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19 Police Officers transferred

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The Department of Personnel, Administrative Reforms, Training and Public Grievances, has effected the transfer of 19 police officials of the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police and above.

SP South, Dr Siva Prasad Yellarsi has been posted as SP East while SP East, Tenzing Loden Lepcha has been posted as SP West. Sr SP Special Branch, Shammi Rai has been posted as Sr SP South while Sr SP West, KD Shangderpa has been posted at Sr SP Special Branch.

Four officials of the rank of Addl SP and remaining of the rank of DSP have also been transferred.

Indraprastha Apollo Hospital conducts free Super Speciality OPD Camp at STNM

ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 09 APR:

The Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, in association with STNM Hospital, Gangtok organised a daylong Free Super Speciality OPD Camp at STNM Hospital, Gangtok, today.

The Special Medical Camp had the presence of Dr. (Lt. Col) VP Singh, Sr. Consultant, Surgical Oncology (Cancer Surgery) and (Prof.) Dr. Sanjiv Jasuja, Sr. Consultant Nephrology, MD (Medicine), DNB (Nephrology), MNAMS, FIMSA.

To reach out to the people and share knowledge about health issues was the main objective of the health camp, said Dr. VP Singh.

Speaking to SummitTIMES, Dr. Singh that



the Apollo hospital is focusing on reaching out to people of the North East and provide the best

health services. He said that tobacco related diseases and some cancers are common in Sikkim,

which he said is due to the dietary habits of people here.

Sikkim becoming an

organic state will definitely have a positive impact on the health of the

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Agriculture in Sikkim is not booming, it has become a boomerang: SKM

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GANGTOK, 09 APR:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha today slammed the bureaucrats of Agriculture and Horticulture departments for what they see as misleading the government on statistics of production and growth in the agriculture sector of the State.

SKM working president, Navin Karki, said that the 18.71% of the Gross State Domestic Product that Agriculture contributed in 2004-05 has gone down to 8.62% in 2015-16. This, he believes, shows that the agriculture sector in Sikkim is "not booming but becoming a boomerang".

Quoting the Medium Terms Fiscal Plan for Sikkim 2016-2017, Mr Karki said that the deficit of 10.09% during the last 10-12 years shows that the State government has failed in Agriculture sector due to various reasons known only to the Agriculture Department.

SKM has demanded a fresh survey of the agriculture sector, evaluation of soil health for suitable agricultural policy.

"The State wants to know how many Gram Panchayat Units have proper and enough drinking and irrigation water, how many of these villages have been facilitated with irrigation facilities as of now," Mr Karki put forward the question stating that his party is not against the implementation of organic farming but against the way it is being implemented.

SKM also suggested a proper soil survey for farmers interested in organic farming, availability of seeds, water, manure, labour and capital.

It has also demanded a rollback of ban on agriculture products from outside the State, claiming that it should have been imposed phase-wise to overcome the deficit.

The SKM has also questioned the role of SIMFED as "middleman", adding that the people want to know the motive behind engaging SIMFED as middleman.

"The modern day discourages middlemen, but in Sikkim it's just the opposite," he said.

11 Horticulture officials designated as Enforcement Officers

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The Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department and Food Security & Agriculture Development Department as designated 11 of its officials as Enforcement Officers for the seizure and disposal of non-organic agricultural and horticultural commodities

with immediate effect.

For East district, Horticulture Deputy Directors of different subdivisions namely Bhanu Bhakta Sharma for Pakyong, Tshering Chopel Bhutia for Rongli, Pintso Wangyal Bhutia for Rangpo and Passang Tamang for Gangtok have been designated as Enforcement Officers for the above mentioned purpose.

Likewise, for West district, Horticulture Deputy Directors, Arun K Sharma for Soreng and Suren Gurung for Dentam, Yuksom and Gyalshing have been designated as Enforcement Officers.

Horticulture Deputy Director of South district, Karma Sherpa, will be acting as the Enforcement Officer for Rabongla and Yangang

while Dikendra Bhujel has been designated as Enforcement Officer for Namchi and Jorethang in South district.

Similarly, for North district, Horticulture Deputy Directors of different subdivisions namely Ringzing Bhutia for Kabi, Sarki Bhutia for Chungthang and DT Kazi for Mangan & Dzongu have been designated as Enforcement Officers.

Harry, Markle pick Mumbai charity for wedding gift donations

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, APR 9 (PTI): Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle have chosen a charity working for women in Mumbai's slums among a handful of organisations unveiled today that will become recipients of donations in place of gifts for their royal wedding next month.

Myna Mahila Foundation is among seven charities hand-picked by the couple as they announced that anyone who might wish to mark their wedding day on May 19 should consider making a donation to one of the charities, rather than sending a wedding gift.

The foundation, which aims to offer Mumbai women stable employment close to their homes as well as breaking taboos around menstrual hygiene by offering them access to low-cost sanitary napkins, was chosen by Markle after she saw its work "first-hand" during a visit to India last year, Kensington Palace said.

"Myna Mahila Foundation is delighted to be a part of this special occasion for Ms Meghan Markle and Prince Harry. This support will enable us to expand our reach into more urban slums in Mumbai, empowering local women through access to menstrual hygiene products and employment opportunities,"



said Suhani Jalota, who founded the charity in 2015.

The foundation works as a "trusted network" in Mumbai's urban slums, empowering its staff through training in women's health, English, Maths, and life skills such as self-defence.

The sanitary products are manufactured and distributed by women from these communities as part of wider professional and personal support to help them "grow as individuals and businesswomen". Markle had written about the charity in 'Time' magazine after her visit to Mumbai in March, 2017.

"During my time in the slum communities outside of Mumbai, I shadowed women who are part of a microfinance system where they manufacture sanitary napkins and sell them within the community," the American actress wrote.

"The namesake of the organisation, Myna Mahila Foundation, refers to a chatty bird ('Myna') and 'Mahila' meaning woman. The name echoes the undercurrent of this issue: we need to speak about it, to be 'chatty' about it," she said.

Kensington Palace said Harry and Markle do not have any formal relationships with the charities chosen.

"The couple have chosen charities which represent a range of issues that they are passionate about, including sport for social change, women's empowerment, conservation, the environment, homelessness, HIV and the armed forces. Many of these are small charities, and the couple are pleased to be able to amplify and shine a light on their work," the palace statement said.

The other charities chosen

include the Children's HIV Association (CHIVA), which supports children growing up with HIV and their families across the UK and Ireland, Crisis - the UK's national charity for homeless people, Scotty's Little Soldiers - a charity for bereaved Armed Forces children, StreetGames, which uses sport to change lives across Britain, Surfers Against Sewage - a UK-based marine conservation and campaigning charity, and the Wilderness Foundation UK, which promotes the benefits and enjoyment of wild nature.

