

SummitTIMES

Vol 03 | Issue 45 | Gangtok | Tuesday | 20 February 2018

ON TOP OF THE NEWS

RNI No. SIKENG/2016/69420

Pages 8 | ₹ 5

CM discusses Smart City Project in Namchi

Inaugurates free citizen e-learning centre
Namchi, 19 Feb [IPR]: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling attended a high level strategic consultative meeting of stakeholders on smart cities mission at Community Hall in Namchi today. He was accompanied by cabinet ministers, chairperson, advisors, officials, representatives from Namchi Munical Council and Panchayats.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Chamling spoke in detail about Namchi being selected under the Smart City Project which will further enable Namchi to be one of the model cities in the country. He highlighted that this smart city project will bring about a slew of developmental projects, mobilisation of resources and will encompass the entire gamut of civic administration.

The CM also highlighted the various developmental projects that Namchi has witnessed and credited the devel-



opment to the various innovative and creative economic opportunities generated by the state government. He emphasized that it is imperative for the people of Namchi to be educated on cleanliness so as to boost the holistic developmental activities which will be

shouldered in the smart city project.

He elucidated that smart city should be environment friendly and should aim to be one of the best in the country. He also underlined that the vacant places in and around Namchi should be planted with vari-

ous kinds of plants and trees to conserve local environment and combat global warming.

In addition, the CM urged the concerned department to install street lights on a priority basis. Furthermore, the CM also expressed his disappointment over the

delay in construction of ropeway and commencement of smart city project wherein he directed that these projects be expedited.

Additionally, the CM also shared his vision to establish food, fashion and flower street in and around Namchi. He an-

nounced that a Children Park, multi parking place will be constructed in Namchi at the earliest. He also informed that provision for building a state-of-the-art library will be placed soon.

The CM also said that the proposal for the construction of six-storied 300-bedded Namchi District Hospital with parking space will be placed in the upcoming budget session. He further enumerated the various schemes conceptualized by the state government for the benefit of the general public.

Later, the CM inaugurated the free citizen e-learning centre in Namchi which aims at advocating computer literacy and is also under the smart city project, an undertaking of Urban Development & Housing Department.

Speaking during the occasion, Secretary of UD&HD spoke in brief about the aims and objectives of smart city.

turn to pg02



CM inspects various sites at Namchi

NAMCHI, 19 FEB [IPR]: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling inspected various sites in and around Namchi today.

He inspected Dak Bungalow, government land near doctors' quarter above Rajya Sainik Board, Old Primary School complex of Namchi Senior Secondary School and Boomtar Government land.

He also inspected the progress of the under construction Kisan Market and that of the extension of Central Park for Namchi beautification. He also inspected Boomtar Government quarter complex and irrigation

land near New Secondary School.

The inspection of vacant sites was carried out for construction of Children's Park, parking area, open amphitheatre, pedestrian footpath, erecting of street lights, underground cabling work, improvising on drainage, sewerage system and drinking water and building of pay and use toilet.

The CM further directed all the concerned departments who are in charge of overlooking the progress of these sites to adopt an environment friendly and world class standard.

Bhutan Foreign Minister arrives Tues on 3-day visit

NEW DELHI, FEB 19 (PTI): Bhutanese Foreign Minister Lyonpo Damcho Dorji will arrive here tomorrow on a three-day visit during which both sides are expected to discuss a range of key issues including ways to further boost strategic cooperation.

His visit here comes a fortnight after Army Chief General Bipin Rawat, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval travelled to Bhutan.

Dorji will hold extensive talks with External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj besides meeting a number of other leaders, official sources said.

All bilateral issues of mutual interest will be discussed during Dorji's visit, said a source.

Earlier this month, Gen. Rawat, Doval and Gokhale had quietly travelled to Bhutan during which they held extensive talks with the top brass of the Bhutanese government on the situation in Doklam, authoritative government sources had told PTI.

The sources said the two sides had deliberated on China's increasing military posturing and infrastructure development in the key Doklam plateau. The visit took place between February 6 and 7.

The visit by Gen. turn to pg03

Everester Kunzang Gyatso elected new NESCM chairperson

**NIRMAL MANGAR
GANGTOK, 19 FEB:**

Everester Kunzang Gyatso Bhutia from Sikkim has been elected as the new Chairperson of The North East Sports Climbing and Mountaineering Committee [NESCM].

40-year-old Kunzang who is presently posted as the Chief Instructor at Indian Himalayan Centre of Adventure and Eco Tourism in Chemchey, South Sikkim is the first person from Sikkim to hold the post.

"I take this as an opportunity to promote mountaineering and mainly sports climbing which is a new upcoming sport in India," said Kunzang while speaking to SummitTimes.

In 2008, Kunzang successfully summited Mount Everest.

He was elected during an NESCM meeting held in Gangtok



on 18 Feb.

It may be mentioned here, NESCM is a committee formed by the Indian Mountaineering Federation.

"There are five zones, North, East, South, West and North East Zone. The main function of the zonal committee is to regulate, advocate, promote, teach and implement

sports climbing in their respective zonal States," added Kunzang.

The committee is also hosting an inter-state sports climbing competition in Mizoram this year. However, the date has not been fixed yet.

Kunzang, who is also the president of Sikkim Mountaineering Association, is the only

Indian climber to participate in the Ice Climbing World Cup Championship held in the first week of Feb.

"It was a learning experience to know the training methods and equipment handling. I am hoping to share the experience with the young athletes of Sikkim as well," he added.

Int'l conference on state of cryosphere in Himalayas begins

GANGTOK, 19 FEB [IPR]: Two-day International Conference to discuss the state of cryosphere in the Himalaya kicked off today at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok with Minister for Science and Technology, TW Lepcha, present as chief guest during the inaugural function.

Organised in collaboration with the Department of Science and Technology & Climate Change, Sikkim University, and Integrated Mountain Initiative, the conference had the presence of eminent personalities working in the field of cryosphere from across the globe along with scientists and researchers from within the country.

The conference has been organised with the objective of bringing together scientists and researchers, students and policy makers to understand latest scientific developments in glaciology and to develop future road



map for research needs.

The inaugural session was addressed by Dr J Srinivasan and Dr Anil Kulkarni from Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, Dr Akhilesh

[MP, Lok Sabha] from Sikkim addressed the gathering via a video message.

Minister for Science and Technology Department, Mr Lepcha, lauded the efforts of

the organisers of the conference and appreciated the work undertaken by DST and Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department for mitigation measures for South Lohna Lake

and further suggested that the monitoring of the intervention needs to continue.

He mentioned that the Glacier Commission that had been set up in the State needed to be revived to strengthen the ongoing research work on Sikkim's glaciers and wetlands. Further, he stressed that every individual must also strive to contribute for environment conservation and practicing eco friendly habits.

In his welcome address, Principal Secretary, DST, Dr K Jayakumar, mentioned that the conference was made possible by the cooperation of various agencies and the vision of MP, PD Rai. He also presented the activities of the Department with special focus on the work undertaken by the Glacier and Climate Change Commission.

Dr Akhilesh Gupta pre-

turn to pg02

BJP Sikkim to sit on dharna at DC Office

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 FEB:**

Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh's youth front has announced to stage a two-day dharna on 23-24 Feb here in front of the District Collectorate's Office in Gangtok. This was decided during a meeting of the youth front of the party at its zonal office in Singtam, East Sikkim today.

The meeting was attended by the State president, DB Chauhan, youth working president, Laten Sherpa, and other senior leaders of the state-unit.

A BJP press release informs that the dharna will protest rampant corruption in the State and failure of the state government to address the increasing problem of unemployment and suicides in the State and other sensitive issues.

The release also informs that 20 youths led by Arjun Subba and Rajib Subba from Gyalshing-Bermiok constituency from different regional parties joined the BJP today.

The party president administered oath to new office bearers. Madan Karki and Gopal Pradhan has been appointed as vice-presidents of East district, Jigdel Bhutia as treasurer, Shanti Sharma and LP Acharya as secretaries and SK Chettri as general secretary of East district, the release mentions.

CM discusses Smart City Project in Namchi

contd from pg01

He elucidated about the various features of smart city namely that of housing and inclusiveness, creating walkable localities, providing quality health care, preserving and developing open spaces, promoting a variety of transport options, making governance citizen-friendly, cost effective and creation of digital awareness, applying smart solutions to infrastructure and services. He also added that the creation of smart city will further open up various avenues of employment to the youth in order to make them self sufficient and self reliant.

Joint City Town Planner [Smart City], Navin Rai, presented a Power Point presentation on Smart Cities Mission wherein he informed about the various developmental projects that will be undertaken under the smart city project.

During the course of the programme, a detailed interaction was also conducted between the gathering and the smart city officials.

Geetanjali Thapa impresses critics in Kuch Bheege Alfaz

**NITESH R PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 19 FEB:**

Sikkimese actor, Geetanjali Thapa, has not only won the coveted National Award for best actress but also won a spate of awards in various film festivals for roles that have now made her one of the most sought after actresses in the independent cinema circuit having worked with some leading filmmakers of the country.

Her recent release 'Kuch Bheege Alfaz', directed by noted filmmaker, Onir, where she plays a leucoderma affected girl, has met with positive reviews with critics raving about Thapa's performance.

In a review, a leading film magazine, Filmfare, writes, "Geetanjali Thapa's live wire performance is the soul of the movie."

Another review in Times of India states that "Geetanjali... shines bright like the sunshine".

This in one of her many performances [Liar's Dice], that has been well received by critics.



She also appeared alongside Rajkumar Rao in last year's sleeper success, "Trapped".

While in a promotional spree for the movie 'Kuch Bheege Alfaz', actor Geetanjali Thapa has spoken up on various issues to the national media including identity and also on getting work in an industry which has a stereotypical approach in many

fronts including casting.

It was reported in the media that newsmen were also confused with the identity of Thapa with many thinking that she was a foreigner.

Speaking out boldly, the Sikkimese actress accepted having faced racial discrimination. However she also appreciated leading Indian filmmakers for

casting her without caring about her looks.

Representing a strong voice of breaking all notions of stereotype in the heart of Indian film industry, Geetanjali Thapa is an example of sheer hard-work and dedication which has successfully made her a luminous example of a progressive and new film industry.

Sikkim runners bag medals at Ruggedian Kolhapur Run-Ultra Marathon

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 FEB:**

Two long distance runners from Sikkim have won medals in the recently concluded Ruggedian Kolhapur Run-Ultra Marathon held on 11 Feb at Kolhapur in Maharashtra. Sushila Rai took the first position in the 21 kms women's category with timing of 1 hour 45 minutes and 19 seconds while Surat Raj Subba finished the 21 kms Open Marathon in the 2nd position with timing of 1 hour 16 minutes and 15 seconds.

Likewise, another runner, Buddha Singh Subba, stood on the fourth position in 10 kms marathon with timing of 32 minutes and 54 seconds. Marathon Man of Sikkim, Amar Subba, who was also the Brand Ambassador of the event, also participated in 50 kms run in 35-50 years' category and finished in sixth position with timing



of 5 hours 30 minutes.

Addressing a press conference here today, Mr Subba expressed his happiness and satisfaction on the performance of his students in the event. He added that 15,000 runners from different parts of the country and outside participated in different

categories of the event. It was an encouraging performance by runners from Sikkim among national and international runner, he said.

Mr Subba encouraged youngsters to enter the field of marathon and to make a career in the national and international levels. He thanked all well

wishers and supporters for helping young athletes. He also thanked the state government for supporting and honouring sportspersons of the State.

"It was a tough route but I was confident to do well in the event and I'm happy and satisfied to have finished the race in first position," said 19-year-old Sushila.

Sushila is a class XII student of Dentam Senior Secondary School in West Sikkim and a national level footballer from Sikkim.

"I started running marathon from August last year after getting motivated by Amar Subba. I am happy and sat-

isfied with my achievements so far," she said.

She took the third place in Patna Marathon under 21 kms category held in January this year.

