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3 dead, 40 injured in SNT bus mishap near Mangan

WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 17 AUG:

Three people were killed and 40 injured in a tragic road mishap here at Mangan in North Sikkim today involving an SNT bus. The morning service bus of Sikkim Nationalized Transport bearing registration number SK-01B-0241 plying from Gangtok to Mangan plunged nearly 100 feet off the road and tumbled onto the road below here at Ambithang, one kilometer short of Mangan.

The deceased have been identified as Dhan Raj Limboo [60] of Mangshila, Prabin Nair [26] of Namok, and Dup Tshering Bhutia [49], the Panchayat Secretary of Phensong, all from North Sikkim.

Forty three occupants including the driver and the conductor were on board the ill-fated bus, out of whom 39 sustained injuries grievous enough for them to be referred to STNM Hospital and



CRH Tadong in Gangtok after being provided first aid at District Hospital Mangan. One of the injured passengers is undergoing treatment at Mangan.

Indo Tibetan Border Police personnel were the first responders to rescue operations. The residents of Ambithang, Mangan and Rangang also rushed

to the spot along with Police personnel.

The dead bodies have been handed over to the family members after autopsy at District Hospital. On hearing about the incident, area MLA-cum-Deputy Speaker, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, Minister of Transport, DT Lepcha, MP-Rajya Sabha, Hishey Lachungpa, Zilla

Adhyakshya-North, Anguli Lepcha, and Chairperson-Transport, Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, visited the District Hospital to meet the injured occupants.

It may be mentioned here that Gangtok-Mangan SNT service had been resumed a few months ago after a very long hiatus to make commuting easier for office goers

and the public in general.

The last time that an SNT bus was involved in a major mishap was eleven years ago on 25 October 2006 when a bus had fallen off NH10 near Singtam claiming 21 lives. Talking with SummitTimes, Secretary Transport department stated that the department is saddened by the accident and victims

will be provided ex-gratia amounts as per government and department norms as soon as possible.

The accident has brought to light the lack of ambulance and staff at the District Hospital since ambulance and the official vehicles of NHPC Teesta Stage IV had to be pressed into service for rescue operations today.



CM checks on accident victims, condoles deaths

GANGTOK, 17 AUG [IPR]: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling visited STNM Hospital and met with

the admitted patients of the bus accident rushed in from Ambithang near turn to pg03

Governor condoles loss of lives

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

A press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan, has conveyed Governor, Shrinivas Patil's deep sadness and grief on the loss of lives in the SNT bus accident at Ambithang, Rangrang, near Mangan in North Sikkim this morning.

The Governor has expressed his deepest condolences to the family members of the deceased and

has also wished for speedy recovery of all injured in the unfortunate accident.

"The entire State is in support of the family members of the victims of this unfortunate mishap and will ensure every possible support in this hour of grief. Let us all pray to the almighty for bestowing strength to our brothers and sisters who have lost their near and dear ones," the Governor has said.

Major Bishal Singh Thapa of Sikkim to be awarded Sena Medal

GYALSHING, 17 AUG [IPR]: Sikkim's Major Bishal Singh Thapa, who was critically wounded during an intense fire-fight with militants in Kashmir six months ago, has been named for the Sena Medal [Gallantry] award by the President of India on the occasion of the 71st Independence Day 2017.

Major Bishal Singh Thapa is the son of Mr and Mrs DM Thapa of Namchi, South Sikkim and an alumnus of Namchi Public School and St. Xavier's School, Pakyong. He was inducted into



the Army in 2007 and received his training at the Officer's Training Academy, Chennai. There he was adjudged the best boxer cadet and awarded 'Blue' in boxing, awarded merit card in football and also received the Madras

Governor congratulates Major Thapa

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG: Governor, Shrinivas Patil, has congratulated and extended his best wishes to Major Bishal Singh Thapa of Namchi, South Sikkim on being named for the Sena Medal [Gallantry]

by the President of India on the occasion of Independence Day 2017, informs a press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan.

In his congratulatory note to Major Thapa, the Governor has said, "It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate you on getting conferred with Sena Medal [Gallantry] by the President turn to pg02

Regiment Silver Medal for Cadet Best in Sports.

After passing out, he was commissioned into the 12th Battalion of the

Kumaon Regiment and began his career in the counter-insurgency hot bed of Assam. After a turn to pg02

GJM supremo discharged in Madan Tamang murder case



KOLKATA, AUG 17 (PTI): A city court today discharged GJM supremo Bimal Gurung in the Madan Tamang murder case and directed that charges be framed against 47 other accused.

City Sessions Court Chief Judge Kundan Kumar Kumai discharged Gurung from the case

rejecting the CBI's contention that the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) chief was involved in the conspiracy to murder the All India Gorkha League leader, one of his political opponents in the Darjeeling hills.

The court, however, directed that charges be framed against all oth-

er 47 accused, including Gurung's wife Asha and several other top leaders of GJM.

It fixed August 28 for framing of charges against the accused persons.

The counsel for Gurung had claimed that he was in Kalimpong on the day of the death and that turn to pg02

Hike in salaries of ad-hoc employees, DA also hiked

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

The CMO has directed the Department of Personnel to issue necessary orders 'urgently' to increase the salaries of ad-hoc employees and has detailed the revised salaries to be notified, as per a communiqué from the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister to the Commissioner cum Secretary, DoP on Wednesday.

Henceforth, the salary of Medical Officers [Doctor] & Dentists are to be made uniform at Rs 30,000 per month with Lecturers' and Post Graduate Teachers' salary being increased to Rs 25,000 and Rs 20,000 per month, respectively.

Likewise, the salary of Inspectors, Junior Engineers, Retainers and Graduate Teachers has been raised to Rs 15,000 per month. Primary Teachers, Lower Division Clerks and Peons will be now getting Rs 12,000, Rs 10,000 & Rs 8,000 per month, respectively.

The Department of Personnel has also been directed to issue instructions that an official after posting now has to serve a mandatory minimum period of two years at the place of posting.

Another circular received from the Department of Finance, Revenue & Expenditure today informs that the Governor has enhanced the rate of Dearness Allowance to the State Government employees and Dearness Relief to the State Government Pensioners from the existing rate of 132% to 136% with effect from 01 Jan 2017.

The DA at 136% will also be admissible to the employees appointed on contract basis and work-charged establishment drawing revised pay in the regular scales of pay of the State Government. Accordingly, the rate of DA admissible to the All India Service Officers who continue to draw their pay in the pre-revised pay band/grade pay as per the 6th Central

Pay Commission recommendation will also be enhanced from 132% to 136% w.e.f. 01 Jan 2017.

However, the circular mentions that the DA of All India Service Officers drawing pay in the revised basic pay as per recommendation of the 7th CPC will be enhanced from existing 2% to 4% from 01 Jan 2017.

The payment on account of DA/DR involving fraction of 50 paise and above will be rounded off to the next higher rupee and fraction of less than 50 paise will be ignored, the circular adds.

It may be mentioned here, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling had listed out a series of across-the-board increments in various social sector grants and payments made out by the State Government. These announcements make part of his Independence Day message. These "key announcements," the CM details, are being "undertaken for accelerated development and progress of the State."

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BJP Sikkim condoles loss of lives in Mangan accident

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 AUG: Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim has express deep sadness on the loss of three lives in an accident which took place in Mangan today. BJP state-unit president, DB Chauhan, has expressed his deep condolences to the family members of the deceased and prayed for speedy recovery of the injured persons.

"We request the government to declare adequate compensation to the family members of the deceased and injured persons. Government should initiate an enquiry to ascertain the reasons behind the accident and take necessary action," the release adds.

CM provided false data in I-Day address alleges SKM

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 AUG: Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party has alleged that the Chief Minister provided false data during his Independence Day address at Paljor Stadium. The party has said that the CM should first fulfill all promises made in the past before making any new announcements.

An SKM press release issued by its publicity secretary, Bikash Basnet, states that the CM should stop lying and lambasting the opposition during national functions.

Instead of drawing comparisons with former CM, Late NB Bhandari, the CM should respect and learn about good governance from him, the release adds. The party has further questioned the various claims made by the CM during his speech.

Major Bishal Singh Thapa of Sikkim to be awarded Sena Medal

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brief instructional tenure in the Kumaon and Naga Regimental Training Centre, he volunteered to join the Rashtriya Rifles and was posted to the 13 Rashtriya Rifles [Kumaon] in April 2015.

Since then, he has been engaged in the troubled Bandipora District of Kashmir. The officer has led his team through numerous successful operations leading into elimination of eight hardcore terrorists of Lashkar-e-Toiba Tanzeem during his tenure.

On 14 Feb, Major Thapa, while leading his team from the front, was critically wounded during an intense gun battle with the terrorists and was later evacuated to 92 Army Base Hospital in Srinagar. The officer has recovered and has joined his unit in the valley.

He will be receiving the Sena Medal from the President of India in a formal award ceremony.

Training on pulses production held at Bhasmey

GANGTOK, 17 AUG [PIB]: ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra-East Sikkim conducted training-cum-input distribution programme on Cluster Frontline Demonstration on Pulses under National Food Security Mission at Bhasmey village, East Sikkim, with the objective to enhance the production and productivity of pulses through area expansion in a sustainable manner.

Eighty-seven progressive farmers from Upper Bhasmey and Tindharey village participated in the programme and benefited with input support of black gram [pahenlo dal] covering 12 ha in the village.

