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**We want
peace restored
in Darj hills,
says Mamata**

KOLKATA, AUG 28 (PTI): On the eve of crucial talks between the state government and major political parties from Darjeeling hills, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said her government wanted restoration of peace in the strife-hit region.

"We all want restoration of peace in the Darjeeling hills," Banerjee told reporters.

Banerjee had taken the initiative to call a meeting between the government and hill parties after the Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF) wrote to her requesting for opening a dialogue in order to resolve the crisis caused by an indefinite shutdown in support of the demand for a separate state of Gorkhaland.

According to secretariat sources, Banerjee would be accompanied by the state's chief secretary, home secretary, police chief and a couple of senior ministers at the meeting, while the Gorkhaland Movement Coordination Committee will be represented by leaders of the GNLF, GJM and other parties steering the agitation.

**Murdered
scribe's son
welcomes
sentencing of
Dera chief**

CHANDIGARH, AUG 28 (PTI): The son of a scribe, who was allegedly murdered 15 years back for trying to expose the exploitation of female disciples by Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, today welcomed the sentence handed to the self styled godman.

"I welcome the quantum of sentence to Dera chief by the court," said Anshul, son of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati who was shot dead from point blank range at his residence in Sirsa.

The big thing is that it has been established that Singh committed a heinous crime, Anshul said. This was not accepted by the society earlier, he added.

"The court has unmasked the fraud seer. My father's struggle against him has become fruitful today," he said terming the quantum of sentence a tribute to Chhatrapati's struggle.

Successive governments in Haryana had "never cooperated with us," Anshul said. We had no hope from those in the power corridors, but had

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Maintaining confidentiality of POCSO victims' identity imperative, High Court warns

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 28 AUG:**

The High Court of Sikkim has taken serious note of the identity of a child abuse victim being revealed by investigating agencies and court authorities during the pre-trial and trial processes.

While hearing an appeal filed by one Rabin Burma who was convicted in a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences [POCSO] Act, 2012, Justice Bhaskar Raj Pradhan upheld the conviction and passed directions to the Registrar General of the High Court of Sikkim to transmit copies of the judgment to all the Special Courts

to ensure full and complete compliance to the mandate of section 33 (7) of the POCSO Act, 2012.

The section states, "The Special Court shall ensure that the identity of the child is not disclosed at any time during the course of investigation or trial: Provided that for reasons to be recorded in writing, the Special Court may permit such disclosure, if in its opinion such disclosure is in the interest of the child."

The Special Court must keep in mind that the identity of the child, as clarified in the explanation to Section 33 (7) of the POCSO Act, 2012 does not mean only the name

but includes the identity of the family, school, relatives, neighbourhood or any other information by which his/her identity may stand exposed, Justice Pradhan said.

District and Sessions Judges have also been directed to ensure that the Magistrates are made aware of the directions issued. The directions are to be forwarded to the Director General of Police to ensure compliance by the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) and the Police Officers involved in the investigation and trial of offences under the POCSO Act, 2012 and for guidance to the Special Public Prosecutors.

The identity of the child

not being disclosed is in the interest of the child, both as a victim as well as a witness which is sought to be protected by the POCSO Act, 2012. The investigating authorities, the media houses and the courts have a statutory duty to protect this with all their might, the court said.

The court while cautioning the media houses also directed that if any report in any media discloses the identity of a child including his name, address, photograph, family details, school, neighbourhood or any other particulars which may lead to disclosure of identity of the child, all such persons involved in mak-

ing such report and disclosure shall be prosecuted for contravention thereof under Section 23 (4) of the POCSO Act.

The bench also took serious view of members of the bars who are assisting the court and directed to ensure that the legal counsel to the child shall keep in mind the mandate of the law under the Act, which insulates the child's privacy and confidentiality by all means and through all stages of judicial process involving the child.

The bench also directed the prison authorities to keep in mind that it is a depraved mind that indulges in such crimes ant to battle such evil

it is this mind that must also be effectively tackled. The State in such cases must rise to the occasion and also ensure counselling and psychotherapy treatment of the offender while under detention, the Court added.

The bench has also upheld the quantum of sentence under the POCSO Act and discharged the accused from Section 354 A, IPC [sexual harassment and punishment for sexual harassment]. The accused had sexually assaulted a minor girl on the night of 01 July 2015 following which he had been arrested and convicted by a Special Court in 2016.

Eight Bills introduced in Ninth Assembly session

GANGTOK, 28 AUG [IPR]: The Sixth Session [Part-III] of the Ninth Assembly of Sikkim Legislative Assembly commenced today with the introduction of the First Supplementary Demands for Grants 2017-18 and Introduction of Bills on the floor of the House.

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, who is also the Minister-In-Charge of Finance, Revenue & Expenditure Department, Government of Sikkim, presented the First Supplementary Demands for Grants for the Financial Year 2017-18.

The Chief Minister also presented the Demands for Excess Grants/Appropriation for Expenditure of the Government of Sikkim relating to the Financial Year 2010-11.

The discussion and voting on the aforementioned demands will take place in the subsequent sitting of the Assembly on 29 Aug 2017.

In the Legislative Business, several Bills were introduced on the floor of the House. Minister-In-Charge of Cultural Affairs & Heritage Department, GM Gurung, introduced the Sikkim Public Records Bill. Bill



No. 11 of 2017.

Minister-In-Charge of Forest Environment & Wildlife Management Department, TW Lepcha, introduced the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals [Sikkim Amendment] Bill, Bill No. 12 of 2017.

Minister-In-Charge of Animal Husbandry, Livestock Fisheries & Veterinary Services Department, Somnath Poudyal, introduced the Sikkim Preservation of Rain-Free State Bill, Bill

No. 15 of 2017, the Sikkim Prevention of Cow Slaughter Bill, Bill No. 17 of 2017 and the Sikkim (Livestock and Livestock Products Control) Amendment Bill, Bill No. 19 of 2017.

Chief Minister and Minister-In-Charge of Finance Revenue & Expenditure Department, Mr Chamling, introduced the Sikkim Online Gaming [Regulation] Amendment Bill, Bill No. 16 of 2017.

Minister-In-Charge of Human Resource Development Department, RB Subba, introduced the Tashi Namgyal Academy Board [Amendment] Bill, Bill No. 18 of 2017 while Minister-In-Charge of Health Care Human Services & Family Welfare Department, AK Ghatani, introduced the Sikkim Anti Drugs [Amendment] Bill, Bill No. 21 of 2017.

The discussion and voting on all the above Bills will also take place

on 29 Aug 2017.

Earlier, the session began with the Speaker, KN Rai, reading the Obituary References on the demise of former Chief Minister of Sikkim, NB Bhandari, former Rajya Sabha Member from Sikkim, KN Pulger, and former Chief Minister of Manipur Rishang Keishing.

Chief Minister Mr Chamling in his obituary reference on the passing away of Late NB Bhan-

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India, China almost complete troop disengagement at Doklam: MEA

NEW DELHI/ BEIJING, AUG 28 (PTI): India and China have almost completed the disengagement of border personnel at Doklam, in a major diplomatic breakthrough which came a week before the BRICS summit in China which is expected to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) today announced that both the countries agreed to an "expeditious disengagement" at the face-off site in Doklam following diplomatic communications.

In response to a question later in the evening, the MEA said the process of disengagement had almost been completed under verification, reflecting an end to the nearly

two-and-a-half-month long standoff.

"This process has since been almost completed under verification," MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said, referring to the disengagement.

In Beijing, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, however, sought to highlight the withdrawal of Indian troops to dispel the impression of a climb down by China.

The official, while stonewalling questions about India's announcement of the mutual disengagement of troops, claimed its soldiers continued to patrol the area.

Troops of the two countries had been locked in a standoff in

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This is realpolitik, also known as track II diplomacy

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 28 AUG:

A conspiracy theory hangs heavy in the rarefied air of the Darjeeling hills. No one is coming clear on the subject and so no one knows who has conspired against whom. But, the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha chief Bimal Gurung has exploded the bombshell sending eyebrows arching.

Conspiracy and treachery are attributes that can be perpetrated only by persons one trusts. Persons one is not close to can neither conspire nor grow treacherous since the element of belief is missing.

So, going by the GJM chief's ver-

sion, people he considered close for long, relied upon, have gone behind his back to strike a deal with the state government to derail the ongoing movement and nail him as well.

Very hurt by the incident, an emotional Gurung has gone to the extent of stating he would someday go back home "in Gorkhaland or never go back alive". Grow up Bimal Gurung. This is realpolitik. Here only the practical aspects matter, abstracts like morality, ideology are like distant planets.

It is against this backdrop an all-party meeting to end the Darjeeling impasse would be held in Kolkata on Tuesday under the stewardship

of chief minister Mamata Banerjee. The outcome of the talks can be easily surmised.

Conflicting preconditions are generally potent tools to wreck a dialogue. And Tuesday's proposed talks are loaded with preconditions. While Gurung has decreed that the talks would have to centre strictly on Gorkhaland, the state government would reject the statehood demand outright.

While the state government would urge the hill parties to consider withdrawing the almost three-month old bandh, no one from the other side would have the cheek to promise so without consulting Gu-

rung first.

Gurung's diktat that those to be present at the negotiation table on Tuesday would either walk out of the meeting if it strays from the Gorkhaland issue, or not return to the hills again, is further emotion personified and a very dangerous edict at that.

So the end is in sight even before the 'hello, how are you' has been uttered. Yet, the meeting or a semblance of it must happen. It is so because issues such as the one that has taken the Darjeeling hills by a storm can never be settled in a one off meeting.

It must happen because the first

meeting is always the crucial one since it breaks the ice. Once parleys begin negotiations follow, which ushers subsequent meetings and the exercise continues till both sides soften their respective stands and a workable solution acceptable to all sides is reached.

Lastly, the meeting must happen since it is the only way forward. Just imagine the hill people's plight for the past three months or so. Tuesday's meeting could open up a new horizon for the beleaguered Darjeeling hills.

