time to bring investors on board. Under the central bank's SDR norms, released in June, banks can convert part of their debt into equity and take majority control of a defaulting firm.

The project developer is also in talks with the Sikkim government to take its stake as one of the first choice stating that the defunct HEP wants to bring new investors and wants to reduce its debt burden.

Lanco Infratech Ltd's subsidiary Lanco Teesta

is setting up a 500MW hydropower project on the Teesta in Sikkim with the initial project cost estimated at about Rs.3,000 crore, with a debt equity ratio of 80:20, comprising Rs.2,400 crore of debt and Rs.600 crore of equity.

As per the data of investors till end of June earlier this year, the firm had brought in Rs.670 crore as equity and the lenders to the project had advanced Rs.2,260 crore as debt. However, the project was delayed due to multiple reasons beyond its control; Lanco Infratech said adding that the SDR is a direct response to the expanding cost overruns and Lanco's inability to repay debt.

Earlier this week, a national daily had reported that two bankers from the lending consortium confirmed that majority lenders had given their consent to ICICI Bank Ltd, the lead bank in the consortium, to convert Rs.780 crore debt into equity in Lanco Teesta Hydro Power.

ICICI Bank now has 18 months to decide on how to proceed with SDR and also to find a new buyer for the project.



Panchayat alleges foul play in Panchayat president nomination

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

Panchayat of Ward No 3 of Rumbuk Gram Panchayat Unit, under Daramdin constituency, in West Sikkim, Telmit Lepcha, has expressed deep dissatisfaction on the selection of the name of Sukrani Subba as the president of the GPU. She claims that an office order of the Sikkim Democratic Front party issued on 11 Nov nominated her as the president of the GPU but she was replaced by Ms Subba at the last moment during the swearing-in ceremony on Monday.

Addressing a press conference here today, Ms Lepcha alleged that Zilla Adhyaksha [West], Devika Subba and Daramdin CLC president, Pavitra Rai, replaced her name with Sukrani Subba's, who is panchayat of Ward No 2, at the last moment. The Panchayat president seat for Rumbuk GPU is reserved for ST [women].

"The party high command already nominated me as the Panchayat president but at the last moment the Zilla Adhyaksha [West] and CLC president took another decision by suppressing the voice of the people. This is injustice and an unfair decision taken by a few leaders," he alleged.

SDF BLC youth convenor, Asom Lepcha, and a party worker, Ugen Lepcha, have urged the SDF party president to intervene in the matter. They also stated that if justice is not meted out then they would be forced to leave the party.



NYK Mangan celebrates NYK Sangathan Foundation Day

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

Nehru Yuva Kendra-Mangan observed Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Foundation Day today at Zimchung in North Sikkim in the presence of Panchayat-Sakyong, Phurmit Lepcha, accompanied by Zimchung Self Help Group and

NYK volunteers, a press release informs.

During the programme, Ms Lepcha spoke on the life of Jawaharlal Nehru and his works and urged people to work collectively for development.

NYK volunteer, Sangkit Lepcha, informed about NYK Sangathan, its motives and activities.



SKM assures support to Independent Panchayat of Samlik

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha officials, led by vice president [Organisation], Nuk Tshering Bhutia, vice president [Incharge Zone 1], Anand Lama, and coordinator [Majdur Morcha], Shamsheer Gurung, met elected Independent Panchayat from Samlik Ward under Martam Rumtek Constituency, Ghanashyam Darnal, and congratulated him on his victory against SDF party.

An SKM press release issued by it press & publicity secretary, Abhishek

Sharma, informs that Mr Darnal has won by a margin of 47 votes against SDF candidate.

On the meeting with SKM executives, Mr Darnal informed that he is committed towards working independently for development of his ward without joining SDF party. He shared his vision to strengthen Gram Sabha wherein beneficiaries and developmental works will be carried out with public participation. In the meantime, SKM executives have assured full support from the party to him.

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**DD Kisan
to telecast
DD Kendra-
Gangtok
produced
series**

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 Nov:**

National channel of Doordarshan, DD Kisan, will be telecasting a 13-episode fiction series, produced by Doordarshan Kendra-Gangtok, from 15 Nov at 8:30 p.m.

A press release issued by Assistant Director/Head of Programme, Doordarshan Kendra-Gangtok, Deepak Samah, informs that the series is based on five short stories of noted litterateur, Padmashree Sanu Lama.

The script is written by Chuniyal Ghimirey who has also directed four episodes of the series in Hindi language. The other episodes have been directed by Ranjit Singh, Dilip Rai, Ravi Pillai and Bikram Gautam.

**National
Education Day
celebrated
at Sikkim
University**

GANGTOK, 14 Nov [PIB]: National Education Day celebration programme was organised by the Department of Education at Sikkim University on 11 Nov in honour of the first Education Minister of India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Controller of Examinations-SU, Dr Debashis Choudhury, attended the event as chief guest.

In his address, Dr Choudhary stressed on the importance of delivering quality higher education to build the future of the society.

Head of Department of Education-SU, Dr TJMS Raju, delivered a lecture on "The Prospects and Challenges of Education Pertaining to North East India". Faculty members and students actively participated in a discussion related to various topics on education.

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5th Pay Revision Committee likely to submit report by end of year

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 Nov:**

State government employees could expect some good news this New Year as the report of the 5th Pay Revision Committee is likely to be submitted within the prescribed time frame.

The state Pay Revision Committee has completed its task in draft

form and is in the process of giving final shape to the report. The 5th Pay Committee is positive that the report will be submitted to the Government by the end of December this year.

Pay Committee Chairperson, Rinchen Ongmu told Summit Times that the committee has taken into consideration all the parameters and logical points including the sugges-

tions made by the stakeholders and is very optimistic to complete the task within the scheduled time.

However, she refused to elaborate on the basic structure as the process of deliberation is expected to begin from next week and if any anomalies are identified the process will lengthen.

The committee has not yet re-

vealed anything about the pay structure but has ensured that employees of all grades including the pensioners' interest have been taken into consideration in view of inflation.

Central government employees are already enjoying their pay revision and also National Anomaly Committee (NAC) will submit its report on pay hike by 15 Dec to address

the anomalies found in the basic pay structures of the central government employees in respect to employees of the various state governments.

Once the report is submitted the state government will go through the recommendations made by the committee and take the final call after placing the report in the state cabinet.

Children's Day celebrated at Tadong Sr Sec School



**ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 14 Nov:**

Tadong Government Senior Secondary School today celebrated Children's Day at the school premises with the Annual Prize distribution ceremony.

The daylong programme featured distribution of prizes to students for excelling in co-curricular activities that were held during the academic year of 2017.

Principal, Doma L Zimba, also handed over the school souvenir to

the outgoing and ex-students as a token of love from the school and felicitated toppers of Std X and Std XII of CBSE Board Examination 2017.

Prizes were also distributed to students for 100% attendance, promising students, Captain of the Year and some other categories. These prizes were given to encourage and motivate the students, it is informed.

The result for the school raffle was also declared on the occasion which included 1st, 2nd

and 3rd prizes along with eight consolation prizes.

Ward counselor, Geeta Tiwari, attended the event as chief guest along with SMC members, community members, teachers and non-teaching staff.

Speaking on the occasion, Ms Tiwari informed the students about Swachh Vidyalaya Mission and urged everyone to keep their surroundings clean. She congratulated the students for taking part in various competitions and winning.

During the function, community members, teachers and non-teaching staff were also felicitated for their selfless contribution towards the school.

The Principal, while addressing the gathering, extended greetings to the students on the occasion of Children's Day and highlighted the various programmes that are being conducted in the school namely EQUIP, remedial classes for Std IX, winter coaching and learning outcomes to parents and SMC members.



Universal Children's Day celebrated at Singtam

**YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 14 Nov:**

Community Food & Nutrition Extension Unit, Gangtok, supported by the Ministry of Women & Child Development [Government of India] in collaboration with the Department of Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare [Government of Sikkim] organized a programme to celebrate Universal Children's Day and ICDS Week [14-19 Nov] here

at the community hall of Singtam Nagar Panchayat today.