She also thanked Maneybong Dentam Sports Society and family members for their support in helping her go ahead in the field of sports.

Likewise, Surat Raj Subba thanked his coach, Amar Subba for guiding and coaching him. He also expressed happiness with his performance in the event. Surat has won medals in the national and state level competitions in 3 years of his marathon career.

SKM accuses NK Subba of making irresponsible statement

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 19 FEB:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has alleged that West district in-charge of Sikkim Democratic Front, Minister NK Subba, gave an irresponsible and controversial statement on 17 Feb during the coordination meeting of the party held at Gyalshing community hall.

SKM has alleged that the Minister had said that SDF must take the upcoming election as a challenge regardless of whether the Karmapa is allowed to come to Sikkim or Limboo and Tamang communities get Assembly seats.

In a press release, SKM alleges that the statement was very unfortunate for followers of the Karmapa and for the Limboo and Tamang communities. The statement proves that the ruling party is not serious about these demands, the release alleges.

The party has demanded that the Minister should immediately give a clarification on the statement to the people of Sikkim.



SNPP inaugurates its head office at Zero

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 19 FEB:**

Sikkim National People's Party today inaugurated its head-office at Zero near Mayfair Resort along the road leading to Rey. SNPP president, Biraj Adikhari, inaugurated the party head-office in the presence of SNPP chief coordinator, Delay Namgyal Barfungpa, and party supporters.

Addressing the media, the SNPP president said that the party will be contesting the Assembly elections in 2019 which is why it is opening the party office.

"We did not contest the Assembly elections

in 2014 but this time we will definitely take part. We are preparing the vision document of the party which will be released to the people through media in the coming days. We will also prepare social, economic and political programmes for the people of Sikkim. We will try to give a proper government which represents the people of Sikkim as the present government does not represent the people of Sikkim," he added.

The SNPP chief coordinator also released an audio song of the SNPP composed and sung by the SNPP president.

Int'l conference on state of cryosphere in...

contd from pg01

sented on the climate change programme of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, mentioning that there has been significant growth in the higher education and research sector in the field of climate science in India, with more than 3000 scientists working in this field. Sikkim has also been supported by setting up of the Climate Change Cell under Department of Science and Technology and Climate Change and Dr Gupta assured of supporting more programmes in the future.

Dr Kulkarni from the Divecha Center for Climate Change presented the work undertaken by their center in the country including Sikkim.

He also spoke on the societal impacts of shrinking glaciers on mountain communities who are entirely dependent on glacier fed streams. Elaborating on the fruitful collaboration with the Sikkim Government, he expressed his keenness to support future glacier related programmes of the state.

Representing SDC's Indian Himalayan Climate Adaptation Programme [IHCAP], Dr Mustafa Ali Khan, presented the overall objectives of the IHCAP programme being undertaken in the Himalayan region and offered to support the government in developing glacier related curriculum in the State.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Organising Secretary of the conference, DG Shrestha, who informed the gathering that due to the good governance under the leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling an international conference of this magnitude was made possible.

The post lunch session had international delegates, Tobias Bolch from University of Zurich, Dr Jeff Dozier from University of California, Dr Umesh Haritashya from University of Dayton, Dr Anna Sinisalo from ICIMOD, Rakesh Kayastha from Kathmandu University, Kinley Wangmo and Thupstan Aun-chuk from Bhutan, taking to the stage and talking about the various aspects of cryosphere research. Other delegates from India were from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Tata Energy and Research Institute, and National Center for Antarctic and Ocean Research. From Sikkim, Dr Smriti Basnett presented on the preliminary work conducted under the Inter University Consortium on Cryopshere and Climate Change from Sikkim University.

The International Conference has been organised with the support of Government of Sikkim, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and other agencies such as IHCAP, TERI, ICIMOD, Divecha Center for Climate Change.

CONTACT:-
9733015218
9609258314

RAMOLA CELLULAR
GANGTOK

2018
Happy New Year!

Bluetooth Speaker
30% discount

NOKIA
NOKIA WITH LATEST OS ANDROID 7.1.2 NOUGAT

BAJAJ FINSERV
EASY EMI AVAILABLE HERE

GET EXCLUSIVE OFFER ON ALL BRANDS
BUY ANY SMARTPHONE ABOVE RS.10000/- &
GET EXCLUSIVE PRICE OFFER AND FREE GIFT

FREE GIFT

F5 Capture the real you Selfie Expert

LAPTOP

VIVO Smart Phone

GIONEE
M7 Power

APPLE

New Year Offer

to book
advertisements
in SummitTimes
call
03592-208698,
9734152541
9647102692

*Gangtok on
Tuesday,
20 Feb*

Temp: 21°C / 06°C
Forecast: Some sun,
then turning cloudy
with occasional rain
in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 06:09AM
Sunset: 5:30 PM

DRI seizes elephant tusk worth over Rs 1 crore

KOLKATA, FEB 19 (PTI): An elephant tusk worth over Rs 1 crore has been seized by DRI officials from Siliguri, according to an official statement issued today.

Based on specific intelligence input that an elephant tusk would be carried from Assam to Siliguri on a private bus for smuggling to Nepal, officers of DRI intercepted the vehicle in the Malaguri area in the early hours of Thursday.

A rucksack was found under the driver's seat when the bus was searched.

"The rucksack was packed with old and used clothes on the top and underneath the clothes, three pieces of an elephant tusk were kept concealed in packed condition," it said.

The tusk, weighing 12.4 kg, has a total length of 0.86 metre and a girth of 0.36 metre. It had been cut into three pieces for ease of packaging and transportation, the statement read.

"The two drivers of the vehicle confessed to carrying the elephant tusk at the behest of one person, a resident of Kolkata, for smuggling into Nepal," it read.

The elephant tusk, worth over Rs 1 crore in

turn to pg05

Bhutan Foreign Minister arrives Tues on 3-day visit

contd from pg01

Rawat, Doval and Gokhale was the first such high-level trip from India to Bhutan after the Doklam standoff and it was kept under wraps by the Bhutanese and Indian sides.

Troops of India and China were locked in a 73-day-long standoff in Doklam from June 16 last year after the Indian side stopped the building of a road in the disputed Doklam tri-junction by the Chinese Army. Bhutan and China have a dispute over Doklam. The face-off ended on August 28.

As a close friend and neighbour, Bhutan enjoys diplomatic and military support from India.

China and Bhutan are engaged in talks over the resolution of the dispute in the area.

Army sources said China has been keeping its troops in north Doklam and significantly ramping up its infrastructure in the area.

In November last, the King of Bhutan, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, had visited India.

BoxingtrainingcentreopensatArithang

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 FEB:

A boxing training centre of Sports & Youth Affairs Department was inaugurated by Gangtok Municipal Corporation Chairperson, Ashish Rai, at multipurpose hall here below Lall Bazaar flyover. The hall has been provided by the GMC on temporary basis for boxing practice. The centre presently has 50 students who have been training under the State boxing coach, Pratima Gooroong.

In his address, Mr Rai talked about his plans to develop Arithang as a centre of excellence in sports, art, culture and other creative fields. He added that sports is a good platform for guiding youth towards a productive path.

Gangtok is faced with space constraints so there is need to encourage children and youngsters in indoor games, said Mr Rai.

He urged everyone to come forward to encourage youth towards becoming responsible



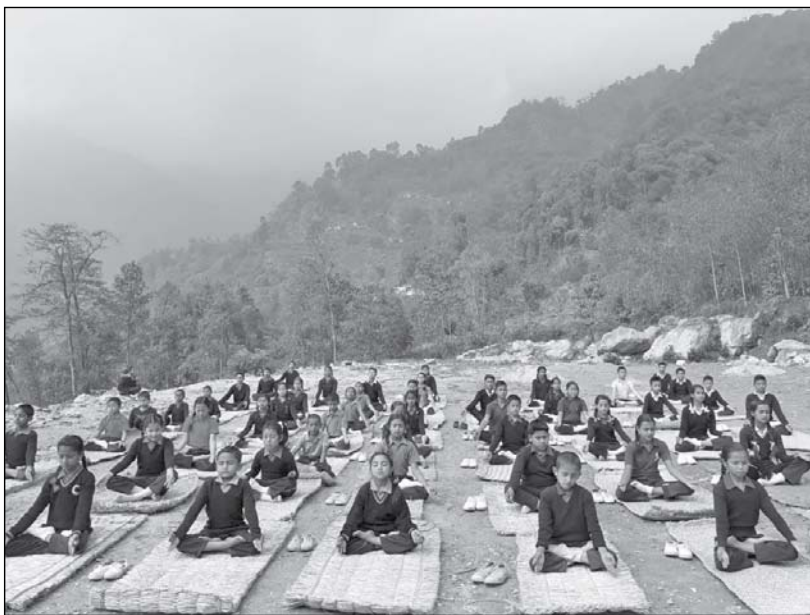
citizens. Further, he expressed hope that the centre will produce national and international level pugilists from the area. He also urged the people of the area to make full use of the facility by sending their children to the centre.

Sikkim Amateur Boxing Association president, Jaslall Prad-

han, encouraged young boxers to set goals and pursue them. He also urged parents to support and encourage the interest of their wards. This hall is an asset and pugilists should properly utilize the facility for their growth, he added.

Earlier, State boxing coach, Ms Gooroong, thanked the GMC

and its Chairperson, Mr Rai, for providing the hall for training young children in boxing. She assured to produce more promising pugilists from the centre and added that young boxers have been doing well in the state and national levels. She also urged the people of Arithang to make full use of this facility.



GANGTOK, 19 FEB: To promote an eco-friendly way of practicing Yoga, Sama Lingdum Secondary School in Ranka, East Sikkim has come up with eco-friendly and cost-effective Yoga mats. "The mat has been made and woven by locally available hay known as 'Gundri' to compliment the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan," said the school Principal, K Pradhan.

RMDD Minister inaugurates VAC at Dochung

KHAMDONG, 19 FEB

[IPR]: Minister of Rural Management & Development Department, SB Subedi, inaugurated the Village Administrative Centre of Sirwani GPU, Khamdong Block, East Sikkim here at Dochung Ward in Khamdong today. The function also had the presence of Minister of Agriculture, Somnath Poudyal, along with host of other dignitaries.

After inaugurating the Village Administrative Centre, the Minister took a round of the newly



established Centre and congratulated the Panchayat President, Members and the administra-

tive staff. The five-room Centre is well equipped to accommodate the offices of area MLA, BDO,

Panchayat President & members and administrative staff.

On his arrival, Mr Subedi hoisted the National flag in front of the Centre and unveiled the plaque, thereby officially inaugurating the Village Administrative Centre. The Centre will be fully functional from today onwards.

Later, addressing the gathering, Mr Poudyal expressed gratitude to Minister SB Subedi for inaugurating the Village

turn to pg05

Fire in Toofan Express, alert driver averts major mishap

KOLKATA, FEB 19 (PTI): A major mishap was averted when the driver of Toofan Express detected a fire in the parcel coach and immediately detached it from other bogies, an Eastern Railway official said.

There was no injury or casualty to any passenger of the train, and only the parcel coach was affected in the fire that occurred between Mugma and Thaparnagar stations of Asansol division of Eastern Railway, the official said.

The 13007 Up Udayan Abha Toofan Express was travelling from Howrah to Shri Ganganagar when the blaze was detected at around 4.10 pm.

The driver, Bidyut Mondal, detected the fire and showing exemplary presence of mind, stopped the train and immediately started taking safety measures, he said.

The affected parcel van was separated from the other compartments and the engine.

A separate engine was called in to take back the train to Mugma, from where it will proceed to its destination after lines are cleared, the official added.

Central Pendam GPU holds Gram Sabha



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 FEB: Central Pendam Gram Panchayat Unit, under West Pendam constituency in East Sikkim, held a Gram Sabha today at Duga Gram Prasashan Kendra under Panchayat president, Dronacharya Sapkota, in the presence

of Zilla Panchayat member, Ganesh Chhetri, vice president, Meera Darji, members, Ganga Pradhan, Bharat Kumar Chhetri and Laxmun Baraaily.