The programme was chaired by Joint Director, ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute, Tadong, Dr RK Avasthe. He stressed upon the farmers to adopt black gram as an alternative crop in maize-fallow to enhance the cropping intensity by 200 per cent in the state. Prime



importance was laid upon the organic seed production by the farmers to uplift their livelihood as well as self sufficiency in seed since there is huge demand of organic seeds in the state. He further encouraged the farmers to undertake production of quality seed of Black gram and become

self dependent in organic seeds.

Senior Scientist [Agronomy] & Head, KVK-East Sikkim, Dr Raghavendra Singh, welcomed the gathering and detailed about the improved packages and practices for cultivation of pahenlo dal and importance of crop rotation for soil fertility under organic

crop cultivation.

Subject Matter Specialist-Horticulture, Boniface Lepcha, interacted with the farmers and detailed the newly developed ICAR technologies suited to small and marginal farmers in vegetable cultivation for the improvement of farming in the village.

GJM supremo...

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the CBI could not provide any proof that he was involved in the conspiracy to kill Tamang.

The CBI had filed cases against all the accused persons for murder and criminal conspiracy. It had claimed that it was a premeditated murder to prevent any other political party from holding meetings or rallies in Darjeeling hills, where the GJM held sway through "coercive" measures.

Tamang was attacked with sharp weapons when he was overseeing preparations for a public meeting at Club-side in the heart of Darjeeling town on May 21, 2010, and was declared brought dead at the sadar hospital there.

All the accused had filed discharge petitions before the court, which passed the order after hearing their advocates and that of CBI for several days. The CBI opposed the discharge petitions and prayed for framing of charges against the accused.

The Supreme Court had on October 8, 2013, directed transfer of hearing in the case from Darjeeling sadar court to the city sessions court here on a petition by Tamang's widow Bharati.

Governor congratulates...

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of India on the occasion of Independence Day 2017.

This recognition of your act of bravery serving the motherland has brought pride and joy to the people of Sikkim. The account of your courage and determination will inspire many aspiring youngsters in Sikkim to join the armed forces.

May you continue to shine in your career and provide us with more such occasions to rejoice and celebrate your achievements. I also convey my warm regards to your parents for their sacrifice and giving their worthy son to the service of motherland."

The Governor has also sent a separate congratulatory note to the parents of Major Thapa complimenting them for their sacrifice and hardship in bringing up a worthy son who has dedicated his life to the service of motherland.



DC-South arranges special screening of 'Toilet' for adopted village

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 17 AUG:

The South District Administration today screened "Toilet, Ek Prem Katha" for students of schools under Mamley-Kamrang GPU which has been adopted under DAAV scheme (District Administration Adopted

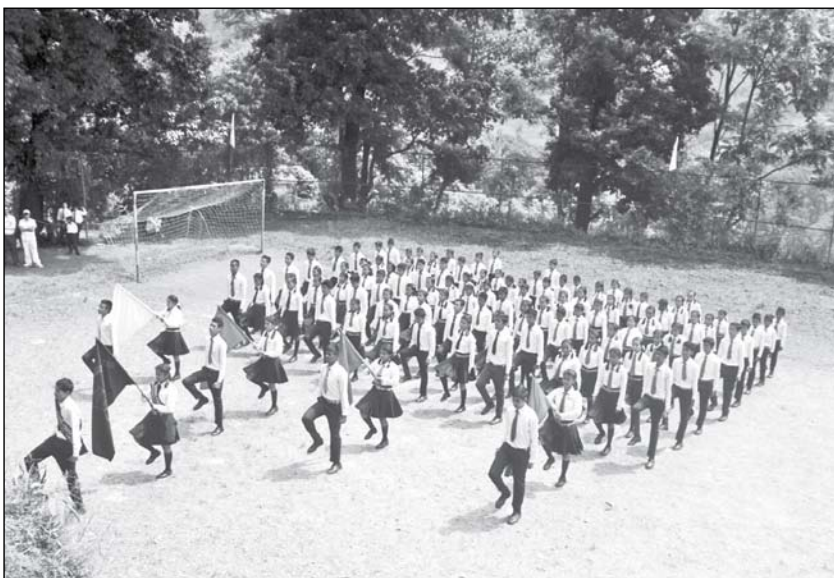
Village) as part of "Freedom from Open Defecation Week" under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Before the screening of the movie, District Collector-South and Additional District Collector-Development, Namchi, spoke on the purpose of the event and the idea

behind the initiative.

"As other states are facing problem to achieve ODF (open defecation free) status, it's worthwhile to telecast the movie to make our students aware that it's not an easy task to get ODF status which Sikkim gained in 2016. Sikkim was the

first State in India to have achieved the ODF status. It should also be noted that our South District is the first ODF district in the country," said the DC. He expressed gratitude to Block Administrative Centre-Namchi for supporting the cause and making the event successful.



I-Day at Tareythang school

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

The 71st Independence Day was celebrated at Tareythang Secondary School in East Sikkim on 15 Aug. the celebration was organised by Independence Day Celebration Committee in collaboration with Tareythang Secondary School, informs a press release.

Panchayat President of

Bering Tareythang GPU, Nareish Chettri, attended the programme as chief guest. Various competitions including parade, cultural programme and sports events were held during the day.

Highlighting the various schemes of the present government, the chief guest urged the general public to take maxi-

mum benefit of the government policies.

The main highlight of the Independence Day Celebration was a football match between Ranka Football Club and Lower Tareythang Football Club where in the latter emerged victorious. The programme ended with the distribution of prizes to the winner and participants.

Chief Minister's Start-up Scheme launched

GANGTOK, 17 AUG [IPR]:

A press release from the Commerce and Industries Department states that a new credit line linked promoter's contribution financial assistance scheme called the Chief Minister's Start-up Scheme was launched by Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling on the occasion of the 71st Independence Day Celebration at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok on 15 Aug.

The scheme aims to provide front ended promoter's financial

contribution assistance component of 25% of the project cost in respect of financially viable/bankable projects for the ventures entailing total investment upto Rs 20 lakh.

The scheme provides an impetus to the local unemployed youth including school dropouts to develop new entrepreneurial ventures and self employment opportunities in rural as well as urban areas of the State as startup both in manufacturing and service sector.

Fraudulently acquired CoIs a serious concern: SSC

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

Sikkim Subject Committee [SSC] vice-convenor, Nawin Kiran Pradhan, has asserted that fraudulently acquired Sikkim Subject Certificates /Certificates of Identification are a serious issue which has been adversely affecting the rights and privileges of genuine Sikkimese citizens.

Mr Pradhan referred to a case filed by executive member of SSC, Mohan Rai, against a Ranka resident and his family for fraudulently acquiring CoI in 2013. The DC

had ordered the accused to surrender their documents but they have not done so and have instead availed of various government benefits, he alleged.

On the same, Mr Pradhan further alleged that this case revealed that around 35 people from Ranka Rai Gaon had acquired CoIs through fraudulent means.

This only means that there are plenty of such cases in the State, he added.

The SSC has also appealed to the people to participate in the rally to be held on 20 Aug regarding this issue.

SPCC lashes out against BJP and SDF

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee president, Bharat Basnet, has lashed out against the Bharatiya Janta Party and Sikkim Democratic Front party on the ongoing Sikkim-Darjeeling merger issue. He has alleged that these parties have cheated and deceived the people of Sikkim on this sensitive issue.

Addressing a press conference here today, Mr Basnet informed that on his recent visit to New Delhi, the party high command assured to extend full support to the demand of Gorkhaland. He informed that even Jyotiraditya Scindia raised the issue of Gorkhaland recently in the Parliament session.

"I met the Congress senior leader and MP, Jairam Ramesh on 01 August at his residence. He mentioned that talks for Sikkim-Darjeeling merger have been going on in the Centre. He asked for feedback from SPCC on this issue," Mr Basnet informed.

SPCC fully supports the Gorkhaland demand but is totally against the Sikkim-Darjeeling merger, he added. Mr Basnet questioned the silence of Sikkim's MPs on the issue.

He alleged that there is no direction from the SDF party leader to its MPs to speak on this issue in the Parliament. Mr Basnet went on to suggest that the CM is looking at sacrificing Sikkim to save himself from being investigated for corruption.

BJP Sikkim submits memorandum to EC on Panchayat poll concerns

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

A team of Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim led by its president, DB Chauhan visited the office of the State Election Commission and submitted a memorandum regarding the upcoming Panchayat Election 2017 in the State.

A BJP state-unit press release informs that the state-unit president expressed his apprehensions regarding the publication of reservation

pattern in the Panchayat Election which is notified at the last moment.

The release informs that the Election Commissioner patiently listened to the BJP delegation and assured that the Commission will look into the matter seriously. The release adds that the Commissioner also assured that this time all parties will be informed about the reservation pattern well in time and provide level playing field to all parties.

Gangtok on Friday, 18 Aug

Temp: 26°C /18°C
Forecast: Mostly cloudy; a morning t-shower in spots followed by a couple of thundershowers in the afternoon.
Sunrise: 05:08 AM
Sunset: 06:11 PM

Man arrested for assault

GANGTOK, 17 AUG: One 40-year-old man hailing from Mamring in East Sikkim entered the residence of one Durga Prasad Ghimiray at Mamring on 16 Aug carrying a machete [bamphok] and stones and threatened his family members. On being asked why he was creating the nuisance, the 40-year-old attacked Mr Ghimiray with the machete inflicting injuries on his head. The accused has been arrested from Mamring village.

One drowns in Lachung river

GANGTOK, 17 AUG: One 22-year-old male hailing from Lava in Kalimpong and at present residing at Chungthang was swept away by Lachung River in Chungthang on 16 Aug while he was swimming with his friends. His body has not been found yet and the search is still being carried out.