"Prince Harry and Ms Meghan Markle are incredibly grateful for the goodwill shown to them since the announcement of their engagement and are keen that as many people as possible benefit from this generosity of spirit. The couple have therefore asked that anyone who might wish to mark the occasion considers making a donation to charity, rather than sending a wedding gift," the palace statement said.

Harry, 33, fifth-in-line to the British throne, and Markle, 36, are set to get married in a ceremony at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on May 19.

They had earlier revealed that their wedding flowers will also be given to different charities after the occasion.

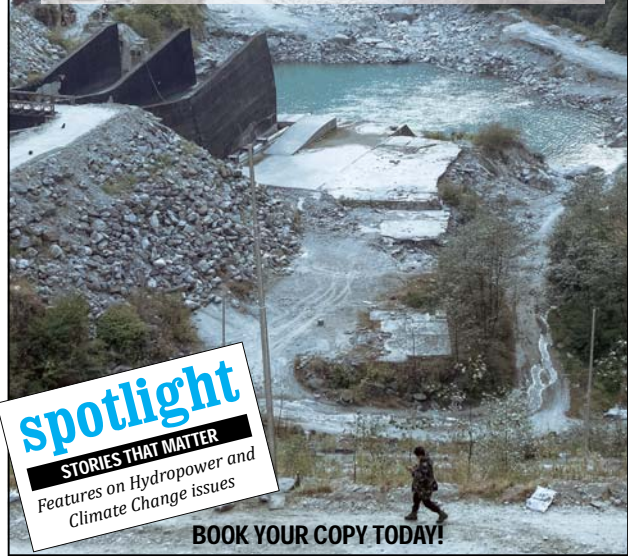
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IN SUMMIT TIMES THIS WEDNESDAY

ACTIVIST SPEAK

Protests against hydel power projects have always been a part of the hydropower narrative across the country and the world. Opposition to projects along the Subansiri river in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, and the Teesta and its tributaries in Sikkim has been going on for some years now.

In this conversation with Summit Times, three activists at the helm of different protests over different times - SONAM P DENZONGPA, DAWA LEPCHA and KK CHATRADHARA - share how they arrived at the positions they took, their experiences, views on environmental activism and more...



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Head Constable arrested for molesting minor in Pakyong

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

Head Constable of Sikkim Police posted at Pakyong in East Sikkim, Bhola Nath Sharma [44], has been arrested by police on charges of molesting a minor girl in Pakyong on 08 Apr.

According to police, the victim along with her friend had visited the accused person's house to deliver curd as per his request made the previous day. That is when the accused took advantage of the girl.

"He also gave Rs 100 to the girl urging her not to tell anyone about the incident," the police informed.

However, the victim later narrated the ordeal to her family. The accused was arrested after a complaint was lodged by the victim's father.

Apart from POCSO Act, he has also been booked under SC and ST Prevention of Atrocities Act.

GAC commends SKM for raising Parliament Bill on LT seat issue demand with Union Home Minister

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The Gorkha Apex Committee has extended gratitude towards Sikkim Krantikari Morcha for placing a demand with the Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh, seeking the tabling of a Bill in Parliament for Limboo-Tamang seat reservation.

A press release issued by GAC chief convener, Passang Sherpa, says, "GAC is pursuing the demand for the Parliament Bill for LT seat reservation in the State Assembly of Sikkim for a long time. We have time and again reminded the State and Central governments, political parties and organisations about Parliament Bill which is the only solution for the LT seat issue. The responsible demand placed by SKM to the Home Minister is a positive step towards achieving the rights of LT community in Sikkim.

Therefore, the ruling SDF, Sikkim unit of Bharatiya Janta Party, other national and regional parties, organisations [especially from LT community] should unitedly pursue the demand for a Parliament Bill on LT seat reservation at the earliest, the release adds.

The introduction of the Bill in the Parliament is the only way out for LT as well as left out majority community to achieve their constitutional rights as enshrined under Article 371F, GAC argues.



Lingi PHSC becomes first PHSC with ambulance service in South

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As per directions of the Tourism Minister, Ugen T Gyatso, one ambulance has been provided to Lingi Primary Health Sub Centre [PHSC], South

Sikkim, by South District Administration in collaboration with Power Grid Corporation.

With this Lingi PHSC has become the first PHSC in South to have an ambulance service,

informs a press release received from the DC Office, South.

The ambulance was provided to the PHSC because of its distance from PHC Yangang Primary Health Centre and Gang-

tok as well as the difficult terrain in the area. The responsibility of maintenance of the ambulance and arrangement of the driver has been given to president of Lingmoo Paiyong GPU.

GPU level farmers' training on organic farming at Siktam Tikpur



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GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

Mevedir organized a daylong Gram Panchayat Unit level training on organic farming for the farmers of Siktam Tikpur GPU in West Sikkim on 07 Apr with Horticulture Inspector cum Mission Officer, Danuri Sherpa, Ward Panchayats, Tara Sunam & Om Nath Chettri, and Mevedir master trainers, Chuten Sherpa, Dhan Maya Subba & Phurba

Namgyal Sherpa, as resource persons, a press release informs.

The first session was conducted by Mevedir master trainer, Ms Subba, who outlined the objectives of the training programme and emphasized on locally available plants and herbs with microbial resources which could be used in preparing formulations of bio fertilizers like fermented plant extract as a good pest repellent.

Another Mevedir trainer, Mr Sherpa, in the next session informed the farmers about the important documents which have to be maintained in Internal Control System in Organic Certification. He further highlighted about Mission Organic Value Chain Development [MOVCD] programme which has been implemented in their GPU. He also briefed about the Tracenet identity number

which is very important for farmers in order to get benefits from the Department of HCCDD and FS&ADD.

In the concluding session, HI cum Mission Officer, Mr Sherpa, explained the importance of organic farming and its benefits to human health while Ward Panchayat, Ms Sunam, urged all farmers to adopt homemade remedies for better results in their farming culture.

Rangpo boy wins Zonal poetry recital competition

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Ketan Mangla of Rangpo, East Sikkim, has secured the first position at the Zonal level poetry recital competition organised by Rastriya Kavi Sangam at Guwahati in Assam on 08 Apr, a press release informs.

Organised with the aim to provide platform and to encourage students of school and colleges of North East India, 15 students from NE had participated in the event with Ketan representing Sikkim.