During the programme, guest faculty from Kolkata who are also members of Food & Nutrition Board [ER] gave a live demonstration on appropriate diet for mother and new born.

Food Inspector, Donka Bhutia, also conducted a quiz competition for mothers attending the event.

Councilor-cum-vice

president of Singtam Nagar Panchayat, Bishnu Maya Sherpa, who attended the event as chief guest urged ICDS teachers, staff and the Aganwadi workers to work efficiently for the development of children and instructed them to advise mothers on health and education.

The event also had the presence of Joint Director- Community Food & Nutrition Extension Unit, Gangtok.

Man falls to death

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

One 40-year-old male hailing from Manpur in South Sikkim and working in the area near River Hee Khola as a daily wage labourer slipped and fell down from a height on the bank of the river and died on the spot on 13 Nov. The deceased was found with leg fracture and injuries on his head. Investigation revealed that the deceased was in an inebriated state when he fell.

Break-in and theft at Temi

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

Some unknown miscreants broke into the rented house of one Ganga P Pradhan at Temi Bazaar on 13 Nov and made away with cash of Rs 80,000 and approximately three tolas of gold ornaments. Efforts are being made to identify the miscreants.

Man drowns in Reshi

Khola

GANGTOK, 14 Nov:

On 13 Nov, the body of one 35-year-old male hailing from Sakyang in Gyalshing was found at Reshi Khola in Lower Deythang, West Sikkim. Investigation revealed that the deceased had gone to visit his maternal uncle at Phunchey Boong in West Sikkim.

He was mentally unstable and had been missing since the intervening night of 12 Nov from his uncle's residence.

SMIMS observes World Diabetes Day

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 Nov:**

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day, Department of Medicine-Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences & Marketing Department organised an educative and patient awareness programme today at Central Referral Hospital in Tadong.

An SMU press release informs that at the outset, HOD-Department of Medicine, Dr B Khandelwal, gave a brief overview of World Diabetes Day and the theme for this year i.e. 'Women and Diabetes'. She further emphasized on the need to act today for a healthy future.

Dr Jigdel T Wangdi from the Department of Medicine gave a brief description of common signs and symptoms of Diabetes, importance of early treatment and role of lifestyle management along with medications.

Dean-SMIMS, Air



Marshal Dr GS Joneja, who attended the event as guest of honour talked about the importance of women's health and diabetes during pregnancy. Medical Superintendent-CRH and chief guest, Dr Gautam Dey, made the audience aware of the burden of diabetes, measures to be taken to curb the silent killer and the services that we are providing at CRH.

The events organised were free blood sugar

testing on the spot and diet counselling for both diabetics and non diabetics by Dietician cum Nutrition Lecturer, Rajkumari Binapani and her team. She explained at length regarding components of a healthy diet.

Bishal Bista and Pratik Chettri from SMCPT along with their team gave exercise prescription for diabetics and non diabetics, foot assessment and care, do's and don'ts during exercise

training and categorisation of high risk patients.

Twenty-five posters depicting various aspects of diabetes were displayed and pamphlets with information were distributed. By the end of the day, more than 400 individuals had benefited from the event, the release adds.

State BJP welcomes National BJP Mahamantri, P Murlidhar Rao

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 Nov:**

Bharatiya Janta Party national mahamantri, P Murlidhar Rao, is on a two-day tour of Sikkim. He was warmly welcomed by the state president, DB Chauhan, and other leaders of the State at Mining in Rangpo today. He later attended a booth-level programme at Lall Bazaar in Gangtok, informs a BJP press release.

BJP workers of Sikkim updated Mr Rao on the recently held Panchayat Election in the State. The party workers alleged that the state government is totally dependent on central schemes and programmes and the state govern-



ment has been unfair in the distribution of central schemes, the release informs.

Mr Rao said that people should protest against the unfair policies of the state government and added that the development and schemes of the Centre should reach people

of all sections.

It is informed that he will be addressing the central committee and youth on Wednesday and will hold a meeting with the district committee members on 16 Nov before leaving for New Delhi.



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Wildlife Worries

The wildlife numbers might be healthy, but what about their actual health

Deer stumble into villages along the edge of forests diseased and suffering from open sores. Sometimes, dogs set upon the sick animal and bring her down and at other times people try to care for the animal and make its final hours as comfortable as possible. Elsewhere, farmers are reporting raids by wild boars even in North Sikkim. Even the wilds along Tsomgo now have wild boar populations competing with the wildlife there for the scarce resources. Parts of West and South Sikkim have been grappling with increased incidence of wild boar raids for a while now and these packs are clearly now expanding to new terrains. Both incidents are playing out due to half-cock policy interventions. It is “proper” to ban hunting, but even the half-educated know that forest dwellers and traditional hunting are allowed even when a strict hunting ban is in place. Not so in Sikkim. What should actually have been a strictly enforced ban on recreational hunting has instead banned this traditional activity altogether from Sikkim. Traditional hunting, apart from providing the much-needed protein supplement for communities living along forest belts, also played the important role of culling the sick and the weak from animal herds before they infected the rest. Accept it, no matter how good a hunter someone is, they are only good enough to bring down the weakest of the pack. Rural pragmatism also ensured that such hunting was also regulated and almost honorable in the manner it was carried out and had worked a fine arrangement to maintain the balance. But then Gangtok banned it for all of Sikkim (except the privileged for whom the laws don’t apply equally). What this has resulted in is an unbalanced growth. And nature does not like that. Also, in the case of wild boars, it is not just farms that are being dug up, but even bigger, but solitary, animals like the bears being chased out of their traditional haunts. Okay, this last one is speculative, but it is not as far out as some might argue. The point being made is that while it is wonderful that Sikkim’s wildlife population is supposedly growing, it is important now to find out whether it is also healthier and whether some informed decisions need to be made to ensure that better health returns to the wildlife.

About hunting... Has anyone ever heard of anyone reasonably well-heeled ever get picked up for poaching in Sikkim. And yes, since even traditional hunting practices are no longer allowed in Sikkim, all hunting is poaching irrespective of those with bog caliber guns and searchlights on their vehicles might say. For far too long, Sikkim has heard of only lay villagers getting rounded up for wildlife offences and the only confiscations have been primitive guns and even more primitive traps. Hunting by the well-connected was an open secret and conveniently ignored much to Sikkim’s disadvantage.

And now, let’s return to the wildlife and even turn the initial observation on its head. Even though few people like to admit it, with hardly any predators around, and given the fact that nearly 50% of the land in Sikkim is officially recorded as being under forest cover, the wildlife density, or at least its visibility, is not half teeming as the laws and maps would lead one to believe. The biodiversity hotspot that Sikkim is introduced as, should manifest itself in more obvious displays, on would expect. While the loss of contiguous forest belts to human encroachment could have resulted in some depletion in wildlife numbers, it is unfortunate that even areas where wildlife was abundant even till recent times, have fewer animals left. These numbers, as mentioned earlier, should have multiplied given the anti-hunting laws and absence of predators. It is also possible that the animals have been driven deeper into the forests, but even that needs to be authenticated because Sikkim is a very small state and the forests here run only so deep before they start touching a habitation on the other side. By a lay thumb rule, sightings should have been much more frequent.

And, to end with the argument this piece began with- let us have a proper wildlife census commissioned for Sikkim and along with it, also a proper, scientific study on how well the wildlife is keeping.

WRITE US:

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Science in the home boosts children’s academic success

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Did you know that children spend just 14 per cent of their waking time between Kindergarten and the end of Grade 12 in school?

Given this startling statistic, it comes as no surprise that much of children’s learning happens “out there” — in the playground, during extracurricular activities, at a museum, on a walk, via the media, and, perhaps most importantly, at home.