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Induction training held for RMSA teachers

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG: Induction Training Programme for Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan [RMSA] Teachers for 2017-18 was organized by the State Project Office-RMSA today at the Sikkim State Teachers Recruitment Board [SSTRB] Hall at Syari in Gangtok, a press release informs.

The inaugural session of the training programme was attended by Special Secretary-cum-State Project Director [RMSA], MT Sherpa, as chief guest which was also attended by Director [Languages/MDM], Ugyen Lepcha, Joint Director-RMSA, KC Gyatso, Joint Director-SE, K Inbaraj, Joint Director-SSA, Sonam Doma Topden, and other officers from East district,



HRDD, Primary Education and State Project Office, RMSA.

Fifty seven teachers under RMSA and four Special Educators, IEDSS are participating in the training programme that would be conducted for a period of 10 days, the release adds.

The main objective of the training programme

is to initiate the newly appointed RMSA teachers for enabling them to adapt to the new work environment and give them a sense of belonging and also to make them learn latest classroom-teaching practices in tune with recommendations for New Education Policy, various Acts and Mission Mode

Schemes at the Secondary Stage.

During his key note address, chief guest Mr Sherpa touched upon various current happenings related with education in the State. He informed that as per the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education [Amendment] Act, 2017, all teachers

not possessing requisite professional qualification would have to attain the same by 31 March, 2019, failing which their continuance in service as teachers would be impossible.

He also dwelt upon the tremendous improvement noticed in the Government Schools and availability of learning, IT resources therein. He also stressed on the need to study and understand the learning outcomes notified by the NCERT.

The Resource Persons for the inaugural day of the training programme were former Additional Director-SCERT, Indira Joshi, Post Graduate Teacher-Enchey Senior Secondary School, Sonu Thapa, and Assistant Professor-SCERT, Dr Genevive Syangbo.



Lachen takes 4 steps towards becoming Green Destination

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG: On the occasion of the 71st Independence Day, the Lachen Dzumsa adopted four new resolutions as a step towards making their village a “green destination”.

A press release informs that the Dzumsa has issued an order to replace all synthetic Dhajas [prayer flags] which have been found to be non biodegradable and were blocking drains and waterways, with cotton ones.

These have been now made available for sale in the village by the Dzumsa and thus shall reduce the volume of nonbiodegradable waste to a great extent.

To reduce the use of disposable plastic plates and cups, the Dzumsa has also invested in steel plates and cups, which shall be used in all community events, and also given out on hire to anyone in the village at a minimal price.

A landmark for Lachen also has been the setting up of a resource recovery center [RRC] in the village to segregate and store all recyclable materials from household waste which shall be linked to scrap dealers.

The RRC which is still to be formally inaugurated will set an example for the entire State.

On 15 Aug, the Dzumsa also announced a plan for household segregation, making it mandatory for all households to segregate tins/ plastics/ tetrapaks/ glass/ cardboard items separately in dry waste from their biodegradable waste. A garbage collection vehicle provided by Rural Management and Development Department is already providing service of household garbage collection for which all households and hotels pay a monthly fee, the release adds.

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Certificate Course on School Leadership and Management for school heads begins

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG: State Council of Educational Research and Training [SCERT], Sikkim is conducting a month long Certificate Course on School Leadership and Management for school heads from all the four districts of the State from 17-16 Sept at SCERT, HRDD in Lower Burtuk, Gangtok, a press release informs.

It may be mentioned that this course has been undertaken as SCERT, Sikkim, has been identified as one of the State Leadership Academy [SLA] by National Centre of School Leadership [NCSL], National University of Educational Planning and Administration, Ministry of Human Resource Development [New Delhi]. The State Leadership Academy is expected to carry out Leadership activities in the State for the school heads.

Twenty-eight school heads have been enrolled for the first batch of ‘One month Certificate Course on School Leadership and Management’. There

are 05 participants from North District, 08 from South District, 09 from East District and 06 from West District.

The inaugural session of the programme today was attended by Additional Chief Secretary-HRDD, GP Upadhaya, as chief guest.

In his address, Mr Upadhaya talked about leadership values and how a leader needs to be an inspiration for others. He also talked about some of the flagship programmes like National Achievement Survey [NAS] and SWAYAM, an online programme for teacher training for all untrained teachers of Government and Private schools as mandated by Right to Education Act.


Also attending the event were Director [Primary Education]-cum-State Project Director [Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan], Bhim Thatal, and Director-SCERT, Dr Rabin Chhetri.

Director-SCERT, Dr Chhetri, while addressing the gathering, informed that Sikkim has

been selected for this leadership programme and urged all the school heads to undergo this programme and carry forward the leadership programme in their respective institutes.

State Project Director [Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan], Mr Thatal, mentioned about the online and offline programme being offered by the MHRD, Government of India. He informed the school heads that all the untrained elementary teachers teaching from Class I-VIII must undergo the Diploma in Elementary Education course by registering themselves in the National Institute of Open Schooling portal.

He also informed that this course must be taken by all the elementary teachers working both in government and private schools and complete it by 31 March 2019, failing which, the teachers, as per the MHRD, shall face removal process. This has been mandated by the recent amendment to the Right to Education Act, 2010 which ensures



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

SIKKIM STATE TEACHERS' RECRUITMENT

UPPER SYARI GANGTOK

NOTICE

Ref. No. 18/SSTRB

Date: 16/08/2017

The candidates bearing following Roll Nos. have been declared qualified for viva-voce test for selection to the post for Principal of Senior Secondary School to be held on **28th and 29th August 2017**.

SL.No.	Roll No.	SL.No.	Roll No.	SL.No.	Roll No.
1	20170001	27	20170030	53	20170059
2	20170002	28	20170031	54	20170060
3	20170004	29	20170032	55	20170061
4	20170006	30	20170033	56	20170062
5	20170007	31	20170034	57	20170063
6	20170008	32	20170035	58	20170064
7	20170009	33	20170036	59	20170066
8	20170010	34	20170037	60	20170067
9	20170011	35	20170038	61	20170068
10	20170012	36	20170039	62	20170069
11	20170013	37	20170040	63	20170070
12	20170014	38	20170041	64	20170071
13	20170015	39	20170042	65	20170072
14	20170016	40	20170043	66	20170073
15	20170017	41	20170044	67	20170074
16	20170018	42	20170045	68	20170075
17	20170019	43	20170046	69	20170076
18	20170020	44	20170047	70	20170077
19	20170021	45	20170048	71	20170078
20	20170022	46	20170051	72	20170079
21	20170023	47	20170052	73	20170080
22	20170024	48	20170053	74	20170081
23	20170025	49	20170054	75	20170082
24	20170026	50	20170055	76	20170084
25	20170028	51	20170056	77	20170086
26	20170029	52	20170057	78	20170087
				79	20170088

The interview (viva voce) will be held in conference Hall of **SSTRB Building, Upper Syari**.

The candidates from SI.NO.1 to 39 are requested to appear for the viva voce on **28th August 2017 [Monday]** and the candidates from SI. No.40 to 79 are requested to appear on **29th August 2017 [Tuesday]** at **11.00 A.M.**

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Never suggested Sikkim-Darj merger, Chaurasia clarifies

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 17 AUG: Ashok Chaurasia, the RSS leader, statements ascribed to whom have caused much consternation in Sikkim, has strongly condemned suggestions that he has supported the idea of a Sikkim-Darjeeling merger. He has claimed that mischievously selective quotes from a Facebook chat have been circulated to create confusion.

Mr Chaurasia, through a press statement issued today, claims that he never posted any status update on his Facebook as presumed.

“Anyone can go through my Facebook to verify it. Someone with ill and malafide intention may have picked up some sentences from the chat which is not fully correct. When I was questioned by someone for not doing anything for Gorkhaland I had just replied the person asking him/her what he/she has done and what the solution as per him/her may be. In conversation I have just mentioned that Gorkha Rastriya Congress wants merger of Darjeeling with Sikkim so that 22nd State may be bigger,” he has added in the

release.

Mr Chaurasia has alleged that his conversation is being edited and wrongly placed with ill intention.

“When I came to know that some social media engineers are wrongly placing and interpreting the conversation, I warned them not to play with such a sensitive issue miscoding and misinterpreting the content which may harm both Sikkim as well as Gorkhaland cause. I have clarified again and again in the chat. The said chat date is of 2nd August,” he stated.

CM checks on accident victims, condoles deaths

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Mangan.

The CM also handed over cash amount of Rs 50,000 to each injured patient and declared an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the family of the deceased.

He conveyed his condolences on the death of three passengers in the road accident.

While interacting with the admitted patients, he assured to extend best-possible treatment from the State Government. Further he wished speedy recovery of injured patients.

During his visit, the CM was accompanied by Health Minister, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, Transport Minister, DT Lepcha, Chief Whip, Bikram Pradhan, area MLA, Pintso Chopel Lepcha, Parliamentary Secretaries, UDHD Advisor, Sher Hang Subba, Chairpersons,

Chief Secretary, and Secretaries.

Further, the Health Minister instructed the concerned officials to leave no stone unturned in providing the best possible treatment to the accident victims. He further stated that the entire health machinery was working on a war footing to ensure best possible medical services to the injured.

The Health Minister and Transport Minister also visited CRH Manipal Hospital and enquired about the condition of admitted patients.

The Medical Superintendent at CRH informed that so far 13 patients have been admitted amongst whom three are being treated in the NICU and one patient at SICU.