If not successful, that would be fruitful at least. That would do for starters.

Murdered scribe's son welcomes sentencing of Dera chief

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faith in the judicial system, he said. He hailed the CBI's investigation in the rape case against the Dera head.

It was a big fight for us against those who were powerful and had the support of men, money and government, he said.

"My father's case is also being heard by the same judge who convicted the Dera head in two rape cases. The hearing in that case is slated for September 16," he said.

In January 2005, Anshul had filed a petition in the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking a CBI inquiry in the case of killing of his father.

Chhatrapati ran a local daily 'Poora Sacch'.

He was shot a few months after he published an anonymous letter narrating how women were being sexually exploited by Singh at the Dera headquarters in Sinsa.

Anshul has been fighting the legal battle that has now reached final arguments stage in the same CBI court at Panchkula that found the dera chief guilty in two rape cases on August 2.

Chhatrapati's family had moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking a CBI investigation accusing the Dera chief of murder.

The court ordered the CBI to register FIR in the case on November 10, 2003. A special CBI court today sentenced Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh to 20 years in prison after his conviction in two rape cases.

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SSSWB Chairperson conferred award by India International Friendship Society

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GANGTOK, 28 AUG:

Sikkim State Social Welfare Board [SSSWB] Chairperson, Phurmit Lepcha, has been conferred with the Bharat Jyoti Award along with the Certificate of Excellence for her outstanding contribution in the field of social service. She was awarded by the India International Friendship Society at India International Center in New Delhi on 24 Aug during the seminar on 'Economic Growth and National Integration'.

The award was handed over by former Union Minister cum Governor of Assam and Tamil Nadu, Vishnu Narayan Singh. The seminar was attended by participants from different states and chaired



by eminent speakers like Chairperson, National Green Tribunal Justice Swatantar Kumar, former Judge of Supreme Court, Rajesh Tandon, Chairper-

son, Law Commission, Utarakhand.

An SSSWB press release informs that Ms Lepcha started her social service when she was

young and energetic and still continuing to serve the society. It is added that her dedication to serve the society was recognized by the Chief

Minister Pawan Chamling by nominating her as Panchayat Secretary of Sripertam Gagyoung Gram Panchayat Unit from 1997 to 2002.

"Thereafter, she was again elected as Zilla Adhakshya from 2002 to 2007, South Sikkim. Further she was also nominated as the member of the State Commission for Women from 21/03/2013 to 21/03/2016," the release informs.

Ms Lepcha is presently serving as the Chairperson of the Sikkim State Social Welfare Board and is actively involved in conducting awareness programmes on women's empowerment and women's issues involving self-help groups and voluntary organisations.

Manmohan to lead Cong panel to Kashmir next month

SRINAGAR, AUG 28 (PTI):

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who heads the Congress's policy planning group on Kashmir, will lead a team of party leaders to Jammu and Kashmir next month for discussion on current situation in the state with party workers and "like-minded" groups.

"Singh, who is likely to be accompanied by Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and Ambika Soni, will visit Jammu on September 10 and Kashmir on 16 September," Congress state president G A Mir told PTI here.

Mir said Singh and other members of the team would meet party leaders and workers.

"The idea is to get inputs from the grassroots. The current issues that the state is facing will also be discussed," he said.

The Congress set up the policy planning group, headed by the former prime minister, on Jammu and Kashmir in April this year following worsening situation in the valley due to widespread street protests in the wake of eight deaths in security forces firing on April 9 during bypolls to the Srinagar Lok Sabha constituency.

SKM coordination meetings in West Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 28 AUG:

A coordination meeting of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha was held at Tashiding under Yuksom-Tashiding constituency in West Sikkim today. The meeting was chaired by SKM working president, MP Subba, and attended by west district in-charge, Loknath Nepal, youth in-charge, Janak Gurung, CLC members and local people, a press release informs.

The meeting, the release claims, discussed problems being faced by

the people due to mismanagement and corrupt practices of the government.

The party working president stressed that people need to come forward and protest corruption and also lashed out against the failure of the State government to provide proper drinking water or power supply, roads, health services, education etc.

Another coordination meeting of the party was held at Darap under Yangthang constituency today, the release adds.

Rijiju slams rights groups on Rohingyas, says don't lecture

NEW DELHI, AUG 28

(PTI): Union minister Kiren Rijiju today slammed human rights groups for criticising the Centre's move to deport Rohingya refugees, saying India has given shelter to maximum number of migrants, more than any other nation, and advised them not to "lecture".

He asked the rights groups not to "demonise" India as a country hostile to refugees and said New Delhi is not going to "throw" the Rohingyas into the "ocean" or "shoot" them but will follow due process of law before their identification and deportation.

"India is the most humane nation in the world. Millions of refugees live in India. There is no other country in the world which hosts so many refugees. So, don't demonise us, don't give us lecture," he told reporters here.

He was referring to the criticism by some human rights organisation to the government's move.

The minister of state for home said all those who had entered India were liable to be deported after following a proper process of law.

"We are not going to shoot them nor we are planning to throw them in the ocean. India is not a signatory to UN human rights convention but still the country has been hosting millions of refugees," he said.

"Please don't accuse us as intolerant. We value human rights, we act as per law," he said.

Early this month, the Centre had said illegal immigrants like the Rohingyas pose grave security challenges as they may be recruited by terror groups, and asked state governments to identify and deport them.



Public of Dikchu brave rains to clean town

SUMMIT REPORT
MANGAN, 28 AUG:

People of Dikchu braved the rain to clean their surroundings as part of the monthly cleanliness drive on Sunday morning. The cleanliness drive was participat-

ed by youth, members of the business community, students and children wherein they cleared the litter strewn around the town and clogged drains.

Since the only Safai Karmachari in Dikchu retired six months ago,

the town has been left with no Safai Karmachari to keep its surroundings clean. The public of Dikchu have requested the authorities several times to recruit a new Karmachari but no action has been taken so far.

India, China almost complete troop disengagement...

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Doklam since June 16 after Indian troops stopped the Chinese Army from building a road in the disputed area.

India had deployed about 350 Army personnel in the area.

Sources in the Army said it had disengaged, implying that its troops had been withdrawn.

"In recent weeks, India and China have maintained diplomatic communication in respect of the incident at Doklam. During these communications, we were able to express our views and convey our concerns and interests," the MEA said.

"On this basis, expeditious disengagement of border personnel at the face-off site in Doklam has been agreed to and is on-going," it said in a statement earlier in the day.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said, "On the afternoon on August 28th, India has pulled back all the trespassing personnel, equipment

to the Indian side of the boundary".

Hua remained silent on China's plans to build a road, which sparked the standoff, and said it would "make adjustments" with the situation on the ground.

The official said the Chinese side would continue to "exercise its sovereignty, uphold territorial integrity in accordance with historical conventions".

Asked if the Chinese statement meant China had not made any concessions, officials in New Delhi said expeditious disengagement implied a withdrawal of both parties because a unilateral withdrawal by India would not have required an agreement with China.

Responding to a question on the disengagement understanding, the MEA spokesperson said India's principled position was that agreements and understandings reached on the boundary issues must be scrupulously respected.

"India's policy remains guided by the belief that peace in the border areas is an essential pre-requi-

site for the further development of our bilateral relationship," he said.

The two countries had also agreed in Astana in early June that "differences should not be allowed to become disputes and that India China relations must remain stable", Kumar said, adding that India looked forward to continuing engagement with the Chinese side on this basis.

Modi and Chinese president Xi Jinping had held talks in Astana, Kazakhstan, on the sidelines of the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

The BRICS summit, that brings together Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, will be held in the Chinese city of Xiamen from September 3-5. Prime Minister Modi is expected to represent India at the summit.

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj recently said both sides should first pull back their troops for any talks to take place, and favoured a peaceful resolution of the border standoff.

Eight Bills introduced in Ninth...

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dari stated that his passing away is a great loss to the Sikkimese society. He recounted the contribution made by Late Bhandari for the upliftment of the people of Sikkim. He stated that Late Bhandari was a successful politician, a successful Chief Minister, a successful opposition leader, a literary figure, a social worker and a doyen of the Nepali-speaking community in their struggle for identity. He maintained that Late Bhandari is remembered mostly for his role in ensuring the recognition of Nepali as one of the languages enshrined in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Mr Chamling also outlined the political journey of Late Bhandari from the early seventies to the time when he rose up to the pinnacle of power.

Born on 05 Oct 1940 to parents Balaram Bhandari and Chandra Maya Bhandari in Malbasey Soreng, the three-time Chief Minister of Sikkim breathed his last on 16 July 2017 while undergoing medical treatment at

Primus Multi Speciality Hospital in New Delhi. He is survived by two wives, Bed Maya Bhandari and Dil Kumari Bhandari, three sons and three daughters.

He expressed his deep condolence and anguish on the passing away of the stalwart politician and prayed that his soul may rest in eternal peace.

On the obituary reference of former Rajya Sabha Member from Sikkim, Late KN Pulger, the CM remembered him for his simplicity and benevolent persona. He stated that in the passing away of Late Pulger, Sikkim has lost one noble soul. He further stated that the Sikkimese society will continue to be guided and inspired by the positive messages left behind by Late Pulger.

Late Pulger is survived by his wife, Kesang Choden Pulger, four sons, daughters-in-law, two daughters and sons-in-law.

Mr Chamling expressed deep sorrow on the passing away of the former MP and prayed that the bereaved family members and well wishers find strength to deal

with the irreparable loss.

The CM also expressed deep sorrow and anguish on the passing away of former four-time Chief Minister of Manipur, Rishang Keishing. Born in the year 1920, Late Keishing is remembered for his active participation during India's freedom struggle. He later went on to become a successful politician. He passed away on 22 Aug, 2017 at Regional Indian Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal at the age of 96. He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

The obituary reference was also participated in by Minister RB Subba and MLA KN Lepcha. Members of the House observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed souls.