I am the director of the Education Community Outreach Centre at Queen’s University and coordinator of Science Rendezvous Kingston. Science Rendezvous is Canada’s largest pop-up science, technology and engineering and mathematics (STEM) festival. I also develop mathematics content for two educational children’s programs, The Prime Radicals and mathXplosion. I have developed two provincial toolkits for parents about inspiring children to learn, love and choose math and I am the “math talk” consultant for MathStoryTime.

I have worked for decades to engage parents because I believe that families and schools have much to learn from and share with each other. Schools have formal knowledge of teaching and learning, curriculum, assessment and evaluation. And parents know their children’s motivations, skills and interests.

The research also shows that informal environments including the home — also called out-of-school-time [OST] settings — play an important role in promoting STEM learning. They do this by sparking student interest and providing opportunities to broaden and deepen engagement in STEM content.

THE BENEFITS OF SCIENCE AT HOME

Empirical evidence clearly suggests that OST experiences strengthen and enrich school STEM learning by reinforcing scientific concepts and practices introduced during the school day. These experiences can be in museums, after-school programs, science and technology centres, libraries, aquariums, zoos, botanical

gardens and at the kitchen table.

OST experiences also promote an appreciation for, and interest in, the pursuit of STEM in school and in daily life. They help learners understand the daily relevance of science to their lives, the depth and breadth of science as a field of inquiry, and what it might be like to choose to do science in the world, either as a professional or a citizen scientist.

It is no surprise then, that informal

outside of class. Brief, high-quality parent-child interactions about STEM can make a profound difference to how children perceive STEM subjects and succeed in them academically.

One study, for example, showed that when caregivers used a mobile app to bring a little bit of math into the home, their elementary school children showed improved math skills within months. Improvements were most dramatic in families where

Here are two very simple experiments that can be done at home, using everyday household items.

EXPERIMENT 1: ROLLING, ROLLING, ROLLING

You will need: An empty soda can, an inflated balloon and one head of hair.

Directions: Place the can on its side on a flat surface (a table or a smooth floor will do). Then rub the balloon back and forth through your hair. Hold the balloon close to the can without actually touching the can.

You should see the can roll towards the balloon without touching it!

Why does it work? When you rub the balloon through your hair, tiny, invisible particles called electrons (which have a negative charge) build up on the surface of the balloon, creating static electricity. They electrons have the power to pull very light objects (like the soda can) towards them.

EXPERIMENT 2: BLOWING UP A BALLOON WITHOUT BLOWING

You will need: A balloon, about 40 ml of water (a cup is about 250 ml so you don’t need much), a soft drink bottle, a drinking straw, the juice from a lemon (or two tablespoons of vinegar) and three teaspoons of baking soda.

Directions: Stretch out the balloon. Pour 40 ml of water into the soft drink bottle. Add the baking soda, stirring with the straw until it is dissolved. Pour the lemon juice (or vinegar) in and quickly put the stretched balloon over the mouth of the bottle.

If all goes well then your balloon should inflate!

Why does it work? Adding the lemon juice to the baking soda creates a chemical reaction. The baking soda is a base, while the lemon juice is an acid, when the two combine they create carbon dioxide gas (CO₂). The gas rises and travels up through the neck of soft drink bottle, where it is trapped inside the balloon and blows it up.

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science education researchers and educators are actively reaching out to parents, asking them to enthusiastically encourage and support children’s science learning at home, in school, and through their communities.

ANY PARENT CAN BE A STEM MENTOR

Parents are their children’s first and most important teachers. Their values, beliefs and actions have enormous influence on their child’s educational decision-making and achievement. When parents convey an interest and excitement for STEM subjects, children benefit attitudinally and academically.

When parents make it clear that they value STEM subjects and believe it is important to study them, they positively influence the way their child views these subjects and support their child’s academic success in those areas.

Informal STEM learning at home is about parents and children exploring science in fun, hands-on ways

the caregivers reported themselves to be anxious about math.

BOOKS AND LEAVES AND BUGS

When parents actively participate in kitchen-sink experiments, they become STEM mentors. When parents become partners by contributing specimens to a child’s leaf or bug collection and then go a step farther by helping their child to categorize those treasures with the help of an illustrated website, they are modelling what scientists do.

When parents curl up with their children to read a science book together, such as The Way Things Work by David Macaulay, and then dig out the can opener to take a closer look, they are modelling learning.

When families watch age-appropriate television together — like Sid the Science Kid, Project Mc² or NOVA — parents are encouraging connections among STEM topics, everyday life, career possibilities and scientific literacy through their attitudes and actions.

Why Lebanon faces another crisis– and what Saudi Arabia stands to lose

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The Twitter account of Lebanon’s prime minister, Sa’ad Hariri has been inactive since November 6, just after he announced his resignation in the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh. Hariri justified his decision as a move to escape an assassination plot. So far, both Lebanon’s Internal Security Forces and Ministry of the Interior have declared that they were not aware of any such attempt.

Rumours continue, however, that Hariri’s absence was not voluntary but instead imposed by the Saudi government, in particular Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, Riyadh’s newly empowered strongman. Despite Hariri’s protests to the contrary, the theory that this was a Saudi intervention is certainly plausible.

As some onlookers pointed out, Hariri’s speech used expressions and terms that are typical of Saudi public rhetoric against Iran. He explicitly accused Iran of interfering in Lebanon’s domestic affairs and in disrupting Arab politics, and referred to Hezbollah, the militarised Lebanese Shia movement, as an Iranian proxy force – even though he became prime minister partly thanks to Hezbollah’s tactical support. Lebanon’s president, the Christian Maronite Michel Aoun, even called on Saudi authorities to immediately “release” Hariri.

FEELING THE HEAT

Relevant to all this is that the Saudi government is under serious internal and external pressure. The day before Hariri resigned, the Shia-led Yemeni rebel government fired a long-range missile aimed at the International Airport of Riyadh. And two days later, Crown Prince Mohammad ordered the arrest of dozens of leading Saudi political and business personalities, in what he termed a campaign against corruption. In practice, this seems a strategy to give way to his uncontested leadership in the country.

This clampdown on Saudi Arabia’s opposition and civil society groups started a few months ago, and the wealthy businessmen now under arrest are just the tip of the iceberg. The rich princes’ fate is, it seems, not too grim: they reside in the five-star Ritz Carlton Hotel in the capital. Opposition members, meanwhile, are held in prison.

The Saudis’ moves are pushing the Middle East



ever closer to the outbreak of a major international conflict at an already tumultuous time. While the so-called Islamic State has lost almost all its territory in Syria and Iraq, the liberation of Mosul and Raqqa by Iraqi and Syrian forces – backed by a pluralistic coalition of Russian, Iranian, Kurdish, and popular resistance groups – has shifted the regional balance of power.

From a Saudi viewpoint, the new geopolitical calculus strengthens Syria’s president, Bashar al-Assad, and his erstwhile allies Iran and Hezbollah. Riyadh, which for many years supported insurgent groups in Syria and Iraq, could soon be left behind.

TIPPING THE BALANCE

At the root of it all is the deadly, long-running rivalry between Saudi Arabia and Iran, which has its roots not in the sectarian divide between Sunni and Shia Islam, but in the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979. Since then, the two countries have confronted each other multiple times, but never directly; Lebanon has been one of their main proxy battlegrounds.

After the events of 1979, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards helped to establish a local resistance movement against the Israeli Occupation of Lebanese territory. This became Hezbollah, which today is a powerful political and military force, boasting elected MPs and government positions. Thanks to

Hezbollah, Iran’s regional influence surged, making the group a primary target for the Saudis, and by extension Israel and the US.

Just as the Saudi authorities’ hysterical invective against Iran in recent weeks has dramatic implications for the Middle East at large, Hariri’s resignation is a crisis in itself. The collapse of the Lebanese government, the fourth since 2005, could undo critical progress towards political reform and stability. Lebanon faces a massive humanitarian crisis; it’s now host to well over 1m Syrian refugees, who make up around a quarter of the total population. It also relies heavily on remittances from Persian Gulf countries.

