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Hamro Sikkim Party launch marks Bhaichung's entry into Sikkim politics

REBYNA RANA
NEW DELHI, 26 APR: Bhaichung Bhutia today announced his formal entry into Sikkim politics with the unveiling of his political party, 'Hamro Sikkim Party,' at a press conference convened here at the Press Club of India.

Mr Bhutia was joined at the announcement event by fellow founding-members, Dilip Rai, Indra Hang Subba, MN Dahal, Dr Bina Basnett, DS Limboo and Yogen Rai.

Announcing the name of the party, Dilip Rai said that one of the main objectives of the party is to fight for the rights of



Sikkimese people and right places at the Centre. Mr Rai further informed that the party will be officially launched in Sikkim within two weeks.

dia said that HSP is a party for the youth of Sikkim.

"Our vision and plans are to safeguard the upcoming generations of youth in Sikkim. We want our youth to decide and build what kind of State they want to live in," Mr Dahal added.

Speaking on the 2019 State Assembly Elections, Mr Dahal said that at the moment the party's main focus is to 'seek justice for the people of Sikkim'. "Election is secondary," he said.

Talking about whether Bhaichung Bhutia will lead the party, Mr Dahal clarified that although



DC West announces Rs 50,000 for first Drugs Free GPU and Alcohol Free GPU

GYALSHING, 26 APR [IPR]: A coordination meeting cum workshop with Zilla Adhyaksha, Upa-Adhyaksha, District Collector, Zilla Panchayats and Panchayat Presidents of West district on Tuberculosis elimination, Comprehensive Annual and Total Check-up for Healthy Sikkim [CATCH], Human Papillomavirus [HPV] Vaccines, NITI Aayog, Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee [VHSNC] and functioning of PHCs was organised by District Health Society, Gyalshing at the conference hall of West District Zilla Panchayat in Kyongsa, West Sikkim today.

The meeting commenced under the chairmanship of Zilla Adhyaksha, West, Devika Subba.

Addressing the gathering, Ms Subba stressed on the elimination of TB in the State by 2022. She informed that the Health Department of West has been constantly working on it and has achieved impressive results till date. She urged Zilla members, Gram Panchayats and the local gentry to support and contribute towards the mission.

"The policies and schemes of the state government are considered as one of the best in the country but we functionaries are lacking in their implementation. I request all to contribute, participate and coordinate for eliminating TB from the State," said Ms Subba.

District Collector, AB

Karki, in his address, assured to provide every possible help from the administration. He informed that the state government has proposed prize amount of Rs 10 lakh and Rs 5 lakh for the first TB Free Zilla Territorial Constituency and Gram Panchayat Unit respectively. He urged for smart and collaborative work to be successful in the mission.

In addition, in order to boost their morale, the DC announced cash prizes of Rs 50,000 for the first Drugs Free GPU and Alcohol Free GPU.

He suggested that all Panchayats prepare a power point presentation of their respective GPUs.

"No Objection Certificates from the concerned Panchayat is mandatory for all governmental construction in the GPUs for monitoring and effective results. Migrant labour should have work permits from the concerned Panchayat to work under GPUs along with their identity proof which will give us the information of every migrant labour in the district easily," he added.

Under his guidance, the house took the pledge to eliminate TB by 2022.

The meeting also had the attendance of Upa-Adhyaksha, Ashok Pradhan, Chief Medical Officer [West], Dr Thinlay Wongyal, District Project Officer [Zilla], Saran Pradhan, DRCHO [West], Dr Tsheten Namgyal, and DTO [West], Bikash Pradhan.

Bengal panchayat polls rescheduled to May 14

KOLKATA, APR 26 (PTI): The West Bengal panchayat election will be held in a single-phase on May 14, instead of the three-phase polling, scheduled for May 1, 3 and 5 earlier, the State Election Commission announced it here today.

"The panchayat election will be held in one phase on May 14. Any re-poll, if needed, will be held on May 16. The date of counting will be notified later," SEC Secretary Nilanjan Shandilya told reporters.

Asked if a foolproof security arrangements would be possible in case of a single-phase poll schedule, Shandilya said the poll panel has requested the state government to make sufficient security arrangements to ensure a free and fair poll.

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Tilu Gurung is Best Performing Legislator of 2017

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GANGTOK, 26 APR: Governor Shrinivas Patil today felicitated member of Sikkim Legislative Assembly elected from Namthang-Rateypani [South], Tilu Gurung, with the "Best Performing Legislator" award for the year 2017 in an award ceremony held at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok today.

The award presentation took place on the sidelines of an exhibition on 'Parliament of India' organized by the Lok Sabha Secretariat in collaboration with the Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, Kolkata, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, as per a PIB press release.

The date of the presentation of the award was commensurate with the Referendum held in 1975 which resulted in the merger with the Indian Union.

Conferring the title of Best Performing Legislator on Ms Gurung, the Governor said, "It has been more than four decades since the people of Sikkim chose to write their own destiny and embrace one of the most vibrant



Parliamentary Democracies of the world. It was a historic and far-sighted decision of the people of Sikkim to join hands and let Sikkim become the 27th State of the Indian Union. As a result, Sikkim today has emerged as one of the most progressive states of the Union of India complete with peace, security, communal harmony and political stability through the decades.

This has helped the people of Sikkim to reap the benefits of democracy in the form of accelerated growth in all the areas of social activity."

It may be mentioned here, the Best Performing Legislator Award recognizes the Legislator's overall performance and contribution in upholding the dignity and decorum of the assembly.

Ms Gurung was adjudged the Best Performing Legislator by the award committee on the basis of her performance in debates in the assembly, punctuality and attendance during the assembly sessions and her overall conduct as a representative of her constituency.

On the occasion, winners of the inter-college debate com-

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CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF BIRTH ANNIV OF LITTERATEUR SHIVA KUMAR RAI AT RHENOCK

Statue of Shiva Kumar Rai to come up at Rhenock

SIKKIMESE WOMEN MARRIED TO NON SIKKIMESE CAN PURCHASE LAND: CM

RHENOCK, 26 APR (IPR): Rhenock will have a statue of literary legend Late Shiva Kumar Rai, along with two State heritage centres as a tribute to the legend, who was born in Rhenock on 26 April, 1919. This was announced by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, present as the chief guest, at the Centenary Celebration function of the birth anniversary of the literary figure at Rhenock Bazaar today.

The Chief Minister was responding to suggestions made by Chairperson, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Binay Tamang during his address. Mr Tamang



attended the function as the guest of honour on the invitation of the Celebration Committee.

The function was jointly organised by Nepali Sahitya Parishad Sikkim and Shiva Kumar Rai

Janma Satavarshi Samorah Samiti (Shiva Kumar Rai Birth Centenary Celebration Committee), Kurseong and Sikkim. The programme was presided over by MLA, Rhenock constituency, Hemendra Adhikari, who also addressed the gathering.

At the outset, the year-long centenary celebration was declared open by the Chief Minister. It was informed that similar programmes to mark this important day were being held simultaneously in different parts of the country where Indian Nepalese reside.

While addressing the gathering, Mr Chamling said that it was a fulfilling day for Nepali literature as it marked the beginning of the Centenary Celebration of the birth anniversary of the doyen of Nepali literature. He stated that it was most befitting for this programme

to be held in Rhenock as it is the birth place of the legend.

"Shiva Kumar Rai was born in Rhenock but he went on to make a mark in the Nepali literary world," he added.

"I pay my rich tribute to Shiva Kumar Rai and pray that his work will continue to inspire generations," he stated. He further shared that Shiva Kumar Rai was known for being a multi-faceted individual and a humanitarian.

Speaking about Gorkha identity, the Chief Minister said that it is time now to move out of the limited identity of Gorkhas as brave warriors and introspect how we can best use the experience of the past in the present and strengthen our future. He suggested that time has come to exhibit our prowess in today's science and knowl-

edge-driven age.

"Today our battlefield has changed, we have to be abreast with the latest developments to be at par with the rest of the world," he added.

He further said that Gorkhas have always fought battles for others and that it is time we started fighting battles for ourselves. Terming it as 'battle of life' or 'jivwan yuddha', the Chief Minister stated that Gorkhas have to start believing in themselves, realize their democratic rights and privileges and free themselves from the clutches of dependency.

Speaking on Sikkim-Darjeeling ties, the CM maintained that the people of Sikkim have immense respect, care and concern for the people of Darjeeling hills. He as-

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SMU climbs higher at NIRF India Rankings this year

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 26 APR:

In the National Institute Ranking Framework [NIRF] India Rankings 2018 conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, Sikkim Manipal University has found a place in Rank-band: 101-150 India University Rankings for 2018, out of 296 eligible Universities in the country ranked by NIRF.

Vice Chancellor, SMU, Lieutenant General [Dr] MD Venkatesh, congratulated SMU for having secured better NIRF ranking.

"I am happy to note that SMU has not only consolidated its position but also improved overall ranking among the academic institutions by improving upon various parameters of evaluation and assessment," said Dr Venkatesh.

"We are committed to providing requisite resources for the continued pursuit of academic excellence in the institution," he added, while crediting the faculty and students of the institute for this achievement.

He said that overall progress in research and development, teaching and institute development led to this achievement. He also praised the students for bringing awards and recognition to the institute by pioneering in the field of research and development.

Three minors drown in Teesta

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 26 APR: Three children [two girls, one boy] hailing from Aadarsh Gaon in South Sikkim were swept away by strong currents of the Teesta river near Singtam on 25 Apr.

The body of one 12-year-old Ganga Sunar was recovered near Bhothey Bhir in West Bengal while the bodies of the two other children are still missing.