During the question hour that followed, Minister-In-Charge Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department, in a question raised by MLA, KN Lepcha, replied that the information telecast recently by national news channel Aaj Tak and published in Aajtak Blog on Sikkim producing 8000 crore tonnes

organic vegetables annually is not true. He added that the surplus organic product of Sikkim is marketed within the State and neighbouring domestic markets and that there is no revenue generation through foreign exchange.

In another question raised by MLA, RN Chamling regarding man-animal conflict in the fringe areas surrounding Wild Life Sanctuaries in the State, Minister-In-Charge of Forest, TW Lepcha clarified that the scheme 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats' is being implemented by the state government, the main objective of which is enrichment of forest habitats, to make forests self sufficient for wild animals and prevent them from moving out of their habitats.

He further informed that fences have been provided, cages are deployed, trenches are dug, and vegetation fences and dry walls have been erected to address the issue. Further, ex-gratia payment is dispensed to people affected by wildlife on revised rates of 2017, he informed.

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Sadam-Duntaley's retired employees meet, discuss development of GPU

GANGTOK, 28 AUG: The 14th meeting of the Sikkim Government Retired Employees Welfare Association [SGREWA], Sadam-Suntaley branch in South Sikkim was held on 27 Aug under the presidency of DB Tiwari, a retired teacher.

21 retired employees along with Panchayat members, Gawasna Pradhan and Sakuntala Pradhan, attended the programme, the main objective of which was to discuss development plans for Sadam-Suntaley GPU.

During the meeting several resolutions were passed which included each member of the association making a Rs 1,000 contribution on the demise of a member. It was further informed that the association will be obtaining its affiliation certificate from the central body in Gangtok.

On the occasion of Children's Day this year, the association will be providing scholarships to two students from BPL families enrolled in schools of the GPU.

The release also informs that the construction work of Saheed KP Pradhan Smarak will be started soon at Tarey Bhir premises for which MLA of Melli constituency, Tulshi Devi Rai, and Sadam-Suntaley Gram Panchayat have assured to provide financial assistance of Rs 1,50,000.

A separate office for the association is also to be constructed soon. Further, under a joint initiative of the Gram Panchayat and the association, life insurance policies for 61 people from BPL families of the GPU will be opened at Rs 330 each, the release adds.

During the meeting, two retired Sikkim Government employees, Hiralal Basnet and Pahal Man Dalhal joined the association.

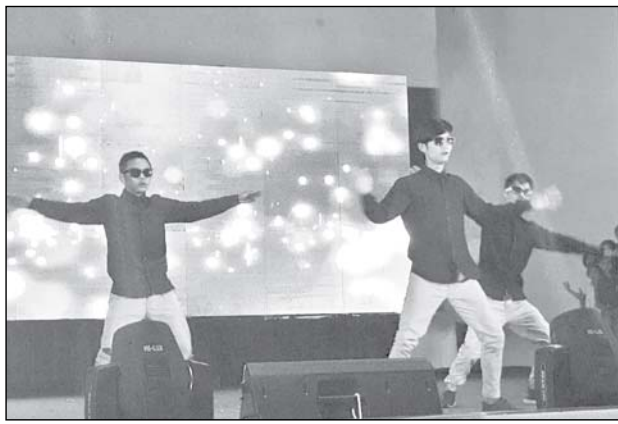
Arithang's Denay Sunar is Sikkim's Dancing Icon

**ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 28 AUG:**

The grand finale of the dance competition, Sikkim's Dancing Icon Season 1, was held on Sunday evening at the auditorium of Sikkim Government College in Tadong.

Denay Sunar, hailing from Arithang in Gangtok successfully bagged the Sikkim's Dancing Icon title with Khandu Secondary School and Alina Subba securing the first and second runners up positions, respectively.

Organized by Creative Illusion Dexterity Studio-Ranipool, twelve individuals and groups competed in the final round for the title. Principal of New Light Academy-Namchi, Dr Lobsang Lama, attended the event as chief guest along with Managing Director of Nayuma Television, Roshan Rai, filmmaker,



Kishore Dungmali Rai, and General Manager-Sikkim State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd, Jeevan Sharma.

Anchored by Yougan Tamang, the finale had finalist of Dance Plus Season 2, Sushant Khatri, and Mingma D Lepcha of the Dance Plus

Season 2 fame in the judging panel.

The winners of various other categories are Julina Rai [Best Expression], Little MJ group [Best Presentation], Sonam Palmu Bhutia [Best Costume], Khandu Secondary School [Best Choreography] and Samir Tamang [Best

Performance].

It may be mentioned here, the auditions for the first season of Sikkim's Dancing Icon were held at Namchi, Gyalshing and Gangtok during the month of August wherein more than 150 dancers from different parts of the State participated with enthusiasm.

The quarter finals of the competition with 49 contestants [solos, duos, and groups] were held at the Community Hall in Singtam on 20 Aug out of which 25 qualified for the semi-final round held on the same day. Top 12 participants of the semi-finals competed for the coveted title of Sikkim's Dancing Icon 2017 in the finals held on 27 Aug.

The judges of the auditions were Shristi Pariyar [Director/Founder-CID studio], Sushma Yonzon [Director/Founder-Twist Your Toes, Sombaria] and urban hip-hop dancers from Kurseong, Stallence Lama and Deo Dorjee Yolmo.

The event was organized as a fund raising event to provide financial assistance to an ailing child undergoing treatment here in Gangtok, it is informed.



Beti Bachao Beti Padhao awareness for Singhik school students

**SUMMIT REPORT
MANGAN, 28 AUG:**

An awareness programme on Beti Bachao Beti Padhao was held at Singhik Secondary School on 26 Aug. CDO Chungthang, Sonam Lhaden Lachungpa highlighted about Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and the schemes of the government for the girl child and women.

PI Mangan, Karma Denjongpa underlined about POCOS Act and drug addiction. Information on adolescent health and development

was highlighted by social worker and youth motivator (NGO North Sikkim Youth Welfare), Jigme Bhutia.

Pema Bhutia (Health educator, District hospital) shared information about teenage pregnancy and other issues while Shekar Khatiwara (DPM coordinator) highlighted about MDR tuberculosis.

Prizes were also handed over to girls and boys who participated in the 'Sharing of experiences and valuing the importance of mother and sister' contest.



Kalimpong NGO members help Singtam's destitutes

**YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 28 AUG:**

Members of Kalimpong based NGO, Who Cares, Anju Subba from Rangpo and Indu Subedi from Singtam, volunteered today to help

three destitutes of Singtam. They will be heading to Rangpo to continue with their humanitarian work for destitute. The NGO provides clothes and cares for the homeless and the destitute.

3 held for lynching of men carrying cows in Jalpaiguri

JALPAIGURI (WB), AUG 28 (PTI): Three people were today arrested in connection with the lynching of two men for carrying cows in a pick-up van in Jalpaiguri district.

Superintendent of Police Amitabha Maiti said the police had detained eight people from Barohalia village, where the lynching occurred yesterday morning, for questioning.

Later, three of them were arrested and the rest released, he said, adding that the police were in the look-out for some more people involved in the lynching.

Meanwhile, a large number of people of Barohalia demonstrated before the Dhupguri police station demanding that the three arrested be released and claimed that the deceased were cattle thieves.

Rapid Action Force (RAF) and a

huge contingent of police were deployed there.

One of the villagers said cattle were being stolen regularly from their village for quite sometime, but the police did not do anything. But after the two thieves died, they have become very active.

The villagers said they woke up from sleep at the sound of speeding vehicles early yesterday and intercepted a pick-up van full of cattle.

Those in the vehicle failed to answer what they were doing at that time in the village with a pick-up van full of cattle. This led to an altercation and two persons in the vehicle were beaten up.

Police said Anwar Hussain (19) and Hafizul Sheikh (19) were beaten to death by the mob, which also badly damaged the pick-up van.

Sensitization programme on Suicide and Substance Abuse in Gyalshing

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 28 AUG:**

A sensitization programme on Suicide and Substance Abuse in Sikkim was organized by District Legal Services Authority, West Sikkim, at the ADR Centre, District Court Complex in Gyalshing on 26 Aug, a press release informs.

The programme was chaired by District & Sessions Judge [West], KC Barphungpa, who is also the Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority and was attended by Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate [West], Zamyang Choden Bhutia.

Chief Medical Officer [West], Dr Thinlay Wangyal Barphungpa, State RMNCHA Consul-

tant- Sikkim, UNICEF, Dr Mahesh Dattatraya Patil, and Senior Sub-Divisional Police Officer [West], Bishal Rai, were the resource persons.

Students, lecturers and teachers from Pelling Senior Secondary School, Kyongsa Girls Senior Secondary School, Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing and District Institute of Education and Training [DIET], Gyalshing, attended the event.

Resource person, Dr Patil deliberated on suicide and substance abuse, focusing on building mental health and developing a positive approach. He also discussed the reasons which lead to mental health issues and its prevention.

Dr Barphungpa and SDPO, Mr Rai, addressed the gathering on the causes which lead to suicide and drug abuse in Sikkim and informed that parents, teachers, judicial officers, counselors, doctors and police need to play the role of 'gate keepers' to curb the menace of suicidal deaths in the society.

Dr Barphungpa also informed that in case of any problems related to mental health conditions and suicidal tendencies, help can be availed by contacting the Psychiatrists now posted and available at the District Hospital in Gyalshing and provided the toll free suicide helpline no. 18003453225, the release adds.