A press release informs that the Sabha discussed problems faced by the residents of the Ward with major focus

on power cuts. Officials from the concerned department gave clarifications to the complaints raised by the villagers.

One-year plan for the GPU was passed in the resolution and the Panchayat members have decided to implement the plan, the release adds.



WORKSHOP ON LAND ACQUISITION ACT

GANGTOK, 19 FEB [IPR]: Sikkim Judicial Academy organized a workshop on "The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013" for District & Sessions Judges on 17 Feb at Sikkim Judicial Academy, High Court premises in Gangtok. Associate Professor [Law], National Law University, Delhi, Dr Amita Punj, was the resource person for the said programme.



SummitTIMES

ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Monsoon Ready?

Who are we kidding?

The thunder-squall which ripped through Sikkim last week should get everyone wondering about what awaits the State once the nor'westers open up in earnest in a few weeks time and what confusion will prevail should monsoons arrive in time a couple of months later and stay a proper season. To begin with, the stability of the hills here has never been very reassuring and they were noticeably weakened by the 18 September 2011 earthquake (yes, that temblor continues to have an effect) and other infrastructure like power and water supply have been severely compromised by absent professionalism and ubiquitous corruption. So yes, Sikkim better start getting worried about the monsoons adequately in advance, because compounding the teetering infrastructure is obvious disinterest and lack of communication in the administration.

The recent thunderstorm, although it was dramatic, was not rare for this time of the year. Most residents could even predict how long the downpour would last and which sections of their water lines might get disrupted by the inundation. And yet, wide parts of Gangtok lost electricity supply due to, one is told, damage at a sub-station. If an evening of thunder and lightning can snap power lines for up to four days to any part of Gangtok, what more sustained rains could wreck is anybody's guess. And that is the worrying part – no one in any office of consequence is making any intelligent guesses or investing either funds or thoughts on disaster preparedness. While one cannot throw blame for an act of nature as temperamental as lightning, one cannot dodge accountability for a failure to prepare. Mechanical breakdowns, one can understand, but delayed repair due to unpreparedness is just plain dereliction. If repairs were held up due to lack of spares and equipment, the concerned agencies need to go over their preparedness plans before the weather turns truly hostile. There should be some basic back-up options which anyone with even a passing interest in the needs of professional service delivery can draw up and submit. Get this done.

What was also worrying was the rather disinterested follow-up and lack of effort at streamlining communication that the last power outage revealed. No one was available at hand to clearly explain to the people exactly what was wrong, why repairs were taking so long, who was responsible for what and what was being done where. Everyone claimed to be working on a “war footing” but how can that be accepted at face value when information was neither being volunteered or provided clearly even when approached. The officials should understand that the people can handle bad news, they understand that even the best laid out plans can go wrong, but if there is no news, then they speculate and with speculation are born resentment and doubt. Why would they want to sow that? Taking the latest episode as an example, the district authorities should resuscitate the civil defence teams, open proper WhatsApp (since everyone seems to be there) groups to share updates, clarifications and suggestions. Don't do so, and the people will continue sniggering at your lack of professionalism and whispering about how corruption has ruined everything. Don't forget, some weeks ago, the CM, giving the power transmission network as an example, had hinted that there was a lot that slipped between what the Cabinet sanctioned for new transformers and what was eventually installed. And that will be the dominant belief until people are brought into the loop and kept informed and updated.

Now for the roads, the National Highway, inexplicably, continues to remain a work-in-progress, scratched and cracked by a combination of widening and repair efforts. The rest of the State has a series of rural roads under various stages of construction and remain risky ventures to drive on. While it was always advisable for the concerned agencies to reinforce the roads during the dry winter months in preparation for the onslaught of the rains, that lesson is conveniently forgotten ever winter. When one travels, the highways resemble excavations, when they should have been receiving fortification instead by now. We hear excuses, we hear allegations, but what we don't see is a confidence inspiring work on the roads.

It's taken thousands of years, but Western science is finally catching up to Traditional Knowledge

GEORGE NICHOLAS
theconversation.com

Our knowledge of what the denizens of the animal kingdom are up to, especially when humans aren't around, has steadily increased over the last 50 years. For example, we know now that animals use tools in their daily lives. Chimps use twigs to fish for termites; sea otters break open shellfish on rocks they selected; octopi carry coconut shell halves to later use as shelters.

The latest discovery has taken this assessment to new heights, literally. A team of researchers led by Mark Bonta and Robert Gosford in northern Australia has documented kites and falcons, colloquially termed “firehawks,” intentionally carrying burning sticks to spread fire. While it has long been known that birds will take advantage of natural fires that cause insects, rodents and reptiles to flee and thus increase feeding opportunities, that they would intercede to spread fire to unburned locales is astounding.

It's thus no surprise that this study has attracted great attention as it adds intentionality and planning to the repertoire of non-human use of tools. Previous accounts of avian use of fire have been dismissed or at least viewed with some skepticism.

While new to Western science, the behaviours of the nighthawks have long been known to the Alawa, MalakMalak, Jawoyn, and other Indigenous peoples of northern Australia whose ancestors occupied their lands for tens of thousands of years. Contrary to most scientific studies, Bonta and Gosford's team foregrounded their research in traditional Indigenous ecological knowledge. They also note that local awareness of the behaviour of the firehawks is ingrained within some of their ceremonial practices, beliefs and creation accounts.

The worldwide attention given to the firehawks article provides an opportunity to explore the double standard that exists concerning the acceptance of Traditional Knowledge by practitioners of Western science.

TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Our knowledge of the world comes from many sources. In my field, archaeologists have long depended upon ethnographic sources of information — detailed observations or information derived directly from communities studied — to help develop or test interpretations about past peoples' lives.

In recent years, many scholars have become aware of the large body of information known as Traditional Knowledge (TK), Indigenous Knowledge (IK), or Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), amongst other terms. These knowledge systems, developed over countless generations, are based on individual and collectively learned experiences and explanations of the world, verified by elders, and conveyed and guided experiential learning, and by oral traditions and other means of record keeping.

Traditional Knowledge has today become a highly valued source of information for archaeologists, ecologists, biologists, ethnobotanists, climatologists and others. This information ranges from medicinal properties of plants and insights into the value of biological diversity to caribou migration patterns and the effects of intentional burning of the landscape to manage particular resources. For example, some climatologist studies have incorporated Qaujimajutqangit (Inuit traditional knowledge) to explain changes in sea ice conditions observed over many generations.

Despite the wide acknowledgement of their demonstrated value, many scientists continue to have had an uneasy alliance with TK and Indigenous oral histories. On the one hand, TK and other types of local knowledge are valued when they support or supplements archaeological, or other scientific evidence.

However, when the situation is reversed — when Traditional Knowledge is seen to challenge scientific



A team of researchers in northern Australia have documented kites and falcons, “firehawks,” intentionally carrying burning sticks to spread fire: It is just one example of western science catching up to Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

“truths” — then its utility is questioned or dismissed as myth. Science is promoted as objective, quantifiable, and the foundation for “real” knowledge creation or evaluation while TK may be seen as anecdotal, imprecise and unfamiliar in form.

MULTIPLE WAYS OF KNOWING

Are Indigenous and Western systems of knowledge categorically antithetical? Or do they offer multiple points of entry into knowledge of the world, past and present? There are many cases where science and history are catching up with what Indigenous peoples have long known.

In the past two decades, archaeologists and environmental scientists working in coastal British Columbia have come to recognize evidence of mariculture — the intentional management of marine resources — that pre-dates European settlement. Over the course of thousands of years, the ancestors of the Kwakwaka'wakw and other Indigenous groups there created and maintained what have become known as “clam gardens” — rock-walled, terrace-like constructions that provide ideal habitat for butter clams and other edible shellfish.

To the Kwakwaka'wakw, these were known as loxiwe, according to Clan Chief Adam Dick (Kwaxistalla) who has shared this term and his knowledge of the practice with researchers.

As marine ecologist Amy Groesbeck and colleagues have demonstrated, these structures increase shellfish productivity and resource security significantly. This resource management strategy reflects a sophisticated body of ecological understanding and practice that predates modern management systems by millennia.

These published research studies now prove that Indigenous communities knew about mariculture for generations but Western scientists never asked them about it before. Once tangible remains were detected, it was clear mariculture management was in use for thousands of years. There is a move underway by various Indigenous communities in the region to restore and recreate clam gardens and put them back into use.

A second example demonstrates how Indigenous oral histories correct inaccurate or incomplete historical accounts. There are significant differences between Lakota and Cheyenne accounts of what transpired at the Battle of Greasy Grass (Little Big Horn) in 1876, and the historical accounts that appeared soon after the battle by white commentators.

The Lakota and Cheyenne can be considered more objective than white accounts of the battle that are tainted by Eurocentric bias. The ledger drawings of Red Horse, a Minneconjou Sioux participant in the battle, record precise details such as trooper's uniforms, the location of wounds on horses, and the distribution of Indian and white casualties.

In 1984, a fire at the battleground revealed military artifacts and human remains that prompted archaeological excavations. What this work revealed was a new, more accurate history of the battle that validated many elements of the Native American oral histories and accompanying pictographs and drawings of the events. However, without the archaeological evidence, many historians gave limited credence to the accounts obtained from the participating Native American warriors.

These examples, along with the firehawks

study, demonstrate the reliability of Indigenous knowledge.

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE INTERSECTION

As ways of knowing, Western and Indigenous Knowledge share several important and fundamental attributes. Both are constantly verified through repetition and verification, inference and prediction, empirical observations and recognition of pattern events.

While some actions leave no physical evidence (e.g. clam cultivation), and some experiments can't be replicated (e.g. cold fusion), in the case of Indigenous knowledge, the absence of “empirical evidence” can be damning in terms of wider acceptance.

Some types of Indigenous knowledge simply fall outside the realm of prior Western understanding. In contrast to Western knowledge, which tends to be text based, reductionist, hierarchical and dependent on categorization (putting things into categories), Indigenous science does not strive for a universal set of explanations but is particularistic in orientation and often contextual.

One key attribute of Western science is developing and then testing hypotheses to ensure rigor and replicability in interpreting empirical observations or making predictions. Although hypothesis testing is not a feature of TEK, rigor and replicability are not absent.

Whether or not traditional knowledge systems and scientific reasoning are mutually supportive, even contradictory lines of evidence have value. Employing TK-based observations and explanations within multiple working hypotheses ensures consideration of a variety of predictive, interpretive or explanatory possibilities not constrained by Western expectation or logic. And hypotheses incorporating traditional knowledge-based information can lead the way toward unanticipated insights.

The travels of Glooscap, a major figure in Abenaki oral history and worldview, are found throughout the Mi'kmaq homeland of the Maritime provinces of eastern Canada. As a Transformer, Glooscap created many landscape features. Anthropologist Trudy Sable (Saint Mary's University) has noted a significant degree of correlation between places named in Mi'kmaq legends and oral histories and recorded archaeological sites.

Indigenous peoples don't need Western science to validate or legitimate their knowledge system. Some do appreciate the verification, and there are partnerships developing worldwide with Indigenous knowledge holders and Western scientists working together.

This includes Traditional Ecological Knowledge informing government policies on resource management in some instances. But it is nonetheless problematic when their knowledge, which has been dismissed for so long by so many, becomes a valuable data set or used selectively by academics and others.

To return to the firehawks example, one way to look at this is that the scientists confirmed what the Indigenous peoples have long known about the birds' use of fire. Or we can say that the Western scientists finally caught up with TK after several thousand years.

[the writer is Professor of Archaeology, Simon Fraser University]

When citizens set the budget: lessons from ancient Greece

DAVID M. PRITCHARD & LYNN CARSON

theconversation.com

Today elected representatives take the tough decisions about public finances behind closed doors. In doing so, democratic politicians rely on the advice of financial bureaucrats, who, often, cater to the political needs of the elected government. Politicians rarely ask voters what they think of budget options. They are no better at explaining the reasons for a budget. Explanations are usually no more than vacuous phrases, such as “jobs and growth” or “on the move”. They never explain the difficult trade-

offs that go into a budget nor their overall financial reasoning.