Added to that, Saudi Arabia’s strange Lebanese ventures might pave the way for a more overt intervention by Israel, which last took action there in July 2006. That war left Lebanon, especially the southern region, in total infrastructural disarray. A reprise would do little good for Saudi interests; after the kingdom’s recent debacles in Yemen and Qatar, the last thing it needs is a conflict that would galvanise support for Hezbollah – and by extension, further embolden a resurgent Iran.

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Heavy rains affected tea production

KOLKATA, Nov 14 (PTI): Tea production in north India has been severely affected due to heavy rains especially during the month of September, an official of Indian Tea Association (ITA) said.

Quoting Tea Board figures, the official said production in Assam during September this year was down by 31 million kilograms, while for Dooars and Terai in the West Bengal, there was a decline of around nine million kilograms due to adverse climatic conditions.

Overall crop production upto September 2017 in Assam, which accounted for 50 per cent of total production, was down by 23 million kilograms.

He said, although, there had been slight recovery in production in October.

The advent of an early winter also held the prospect of further decline in production this year, the official said, adding that the industry was apprehensive of the recovery of the crop in the current production cycle.

MNF workers try to stop CM from attending assembly session

AIZAWL, Nov 14 (PTI): The workers of Opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) today tried to prevent Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla from attending the first day of assembly winter session today, police said.

Aizawl district SP Neichchungnunga told PTI that around 50 MNF workers brought charges of corruption against the chief minister and gathered near his residence at McDonald Hill to prevent him from attending the assembly session.

The police, however, managed to disperse the protesters without using force, the SP said.

"Lal Thanhawla has failed to mention about his prime property in the affidavit submitted to the election officials while filing nominations from Serchhip seat in 2013 assembly polls. We held a protest today seeking explanation from the CM," the joint secretary of the party, Lallenmawia Jongte, said.

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NE women not politically empowered, says NCW chairperson

SHILLONG, Nov 14 (PTI): National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma today said women in the North East are not politically empowered as age-old customs and traditions are not very positive for women related laws.

Women in the region are working in every field, yet they do not possess certain rights such as rights on land, maybe except in Meghalaya, Sharma said at a meeting here.



"From religious practices to participation in village level meetings, women are not allowed in many ways. And we have not seen many women participating politically," she said.

The women are not contesting elections and there are very few women MLAs, Sharma said adding "Politically, women are not empowered here."

The NCW chairperson was speaking at a meeting on social, economic and political empowerment of women in NE states at the North East Council headquarters here.

On land rights for women farmers, Sharma said the NCW would work on this important aspect to protect them.

Widows and single mothers should have easy access to skill development process and they should be provided financial help to start a business, Sharma said.

"We should take up the matter as a first priority so that they can sustain themselves, their families and to educate their children," she said.

Meghalaya Cong leaders to quit party before Assembly polls

SHILLONG, Nov 14 (PTI): Unhappy with the functioning of Chief Minister Mukul Sangma, at least two senior leaders of the ruling Congress in Meghalaya today openly said they would quit the party before the Assembly election due next year.

Senior leaders such as former deputy chief minister Rowell Lyngdoh and former cabinet minister Prestone Tynsong decided to leave Congress.

"I have the intention of joining the NPP as the Congress' ticket on which I was elected had betrayed me and the people," Rowell Lyngdoh told PTI.

Claiming that he and his 'friends' were ignored by the chief minister, he said they would resign from Congress and join the NPP the moment the elections are announced.

Tynsong said, "I am not happy with the way the chief minister functions as a leader. I will resign very soon, may be before the last session under the present government."

The tenure of the current Assembly expires on March 6 next year.

Sources in the Congress said there were at least three more MLAs who would not contest the next Assembly polls on party tickets.

Lyngdoh, Tynsong and the other three MLAs have been removed from their positions in the party or the government this year.

The BJP state leaders have said the party welcomes any person who is willing to work for development of the state and is ready to root out corruption in Meghalaya.

Bengal gets GI status for rasagullah

KOLKATA, Nov 14 (PTI): West Bengal has tasted sweet victory, winning a bitter battle with neighbouring Odisha over the origins of the rosogolla.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said her state had been granted a GI or Geographical Indication status for the popular sweet.

"Sweet news for us all. We are very happy and proud that #Bengal has been granted GI... status for Rosogolla," Banerjee, currently in London, tweeted.

West Bengal and Odisha have been engaged in a battle over the origin of the spongy balls since 2015, with Odisha claimed the sweet as its own.

The GI under the World Trade Organization is a sign that identifies a product as originating from a particular place.

State Food Processing Industries and Horticulture Minister Abdur Razzak Molla said the GI status would boost the state's sweet industry.

"We (West Bengal) were granted the GI status yesterday.

We are expecting the hard copy of the letter by tomorrow," Molla told PTI when contacted.

He added that the rosogolla has been a traditional sweet of the eastern region for decades.

"It was a traditional sweet of this region way back when Bengal, Bihar and Odisha



were together. So we can say that the rosogolla is very close to the people's hearts even now, years after the three states were created," he said.

The minister believed the recognition would boost West Bengal's sweet makers, who hailed the announcement by the GI Registry.

"It is a historic win for Bengal as everyone knows the state is the creator of the rosogolla," an executive committee member of sweetshop owners 'Paschim Banga Mistanna Byabasayee Samity', Amitabha Dey, said.

His sweetshop 'Felu Modak', which usually sells seven or eight types of rosogollas, was likely to see a rise in its sales today, he said.

The GI status was welcomed by Pompy Mallick, one of the owners of the 'Baram Mallick Radharaman Mallick' sweetshop, who said the GI status was "happy news".

"Everybody knows rosogollas originated in Bengal and we are all retaining the tradition. Now that we have

got the GI tag, it has been ratified formally," she said.

The owner of the 'K C Das' chain, Dhiman Das, claimed that the sweet was its creation.

"Our thanks to GI officials. We have been in this business for years and the rosogolla is our creation. This is a win for the people of Bengal," he said.

Das is a descendant of Nobin Chandra, who, many in Bengal believe, created the sweet.

Author Sirshendu Mukhopadhyay said "rosogolla-loving Bengalis" and the sweetmeat makers would be happy to hear the news.

West Bengal and Odisha have been embroiled in a tug-of-war over the sweet since 2015, when Odisha filed an application to claim a GI tag over it.

Odisha has said the sweet has been a part of the state's centuries-old rituals of offering prayers to Lord Jagannath and was mentioned in a 16th-century Odia epic.

Mizoram govt forms committee to study 7th pay commission

AIZAWL, Nov 14 (PTI): Mizoram government has constituted a committee to study the seventh pay commission recommendations and to determine if it could be implemented in the state.

A notification issued by the state Chief Secretary Lalmalsawma late last evening said that the 'Pay Committee' was formed by the government following the decision of the meeting of the council of ministers held on October 25 last.

The Pay Committee is headed by Vice Chairman of the state Planning Commission H. Liansailova. Agriculture Minister K. S. Thanga and Finance Secretary Lalthansan-

ga are its two members while Vanlal Chhuanga, Secretary for Taxation is the member-secretary.

The committee would examine if the pay scale recommended by the seventh central pay commission could be implemented for employees of the government of Mizoram.

It would also determine the methods to be applied for fixation of initial pay of employees of the state government.

Earlier, state Finance Minister Lalsawta has said that the state would incur an additional expenditure of about Rs 800 crore annually if it implements the recommendations of the seventh central pay commission.

Rs 13.54 cr for Project Tiger scheme in Mizoram

AIZAWL, Nov 14 (PTI): Mizoram government has received Rs 13.54 crore under Project Tiger scheme from the National Tiger Conservation Authority between 2011 and 2017, the state Assembly was informed today.

The funds came for the Dampa Tiger Reserve, Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla who also holds Environment, Forests and Climate Change department, said.

There are three to four tigers in Dampa, the

chief minister said in a written reply to a query by Mizo National Front member Lalruatkima.