SMIT Samman Awards for housekeeping staff

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 26 APR:

Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology [SMIT] felicitated three of its housekeeping employees with "Samman" Award in recognition of their special contributions towards the orga-

nization, a press release issued by Sikkim Manipal University [SMU] informs.

In a ceremony held at SMIT campus today, Director, SMIT, Professor [Dr] Ashis Sharma, felicitated Bir Bahadur Rai for working during difficult weather condi-

tions to clear roads and reinstall power lines that had been damaged due to fallen trees. Damber Bahadur Bhattarai and his team was felicitated for cleaning 2500 hostel rooms in the month of Feb with 13 staff members at an av-

erage of 192 rooms per person.

Likewise, Meera Subba and her team was felicitated for cleaning 1434 rooms in the month of March with eight staff members on an average of 179 rooms per person.



Sam Higginbottom University students visit ICAR-NRC for Orchids in Pakyong

GANGTOK, 26 APR [PIB]: Fifteen students from Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology & Science, Allahabad [Uttar Pradesh] along with two faculty members visited ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids in Pakyong, East Sikkim, as a part of their three-day study tour.

During the farm visit, Senior Field /

Farm Assistant, Ajay Bhusal, coordinated the students and explained the diversity of orchids in Sikkim from temperate to tropical region, various techniques of orchid cultivation, preparation of potting media, pollination of orchids, pests & disease management, back-bulb propagation and its commercial, social and medicinal uses & values.

He also demonstrated the techniques of "Orchid Based Farming System" in which one can grow two or more vegetable crops along with Orchid cultivation.

Principal Scientist [Horticulture], Dr LC De, explained the cultivation of various flower crops including orchids, its commercial value and marketing through power point presentation.

National Panchayati Raj Diwas observed at Mangshila Tibuk GPU



WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 26 APR:

Mangshila-Tibuk Gram Panchayat Unit observed National Panchayati Raj Diwas cum Gram Swaraj Abhiyan here at Village Administrative Centre in Mangshila, North Sikkim, on 24 Apr in the presence

of Panchayat President, Meena Maya Limboo, as chief guest.

Four former Panchayat members of Mangshila-Tibuk GPU namely Dhan Maya Limboo, Deepa Biswakama, Kumar Limboo and Ball Kumari Limboo were felicitated during the function.

The GPU also awarded free electricity connection to five houses, football jerseys to Mangshila Senior Secondary School and free LPG connection to three BPL families alongside provision of training on production of organic pesticides for vegetables.

SKM press & publicity team holds meeting at Marchak

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GANGTOK, 26 APR:

The press & publicity team of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party held its meeting with Constituency Level Committee Executives of Martam Rumtek Constituency at Marchak in East Sikkim today, an SKM press release informs.

The meet was attended by party's senior members, Birendra Tamling, Anand Lama, Navraj Gurung, Chwang Dadul Bhutia, Pawan Parsain, Neelu Chettri, Sheetal Sotang, Ranjana Prad-



han, and Avishek Sharma along with CLC members.

During the meeting, the youth of the area came forward to volun-

teer for participation in the media wing. They expressed their desire to bring forward different issues faced by the peo-

ple of constituency.

Meanwhile, five youths from Sikkim Democratic Front joined SKM, the release claims.

Tourism fest begins at Lungchok Kamarey

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 26 APR:

Minister for Social Justice Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Area MLA [Sumbuk], Tulshi Devi Rai, inaugurated the tourism fest organized by Lungchok Kamarey Gram Panchayat Unit today, a press release informs.

Ms Rai handed over mountain bikes and tents to 13 unemployed youth of the area to set them off on a career in tourism.

In her address, the Minister urged the youth to take advantage of the distributed items and work honestly.

She further emphasized the youths to become entrepreneurs.

MoS MSME calls on Guv, speaks on boosting entrepreneurship in Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 26 APR:

Union Minister of State [In-charge] for Small and Medium Enterprises, Giriraj Singh, called on Governor Shrinivas Patil at Raj Bhavan late in the evening on 25 Apr. It was a courtesy call by the Union Minister who is on a three-day visit to Sikkim, a press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan informs.

During the interaction with the Governor, Mr Singh gave a brief insight into the purpose of his maiden Sikkim visit and the initiatives his Ministry is taking up to promote entrepreneurship among the youth in rural areas.

The Union Minister also showed keen interest in boosting entrepreneurship among the Sikkimese



youth in the sectors of organic farming, spices and agro forestry. He further stated that Sikkim has tremendous potential in the herbal and aromatic plants production if planned and executed through scientific method of farming. He called for more enterprising approach and initiative from the youth to reap benefits from the schemes and projects launched by Ministry of Small and Medi-

um Enterprises, Government of India.

The Governor urged the Union Minister to facilitate more youths of Sikkim into entrepreneurship through his Ministry so that the Sikkimese youth choose entrepreneurship as their first career choice. He also requested him to provide Organic Produce Testing Lab to Sikkim through his Ministry.

Man-elephant conflicts in Meghalaya claimed 25 lives in 5 yrs

SHILLONG, APR 26 (PTI): Nearly 10,000 cases of conflicts between humans and elephants have been reported from Meghalaya in the past five years, claiming the lives of 25 people and causing widespread damage to crops, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has said.

The state is home to around 1,800 elephants and the Garo Hills region itself accounts for approximately two-thirds of such conflicts, said the CAG report for the year ended March 31, 2017, recently tabled by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the Assembly. "Over 9,622 cases of human-elephant conflicts (HEC) were registered with the forest department, resulting in death of 25 persons, injury to 22 persons and damage of crops in about 4,009 ha (hectare) area," it said.

The CAG report, covering the period between 2012 and 2017, stated that over 6,500 cases were registered in the Garo Hills region,

including the Balpakram National Park.

Around 2,500 cases were reported from the Khasi Hills region.

An amount of Rs 4.41 crore was paid as ex-gratia payment to villagers for loss of life, damage to properties and agricultural crops, it said.

To minimise these conflicts, an area of close to 3,500 sq km in South Garo Hills district was notified as Elephant Reserve (ER) under 'Project Elephant' in 2001.

A proposal to establish another Elephant Reserve in Khasi Hills and Ri Bhoi Districts (1,331 sq km) was accorded in-principle approval in June 2008, but was not finalised till the CAG report was compiled, it said.

The Meghalaya Forest Department has put in "little efforts" to communicate that an ER does not change the legal status of ownership of land, the report said, adding, this led to lack of consent from the owners in the Khasi Hills

region.

Owing to this delay, the state missed out on additional funds from the Centre to mitigate human-elephant conflicts in a planned manner, it said.

The CAG has also rapped the Meghalaya government for "destruction" of wildlife habitats in the Shillong region, an area frequented by the tuskers.

"Construction activities, heaps of coal stocks, and deforestation could be noticed all along the area. Fresh coal stock was found lying/dumped in these forest areas. All these have reduced the food and water availability for wildlife," the report said.

The CAG report added that out of the 88 elephant corridors in the country, six were in Meghalaya.

The corridors in the state are usually more than five km in length and human settlements in the stretch make it "highly susceptible" to conflicts with the pachyderms, the report said.

U'khand Cabinet gives nod to use of dry pine leaves for generating power

DEHRADUN, APR 26 (PTI): The Uttarakhand Cabinet today gave its nod to a policy, permitting commercial use of dry pine leaves, considered the main factor behind forest fires in the state, for generating electricity.

The cabinet's clearance to the policy will pave the way for generation of 100 MW of electricity from dry pine leaves, besides setting up of briquetting and bio-oil plants, Urban Development minister Madan Kaushik, who is also

the state government's spokesperson said after the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Triveni Singh Rawat.

Apart from boosting alternative energy production in the state, it will also generate large scale employment opportunities at the local level, Kaushik said, adding that it will also reduce frequency of forest fires which cause great damage to wildlife and forest wealth.

Under this policy, 10 and 25

KVA power generating units will be set up in Uttarakhand through state-based voluntary organisations, firms, industrial units co-operative societies and community-based organisations, the minister said.

Around six thousand such units can be established under the policy which can give direct and indirect employment to around 60,000 people and help stop migration of locals in search of work, Kaushik said.

Gangtok on Friday, 27 Apr
Temp: 21°C / 10°C
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petition, recently hosted by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly [SLA] on 18 Apr, were also presented prizes by the Governor.

The debate on “Climate Change – A Challenge for Legislators” was held among 20 students chosen from amongst a huge number of participants from colleges across Sikkim. The first prize was awarded to Dew Kumar Chettri [6th semester, B.A.LLB.] of Sikkim Government College, Burtuk while Bijay Rai of Namchi Government College and Neha Gupta of Sikkim Government College secured the second and third positions respectively.

Two consolation prizes were awarded to Kusum Chettri of Government College, Rhenock and Rahul Rai of Sikkim Government College, Tadong.

The Governor also released a Compendium of the Second SLA on the occasion. A documentary titled “Our Constitution” produced by the Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, was also screened for the audience comprising officials of the state government bodies and college students.

Other dignitaries present on the occasion included former Chief Minister of Sikkim, Sanchaman Limboo, Speaker, SLA, KN Rai, Deputy Speaker, SLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, former Speakers, SLA, Kalavati Subba and KT Gyaltsen, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat, Dr D K Singh.

Trinity College & Remanti Sangeet Academy organize Rock & Pop Music workshop

SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 26 APR: Academic Consultant for Trinity College London-India, Sidharth Kadadi, interacted with Sikkim musicians at a workshop on Rock & Pop Music held here today. The workshop was organised by Trinity College London in association with Remanti Sangeet Academy, Gangtok.