This reluctance to explain public finances was all too evident during the global financial crisis.

In Australia, Britain and France, centre-left governments borrowed huge sums in order to maintain private demand and, in one case, to support private banks. In each country these policies helped a lot to minimise the crisis's human costs.

Yet, in the elections that followed the centre-left politicians that had introduced these policies refused properly to justify them. They feared that voters would not tolerate robust discussion about public financ-

es. Without a justification for their generally good policies each of these government was defeated by centre-right opponents.

In most democracies there is the same underlying problem: elected representatives do not believe that voters can tolerate the financial truth. They assume that democracy is not good at managing public finances. For them it can only balance the budget by leaving voters in the dark.

For decades, we, independently, have studied democracy today and in the ancient past. We have learned that this assumption is dead wrong. There are more and

more examples of how involving ordinary voters results in better budgets.

In 1989, councils in poor Brazilian towns began to involve residents in setting budgets. This participatory budgeting soon spread throughout South America. It has now been successfully tried in Germany, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Sweden, the United States, Poland and Australia, and some pilot projects were set up in France too. Participatory budgeting is based on the clear principle that those who will be most affected by a tough budget should be involved in setting it.

In spite of such successful dem-

ocratic experiments, elected representatives still shy away from involving ordinary voters in setting budgets. This is very different from what happened in ancient Athens 2,500 years ago.

HOW THE ANCIENT ATHENIANS DID IT

In Athenian democracy ordinary citizens actually set the budget. This ancient Greek state had a solid budget, in spite of, or, we would say, because of the involvement of the citizens in taking tough budget decisions.

Ancient Athens was incredibly successful state. It developed democracy to a higher level than any

other did before modern times. It was the leading cultural innovator of classical times. Democratic Athens quickly became a military superpower. These successes did not come cheaply. They depended on Athenian democracy's ability to raise new taxes and to control public spending.

Athenian democracy required frank discussions about this public spending. This requirement lay at the heart of its surprising success at balancing budgets. In this direct democracy assembly-goers voted for or against each policy. The Athenian assembly met forty

turn to 05

RMDD Minister...

cond from pg03

Administrative Centre for the benefit of the people of the GPU and adjoining areas.

He shared the schemes and programmes directed towards the progress and development of the rural masses under the leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling. He stated that Sikkim is a unique model of inclusive development, and the highest offices of the country are recognizing the contribution made by Sikkim to the people of the State and the country.

He highlighted on the importance of leadership in uplifting the people and ensuring all round development.

"In the month of April, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling will break the record of being the longest serving Chief Minister of an Indian State. We should realise, acknowledge and be grateful for the paradigm shift brought about under his leadership," he stated.

Speaking on Panchayati Raj, Mr Poudyal reiterated on the vision of the government to decentralise power and set high standards in terms of achieving power devolution and excellence in local self-governance. He emphasized on the need to make Gram Sabhas more participative, with active involvement of officers of all line departments.

Mr Poudyal urged the people of the GPU and adjoining areas to make optimum use of the Village Administrative Centre for all the official works.

Earlier, ADC Development, East, Dr. AB Karki in his address highlighted some of the schemes and programmes imple-

mented by the RM&DD at the grass root level. He urged the Panchayats and administrative staff stationed at the VAC to work with utmost sincerity and diligence to achieve the stipulated targets for rural development works. He recorded his appreciation for the efficient functioning of the GPU under an able Panchayat. He also assured to visit the VAC at least once a month to monitor the functioning.

The programme was also addressed by Director Panchayat, RMDD, MN Dhakal, who emphasized on the need to constitute five Standing Committees to address specific issues. He also highlighted on the need to ensure transparent functioning, especially while handling the resource envelope and reporting the activities of the VAC.

The programme was also addressed by Zilla Adhyaksha East, Samsher Rai, and Panchayat President, Sirwani GPU, Bhim Maya Gajmer.

The programme also saw felicitation of the land donors, Aiti Maya Darnal and her four sons by the chief guest Mr Subedi. The present VAC stands at the land donated by them.

Several individuals who have contributed to the progress and development of the people of the GPU through their sincere services were also felicitated on the occasion.

Cultural presentations by members of local clubs lent some colour and festivity to the programme.

The programme was attended by officers of line departments, Panchayat members, members of NGOs and local gentry.



JAP ward councilor joins Morcha

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 19 FEB:

Ward councilor of ward number 4, Kalimpong, GOC Phippon, who had won the last civic election from Jan Andolan Party's ticket, has switched to the Binoy faction of Gorkha Jan Mukti Morcha today.

In a meeting held in Delo tourist lodge, Mr Phippon held Morcha's flag and said, "JAP talked about development but I don't know what has happened to that now. We have to practice ward-development and since that didn't happen with JAP, I have decided to merge and work with Morcha for further developments."

Coordinator of GJMM Kalimpong branch, Sanchibir Subba, handed him the party flag.

Mr Phippon also said that as a

ward councilor, Ward's problems should be the Commissioner's priority. He expressed hopes to do the same holding Morcha's flag in his hands.

"Municipality and GTA should have a similar ideology to uplift the place, therefore, we have decided that we will develop our place by working together," said Mr Phippon.

However, vice chairperson of GTA, Anit Thapa, later said that they have come here to uplift the place and he, as the vice chairperson, welcomes anybody who comes to their faction for development.

"Kalimpong is doing well in broadening their horizon. We could see a problem of groupism before but I think that is also getting better now," said Mr Thapa.

Meanwhile, when Dr Harka Bahadur Chettri was asked to comment, he said that it was JAP who had introduced him to people.

"Whoever had joined JAP with vested interests has left and are leaving. However, it won't make a difference to the party. It will make us sad but we can't stop them. They had initially come for the sake of a separate State. If they would have joined a party for the Gorkhaland demand that would be fine, but it is only JAP who is consistent about it and they have joined a party who has abandoned the Gorkhaland demand," said Dr Chettri.

The Morcha district committee also claimed that around 40 JAP supporters [houses] have joined Morcha today along with Mr Phippon.

Darj NGO helps rescue minor from Dehradun



SMRITA KHAWAS

KALIMPONG, 19 FEB:

One girl child from Assam has been rescued from Dehradun by an NGO based in Darjeeling named Anugyalaya. The NGO received information from a well-wisher from Dehradun in Utrakhand that a tribal girl working as a domestic help in Dehradun was in a bad condition.

Child Protection Officer of Anugyalaya Darjeeling, Tej Kumar Thapa, verified the information from another source in Dehradun who then provided factual information following which Mr Thapa alerted Dehradun's Superintendent of Police and Child Welfare Committee, District Child Protection Unit and his support organization regarding the minor child's situation and requested for a rescue operation.

After receiving the information from CPO Anugyalaya Darjeeling, Dehradun Police swung into action and rescued that 14-year-old girl.

The CWC Dehradun conducted a counseling session for the rescued girl wherein it was learnt that the minor had been trafficked about five years ago from a remote village in Assam. She stated that her known Jija [brother-in-law] who is from her village took her to Delhi five years ago on the pretext of providing her education and a better future.

The brother-in-law handed her over to a rich man in Delhi.

The minor was working as a domestic help in Delhi where her employer allegedly tortured her mentally and often abused her verbally.

After two years, she ran away from the employer's house and went to her brother-in-law who also lives in Delhi for help. She was only nine years old then. The accused took her to another employer in Noida where she was again exploited, now physically. She ran away this time again but her brother-in-law caught her and sent her back to the employer. This employer then sent her to his relative's place in Dehradun where she was again treated badly.

However, a friend of Mr Thapa's witnessed the injustice being done to the minor girl child and informed Mr Thapa.

Police have rescued the minor girl child and a case has been initiated against the brother-in-law. Both the employers are, however, absconding till now.

Team Anugyalaya traced her home and family back in Assam and informed them about their daughter.

After all legal formalities and proceedings with the help of Anugyalaya Darjeeling, the minor girl child has safely returned home.

DRI seizes elephant tusk worth over Rs 1 crore

cond from pg03

the international market, was seized and the drivers were arrested for smuggling of wildlife parts.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the elephant was poached in the forested areas of Arunachal Pradesh or Assam 5-6 months ago, it read.

"There is an urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crimes, which has environmental, social and economic impact and a concerted effort is needed by all the law enforcement agencies in combating the same," the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) said.

The DRI is committed to combating wildlife crimes, including cross-border crimes.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Suren Mohra son of Ran Bahadur Darjee resident of Ramabong, South Sikkim hereby declare that my name is recorded as **SURAN DARJEE** in my voter card, birth certificate and school certificate till B.A. Do i declare that both the names i.e. **SUREN MOHRA** and **SUREN DARJEE** is a same person.

DECLARATION BY SUREN MOHRA.



FOOD SECURITY & AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM KRISHI BHAWAN DRAFT ADVERTISEMENT

This is for information to all involved in the marketing of the organic produce of the State, that there is a provision to provide subsidy for "Packaging material with organic logo and hologram printing, Preparation of labels and Branding" under the Scheme "Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana". Interested persons of the existing PKVY clusters may contact the undersigned for further information.

K.K. Pradhan, Director, Mobile No. 9832017868FSADD, Krishi Bhawan, Tadong, East Sikkim.

S.T. Bhutia Mobile No. 9641083663, Additional Director, INM Division, FSADD, Krishi Bhawan, Tadong, East Sikkim. R.O. No. 568/lpr/pr/classi/17-18 Dt. 17.2.2018

Bihar courts continue to battle huge pendency of cases

PATNA, FEB 19 (PTI): Litigants face harrowing time in Bihar, with over 16 lakh cases pending in subordinate judiciary due to a whopping 45 per cent vacancies of judicial officers.

The situation is no better in the Patna High Court, where 1,45,110 cases are pending in the absence of sufficient strength of judges.

As on February 17, 2018, a total of 16,74,883 cases are pending across the district courts of Bihar while 1,45,110 cases are waiting for adjudication in the Patna High Court, according to National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) website.

Of the total number of pending cases at Patna High Court, 16.54 per cent cases have been pending for over 10 years while 30.12 per cent of the cases are lying pending for less than two years.

The delay in filling up judicial va-

cancies is a major reason behind the pending cases, Bihar's Advocate General Lalit Kishore said.

Though some speedy disposal of cases are witnessed both in the High Court as well district courts of Bihar, but the pendency of cases for years remained a problem.

The total number of pending cases in subordinate courts of Bihar has come down to 16,74,883 (as on February 17, 2018) from 21,39,380 cases a year ago (as on March 31, 2017), e Supreme Court quarterly magazine said.

A total of 33,481 cases were filed in the subordinate courts of the state in January 2018 of which 26,111 cases were disposed of, the NJDG website said.

Whereas, 10,488 cases were filed in the Patna High Court last month, 9,809 cases were disposed of, it said.

Despite less working strength of judiciary, the judges have done a tremendous job in disposing cases especially Patna High Court judges including its Chief Justice who are holding courts even on Saturday to clear the backlog.

"If one sees the total outcome of the disposal rate during the last six months, the disposal rate is very satisfactory," Kishore said.

At present, The Patna High Court has 32 judges against the sanctioned strength of 53 as on February 1, 2018.

The situation in the lower courts vis-a-vis vacancies of judicial officers is more alarming as vacancies stood at around 45 per cent.

As on January 31, 2018, there were 1,828 sanctioned posts of judicial officers in the trial courts of the state against which 1,000 judicial officers are working, a Patna High Court official

When citizens set the budget: lessons from ancient Greece

cond from pg04

times per year. Twenty percent of voters always turned up. There was thus a big difference from now: ordinary citizens regularly attended meetings to discuss and to decide on public finances.

Athenian assembly-goers expected a politician who supported a policy to estimate its cost accurately. He had to demonstrate whether it was affordable. Often he faced the counter arguments of rival politicians that it was not affordable. In response he had to say how the cost could be reduced or a new tax introduced.