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Respect Belief, Don't Foist It

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Agodman is behind bars, not the first of his ilk to end up there and not even the first to have been accused and convicted of rape. His followers are upset and violently so, and there is nothing new in that reaction as well. In fact, it is not something unique to godmen and their cults either because one has seen such passionate responses from bhakts of politicians as well. But just because these things are known to happen does not make them excusable, and while it is all too easy to dismiss cults and their converts as illogically faiths and blind followers, it is perhaps because of this dismissive attitude that seemingly outlandish and even obviously manipulative ideologies manage to win so many followers, who, because they have been at the receiving end of discrimination so much, cease to see the difference between criminal transgressions and divine interventions. Take Gurmeet Ram Rahim for instance. This region knows him as Slacks/ Capri Baba and learned of his roving eyes many years ago. It is easy to mock and ridicule him, and TV channels have been going to town running him and his followers down. But, every time we do that, we reinforce the reasons why his devotees have gravitated to him so strongly. Followers of such cults seek out such icons to escape from the caste and class discriminations which refuse to respect their individuality and deny even their existence. It then becomes easy for them to convince themselves that the system which has failed them so miserably was also conspiring against their faith and its leader. When the media and commentators resort to snide remarks and ridicule to embellish their reportage, they reinforce these beliefs and perpetuate the stereotypes which had convinced so many to move away in the first place. In that sense, it is perhaps time to introduce more nuance and lessen the melodrama in news broadcasts and commentary.

Beliefs, religious or political, after all, are personal possessions and pursuits, they require no justification, demand no logic but because we live in a secular democracy, require every individual to respect the belief structures held dear by others. It is as simple as that. The operative term here is 'respect', along with which comes the responsibility of observing restraint, realising that belief systems need to be respected, which is not the same as the right to force it on others. What would be even more irresponsible would be to blur the lines between the religious and the political, a line which is being crossed increasingly more often nowadays. For everyone shocked by the violence that arrived in the wake of the latest godman's conviction, past excesses committed in the name of faith need to be revisited to realize how common such madness is. And no, there really is no difference "organized" religion and cults when it comes to such matters. India started off with a very simple idea of secularism – the people and their representatives can subscribe to any religion they want but their government can have none. It was as simple as that, but then we had to go ahead and complicate things by trying to foist personal ideas of morality and values on the entire country. Take the latest obsession with banning beef or banning cow slaughter – it is a minority obsession forced into the minds of the majority faith and is now being promoted all over the country. What the blinkered minds don't realize is that even beef eaters do not traditionally slaughter cows for milk. Apart from being uncomfortable with the idea of eating something which has nourished them her whole life, even the meat is not considered tender enough to be palatable unless on the table of the most impoverished who can afford no other source of protein. So, in most cases, the cow is not slaughtered for meat and in most cases it is not even sold for the leather. When governments ban its slaughter, they appear to be suggesting that the traditional practices are somehow not dependable enough to protect gau mata. That is problematic and reflective of attitudes which have been pushing people away (yes, even into cults like the one in the news of late). While on holy cows, if the intent is really to treat the gau mata better, then a legislation should be brought in which mandates that cattle grows in free ranges and not cooped for life in a stable.

Because Faith commands complete acceptance, when it is invoked to push ideological stands (however ill-informed they may be), they come in conflict with the people's right to make informed choices and decisions. India remains a secular country in principle and its citizens need to reinforce these credentials with more conviction by building public pressure to ensure that we neither mock nor celebrate any faith over others and don't foist one set of beliefs to demotivate anyone else.

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Is Hurricane Harvey a harbinger for Houston's future?

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Over the past week we have seen two major tropical storms devastate different parts of the world. First Typhoon Hato struck Hong Kong and Southern China killing at least a dozen people. And over the weekend Hurricane Harvey made landfall from the Gulf of Mexico, bringing extremely heavy rain to southern Texas and causing devastating floods in Houston.

Tropical cyclones are, of course, a natural feature of our climate. But the extreme impacts of these recent storms, especially in Houston, has understandably led to questions over whether climate change is to blame.

HOW ARE TROPICAL CYCLONES CHANGING?

Tropical cyclones, called typhoons in the Northwest Pacific and hurricanes in the North Atlantic, are major storm systems that initiate near the Equator and can hit locations in the tropics and subtropics around the world.

When we look at the Atlantic Basin we see increases in tropical storm numbers over the past century, although there is high year-to-year variability. The year 2005, when Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans, marks the high point.

We can be confident that we're seeing more severe tropical cyclones in the North Atlantic than we did a few decades ago. It is likely that climate change has contributed to this trend, although there is low statistical confidence associated with this statement. What that means is that this observed increase in hurricane frequency is more likely than not linked with climate change, but the increase may also be linked to decadal variability.

HAS HARVEY BEEN ENHANCED BY CLIMATE CHANGE?

Unlike other types of extreme weather such as heatwaves, the influence of climate change on tropical cyclones is hard to pin down. This is because tropical cyclones form as a result of many factors coming together, including high sea surface temperatures, and weak changes in wind strength through the depth of the atmosphere.

These storms are also difficult to simulate using climate models. To study changes in tropical cyclones we need to run our models at high reso-



lution and with interactions between the atmosphere and the ocean being represented.

It's much easier to study heat extremes, because we can do this by looking at a single, continuous variable: temperature. Tropical cyclones, on the other hand, are not a continuous variable; they either form or they don't. This makes them much harder to model and study.

Tropical cyclones also have many different characteristics that might change in unpredictable ways as they develop, including their track, their overall size, and their strength. Different aspects of the cyclones are likely to change in different ways, and no two cyclones are the same. Compare that with a heatwave, which often have similar spatial features.

For all these reasons, it is very hard to say exactly how climate change has affected Hurricane Harvey.

SO WHAT CAN WE SAY?

While it's hard to pin the blame for Hurricane Harvey directly on climate change, we can say this: human-caused climate change has enhanced some of the impacts of the storm.

Fortunately, in Harvey's case, the

storm surge hasn't been too bad, unlike for Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, for example. This is because Harvey did not travel as far, and weakened rapidly when it made landfall.

We know that storm surges due to tropical cyclones have been enhanced by climate change. This is because the background sea level has increased, making it more likely that storm surges will inundate larger unprotected coastal regions.

Building levees and sea walls can alleviate some of these impacts, although these barriers will need to be higher (and therefore more expensive) in the future to keep out the rising seas.

DELUGE DANGER

Harvey's biggest effect is through its intense and prolonged rainfall. A low pressure system to the north is keeping Harvey over southern Texas, resulting in greater rainfall totals.

The rainfall totals are already remarkable and are only going to get worse.

We know that climate change is enhancing extreme rainfall. As the atmosphere is getting warmer it can hold more moisture (roughly 7% more for every 1°C rise in tem-

perature). This means that when we get the right circumstances for very extreme rainfall to occur, climate change is likely to make these events even worse than they would have been otherwise. Without a full analysis it is hard to put exact numbers on this effect, but on a basic level, wetter skies mean more intense rain.

HOUSTON, WE HAVE A PROBLEM

There are other factors that are making this storm worse than others in terms of its impact. Houston is the second-fastest growing city in the US, and the fourth most populous overall.

As the region's population grows, more and more of southern Texas is being paved with impermeable surfaces. This means that when there is extreme rainfall the water takes longer to drain away, prolonging and intensifying the floods.

Hurricane Harvey is likely to end up being one of the most costly disasters in US history. It is also likely that climate change and population growth in the region have worsened the effects of this major storm.

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Why we should expect scientists to disagree about antibiotic resistance– and other controversies

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On numerous matters including food, health and the environment, experts are called upon to communicate the implications of scientific evidence for particular choices. It may be tempting to highlight simple messages from complex evidence. But as the recent controversy over advice on antibiotics shows, there is a risk of such messages backfiring when new evidence comes to light. So in these fractious times of "alternative facts", how best can experts build trust with the public?

Evidence provided by science is often mixed, incomplete, changeable or conditional on context. Yet experts are expected to stick to narratives that highlight a consensus view. Simplifying the complex may be essential for public communication, but this is not the same as glossing over uncertainty or valid disagreements. It is far better to find ways to communicate why evidence may be inconclusive and why experts might reasonably make different judgements on the same question.

On antibiotics, it may be confusing to find experts giving conflicting assessments on whether or not people should "finish the course". But far from representing post-truth, this disagreement suggests we must pay more attention to the matter of how to cope despite the vagaries of expert consensus.

FRAYING ANTIBIOTICS CONSENSUS

Healthcare professionals have long stressed that people mustn't stop taking prescribed antibiotics when they feel better. Some experts recently questioned this conventional wisdom in the British Medical Journal (BMJ), suggesting that the advice is not evidence-based and that it impedes conservation of antibiotics in light of bacterial resistance. Elsewhere, it is claimed that antibiotics are prescribed more out of fear and habit than on the basis of science.

But other experts have been critical, saying that the call to change established prescribing practice is dangerous as it is itself unsupported by sufficient evidence.

In this debate, many actually agree that it is worth reconsidering antibiotic duration, and that more clinical trials are needed to specify appropri-

ate doses for different infections. Some consensus is emerging that shorter courses may sometimes be sensible – but more evidence is needed.

All agree, for example, that tuberculosis merits a longer course of antibiotics to cure the infection and possibly to prevent resistance. But for some common conditions, the recommended course has already been shortened to three days. Public health messages have subtly changed, with Public Health England telling people to take antibiotics "exactly as prescribed" rather than "completing the course". Prescribers are asked to avoid unnecessarily lengthy durations.

So, calls to shorten antibiotic courses and gather more evidence are not new. But until recently, public discussion of the issue was rare.

SIMPLE MESSAGES?

The real controversy provoked by the BMJ article is about what experts should tell the public. The authors suggest that primary care patients prescribed antibiotics for common bacterial infections could be advised to stop when they feel better. Many of their critics fear that such advice is too subjective, and people will be confused by experts disagreeing or departing from an established message. The Chief Medical Officer has reiterated that official advice is unchanged: follow what the doctor says.

The notion that experts must convey a simple message is based on the assumption that uncertainty creates anxiety, making people unsure of what to believe or how to act. Since being exposed to divergent views increases uncertainty, it seems to follow that experts must hew to a strict line. But health communication scholars suggest this is too simplistic as people manage and respond to uncertainty in different ways. Some may have good reasons to ignore debates among experts, relying instead on familiar routines that shape their beliefs and behaviour. Others may distrust markers of excessive confidence, finding open discussion more reassuring as it chimes with their own instincts about knowledge.