The workshop was attended by musicians along with students of various music institutes and their parents.

Mr Kadadi, who is



from Mumbai and attended the event as resource person, is the Academic Consultant for

Rock & Pop and Plectrum Guitar for Western India. He graduated from Musician Institute, Los Angeles and Grade 8 from Trinity Rock & Pop.

The programme was also attended by an eminent musician from Darjeeling, Jiwan Pradhan, who is the coordinator of Trinity College in the North-Eastern Region and Director of ELIM Melody Academy.

Speaking to media persons, Mr Kadadi mentioned that it was a first of its kind workshop in the State that explained the syllabus, examination pattern and other related details of Trinity College to musicians of Sikkim.

He further added that the workshop was mainly focused on the newly revised syllabus of rock and

pop music and other related details. He added that Trinity College has been revising its syllabus and other procedures as per the convenience of students with maximum flexibility.

Mr Kadadi added that he will return soon with the entire team to hold another workshop in the State. He mentioned that there were lots of musicians in the north-eastern region, adding that the bridging of classical and western music will create better musicians.

Likewise, Remanti Sangeet Academy found-

er and director, Remanti Rai, mentioned that the main objective of the workshop was to encourage children to complete their education in music and to make a career in it.

She stated that teachers and parents of students of music schools were also invited to the workshop to convince them to send their children for formal training in music. She assured to organise more such workshops in the near future to give the best to young upcoming musicians of the State.

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sured that there would be no misunderstanding from Sikkim's side and anybody trying to instigate fear and insecurity on either side would be taken to task.

Sikkim and Darjeeling have historical, emotional, social and geographical relation with each other, he added. Sikkim and Darjeeling should work together in areas like tourism, floriculture and share each other's strengths. The rich natural resources of both the regions can help strengthen both regions, he added. He apprised that Sikkim and Darjeeling will work closely in future and an officer-level meeting would be held soon to discuss further areas of cooperation.

The Chief Minister reiterated that National Highway 10, the only lifeline for Sikkim, should be kept free of any disturbances and safety of passengers travelling to and from Sikkim should be ensured at all times. He added that every State should respect the federal system and the rights and privileges prescribed thereof by the Indian Constitution and carry out its duties. Law and order comes under the purview of the State Government and should be so ascertained, he added.

The Chief Minister also made a new announcement during the function. A Sikkimese woman who is a COI holder and is married to someone outside the State is still entitled to purchase land within Sikkim. Likewise, a woman COI holder, married to a person outside the State, and employed in the State Government in a temporary capacity will get regularized in due course of time.

Earlier, GTA Chairperson, Binay Tamang in his address stated that Sikkim has made a huge contribution to the Nepali literary world in the form of Shiva Kumar Rai, who was born in Sikkim and later moved to Darjeeling and Kurseong. He gave a brief account of the life and notable achievements of Late Shiva Kumar Rai. He shared that all the schools in Darjeeling hills observed two minutes silence and shared valuable information about the litterateur in their respective schools this morning as a mark of respect to the legend.

Binay Tamang made a suggestion that both Sikkim and Darjeeling should come together on a common platform to organize a literary programme where distinguished Nepali literary figures from across the

country and different parts of the world are facilitated. He shared similar initiatives taken by the GTA in the past.

He further informed that the GTA has decided to hold the first Swargiya Shiv Kumar Rai Award this year and shared that noted litterateur Krishna Singh Moktan has been chosen for the same. He also extended an invitation to the Chief Minister and informed that he would also invite Chief Minister of West Bengal Mamta Banerjee to attend the programme.

Binay Tamang also informed the gathering that he has requested West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamta Banerjee to speak about Shiva Kumar Rai in the upcoming State Assembly Session.

The GTA Chairperson also read out the message from Mamta Banerjee on the occasion.

On Darjeeling-Sikkim relations, Binay Tamang stated that Darjeeling hills has been declared a strike-free zone and a helpline would also be operational very soon to ensure total security of passengers travelling along the NH-10 and within the GTA. He further informed that the GTA has granted the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Railway line from Sevoke to Rangpo. He expressed hope

that the project would be complete by the stipulated deadline of 2022.

“I am highly honoured to be sharing stage with Shri Pawan Chamling who will become the longest serving Chief Minister in the country. May he continue to lead the State of Sikkim and guide the future of the Sikkimese people,” concluded Mr Tamang.

Earlier, the programme began with welcome address by Chief Coordinator, Shiva Kumar Rai Janma Satavarsiki Samaroh Samiti, RK Pradhan.

The programme was also addressed by president, Gorkha Jana Pustakalaya, Kurseong, Tilak Sharma.

Dr. Jas Yonjan Pyasi, eminent litterateur from Kurseong gave a brief account of the contribution of Late Shiva Kumar Rai in Nepali literature.

President, Nepali Sahitya Parishad Sikkim, Rudra Poudyal highlighted the contribution of the literary legend in the context of Sikkim.

The program also saw cultural presentations by students of Government Junior High School Rhenock Bazaar and Government Secondary School Tarpin.

The Chief Minister was also felicitated by the Panchayats of Rhenock Gram Panchayat

Unit.

The programme had the presence of Cabinet Ministers, RB Subba, DT Lepcha, AK Ghatani, MLA Bikram Pradhan, Pancha-

yat Adhyakshas and Upadhyakshas, and noted Nepali literary figures from Darjeeling, Kurseong, Dooars, Siliguri, Kalimpong and Sikkim.

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however, evaded a question on how will the state police be able to provide security if the election is held in a single phase in 58,467 polling booths spread across the state.

“The state will look into the security arrangements,” he said, while declining to take questions on the opposition parties demand for deployment of central forces in the state for free and fair poll.

Asked why the SEC scheduled a single-phase polling, Shandilya said there are many reasons including the month of Ramzan.

Various Muslim organisations yesterday had met the SEC and urged it not to hold the polls during the month of Ramzan beginning May 16/17, as Muslims might find it difficult to take part in the polling process amid the day-long fasting.

ITBP introduces computer course at Pegong

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GANGTOK, 26 APR:

Indo-Tibetan Border Police unit stationed at Pegong near Chungthang in North Sikkim has introduced a computer course at its computer literacy centre for students of ITBP Public School and local residents of the area, a press release informs. Commandant Tomar, in his inaugural address, talked about the importance of technology and urged the students and other interested persons to take advantage of the course.

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Bhaichung Bhutia is a ‘key member’ of the party, HSP is not Bhaichung's party.

Dr Bina Basnett, another founding member and former medical officer said that she quit her job in New Delhi and joined the party three months ago.

“We complain about the system but we do not want to change it. We need to come forward and be the change that we want. I urge all youth and women to join politics and be the agents of change,” Dr Basnett said.

Founding member and research scholar, Indra Hang Subba said, “We have been dragged into politics due to the prevailing situation in Sikkim. Youth are now coming into politics as there are many unresolved issues in the State.”

He spoke about the shortcomings in higher education sector in Sikkim especially the delay in completion of the permanent campus of Sikkim University.

Addressing the media, Bhaichung Bhutia reiterated Mr Dahal's statement and said that the party does not belong to him.

“HSP belongs to the people of Sikkim. I have no personal ambi-

tions in this party and I don't see myself as the president of this party or the Chief Minister candidate. I just want to work for the people of Sikkim,” he said.

“It took me 20 years to build a name for myself. I promise I will not sacrifice that for politics,” he added.

Mr Bhutia also said that the party will focus on unemployment, high suicide rate, drug abuse and disproportionate development in the state.

“While we have a fragile environment, what is the need to have 29-30 hydel power projects? On the other hand, despite having so many power projects, uninterrupted power supply has still not reached a large part of the state. And while we vouch for organic farming, agricultural lands are being taken away by pharmaceutical companies. We need development but a sustainable one. Even today, a tarred road has not reached my village,” he added.

He also informed the media about the founding members' decision to launch the party in New Delhi.

Mr Bhutia said that lot of issues in the State needs direct attention from the Central Gov-

ernment. He said that the party will have ‘clean persons’ who will bring various issues from Sikkim to Delhi and speak firmly with the Centre to come up with solutions.

“We wanted to reach out to the leaders here in Delhi through this press conference. We want Delhi to hear about our problems,” he added.

Highlighting the alleged corruption in the State, Mr Bhutia urged the Chief Minister Pawan Chamling to lift the ban on entry of Central Bureau of Investigation [CBI] in Sikkim.

“Let those accused of corruption be proven innocent through CBI investigations,” he said.

Mr Bhutia said that an HSP member will be allowed to enjoy a certain position only twice, be it that of Chief Minister, party president or even MLA.

He further criticized the state government on its failure regarding Limboo-Tamang Assembly seat reservation. He added that the party will work for the Nepali communities and fight for reservation of Assembly seats.

“HSP has got qualified and promising youth of Sikkim as members. The youth have real-

ized that they have to come into politics due to the prevailing conditions in Sikkim. If we do not speak up now, the coming generation in Sikkim will be in big trouble,” he said.

Bhaichung further informed that there are many youths of Sikkim who want to come and join the movement of HSP.

“We will be reaching out to the people and come up with our manifesto dedicated to the people of Sikkim. This is not my party; this is our party and a party of the people of Sikkim,” he said.

On raising funds for the party, Mr Bhutia said it is a big challenge and they hope to raise funds through crowd funding.

The coming elections in Sikkim will be ‘clean money’ versus ‘black money,’ he said.