Public Relations Officer to the CM handed over ex-gratia of Rs. 50,000 to each patient.

Mutual Respect Despite Everything

It is important for us to celebrate diversity, not fear it

It is unfortunate enough that people are communal by nature, but does one really require organizations, and now even governments, to keep trying to tease this inherent failing ever so often?

This latter development, made normal with the dominance of Right Wing ideology in governance, is worrying because it allows the ill-informed prejudices to be acted out by non-state actors – the kind one sees lining up for such outfits as Ram Sene, Hindu Yuva Vahini, Gau Rakshaks and the likes. Yes, all of these groups belong to the majority community, and before one counters with fingers pointing at the radical groups owing allegiance to minority groups, they should be reminded that intolerance is a major character flaw irrespective of which organization flaunts it. Meanwhile, in our country, most radical groups of the minority or fringe communities have already been either marked out as extremists or have been co-opted, however, elements claiming to represent the majority voice continue to be allowed to operate in the grey zone. They already have the numbers, and when they also get the State's backing, either through tacit support or through withdrawal of agencies which could keep things in check, their pent up frustrations over their own ignorance and failings find release against those who have not only been left largely unprotected, but also demonized. And majoritarianism is not always in the absolute numbers and can also manifest from elitist segments and the already privileged. We stand on a dangerous perch where shallow interpretations of majoritarianism are being foisted as the conscience of the nation and then being enforced by actors whose sense of nation is offensively parochial and inexcusably insular.

Indian nationalism, when the idea was born and reinforced to win Independence, was not about language, culture, religion, ethnicity or even history; it was more about the shared suffering of being subjects of an uncaring and exploitative Empire. It was inclusive in that sense, finding a common situation despite the diverse backgrounds. This common thread knit together a durable idea of India from the diversity that abounds in the subcontinent. But now, since we have a dispensation which has acquired power but has no legacy of being part of the anti-imperialist struggle, a new definition for nationalism is being stitched; one which seeks to impose ideas which are too narrow-minded for the grandness that is India. It is unlikely that this manufactured interpretation of Indian "values" will sustain, but till the time it lasts, it will cause much damage and the healing will take even longer. No identity should be framed around projected fears or at the cost of subsuming other identities, and yet, too much of that is being attempted.

It has become important for more voices to proclaim that India is more than the claims or fears of one mindset or region and that it is its diversity and abundance of contrasts that hold it together. Those who seek to impose uniformity pose a threat to the nation and should be called out as such.

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Minority histories of the Indian national flag

VOLT AND DALIT POLITICS

In the popular memory of colonial period, blue is the colour of resistance. Commonly associated with indigo, the shade owes its political imagery from the "Indigo revolt" (Nil vidroha), a peasant uprising against the white Indigo planters in 1859-60 in Bengal.

Later, in 1917, the country witnessed another massive peasant mobilisation of indigo growers, this time in the northern state of Bihar. This event was transformative even for Mahatma Gandhi, who shifted his political attention from urban centres to rural landscapes of suffering and exploitation under the colonial regime.

It would be a fitting tribute to Gandhi and those rebellious peasants that the charka, or wheel, in the centre of the flag is in navy blue. But the wheel is bereft of Mahatma's spindle.

"India as a nation can live and die only for the spinning wheel", he often claimed, and this symbol occupied a central position in the model of Swaraj, or self governance, laid out in his book Indian Home Rule.

In 1931, the Indian National Congress adopted it to don India's first pre-Independence flag as an emblem of the anti-colonial movement.

But in July 1947, just before independence, the charkha was replaced with the Ashokan wheel (chakra) in the design of India's first national flag. This irked Gandhi, who said he would "refuse to salute the flag" if it did not contain the charka.

There's also the eerie silence about navy blue, which compels us to confront the deep political prejudices of Indian politics. That's because its roots trace back to the dalit, to lower-caste politics. India's most famous dalit icon, a contemporary of Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, is always portrayed wearing a blue coat. Blue is still the colour of dalit politics in modern India, too.

Is it a mere coincidence that the colour of the Ashokan wheel in the Indian national flag, navy blue, remains uncounted when we talk about the "tricolour flag"? Or does this gesture perhaps reveal a deep grudge against dalit politics and subaltern voices?

WHITE FOR MINORITIES

Another colour that deserves more attention in any story of the flag is white. In the aforementioned official document, while saffron and green are affixed with the word "Indian", bestowing them a sense of rootedness and specific history, white has been denied similar cultural milieus.

Instead, it is perceived only in the universal vocabulary as representing peace and humanism. Why this erasure of particularities?

White is perhaps the most difficult shade

when it comes to telling a tale. From the bridal trousseau of Christian tradition to the Himalayan snow capped Mount Kailasha, where, in poet Kalidasa's Sanskrit classic Meghadutam, it represents the laugh of Hindu god Shiva, to the ubiquitous caging in the monochromatic uniform of Hindu widowhood, the colour white is a canvas spread wide.

For Gandhi in 1921, while the flag's red and green symbolised Hindu and Muslim communities, respectively, white was to represent all the minority communities put together. In his scheme, they were to be protected by the other two.

RED AND SAFFRON

Soon, however, his own party, the Indian national Congress, officially distanced itself from this direct connection between colour and community. This was particularly important in the aftermath of violence between Muslims and Hindus communities that had gripped the country in the 1920s.

Secular leaders (including the future prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru) championed saffron as a colour of valour, an ancient colour, and undeployed its popular association with right wing Hindu organisation, the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh and to the 17th-century Maratha warrior king Shivaji.

Yet to this day, the colour remains well associated with Hinduism and with Hindutva, an ideology that promotes an essentialist vision of Hinduism. We have forgotten that saffron also came to India through minority religious traditions, including Buddhism, and via other ascetic religious movements, like ancient Shramanic traditions.

It is rather ironic that in today's aggressive nationalism, India has completely forgotten the minority histories of these colours.

BYPASSING THE GREEN

The amnesia acquires a sinister property considering that the outgoing vice president, Hamid Ansari, recently voiced his anxiety pertaining to the vulnerability of minority communities in contemporary India.

In the song from the film Chak De India, this anxiety is palpable. Premised upon the popular equation of green with Islam, the lyrics refer to green as the third colour, using the past tense – "I was your third colour" – lamenting the Muslim's community's growing marginalisation in contemporary India.

This erasure from the present, green's exile into the past, calls for deep introspection.

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Health Check: do joint and muscle aches get worse in the cold?

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The winter chill is often associated with an increase in aches and pains for many older people, particularly in the joints, but also in the muscles. Some recent studies have shown an increase in general aches and pain in older men and women, and in particular a correlation between joint pain and weather conditions in patients with rheumatoid arthritis or osteoarthritis.

For those without these conditions, any experience of pain with cold or wet weather may be related to changes in physical activity and diet.

HOW DOES THE COLD AFFECT OUR MUSCLES AND JOINTS?

In investigating a link between weather and joint pain, studies have examined temperature, barometric pressure, precipitation, humidity and sunshine for their links to pain. The results are somewhat inconclusive because they vary greatly. This is largely because pain is subjective and it's difficult to isolate a particular cause.

Other factors like exercise, mood and diet also have an influence on pain perception. Some research focused on the idea that atmospheric pressure may have the greatest effect. This is because there are gasses and fluids within joints, and if atmospheric pressure reduces, these gasses and fluids might expand, putting pressure on surrounding nerves causing pain. But this has not been shown clearly.

A recent study found the combination of temperature, sunlight exposure and humidity correlates with joint pain in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. But the authors were quick to point out the variability in pain perception and other factors, like exercise and diet, means a clear



link still can't be drawn with confidence.

HOW WE CAN PREVENT ACES IN WINTER

There are some things that can help reduce pain during the colder months.

Exercise: joint pain is often associated with excess weight, so a weight-loss exercise program will help to take the pressure off the joints. Exercise also helps to improve metabolism and blood flow through muscles and joints, which can reduce inflammation, stiffness and pain.

Many people tend to be more active in the warmer months when the weather is pleasant and it's comfortable to be outside. It's important to continue exercise into winter as a reduction in physical activity in winter for more than two weeks results in loss of muscle strength and mass as well as reduced bone density. Being inactive for long periods can lead to a gain in fat mass and overall body weight which puts excess pressure on joints that can lead to injury.

Movements that include large muscles of the legs, arms and torso such as squats, sit-ups and push-ups can be done in a fairly small space, and so are ideal inside during win-

ter. Resistance exercise of this type is important for muscle and bone strength. Like muscles, bones adapt to the stimulus of repeated load bearing making them stronger and less prone to injury. This is particularly important for older individuals.

This doesn't mean you need to go to a gym and lift heavy weights, although you may consider joining a gym for individual or group exercise sessions. You can get enough stimulation for maintenance of muscle and bone strength through daily tasks and home workouts.

Vitamin D: exercising regularly can help to reduce symptoms in the long term, and getting outdoors for longer periods more often provides vitamin D for healthier bones and joints.

When daylight hours are limited, vitamin D supplements are a good way to continue to get the benefits of this vitamin, which has an important role in bone mineralisation, muscle function and nerve growth. Studies have found daily supplementation with vitamin D reduces the risk of bone fracture and improves muscle strength for older people.

It's recommended adults get at least 200 to 600 international units

(IU) of Vitamin D daily if they're getting some exposure to sunlight most days. It's not easy to get vitamin D through diet, but in a country like Australia, where sunlight is available even in winter, this presents less of a problem than for people living in regions that have limited sunlight in winter.