Even where some reduction in uncertainty is desirable, evidence is not a substitute for judgement. Doing scientific research to address complex matters often increases uncertainty as new evi-

dence raises further questions. Clinical trials data generate their own dilemmas of assessment and interpretation for professionals.

In terms of antibiotic prescribing, one expert argues that trials are needed but clinical judgement will still be important. So evidence of one sort may be valuable but it must be put in context of other evidence and practical objectives. The same principle applies to most issues that experts investigate, from sex differences to the economic impact of Brexit.

COPING WITH UNCERTAINTY

In the case of antibiotic courses, it is unreasonable to expect that new evidence will automatically resolve current uncertainties. Science cannot meet such undue expectations. But this is only a problem in a culture where people expect prescriptions to be based on unshakeable evidence, and where experts cultivate that impression. On other issues such as climate change, where science is invoked to justify particular interventions to the public, we see the same pattern.

Tensions around the public role of science arise partly from the belief that the cultural credibility of expertise rests on communicating in terms of consensus. Whenever new knowledge seems to challenge current consensus, credibility becomes strained. We have recently highlighted how this diverts attention from more urgent practical challenges.

But if conflicting or inconclusive evidence from new science is taken to be the norm rather than the exception, uncertainty wouldn't be a problem to fear or eliminate. Similar points have been made in relation to health communication, where evidence provided by new technologies of screening and testing is often ambiguous.

Promising consensus as derived from scientific evidence is a perilous principle on which to found meaningful engagement between experts and the public. We are better off trying to facilitate improved ways of appraising and coping with entirely normal uncertainties and reasons for disagreement.

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National highways blocked to press for separate Bodoland

Kajalgaon (Assam), Aug 28 (PTI): Women agitators belonging to Bodo organisations today blocked NHs 31 and 15 in Assam for nearly 10 hours and announced a 12-hour shutdown of the state on September 11 demanding a separate Bodoland state.

The protesters, who assembled under the aegis of All Bodo Students Union (ABSU), National Democratic Front of Boroland and People's Joint Action Committee for Boroland Movement blocked the NH-31 at Kajalgaon and NH-15 at Orang to press their demand. The agitation lasted from 5 am till 3 pm in the afternoon.

ABSU president Pramod Boro said all the three groups have jointly called for a 12-hour Assam Bandh on September 11.

"If still the government does not do anything to meet our demand, it will be followed by mass hunger strike and railway blockade programme," he added.

Bengal CID begins awareness programme on Blue Whale game

KOLKATA, AUG 28 (PTI): The West Bengal CID has started an awareness programme in the social network on the controversial Blue Whale online game, which is causing trouble for a growing number of teenagers.

An awareness video on the controversial online game which requires participants to do daring tasks over a period of 50 days which ends with his death, has been posted by West Bengal CID on its official Facebook wall.

"We want to sensitise the people and are trying to increase the awareness levels of everybody including parents, teachers and almost everyone. The video has been uploaded so that people can understand the hidden agenda of the game," a senior CID official told PTI.

The CID had "saved" an engineering student from falling prey to the controversial online game after receiving a call from the registrar of the institution, he said.

The boy's behaviour had become suspicious and the concerned registrar suspected that he might be involved in the Blue Whale game.

"An officer from the CID cyber cell section with the help of the registrar reached out to the student pretending to be an online friend and started counselling him through video calls. Eventually the student agreed to withdraw from the game," he said.

The student had admitted that he had taken up the Blue Whale Challenge and had reached its eighth level, the officer added.

Kolkata Police has already made videos to create awareness on the issue and guidelines for parents and teenagers in order to help them counter the ill-effect of the online game.

My India visit was 'successful', says Nepalese PM

SHIRISH B PRADHAN KATHMANDU, AUG 28 (PTI): Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba today described his recent state visit to India as "successful" and criticised the opposition for making "unwarranted comments" on his talks with the Indian leaders.

Briefing the Parliament about his visit, Deuba said he raised the issue of flooding and inundation at the border areas during talks with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi.

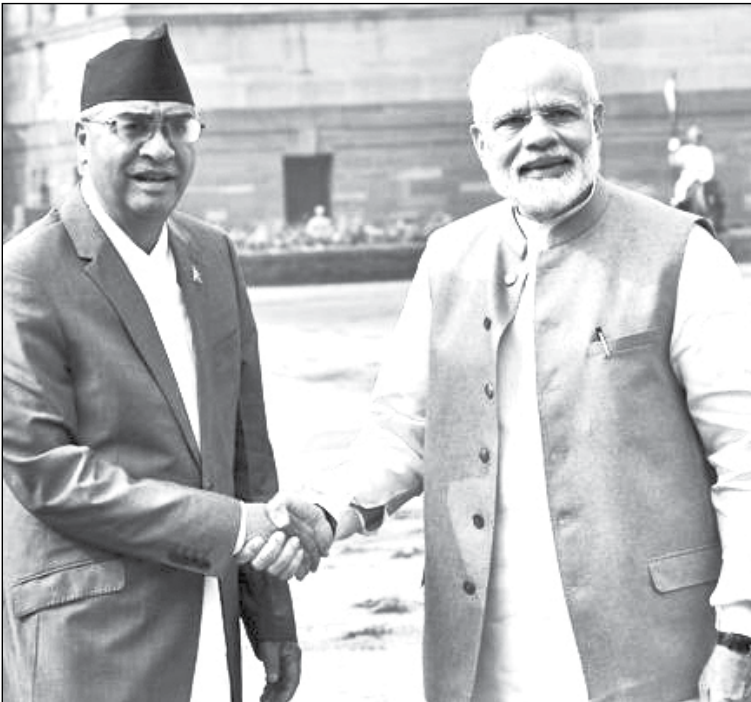
"My state visit has been successful in laying the foundation for further strengthening Nepal-India ties," Deuba told the lawmakers.

He returned home last evening after concluding his maiden foreign visit since assuming the top executive post in June.

Deuba said he also held discussion with Indian officials for completion of the Detailed Project Report of Pancheshwor Multi-Purpose Project within a month.

He said that an agreement was reached with India to come up with appropriate ways to implement all aspects of power trade agreement apart from resuming operation of trade transit points like Dhangadhi-Gauriphanta, Gulariya-Murtiya, Jatahi- Piparaun and Pashupati-Sukiyapokhari after upgrading them.

Deuba said he held talks



with the Indian side for economic development and investment in Nepal.

Similarly, agreements have been reached for development and expansion of tourism sector, construction of Nijgadh airport and construction of a 132 KV transmission line.

He also said that agree-

ment has been signed to construct transmission line in new places and added that discussions were also held regarding expediting hydropower projects like upper Karnali and Arun III.

Prime Minister Deuba said he has taken note of criticism over remarks he made during

his India visit.

He said Constitution promulgation and implementation is internal matter of Nepal and asserted that he had not mentioned anything about the domestic affairs of the country while in India.

"There shall be no compromise over the internal affairs

and Constitution of Nepal. All these unwarranted comments make no sense," said Deuba.

He said he had been effortful in making the Constitution all-acceptable by addressing the grievances over it.

Deuba faced criticism from political parties in Nepal for assuring India about Constitution amendment to address the issues of Madhesis.

"Deuba raised the issue of Constitution's acceptability out of context from the foreign land, which is highly objectionable," main opposition leader and CPN-UML chairman K P Oli had said last week.

"Deuba has taken the oath of office and secrecy while assuming the post of Prime Minister under the same Constitution and he was elected the Prime Minister under the same Constitution, how can he speak against the Constitution in the foreign country," Oli had questioned.

Nepal's parliament last week failed to endorse the much-awaited Constitution amendment bill after it failed to muster the required two-thirds majority.

Madhesis, mostly of Indian-origin, launched a prolonged agitation between September 2015 and February last year against the implementation of the new Constitution which they felt marginalised the Terai community.

2 independent Meghalaya MLAs join BJP

NEW DELHI, AUG 28 (PTI): Two independent MLAs of Meghalaya Assembly today joined the BJP, which had no presence in the state legislature.



The state is heading for polls early next year and the development will be a boost to the party, its leader Nalin Kohli, who is the state in-charge, said after the legislators joined the BJP here in the presence of its chief Amit Shah.

The MLAs, Justine Dkhar and Robinus Syngkon, were inducted in the organisation along with other leaders.

Congress is in power in the state, where it has 29 MLAs in the 60-member House.

The leaders were also accompanied by Himanta Biswa Sarma, a minister in the Assam government who has been tasked with the responsibility of strengthening the party in the Northeast states.

Kohli claimed that the MLAs were concerned over lack of development in the Congress-ruled state while the central government was working to boost development in the region.



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d) a mentally ill or otherwise disabled person;

e) a person under circumstances of undeserved want such as being a victim of a mass disaster, ethnic violence, caste atrocity, flood drought, earthquake, or industrial disaster; or

f) an industrial workman; or


g) in custody, including custody in a protective home within the meaning of clause (g) of section 2 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, or in a juvenile home within the meaning of clause (j) of section 2 of the Mental Health Act, 1986; or in a psychiatric hospital or psychiatric nursing home within the meaning of clause (j) of section 2 of the Mental Health Act, 1987; or

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Dated: 25/08/17

Sealed tenders in percentage rates are invited on behalf of Governor of Sikkim for the works mentioned below from the **APPROPRIATE CLASS** of registered contractors enlisted under SPWD within the territorial jurisdiction as indicated at column 7 of the table in 'Details of works' and having experience in such Government works to reach the office of the Divisional Engineer, Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department, Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok, East Sikkim as per the schedule given below.

DETAILS OF TENDER

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1. Date of submission of application with Challan/Bank receipt for issue of Tender Documents (Excluding Tender Form): 05.10.2017 to 09.10.2017 from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

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4. Date and time of opening of Tender : 13.10.2017 at 1.00 pm.

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Pendam FA thrashes Brotherhood FC

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 28 AUG:

Pendam Football Academy registered a convincing victory today in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association B Division Sikkim-League 2017 here at Paljor Stadium. In its last match in the league, Pendam FA outplayed Brotherhood Football Club 4-0.