Ketan was awarded with cash prize Rs 5100 along with certificate and gift hampers handed by Governor of Meghalaya, Ganga Prasad, who was the chief guest for the



valedictory programme. It may be mentioned here, Ketan is a product of Basibiyalo, a month-

ly literary/culture forum based in Singtam. Besides participating in various poetry recit-

al programmes in the State, this was Ketan's first time in a Zonal level competition.

Karmapa claimant says Ogyen Trinley Dorje should not be allowed into Sikkim



**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

17TH GYALWANG KARMAPA claimant, Dawa Sangpo Dorjee has asserted today that Ogyen Trinley Dorje should not be allowed to visit Sikkim. He claimed that Ogyen Trinley Dorje will face a strong protest in the State with black flags and bands if he visits Sikkim.

Addressing a press conference here today, Dawa Sangpo stated that pressurizing the Centre to permit Ogyen Trinley Dorje to visit Sikkim is akin to blackmail. He further alleged that it is a 'crime' against the poorer Buddhist community by the elite Buddhist circle.

He reiterated that a scientific test, divine miracle test and tradi-

tional test should be done to identify the reincarnation of the 17th Karmapa.

On the same, he said, "Instead of accepting the challenge of authentication test, Ogyen Trinley Dorje honestly said that he was not born as Karmapa but due to great political pressure he is compelled to hold the title according to a YouTube statement made by him on 18 Feb 2017. Similarly, Thaye Thinley Dorjee has openly said that he has abandoned monkhood and accepted worldly life."

"Being a Sikkimese, I have not been allowed to perform prayers at Rumtek Monastery yet. How could Ogyen Trinley Dorje be allowed to visit Sikkim? We don't have money but we just have

the truth," he added.

Dawa Sangpo Dorjee also accused Sangha MLA Sonam Lama of misguiding and deceiving monks of the State.

Sikkim Karmapa Committee president, Wangdi Tshering Lama, alleged that a high level lobby and even Ecclesiastical Affairs Department has been misguiding and pressurizing monks on this issue. He stated that the government should not be one sided but needs to listen to both sides to take the right decision on this issue.

"If required we will make another attempt to enter Rumtek in near future," he said.

It is informed that the first attempt was made on 01 Jan in 1998 and a second one on 09 Dec 2002.

Sikkim-BJP lashes out against SDF comments against its leader

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

Bharatiya Janata Party has strongly condemned the recent press statement of SDF spokesperson, Bhim Dahal, wherein he disapproved the statements made by the BJP Sikkim in-charge, Rajnish Kumar Singh, made during the 38th foundation day celebration in Singtam.

The party has expressed that Mr Dahal's statements shows the dual nature of SDF party and its leader.

A BJP press release mentions that on one hand, the ruling party has been trying to show its alliance at the Centre with the BJP and on the other hand, its representatives have been giving such press statements against BJP leaders.

The party has demanded an explanation from Mr Dahal within two days. The party further stated that if any unfortunate incident happens to BJP leaders or party-workers, the SDF party and Mr Dahal will be held fully responsible.



Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial School meets to discuss academic curriculum

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 09 APR:**

In order to progress with the academic curriculum, a meeting was held at Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial Secondary School, Lingdong in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim today.

The meeting was chaired by Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Dzongu, Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, and attended by Panchayat members, School

Managing Committee, parents and teachers.

The meet was convened to address various issues related to Classes LKG-II with the teachers and guardians of the respective classes and to discuss the admission of the outgoing students of class X at the senior secondary level.

Headmaster, Jorbu Lepcha, also presented a detailed report of the school activities.

Primitive Tribe Welfare Board conducts seminar on issues of minorities in Sikkim

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

A daylong seminar on "Prospective Issues of Minorities in Sikkim: Retrospective and the Prospect" was organized by Primitive Tribe Welfare Board, Department of Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare, Government of Sikkim, at Mangan, North Sikkim, today.

The seminar was sponsored by Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India under Research/Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity, a press release informs.

Chairperson, Primitive Tribe Welfare Board, Sonam Dupden Lepcha, attended the inaugural function as chief guest along with Joint Director, Hu-

man Resource Development Department, Sonam Lepcha, Joint Director cum Senior Welfare Officer, North, Norden Lepcha, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Mangan, PW Lepcha, and Radha Chettri as resource persons.

While addressing the inaugural session of the seminar, chief guest, Mr Lepcha, highlighted the activities undertaken by the Board for the welfare of minorities in the State. He expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, for their support in organizing the seminar at five different locations in the State and urged all the 80 participants to take maximum advantage of the seminar.

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Parents of boy injured in paragliding mishap seek State Govt's help

**NIRMAL MANGAR
GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

Parents of 11-year-old Vivyaan Ojha who was seriously injured in an unfortunate paragliding accident that occurred at Reshithang in East Sikkim on 03 Apr have sought help from the state government to airlift their son in an Air Force chopper.

It may be recalled, the incident took place on 03 Apr when the line on the parachute snapped before landing and the paraglider pilot, Santosh Rai, along with the passenger, Vivyaan from Kolkata who is a student of St. Xavier's Collegiate School, crashed into the concrete gallery at Khel Gaon in Reshithang. The pilot from Gangtok was declared brought dead in the hospital while Vivyaan is currently undergoing treatment at the Central Referral Hospital here in Gangtok.

Speaking to the media, mother of Vivyaan said, "He is improving but is still in a critical condition. We want help from the Sikkim government to coordinate with the Air Force for airlifting my son as he cannot be taken via road. The doctors here have said that he needs to be under observation for another four days."

Refuting some news reports regarding the carelessness of CRH doctors in treating the patient properly, she said, "We request the media to stop sensationalizing the issue. The doctors and the members of Paragliding Association have been very supportive throughout."

Primitive Tribe Welfare Board...

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holding the seminar is to generate awareness about the various schemes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India for the welfare of minority population and to discuss issues of minorities in the State.

A similar seminar will be held at Passingdang, Chungthang, Kabi and Gangtok, from 10-13 Apr, the release adds.

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SIKKIM POLICE BEATS KHAMDONG SPORTS, PROCEEDS TO SEMIS

GANGTOK, 09 APR: In the third quarter final match of the ongoing 1st Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar Jayanti Football Tournament 2018 played today at Paljor Stadium here today, Sikkim Police thrashed Khamdong Sports 3-0. Today's match was attended by Minister for Building & Housing and Transport Department, DT Lepcha, as chief guest. Akaraman FC will take on Apex Kalimpong in the fourth quarter final on 10 Apr at 1:30 pm. The final match of the tourney is scheduled to be held on 14 Apr at Paljor Stadium. [Rebyna Rana]

National conference on Toxicology at SMIMS



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 09 APR:**

Two-day annual National Conference of Indian Society of Toxicology, "TOXOCON-12", organized by Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences [SMIMS] in collaboration with STNM Hospital, concluded on 07 April at SMIMS in Gangtok, an SMU press release informs.