The best foods for vitamin D include fatty fish like sardines, mackerel and herring, milk, margarine and vitamin D-fortified soy drinks. But it's important to remember dietary sources alone are not sufficient to provide enough vitamin D. Sunlight is an important source and supplementation should be considered for those who have limited exposure to the sun in winter.

Glucosamine and chondroitin: glucosamine and chondroitin sulphate help to provide nourishment to cartilage to improve joint function. They make movement of the joint smoother by reducing the friction produced between the articulating surfaces of the bones. Crustaceans provide a good source of glucosamine, while chondroitin sulphate can be obtained from cartilage of animal bones. Supplementation of these is prescribed for patients with osteoarthritis to help restore cartilage.

Heat therapy: heat therapy can help greatly when you do have pain. Warm baths or showers, particularly in the morning can make a big difference to the level of pain and stiffness. Warming the body increases elasticity of the tissue and improves blood flow making movement easier. It also activates neural pathways that reduce the brain's perception of pain.

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17 more die in West Bengal floods, overall situation improves

KOLKATA, AUG 17 (PTI): Floods claimed 17 more lives in six northern districts of West Bengal, even as the overall situation improved today, officials said.

Out of the 17 people, 15 drowned while two others died after they were bitten by snake, a senior disaster management department official said here.

Forty-nine people have died in flood-related incidents in the districts of Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Coochbehar, North Dinajpur, South Dinajpur and Malda since July 21, the official said.

As rains have abated, water has started receding and the situation has improved a lot, he said.

"We are monitoring the situation round-the-

clock and doing everything to help the affected people," he said, adding there is no dearth of relief materials in the districts.

Meanwhile, the state government has written a letter to the civil aviation ministry on the "exorbitant" prices of tickets by various airlines between Kolkata and Bagdogra, the lone functioning airport in north Bengal.

"The chief secretary has sent a letter to the secretary of the civil aviation ministry seeking his intervention as the airlines are taking advantage of the situation and charging exorbitantly for a ticket between Bagdogra and Kolkata," Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said.

Lachen takes 4 steps towards becoming Green Destination

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lease adds. The fourth resolution was aimed at strengthening the existing plastic water bottle ban. It was announced that provisions will be made for providing safe drinking water in reusable water bottles at a nominal deposit cost, which will be given back when the bottles are returned by the tourists at the collection point.

The Pipon, Tso Bandhu Lachenpa, in his address, said that Lachen will set an example in the state as a green destination, and these resolutions would not only maintain the uniqueness of the village, but also add to the promotion of ecotourism in the long run.

During the occasion, a tourism brochure and a pictorial handbook of birds of Lachen were also

released. The bird booklet has been made possible by photographs provided by the Photography Club of Sikkim. The ten years activity report of Lachen tourism development committee [LTDC] was also released and the organisation was felicitated by the Dzumsa in recognition of the good work they had undertaken for village development.

Outgoing President of LTDC, Chewang Lachenpa, expressed his gratitude to the Lachen Dzumsa, the District Administration and Rural Management and Development Department and others for their guidance and support.

It is to be informed here, WWF - India has been working in collaboration with ECOSS and LTDC to promote responsible tourism in the village.

NEW DELHI, AUG 17 (PTI): The dredging of the Brahmaputra river will start soon as a move to find a permanent solution to the perennial flood problem in Assam.

A decision in this regard was taken at a high-level meeting, chaired by Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and attended by top officials of central and state government here today.

"In course of the meeting, it has been decided to start the dredging of the Brahmaputra from Sadiya from September onwards and as many as five dredgers will be pressed into service for the mega project," a state government statement said.

The floods in Assam



claimed 10 more lives. Around 31 lakh people across 24 districts are bearing the brunt of the flooding. The toll in the third wave of floods in the state has risen to 49. 133 people have died so far this year in flood-related incidents.

Today's meeting took up the construction of Brahmaputra Expressway threadbare and decided to rope in experts and manpower of Border Roads Organisation to build the expressway with the sand

and silt dug-out through dredging.

The Assam government will submit the detailed project report for Brahmaputra Expressway soon. Chief Minister Sonowal requested the Brahmaputra Board to

set up a unit in Majuli and upscale its manpower to tackle flood in the island as well as in the state.

In the meeting, the Director General of Brahmaputra Board informed that the Board decided to start three major projects upstream to protect the river island Majuli from the fury of flood.

He also informed that a Rs 237-crore road-cum-embankment project would soon be started in the southern bank of Majuli which would help check flood-induced damages in the river island.

The meeting was held as a sequel to the announcement of Prime Minister's Rs 2,000 crore package for Assam and the Northeast for relief,

rehabilitation, reconstruction and flood mitigation measures.

The package include Rs 400 crore for improving water carrying capacity of the Brahmaputra through dredging in its entire stretch from Sadiya to Dhubri.

Sonowal said the proposed dredging besides enhancing the water holding capacity of the Brahmaputra would help in increasing navigation besides revamping the communication on the proposed Brahmaputra Express Highway.

The chief minister also asked the central government to take up the repairing work of the National Highways in view of the deplorable road conditions.



Rights activist Irom Sharmila marries long-time partner

KODAIKANAL (TN), AUG 17 (PTI): Manipur civil rights activist Irom Sharmila married her long-time partner Desmond Coutinho, a British national, under the Special Marriage Act at the Sub-Registrar's office here this morning.

The wedding was held in the presence of Sub-Registrar Radhakrishnan with Coutinho putting the ring on Sharmila's finger.

It was a simple function and the families of the bride and groom were absent.

Earlier, the couple married under the Hindu Marriage Act and were

asked by the Sub-Registrar to register it under the Special Marriage Act as their wedding was an inter-religious one.

Sharmila told reporters that Kodaikanal was a peaceful place and her search for peace had ended here.

The rights activist said she would raise her voice for the welfare of tribals in Kodaikanal hills.

The wedding was objected to by a local activist V Mahendran, who contended that if the couple stayed in the hills, tribals in the area would face law and order problems.

However, the sub-reg-

istrar rejected the objection, clearing the decks for Sharmila's wedding with Coutinho.

The couple had submitted their application for marriage registration under the Special Marriage Act on July 12 and the Sub-Registrar had called for objections, if any, within 30 days time.

A group of tribals in the area, including Palani Malai Pulaiyan and Paliyar had submitted a memorandum to the Sub-Registrar in support of the Sharmila-Coutinho wedding.

Sharmila had moved to this hill town with Coutinho following her

defeat in the Manipur Assembly elections in March last in which her party 'People's Resurgence and Justice Alliance' had been routed.

The 44-year-old activist had shot to fame after launching an indefinite fast on November 4, 2000, demanding withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 from Manipur.

Sharmila, also known as the 'Iron Lady', broke her 16-year-long fast, the world's longest, on August 9, 2016 and declared that she wanted to become the chief minister so she could repeal the contentious AFSPA.

Nepal launches operation to bring back rhinos swept away in floods

Kathmandu, Aug 17 (PTI): Nepal has launched an operation to bring back four endangered one-horned rhinos that were swept away to various places in the country and to India during the recent floods.

Chitwan National Park (CNP) authorities have started rescuing four one-horned rhinos that were swept away by the Rapti river flood recently.

According to the park officials, one of the five rhinos swept away by the flood was found dead in Gandak Canal while four others have been located in Nawalparasi and along the Indian border.

"The flood carried away three rhinos to Nawalparasi while the remaining two were spotted in India's Balmiki Nagar and Bagaha," said Narendra Aryal, assistant conservation officer of the CNP.

"Authorities have located a two-year-old baby rhino at Bagaha, 42-km southeast of Balmiki Nagar in India," Aryal said.

Talks with the authorities from Indian sides are being held to fetch the dislocated rhinos from Indian territories, he said.

"We will first rescue the rhino spotted in a sugar-cane field in Bagaha. The rhino is trapped in floodwaters," Aryal said.

A CNP team led by Aryal reached Bagaha to rescue the rhino on Tues-

day. The team, comprising more than three dozen people, will be aided by three elephants.

"A lot has to be considered before shooting a tranquilliser dart on a rhino trapped in floodwaters," he said.

Six deer were also killed near CNP in the floods. Police said that they found the carcasses of six deer on the banks of the Narayani River of Chitwan district in southwestern Nepal on Tuesday.

"They were killed by the flood and brought here," police said. Basu Dhungana, a wildlife conservationist, said animals that live close to water bodies and low laying areas are highly vulnerable at the times of flood.

"To mitigate the risk of animals getting trapped and killed by floods, we should build high grounds close to their habitats," he added.

The floods triggered by incessant rains, in various places across the Chitwan district has wreaked havoc not only on human settlements but also the habitats of wild animals, resulting in the death of animals within and outside the Park, the CNP said.

The death toll from widespread flooding and landslides in Nepal has reached 120 with nearly 35 people still unaccounted for and over six million affected by incessant rainfall across the country.

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3 Sikkim referees chosen to conduct Sub-Jr Girls nationals

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 17 AUG:

Three referees from the Sikkim Football Association Referee panel - Reshmi Chettri, Phurki Lhamu Bhutia and Presila Tamang - have been chosen to conduct the Sub-Junior Girls National Football Championship being conducted by All India Football Federation at Imphal, Manipur from 06-18 Sept.

SFA president, Menla Ethenpa, and Secretary-SFA Referee Board, Chamchuk Lama, have congratulated the ladies and hoped that they will perform well in supervising the game and make Sikkim proud.

Deputy Chairman-SFA Referee Board, Samten Lachungpa, remarked that such achievement from Sikkimese women is much appreciable.