Adharsh Pradhan [10th minute], Tika Hang Subba [12th], Buddha Raj Rai [50th] and Chuking Chum Lepcha [70th] contributed one goal each in Pendam FA victory.

The last match of the second division league will be played between Howlers Football Club and SAI Namchi on 29 Aug.

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Amit, Gaurav enter quarters of World Boxing Championships

POONAM MEHRA

HAMBURG, AUG 28

(PTI): Amit Phangal (49kg) and Gaurav Bidhuri (56kg) upstaged fancied rivals to enter the quarterfinals but former bronze-medallist and third seed Vikas Krishan (75kg) was ousted after a second-round loss in the 19th World Boxing Championships here.

While Amit stunned seventh seed Carlos Quiro of Ecuador, Gaurav got the better of Ukrainian Mykola Butsenko in a pre-quarterfinal bout.

However, Vikas, a bronze-winner from the 2011 edition, bowed out after being bested by England's Benjamin Whittaker.

Also making an early exit was Asian silver-medallist Sumit Sangwan (91kg) who lost to Australia's Jason Whateley in a split decision.



Amit has a tough contest coming up as he would be taking on second-seeded Uzbek Hasanboy Dusmatov, while Gaurav will face Tunisia's Bilel Mhamdi in his next contest.

Amit, a bronze-medallist from this year's Asian Championships, opened the proceedings for India and prevailed in a unanimous verdict at the Sporthalle here.

It was an assured performance by the 21-year-old, who is enjoying a breakthrough year at the senior level.

He never looked in any awe of his seeded rival and frustrated him with his counter-attacks. Quiro hardly looked the part of a seeded boxer and was cautioned several times for failing to keep his head up.

Hitting straight and clean, Amit was markedly the better boxer and the judges ruled in his favour unanimously.

Next up was Gaurav and he also came up with a determined performance against a rival representing one of boxing's powerhouses.

The Delhi-boxer, who got into the event on a wildcard after missing out on automatic qualification, held his nerve and matched Butsenko punch for punch in a thoroughly engrossing contest. The two boxers attacked each other relentlessly and expectedly the judges came out with a split verdict in favour of the Indian.

"Both Amit and Gaurav gave big-hearted performances. The key was not to let opponents settle and they made sure that this plan was executed to perfection," India coach Santiago Nieva told PTI.

However, Vikas and Sumit's loss came as a dampener for the Indian camp.

The two-time Asian Games medallist looked sluggish against his 19-year-old rival, who has been nicknamed 'The Future' in his country for the potential he has shown.

Whittaker's stronger legs helped him glide smoothly inside the ring, even as Vikas struggled to keep his balance after every attempted attack at the Englishman.

The Haryana-boxer did manage to hold his own in the first two rounds but Whittaker out-punched him comprehensively in the final three minutes to clinch a unanimous verdict in his favour.

Sumit competed in the last bout of the evening and lost after a strong start. He dominated the opening round but Whateley fought back in the next two to clinch the issue.

13-yr-old Indian-origin boy gets top score in Mensa IQ

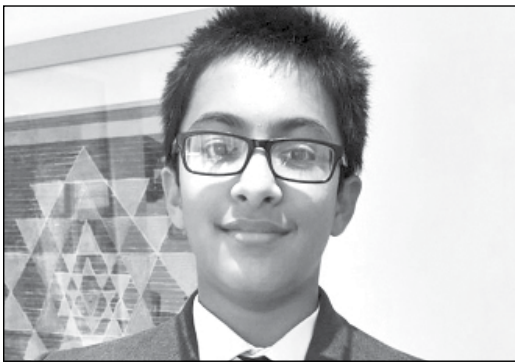
London, Aug 28 (PTI): A 13-year-old Indian-origin boy in the UK has got the highest possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ test, placing him in the top one per cent people in the world who achieved this feat.

Dhruv Garg, from Wokingham in south east England, was looking for something to occupy his time during the summer holidays and decided to try out for the intellectual society.

The schoolboy achieved 162 in his entry IQ test - the maximum possible, which places him in the top one per cent of people in the world, the Daily Mirror reported.

He also scored in the highest mark in the second test, known as the Culture Fair scale, getting 152.

This score qualifies him amongst the rare one per cent of the population who take the Mensa exam worldwide in both the exams.



Garg, who goes to Reading School, a grammar in Berkshire, has also been developing an app to combat social isolation by helping lonely people meet up.

The app connects people who live in the same area who want to meet new people.

"I was just so surprised to get the result. I was looking for something to do over the summer holidays and so I thought I'd try taking the test, but did not expect to do so well," he said.

"I'm really looking forward to the new school year, I really like school and want to use the app to help people," Garg said.

His mother, Divya, said the whole family is proud of their young prodigy, whose favourite subjects are maths and chemistry.

"When he got the maximum score they told me it's the highest mark possible but I didn't realise what it meant. It was only when I spoke to Mensa that they told me I said 'oh my God' this is special, this is really something worth celebrating," she said.

A keen cricketer and table tennis player, Garg can also complete a Rubik's Cube in under 100 seconds.

"In year one was when we started to realise he was gifted as his teachers said he was very sharp and had to have special lessons, so all along he was always special. He is an avid reader and reads a lot of journals," Garg's mother said.

Mensa is believed to be the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world. Membership is open to anyone who can demonstrate an IQ in the top two per cent of the population, measured by a recognised or approved IQ testing process.

SFA to take disciplinary action against SHSC coach and 2 players

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 28 AUG:

The disciplinary committee of Sikkim Football Association [SFA] has proposed to take action against the coach and two players of Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club [SHSC].

A meeting of the disciplinary committee was held in Gangtok on 10 Aug in order to discuss and deliberate on the report submitted by the Match Commissioner and the Match Officials deputed to conduct the Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup played at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok on 09 Aug. The report was regarding the 2nd quarter final match played between SHSC and Sikkim Sports Academy.

A press release issued by SFA president, Menla Ethenpa, informs that the disciplinary committee has proposed that the coach of Sikkim Himalayan SC, Pranoy Subba, be awarded a one year

ban with goal keeper of Sikkim Himalayan SC, Bipen Bhattarai, awarded three years ban and a one year ban for Jersey No 12 of Sikkim Himalayan SC, Sudish Subba, with immediate effect along with a fine of Rs 10,000 payable within 45 days for all three. The SHSC coach and players are accused of breaking the disciplinary code.

It may be mentioned here, these proposals have been made after thorough deliberation of the reports submitted and in line with Article 50 of All India Football Federation disciplinary code. Further, the proposal was also endorsed by the executive committee of SFA in their meeting convened on 27 Aug, the release mentions.

SFA, in the release, has further warned Sikkim Himalayan SC of grave consequences in the future if found misleading the organizing committee of SFA by providing wrong information with regard to their players again.

Chennaiyin FC launches 3 youth teams

CHENNAI, AUG 28 (PTI):

ISL team Chennaiyin FC has launched teams in three age groups Under-13, 15 and 18 to compete in the respective national youth leagues and other tournaments.

Chennaiyin will be competing in the three

to launch their football careers," Chennaiyin FC co-owners said in a joint statement.

Sabir Pasha, technical director of Chennaiyin FC's youth development said "Since its inception the club has done a great job in grassroots by



reaching out to thousands of budding footballers in Tamil Nadu." "However the time had come to go to the next level by starting fully functional teams in three age groups which will not only start the process of having a proper structure for the talent to flourish within the club but also give everybody involved with grassroots further incentive as boys would get to play competitive matches from a very young age."

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TV shouldn't dictate scheduling: Vimal Kumar on Saina match

NEW DELHI, AUG 28 (PTI): Lack of adequate time to recover after a late night match affected Saina Nehwal's performance in the semifinals, feels her coach Vimal Kumar, who called for perfect scheduling of matches in big ticket events such as World Championship and Olympics.

Saina had to settle for a bronze after losing to Japan's Nozomi Okuhara in the semifinals and Vimal put the blame on the poor scheduling of the matches at Glasgow.

"I feel sad for Saina. She didn't get enough time to recover for the semifinal match. She had a late quarterfinal match and then she had to play in the morning. I think the overall scheduling was a problem," Vimal told PTI from Glasgow.

"Scheduling shouldn't be dictated by TV. I will hold the technical official responsible for this. They should ensure that players get enough time to recover. This is an issue and it needs to be



taken up with the officials.

"Even Chen Long and Srikanth had late matches and had to play in the morning. It is the World Championship and it can't be compared with any other tournament. For big events such as World Championship, Olympics, it is important to have perfect scheduling," he added.

Vimal gave a lot of credit to Japan's

Okuhara for her win over Saina.

"Saina had a good track record against Okuhara and she won the first game playing at a good pace. She is extremely good in slow conditions. She always tries to tire out her opponents and then counter attack," he said.

"So I feel a little sad for Saina, she didn't have as great a recovery as Okuhara had. But otherwise I am happy

with Saina's overall performance."

While Saina settled for a bronze, P V Sindhu had to be content with a silver medal after losing a nail-biting marathon battle against Okuhara.

Talking about the epic final between Sindhu and Okuhara, the former India chief coach said: "It was a classical match and there were no losers by the end of it. Sindhu perhaps should have taken the first game. But overall both the girls performed really good."

Vimal reiterated that Saina and Sindhu showed that they are among the best in the world.

"Five months back Saina had beaten Okuhara at the All England and the Japanese could have lost in the first round itself. In fact, Sindhu also had a difficult match against Hong Kong's Cheung Ngan Yi. So all these girls are of the same level. I don't see any difference. It is just that Okuhara could peak at the right time."

Children books break gender stereotypes

NEW DELHI, AUG 28 (PTI): A series of five children books challenging the prevailing fundamental constructs of gender in the society was released at the New Zealand High Commission here today.

The books, by NGO and literary house 'Katha' in association with the High Commission's Head of Mission Fund (HOMF), are aimed at creating awareness about gender equality.

The launch attended by Delhi Education Minister Manish Siso-

dia, witnessed active participation from children and teachers from government schools.