Registrar, SMU, Dr Karma Sonam Sherpa, presided over the valedictory function in the

presence of Sub Divisional Police Officer, East, Bishal Rai, as guest of honor.

Superintendent of Police, South Sikkim, Dr Siva Prasad Yellasi, eminent toxicologist, Dr VV Pillay, Professor, Department of Paediatrics [SMIMS], Dr Sudip Dutta, and caretaker of Freedom Facility rehabilitation centre, KC Nima, joined the panel discussion as experts and stressed on holistic approach in curbing menace of drug abuse.

The ISTOLS workshop on handling toxicologi-

cal emergencies was also conducted successfully at Central Referral Hospital, Gangtok, in the presence of Medical Superintendent, CRH, Dr Gautam Dey, and Medico-legal Consultant, STNM Hospital, Dr OT Lepcha.

Emergency physicians and staff nurses from CRH, STNM Hospital and Peripheral Hospitals including other national and international delegates were given hands on modular training by national and international resource persons, the release adds.

MRPs of various meat items fixed for South district

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South district's Animal Husbandry department has fixed the Maximum Retail Price [MRP] for all meat items in the district. This was done with the approval of District Collector [South] and after due convention with District Level Committee with the growers, dealers and meat ven-

dors, as per a press release received from the DC Office [South].

The MRP of beef has been fixed at Rs 180/kg, buff [buffalo] at Rs 250/kg, pork at Rs 200/kg and mutton/chevon at Rs 350/kg. In the category of chicken, live chicken will be sold at Rs 125/kg in farm gates and at Rs 145/kg in retail shops with dressed chicken

fixed at Rs 200/kg.

For fish, the MRP of Rohu has been fixed at Rs 190/kg, Katla at Rs 250/kg, Bata at Rs 250/kg, Magur at Rs 200/kg and Pangas at Rs 170/kg.

All concerned are directed to strictly comply to the rates with a note that it is mandatory for all the meat selling agencies to display the approved rates in the rate

board with digitalization of weighing scale at the designated retail shops. The same rates will apply in other towns and rural areas in South district.

Any shopkeeper found not complying with the order will have to pay penalty of Rs 5000 for first time and seizure of shop & cancellation of license for repeated offence, the release adds.

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Sikkimese, he stated and also congratulated the state government for this achievement.

Appreciating the initiative taken by the state government in terms of health services, Dr Singh said that now the state government should ban tobacco products.

Similarly the Senior Consultant Nephrology, Dr. Sanjiv Jasuja said that the people here in Sikkim are lucky as Sikkim has got a clean and green environment which is very

much important to maintain good health.

Organic vegetables consumption will definitely help people in the long run, said Dr. Jasuja.

He said that as per his findings, diabetes is a common ailment here and that people here have the bad habit of taking medicines without doctor's advice. He urged everyone not to take medicine without consulting a doctor, especially pain killers since it can lead to increased risk of heart attack and other diseases.

The camp was organised to provide better services to the new patients of Sikkim as well as old patients who are already undergoing treatment at Apollo Hospital and can go for review here instead of going outside the state, said Senior Manager (Marketing), Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, Paras Duggal.

Services related to Nephrology/Kidney, Surgical Oncology/Cancer, Orthopedics/Bone and Joint and Neurosurgeon/ Brain & Spine were provided today.

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NBU postpones undergraduate exams clashing with panchayat polls

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SILIGURI, 09 APR:

North Bengal University has rescheduled dates of bachelor course examinations for colleges affiliated to it which were clashing with the upcoming panchayat polls in West Bengal. No changes have, however, been made for the exams slated for after 11 May, by when the poll process would have completed.

Joydip Sen, Controller of Examinations, NBU, informs that the examination of BA, B.Sc, B.Com General Part-I and Part-II slated to be held between 27 April to May 10 have been postponed. These exams will now be held from 31 May to 08 June, he added.

"We will upload detailed information on the university website in a few days and also notify the principals of NBU-affiliated colleges," Mr Sen said.

The Panchayat general elections will be conducted in three phases in 20 districts of the State on 01, 03 and 05 May with the counting to be held on 08 May.

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Isolationist Tendencies

Conversations could resolve what whispers tend to instigate

It is embarrassing how easily the Sikkimese people allow themselves to be taken for a ride. Apolitical organizations with blatantly political ambitions and inclinations are allowed to create issues, raise furore, fan paranoia and then revel in the confusion. But more than the people's susceptibility to a con, it is their willingness to get communalised that is embarrassing. After all, how effectively can a population of barely 6 lakh be divided? Into how many sub-groupings? Over how many issues? And how often? It is pointless to deny that divisions exist within the Sikkimese society. Given that each of us belong to some community or the other, are locals from here or non-locals who have made Sikkim home, it is an accepted fact that we are inherently communal. But, because we are also social animals living in more cosmopolitan times, this inherent communal streak seldom develops into paranoia or gets directed against other communities. This social grooming, however, collapses when the leader of the pack smells blood – the possibility of making an issue emotive and convincing enough for people to feel threatened and gather ranks. Few things move off the counter faster than a fabricated conspiracy theory. The more preposterous the fabrication, the more looming is the threat perception.

In these times of flux, there is definitely need for everyone to feel insecure, but to feel threatened enough to take leave of logic is as embarrassing as the belief that Indian culture is threatened by foreign television channels – a threat being waved often, but also preposterous to boot, or the fiction that "romeos" or beef-eaters pose a bigger threat than jingoistic imposition of nationalism. Sikkim's problems hark from its refusal to stop whispering and start talking. Since perceptions of a threat are interpreted from social signals, it would bode well for everyone if they genuinely started believing that they live in a democracy and that dialogue is possible in this system. Sikkim's communities continue to opt for the more anonymous route of pamphlets (and nowadays also social-media circles), kitchen gatherings and insular meetings to discuss their problems while presenting a mask of amity for public consumption. The mask has been ripped off many a times, but the people tend to shut their eyes when the real face is unveiled only to wake up to a new mask and new arguments later. The routine has been played out again and again and will be tried in the future too. 43 years of exposure to this charade since it adopted democracy and the centuries for which the same routine was played out under a monarchy do not seem to have wizened the people.

Islamic State schooled children as soldiers– how can their 'education' be undone?