Mr Ethenpa, has congratulated the girls and called upon other like-minded women to come forward and take up women's football refereeing as a career and seize the huge scope available in the state as well as at the national level.

Sea glory: All-women Indian naval crew eyes record circumnavigation

NEW DELHI, AUG 17 (PTI): A six-member all-women crew of the Indian Navy is set to embark on an eight-month voyage in September to circumnavigate the globe, the first such navigational attempt from Asia.

The naval officers led by Lt. Commander Vartika Joshi will set sail in the naval auxiliary vessel INSV Tarini from Goa and are expected to depart early next month.

"We will be passing through some of the roughest patches of sea during the voyage. It will be a tough journey but our spirits are high," Joshi told reporters today.

A native of Rishikesh in Uttarakhand, she will skipper, the 55-feet INSV Tarini, built indigenously and inducted in the Indian Navy earlier in February this year.

Her team members onboard the sister vessel of INSV Mhadei would be -- Lt. Commander Pratibha Jamwal from Kullu, Himachal



Pradesh; Lt. Commander Swathi P from Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh; Lt. Aishwarya Boddapati from Hyderabad; Lt. Shourgrakpam Vijaya Devi from Manipur and Lt. Payal Gupta from Dehradun.

"This all-women circumnavigation attempt would be the first of its kind, not only from India but also Asia. They are well-trained and with

their maritime odyssey, they will also set sail into the record books," Naval Chief of Personnel Vice Admiral A K Chawla said.

"They are going to set benchmarks not just for India but for the entire world," he said.

The crew had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday.

Jamwal, who had joined

the Naval Academy in 2011, said the voyage is daunting but they are all trained and set for it.

The expedition -- 'Navika Sagar Parikrama' will be covered in five legs, with stopovers at four ports -- Fremantle (Australia), Lyttelton (New Zealand), Port Stanley (Falklands), and Cape Town (South Africa), the Navy said.

Capt. (retd) Dilip Donde,

the first Indian to undertake a solo circumnavigation, trained the six naval officers, who he said, volunteered to be a part of the expedition.

"They will be passing through the Southern Ocean, where the temperature could drop to as low as 4-5 degrees Celsius.

Besides, they would also have to navigate through gusty winds and high waves," Donde said.

Joshi said they would be stocking up food supplies, water, books and recreational material, mostly dry items as the voyage span is long.

"We will begin with 600 litre of water and we would also have an RO plant onboard. We would carry books and DVDs for recreation," she said.

Asked about the safety measures taken for the crew, Vice Admiral Chawla said, "As per the international maritime convention, the ship's immediate distress call would

be picked up by the nearest search and rescue authority, who would then relay it to us. Also, the vessel is equipped with satellite phones and other modern communication gadgets."

Indian Navy's Lt. Cdr. Abhilash Tomy, who became the first Indian to circumnavigate the globe, solo and non-stop over a 150-day voyage in 2013, said, "There is no quit word in maritime circumnavigation."

"I think what these six officers are attempting is very courageous. In an mountain expedition, you can stop and climb back, but once you are in the sea, you are in the sea. Only your faith and courage can help sail you through," he said.

INSV Tarini, having a wood core and fibre glass sandwich structure, was built by a shipyard in Goa and the vessel has sailed approximately 8,000 nautical miles till date, the Navy said.

Anand finishes joint eighth in St Louis Rapid

ST LOUIS (USA), AUG 17 (PTI): Former world champion Viswanathan Anand suffered a disappointing final round loss against Sergey Karjakin of Russia to finish joint eighth in the St Louis Rapid Chess tournament

here today.

After raising visions of a good finish, luck did not favour Grandmaster Anand much on the final day as he was first held to a draw by Le Quang Leim of Vietnam in the seventh round and then shared points with Fabiano Caruana of United States in the penultimate round.

The Indian ace ended on seven points, coming through one win, five draws and two losses in the event that gave two points for a win and one for a draw.

Levon Aronian of Armenia topped the rapid section with 12

points in all. On the final day, Aronian scored two good wins and a solitary draw.

The American duo of Hikaru Nakamura and Caruana were right behind Aronian on 11 points each and Russian Ian Nepomniachtchi was fourth on 10 points. Lenier Dominguez of Cuba was right behind on nine points.

Le Quang Leim and Sergey Karjakin shared the sixth spot on eight points each while Anand, Garry Kasparov and Navara David of Czech Republic shares the eighth position.

The event is still only half way

through as the players will change gears again and play the blitz that will have eighteen games in all and the winner in the USD 150000 prize money tournament will be decided by the cumulative score.

For Anand, the road ahead looks difficult but things can still turn around if he can start off with a few wins in the blitz. A five-point margin is huge and the turnaround can only happen with some massive scoring by Anand.

Garry Kasparov was again the big news of the day simply with his presence. However, Kasparov,

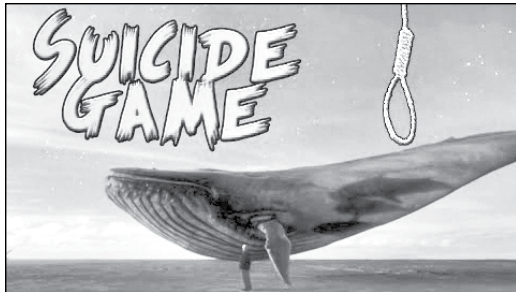
once the best player on the planet, could not keep pace with clock or pressure and lost two games besides getting lucky and winning one against Leim.

It was a heartbreak for the yearly champion as he simply lost from a won endgame through a super-trick from David Navara in the first game of the day. Le Quang Leim dropped a rook in the next game from a playable position to give Kasparov his only victory in the event thus far while Caruana proved stronger in what was a tricky endgame in the final round.

Blue Whale game: NCPCR asks parents, teacher to be vigilant

NEW DELHI, AUG 17 (PTI): The NCPCR, apex body for child rights, has urged parents and teachers to "keep a watch" on children showing abnormal and erratic behaviour due to exposure to 'Blue Whale Challenge', the lethal online game which is suspected to have led to suicides in Kerala and elsewhere in the country.

'Blue Whale' is a controversial Internet game in which a series of tasks, mostly brutal, are given to players for a period of 50 days by the administrators with a final challenge requiring them to commit suicide. The player is asked to share photos after finishing the different levels of the game. The game is spread via links on social media platforms.



More than six children across India in the age group of 12-19 years are suspected to have taken their lives playing this game within a span of two weeks.

"We appeal to parents, teachers, students and all concerned individuals to keep a close watch on all those who may be

showing abnormal and erratic behaviour because they may be playing online games such as the Blue Whale Challenge," the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) said in a press statement.

The move comes after the government asked Internet

majors like Google, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Microsoft and Yahoo to "immediately remove" links of the deadly game from their platforms.

Law and Information and Technology minister Ravi Shankar Prasad has earlier warned that violation of government direction by social media platforms would be viewed "very seriously".

Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi had also written to Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Prasad requesting that the challenge be "removed" from the Internet.

The NCPCR said it has also written to the IT ministry thrice since May asking it to identify violators.

Volkswagen submits roadmap on recall of 3.23L cars before NGT

NEW DELHI, AUG 17 (PTI): German auto major Volkswagen, which is embroiled in a global emission scandal, today submitted a roadmap before the National Green Tribunal to recall over 3.23 lakh vehicles in the country fitted with a 'defeat device' meant to fudge emission tests.

The roadmap was submitted by it in pursuance to the NGT's direction passed yesterday. The automobile giant is in the process of recalling several million cars across the globe.

A 'cheat' or 'defeat device' is a software in diesel engines to manipulate emission tests by changing the performance of the cars.

Volkswagen India had in December 2015 announced the recall of 3,23,700 lakh vehicles in India to fix the emission software after Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) conducted tests on some models and found that their on-road emissions were 1.1 times to 2.6 times higher than the applicable BS-IV norms.

Partition through the eyes of an ex-British commander

NEW DELHI, AUG 17 (PTI): A veteran British commander looks at the Partition from a military perspective, analysing the thinking of and pressures on the politicians, administrators and soldiers of 70 years ago and how the violence could have been prevented.

Barney White-Spunner describes the partition as a "tragedy that was, because the British had stayed on too long, probably unavoidable by 1947 but the violence and loss of life could have been reduced enormously had proper use been made of the armed forces".

In 2008, White-Spunner was the military commander of British and Coalition troops in Basrah and the three other provinces designated by the Coalition authority in Baghdad as constituting the south-eastern sector of Iraq.

He says he has written "Partition: The Story of Indian Independence and the Creation of Pakistan in 1947" from a soldier's perspective.

"It does not purport to be a full history of Indian independence and the birth of Pakistan. Such a study would be a lifetime's work, fill many volumes and is correctly best left to professional historians," he says.



"Rather what I have attempted to do, as someone who has played a small part in British interventions around the world, is to explore the thinking of and pressures on the politicians, administrators and soldiers of 70 years ago, and the effect their subsequent actions had on the people of the Indian subcontinent," he adds.

According to White-Spunner, given his background, he has a better understanding of the British players in this tragedy than he does of their Indian and Pakistani counterparts.

"I don't hold with the view

that only Indian, Pakistani and Bangladeshi authors should write about 1947. What happened is as much part of British history - and if British authors don't write about it then the UK will not face up to what happened. In particular, the military aspects needed researching and writing about in detail - they were so fundamental to what happened - and I am pretty well qualified to do that," White-Spunner told PTI.

It took him about 28 months of researching and 8 months of writing to finish the book, published by Simon & Schuster.