In ancient Athens politicians certainly did not believe that ordinary voters could not tolerate the financial truth. They often convinced

voters to increase taxes or to cut benefits for the sake of the greater good.

SETTING THE BUDGET TODAY

Today, in most participatory budgeting exercises, ordinary voters usually deliberate about only a portion of a budget. In 2014, however, a local council in Australia ran it differently. The City of Melbourne asked a group of ordinary people to help to set the entire budget of 2.5 billion euros. This group was a randomly selected cross section of local residents. The council gave this group complete access to the council's financial records and financial bureaucrats.

Over three months these ordinary voters had regular meetings about this

budget. After forty hours of deliberation, they were able to agree on spending priorities and to make recommendations about local taxes. They came up with budget solutions that no one had thought of before deliberating.

To everyone's surprise these ordinary voters recommended tax increases and even the selling of under-utilised public assets. They also set limits for such asset sales: they judged that waste collection was a vital service for the local community and so should never be sold. The City of Melbourne largely incorporated what this group had worked out into its ten-year budget.

THREE IMPORTANT LESSONS

From these two examples we

can draw three important lessons. First, rigorous public debate about public finances is essential. In ancient Athens frank discussion weeded out unaffordable policies. It laid the groundwork for the tax increases that were needed to fund other policies. In Melbourne the debates of ordinary citizens helped the council to increase local taxes and to keep important services in public hands.

Second, elected representatives should not fear telling voters the financial truth. Involving ordinary voters in public-finance debates actually helps to build consensus for tough reforms. Athenian voters did not punish politicians for higher taxes because they were the ones that had voted

for them in the first place.

Third, ancient Greek democracy was surprisingly good at successfully resolving budgetary crises.

As long as modern politicians are brave enough candidly to speak about public finances, there is no reason why contemporary democracies cannot mirror the Athenian experience. Instead of trying to sell their budgets with vacuous phrases, elected representatives would do better to speak openly about budget problems and to listen to the good solutions that ordinary voters have.

[David M. Pritchard is Research fellow, Université de Strasbourg; Lyn Carson is Research Director, The newDemocracy Foundation, Western Sydney University]

Messi aims to score against Chelsea at 9th attempt

LONDON, FEB 19 (AP): As unlikely as it sounds, Lionel Messi is still waiting to score his first goal against Chelsea after drawing a blank in eight previous Champions League matches.

The five-time World Player of the Year is likely to get another chance to break his duck this week and Chelsea manager Antonio Conte believes the past will count for little when Barcelona visits Stamford Bridge tomorrow.

“I hope we maintain this tradition but we are speaking about a fantastic player,” Conte said ahead of the last-16, first-leg Champions League game. “The most important thing is the present.”

“We must have great respect but at the same time we must be excited to play this type of game and take on this type of challenge. It won't be easy because we know very well this player, we are talking about one of the best in the world.”

The teams have produced some epic games in the past although they have not met in the Champions League since Chelsea pulled off a remarkable backs-to-the-wall semifinal victory over Barcelona on the way to winning the trophy in 2012.

Messi missed a penalty in the second leg at the Nou Camp as the



London club overcame the first-half dismissal of captain John Terry, and a 2-0 deficit, to draw the game 2-2 and secure an unforgettable 3-2 aggregate win.

Bayern Munich hosts Besiktas in Tuesdays other game while the following day sees Manchester United travelling to Sevilla, and Shakhtar Donetsk playing host to Roma.

Two weeks ago, the prospect of a Chelsea win over Barca would have been unthinkable after Con-

tes men had slumped to successive defeats by two of the Premier Leagues lesser lights.

The London club was still smarting from a 3-0 home loss against Bournemouth when it travelled to Watford and succumbed to an embarrassing 4-1 reverse.

Chelsea has got back on track since then, though, easing past West Bromwich Albion 3-0 in the league last Monday before swatting aside second-tier Hull 4-0 in the FA Cup four days later.

Conte has several selection dilemmas. He must choose between captain Gary Cahill and Antonio Rudiger for a place at the back, and between Alvaro Morata and Olivier Giroud up front.

Cesc Fabregas will also be desperate to play against his former team but may have to settle for a spot on the bench.

Barca has lost only once in 38 matches this season since falling in the Spanish Super Cup to Real Madrid in August. It has a seven-point

lead at the top of La Liga and has reached the final of the Copa del Rey.

Messi is having another stellar campaign, scoring 27 times in all competitions, and he helped set up two goals in Saturdays 2-0 win at Eibar.

Philippe Coutinho is ineligible for Barca following his move from Liverpool.

Here's a closer look at the weeks other games:

BAYERN-BESIKTAS

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes must decide which of his in-form attacking midfielders should play.

Arjen Robben shone for the run-away Bundesliga leader in Saturdays 2-1 win at Wolfsburg but Thomas Mueller could take his place on the right, with James Rodriguez coming in to partner Arturo Vidal, having been rested at the weekend.

The victory means Heynckes has won 21 out of 22 games since returning as coach.

Besiktas surprised many by advancing from a group featuring Porto, Monaco and Leipzig.

SEVILLA-MAN UNITED

France midfielder Paul Pogba missed Saturdays 2-0 FA Cup fifth-round win over Huddersfield through illness and United manager Jose Mourinho is unsure whether he will feature against Sevilla.

Asked whether Pogba had a serious problem, Mourinho replied: “I don't know and, honestly, I don't care.” United is a distant second in the Premier League, 16 points behind Manchester City. Mourinhos team has been inconsistent in recent weeks, winning two and losing two of its last four games in all competitions.

Sevilla, fifth in its domestic league, has won three matches in a row and is hoping to have Ever Banega and Luis Muriel back after injury.

SHAKHTAR-ROMA

After a difficult run domestically, Roma has turned things around with three straight wins.

Turkish winger Cengiz Under scored his fourth goal in three matches to help the team to a 2-0 victory at Udinese on Saturday that left Roma in third place, two points ahead of Inter Milan.

“We've got to make the most of the fact they've had a winter break and might not be match fit,” Roma coach Eusebio Di Francesco said of Ukraines Shakhtar.

LAST WEEK

The first-leg matches played last week saw defending champion Real Madrid beat Paris Saint Germain 3-1 and Liverpool crush Porto 5-0.

Atletico stays in touch with Barca, Madrid wins 5-3 at Betis

BARCELONA, FEB 19 (AP): Atletico Madrid stayed within sight of Barcelona while Real Madrid's attack bailed out its porous defense in the Spanish league yesterday.

Diego Costa and Kevin Gameiro scored second-half goals to give Atletico a 2-0 win over Athletic Bilbao and keep it seven points behind Barcelona at the top of the table.

Atletico will visit Barcelona on March 4 in what could be its last chance to inject some drama into the title race.

“We will have many important matches after (the game at Barcelona) but this is our path forward, being prepared. We have a competitive team,” Atletico coach Diego Simeone said.

Madrid remained in a distant fourth place after outgunning Real Betis 5-3 in Seville, four days after it won the first leg of its Champions League last-16 match with Paris Saint-Germain.

SIMEONE STYLE
Atletico's win over Bilbao was textbook Simeone: an ironclad defense and just enough from its attack to take the three points.

Simeone's side suffocated Bilbao, which never threatened goalkeeper Jan Oblak. The hosts, who have conceded a league-low nine goals, re-



corded their 16th clean sheet through 24 rounds.

Gameiro broke the deadlock at Wanda Metropolitano Stadium shortly after replacing Jorge “Koke” Resurreccion in the 59th. The forward scored from a pass by Antoine Griezmann after Saul Niguez had recovered the ball in midfield to spring an attack that caught Bilbao in disarray.

Costa sealed the result with 10 minutes left when Bilbao defender Unai Nunez failed to intercept a pass by Gameiro, leaving the Spain striker all alone to fire past goalkeeper

Kepa Arrizabalaga.

“It was a good day for us. We worked hard and scored two goals,” Gameiro said.

“We don't stop, we are playing well and are going to enjoy this.”

Atletico has won four straight in the league and started its Europa League campaign on Thursday with a 4-1 victory at Copenhagen.

MARCOS MADRID

Marco Asensio continued to impress as the 22-year-old forward scored twice to help Madrid tame Betis.

Asensio headed in after

Cristiano Ronaldo's strike was parried by Betis goalkeeper Antonio Adan in the 11th.

Betis pressed Madrid back into its area and Aissa Mandi headed in Joaquin Sanchez's pass to equalize. A counter-attack led by Sanchez ended with a shot by Junior Firpo that Madrid defender Nacho Fernandez put into his own net to give Betis a 2-1 lead before halftime.

But Madrid picked Betis apart after Sergio Ramos scored with a header from a corner in the 51st. Dani Carvajal set up Asensio for his sec-

ond after an inspired run before Ronaldo blasted a fourth goal past Adan in the 65th for 4-2.

Betis wasn't through and Firpo crossed for Sergio Leon to score with five minutes remaining, only for late substitute Karim Benzema to finish off Betis in stoppage time.

Madrid lost left back Marcelo to a right leg injury in the first half. Madrid has its return leg at PSG in the Champions League round-of-16 on March 6.

“We know the talent they have and they played well, so we can be happy with the win,” Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane said.

“We started well in the first 10 minutes and then we let our guard down as we do sometimes. But we responded, and responded well.” Madrid remained 17 points adrift of Barcelona.

SO CLOSE

Espanyol had three back-to-back chances in the final seconds of the match but failed to score a winner in a 1-1 draw with Villarreal.

Villarreal went ahead through Rodrigo Hernandez's first-half goal and dominated the match in Barcelona until Esteban Granero dipped a free kick over the wall to equalize in the 85th.

Love is love: Televised gay kiss lights up Olympics

PYEONGCHANG, FEB 19 (AFP): Gay freestyle skier Gus Kenworthy said it was a moment that he “never dreamed” possible as a child after he was filmed kissing his partner on live television at the Olympics.

It has been hailed by some as a landmark moment in Games history and the footage went viral on social media.

The 26-year-old American finished 12th in the slopestyle on Sunday but still found himself making headlines after kissing his boyfriend at the bottom of the slope while the TV cameras were on him.

Thrust into the global spotlight, Kenworthy tweeted on Monday alongside a still image of the now-famous kiss: “Didn't realise this moment was being filmed yesterday but I'm so happy that it was.”

“My childhood self would never have dreamed of seeing a gay kiss on TV at the Olympics but for the first time ever a kid watching at home CAN!”

“Love is love.”

The tweet garnered hundreds of messages of support and Adam Rippon, the gay American figure skater, wrote in reply: “Wow okay I just whispered to myself so beautiful”.

Speaking soon after the kiss was captured on camera, the British-born Kenworthy reflected on how times have changed in just a few years.

“The only way to change perceptions, break down barriers, break down homophobia is through representation,” he said.

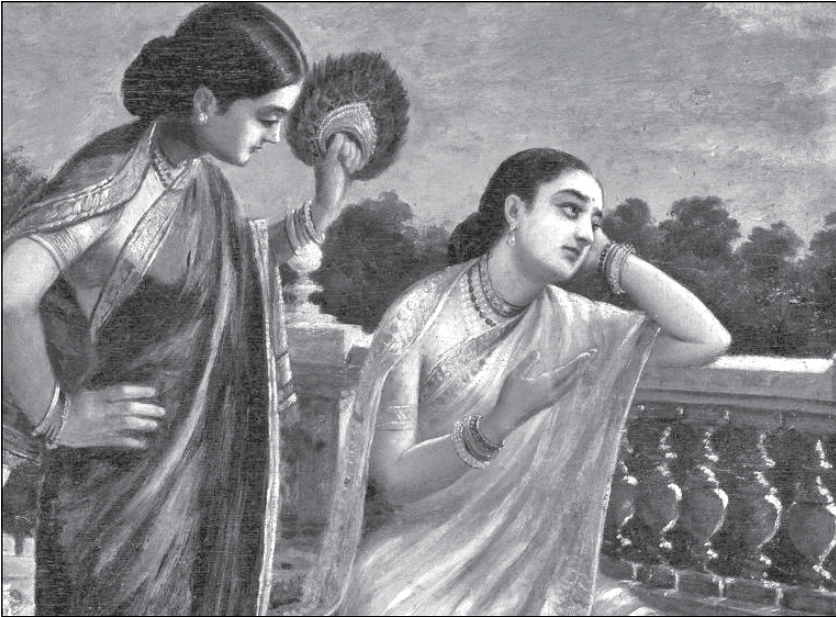
“And that is definitely not something I had as a kid. I definitely did not see a gay athlete at the Olympics kissing their boyfriend.”