JAMES S. MORRIS & TRISTAN DUNNING
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Over the last few years, the Islamic State (IS) terror group has shocked the world with its gruesome public spectacles. Especially abhorrent to our moral sensibilities is its overt use of children as frontline fighters, suicide bombers and propaganda tools.

From macabre hide-and-seek exercises, in which children hunt and kill enemy prisoners in specially constructed mazes, to the mass execution and decapitation of adult soldiers, young people living under IS have been indoctrinated and encouraged to engage in violence. Meanwhile, IS's quasi-government instituted an education system explicitly aimed at indoctrinating and weaponising the children living under it.

Mathematics was practised by determining how many more fighters IS has than an opposing force. Chemistry was taught by discussion of methods of gas inhalation. And physical education focused on the correct body positions for firing various weapons.

Their education has been compounded by the retaliatory and sometimes excessive violence of the vast array of forces committed to destroying IS. Through this, children have been exposed to horrific violence on a daily basis – thus generating trauma and, undoubtedly, genuine long-term grievances.

HOW IS'S USE OF CHILD SOLDIERS DIFFERS

There is a fundamental difference between IS's use of child soldiers and the practice elsewhere.

IS hasn't just recruited child soldiers. It systematically militarised the education systems of captured Iraqi and Syrian territory to turn the region's children into ideological timebombs.

These children, saturated in IS's particular brand of violent and uncompromising "religious" instruc-



tion from about the age of five, were trained in the use of small arms before their teenage years. They constitute a new challenge for the international community.

IS's state-building efforts appear to have been thwarted for now. But saving the children exposed and potentially indoctrinated in its ideology is key to avoiding further terror attacks in the West, tackling the root causes of regional upheaval, and working toward a future where children play instead of fight, and schools teach instead of drill.

WHAT CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TAUGHT

Military activity, superiority based on IS's interpretation of Islam, and the need to defeat unbelievers are embedded in its school textbooks.

Various videos, produced both through journalistic investigation and by IS itself, show the more practical side of education under the group's rule. Children are taught how to fire small arms and use hand grenades.

Although IS extensively forced children into its ranks, many joined voluntarily – with or without their families' blessing. But, in the long term, it doesn't matter whether a child is forcibly recruited or not. And this is the matter of gravest concern.

IS's primary concern is building and maintaining the children's loyalty. The phrase "cubs of the caliphate" is a microcosm of how it views them. Cubs are unruly, ill-disciplined and dependent on strong (sometimes vio-

lent) guidance from their elders.

However, with time, resources and patience they can turn into a generation of fighters and idealists who will foster IS's ideology even if its current military setbacks prove terminal.

PROGRAMS NEED TO TAKE A NEW APPROACH

Disarmament, demobilisation and rehabilitation programs designed to reintegrate child soldiers into post-conflict society have significantly progressed in recent years. This represents the continued evolution of military-civil partnerships in the quest for a conflict-free world.

But IS's systematic and meticulous radicalisation of an entire region's children presents new challenges.

It's understandable to interpret IS's rapid retreat as its death knell, and thereby view traditional rehabilitation techniques as an appropriate remedy for yet another region recovering from violence at the hands of a radical armed insurgency. However, this conflict has been highly unusual in its pace, tactics and impacts – both now and potentially in the future.

So, we must revisit the fundamental assumptions of what it means to inspire peace within a society. This starts with the children subjected to the ideological extremism of IS and other armed groups.

If there is to be sustainable peace in the areas liberated from IS control, rehabilitation programs must be viewed as a community-wide process. Even if children did not directly par-

ticipate in IS activities, the group has moulded their worldview and underpinning life philosophies.

Such philosophies may be especially productive in a region where resentment of perceived foreign – Western – interference and exploitation is long-lasting and multifaceted.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

The regular processes of identifying child combatants, disarming and reintegrating them into their communities through rehabilitation (such as by ensuring they are physically and mentally capable of rejoining their communities) and reconciliation (developing peace, trust and justice among children and their communities) are all necessary. But they are vastly insufficient in this instance.

Rarely has there been such systematic youth radicalisation and militarisation. So, the international response must be equally far-reaching and methodical.

Rapid reimplementation and revisiting of pre-IS school curricula is of the highest priority. National and local governments should ensure children are shielded from further recruitment by instituting a curriculum drawn from principles of tolerance and inclusion.

It's essential to develop locally run initiatives to measure the level of radicalisation among a community's children and to construct child-friendly spaces for young people to socialise, reconnect with their wider community and "unlearn" what they adopted under IS.

Such practices will help to heal the wounds of IS occupation and ensure the potential for cyclical violence is removed. Done right, it will hinder IS's ability to rise anew.

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Sure, cancer mutates, but it has other ways to resist treatment

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Because of advances in drug design and precision medicine, researchers have been able to target certain molecules within a cell at the root of a particular disease and to develop specific therapies to undo their damages. Today, precision targeting combines therapy decisions with molecular insights to offer hope after a life-changing cancer diagnosis.

But there's a dark side to cancer-killing drugs designed to match distinct cancer mutations like a key into a lock. Some cancers that initially respond to targeted chemotherapy become treatment-resistant – and the drug itself may not be the culprit.

New research helps explain how therapy-resistant cancers arise, findings with important implications for the future of cancer therapy. It shows how hidden, subtle layers of regulation – epigenetics – control the activity of genes to produce drug-resistant surviving cells.

A common feature of cancer across many tumor types is that patients fall back into the state of illness after apparent recovery. My cancer systems biology team at the University of California, Merced, is tackling diagnosis and treatment of therapy-resistant cancers by elucidating the network of changes within cells as a way to identify new drug targets and circumvent cancer resistance.

A HIDDEN LAYER OF REGULATION
It is well established that cancer is a disease of our genes. However, resistance to therapy might go beyond cancer mutations that usually alter the function of genes. It may not be new mutations that are causing resistance to drugs. The DNA can stay the same, but cancer cells adapt



Professor Fabian V. Filipp with his team working on precision targeting of malignant melanoma.

to therapy and outsmart the drugs by switching their gene activity.

While such adaptations do not affect the DNA itself, a hidden layer of regulation controlling the activity of genes – epigenetic signals – is responsible for whether cancer cells survive or not, despite the drug a patient is taking. By targeting this hidden program, one can overcome deadly cancer resistance.

CANCER SYSTEMS BIOLOGY REVEAL NEW TARGETS AND CHALLENGES

To understand how cancer becomes treatment-resistant, my research team at the Systems Biology and Cancer Metabolism Lab at UC Merced compared genetic and metabolic pathways in treatment-responsive and treatment-resistant melanomas.