"While commanding British and Allied troops in Iraq, I found myself at that interface of political and military affairs whereby we were trying to make sense of political direction that was not always clear. I have had a life-long fascination for India and Pakistan and particularly for the events of 1947 so I found myself wondering how our forbears had reacted when faced with similar issues," he says.

White-Spunner says he, in particular, was never able to understand why both the British and British Indian armies were not used more extensively in the Punjab.

"An effective military deployment, which was urged on the authorities in Delhi from as early as March 1947, would have prevented much of the violence. Why had this not happened? I also feel that although lots is written about Partition in India there is surprisingly little in the UK - just as there is surprisingly little about the events of World War Two in India and the Bengal famine," he says about the reasons he chose to write the book.

According to him, one of the advantages of writing having had military experience, and especially

military experience at that political-military interface, is that he is in a better position to understand what was going on between Claude Auchinleck and Lord Mountbatten and the Army and Congress.

"It is the almost total lack of military initiative that was the cause of so much of the bloodshed; that is what needs exploring and my background means I can approach that with some idea of how armies and governments are meant to work together," he says.

White-Spunner regards H V Hodsons' "The Great Divide", Ayesha Jalal's "The Sole Spokesman" and V P Menon's "The Transfer of Power in India" as the top three books on Partition.

"Hodsons' 'The Great Divide' is to understand the British perspective. It is factual rather than exciting to read but very well researched as Hodson was Reforms Commissioner before Menon. 'The Sole Spokesman' is to understand the Muslim League. Jalal has got nearest to what Jinnah really wanted, and Menon is one of the unsung heroes of 1947. Trusted by everyone he seems to me to be the architect of so much of modern India," the author says.

The author tried to balance his book between personal recollections and official government and military papers.

"I was also helped greatly by access to family papers from descendants of Brits who were there. The most valuable personal reminiscences were those recorded (or written - but many were recorded) fairly soon after 1947 as events were fresh in peoples minds - and hearts," he says.

He also dug out the full military records from the Army Headquarters in Delhi and from the Punjab Boundary Force which are in the UK. "They revealed a lot, such as that in 1946 the Army conducted a complete rehearsal of a breakdown of law and order in the Punjab, right down to the detail of how they would protect trains."

Educated at Eton College and the University of St Andrews, White-Spunner was commissioned in 1979. He was made Commander of the British Field Army in 2009, a post he held until December 2011 when he retired. He was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2002 and Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath in 2011.

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Trump disbands business councils after CEOs quit in protest

WASHINGTON, AUG 17 (PTI): Donald Trump was today forced to disband two key business advisory councils after some members of the panels rebuked the US President for his incendiary remarks on the Virginia violence in which he apparently defended white nationalists.

The abrupt decision came after the Strategic and Policy Forum, comprised of JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon, PepsiCo's Indian-origin CEO Indra Nooyi, General Motors CEO Mary Barra and Walmart CEO Doug McMillon, decided to abandon it.

The Strategic and Policy Forum and the White House Manufacturing Jobs Initiative were both dissolved amid a string of resignations from the chief executives of top American firms over his "ambiguous" response to the violence in Virginia.

Trump had established the Manufacturing Advisory Council in January after his swearing-in while the 16-member Strategic and Policy Forum was set up in December when he was the president-elect.

"Rather than putting pressure on the business people of the Manufacturing Council & Strategy & Policy Forum, I am ending both. Thank you all!" Trump said in a tweet.

As many as 11 CEOs in the advisory councils have quit so far.

A majority of them resigned after criticism mounted over Trump's less-than-encouraging response to the weekend violence in Charlottesville (Virginia), where a



car rammed into a crowd peacefully protesting against the rally by white supremacists, killing a 32-year-old woman.

Trump in his remarks had blamed both sides for the violence.

Earlier in the day, members of the Strategic Policy Forum in a joint statement said that intolerance, racism and violence have absolutely no place in the country and are an affront to core American values.

The President's Strategic and Policy Forum was conceived as a bi-partisan group of business leaders called to serve our country by providing independent feedback and perspectives directly to the President on accelerating economic growth and job creation in the United States, the members said.

"We believe the debate over Forum participation has become a distraction from our well-intentioned and sincere desire to aid vital policy discussions on how to improve the lives of everyday Americans," they said.

In a joint statement, the CEOs noted that job creation and supporting an inclusive pro-growth agenda remained important to the country's progress.

"As such, the President and we are disbanding the Forum," they said.

The Los Angeles Times said in a report: "The dissolution of the councils marks corporate America's strongest repudiation yet of Trump, who ascended to the White House touting himself as the first CEO president."

The Washington Post termed the development as a "major setback" to Trump's relationship with the American business community.

JP Morgan Chase chief executive Jamie Dimon, a member of the Strategy & Policy Forum, according to the daily, told employees in a note that his group decided to disband following Trump's news conference, in which he appeared to show sympathy for some of the people who marched alongside the neo-Nazis and white supremacists in Charlottesville.

"Constructive economic and regulatory policies are not enough and will not matter if we do not address the

divisions in our country. It is a leader's role, in business or government, to bring people together, not tear them apart," Dimon wrote to his employees.

"Racism and murder are unequivocally reprehensible and are not morally equivalent to anything else that happened in Charlottesville," Campbell Soup CEO Denise Morrison said in a statement before he announced his resignation.

"I believe the president should have been and still needs to be unambiguous on that point," he added.

General Electric Chairman Jeff Immelt said, "The Committee I joined had the intention to foster policies that promote American manufacturing and growth. However, given the ongoing tone of the discussion, I no longer feel that this Council can accomplish these goals."

"The President's most recent statements equating those who are motivated by race-based hate with those who stand up against hatred is unacceptable and has changed our decision to participate in the White House Manufacturing Advisory Council," said Johnson & Johnson chief executive Alex Gorsky, who had previously said he would remain on the manufacturing council to have a voice at the table.

Anthyesthi Kriya

The 14th day Anthyesthi Kriya of late Mani Kumari Gurung who left for her heavenly abode on 10.08.2017 falls on 23.08.2017 [Wednesday]. All relatives, friends & well-wishers are requested to join us in the offering prayers for the departed soul on the above mentioned date at our residence at Middle Burtuk, Manbir Colony, Gangtok.

Ganga Psd. Gurung, Dil Psd. Gurung, Dhan Bdr. Gurung, Ram Bdr. Gurung [brothers-in-law], Ashib Gurung [son]
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HUMAN RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NO:

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, the Chief Engineer, Human Resource & Development Department, Government of Sikkim, invites e-tendering bids from the eligible registered contractors of appropriate class for the work listed below:-
Name of Work : Construction of State Council of Education Research and Training (S.C.E.R.T) at Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim.

BID VALUE Rs. 4,44,49,102/-

Date of Publishing in E-Tendering Portal of Sikkim Government (www.sikkimtender.gov.in) 21/08/2017 (11.00 AM onwards)

The intending contractors/ tenderers may visit the e-procurement portal of Government of Sikkim www.sikkimtender.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
Human Resource & Development Department.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
GANGTOK, EAST SIKKIM

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, invites online tender on percentage rate bids under two cover systems through e-procurement from the eligible class of contractors for the work "Construction of State Council of Educational Research and Training (S.C.E.R.T) at Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim". The bids should be submitted online through the website www.sikkimteder.gov.in .
The details of works and time schedule are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Bid Value [Rs]	Cost of Tender Documents [Rs.]	Earnest Money 2.5% of tender value [Rs.]
1.	Construction of State Council of Educational Research and Training (S.C.E.R.T) at Burtuk, Gangtok, East Sikkim.	Rs.4,44,49,102/-	Rs.50,000/-	Rs.11,11,228/-

The date and time of submission of completed bid document are as under:-

- Publish of online tender in e-procurement portal 21/08/2017.
- Start date of uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal 21/08/2017.
- Last date for submission of bids online by the Bidders: 21/09/2017 (1600 hours).
- Date of opening of tender documents: 23/09/2017 (1100 hours).

- Bidding documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal www.sikkimtender.gov.in.
- All the documents listed at Sl.no. 3 of General Condition must be submitted in hard copies in the office of the Chief Engineer, HRDD on 22/09/2017 (within 16:00 hrs).
If the hard copies of above documents are not received on 22/09/2017 (within 16.00 hrs) the tender documents so submitted by the bidder through e-procurement portal shall be considered non-responsive and shall not be opened.
- The department reserves the right to deny tender to any applicants without assigning any reason thereof.
- Uploading of tender document in e-procurement portal is mandatory. Submission of hard copy only will not be considered a valid bid and shall summarily be rejected.
- The intending bidders shall submit the technical bids & financial bids in two separate envelopes duly sealed & clearly indicating the Technical bid & Financial bid on the cover. For Technical bid the intending tenderer shall submit their credentials in form A,B,C,D,E &F of the Sikkim Public Works Manual 2009.

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HOW YOU DOIN'? Actor Matt LeBlanc attends the 2017 PaleyLive LA Summer Season Premiere Screening and Conversation for Showtime's "Episodes" at The Paley Center for Media in Beverly Hills, California.

Sarahah expose websites a hoax!

Sarahah has become the talk of the town and viral on social media. Everyone, be it on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snapchat, is talking about Sarahah, an app that allow users to send anonymous messages to others registered with the app. The key highlight of Sarahah is that it doesn't reveal the identity of the sender of the message at any given cost. This is where Sarahah stands out from other similar applications available on the Play Store.

So you downloaded the Sarahah app and you are loving all the attention, both good and bad. It makes you feel important, gives you the idea that you are being noticed, but there's always this itch that makes you want to know who is sending these messages.