When asked who will be the president and Chief Ministerial candidate of HSP, Mr Bhutia said that the party president will be a great and deserving person.

“We will announce our president when we launch our party,” he informed.

Asked if he will contest the elections, Mr Bhutia said, “If my party wants, I will contest the elections.”



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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Social Deficit on Suicides

How come suicides do not shock as much as they should?

When suicides among the young spiked around the time of schools exams and results, the nation noticed and came up with policies which did away with the practice of holding students back. This policy is now in the process of being revoked, but its genesis was in the societal engagement which forced the policy makers to take action. More recently, the coaching class capital of country, Kota, where the most driven parents enroll their forced-into-ambition children into coaching classes for competitive exams, started installing fans which would stretch when pulled with more than around 40kgs of weight. The reason – to ensure that desperate students did not commit suicide by hanging in the rooms. This has been supported by an extensive counseling environment in the city which seeks to make students as emotionally strong as they are academically ambitious.

Meanwhile, in Sikkim, suicides continue to claim lives across all age spectrums, and apart from one paragraph reports in newspapers, they continue to receive no more attention. May be it is time that the media started sensationalizing suicides on a daily basis to rattle the cage into which the society appears to have mothballed its empathy. This might actually be required because at the national level, when farmer deaths and students suicides attract big headlines and a slew of opinion pieces, that nation appears to listen. When a social issue makes news, NGOs working on social issues start refocusing on the situation and when it comes to suicides, begin work to reach psychiatric assistance to more people at risk and the entire civil society starts deliberating on the disturbing trend. It is not as if this approach has not been tried in Sikkim (we mean the media sensationalism approach). Here, however, none of these responses followed. NGOs continue organizing plantation drives, swachhta bhiyans, orientation and AIDS awareness camps not so much because these are issues that they feel strongly about, but because these are initiatives that have a funding programme in place. The State has been embarrassed by its suicide rate at the national level, and there were moments when the State Government flagged the rising number of suicides as a matter of concern, but it is only the government's lookout to do something about it? What contribution are the various quasi governmental organizations and NGOs and social organizations going to make to real concerns of the State?

Let us predict the future here. The moment the powers- that-be, distressed by the somnolence in the concerned departments to the disturbing trend, crack the whip and order action, the unimaginative officials will organize a workshop, may be even announce a helpline. Social workers will paratroop into Sikkim, read out general findings on suicides and its causes to an audience of 'volunteers' who, if the project has funding, will go to the villages and conduct more awareness drives. None of them will make any sense because they will be using a template prepared for different situations and solutions worked out for dissimilar causes. For example, what will an imported analysis on suicides among the young reveal. No matter how they word it, the experts will offer competition, peer pressure, stress and pressure as the reasons that contribute to suicides among the young. How accurately would these contributing reasons fit in Sikkim's case? Peer pressure might be there, but how much pressure to perform and stress can be there in the rural areas where a sizeable number of suicides are being reported from?

While accepting that it is not always possible to notice suicidal tendencies and reach help to a victim, what is agonizing in Sikkim is that the social involvement required to do something to reduce the numbers is completely lacking. Here, even the intelligentsia has failed the State because no concerted study has been initiated into studying why so many people are ending their lives in Sikkim. It is not even clear whether the numbers are actually rising or whether this has always been the trend here. Local experts need to study suicides in greater detail in the Sikkim context before any plan can work out to curb the trend. But before that, some semblance of social awareness, and thereby societal responsibility, has to come about. People need to care more.

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The dark possible motive of the Toronto van attacker

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Like other Canadians, I was horrified upon learning of a van attack along Toronto's famed Yonge Street this week. Struggling to make sense of it, my first question was: "Why?"

As it turns out, the attack was possibly a disturbing reprise of a similar massacre, targeting mostly women and perceptively "sexually active" men in the California community of Isla Vista in May 2014.

Facebook has confirmed that a final pre-attack post of the suspect in Toronto's van attack is real, and was a salute to Elliot Rodger. The deranged American misogynist published his manifesto bemoaning his involuntary celibacy prior to his Isla Vista shooting and driving spree that killed six.

I wrote about that case and the earlier, lesser-known case of George Sodini in Pennsylvania in 2009 in my recent book, *Murder in Plain English*, and the signs that were missed about Rodger in particular.

Rodger has apparently now become, in a disturbing twist, the martyr for a larger "incel" (short for involuntary celibacy) subculture. He shot and killed himself in his BMW after colliding with a parked car during his rampage.

The Toronto case, as we know, ended differently. Const. Ken Lam was captured on cellphone video arresting the van attack suspect and doing so without firing a shot.

This despite having his service weapon drawn, while the suspect pantomimed having a pistol of his own.

In fact, the suspect also announced he had a gun while engaging in what appeared to be a well-rehearsed quick draw involving a mobile device made to look like a handgun, all in a bid to have the officer shoot and kill him.

It's what is often called "suicide by cop" and it's a preferred ending among some of the odious and cowardly offenders out there, including lone-wolf terrorists.

FOCUSING ON THE MOTIVE

But Lam's remarkable restraint has instead allowed the media to focus on the real subtext of this horrific rampage — the motive no one saw coming, but one with a series of disturbing antecedents that we all need to pay attention to.

While there has been a movement of late in the media to omit any reference to the name or image of mass murderers when reporting on these events, "incel" requires a conversation because it represents only the latest online movement catering to the disordered and the disaffected.

Incels has now claimed the suspect in the Toronto van attack, Alek Minassian, as its own.

The devotees to this movement include those suffering from what is known as schizoid personality disorder. The biographical details emerging



about the Toronto van attack suspect may fit some symptoms of this disorder.

While it sounds like schizophrenia, it's not. In fact, unlike schizophrenia, schizoids know exactly what they're doing. It might be best described as the closest thing to clinical misanthropy — a visceral hatred of people — as you can get.

It's also a personality disorder, not an illness per se; in fact, it's very rare in clinical settings, or among populations suffering from mental illness.

SCHIZOID RED FLAGS

As the latest edition of the DSM-5, the definitive text on personality disorders, reveals, along with a review of the literature on schizoids involved in school shootings, some of the disorder's hallmarks and red flags:

- Disinterested in group or social activities.
- Solitary by nature, in part due to an overriding arrogance, anger at the world and sense of entitlement.
- Takes pleasure in few activities, generally solemn and inactive.
- A dull, cold affect, coupled with indifference to praise or criticism.
- Late onset of formative life experiences or rites of passage, such as education, obtaining a driver's licence or job and intimacy.

But while the schizoid is generally averse to sexual activity, we see a preoccupation with sex in a number of noteworthy cases. The objectification of women, an inability to distinguish between sex and real intimacy and a fixation on fantasy in the absence of real-life experiences can all prove to be a dangerous cocktail that fuels new and more violent fantasies.

How the alt-right uses milk to promote white supremacy

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You've been drinking the fascist, white supremacist, white neo-Nazi milk ... To be a successful antifa soldier, you have to become a soy boy.

In one of his satirical YouTube videos, alt-right commentator James Allsup suggests that what epitomises the anti-fascist, feminist, politically correct people he lambasts is that they drink soy instead of dairy milk.

Allsup is one of many members of the so-called alt-right, many of whom use social media and ironic humour to promote racist, sexist, antisemitic and other offensive views. Allsup himself attended last summer's infamous Unite the Right gathering of neo-Nazis and white supremacists. His Twitter account was suspended last December on the grounds that his political views violated the company's terms of use.

Allsup's video is part of a viral flurry of tweets, memes, and videos depicting the battle between dairy and soy milk and all they represent.

The #MilkTwitter hashtag went viral after an incident that's since been dubbed the "milk party", in which a large gathering of white men descended on an anti-Trump art installation a few weeks after Trump's inauguration. The men carried cartons of milk and voiced everything from off-colour taunts to explicitly racist, sexist, anti-Semitic and homophobic rants. After taking a swig of milk from his carton, one bare-chested man approached the camera and sneered. "An ice cold glass of pure racism," he growled into the lens.



After that night, milk quickly went viral, joining the ranks of Pepe the Frog and the "okay" emoji as symbols of 21st century, post-Obama white supremacy.

Pro-Trump supporters began carrying cartons of it to rallies and Richard Spencer and other prominent figures of the "alt-right" movement added milk-bottle emojis to their Twitter profiles. The #SoyBoy hashtag followed a few months later, going viral in the spring of 2017 and remains popular today.

For members of the alt-right, dairy milk symbolises strength of body and society; drinking it reinforces notions of white superiority and idealised visions of masculinity. Soy milk represents weakness, emasculation, and all things politically correct. The hashtags #MilkTwitter and #SoyBoy celebrate traditional gender norms and the "good old days" of white-dominated patriarchy, while

ridiculing diversity and feminism.

ALT-RIGHT RHETORIC

But #MilkTwitter and #SoyBoy don't exist in a vacuum: milk has long been used as a symbol for and tool of oppression and exploitation. Even the verb "to milk" means "to exploit".

There's a long history of association between dairy milk and white supremacy, as legal scholar Andrea Freeman explores. Freeman traces the link back a century, with official US government documents from the 1920s suggesting a link between white people, milk-drinking and a superior intellect.

Similarly, sociologist Melanie DuPuis has described how milk was central to the construction of the modern Western nation state. The nutritionally "perfect" white drink was symbolically linked to the white-skinned bodies that were better able to digest it due to a genetic mutation known as

This is especially the case when, for reasons not fully understood, the schizoid also exhibits psychopathic tendencies.