Melanoma is a cancer that originates in melanocytes, the cells that produce the skin-color pigment melanin. Though not the most common form of skin cancer, melanoma is the most aggressive. And if it's not caught and treated early, it's also among the deadliest.

ACQUIRED RESISTANCE BEYOND MUTATIONS

Cancer can be triggered by different causes. Melanoma is usually induced by the sun, by dangerous ultraviolet light damage. In the majority of cases, UV damage leaves a unique mutational footprint behind and as a result unstoppable cell proliferation is induced.

UV damage gives rise to point mutations – changes in a single letter of the 3

billion letter human genome. These mutations can interfere with signals that tell cells when to grow and divide and when to stop. Mutations in a protein called BRAF, a major signaling regulator, cause growth signals to be stuck in the "on" position and drive cancer development.

Though scientists have managed to come up with drugs that target and turn off aberrant BRAF signaling, cancer cells are clever. They learn to adapt to these BRAF-inhibitors. Today, many patients respond to cancer treatment very positively at first. However, unfortunately many ultimately develop resistance and metastases.

Though chemotherapy might kill most of the cancer, tiny populations of drug-resistant cancer cells manage to survive and

propagate. Unlike the more familiar case of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, where genetic mutations give rise to resistance, many adaptations in treatment-resistant cancers aren't the result of mutation.

REWIRING OF GENE EXPRESSION TO BYPASS DRUG RESISTANCE

Instead, cancer cells adapt to therapy and outsmart the drugs. Melanoma is able to circumvent BRAF inhibitors not by changing the genes themselves, but by changing gene activity. Some of the genes with reduced activity were supposed to be in close communication with BRAF and safeguarding its targets, the mutated protein that gave rise to the cancer and the main target of chemotherapy. If essential off switches are lost, they can trigger the tumor cells to divide despite presence of inhibitors.

The resistant cells managed to evolve in a way to bypass the signaling blockade or come up with a new way to maintain proliferation. Genes with increased activity are in metabolic pathways that allowed cancer cells to bypass BRAF altogether and continue to grow and divide. Cancer cells had essentially figured out how to survive by rewiring their metabolism in response to chemotherapy.

The research explains how tumors evolve and cause cancer resistance to drugs designed to match the patient's unique genomic makeup. Daunting as this may sound, it actually offers hope to scientists and clinicians who want to treat chemo-resistant cancers. The research brought forward valuable tools that will enable us to catch new forms of disease resistance before treatment regimens enter clinical trials.

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NITI Forum for NE to meet in Agartala Tues; to give boost to the development projects

NEW DELHI, APR 9 (PTI): The first meeting of the NITI Forum for the North East will be held in Agartala tomorrow, aiming to give a boost to the development projects in the region by identifying constraints and streamlining resources.

The meeting, to be chaired by vice-chairman of the NITI Aayog, Rajeev Kumar, will focus on improving road, rail and air connectivity in the north east, how to realise the hydel dream by utilising existing potential for hydro-power and exploit the agriculture and allied sectors, a statement issued by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) said.

The other areas that will come up for discussion include organic farming, cultivation of vegetables, fruits, spices, medicinal plants, soil health card for the farmers, minimising post-harvest losses, increased coverage under crop insurance, how to boost milk production, and early completion of ongoing irrigation projects.

Promotion of eco-tourism, rural tourism and ad-

venture tourism, strengthening of the North East Tourism Development Council (NETDC), how to encourage states to go for organically-themed homestay tourism similar to Sikkim and identifying and targeting early bird projects in areas of connectivity, agricultural productivity and industrial development will also be discussed.

Minister for DoNER Jitendra Singh, chief ministers of the north east states and leading lights from the region will attend the deliberations.

The NITI Forum for North East was constituted in February 2018 with an aim to ensure sustainable economic growth of the north east and periodically review the development status in the region.

The secretariat for the forum has been established in the DoNER Ministry. The forum includes representation from all NE states, their chief secretaries and secretaries of relevant central ministries/ departments, directors of reputed institutions (IIT, IIM etc), experts and journalists as members.

SC refuses to extend last date of filing nominations for WB Panchayat polls

SMRITA KHAWAS SILIGURI, 09 APR:

The Supreme Court today refused to extend the last date for the filing of nominations for Panchayat polls in West Bengal, saying it cannot interfere with the election process.

The Bharatiya Janta Party's West Bengal unit had, on 06 Mar, told the apex court that "democ-

racy is being murdered" in West Bengal as the ruling Trinamool Congress [TMC] was engaged in large scale poll violence and was not allowing its candidates to file nominations for the upcoming Panchayat polls.

It had also alleged that the Assistant Panchayat Electoral Registration Officers appointed by the West Bengal

State Election Commission were refusing to give nomination forms to BJP candidates.

The West Bengal unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party sought availability of nomination papers online, extension of the last date for filing these papers and deployment of paramilitary forces in the state in the run-up to the polls scheduled in

the first week of May.

The apex court has granted liberty to all candidates to approach the West Bengal State Election Commission for appropriate relief.

"We have not interfered with the election process but we have granted liberty to all candidates to approach State Election Commission today itself for nec-

essary relief," a bench of Justices RK Agrawal and Justice AM Sapre said.

The Panchayat polls are scheduled to be held on 01 May, 03 May and 05 May. The votes will be counted on 08 May. According to the notification, the last date for filing of nominations is 09 Apr and the last date of scrutiny of the nominations is 11 Apr.

Four injured in Mani-pur blast

IMPHAL, APR 9 (PTI): Four persons were injured in a bomb blast near a power station at Thoubal Khunou in Thoubal district of Manipur, the police said today.

The IED blast, occurred at about 8.30 pm last night, near the gate of a mega power sub-station was suspected to have triggered by unknown people and could be related to monetary demands, they said.

The injured were rushed to Thoubal district hospital where their conditions are said to be stable, the police said.

A combing operations was launched this morning to arrest the culprits.

Sizzling Jitu shoots gold, silver for young Mehuli

GOLD COAST, APR 9 [PTI]:

Jitu Rai underlined his status as one of India's premier shooters by winning the 10m air pistol gold medal before Mehuli Ghosh settled for the women's 10m air rifle silver by forcing a shoot-off with a perfect final shot of 10.9 in the Commonwealth Games today.

The World Championship silver medalist Rai shattered the Games record in the finals with a score of shot 235.1 to comfortably finish on top with compatriot Om Prakash Mitharval giving him company on the podium with a



bronze medal.