The fund was utilised for payment of salaries, building infrastructure, maintenance, construction of roads and patrolling paths, habitat improvement, creation of grassland, field ration and vehicle maintenance.

Situated along the Bangladesh-Tripura border, the core area of Dampa Tiger Reserve covered an area of 500 sq km.

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Complaint to DoT, TRAI over RCom stopping services in NE

GUWAHATI, Nov 14 (PTI): An Assam-based consumer rights body has complained to the Department of Telecommunications and the TRAI that Reliance Communications (RCom) has abruptly stopped its services in the North Eastern region without informing the customers.

The Consumers' Legal Protection Forum (CLPF) alleged that about 12 lakh prepaid and postpaid customers of RCom in the North East are affected since the company's service virtually collapsed since October 26.

"In its complaint letter to Manoj Sinha, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Ministry of

Communications and RS Sharma, Chairman, TRAI, the forum stated that subscribers of RCom of Assam and other North Eastern states are having a harrowing time since the telecom company stopped its service without any notice," the CLPF which lodged the complaint yesterday said in a statement.

PTI had sent an email yesterday to RCom spokesperson seeking the company's response to the allegations. The email was acknowledged, but no clarification came from the company's side even after 24 hours.

"RCom never informed (the subscribers) that it was going to close

down its business. There was no text message nor any advertisement in newspapers," CLPF secretary Ajoy Hazarika said in the statement.

The telecom company has violated consumer norms by stopping their service without informing the customers, the consumer rights body claimed in its statement.

"There are no prepaid vouchers in the market....

Postpaid consumers are having a tough time to transfer their number to other service providers as they are insisting on clearing the bill first. But RCom has closed its bill payment counters already," the statement said.

ANTHYESTHI KRIYA

The Anthyesthi Kriya of **Late Eshor Kumar Limboo** who left for his heavenly abode on 03.11.2017 falls on **16.11.2017**. All friends, relatives and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayer for the departed soul at our residence at **Upper Mangshila, Tingzey Busty, North Sikkim**. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who stood by us in our time of bereavement and regret our inability to do so individually.




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Suk Moti & Shanti Hangma Limboo (sisters)



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The Sikkim Public Service Commission announces the results on the basis of the marks obtained in the Interview for selection to the posts of 04 posts of Principal of Sikkim Government Colleges (Namchi, Gyalshing, Burtuk and Rhenock), 01 post for Principal Law College Burtuk and 01 post for Principal Sanskrit Mahavidhyalaya, Samdong under Human Resource Development Department through Direct Recruitment.

The candidates bearing the following Roll Nos. are hereby declared qualified in order of merit and their names are recommended for appointment.

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India to compete in Asia Rugby Championship at Chinese Taipei

MUMBAI, Nov 14 (PTI): The Indian Men's Rugby XV's team is set to compete at the Asia Rugby Championship Division 2 Rugby XV's - to be held in Taiwan from November 15 to 18.

The team, supported by Societe Generale, is participating under the aegis of the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU).

A total of four countries from across Asia, including Singapore, Thailand, India and host Chinese Taipei, will vie for top honours, a media release issued here said.

The players, short-listed to join the Indian national training camp, were selected during The Senior National Rugby Sevens Championships (men and women) held in Patna and the 84th All India & South Asia Rugby XV's Championship which was held at the Calcutta Cricket & Football Club in October.

The 25 players selected to represent India are - Mohit Khatri, Prince Khatri, Neeraj Khatri, Vikas Khatri, Sourabh Dubal, Deepak Punia, Bhupendra Bokan (all from Haryana), Hitesh Dagar, Bharat Dagar, Mukesh Mankotia, Nitin Dagar, Gautam Dagar, Monu Yadav (all from Delhi), Anand Godiwala, Pappu Todkar (all from Maharashtra) Parvender Singh, Shokendar, Surinder Singh, Sujai Lama, Suresh Sajwan, Samser Singh (all services SSCB), Muna Murmu (Odisha) Suraj Prasad, Suraj Veer Sharma (all from West Bengal) and Roshan Lobo (Karnataka).

Coach Henry Paul is former England Rugby Union player.

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Italy miss out on World Cup as Sweden qualify

MILAN, Nov 14 (AFP): Italy failed to reach the World Cup for the first time since 1958 as they were held to a 0-0 draw in the second leg of their play-off at the San Siro by Sweden, who qualified with a 1-0 aggregate victory.

The four-time champions dominated possession but struggled to create enough clear-cut chances, as Sweden secured a first appearance at the finals since 2006 courtesy of Jakob Johansson's first-leg strike in Stockholm.

Despite the support of 74,000 fans in a white-hot atmosphere at the San Siro the 2006 World Cup winners could not find a way through.

It is the third time that the Italians will not compete at the World Cup, after not going to the first edition in 1930 and not qualifying for the 1958 finals in Sweden.

It marks the end of an era for iconic goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon who will not be able to compete in a record sixth World Cup.

At 39, the 175-times capped Buffon had announced that the finals in Russia would be his last as a player for the national side.

"I'm sorry, sorry, sorry," a tearful Buffon told Rai television as he confirmed he was ending his international career.

"I'm not sorry for myself but all of Italian football, because we failed at something which also means something on a social level.



"It's the only regret I have. Not stopping, because time passes and it's normal. I regret just that my final match with the national side coincides with an elimination.

"I leave a squad of talent that will have their say, including (Gianluigi) Donnarumma and (Mattia) Perin. I embrace all those who have supported me."

Without star Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who retired from the national team after Euro 2016, Sweden sealed a return to the world stage after failing to reach the last two editions. The last time the Scandinavians partici-

pated was in 2006.

"I'm emotional and very happy," said Sweden coach Janne Andersson. "This match showed our collective strength.

"With Ibrahimovic we played differently. He's retired and he's a great champion. So we adapted and we play in another way now."

It was a mediocre performance by the hosts with Antonio Candreva firing over and Sweden goalkeeper Robin Olsen denying Alessandro Florenzi and Ciro Immobile.

Mikael Lustig almost scored an own goal when his deflection hit

the bar.

Marco Verratti sat out a ban with Simone Zaza and Leonardo Spinazzola both injured, with Daniele De Rossi and Andrea Belotti not fully fit.

Coach Gian Piero Ventura gave Brazil-born Jorginho his first competitive appearance for Italy with Florenzi and Manolo Gabbiadini also handed starts. Napoli's in-form winger Lorenzo Insigne however was once again left on the bench.

Sweden's Lustig was back from suspension, with Johansson starting in place of the injured Albin Ekdal.

The hosts had penalty appeals in

the opening few minutes as Marco Parolo appeared to be tripped from behind by Ludwig Augustinsson, but the referee waved play on and booked Giorgio Chiellini for dissent.

Sweden lost first-leg goalscorer Johansson after 15 minutes when his left knee buckled badly and he was stretchered off to make way for Gustav Svensson.

Jorginho's through ball found Immobile to pull back from the byline for Candreva to blast over, but Leonardo Bonucci, wearing a protective mask after breaking his nose on Friday, got a knock to the knee and was limping badly.

Florenzi thought he had scored on 53 minutes with a flying volley from Matteo Darmian's cross, but it went wide.

Bonucci got down to business taking off his protective mask on the hour mark, with Ventura bringing on Stephan El Shaarawy and Torino striker Belotti.

Federico Bernardeschi was the final Italy substitution and Olsen turned away a Parolo header.

As the clock ticked the crowd at the San Siro began to sing the national anthem.

An El Shaarawy shot was kept out by Olsen and Parolo's header went wide, then Buffon came up for a corner in a final desperate gamble as Italy fell short of reaching the World Cup for the first time in 60 years.

AIFF side named Indian Arrows, I-League to begin on Nov 25

NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (PTI): The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has named its development side Indian Arrows, going back to the old moniker it used for its previous youth team that was disbanded in 2013.