Sisodia interacted with the children on the "universal" issue of educating girls and highlighted the role of a teacher in a child's life.

"It is encouraging to see how such story books help in sensitising children from the beginning. It is not that the issues that are discussed in these books are a subject of your society versus my society... they are universal and related to

the humanity at large.

"The teacher has a remote control to all the menace we have re-

lated to gender issues in the society. They play a vital role in the overall development of the child. But they do not use this potential fully," he said.

One of the books titled, "Lachmi's War",

elaborates on the importance of educating the girl child through the struggle

the protagonist --

Lachmi.

Extending her support to the initiative, Joanna Kempkers, New Zealand High Commissioner to India, said while the issue of gender equality is universal, it varies in nature from

one place to another.

"Not only does New Zealand have a proud tradition of producing some of the world's finest children's literature, we are also one of the top 10 countries for gender equality.

"It is a pleasure, therefore, for us to support an organisation like Katha that works to promote both children's literature and literacy as well as foster greater gender equality in the process," Kempkers said.

Other books in the series are ti-

tled, "Abba's Day", "Choo...mantar", "One Magical Morning" and "One's Own Yet Different".

The books, available in both Hindi and English, will be distributed through libraries to children attending government schools and living in slums, as well as to students attending the Katha Lab School in Delhi.

"Around 90,000 children will directly benefit from this project," Katha's executive director Geeta Dharmarajan said.



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Pak postpones top US official's visit

ISLAMABAD, AUG 28 (PTI): Pakistan has postponed a visit by a top US diplomat who had been due to arrive here today, days after President Donald Trump publicly rebuked Islamabad for providing safe havens to agents of chaos that kill Americans.

Alice Wells, the acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs and acting Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, was set to be the first major American official to visit the country since the president's comments, but her visit has been put off by the Pakistan government "until a mutually convenient time".

The Foreign Office did not give any reason for postponing the visit.

But government sources said Islamabad was still evolving a response to the US accusations that Pakistan was providing safe havens to militants and prolonging the US' 16-year Afghan war.

It would be "premature" to interact with the senior US state department official at this time, they added.

In Washington, the state department confirmed Wells' trip has been postponed at the Pakistan government's "request", but it too did not provide any reason for delaying the visit.

Wells' visit was scheduled as part of her three-nation South Asia tour. She would continue with her trip to Dhaka and Colombo, according to the state department.

The Pakistan government has tasked Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif to garner support from friendly countries. He is expected to visit China, Russia and Turkey next week in the first phase of the country's regional diplomatic outreach.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi on Wednesday visited Saudi Arabia and held talks with Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman.

News reports in Pakistan said he was accompanied by Asif on the trip and discussed the US' new Afghan strategy there.

The Pakistan-US ties received a fresh jolt on Saturday when Gen John Nicholson, the top US commander in Afghanistan, claimed in a TV interview that his country was aware of Afghan Taliban leadership's presence in Peshawar and Quetta.

Dera chief sentenced to 10-year jail term

ROHTAK, AUG 28 (PTI): A special CBI court today sentenced Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh to 10 years in prison after his conviction in a 2002 rape case that triggered violence leaving 38 dead and scores injured in Haryana.

CBI Judge Jagdeep Singh, who holds the court in Panchkula, near Chandigarh, pronounced the sentence in a special courtroom set up inside the Sunaria jail where Ram Rahim, the 50-year-old self-styled godman, is lodged since last Friday after he was convicted.

The judge was brought to Rohtak by a chopper from Chandigarh and landed in a helipad near the jail located on the outskirts of Rohtak.

The judge awarded the 10-year jail term after hearing arguments on the quantum of sentence by prosecution and defence lawyers.

The special courtroom within the jail was set up on the instructions of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The high court had notified district jail at Sunaria as a place of sitting of CBI court of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Panchkula for



the purpose of hearing on the quantum of sentence and pronouncement of the sentence.

A multi-layer security cordon manned by police and 23 companies of paramilitary forces was thrown in and around Rohtak and also around the jail. The Army has been kept on standby while all routes to the jail were sealed.

Haryana and Punjab remained on high alert with officials warning that violent miscreants will be shot at sight, describing the security situation as "challenging."

The special CBI court of judge Jagdeep Singh in Panch-

kula last Friday held Ram Rahim guilty of rape in a case that was registered on the basis of an anonymous written complaint in April 2002 that he had sexually exploited two female followers. The case was registered by the CBI in December 2002 on the directions of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The CBI filed the chargesheet against the Dera head in Ambala court in July 2007 about five years after the registration of the rape case. The chargesheet mentions sexual exploitation of two 'Sadhis' (women follow-

ers) between 1999 and 2001.

The special CBI court framed charges against Ram Rahim under sections 376 (rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the IPC in September 2008.

Between 2009 and 2010, the two complainants recorded their statements before the court.

The special CBI court shifted from Ambala to Panchkula and the case against Dera chief was also transferred to Panchkula CBI Court.

In July 2017, the court ordered daily hearing and arguments of prosecution and

defence were concluded on August 17, 2017. It held Ram Rahim guilty of rape on August 25.

Authorities are geared up to prevent a repeat of the mayhem on Friday by the followers of the Dera chief.

Prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), prohibiting assembly of five or more persons, and carrying of firearms and other weapons, are already in place in Rohtak district.

Rohtak Deputy Commissioner Atul Kumar said police will not hesitate to open fire again at those spreading violence.

"It is a challenging situation, but we are prepared", Kumar told reporters.

"We are prepared to deal with any unscrupulous element who may try to create trouble ... if there is any such element who indulges in any act of violence endangering innocent lives, if he does not pay heed to warnings then shoot-at-sight will be used against him. Action will be taken as the situation demands," he asserted.

He said the Rohtak administration and security personnel were dealing with

a "dynamic and challenging situation".

"We have clarity of thought, we are not confused. If we feel any person is endangering lives of innocent people and is causing damage to property, then shoot-at-sight will be used (to deal in such a situation)," he said.

Haryana DGP B S Sandhu also said that "maintaining law and order is the top priority for the Haryana Police today."

A special court room was set up within the Sunaria jail, Rohtak Range IG, Navdeep Singh Virk said.

Virk said the Haryana Police was fully geared to deal with any situation and police from neighbouring districts too has been deployed.

He said it will be ensured that no Dera follower is allowed to enter Rohtak district or come near the jail.

"For that we have set up special barricades across the entire Rohtak district," he said.

As a precautionary measure, schools and other educational institutions remained shut in Haryana while these will also remain closed in sensitive districts in Punjab.

First lady appears to borrow from Michelle Obama's playbook

WASHINGTON, AUG 28 (AP): Bare arms and a belted waist, a White House vegetable garden and parents in the residence: Melania Trump is borrowing pages from Michelle Obama's playbook.

From public policy to high fashion to family ties, Mrs Trump is keeping alive parts of the former first lady's legacy even as President Donald Trump's administration alters other aspects.

Mrs Obama made it acceptable for first ladies to shun the confining, jewel-toned suits that her predecessors wore like uniforms, and her successor is embracing that



same free-wheeling fashion sense.

During President Trump's first overseas trip in late May, the current first lady stepped off of Air Force One in Saudi Arabia wearing a long-sleeved, black jumpsuit

accented with a wide, gold belt. A former model, Mrs Trump has worn a number of sleeveless and belted outfits since, almost always paired with towering heels.

She has kept Mrs Obama's vegetable gar-

den, and shown interest in women's empowerment, military families and children's issues. Mrs Obama championed all as first lady. But where Mrs Obama frequently hosted public events in the garden to encourage healthy eating, Mrs Trump has yet to hold an activity there.

Next month, Mrs Trump will lead the US delegation to the Invictus Games, an Olympics-style competition for wounded military personnel. The Obama White House helped promote the games after Britain's Prince Harry created them in 2014.

On the family front,

the first lady's parents Viktor and Amalija Knavs spent time at the White House after their daughter officially moved in in June. They spent Father's Day weekend with the Trumps at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland.

The Knavs live in New York and aren't expected to join their daughter in the White House. Mrs Obama's mother, Marian Robinson, lived in the White House during the eight years that Barack Obama was president to help care for her granddaughters.

"She really did admire Michelle Obama very much," Myra Gutin,

a Rider University professor and author of "The President's Partner: The First Lady in the Twentieth Century," said of Mrs. Trump. "Maybe she's following in those footsteps and is expressing her admiration by doing things that, if they aren't the same, are similar."

Admiration for Mrs Obama's legacy is a bit harder to find elsewhere in the administration.

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Anthyesthi Kriya



A warm-hearted man with a resounding voice, **Puran Chandra Gurung** lived his life with joy, laughter and goodwill. He always wished all life their well being. On the 12th of August, 2017, his delightful journey in this realm came to an end. We, the family members, would like to thank everyone who was a part of his story. We believe that he responsibly concluded his role as a husband, father, brother, friend and a public servant. While we reminisce about him, we request everyone who cared and wished him well to join us in offering prayers and to bid him a final farewell. The ceremony will be held at our residence in **Gairee Gaon, Tadong, Gangtok** on the **2nd of September, 2017 (Saturday)**.

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Kutse Shegu



The 49-day Kutse Shegu of our beloved father **late Norbu Thendup Bhutia** falls on **30th August 2017 [Wednesday]**. All friends, well-wishers and relatives are requested to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at **Upper Samdong, Kambal, East Sikkim**. We also take this opportunity to thank everyone who stood by us during the time of our bereavement.

Tshering Doma Bhutia (Wife), Didup Bhutia, Gyalchen Bhutia, Sonam Cheda Bhutia (Sons), Kessang Bhutia, Susang Lepcha (Daughters-in-Law), Tshering Bhutia, Gyalmu Bhutia, Chum-jey Bhutia (Daughters) & all family members.
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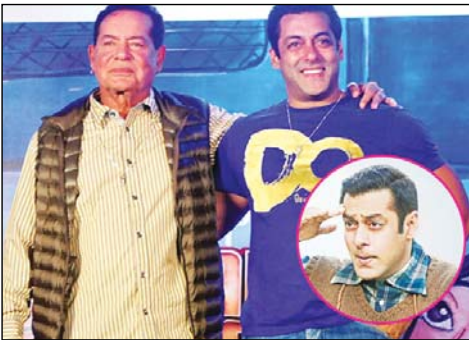
WONDER WOMAN ON STAGE! Actress Gal Gadot speaks onstage during the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum in Inglewood, California.