Defending champion Apurvi Chandela added a bronze to India's tally after finishing third in the women's air rifle finals with 225.3.

The air rifle finals wit-

nessed an exciting a climax as Ghosh, at 17 years of age, ensured a shoot-off with Singapore's Martina Lindsay Veloso, the eventual gold medallist and one who displayed imperious form all along, and so was Ghosh.

Both Veloso and Ghosh shot a Games record 247.2 before the Singaporean had the last laugh with a 10.3 in the shoot-off as her Indian rival managed 9.9 at the Belmont Shooting Centre.

Chandela had earlier smashed her own Commonwealth Games qualifying record from four years back by

scoring 423.2, while Mitharval too had established a new qualification record with 584.

He eventually finished with the bronze after aggregating 214.3 in the eight-man finals.

Australia's Kerry Bell secured the silver medal with 233.5, having managed to topple Mitharval from the second position.

In the finals, Jitu started on a strong note and led with 100.4 at the end of stage 1, while Mitharval was third with 98.1.

In stage 2 elimination, Rai started with 10.3 and 10.3 to lead the pecking order, even as his compatriot moved up and displaced Bell at second place with two 10.1.

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Fifteenth Finance Commission
PUBLIC NOTICE

- The fifteenth finance Commission invites suggestions on issues related to the terms of reference from the members of the general public, institutions and organizations.
- The Fifteenth Finance Commission has been constituted by the President in pursuance of the provisions of the Constitution of India under the Chairmanship of Sh. N.K. Singh, vide a gazette notification dated 27th November, 2017. The other members of the Commission are Shri Shaktikanta Das; Dr.Anoop Singh; Dr. Ashok Lahiri and Dr. Ramesh Chand. The Commission shall make recommendations covering a period of five years commencing on the 01st April 2020 as to the following matters:-
 - The distribution between the Union and the States of the net proceeds of taxes which are to be, or may be, divided between then under Chapter I, Part XII of the Constitution and the allocation between the States of the respective shares of such proceeds;
 - The principles which should govern the grants-in-aid of the revenues of the States out of the Consolidated Fund of India and the sums to be paid to the States by way of grants-in-aid of their revenues under Article 275 of the Constitution for purposes other than those specified in the provisos to clause (1) of that article; and
 - The measures needed to augment the Consolidated Fund of a State to supplement the resources of the Panchayats and Municipalities in the State on the basis of the recommendations made by the Finance Commission of the State.
- The Commission shall review the current status of the finance, deficit, debt levels, cash balances and fiscal consolidation roadmap for sound fiscal management, taking into account the responsibility of the Central Government and State Governments to adhere to appropriate levels of general and consolidated government debt and deficit levels, while fostering higher inclusive growth in the country, guided by the principle of equity, efficiency and transparency. The Commission may also examine whether revenue deficit grants be provided at all.
- While making its recommendations, the Commission shall have regard, among other considerations, to;
 - The resources of the Central Government and the State Governments for the five years commencing on 1st April 2020 on the basis of the levels of tax and the non-tax revenues likely to be reached by 2024-25. In the context of both tax and non-tax revenues, the Commission will also take into consideration their potential and fiscal capacity;
 - The demand on the resources of the Central Government particularly on account of defence, internal security, infrastructure, railways, climate change, commitments towards administration of UTs without legislature, and other committed expenditure and liabilities;
 - The demand on the resources of the State Governments, particularly on account of financing socioeconomic development and critical infrastructure, as-

- sets maintenance expenditure, balanced regional development and impact of the debt and liabilities of their public utilities;
- The impact on the fiscal situation of the Union Government of substantially enhanced tax devolution to States following recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission, coupled with the continuing imperative of the national development programme including New India – 2022;
 - The impact of the GST, including payment of compensation for possible loss of revenues for 5 years, and abolition of a number of cesses, earmarking thereof for compensation and other structural reforms programme, on the finances of Centre and States; and
 - The conditions that Gol may impose on the States while providing consent under Article 293(3) of the Constitution.
5. The Commission may consider proposing measurable performance-based incentives for States, at the appropriate level of government, in following areas:
- Efforts made by the States in expansion and deepening of tax net under GST;
 - Efforts and Progress made in moving towards replacement rate of population growth;
 - Achievements in implementation of flagship schemes of Government of India, disaster resilient infrastructure, sustainable development goals, and quality of expenditure;
 - Progress made in increasing capital expenditure, eliminating losses of power sector, and improving the quality of such expenditure in generating future income streams;
 - Progress made in increasing tax/non-tax revenues, promoting savings by adoption of Direct Benefit Transfers and Public Finance Management System, promoting digital economy and removing layers between the government and the beneficiaries;
 - Progress made in promoting ease of doing business by effecting related policy and regulatory changes and promoting labour intensive growth;
 - Provision of grants in aid to local bodies for basic services, including quality human resources, and implementation of performance grant system in improving delivery of services;
 - Control or lack of it in incurring expenditure on populist measures; and
 - Progress made in sanitation, solid waste management and bringing in behavioural change to end open defecation.
6. The Commission shall use the population data of 2011 while making its recommendations.
7. The Commission may review the present arrangements on financing Disaster Management initiatives, with reference to the funds constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (53 of 2005), and make appropriate recommendations thereon.
8. The Commission shall indicate the basis on which it has arrived at its findings and make available the State wise estimates of receipts and expenditure.
9. The Notice as well as relevant material on the previous Finance Commission is available on the website of the Finance Commission <http://fincomindia.nic.in>.
10. The Finance Commission would encourage suggestions/views from all interested organisations and individuals which may be sent by 30th April, 2018 in any of the following manner:
- By post, addressed to the Secretary, Fifteenth Finance Commission, 9th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi-110001.
 - Through e-mail to: secy-xvfc@gov.in
 - Through website <http://fincomindia.nic.in> by clicking on hyperlink 'call for suggestions'.

India sweeps TT team events after men beat Nigeria for gold

GOLD COAST, APR 9 (PTI): India swept the table tennis team events of the Commonwealth Games as the men matched the women to seal a memorable gold with an emphatic 3-0 win over Nigeria in the final today.

It is the first time since the racket sport's induction into the Commonwealth Games program that India has topped both categories.

After Manika Batra fired India to a historic triumph over Singapore yesterday, the Sharath Kamal led men's outfit too beat the team from the city state 3-2 in the semi-finals, played earlier today.



With individual and doubles medals still on offer, India's performance is already a marked improvement from its disappointing showing in Glasgow four years ago when it just managed just a silver

in men's doubles. It was none other than Nigeria who beat India for bronze in the previous edition.