Many schizoids end up relegated to their parents' basements and nurture their angry oeuvre as YouTube trolls — the same trolls who, in some unconscious manner, might have at least in part influenced Const. Lam's decision not to pull the trigger in an otherwise justifiable shooting that day. Others take their anger into the real world.

DARK CORNER OF THE INTERNET

With Elliot Rodger's last will and testament published to YouTube before his massacre as a call to action, and his earlier manifesto, *My Twisted World*, as its script, it seems the incel is only the latest dark corner of the internet.

If ISIL has its soldiers of the caliphate, we are possibly seeing the next iteration of deadly lone-wolf emissaries in the case of incel.

Const. Lam's cool and measured apprehension of the Toronto van attack suspect may certainly mark the first occasion on record where a mass murderer purportedly armed with a deadly weapon was taken down with a night stick.

But Lam did more than simply refrain from shooting and using his expandable baton in order to bring about the arrest as he continuously assessed and reassessed the situation.

If the incel speculation about the accused Toronto attacker is true, the constable has left us with a living, breathing suspect who may help us to deepen our understanding of his heinous motives — and perhaps even prevent future such crimes.

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lactase persistence. Early 20th century milk advertisements perpetuated this trope, often juxtaposing images of healthy-looking, light-skinned people with sickly-looking, darker-skinned ones. "By declaring milk perfect," says DuPuis, "white northern Europeans announced their own perfection".

Where dairy has symbolised white superiority, soy has long represented notions of weakness, nonwhiteness, and emasculation. Feminist and animal rights advocate Carol Adams has discussed how 19th century scholars justified British colonialism in part by dividing the world into "intellectually superior meat eaters and inferior plant eaters". Asian cultures heavy in soy and rice consumption occupied the latter category.

In contemporary discussions, scientific studies linking phytoestrogens in soybeans to lower sperm count have been used — by alt-right trolls and mainstream media alike — to create a narrative that soy emasculates men who consume it.

"This is gonna fill you full of estrogen, this is gonna block all your testosterone," Allsup pronounces on YouTube, holding up a carton of soy milk. "We're gonna be drinking only soy milk, and it's gonna flush all that testosterone — which is a word that means white supremacy — out of your body." While Allsup obviously intends his video to be funny, screen shots from a Men's Health article about soy's potential to "undermine everything it means to be male" suggests he nevertheless takes the threat of

turn to 05

Post-poll violence on Opp parties still on in Tripura: CPI(M)

AGARTALA, APR 26 (PTI): The Tripura CPI(M) today alleged that post-poll attacks on Opposition party workers and its offices continued despite assurance from Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on containing such activities, and stringent action against those involved.

CPI(M) state secretary Bijan Dhar claimed that 438 party offices have been attacked, since the Tripura election results were announced on March 3.

"A five-member delegation of the Left Front met the chief minister on April 14 and sought his intervention to stop alleged attacks on Opposition party and trade union offices in the state.

"He had assured us to look into the matter and would take all steps to maintain law and order, but there has been no improvement of the situation," Dhar told reporters.

The Left Front leaders submitted three lists of alleged post-election violence by the BJP and IPFT supporters in Tripura, which claimed that 438 party offices were attacked.

"Out of the 438 offices, 93 were gutted, 230 ransacked, 52



locked and 63 captured since March 3. Over 1,700 houses of Left supporters and leaders were also attacked," he said.

Dhar also claimed that two party members were killed following the declaration of the poll results.

He criticised the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) for "misguiding" youths of the state in the name forming a sep-

arate "Twipraland".

The IPFT has been campaigning for 'Twipraland' for Tripura's tribal communities, which form one-third of the state's population.

Dhar said it was an "implausible dream" of such political elements that wanted to divide the state.

On the recently-concluded 22nd party Congress at Hyder-

abad, Dhar said the CPI(M) has taken a resolution to strengthen the Left and democratic front to fight the RSS and the BJP.

"The party has fixed its political line for the next three years--there would be no alliance with the Congress, but inside the Parliament, we will fight against the BJP with all secular and democratic forces," Dhar said.

Prime accused in Sakyong arms haul arrested

SUMMIT REPORT KALIMPONG, 26 APR: Royal Rai (32), of Sakyong, Pedong, wanted in an arms case for a long time, was arrested from Sakyong by the Kalimpong Police today. This, in continuation of the frequent police raids in the area since the 2017 agitation.

The accused is wanted in connection with the recovery of four 12mm weapons, 1 country-made gun, 400 gms of gel used for explosives along with an electronic detonator, khukuris and other equipment on 13 October 2017 in the area.

He has been booked under Explosive Substance Act, Arms Act and UAPA.

Several other suspects were assumed to have been involved in the case with Royal Rai as the prime suspect who had been absconding since the raid.

The accused was forwarded to Kalimpong District Court today and sent to 10 days police remand.

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HC lawyers' ceasework extended again

KOLKATA, APR 26 (PTI): The ceasework by lawyers' associations that has crippled the Calcutta High Court for over a record two months, will continue till May 11 over demands for appointment of judges, the Bar Association said today.

The Bar Association, which commands the affiliation of the majority of lawyers practising at the high court, has decided in a general body meeting that the ceasework will continue till May 11 and the decision will be reviewed on May 14, its general secretary Amol Mukherjee said.

"The ceasework will, however, automatically stand withdrawn if appointment of new judges is notified in the meantime," Mukherjee said.

The Bar Library Club, which is also participating in the ceasework,

will meet on Monday to decide on its course of action with regard to continuation of the agitation.

"Our members will hold a meeting on Monday to take an independent decision with regard to extension of the ceasework," Bar Library Club president Jayanta Mitra said.

The previous longest strike was of 2 months in 2002 in protest against hike in stamp duty by the West Bengal government. It was observed across all courts in the state including Calcutta High Court. Though a miniscule percentage of petitioners have moved the high court in-person during the ceasework, which began on February 19, most of the cases pending before the court could not be heard as lawyers have not participated in proceedings.

The associations have also de-

manded the appointment of a chief justice to the high court, which has been headed by acting chief justices for over three years with the exception of only three months.

The high court at present has 33 judges, while the sanctioned strength is that of 72 judges.

Thousands of litigants, whose petitions are pending before the high court, are at their wits' end as to when their cases would be disposed of given the uncertainty over when the ceasework would be lifted.

Till the end of March, 2,23,921 cases are pending before the high court, according to official data.

Very few new petitions have been filed since February 19 owing to the ceasework by lawyers, thus landing those who have urgent matters to be moved before the court in a soup.

KUTSE SHEGU



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

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

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

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How the alt-right uses milk to...

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soy seriously.

TAKING ALT-RIGHT IRONY SERIOUSLY

Many dismiss the racist, sexist, anti-Semitic and homophobic rants on #MilkTwitter and #SoyBoy as being nothing more than ironic antics targeting politically correct "normies" who can't take a joke. But irony and ambiguity are worth taking seriously; they are established strategies of alt-right trolls who seek to exploit Poe's Law, the notion that it's virtually impossible to distinguish between satire and sincerity online. Irony allows for extremist views to hide in plain sight - in the words of prominent neo-Nazi Andrew Anglin, "non-ironic Nazism masquerading as ironic Nazism".

The danger of Poe's Law, explained by Jason Wilson in an article for The Guardian about alt-right tactics, isn't that satire may be mistaken for sincerity, but that

"every 'ironic' repetition of far-right ideals contributes to a climate in which racism, misogyny, or Islamophobia is normalised". Because of that, says Angela Nagle, who studies the alt-right's online culture wars, "the best response is to stubbornly take the 'alt-right' at their word".

VEGAN VS. DAIRY MASCULINITIES

The strategy of those using #MilkTwitter and #SoyBoy is to mix a carefully constructed view of history and cherry-picked science to reinforce sexist and racist beliefs, while fostering a fear of contemporary shifts in power away from white males and towards women, people of colour, and those occupying space outside the cultural mainstream.

Vegans are often the target of #MilkTwitter and #SoyBoy taunts, with "the vegan agenda" being code for all things weak, effeminate and politically correct. Veg-

ans, after all, drink soy (or other plant milk) instead of dairy, typically for ethical reasons related to caring about animals' welfare - another female-coded trait.

The irony of #MilkTwitter and #SoyBoy casting vegan men as less masculine is that it is hard to imagine a more feminine-coded substance than estrogen-filled animal milk, coming from the breasts


of female mammals. But in the identity politics of the alt-right, linking dairy milk to white supremacy, such complexities are taken lightly. After all, they are only joking, right?

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Kutshe Shegu

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SHSC wins tiebreaker against United Sikkim FC, enters semi finals

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 26 APR:

Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club has also entered the semi-final round of the ongoing 2nd Mahendra Karki Memorial Invitational Football Tournament 2018 here at Paljor Stadium. In a contesting last quarter-final match played today, Sikkim Himalayan FC has defeated United Sikkim Football Club in a tie-breaker.

United Sikkim FC made a good start by taking the early lead within 15 minutes of the match. Lhendup Bhutia scored an early lead for Sikkim United in the 6th minute and his teammate Tshering Zangpo extended the lead to 2-0 in the 15th minute. Sikkim Himalayan SC players played their hearts out but could not score any goal in the first half.

Soon in the second half, Pelsang Lama further extended the lead of



United Sikkim FC to 3-0 in the 48th minute. Nikesh Gurung gave some relief to Sikkim Himalayan SC with his brace in the 69th and 70th minute of the match. Just when it looked like the match was going to end with the scoreline of 3-2 in favour of United Sikkim FC,

Suraj Subba scored the equaliser for Sikkim Himalayan SC in the dying seconds of injury time of the match.