“If I had it would have made it a lot easier for me.”

He added: “That was something I wanted at the last Olympics, to share a kiss with my boyfriend at the bottom and it was something I was too scared to do.”

“To be able to do that, give him a kiss, have that affection broadcast for the world is incredible.”

Rare works by Raja Ravi Varma, Hussain at Sotheby's March sale



NEW YORK, FEB 19 (PTI): Raja Ravi Varma's celestial nymph 'Tillottama', M F Hussain's 'Nayika' and S H Raza's rarely seen 'Ville Proven ale' will be some of the Indian art masterpieces to go under the hammer at the Sotheby's upcoming 'Modern and Contemporary South Asian Art' sale on March 19 in New York.

The sale will also feature modern masterworks by leading artists including Bikash Bhattacharjee, Ganesh Pyne among over 70 lots that are expected to fetch an estimated total of Rs 30.30-42.50 crore approx (\$4.7-6.6 million).

Following in the footsteps of Untitled (Damayanti), sold last season for a remarkable price of Rs 11 crore approx (\$1.7 million), Ravi Varma's Tillottama carries a pre-sale estimate of Rs 2.50-3.80 crore approx (\$400-600,000), the organisers said.

Painted circa 1896, the luminescent portrait of Tillottama, a celestial nymph from Hindu mythology, is characteristic of the artist's oeuvre; by combining western Academic Realism with markedly Indian subjects, and unexpected combinations of colors, Ravi Varma's works of art remain timeless and uniquely his.

Leading this season's sale, S H Raza's 'Ville Proven ale' (1952) will make its first public appearance after it was first exhibited at the 1956 Venice Biennale.

Depicting a traditional French village, the painting in oil reflects influence of Paul Cezanne and Vincent van Gogh's color structure and formalism on Raza's work.

A total of 18 highlights from the sale will first be ex-

hibited at The Oberoi in New Delhi on February 22-23.

“Building upon significant prices achieved last March for Maqbool Fida Husain and Raja Ravi Varma, we have curated this season's auction with treasures by top artists alongside 19th and 20th century photography by the greats in their field. This season's exhibition will bring these exceptional highlights to Delhi, offering a rare opportunity to view these masterworks which hail from private collections from around the world in person,” Anu Ghosh-Mazumdar, Head of the Indian, Himalayan & Southeast Asian Art Department in New York, said.

Among other important works will be Bikash Bhattacharjee's Untitled (Rooftops) work from 1972.

Estimated to fetch Rs 77.40 lakh-1.16 crore approx (\$120-180,000), the painting comes from an early cityscape series showcasing his hometown of Calcutta.

The stark contrast between light and dark, the use of empty space and the absence of humanity combine to create a mystical environment that seems to only exist in the artist's mind.

Ganesh Pyne's 'Light and the Effigy', estimated to get a price of Rs 51.61 lakh-77.40 lakh approx (\$80-120,000), embodies his stylistic obsession with performativity and death.

The exhibition will also feature a group of 19th and 20th century photography with images from pioneers of the medium like Raghuraj Singh and Margaret Bourke-White.

Differences have to be source of strength in society: Trudeau

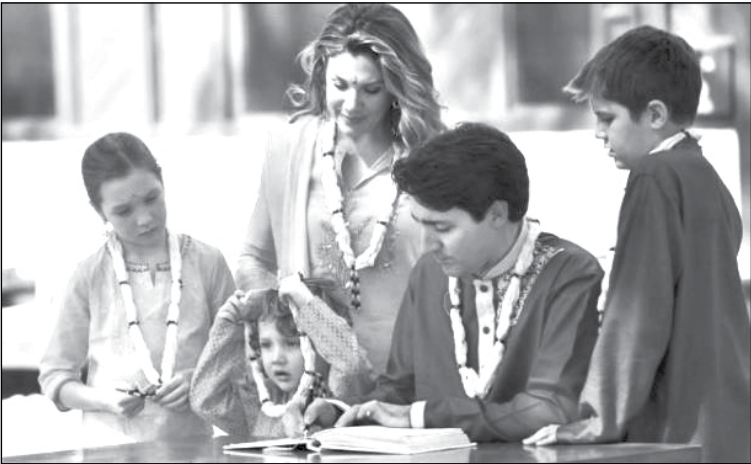
AHMEDABAD, FEB 19 (PTI): Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau today said heterogeneous society is the new reality and the biggest challenge is to understand how differences can become a source of strength --"something that Indiaand Canada have done fairly well" and "can do better".

Calling himself a "feminist", Trudeau also said that "we as a society" are under-performing as women are not being given an opportunity to contribute to their full potential.

He was addressing a gathering of students at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIM-A).

"The new reality of the 21st century is going to be more and more heterogeneous community and society, and the biggest challenge we are going to have as species is doing something that India and Canada have done fairly well- that is to understand how differences can become a source of strength," he said.

Trudeau was replying to a question by a student, who asked that "when the global trend of nationalisation is on the rise, how does he, as a global leader, wish to change



the world further towards globalisation".

"One realisation that we all need to have is that we are witnessing more and more encounters with differences. When we meet people who have different stories and background from us, we learn and grow and create a more resilient community," Trudeau said.

"But the challenge around that is that identities start to break down. If you think of typical citizens of France,

South Korea or South Africa might look like, you might have certain images coming to your mind," he added.

"As you get more heterogeneous and pluralist society, the idea that typical citizens no longer rest on surface attributes like language, ideology. It is anchored, instead, in shared values, values that society collectively ascribes or subscribe to," he said.

"We (should) define more and more through shared values

that anyone from any part of the world can come and adapt to.

"That's what we are doing in Canada. The definition of what it means to be a Canadian has nothing to do with what we look like, has much more to do with openness to fashion, openness to work, desire to be with each other, love for hockey," he said.

This approach is something that a lot of society is struggling with, and they are turning inward to nationalism and

protectionism, he said.

"India as a pluralistic place has always done reasonably well, and can always do better like we (Canada) can do better, particularly with our indigenous people," he said.

"We have to make a fundamental choice," the Canadian PM said. He stressed that understanding that empowering women is not just the right or nice thing to do, but it's the smart thing to do, is extremely important.

"I am a feminist. It is a word with certain connotation, loaded with meaning, but at the very root of it it is very simple. If you think man and woman ought to be equal, and ought to have same opportunities, and if you recognise that there is still a lot of work to do to get there, you are also a feminist," Trudeau said.

"We are under-performing as society because we are not giving women the opportunity to contribute, we are not allowing them the opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

"We cannot have a successful society or economy if you have 50 per cent of population not contributing as fully as they should," he said.

Israeli warplanes pound Gaza after new rocket attack

GAZA CITY, FEB 19 (AFP): Israeli warplanes carried out a fresh round of strikes in the Gaza Strip on Monday after a rocket fired by Palestinians slammed into southern Israel, the army said.

The cross-border exchange followed a weekend escalation in violence seen as among the most serious since Israel and the coastal enclaves Hamas rulers fought a war in 2014.

The Islamist militant group was quick to say that it did not seek further confrontation. Israeli fighter jets "targeted underground infrastructure in the southern Gaza Strip, in response to the projectile that was launched at Israel earlier," an army statement said.

It did not give further details, but Palestinian security sources said several missiles were fired at farmland east of Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip.

No casualties were reported on either side.

Monday's strikes followed fierce exchanges over the weekend after an improvised bomb apparently planted by Palestinian militants exploded Saturday, injuring four Israeli soldiers inspecting the border fence.

Israel responded by pounding 18 Hamas facilities in two waves of air strikes on Saturday and Sunday, according to the Israeli military.

Israeli ground forces also killed two Palestinian teenagers in the enclave in cross-border fire.

But senior Hamas official Mahmoud Zahar said Monday that his organisation had no wish to see fighting with Israel intensify.

"The resistance does not want to waste its energy on this escalation," he told the Hamas-affiliated Al-Risala website.



He added that efforts were under way "to stop escalation and a new war", although he did not elaborate.

Another source close to Hamas said it was sending messages to Israel through neighbouring Egypt, which frequently mediates between the two sides.

The source told AFP that Hamas representatives in Cairo "have officially informed the head of Egyptian intelligence that the movement is not interested in any escalation in Gaza."

"The Egyptian authorities must press the (Israeli) occupation government to stop the aggression and ongoing strikes in Gaza," he added.

The European Union said the flareup was of "real concern", describing the deaths of the Palestinian teenagers as "deplorable" and demanding a halt to rocket fire.

"Rocket attacks by militants from Gaza against Israel are unacceptable and need to stop," it said in a statement which acknowledged "Israel's legitimate security concerns."

"It is extremely important that the situation does not escalate further and it is crucial that all parties act with restraint," it added.

Palestinians said two people were wounded in the weekend air strikes.

Two of the soldiers were severely wounded in the border blast but their lives were not in danger, the army said.

The Popular Resistance Committees, a loose alliance of militants from various Gaza nationalist and Islamist Palestinian groups, claimed responsibility for the explosion and called it a "heroic act".

Founded in September 2000, the alliance took part in the 2006 capture of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, held captive until he was freed in a 2011 prisoner exchange.

Israeli army spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan Conricus on Saturday described the committees as a "rogue group" but said that Israel nevertheless held Hamas responsible for attacks from territory under its control.

Israeli Defence Minister Avigdor Lieberman pledged to eradicate those behind the Saturday explosion.

MIZORAM STATE LOTTERIES
LABHLAXMI ARIES

Draw No:3 DrawDate on:19/02/18

1st Prize Rs.10,000/- 6257

2nd Prize Rs.1,000/- 4134 3rd Prize Rs.500/- 3825

4th Prize Rs.300/- 2654 5th Prize Rs. 200/- 1142

6th Prize Rs.100/-

1006 1031 1035 1089 1110 1128 1145 1248 1289 1345

1350 1353 1386 1393 1412 1484 1494 1513 1521 1563

1601 1687 1702 1732 1740 1757 1759 1791 1795 1819

1894 1900 1901 1924 1925 1927 1948 1951 1956 2012

2022 2066 2128 2135 2140 2151 2175 2206 2217 2242

2276 2305 2337 2339 2360 2365 2401 2421 2531 2556

2577 2609 2612 2618 2670 2677 2682 2700 2720 2732

2804 2873 2874 2933 2953 2976 3044 3054 3087 3173

3184 3230 3265 3330 3333 3404 3406 3410 3411 3412

3429 3477 3502 3507 3520 3527 3532 3573 3576 3587

3591 3630 3632 3634 3643 3644 3652 3654 3688 3771

3774 3790 3801 3805 3834 3841 3844 3850 3867 3873

3899 3927 3943 4023 4024 4063 4096 4099 4111 4173

4213 4236 4276 4297 4305 4309 4323 4327 4372 4419

4444 4453 4457 4458 4479 4501 4522 4543 4553 4557

4571 4586 4587 4610 4645 4648 4681 4706 4736 4747

4760 4794 4798 4837 4868 4869 4906 4909 4928 4931

4933 4953 4972 4983 5036 5105 5153 5188 5202 5210

5252 5261 5273 5298 5367 5376 5380 5401 5452 5497

5529 5610 5633 5642 5654 5787 5788 5815 5830 5844

5887 5906 5934 5941 5980 6052 6158 6164 6183 6215

6235 6248 6264 6278 6295 6300 6335 6356 6360 6416

6472 6485 6502 6504 6585 6658 6660 6693 6738 6761

6816 6821 6837 6844 6857 6869 6872 6968 6969 6995

Issued by:

The Director ,Mizoram State Lotteries,

For result please visit: www.mizoramlotteries.com

to book
advertisements
in SummitTIMES
call
03592-208698
9734152541,
9647102692
advertise@
summittimes.com

to book
advertisements
in SummitTimes
call
03592-208698
9734152541
9647102692
advertise@
summittimes.
com

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES
DEAR LOVING MORNING
Draw Time: 11:55 am onwards
Draw No:12 DrawDate on:19/02/18
1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 88L 41741
(Including Super Prize Amtt)
Cons. Prize Rs.9494/- 41741 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9000/-
03616 19591 22007 33278 47177
50110 52070 66647 68630 84949
3rd Prize Rs.500/- 0054 0161 2972 4616 6951 7020 7345 8169 9059 9107
4th Prize Rs.250/- 2274 2343 3055 4188 4379 4568 4667 4730 5929 9943
5th Prize Rs.120/-
0027 0046 0065 0092 0224 0225 0275 0295 0392 0580
0664 0709 0779 0828 0907 0989 1073 1117 1137 1304
1446 1682 1787 1848 1869 1871 1900 1966 1981 2012
2153 2285 2309 2393 2399 2413 2550 2736 2769 3021
3043 3062 3162 3277 3316 3684 3878 3894 3900 4063
4093 4347 4523 4529 4569 4654 4669 5024 5049 5081
5160 5469 5740 5794 5872 6003 6202 6213 6353 6627
6700 6735 6828 6846 6864 7161 7185 7274 7313 7783
7812 7883 7915 7921 7967 8027 8087 8758 8922 9027
9182 9381 9547 9584 9616 9640 9789 9819 9826 9878

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES
DEAR PRECIOUS
Draw Time: 04:00 pm onwards
Draw No:12 DrawDate on:19/02/18
1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 75A 00405
(Including Super Prize Amtt)
Cons. Prize Rs.9494/- 00405 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9000/-
10572 21434 24098 39501 49116
50721 61779 76644 78093 83234
3rd Prize Rs.500/- 0641 1116 1625 2187 2981 3591 3867 4327 5769 7690
4th Prize Rs.250/- 1546 2674 5031 5249 5285 5640 6050 8029 9577 9678
5th Prize Rs.120/-
0079 0102 0121 0353 0446 0476 0607 0983 1099 1125
1181 1213 1518 1664 1681 1698 1925 1935 2286 2343
2364 2592 2637 2639 2655 2677 2682 2785 2956 3059
3064 3178 3365 3458 3527 3549 3593 3743 3756 3809
3818 3856 3943 4050 4091 4150 4300 4425 4461 5036
5138 5146 5162 5171 5216 5316 5482 5512 5520 5527
5550 5693 5694 5890 5934 6005 6750 6788 6927 7031
7073 7155 7357 7439 7465 7567 7640 7680 7905 8015
8348 8400 8412 8423 8502 8587 8886 8924 8966 9039
9051 9104 9140 9312 9477 9650 9816 9883 9941 9978

Issued by:

The Director, Nagaland State Lotteries, Kohima, Nagaland

For Results, Please visit: www.nagalandlotteries.com

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES
DEAR FLAMINGO EVENING
Draw Time: 08:00 pm onwards
Draw No:30 DrawDate on:19/02/18
1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 82B 45000
(Including Super Prize Amtt)
Cons. Prize Rs.9494/- 00405 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9000/-
16420 35696 46448 55479 69331
73858 75350 79315 86901 93110
3rd Prize Rs.500/- 0371 2097 3074 4018 5508 7589 7596 7877 8515 9783
4th Prize Rs.250/- 1409 2482 2529 3288 4000 4119 6687 8635 8872 9976
5th Prize Rs.120/-
0035 0058 0088 0164 0189 0208 0218 0401 0481 0601
0663 0751 1170 1197 1281 1325 1629 1663 1714 1773
1826 2014 2078 2122 2299 2398 2441 2559 2706 2766
2983 2988 2995 3260 3291 3388 3598 3598 3678 3833
3874 3890 4099 4126 4196 4270 4342 4531 4539 4648
4753 4766 4839 4991 5134 5247 5401 5485 5511 5594
5616 5628 5673 5806 5814 6011 6114 6390 6410 6471
6739 6971 7230 7240 7269 7390 7685 7892 7895 8004
8009 8042 8144 8160 8170 8204 8405 8455 8482 8486
8689 8846 8849 9047 9147 9270 9392 9572 9699 9996

Issued by:

The Director, Nagaland State Lotteries, Kohima, Nagaland

For Results, Please visit: www.nagalandlotteries.com

NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES
DEAR FLAMINGO EVENING
Draw Time: 08:00 pm onwards
Draw No:30 DrawDate on:19/02/18
1st Prize Rs.26 Lakhs/- 82B 45000
(Including Super Prize Amtt)
Cons. Prize Rs.9494/- 00405 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)
2nd Prize Rs.9000/-
16420 35696 46448 55479 69331
73858 75350 79315 86901 93110
3rd Prize Rs.500/- 0371 2097 3074 4018 5508 7589 7596 7877 8515 9783
4th Prize Rs.250/- 1409 2482 2529 3288 4000 4119 6687 8635 8872 9976
5th Prize Rs.120/-
0035 0058 0088 0164 0189 0208 0218 0401 0481 0601
0663 0751 1170 1197 1281 1325 1629 1663 1714 1773
1826 2014 2078 2122 2299 2398 2441 2559 2706 2766
2983 2988 2995 3260 3291 3388 3598 3598 3678 3833
3874 3890 4099 4126 4196 4270 4342 4531 4539 4648
4753 4766 4839 4991 5134 5247 5401 5485 5511 5594
5616 5628 5673 5806 5814 6011 6114 6390 6410 6471
6739 6971 7230 7240 7269 7390 7685 7892 7895 8004
8009 8042 8144 8160 8170 8204 8405 8455 8482 8486
8689 8846 8849 9047 9147 9270 9392 9572 9699 9996

Issued by:

The Director, Nagaland State Lotteries, Kohima, Nagaland

For Results, Please visit: www.nagalandlotteries.com

SIKKIM STATE LOTTERIES
DERBY SPIRIT SUNDAY
Draw No:4 DrawDate on:18/02/18
1st Prize Rs.11 Lakhs/- 98A 3136
(Including Super Prize Amtt)
2nd Prize Rs.9000/-
3124 3159 3207 8153 8961
3rd Prize Rs.3,000/-
1958 3096 6052 6071 7278 8242 8788 8800 8924 9618
4th Prize Rs.1000/-
0202 1571 2531 2576 4226 5277 5746 6629 6728 7834
5th Prize Rs.500/-
0370 2019 3512 3537 5732 5805 6000 7634 8623 9626
6th Prize Rs.100/-
0011 0012 0013 0024 0093 0103 0139 0152 0153 0158
0159 0184 0278 0279 0292 0303 0316 0334 0336 0337
0347 0355 0448 0450 0502 0522 0525 0528 0544 0551
0580 0604 0621 0624 0626 0634 0647 0691 0712 0723
0763 0771 0784 0786 0812 0824 0876 0882 0889 0895
0909 0946 0963 0990 1009 1010 1014 1030 1038 1097
1102 1136 1153 1167 1168 1172 1173 1177 1188 1192
1195 1246 1252 1352 1364 1399 1455 1480 1484 1486
1489 1559 1561 1605 1634 1692 1745 1752 1755 1761
1764 1846 1857 1864 1902 1924 1976 1978 2005 2038
2056 2094 2116 2128 2164 2180 2185 2193 2232 2316
2326 2332 2359 2360 2399 2419 2429 2440 2443 2468
2476 2494 2508 2517 2520 2524 2547 2554 2569 2593
2617 2664 2677 2681 2718 2721 2722 2727 2733 2747
2762 2775 2776 2791 2797 2806 2882 2921 2945 2952
2953 2978 3012 3014 3025 3033 3044 3058 3059 3075
3091 3093 3109 3126 3131 3192 3222 3228 3265 3304
3322 3328 3329 3359 3360 3508 3533 3551 3571 3580
3593 3594 3597 3604 3653 3679 3706 3707 3728 3757
3768 3771 3774 3832 3860 3883 3929 3953 3991 3992
3997 3998 4017 4083 4106 4130 4154 4196 4202 4210
4237 4238 4249 4252 4253 4265 4289 4341 4351 4389
4419 4443 4450 4469 4515 4524 4534 4559 4578 4597
4637 4667 4685 4696 4733 4792 4793 4808 4873 4882
4915 4935 4944 4948 4972 4975 5008 5054 5069 5090
5095 5098 5109 5113 5116 5123 5129 5136 5137 5149
5160 5180 5220 5242 5256 5272 5300 5309 5342 5350
5383 5396 5417 5452 5460 5472 5494 5504 5515 5525
5542 5551 5561 5564 5566 5570 5573 5586 5603 5646
5661 5662 5698 5710 5714 5731 5738 5755 5790 5804
5821 5837 5840 5862 5910 5941 5942 5952 5982 6007
6022 6039 6062 6079 6106 6150 6153 6187 6247 6286
6293 6310 6314 6352 6354 6359 6362 6367 6373 6388
6393 6409 6433 6436 6451 6503 6557 6558 6566 6577
6628 6662 6670 6693 6696 6715 6731 6755 6756 6757
6766 6837 6874 6899 6909 6944 6956 6961 7004 7039
7059 7071 7102 7110 7163 7186 7188 7208 7269 7289
7305 7312 7313 7318 7330 7366 7396 7400 7407 7419
7478 7527 7538 7615 7622 7657 7680 7709 7724 7737
7773 7782 7790 7812 7831 7859 7918 7921 7927 7928
7930 7931 7938 7948 7979 7980 8006 8063 8068 8074
8100 8112 8131 8133 8134 8140 8143 8158 8163 8189
8203 8218 8245 8307 8312 8333 8345 8423 8476 8487
8528 8556 8563 8573 8601 8608 8612 8648 8649 8651
8673 8689 8702 8703 8708 8723 8724 8742 8745 8755
8790 8801 8820 8841 8925 8952 8958 8959 8985 9007
9010 9042 9067 9087 9098 9103 9143 9148 9164 9183
9187 9189 9190 9192 9220 9283 9293 9313 9363 9478
9510 9522 9603 9623 9627 9629 9635 9642 9649 9683
9713 9750 9790 9808 9870 9885 9899 9913 9976 9996

Issued by:

The Director,Sikkim State Lotteries,

Government Of Sikkim,Deorali - 737102,Sikkim

please: Visit www.sikkimlotteries.com

KINDLY CHECK THE RESULT WITH THE OFFICIAL GAZETE

ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE LOTTERIES
MUMBAILAXMI RAM
Draw No:3 DrawDate on:19/02/18
1st Prize Rs.10,000/- 2464 2nd Prize Rs.2,000/- 3199
3rd Prize Rs.1,000/- 1166 4th Prize Rs. 500/- 3579
5th Prize Rs.200/-
1014 1194 1289 1292 1353 1394 1395 1396 1543 1554
1610 1647 1689 1744 1774 1914 1998 2014 2018 2089
2099 2119 2137 2172 2194 2196 2222 2255 2431 2476
2486 2577 2586 2629 2654 2655 2679 2708 2810 2837
2838 2882 3005 3056 3187 3201 3213 3231 3290 3333
3350 3454 3492 3581 3606 3642 3672 3810 4005 4034
4096 4106 4122 4195 4263 4363 4367 4393 4417 4425
4463 4604 4609 4636 4709 4760 4777 4820 4918 4970
5036 5044 5153 5159 5218 5283 5294 5348 5358 5397
5406 5467 5494 5640 5651 5700 5754 5810 5940 5950
6th Prize Rs.100/-
1025 1055 1093 1129 1158 1161 1199 1208 1234 1337
1369 1390 1441 1515 1523 1553 1580 1586 1600 1614
1616 1664 1716 1731 1739 1743 1750 1779 1799 1840
1865 1878 1900 1906 1930 1933 1951 1986 1993 1995
2031 2050 2057 2072 2076 2094 2103 2113 2164 2177
2236 2240 2269 2294 2334 2342 2348 2350 2357 2416
2448 2495 2508 2533 2538 2544 2612 2668 2749 2750
2751 2755 2771 2791 2795 2818 2840 2844 2870 2878
2879 2913 2915 2943 2954 2961 2973 3021 3050 3061
3130 3180 3195 3196 3279 3296 3329 3500 3513 3521
3523 3528 3529 3572 3577 3652 3655 3668 3669 3726
3727 3765 3794 3800 3809 3868 3883 3934 3957 3972
3978 3995 4015 4017 4031 40

THREE BILLBOARDS TOPS BAFTAS AS TIMES UP CAMPAIGN SHARES STAGE



LONDON, FEB 19 (AFP): Crime drama "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" captured five British Bafta film awards today, including best film, topping an emotionally charged ceremony that featured fashion and rhetoric in support of the fight against sexual harassment sweeping Hollywood.