Salim Khan on compensating distributors for Tubelight’s debacle

“IF THE FILM had been sold reasonably, it would have been a hit,” Salim Khan speaks at length about why there was a need to compensate the distributors after Tubelight flopped.

Salim Khan believes in speaking his mind. He is one person from the industry who knows exactly what is wrong or right with it. He has seen a lot of changes and thus, knows what ails Bollywood presently. Recently, we told you how Salim Khan and his son Salman have compensated the distributors who lost money due to Tubelight. Now we have his reaction on it where he explains the need for such a gesture.

Salim saab was speaking to Scroll.in when he threw light on the matter. He said, “The reason for compensating the distributors was that the price it had been sold at was in expectation of it making Rs 250-300 crore at the box office like most Salman films, which it didn’t. If Tubelight had been sold reasonably, it



would have been a hit.” What he said makes a lot of sense. Promoting Tubelight as yet another Salman Khan bonanza was the biggest mistake. That gave a wrong impression that it will follow what Salman did at the box office without understanding the fact that these two are completely different films. But the gesture by the Khans won many hearts.

Salim Khan also spoke about what went wrong with Tubelight. He said, “Tubelight was a good film, which would have done well if any other actor had starred in it, but to have an action hero like

Salman getting constantly beaten up and crying all the time just didn’t work with the audience. Someone like Raj Kapoor could do any role, the common man, the lover, the comedian, but Salman doesn’t have that sort of an image. The audience kept expecting him to fight back and when he did retaliate a bit towards the end, the entire audience cheered for him, but it never went beyond a couple of blows. Also missing was a love story and in fact the little you see was added later, there wasn’t any initially.”



29TH AUGUST WORLD HISTORY

1632: English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset, England. The philosopher of liberalism influenced the American founding fathers and was famous for his treatise “An Essay Concerning Human Understanding.”

1793: Slavery was abolished in the French colony of Santo Domingo (Haiti).

1831: Michael Faraday, British physicist, demonstrated the first electric transformer. Faraday had discovered that a changing magnetic field produces an electric current in a wire, a phenomenon known as electromagnetic induction.

1896: The Chinese-American dish chop suey was invented in New York City by the chef to visiting Chinese Ambassa-

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Dr. RAJEN UPADHYAY
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dor Li Hung-chang.
1949: The USSR successfully detonated its first atomic bomb at Semipalatinsk in Kazakhstan. It was a copy of the Fat Man bomb and had a yield of 21 kilotons.

INDIAN HISTORY
1905: Field hockey champion Dhyan Chand was born in Allahabad. Dhyan Chand is remembered for his quick goal scoring and for winning three Olympic gold medals for India.
1947: A drafting committee was set up with B.R Ambedkar as the Chairman to draft the Constitution of India.
1994: A prominent Bengali author and journalist, Tushar Kanti Ghose passed away.

WHAT GENDER PAY DISPARITY?

Game of Thrones actors Kit Harrington, Lena Headey, Emilia Clarke all take home \$500,000

The principal casts of Game of Thrones, Kit Harrington (Jon Snow), Lena Headey (Cersei Lannister), Nikolaj Costa-Waldau (Jamie Lannister), Peter Dinklage (Tyrion Lannister) and Emilia Clarke (Daenerys Targaryen) receive the same amount of paycheck from the makers.

After all the disheartening Game of Thrones leak stories we’re coming across, thanks to cyber criminals who have hacked HBO, here’s a news that has finally made us smile. So far the HBO hackers have been getting the most negative publicity for their asinine stunt. However, their latest revelation has made us respect the makers even more. Turns out, there is no sort of pay disparity between actors and actresses on the show. The principal casts of the show, Kit Harrington (Jon Snow), Lena Headey (Cersei Lannister), Nikolaj Costa-Waldau (Jamie Lannister), Peter Dinklage (Tyrion Lannister) and Emilia Clarke (Daenerys Targaryen) receive the same amount of paycheck from the makers. That too a whopping \$500,000! In fact, even the bonuses and other sorts of added remuneration is in unison. This piece of information was leaked by the hackers, who divulged to Mashable.com. Turns out on Friday, the website received a dump of documents from the hackers, all related to the big HBO hacking they performed. One of those documents contained the climax of season 7’s finale episode and also had scripts of the upcoming seasons. Among the same, the site also found papers pertaining to the pay agreement of the stars.



They only found Lena and Kit’s contracts where it has been mentioned that neither of the actors will see a raise as opposed to the other actor. All kinds of increment and increase of pay shall be done on an equality basis. Basically, both Kit and Lena would be given raises of the same amount. It also states that no cast member will be paid more. The contract specifies per-episode salary

figures, signing bonuses, contract-completion bonuses and bonuses for awards nominations and wins. And guess what, all the figures and numbers are identical. However, the site chose to keep the data private. On the same, Variety revealed that remuneration of the top actors of GoT, Lena, Kit, Emilia and Nikolaj are the same! They all make \$500,000 per episode!

Kim & Kanye Unfazed By Taylor Swift’s Diss Video

Taylor Swift made MAJOR digs about Kim Kardashian and Kanye West in her ‘Look What You Made Me Do’ video — but they reportedly want NOTHING to do with this years-long feud any longer!

Kim Kardashian, 36, put Taylor Swift, 27, on blast last summer, but now that it’s been more than a year, she’s totally done with the drama. The same can’t be said for Tay, whose new music video for “Look What You Made Me Do” appeared to include several diss tracks about the reality star and her husband, Kanye West, 40. However, instead of commenting about the footage, Kim has stayed quiet [so far], and it’s reportedly because she and ‘Ye just don’t care about what Taylor has to say! While Kim is reportedly just “over it,” Kanye simply has bigger feuds to worry about — specifically, his recent beef with JAY-Z.

The 27-year-old has stayed quiet about it for more than a year, but “Look What You Made Me Do” definitely takes several shots at Kimye and others who tarnished her reputation over the last several months. In the vid, Taylor appears to take aim at Kim’s robbery, the phone call video release, Kanye’s NYFW disaster and MUCH more, all while poking fun of Kim referring to her as a “snake.” The feud continues!

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ARCTIC CIRCLE - HALLATT



BABY BLUES - KIRKMAN & SCOTT



ARIES: If you’re not married or engaged, Aries, you may feel that your current love interest is avoiding you. However, this is just your imagination. Relationships always go through ups and downs, so don’t worry. If you have serious doubts whether there’s something wrong, ask your partner.
TAURUS: You may be a bit depressed today if you and your partner are going through a difficult time. Maybe there’s something unspoken that brings tension and awkwardness into your life together. Try to find the root of the problem. It will only get worse if you don’t talk about it. Don’t get too emotional when you bring it up.

Just ask if your partner is bothered by something.
GEMINI: A short trip might be necessary today, Gemini. This could be disheartening, as it takes you away from your current love interest, but perhaps it’s just as well. A phone call on this emotionally charged day might advance your relationship more than a forced evening together. Acknowledge that you’re looking forward to seeing your friend again and then get on with the job!
CANCER: The strange behavior of a romantic interest may have you confused, Cancer. Is your partner avoiding you? Do phone calls go unanswered? Forget it. Some-

times people see too much intimacy as a threat to their independence and choose to ignore it. The best way to deal with this is to not press any sensitive issues. Just go out for dinner and act like a friend. Keep romance out of the equation for now!
LEO: Have you invited some friends over for a celebration tonight, Leo? If so, your guests are going to keep you hopping! That’s all right. The day is filled with love and joy. Entertaining them is your way of expressing your appreciation. If you’re romantically involved, you and your partner can celebrate privately after all your visitors are gone. Relax, let go, and

enjoy your party!
VIRGO: Other responsibilities might keep you away from your loved one today, Virgo. If you have plans for tonight - or even if you don’t - you might find this rather depressing. Where is the one you love? Is your partner out carousing and having a good old time while you’re working like crazy? Don’t torture yourself with thoughts like this.
LIBRA: The absence of direct expressions of love might make your life seem rather empty today, Libra. If you’re single, there may be nobody around to have fun with. If you’re involved, chances are your current love interest is unable to

get together. Don’t waste time fretting over this. Make some other plans.
SCORPIO: You may decide to duck out of extra responsibilities today, Scorpio, perhaps to have a private celebration at home with your love partner! The fun might be delayed if your beloved is unexpectedly called away for a while. Just remember that quality is better than quantity!
SAGITTARIUS: You may feel neglected and unloved today, Sagittarius. If you’re single, you may feel worse. Cheer up. If you’re running around with such a depressed and dramatic expression on your face, nobody will feel like asking

you out. Try to make yourself happy by doing things you like to do. If you smile, you’ll be a magnet for someone who has love to give.
CAPRICORN: Are you worried that your romantic partner doesn’t love you as much as you love him or her, Capricorn? Love has many facets. Not everybody can verbally express love or feel comfortable with public displays of affection. If someone loves you, there are ways you can tell. It might be the way they look at you, how they touch you, or little favors. If you’re uncertain, why not ask?
AQUARIUS: If you’re single, Aquarius, you might feel a little down today. All your friends who

are in relationships may have plans while you go home alone. Relax. Many people in relationships aren’t necessarily happy. They have their own problems and sometimes feel lonely and frustrated. There are certain advantages to being single. Make the best of it today and enjoy yourself!
PISCES: Today you may substitute chocolate for a lack of love because you feel tempted to treat yourself to something good. This is fine, but confine yourself to a small amount. Overindulgence in sweets could have you regretting it when you get a stomachache, not to mention step on the scale! Remember, moderation is the key.