The AIFF mentioned the side as Indian Arrows in the I-League fixtures issued on Tuesday. The upcoming I-League will kick off with Minerva FC hosting Mohun Bagan in Ludhiana on November 25.

A bit of focus will be on the side that will comprise the best talent from

the team that competed in the FIFA U-17 World Cup and the Under-19 team.

The development side will have its home ground in New Delhi. The idea is to keep the boys together to make the cut for U-20 World Cup in 2019, for which India has submitted a bid application.

The move, which was approved by AIFF's technical committee, is on the lines of the Pailan Indian Arrows project which was disbanded four years ago.

The team's home

ground could be either Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium or Ambedkar Stadium.

Shillong Lajong FC will play host to new outfit Gokulam Ketala FC on November 27 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

While Mohun Bagan will be in action on the opening day at the Guru Nanak Stadium, their traditional rivals East Bengal will begin their campaign on Nov 28 against defending champions Aizawl FC.

Indian Arrows will play their first match

against Chennai City FC and then take on Minerva Punjab FC, but the dates and venues for the development side's matches have not been finalised yet owing to the players' international commitments.

Meanwhile, former India captain Bhaichung Bhutia strongly backed the I-league, saying it "deserves" much better.

"Both league (I-League and ISL) should survive and do well but not by killing each other," he wrote on his twitter handle.



Italy keeper Buffon ends international career

MILAN, Nov 14 (AFP): Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon confirmed he was ending his international career after the four-time champions failed to reach the World Cup for the first time in 60 years.

Buffon, 39, played his 175th and final game for Italy as they were beaten 1-0 on aggregate in a play-off by Sweden after a 0-0 second-leg draw at the San Siro, bringing an end to a 20-year international career that included winning the 2006 World Cup.

"I'm not sorry for myself but all of Italian football," Buffon told Italian broadcaster Rai.

"We failed at something which also means something on a social level. There's regret at

finishing like that, not because time passes."

Andrea Barzagli and 34-year-old midfielder Daniele de Rossi, the other two members of Italy's squad on Monday who lifted the 2006 World Cup, also retired from internationals in the aftermath of the shock defeat.

"It's the biggest disappointment of my life from a sporting point of view... I can't find my words," said 36-year-old defender Barzagli.

Midfielder De Rossi, who won 117 caps, said: "To think that I took off this jersey for the last time, it hurts. After the match, there was a funeral-like atmosphere."

Buffon made his debut for the Azzurri as a 19-year-old in a 1998 World Cup play-off vic-

tory over Russia, but his last match saw him fail in his bid to become the first man to play in six World Cups.

The Juventus captain, who has already said he will likely retire from all football at the end of this season, said Italy fans still have plenty to look forward to, with AC Milan's 18-year-old keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma set to take the international number one shirt.

"There is certainly a future for Italian football, as we have pride, ability, determination and after bad tumbles, we always find a way to get back on our feet," he added.

"I leave a squad of talent that will have their say, including Gigio Donnarumma and (Genoa keeper) Mattia Perin.



Sikkim Inter-Church Football Tourney

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anaan Christian Fellowship, Deorali and Himalayan Free Church, Ranka have entered the quarter-final round of the ongoing 6th Sikkim Inter-Church Football Tournament 2017 here at Paljor Stadium.

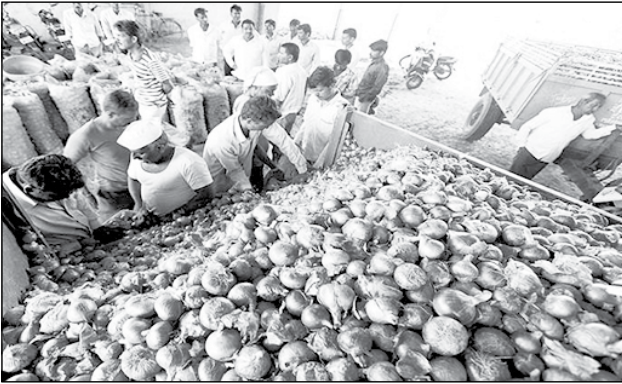
In a pre quarter-final played today, Canaan Christian Fellowship edged past Viswavani Samdong 2-1. Boxer Pradhan of Viswavani Samdong was adjudged as Match of the Match.

In another pre quarter-final match, HFC Ranka defeated Lingdok United 6-4 in a

tie-breaker. Jonah Pradhan of Lingdok United was titled Man of the Match.

On 15 Nov, Sang Tshalamthang will take on Gangtok EPCS in the first match, which will be followed by another match between Church of God, Gangtok and ICYM Gangtok.

WPI inflation at 6-mth high of 3.59%; onion, veggies costlier



NEW DELHI, Nov 14 (PTI): Inflation at the wholesale level rose to 6-month high of 3.59 per cent in October as the prices of food articles, led by onions and vegetables, rose sharply.

Inflation, based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), was 2.60 per cent in September.

In October last year, it was 1.27 per cent.

Last month's inflation was the highest since April, when it was 3.85 per cent.

The government data released on Tuesday showed that inflation in food articles more than doubled to 4.30 per cent

in October. For vegetables, it soared to 36.61 per cent last month as against 15.48 per cent in September.

In case of onions, inflation skyrocketed to 127.04 per cent, while for the eggs, meat and fish segment the rate of price rise was 5.76 per cent.

Inflation in manufactured products saw a slight dip to 2.62 per cent, as against 2.72 per cent in September. In the fuel and power segment, inflation rose to 10.52 per cent, as against 9.01 per cent in September.

Fuel inflation has remained high for the past three months

as petrol and diesel prices continued to rule high tracking global crude oil rates. Power tariffs shot through the roof on lower domestic production.

Pulses continued to witness deflation at 31.05 per cent.

Likewise, in potato deflation was at 44.29 per cent and wheat at 1.99 per cent.

The final print of August WPI inflation remained unchanged at 3.24 per cent.

As per the Consumer Price Index (CPI) data released on Monday, retail inflation for October rose to a 7-month high of 3.58 per cent on costlier food

items, especially vegetables.

Besides, industrial production for September expanded at 3.8 per cent, on poor showing by the manufacturing sector coupled with decline in consumer durables output.

Last month, the Reserve Bank kept benchmark interest rate unchanged on fears of rising inflation while lowering growth forecast to 6.7 per cent for the current fiscal.

RBI also raised its inflation forecast to the 4.2-4.6 per cent range for the rest of the current fiscal as against 4-4.5 per cent previously.

China launches world's first fully electric cargo ship

BEIJING, Nov 14 (PTI): China has launched the world's first all-electric ship, which can travel up to 80 km with 2000-tonnes cargo after a two-hour charge, state media reports said.

The 70.5-metre-long ship, which weighs about 600 tonnes, was launched in Guangzhou in South China's Guangdong Province, the People's Daily reported.

The vessel, manufactured by the Guangzhou Shipyard International Company Ltd, is powered by a 26-tonne lithium battery. It can cruise at the top speed of 12.8 km per hour.

As the ship do not use fossil fuels, it has zero emission, including carbon, sulphur and PM2.5 and it could be used as a passenger liner or a working ship, state-run Global Times reported.

On its inaugural run, the vessel was loaded with thermal coal mainly for areas around the Pearl River in Guangdong Province, the report added.

"This kind of ship takes into consideration the harmony between humans and nature and can protect water quality and marine life, and should be copied by other ships sailing on local rivers," Wang Yongchen, a Beijing environmentalist, was quoted as saying in the report.

Pak accountability court inches towards indicting Sharif's sons

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14 (PTI): A Pakistani accountability court today inched closer to declare the London-based sons of ousted premier Nawaz Sharif as proclaimed offenders in the Panama Papers case.

Three cases were filed against Sharif, his two sons Hassan and Husain, daughter Maryam and son-in-law Muhammad Safdar on September 8 by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) following July 28 verdict by the Supreme Court in the Panam Papers case. Another case was filed against finance minister Ishaq Dar based on the court ruling.