With that said, there are plenty of websites that have come to the rescue of those desperate to know their secret admirers [or haters]. Well not exactly, as these are some hardcore scamming websites that are simply out to make money off the poor souls who are desperate to know who that anonymous sender really is [it's not Justin Bieber for sure!].

If you have ever fallen prey to those game cheats, cheat codes or game hack websites, the first steps to knowing your anonymous sender

itself will be a clear cut hint to close that tab and may be go meet a shrink about your growing self-obsession.

These websites that claim to expose users of the Sarahah service, are clearly fake. Take 'www.sarahah-exposed.com' for example. The website has a number of tickers to make you believe that there are hundreds of users currently on the website, along with a nother active ticker that is actually pushing out some make believe messages to give desperate visitors the impression that it's actually scanning through Sarahah's message archives.

As we all know by now, Sarahah is all about one-way traffic. You find a user, you type in your personal text message and he or she will never know it was you. Sarahah's privacy policy clear states that it does not

"sell, trade, rent or disclose any information to any third party out of this website or sites out of our network". Which should be good enough for the teenager of 2017.

So what happens when you type in your username on such scamming websites?

You will first be led to a couple of options to help support the hard

working servers and their philanthropic owners who work tirelessly to let you know who is your anonymous sender.

Clearly, it is anything but that!

You will first be greeted by a message telling you how the service is free and how you will need to click on a couple of links to keep the site's servers running [so that others looking for answers fall prey].

Post this you will in all probability get a 'Decrypt my messages' button. If you thought this was the end you will finally get to know your anonymous



what's
TRENDING

KATRINA TO REUNITE WITH HRITHIK ROSHAN FOR A BIOPIC?

Couple of days ago, Math wizard from Bihar, Anand Kumar shared pics of his meeting with Hrithik Roshan on his facebook page. Hrithik Roshan will be seen doing the biopic on Anand Kumar, titled, Super 30. Now, he has shared other pics, this time of a meeting with Katrina Kaif... Sharing the pics he wrote, "Had a long chat with Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif today."

Katrina meeting Anand Kumar has sort of sealed the deal that she indeed will be working together with



Hrithik Roshan for the third time in Vikas Bahl directorial, Super 30.

For the uninitiated, Anand Kumar is an Indian mathematician from Bihar, who started the Super 30 program

BOLLYBUZZ!!!

ed, in Patna fifteen years back [2002]. Though

Kumar had studied in a Hindi Medium government school, he was fantastic in mathematics. And hence, he started the program with an aim to coach

the economically backward students for IIT-JEE. But that's not it! Apart from tutoring, his institute - Ramanujan School of Mathematics would conduct an examination, select the top 30 students, groom them for the entrance exam and even provide them a good accommodation for a year. Anand came up with the idea for such a program after he was approached by a couple of underprivileged students who wanted to prepare for IIT-JEE but couldn't afford to pay the tuition fee.

er on your home and family life, Virgo. Take care of domestic issues and stick to household chores and duties. The more you do to your home, the more others will be inspired to pitch in and help. You may find it difficult to connect with certain people, so it might be best to give yourself some time alone.

LEO: Your ego is strong today, Leo, and you have a strong will. This is a good time to put your plan for world domination into effect. Be sure you channel your powerful emotions into positive outlets. Create rather than destroy. Energy that isn't used in a positive way will end up manifesting as accidents or hostility toward people who don't deserve it.

VIRGO: Focus more of your power

Doctor Strange warns Thor of destiny's DIRE plans

"DESTINY HAS DIRE

plans for you, my friend," says Doctor Strange as he meets the god of thunder, Thor, in the latest Thor: Ragnarok trailer! The Japanese trailer for the Chris Hemsworth starrer has surfaced and boy has it shattered our patience.

In the latest trailer, the makers have revealed Benedict Cumberbatch's Doctor Strange avatar. While we already knew about his cameo in the DS movie itself, watching him have a "strange" conversation with Thor has piqued our excitement to another level. So as the "time lord" (Doctor Who fans would totally get this) and god of thunder exchange intense talks, starts the trailer we've all seen. The entire scene takes place in Sanctum Sanctorum in New York. People who have watched the Doctor's movie would be able to identify the background. Apart from inclusion of this scene, the entire trailer is



a copy paste of what we've seen earlier.

Obviously, this makes the Jap trailer much better than what we've seen before. Earlier in the Doctor Strange movie post credits, we had seen Thor and the Sorcerer discuss Asgardian affairs, mainly about the mischievous Loki, who is always upto

no good. That proved that Strange with his sorcery is going to blow our minds as he battles Hela (god of Death) along with Thor. And with this latest clip in the trailer, we're certain that

this collab is going to be crazy on several levels! Hela is going to have a tough time fighting the god of thunder who has the Doctor and Hulk on his side. Or maybe she'll give them a hard time. For all we know right now, the film is set to release in November. Check out the international trailer below.



18TH AUGUST

WORLD HISTORY

1227: Genghis Khan (Chingiz), Mongol conqueror, died in his sleep at his camp, during his siege of Ningxia, the capital of the rebellious Chinese kingdom of Xi Xia.

1698: After invading Denmark and capturing Sweden, Charles XII of Sweden forced Frederick IV of Denmark to sign the Peace of Travendal.

1782: Poet and artist William Blake married Catherine Sophia Boucher.

1911: Britain's Parliament Act of 1911 was given Royal Assent. It asserted the supremacy of the House of Commons by limiting the legislative-blocking powers of the House of Lords.

1914: Germany declared war on Russia.

1914: President Wilson issued

**THIS DAY
IN HISTORY**

Dr. RAJEN UPADHYAY
Assistant Professor in History,
Namchi Govt. College

his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World War I.

INDIAN HISTORY

1800: Fort William College was established at Kolkata by Lord Wellesley.

1872: Pandit Vishnu Digambar, a blind musical revolutionary of Maharashtra was born.

1945: As per the reports, Subhas Chandra Bose, a leader of the Indian Independence Movement, died after his overloaded Japanese plane crashed in Japanese-occupied Formosa. He had led some 40,000 soldiers against the British during WWII as an ally of Hitler and imperial Japan.

1951: The Indian Institute of Technology was opened in Kharagpur.

LOCKHORNS

- HROEST & REINER



"THESE TASTE LIKE LEFTOVERS ... TOMORROW'S, THAT IS."

ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



ARIES: If there is something you need to fight for, this is the time to do it, Aries. For a while now you've been doing research on the best way to proceed. The time has come to take action. You have an extra boost of vitality, and your warrior instinct is strong. You feel like a volcano ready to expel boiling hot lava. Trust and follow your instincts.

TAURUS: You may not feel in the mood to fight today, Taurus. If someone challenges you, talk your way out of it. You will probably be able to win any battle with your words. Try sensitive reasoning instead of open combat. Listen carefully to the concerns of the op-

posing side and make your move accordingly. This isn't a contest. It's a conversation among friends. **GEMINI:** Take pride in your nurturing instincts, Gemini. Rescue an injured bird or join a conservation group. Do something to help save the whales. Take a more active role in the preservation of the planet. Become a concerned citizen who regularly speaks out for what you believe in. Don't let other people's political agendas get in the way of your true purpose.

CANCER: Something or someone may urge you to make a major move, Cancer. Be sure you make it in the right direction. Remember that strength lies in numbers. To

conquer, people must unite. Factions of people continuing to fight among themselves only aggravate the problem. The key is to accept one another's differences and work together on the larger issues that affect us all.

LEO: Your ego is strong today, Leo, and you have a strong will. This is a good time to put your plan for world domination into effect. Be sure you channel your powerful emotions into positive outlets. Create rather than destroy. Energy that isn't used in a positive way will end up manifesting as accidents or hostility toward people who don't deserve it.

LIBRA: Don't be surprised if emotions flare up between you and someone close on a professional or social level, Libra. The issue may be difficult to resolve now. People feel rather sensitive. If they hear something they don't like, especially an opinion that may seem too critical, they're likely to shut down. You might want to consider

saving anything of a sensitive nature for tomorrow.

SCORPIO: People may be coming on strong, but you will be right there to meet them with an equally powerful rebuttal, Scorpio. The problem is, the person who confronts you is talking about apples and you're talking about oranges. Get off your soapbox for a minute and listen to the real issue. Don't get caught in misunderstandings or things could backfire later.

SAGITTARIUS: If something doesn't make sense to you, Sagittarius, question it. Be strong and confident. Don't let others take advantage of your sensitive and nurturing personality. Your general

tendency is to give more than you receive, but this may leave you feeling depleted. Put an end to this cycle. Be conscious of how you distribute your energy. Do something for yourself.

CAPRICORN: Try to control your aggression, Capricorn. People are likely to be a bit more sensitive than usual. You can use your powerful nature in positive ways by turning your energy inward and conquering the demons within. It may feel like others are trying to put a monkey wrench in your gears, so be careful.

AQUARIUS: It's time to be more aggressive regarding your needs, Aquarius. Think of your heart as a

powerful muscle that needs a tough workout. You'll want to surround yourself with positive people who believe in you and support your efforts. Pump yourself up with vitality and self-confidence. Make time for exercise and meditation. Bring more balance and harmony to your life.

PISCES: You're in the hot seat today, Pisces. Other people might put you on the spot for no apparent reason. This uncomfortable feeling could lead to tension if you overreact. Be careful that you have all the facts on the issue before you react. The whole situation may be a big misunderstanding. Maintain a level head tempered with kindness and respect.