In a tie-breaker through penalty shoot-out, Sikkim Himalayan SC players converted four shots into goals while United Sikkim FC players

managed to score just three goals.

With this win, Sikkim Himalayan SC has become the last team to secure its berth in the semi-final round of the tournament.

Sikkim Himalayan SC will take on United Brothers, Kalimpong in the sec-

ond semi-final on 28 Apr.

Nikesh Gurung of Sikkim Himalayan SC was adjudged man of the match.

The first semi-final of the tournament will be played between Sikkim Police and Apex Football Club, Kalimpong on 27 Apr at 2 p.m.



Real in pole position after Asensio scores winner at Bayern

MUNICH, APR 26 (AFP): Real Madrid moved a step closer to a third straight Champions League title after substitute Marco Asensio hit the winner in a 2-1 semi-final, first-leg victory at Bayern Munich.

The 22-year-old came off the bench to finish a counter-attack and complete the holders' comeback win, giving Real the advantage for the return game in Madrid next Tuesday.

"We knew what to expect, we did well and put in a good performance," said Real captain Sergio Ramos.

"There is still the return to come, but we'll be very focused and we defended well, that was the main thing."

Bayern took the lead at the sold-out Allianz Arena through Joshua Kimmich, but Marcelo equalised just before the break and Asensio put Real ahead.

"In the middle of the first half, we were playing well, but we lacked the killer instinct," said Bayern skipper Thomas Mueller. "Everything is still possible, but we did ourselves no favours today."

Despite Bayern dominating possession and creating twice as many chances as Real, Ma-

drid claimed a sixth straight win, dating back to 2012, over the Bavarians in the Champions League knockout stage.

"We didn't put our chances away, while Real took their two chances," said Kimmich.

"We were naive in front of goal, they are favourites now to go through, but we will give it our all in the return." Real coach Zinedine Zidane pulled a surprise before kick-off by leaving both Gareth Bale and Karim Benzema out of the starting lineup.

Isco, who was replaced by Asensio at half-time, and Lucas Vazquez played either side of Cristiano Ronaldo, who had a subdued night up front in Munich.

The Portuguese failed to add to his tally of 15 Champions League goals this season, being denied a second-half strike by an offside flag, which would have made it 3-1.

James Rodriguez, who is on a two-year loan deal from Real, shone in Bayern's midfield and found plenty of cracks in the Madrid defence.

However, this just was not Bayern's night.

Both Mueller and Robert

Lewandowski went agonisingly close with a string of chances. The hosts suffered a blow with barely five minutes gone when Arjen Robben limped off to be replaced by Thiago Alcantara.

Bayern changed their system with right-back Joshua Kimmich moving up to plug the space on the right wing, which sparked the opening goal.

When Bayern goalkeeper Sven Ulreich played the ball down the flank, James released Kimmich with a perfectly-timed pass in the 28th minute.

The Germany international raced clear and caught out Keylor Navas at his near post to stun Real.

Bayern suffered their second early injury blow when Jerome Boateng was replaced by Niklas Suele on 34 minutes -- which is also bad news for Germany with the World Cup looming.

Real had a left-off when Ribery went one-on-one with Navas, but stumbled at the crucial moment.

Then from nothing, Marcelo conjured the equaliser on 44 minutes.

When Dani Carvajal headed the ball across the edge of the box, it landed at Marcelo's

feet and was in Bayern's net moments later after a fierce left-footed shot.

It was the Brazilian's third Champions League goal this season after also scoring in the knock-out rounds against Paris Saint-Germain and Juventus.

Real escaped again when Navas failed to hold a Lewandowski header just before the half-time whistle and the ball bobbed away to safety.

It shows how far Bale and Benzema have dropped out of Zidane's favour that Isco was replaced on the left wing by Asensio for the second half, but the move paid off.

Rafinha lost the ball in midfield after a Bayern attack, and Vazquez sprinted clear and put Asensio into space to curl past Ulreich on 57 minutes.

With 25 minutes left, Zidane threw on an extra attacker, as Benzema came on for injured right-back Carvajal.

Moments later Bayern came within inches of an equaliser when Navas denied Mueller with a reflex save.

In the final five minutes, Lewandowski beat Navas, but his floated shot flew just wide of the post to add to Bayern's misery.



Bhaker, Mitharwal finish 4th after shooting qualification world record

CHANGWON (SOUTH KOREA), APR 26 (PTI): The Indian duo of Manu Bhaker and Om Prakash Mitharwal missed out on a medal and finished fourth in the 10m mixed team air pistol event after shooting a qualification world record in the ongoing ISSF World Cup here today.

This was India's fourth fourth-place finish in the World Cup stage 2.

The pair had earlier shot a qualification world record in the event, shooting a combined 778 to claim the record by a point from the German couple Christian and Sandra Reitz, who won silver after qualifying in fifth place.

The Chinese pair of Xiaojing Ji and Jiayu Wu won gold with a world record score of 487.7 in the finals. Serbia's Damir Mikec and Zorana Arunovic won bronze.

Eight Indians have so far reached seven finals at the Changwon International Shooting centre, including in two team events, but so far only Shahzar Rizvi has won a medal -- in the men's 10m air pistol.

This will be the same range where the World Championships, the first quota competition for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, will be held in four month's time.

In the first medal event of the day, India's Sanjeev Rajput made it to the finals of the men's 50m rifle 3 positions event to finish eighth eventually.

He was never in the groove and was the first to bow out of the 45-shot medal round won by Rio Olympics silver medalist Sergey Kamenskiy of Russia.

Sanjeev had earlier shot a solid 1178 to qualify in sixth place among eight finalists.

Two other Indians in the men's 3P among the 76 strong qualification round line-up -- youngsters Akhil Sheoran and Swapnil Kusale -- shot 1172 and 1171 to finish 17th and 24th respectively.

Also, in the mixed team pistol, the Indian pair of Heena Sidhu and Rizvi finished 19th in qualification with a score of 762.

At Argentina football club, Maradona is God, Messi is Adam

BUENOS AIRES, APR 26 (AFP): There is no question that football is a sort of religion in Argentina.

And one of the football-mad country's brightest stars, Diego Maradona, is known for his infamous "Hand of God" goal against England in the 1986 World Cup.

Now, on the ceiling of one club in Buenos Aires, in a painting modelled after Michelangelo's work in the Sistine Chapel, Maradona is God, extending his hand to Adam -- Lionel Messi.

Argentina-born Pope Francis, an avowed football fan, would certainly smile at the grand gesture made by the club Sportivo Pereyra, located in the Barracas district of the capital, where football and other team sports are played.

"For us, this pitch is our temple -- a sacred temple of football, and what better than to have a fresco on the ceiling



that is worthy of a temple," coach Ricardo Elsegood told AFP.

"The Sistine Chapel has God and Adam, and the chapel of football has Messi and Maradona."

In this version of Michelangelo's "Creation of Adam," instead of the angels surrounding God, other football stars are featured: Juan Riquelme, Gabriel Batistuta, Mario Kempes, Sergio Aguero, Claudio Caniggia, Ricardo Bochini and Ariel Ortega.

The players are clad in the classic blue and white striped jersey of Argentina's national team.

The club, where many

children play, is located in the southern part of Buenos Aires, not far from the stadium of the Boca Juniors, Argentina's most successful club.

"It's as if Maradona had bestowed upon Messi the gift of continued good football," explains the artist who painted the work, Santiago Barbeito.

For Elsegood, it was a simple decision.

"We realized the ceiling was rather dark. We thought at first of painting it blue with white clouds. But one day, the artist came and said it would be better to do it with Messi and Maradona," he said.

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BCCI recommends Dravid for Dronacharya, Kohli for Khel Ratna, Gavaskar for Dhyhan Chand



KOLKATA, APR 26 (PTI): The BCCI has recommended former India captain Rahul Dravid for the prestigious Dronacharya award and once again nominated Virat Kohli for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna honour.

Legendary opener Sunil Gavaskar's name has been recommended for Dhyhan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award.

CoA chief Vinod Rai confirmed Dravid's nomination for the Dronacharya award.

"Yes, we have sent a number of nominations in various categories to the government. Rahul is the

BCCI nominee for the Dronacharya award," Rai told PTI.

Dravid has been nominated for successfully guiding the India U-19 team to World Cup title early this year. Under his guidance, the Colts batch of 2016 played the finals. He has worked with India A team also and is the bridge between international and junior cricket.

BCCI had stopped sending nominations for Dronacharya awards due to multiple coaches at times claiming credit for a player's success.

"It happened when a former

India opener had signed two nominations where coaches claimed that the player worked under them. From then, we had stopped sending nominations," a senior BCCI official said.

"However when Rajkumar Sharma (Kohli coach) got Dronacharya award, it was a personal nomination. He was not BCCI nominee. For someone of Rahul's stature, we have decided to depart from convention," the official added.

As per Kohli's nomination for Khel Ratna, it has been learnt that BCCI has nominated the Indian

captain him for the second time.

Kohli's name was sent in 2016 but being the Olympic year, the three stars of Rio, PV Sindhu, Sakshi Malik and Deepa Karmakar were conferred with the award. As far as Gavaskar is concerned, his contribution in Indian cricket as a player and then as a critique has been unquestionable.

Normally, the convention for Dhyhan Chand award is to confer those who have not got Arjuna award during their playing days. However Gavaskar is an Arjuna awardee.

Indians feel that US is no longer immigrant-friendly:

Krishnamoorthi

WASHINGTON, APR 26 (PTI): Indians now feel that the US is no longer immigrant-friendly country, a top Indian-American Congressman has said, amidst a series of controversial immigration policies by the Trump administration.