Accountability Court Judge Muhammad Bashir last month separated the case of Sharif's sons from rest of the family and also initiated proceeding to declare them proclaimed offenders as the two brothers, currently in London, have not appeared in the court even once. The court also declared them absconders on October 10 and set a deadline of 30 days for them to appear in the court which has already expired.

The NAB prosecutor today presented implementation report on declaring them proclaimed offenders. They also urged the court to declare them proclaimed offenders. However, the judge adjourned the proceeding till tomorrow without announcing his decision.

'Trump's visit one of most embarrassing foreign trips taken by US president'

WASHINGTON, Nov 14 (PTI): Donald Trump's visit to Asia has been one of the most "embarrassing" foreign trips taken by a US president as he could not demand concessions from China on trade and failed to highlight Beijing's "unfair" trade practices, a senior Democrat leader has alleged.

Trump, who is on a two-week visit to Asia, said in China that he felt US-Chinese trade relations were "very unfair and one-sided". But he blamed his own predecessors rather than China for the uneven dynamic.

The comments by Trump stands in stark contrast to his previous rhetoric on the campaign trail, where he singled out China as the world's greatest threat to American workers.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer called Trump's Asia visit "embarrassing", asserting that the president is not ready for "primetime".

"Without exaggeration, the president's trip to Asia has been one of the most embarrassing foreign trips a president has taken in my memory. It shows that when it comes to foreign policy, President Trump is not ready for primetime," Schumer said on the Senate floor yesterday.

Trump's five-nation tour of Asia include stops in Japan, South Korea, China, Vietnam and the Philippines. He would return to the White House



today.

After a campaign in which he routinely criticised China, for rapacious trading practices that have stolen American jobs and depressed American wages, Trump went to China and gave them a get-out-of-jail-free card, the Democratic Senator alleged.

"Instead of speaking sternly and truthfully to the Chinese leaders about the realities of our imbalanced

and unfair trade system, where we play by the rules, and they do not - we lose jobs, they gain them - President Trump tried to appease the Chinese and their leader," he said.

"Instead of demanding concessions on trade; instead of demanding the same equal access to markets we provide to Chinese firms; instead of addressing the sordid history of intellectual property theft and extortion; Trump was eager to let China off the hook to say it was not their fault," but rather the failure of American presidents, he charged.

"If he keeps this approach up with a growing economic power like China, Trump will be the author of a new international reality: America Second," Schumer said.

Schumer alleged that after eight years of Republicans questioning President Barack Obama's toughness with foreign leaders it seems that Trump, not Obama, is the one who's afraid to take on America's adversaries.

"For the steelworker in Ohio or upstate New York, whose job is on the line because China is dumping cheap steel and aluminium into our markets, that's not good enough. For every American concerned about the sanctity of our elections, that's not good enough," he said.

UN Chief asks Suu Kyi to allow return of Rohingya refugees

MANILA, Nov 14 (PTI): UN chief Antonio Guterres today met Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi and urged her to take steps to ensure "dignified" return of hundreds of thousands of Muslim refugees who have fled the country to Bangladesh following violence against them.



Separately on the margins of the ASEAN summit here, the US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson also met Suu Kyi and discussed the humanitarian crisis in the Rakhine state.

In his meeting with Myanmar's State Counsellor, the UN Secretary General highlighted the need for allowing the return of displaced Muslims who have fled to neighbouring Bangladesh.

The Rohingya issue also figured during a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump last night.

"The Secretary-General and the State Counsellor discussed the situation in Rakhine State. The Secretary-General highlighted the strengthened efforts to

ensure humanitarian access, safe, dignified, voluntary and sustained returns, as well as true reconciliation between communities, would be essential," the UN said in a statement.

Over 6,00,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled to Bangladesh from predominantly Buddhist Myanmar's Rakhine state since late August after large-scale violence.

Top leaders of nearly 19 countries and officials of the UN and the European Union are here to attend the summits of powerful ASEAN and East Asia groupings.

Rights groups have also slammed Nobel laureate Suu Kyi, a former democracy activist, for failing to speak up for the Rohingya or condemn festering anti-Muslim sentiment in the country following the humanitarian crisis.

Guterres also mentioned about the issue at an ASEAN-UN meeting. "It is a worrying escalation in a protracted tragedy and a potential source of instability in the region," he said.

According to Philippine Presidential spokesperson Harry Roque, the Rohingya issue figured during ASEAN Plenary.

"Myanmar specifically said one, they are in process of attending to Kofi Annan report. Two, they welcome humanitarian assistance. And that the process of repatriation of (Rohingya) would conclude after signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Bangladesh," Roque told a press conference.

Modi, Chinese Premier hold brief interaction in Manila

MANILA, Nov 14 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held a brief interaction with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit here.

Both Modi and Li had chit-chat on Sunday also during a gala dinner hosted by Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte.



"Two neighbours in deep conversation. PM @narendramodi with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on the margins of #EastAsiaSummit Summit in #Manila," MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted along with a photograph of the two

leaders engaging in a conversation while sitting on a sofa.

It was not immediately known what transpired in the meeting.

Ties between India and China have been strained in the last few months over a series of contentious issues including the over two month-long standoff between armies of the two countries in Doklam in the Sikkim sector and Beijing's strident opposition to move to declare Pathankot terror attack mastermind Masood

Azhar as a global terrorist by the UN.

In an address at the ASEAN-China summit, Li said his country was committed to strengthen ties with the 10-member grouping amid mounting concerns by several countries of the bloc over growing Chinese assertiveness in the South China Sea.

Modi, in his address at the East Asia Summit, conveyed India's total support and commitment to work with the East Asia Summit, an influential bloc, to address political, security and trade related issues in the region.

Three properties of Dawood Ibrahim auctioned in Mumbai

Mumbai, Nov 14 (PTI): Three south Mumbai properties belonging to fugitive don Dawood Ibrahim were auctioned for Rs 11.58 crore today, according to an official involved in the process.

The properties were put on auction by the ministry of finance, under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act.

The three properties are Hotel Raunaq Afroz, also known as Delhi Zaika, Shabnam Guest House and six rooms in Damarwala building.

The Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust was the highest bidder for the three properties, the official said.

While the Raunaq Afroz hotel attracted a bid of Rs 4.53 crore, Shabnam Guest House got a bid of Rs 3.52 crore and the rooms in the Damarwala building went for Rs 3.53 crore, he said.

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THE BRUTALLY HANDSOME LEAGUE! Actors Jason Momoa [Aquaman] and Ben Affleck [Batman] attend the premiere of Warner Bros. Pictures' "Justice League" at Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, California.

Liam Payne shares plans to celebrate first Christmas with son Bear and Cheryl Cole



The pop singer and first-time dad will soon experience Christmas through the eyes of his young son Bear Payne, who he and Cheryl Cole welcomed in March. Payne, 24, told E! News on the red carpet at the 2017 MTV EMAs that he can't wait to spend the day with his little one and family.

"It's going to be amazing," the former One Direction member gushed. "We've been arranging getting the stockings and the names on them and all that cute stuff."

"All my family are coming over," Liam shared. "We'll have a big Christmas dinner."

Liam's 2017 tour dates wrap up December 17, meaning the British star will have plenty of time to hop across the pond for Christmas festivities with Bear and Cheryl.

Since becoming a dad, Payne hasn't wasted an opportunity to express how much the couple's son has impacted them for the better.

"The moment that little boy

or girl looks in your eyes, your life is changed forever," the "Strip That Down" singer said on the The Kyle and Jackie O show.

He later added during a fan Q&A in early June, "I'd say bath time is the most amazing thing, is the funniest thing. He's great, little Bear, he's just learning now to giggle, these past couple of days. We got the first giggle out of him the other day. I've slowly noticed that as I come over and I'll pick him from where ever and [get] a lovely little smile out of him, He smiles just like his mum and his mum smiles beautiful."