The movie, chronicling a grieving mothers campaign for justice, won for original screenplay and outstanding British film, while Frances McDormand bagged best actress and Sam Rockwell best supporting actor prizes.

"The Shape of Water" -- the most heavily nominated film of the night with 12 nods -- came away with only three awards, including best director for Guillermo Del Toro, while "Darkest Hour" claimed two prizes, including for Gary Oldman as best actor.

With Hollywood still reeling from the fallout of the Harvey Weinstein scandal, the resulting anti-sexual harassment campaigns were reflected in the mood of the evening.

"Our film is a hopeful one in lots of ways but it's also an angry one," Martin McDonagh, writer and director of "Three Billboards", said in his acceptance speech.

"And as we've seen this year, sometimes anger is the only way to get people to listen and to change, so we were thrilled that Bafta has recognised this."

Star's arrived at London's Royal Albert Hall predominantly dressed in black in solidarity with the #MeToo and "Times Up" campaigns, mirroring other recent American red carpets including

last months Golden Globes.

Angelina Jolie, Jennifer Lawrence and Kristin Scott Thomas were among the stars who wore black.

British royals avoid making overtly political statements or gestures, so there was little surprise when the Duchess of Cambridge chose to wear a dark green dress, by British designer Jenny Packham, as she accompanied husband Prince William, president of Bafta, to the ceremony.

Jane Lush, chair of Bafta, opened the evening soberly telling the star-studded audience it was important to acknowledge a "difficult" past year, and noted efforts to tackle gender inequality.

"Brave revelations have followed brave revelations of bullying and sexual harassment, and which to all our shame has been hidden in plain sight for decades," she said.

"This is a moment in history, it should be a watershed, a catalyst for lasting change."

Host Joanna Lumley, a British film and TV star, also praised the gender equality movement as a continuation of the work of the Suffragettes a century ago.

She hailed the "determination to eradicate the abuse of women the world over" as she took to the stage.

Meanwhile in an open letter published before the awards, almost 200 British and Irish stars backed a new fund to help women facing sexual harassment and abuse at work.

It echoes a similar initiative launched in Hollywood last month, and

was kick-started with a USD 1.4 million donation from actress and activist Emma Watson.

Choices at the Baftas, which fall between the Globes and the Oscars, often mirror those of the American heavyweights.

"The Shape of Water", a story of love between a mute cleaning woman and a mystery merman-like creature, led the pack just as it has across the Atlantic, where it has topped the list of Oscar nominations with 13 nods, including for best picture.

As well as director del Toros award for direction, composer Alexandre Desplat collected the original music award -- his third BAFTA win -- and the film also won best production design.

Allison Janney won best supporting actress for her role as the mother of controversial figure skater Tonya Harding in biopic "I, Tonya".

"I loved doing this crazy part and finding her humanity, that's what I try and do in all roles," she said backstage.

Gary Oldman's turn as Churchill in "Darkest Hour" has so far won him a Golden Globe, a Bafta and the chance of an Oscar on March 4.

He paid tribute to the wartime British leader, saying: "In those dark, uncertain days in 1940, he held the line for honour, for integrity and freedom for his nation and the world, so I thank you, Sir Winston."

Accepting her best actress accolade, McDormand, who chose not to wear black, quoted her on-screen character who has "a little trouble with compliance".

Liam Payne calls in divorce lawyers...

... to advise how to protect his £54m from Cheryl and still have access to his son Bear as friends say they could split 'within weeks'

One Direction star Liam Payne has sought legal advice as friends claim he could split from Cheryl in weeks.

The couple, who are not married but have a son, 11-month-old Bear, and live together in a Surrey mansion, are said to be considering going their separate ways.

This comes after MailOnline broke the news that their relationship was 'under strain', with Liam, 24, spending nights away from home while the 34-year-old singer looks after their child.

Now it has been reported Liam has spoken to lawyers to see what a split would mean for their shared assets and the care of their son, according to the Sun. Liam has an estimated fortune of £54million while Cheryl is said to be worth around £20million.

A source close to the couple told the newspaper: 'Liam has sought some legal advice but he still wants to make it work. It's just sensible to be prepared for all options.'



'With a young son and a number of assets between them there is more to breaking up than just parting ways. He hopes it doesn't come to it but he's just being careful.'

The latest claims come just hours after a source told the Mail on Sunday that the pair's romance is in trouble.

'It's very sad - they tried very hard to make it work,' they said. 'They're desper-

ate to make a go of it but it's absolutely on the rocks.'

A source close to Liam added: 'It's very difficult for them and extremely sad. Things go from being very calm to being very tough.'

'The crux of the problem is that Liam has to be away a lot. Cheryl has always understood he would have to work hard and be absent but the reality is that it's not an easy thing to deal with. This relationship is hanging by a thread. Both of them are devastated.'

Another source close to the couple said: 'Both of them desperately want it to work but it doesn't look like things are going to end as they wished.'

'Their main concern is Bear and making sure that he remains the happy little boy he is.'

Liam has been away on tour frequently over the past year, promoting his new album while Cheryl is said to have stayed at home looking after baby Bear at their Surrey home.

Recently he has been touring the US and spent time in New York promoting his

new single For You, a duet with Rita Ora.

According to reports he has been flying between the US and the UK by private jet in a bid to spend more time with Cheryl, but the pair have not been seen together in public since October. The new parents are struggling to find quality time together as they juggle their busy careers and care for their 11-month-old son, Bear, the source told MailOnline.

A source has told MailOnline that Cheryl is spending a lot of time at home on her own with Bear because she would rather stay in watching soaps on TV than go out to showbiz parties.

Concerned fans have pointed out that the couple have not been pictured together for some time and were not photographed together on Valentine's Day.

Instead Liam posted an Instagram picture of Bear on Wednesday with the caption: 'Happy Valentine's Day @cherylofficial and everyone. Looks like I've got the big guy to compete with now.'

The post hid Bear's face but focused on his personalised babygro which read: 'Bear is Mummy's little Valentine.' Fans

believed he had taken the picture.

Cheryl - who is living at their £5.6million country home in Surrey - did not publicly respond to his message.

A source told MailOnline: 'Cheryl basically went into hibernation when she got pregnant and has made the decision to be a stay at home mother with no nanny and is looking after bear herself. She doesn't like going out much as she used to.'

Fans have recently questioned why the couple have not been pictured on social media together since August last year.

A friend of Cheryl said: 'The fact of the matter is, like most young couple's with busy work lives and the demands of an infant they have been struggling to spend time together.'

'There are the very real strains of trying to adapt to parenthood whilst being in the spotlight and having to appear as though everything is rosy all of the time. It is not real life and is not the life Cheryl and Liam are currently living as a couple.'

Cheryl has been supported by her brother Gary and his partner, who she has moved into Liam's home in Woking.

ARIES: Sex and romance are very much on your mind today, Aries. You're feeling especially passionate, and your emotions are rich and deep. At times like this you're likely to want to concentrate on your own pleasure, yet it's important to be sensitive to your partner as well. Racy novels and movies could be especially appealing, and you might toy with the idea of shopping at Victoria's Secret. Go for it!

TAURUS: A family member could be feeling a little down, Taurus, and you may be tempted to give him or her a pep talk to get them going again. Don't. They won't respond to it, and this could create tension in the home. Your own self-confidence is probably at an all-time low. You tend to be your own worst critic in the best of times, but

today you're a bit confused. Try to be fair to everyone around you, especially yourself.

GEMINI: Too much exposure to books, newspapers, and computers today could produce eyestrain headaches, Gemini, so try to exercise a little caution when working with small print or computer text. Thoughts of love and romance could interfere with your ability to do your work effectively. You may be tempted to spend most of your time on the phone. We all have days like this, so don't fight it. Just make sure you're feeling great when the evening rolls around!

CANCER: By nature you're a master psychologist, Cancer and you don't need to know someone well to accurately assess his or her thoughts and motives. Today this ability goes far beyond

psychology and borders on the psychic. People's feelings may jump out at you. Reading newspaper headlines gives you uncanny ideas about the future. You could also experience some intense and vivid dreams. Make a careful record of the symbols in your dreams. You'll be surprised at what they tell you.

LEO: An emotional issue with a family member could have you wanting to run away and hide, Leo. Don't fight the urge. This may be just what you need in order to clear your mind regarding the problem and heal your wounded psyche before you face this person again. You might also receive some rather disconcerting revelations about yourself and old traumas that you've long since forgotten. Don't fight these either. Simply release them.

VIRGO: Emotional issues rooted in the past could leave you feeling inhibited today, Virgo. You might also be a bit more touchy than usual and see insult where none is intended. Curb the impulse to take offense. Try to confront and release the old issues or at least promise yourself you'll deal with them later. Then be very sweet to your entourage. You should be feeling more positive by day's end.

LIBRA: Friction or other trouble on the job could cause you to want to quit, Libra, but worries about money might keep you from doing it. You definitely need to reassess your situation. Perhaps a change of position is just what you need now. You may have untapped talents that could make you more marketable, and you might also want to train those talents. Think about this!

And if you really think you want a change, go for it.

SCORPIO: Your self-confidence could well be in the pits today, Scorpio. Mistakes from the past could come back to haunt you, and you may be momentarily overcome by the fear that you'll make similar errors again. Force yourself to be objective before you drive yourself crazy. It could cause you some unnecessary problems. Try to realize that you're unique and that you have skills and talents that set you apart from everyone.

SAGITTARIUS: Generally, you tend to be a very physically oriented person, Sagittarius, but today you're more likely to want to look within, perhaps to experiment with your own psychic abilities or study spiritual concepts. You also might find yourself more interested than

usual in the arts, particularly that which comes from other cultures. You'll be far more contemplative today than usual. It might prove enlightening to write down your thoughts.

CAPRICORN: Financial considerations could delay the start of a new project that you've wanted to begin for a long time, Capricorn. Perhaps you don't quite have the funds you need, or maybe the cost is a bit higher than you expected. Don't sink into despair. This is only another temporary delay. Tighten the budget and make substitutions. Use your innate ingenuity to work around it and the project should be right on schedule.

AQUARIUS: The day may be temporarily plagued by scandal of some sort, Aquarius. Some of your entourage,

particularly women, may gather in conspiratorial gossip. Your curiosity will definitely be aroused, but don't be tempted to join them. There is more to the situation than meets the eye, and you'll want to know all the facts before jumping to conclusions. Concentrate on your own interests and worry about the scandal later!

PISCES: You're intuitive by nature, Pisces, but today you're likely to have a rush of psychic premonitions. Insights into your own character could bring old traumas to the surface so you can release them. Your dreams could be especially vivid and rather disconcerting, although not in a negative way. Write them down. Your aesthetic sense is also very high. Don't be surprised if you discover that you're rather partial to Impressionist art!