President Donald Trump has been pushing for the merit-based immigration system to reduce overall immigration to the US and serve the country's national interest.

A merit-based immigration system, the Trump administration feels would admit the best and the brightest around the world while making it harder for people to come to the country illegally.

"One issue that certainly came up and is something that we all have to be mindful of is there's a sense in India that America is no longer immigrant-friendly," Indian-American Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi told PTI.

The Democratic lawmaker from Illinois, Krishnamoorthi recently visited India as part of a Congressional delegation.

"Whether you are going to America as a tourist, as a business visitor or whether you're coming here on an H-1B visa or whether you already are here and are seeking permanent residency, it's just a different place in the current landscape," Krishnamoorthi said, adding that this is the general sense about America in India now.

The White House has said the current immigration system jeopardises the US' national security, reiterating its call to end the chain migration and visa lottery system.

"So, we as lawmakers, have to make sure that we live up to the fundamental principles that made America a special place, namely, we welcome immigrants, we treat them with dignity, and we don't scapegoat any individual or group of people for any challenges that we may have economically. You have to pull together and grow forward in the same direction," he said in response to a question.

"I think so. I think that there's a little bit more of that," he said when asked if people in India, based on his visit, think that US is now more of an anti-immigrant nation.

"America's image is largely positive in India. The polling data and other evidence would indicate that. However, we have to be concerned when a young Indian no longer looked at America as the only place where you would go to start a business or pursue your graduate studies and build a more prosperous future for yourself and your family," he said.

There are other alternatives that have been merged and those places have taken advantage of the changes that have happened in the US. "We have to be concerned because we want the best and the brightest to continue to come to America," he said.

Modi-Xi to have ‘heart-to-heart’ summit tomorrow to charter new course for Sino-India ties

K J M VARMA WUHAN, APR 26 (PTI): After their first informal meeting at the Sabarmati Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi in Gujarat in 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping will have a two-day "heart-to-heart" summit from tomorrow at Wuhan, a favourite holiday spot of revolutionary leader Mao Zedong.

Xi will be hosting Modi for an informal summit where officials say the two leaders would spend most of time interacting with each other with one-on-one conversations focussing on global, regional and bilateral issues.

The famous East Lake in the city where the two leaders would spend most of the time was a favourite holiday spot for Mao. The picturesque garden adjacent to the mighty Yangtze river is also where Mao used to enjoy his favourite pastime swimming.

The place has iconic holiday villa of Mao, which is now a memorial where Xi is expected to take Modi round.

At the Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad and its surroundings, Modi was Xi's guide to introduce the essence of Gandhian thought,



including his iconic Charkha where the Chinese leader, who has emerged as the powerful leader of the country with an unlimited tenure, tried his hand to operate Gandhiji's most cherished symbol.

It is now Xi's turn at Wuhan.

The details of the informal summit was not disclosed but officials said it included walks by the two leaders in the East Lake where they will have a boat ride and take walks just accompanied by their translators.

Modi, who arrives late this evening, will have relaxed meetings with Xi tomorrow and the day after, which officials say could become

a game-changer if they manage to reach consensus on finding the solution to the problems, including the way forward to resolve the boundary dispute and other vexed issues that bedevilled the ties.

Ahead of the summit, China said the arrangements being made for Modi's stay in Wuhan would go beyond the expectations of the Indian side and the informal summit could be a new starting point.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Kong Xuanyou told the media this week that Modi will stay in a most comfortable place in Wuhan, without revealing the location citing se-

curity reasons.

"The two leaders will spend two days in Wuhan. In these two days, they will engage with each other on various forums. What I can tell you is that they will spend a lot of time together one-on-one," he said.

"This kind of one-on-one is not often seen in other countries," he added. The upcoming summit will be an informal one, different from formal visits. The summit will be relaxed and friendly with rich format, he had said.

The two leaders will have strategic communication on the major changes in the international landscape unseen in more than 100 years, Kong said in an apparent reference to major changes taking place following US President Donald Trump's aggressive 'America First' policy threatening to undermine the process of globalisation under which India and China are the biggest beneficiaries.

They will have in-depth exchange of views on the issues of overarching long-term and strategic importance in the bilateral relations, Kong said.

Officials on both sides played down speculation of any agreement to be reached between the two lead-

ers saying that no such thing was on the table.

Modi and Xi will try to work out a general framework for relations to move ahead without much of great expectations about the outcome, Indian officials said.

Conceived on the lines of the 1988 ice-breaking visit to China undertaken by the then prime minister Rajiv Gandhi and his far-reaching talks with China's paramount leader Deng Xiaoping setting a new tone for the relations post-1962 war, Xi-Modi dialogue at Wuhan was aimed at a working a new paradigm for the bilateral relations for the next 15 years, they said.

The talks will focus on adhering to the principle that both countries should be sensitive to each other's concerns and aspirations, the sources said.

It is a leadership driven summit providing a leadership driven direction and a way forward to more stable bilateral ties, they added.

This will be fourth visit of Modi to China after he came to power in 2014. He is again due to visit China to take part in the SCO summit to be held at Qingdao city on June 9-10.



French President Emmanuel Macron has called on America to reject policies of isolationism if values of democracy and freedom are to be saved. Speaking to Congress on Wednesday, Mr Macron used words of flattery and friendship to cushion his insistence that the US should dump Donald Trump's "America First" agenda. Beginning and ending with the lasting historic friendship enjoyed between France and America, Mr Macron recalled how the US and France have fought "shoulder to shoulder in many battles" over the years. He said the two countries have a shared common vision of the "universal ideals of liberty, tolerance and equal rights" for centuries. However, the bulk of Mr Macron's speech pushed against the US President's messages of isolationism and nationalism. He called on the US not to "close the door to the world".

Pak foreign minister disqualified by court for holding UAE work permit

ISLAMABAD, APR 26 (PTI): Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif was today disqualified as a member of the parliament by the high court here for concealing details of his UAE work permit while contesting elections in 2013.

A three-member special bench of the Islamabad High Court announced the verdict on a petition filed by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Usman Dar, seeking disqualification of the foreign minister under Article 62 and 63 of the Constitution for holding an Iqama (work permit) of the UAE.

Dar, who lost election against Asif in 2013, had



challenged the qualification of Asif, 68, as the member of parliament for not declaring his job and salary while contesting the polls.

The bench unani-

mously ruled that Asif was not truthful and honest.

Asif will be unable to hold public or party office after the verdict.

The PTI leader had urged the court to dis-

qualify Asif, stating that the Supreme Court has already disqualified Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif last year for having an 'Iqama' of working in the company of his sons and not declaring his "receivable salary".

The petitioner alleged that Asif had Unlimited Term Employment Contract with International Mechanical and Electrical Co (IMECO). He was hired as full-time employee in July, 2011 and held various positions.

He claimed that Asif under the contract was to receive a monthly basic salary of AED 35,000 along with a monthly allowance of AED 15,000,

which he did not declare.

During the hearing, Asif had submitted a letter from the company that he was not full time employee and only worked as a consultant whose presence was not needed in the UAE, where the company is based.

The bench, comprising Justice Athar Minalah, Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani, had reserved the verdict on April 10.

Asif is one of top leaders of ruling Pakistan Muslims League-Nawaz and his disqualification is considered a huge blow to the party ahead of election scheduled to be held after June.

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JOHN WICK 3 TEASER POSTER & OFFICIAL SYNOPSIS RELEASED

At CinemaCon, Lionsgate released a teaser poster and official synopsis for highly anticipated action sequel John Wick: Chapter 3. For an actor who often gets so much flack about his lack of range, Keanu Reeves has sure played a lot of memorable characters over the years. Reeves will probably forever be most associated with playing unlikely savior Neo in The Matrix, with his two outings as time-traveling slacker Ted “Theodore” Logan in the Bill & Ted franchise running a close second.

In 2014 though, Reeves began playing his latest iconic character: put-upon assassin John Wick, in the film of the same name. Wick begins the franchise as a retired contract killer, living a quiet life with his beloved puppy, a gift from his late wife. When the son of a mafia boss makes the fatal mistake of crossing Wick – stealing his car and killing his dog – the sleeping giant awakes, sending perhaps the world’s most dangerous man on a quest for vengeance. That vengeance attained, Wick planned to resume his retirement, but the world would have other plans.

Wick was soon summoned back into the assassin fray in 2017’s John Wick: Chapter 2, which saw an old associate of John’s come back to call in a debt, one that not even the nearly mythical Wick



could refuse. After being betrayed, Wick ended up breaking an unbreakable rule: he killed a man claiming refuge inside the neutral territory of The Continental Hotel. Now, John Wick must fight his way out of a New York City where every assassin wants his head. John Wick: Chapter 3 arrives in 2019, and at CinemaCon, Lionsgate released the first teaser poster and an official synopsis (via Collider) for the sure to be thrilling sequel.

John Wick (Keanu Reeves) is on the run for two reasons... he's being hunted for a global \$14 million dollar open contract on his life, and for breaking a central rule: taking a life on Continental Hotel grounds. The victim was a member of the High Table who ordered the open contract. John should have already been executed, except the Continental's manager, Winston, has given him a one-hour grace period before he's "Excommunicado" – membership revoked, banned from all services and cut off from other mem-

bers. John uses the service industry to stay alive as he fights and kills his way out of New York City.

While John Wick: Chapter 2 saw the reluctant hitman set on a course that took him to several different countries, it looks like Chapter 3 will take place primarily in New York City, at least going by the above synopsis. Whether this means that prior reports of Chapter 3’s production heading to locales like Russia, Canada, Japan and Spain were incorrect or not is unclear, as even if most of the sequel takes place in NYC, that doesn’t mean that it will all take place there.