"We're in a debate at the moment at what color eyes he's got," Payne continued. "We're not really sure...she's [like], 'Babe, they're brown,' and I'm like, 'They're not, they're blue.' 'They're brown.' And in the end, you just have to admit that they're brown."

Meanwhile, Cheryl made her first official appearance after giving birth at a charity event in September.

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Gal Gadot's warning for 'misogynist sexists'

"WONDER WOMAN" star Gal Gadot has sent a tough message for "misogynist sexists" around the world that their free run of patriarchy is up.

In a promotional interview with IGN for her upcoming movie "Justice League", the 32-year-old actor was asked by co-star Ezra Miller to deliver a warning to straight men in wake of the sexual abuse and harassment scandals that have hit Hollywood like an iceberg.

"I'm really into the idea of the turning of the tides, and the idea of the last couple thousand years of human history have been so male-dominated in a way that has not always served us clearly, here we are on the brink of destruction and so I wonder if you would say something for me. Would you say, into the camera, 'Hetero-patriarchy, your



wrath upon this world is over? I want it so bad!" Ezra, 25, who plays The Flash in the film, asked.

Gadot, who was initially confused by the word "hetero", addressed men of all sexual orientations with the message, "I'm just going to say, 'Misogynist sexists, your wrath upon this world is over.'"

According to reports, the actor has refused to sign

The Lord of the Rings TV series is officially moving forward at Amazon as a prequel that will span a number of seasons. Less than two weeks ago, word broke of a Lord of the Rings series in development from Warner Bros. Though it appeared to have been shopped around to numerous networks, Amazon was the frontrunner for nabbing the show. As part of the studio's commitment to new scripted content, Amazon has been picking up all sorts of adaptations of late.

Snow Crash and Ring-world TV shows are in the works, and last week brought word of Amazon ordering The Boys to series. These moves prove that the streaming service has an interest in turning popular comic, sci-fi, and fantasy stories into [potentially] the next big thing on television. Naturally, a Lord of the Rings series would position Amazon to turn out their version of Game of Thrones thanks to the expansive universe of Tolkien's work - and for fans worried the series would simply be a retread of the Peter Jackson films and/or Tolkien's original books, that doesn't appear to be the case.

Variety is reporting that Amazon Studios has officially ordered the Lord of the Rings TV show to series with a multi-season commitment. What's more, the outlet indicates the show will be set before the events of The Fellowship of the Ring, the first installment in Tolkien's Rings trilogy.

The news that the show will take place before Fellowship, and thus the first volume of the Rings trilogy, opens up the likelihood of new stories



being told. Of course, the series could also take on the form of a straight-forward prequel that features younger versions of the various heroes from the Rings series. For now, however, the show's plot and character details are being kept under wraps.

Amazon's multi-season commitment is certainly bold, but probably a necessary step to acquiring the hotly sought-after property. Given the breadth of Tolkien's work, there's no shortage of stories that a Lord of the Rings TV show could explore. Variety's report also states that there will be an option for a spinoff, meaning a story separate from the main saga could arrive if the main series is a hit. Knowing that, there's a good chance the flagship series will touch on familiar plots and characters while also setting up a separate story for the spinoff.

While Jackson's Lord of the Rings films had their detractors, The Hobbit movies were far less well-received by comparison. Given that, Amazon will need to tread carefully when it comes to fleshing out Tolkien's world. Amazon doesn't quite have the track record of Netflix,

but they're certainly an encouraging fit when it comes

to translating Lord of the Rings to television.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

15TH NOVEMBER WORLD HISTORY

1777: The Continental Congress approves the Articles of Confederation, the precursor to the U.S. Constitution.

1867: The first stock ticker is unveiled in New York City. The advent of the ticker ultimately revolutionized the stock market by making up-to-the-minute prices available to investors around the country.

1889: After a 49-year reign, Pedro II, the second and last Emperor of Brazil, is deposed in a military coup.

1934: Sir Oswald Mosley and Black-Shirt fascist followers were put on Trial. They were arrested and charged of 'riotous assembly' after a fascist meeting on October 9.

1940: The German Luftwaffe bombs Coventry in a massive air raid leaving much of the city devastated.

1956: Love Me Tender, Elvis Presley's first movie, opens in New York.

1957: Nikita Khrushchev challenges the United States to



a missile 'shooting match'. **1969:** In Washington, a quarter of a million protesters staged a peaceful demonstration against the Vietnam War. **1977:** Princess Anne gives birth to a boy - the first royal baby to be born a commoner for more than 500 years. **1994:** Britain's first electronic newspaper, The Electronic Telegraph, is launched on the Internet. **2006:** Andy Warhol's painting of Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong is sold for \$17.4m.

INDIAN HISTORY

1949: Nathuram Godse, assassin of Mahatma Gandhi, was hanged. **2000:** Jharkhand, new state of India, was formed.

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"Justice League" will be released this Friday.

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SCORPIO: Sit back and receive instead of trying to make things happen by imposing your will. You're always taking action and directing your energy outward. Think about ways you can direct your energy inward and watch how this draws people to you. If nothing else, you'll learn something about yourself by being more attentive to your thoughts and emotions.

SAGITTARIUS: There's a unique combination of energies in the air urging you to combine your psychic powers with your ability to organize. Your business sense is keen, and you understand people and their general tendencies. You

instinctively know motives behind actions, so use this to your advantage to make things work effectively for you.

CAPRICORN: Everyone around you may be taking the initiative to start something new, and you get the feeling that you want to join the cause. Be careful about getting something going just because everyone else is. You have a tendency to act hastily in an effort to prove that you're on top of the situation. Life isn't a popularity contest or race to the finish line. Take your time.

AQUARIUS: Your masculine and feminine sides may be saying completely different things today, but

this situation isn't necessarily bad. You can learn a lot from both sides of your being. Take the most useful aspects of each and put them toward achieving your goals. A delicate balance of give and take needs to happen.

PISCES: Turn one part of the project over to someone you feel is more qualified to handle it. There's no sense trying to do everything yourself when you know someone out there is better suited to the task. Today calls for a steady and patient hand. If you don't think you have the skills, admit it. You'll gain more respect by delegating than by trying to muddle through.

THE DAY AHEAD
ARIES: You may feel emotionally good but the more you express yourself the more critical others become of your sensitivity. Unfortunately, you may clam up under such circumstances. Hang onto the fact that you have something valuable to teach, but other people aren't ready to learn. Try not to take it personally.
TAURUS: Tap into your internal resources. Listen to your deepest, strongest feelings and take things slowly. Plan your actions and consider the emotions of others before you take the first step. Take advantage of the pauses in your day. Enjoy the rest and use the time to plan

ahead instead of acting rashly and running full throttle to the next task.

GEMINI: Things should come together nicely as long as you've done the necessary prep work to make it successful. The burners are hot and it's time to add the ingredients. If you've done the preliminaries, the next step will be easy. If you've neglected to take care of these details, you'll scramble to do many different things at once.

CANCER: Your witty, social attitude may not be appreciated, given the emotional and sober mood of the day. You adjust your outfit to reflect current weather patterns. If you dress in silk, you won't be too

happy when it rains and you have no umbrella. Consider such things when you walk into a room full of people today. What is the mood? How can you fit in with it and lift it?

LEO: Your emotions might be raw today, and you may act rashly because of the way you feel. Realize that some people may not appreciate this behavior. Let your emotions be an asset that helps fuel your passion, but don't let them rule you entirely. Temper your actions with self-restraint and you'll get through the day.

VIRGO: You may feel out of your league today. The good news is that

thanks to your flexible, adaptable nature, any league can always become yours after you take the steps to work the crowd. Have patience and understanding as you learn a new set of rules and a new group of people with their own habits and behaviors.

LIBRA: All of a sudden you may experience a burst of emotional energy that throws a monkey wrench into your plans. Don't be surprised if you suddenly burst into tears over something that normally wouldn't even faze you. Sometimes it's important to let the emotions flow. Feel free to share your feelings. Don't try to hide them.