Much like how Chapter 2 began quickly after the ending of the original John Wick, it looks like Chapter 3 will resume the story almost immediately. John ended Chapter 2 being given a one-hour grace period by Winston to get as far as he can, but after that, the rest is up to him. An almost “real time” look at Wick’s quest to escape New York City is an idea with tons of potential, and would be fitting with the prior films, which rarely let up on the brakes to let audiences catch their breath once the action started. John Wick may want to retire, but if his movies keep being this good, fans may never be willing to let him.

KANYE WEST AND DONALD TRUMP REKINDLE THEIR BROMANCE IN TWITTER LOVE-IN

The US President fully endorsed the rapper’s flurry of complimentary tweets, describing his praise as “very cool”.

It is apparently “dragon energy” fuelling the relationship between Mr Trump and West, who posted a series of complimentary messages on Twitter on Wednesday night.

Kanye West remained defiant Wednesday amid mounting backlash from fans over the rapper’s positive words about President Donald Trump, tweeting a picture of himself wearing a “Make America Great Again” hat and criticizing former President Barack Obama.

“Obama was in office for eight years and nothing in Chicago changed,” he tweeted on Wednesday.

Obama publicly called West a “jackass” in 2009 after the rapper interrupted Taylor Swift’s speech at the VMAs.

“You don’t have to agree with trump but the mob can’t make me not love him,” West tweeted earlier Wednesday. “We are both dragon energy. He is my brother. I love everyone. I don’t agree with everything anyone does. That’s



what makes us individuals. And we have the right to independent thought.”

Mr Trump - who met West when he was President-elect in December 2016 - was keen to share the praise with his own followers, telling the star the comments were “very cool”.

Following his exchange with Mr Trump, West went on to address a range of topics; from the amount of money he makes from shoes compared with basketball legend Michael Jordan, to his ping pong skills.

“I’m nice at ping pong,” he claimed.

He also fuelled speculation that he had split with his manager Scooter Braun, tweeting, “I can’t be managed”.

West’s wife - Kim Kardashian West, with whom he has three children - later defended her husband on Twitter, who was criticised by fans for praising Mr Trump.

She wrote: “Kanye will never run in the race of popular opinion and we know that and that’s why I love him and respect him and in a few years when someone else says the same exact thing but they aren’t labelled the way he is and you will all praise them! Kanye is years ahead of his time.”

The rapper has “always been expressive”, she added, but went on to suggest she may not be a fan of the President, writing “most people (including myself) have very different feelings & opinions about this”.



BEAUTIFUL BEY! Beyonce is spotted in an LBD after an event in West Hollywood.

AMITABH BACHCHAN BELIEVES RANBIR KAPOOR IS GOD GIFTED



Ranbir Kapoor took the country by storm after the teaser for Sanju was dropped two days ago in which he looked like a spitting image of Sanjay Dutt. Reportedly, megastar Amitabh Bachchan was one of the first people to have seen Ranbir’s look from the film and he was left impressed too.

Recently in an interview with a daily, Amitabh Bachchan was asked to comment about his Brahmastra co-star Ranbir Kapoor to which he replied, “I haven’t shot with Ranbir yet for Brahmastra. But, I’ve worked with him when he was an AD (assistant director) on Sanjay Leela Bhansali’s Black (2005). He was the one who trained the little girl Ayesha Kapur (she played a differently-abled child). In between shots, I’d see him train her; it was impressive. Ranbir is an exceptional artiste. He doesn’t do anything, yet he does a lot. I keep telling him that he’s God-gifted. I’m his admirer: I am happy that I’ve got an opportunity to work with both father and son in the same year; it’s a blessing for me.”



'DRAGONS RULE WESTEROS' IN NEW GAME OF THRONES PREQUEL

Game Of Thrones fans will be able to “return to Westeros this year” after author George RR Martin announced a prequel to his series of novels.

It is set “300 years before A Game Of Thrones”, when “dragons ruled Westeros”.

On his blog, Martin said he was “thrilled” that a “monumental history of the Targaryen kings of Westeros” would be published on 20 November.

Called Fire And Blood, it is a “hefty book, almost 1,000 manuscript pages” and “illustrated throughout”.

He added, playfully, that he had “seen the archmaester’s manuscript”.

Martin wrote: “Since it was handwritten on vellum with a quill pen, he required my help in transcribing the

text to a more modern format: WordStar 4.0, on a DOS computer.”

The blog also contains news that fans may find disappointing: the long-awaited sixth volume in the Game Of Thrones series, The Winds Of Winter, will not be arriving this year.

“No, winter is not coming... not in 2018, at least,” Martin said. The fifth volume, A Dance With Dragons, was released in 2011.

The new book, which Martin describes as an “imaginary history” and “not a novel”, will enable readers to “return to Westeros this year”.

Blogging about the prequel, Martin said: “This first volume covers all the Targaryen kings from Aegon I (the Conqueror) to the regen-

cy of Aegon III (the Dragonbane), along with their wives, wars, siblings, children, friends, rivals, laws, travels, and sundry other matters.

“For those not up on your Westerosi history, that’s Aegon I, Aenys, Maegor the Cruel, Jaehaerys I (the Conciliator), Viserys I, Aegon II (and Rhaenyra), and Aegon III (the regency).”

“Oh, and there are dragons too. Lots of dragons.”

There had to be a second volume, Martin said, because “the story doesn’t end with the regents of Aegon III. There is a lot more history to come.”

He ends his blog post by saying: “Archmaester Gyl-dayn is hanging up his quill for a while.

“As for me, I’m returning once again to THE WINDS OF WINTER.”

ARIES: Don’t be surprised if you have a desire to redecorate. The celestial energies have put you in the mood to rearrange your house a bit. Take care to not go overboard, Aries. You have a tendency to turn little projects into big ones. For now, content yourself with buying some flowering plants and perhaps new area rugs and throw pillows. Leave the kitchen and bath renovations for later. TAURUS: Be sure to answer all phone calls and open all letters and emails today, Taurus. You’re likely to receive some interesting news. You might get word from a former boss that you’d be perfect for a new position opening up in his or her office. Or perhaps an old lover makes tentative inquiries about re-

newing old bonds. Your eyebrows will rise in surprise at least once during this day. Expect the unexpected! GEMINI: Just as a watched pot never boils, so, too, do anxiously awaited checks or letters refuse to arrive in the mail, Gemini. Beyond double-checking that the person or company has your correct address, there isn’t much you can do but continue to wait. Trust that it will arrive shortly, and then your financial difficulties will be behind you. CANCER: No doubt you’re feeling attractive and passionate today, Cancer. Don’t be surprised if a former lover gets in touch with you to try and rekindle the old flame. The attention is flattering, to be sure, but you’re unlikely to have any

desire to pursue the relationship. You’re happy with what you have right now. And as they say, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” LEO: As you get older, you’re drawn more and more to spiritual matters, Leo. It isn’t so much that you’re embracing any particular religion, more that you’re quite curious about the supernatural and some of the ancient arts. Take some time today to visit the library or bookstore and do some reading on the subject. You might want to form a study group with other like-minded individuals. VIRGO: Don’t hesitate to try something new today, Virgo. If you’ve thought about joining a book club or taking a class, do it today! You’re likely to meet some

interesting people and enter a new social world. You might be tentative at first, but you’ll find the group warm, friendly, and eager for your input. You’ll talk like old friends by the end of the second meeting. This is just the infusion of fun you need! LIBRA: You’re likely to feel optimistic and enthusiastic about life today, Libra. You might also feel especially sexy, a feeling you should definitely take advantage of! Why not plan a romantic evening with your loved one? Don’t hesitate to talk about your travel dreams over dinner. You never know, he or she just might share your dream. Before you know it, the two of you could be winging your way to exotic lands.

SCORPIO: Today is full of possibilities, Scorpio. You could fall in love at first sight, or at least meet someone who captures your interest! You should be feeling especially loving, passionate, and eager to devote yourself to a worthy cause or creative activity. Don’t expect everything to fall into place right away. You could hit a few obstacles, but the ultimate result will be worth the bumps along the way. SAGITTARIUS: You’re looking beautiful and feeling passionate, Sagittarius. If only your passions could be reciprocated! Even though there may not be anyone special in your life right now, that’s no reason to not treat yourself well. Go out for a nice meal or, better yet, order take-out and dine

at home, complete with music, candles, and your finest china. You should appreciate yourself even if no one else does at the moment. CAPRICORN: This could be a frustrating day in the romance department, Capricorn. Communication is blocked at all levels. You’re anxious to speak with your loved one, but simply can’t reach him or her. Perhaps the phone system is malfunctioning or email is acting up. You feel as though the Universe is conspiring against you. Take heart. Your partner will contact you soon enough, and your reunion will be electric! AQUARIUS: You have certainly felt better than you do today, Aquarius. We’ll pause here while you go and fetch the aspirin. The

stomachache and headache are simply the result of recent overindulgence. Don’t worry - you’ll be fit as a fiddle by tomorrow morning. Next time someone offers you multiple helpings of food or drink, however, you might want to consider politely declining! PISCES: You could be feeling playful today, Pisces. Your romantic partner will certainly appreciate your fun-loving mood. Why not plan a fun day together doing something other than your usual routine? Rather than dinner and a movie, how about lunch and a visit to a museum or art gallery? You have both been working very hard lately. Your relationship will benefit from an injection of spontaneity.