Kamal, arguably India's finest ever player, was also part of the men's team which won the gold in

the 2006 Melbourne edition.

India's unprecedented effort at the Gold Coast Games is also a fair reflection of the sport's fast improving standard in the country.

As many as six players are in the top-100 of the men's world rankings and two in the women's standings.

Today's final against Nigeria was rather straight forward for the men as compared to the semifinal against Singapore, against whom they had to work much harder.

Kamal, who has four CWG gold medals to his name now, set the ball rolling by beating Bode Abiodun in the opening singles. The

experienced Indian was sluggish to start with, losing the first game.

From the second game onwards, 48th-ranked Kamal was his usual self, unleashing forehand drives on either side of the table. His power and range of strokes was too hot to handle for the Nigerian as Kamal completed a 4-11, 11-5, 11-4, 11-9 win.

Just like his senior teammate, G Sathiyar too fumbled in the first game but bounced back in style to outplay 2002 CWG singles gold medallist Segun Toriola 10-12, 11-3, 11-3, 11-4.

India was now one step away from the gold and 46th-ranked

Sathiyar teamed up with Harmmeet Desai to cross the finishing line. The Indian duo defeated Abiodun and Olajide Omatayo 11-8, 11-5, 11-3 to complete a memorable triumph.

"It's amazing (feeling) and gold on the debut is a great feeling. It will take time to sink in. It's the best moment for me and I hope to continue this form in the singles too," Sathiyar told PTI after team's win.

The Indian side also benefited from the absence of world no. 26 Aruna Quadri, Nigeria's highest-ranked player. Toriola is ranked second highest at 166.



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| 1 | East | L115-CHINZEY GAON TO CHINZEY SCHOOL | Stage-II | 2.84 | 211.21 | |
| 2 | East | L114-LINGDING TO SICHEY GAON VIA RAI GAON | Stage-II | 4.175 | 311.24 | |
| 3 | East | L123-DARAGAON TO MULLASSO | Stage-II | 7.1 | 519.70 | |
| 4 | East | L119-NECHUDARA TO BAHUN GAON(LINGDOK) | Stage-II | 5.8 | 360.37 | |
| 5 | East | L100-NH31A TO LOWER MARTAM | Stage-II | 2.5 | 185.51 | |
| | | Package I | | | 1588.03 | IA |
| 6 | North | L022-SARCHOK TO SHAKOTHANG | Stage-II | 5 | 305.19 | |
| 7 | North | L034-NSH TO YAK-FARM | Stage-II | 3.73 | 230.79 | |
| 8 | North | L028-NSH VIA U SHIP TO U GYER | Stage-II | 10.65 | 639.65 | |
| | | Package II | | | 1175.63 | IA |
| 9 | North | L050-DSM TO KATAMMANTYAM | Stage-II | 14.3 | 682.82 | |

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| 10 | North | L069-DAC APP RD TO RINGHIM GUMPA | Stage-II | 7.15 | 414.49 | |
| | | Package III | | | 1097.31 | IA |
| 11 | North | L037-MANGAN SANKALAN TO KAZOR | Stage-II | 5.96 | 327.91 | |
| 12 | North | L072-L25 VIA THINGSHIM TO SORDONG | Stage-II | 2.25 | 141.76 | |
| 13 | North | L041-T01 VIA U TUMLONG TO L TUMLONG | Stage-II | 4.35 | 261.15 | |
| 14 | North | L070-T01 TO U SENTAM | Stage-II | 6.75 | 352.55 | |
| | | Package IV | | | 1083.37 | IA |
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| 18 | North | L024-GAIREE TO U GAIREE | Stage-II | 3.26 | 221.07 | |
| 19 | North | L053-DSM TO U LINGDOM VIA L LINGDOM | Stage-II | 2.52 | 173.60 | |
| 20 | North | L051-DSM TO MANGZING | Stage-II | 3.9 | 234.53 | |
| 21 | North | L060-T04 VIA UPPER LINGDEM TO LAVAN | Stage-II | 4.63 | 239.90 | |
| | | Package V | | | 1497.07 | IA |
| 22 | South | L048-SINGTAM TO PALUNG | Stage-II | 6.45 | 448.44 | |
| 23 | South | L095-PWD Road to Rong Bul | Stage-II | 4.425 | 302.65 | |
| 24 | South | L083-Melli Jore-thang Road to L Ramabong | Stage-II | 7.5 | 525.31 | |
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| 5 | North | V | 1497.07 | 37.43 | IA | 100000 | 12 Months |
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India-China boundary issue should not be “hyped up”: China

BEIJING, APR 9 [PTI]: The India-China boundary issue should not be “hyped up” and the two sides must abide by the agreements to maintain the peace and tranquillity along the border areas, the Chinese Foreign Ministry asserted today.

The ministry skirted a direct response to a report that China has lodged a strong protest with New Delhi, alleging “transgression” by the Indian troops in the strategically sensitive Asaphila area along Arunachal Pradesh. The Indian side has dismissed Beijing’s complaint.

“As for the situation on the India-China border, I am not aware of the detailed information,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a media briefing when asked about the report.

Pending the resolution of the issue, we hope the two sides can abide by the agreements and instead of hyping up relevant issue”, Geng said, adding that peace and tranquillity should be upheld in the border areas.

He, however, reiterated China’s repeated stand that Beijing never recognised Arunachal Pradesh, which it claims as part of southern Tibet.

“China’s position on the India-China border

is consistent and clear cut. The Chinese government never recognised the so-called Arunachal Pradesh,” Geng said.

“China and India are engaged in consultation and negotiation to resolve border issues and pursue a fair and just solution that can be accepted by the both sides,” he said.

Both the countries have Special Representative talks mechanism to resolve the boundary issue.

The two countries so far have held 20 rounds of talks to resolve the boundary dispute and worked out different mechanisms to keep peace along the 3,488 km long Line of Actual Control [LAC].

Asked about the recent visit of Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Kong Xuanyou to New Delhi on April 6 and reports of several Indian top ministers visiting China this month, Geng said, “China and India have sound momentum of exchanges and close cooperation. It is not strange to have such kind of cooperation.”

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to due to visit China in June to take part in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, [SCO] summit to be held in the Chinese city of Qingdao.

Won’t back CM Wigneswaran for another term: TNA

COLOMBO, APR 9 [PTI]: CV Wigneswaran, the first Tamil chief minister of Sri Lanka’s Northern Province, will not be backed by his party Tamil National Alliance for another term amidst his differences with the main Tamil party, a senior party leader has said.

Tamil National Alliance [TNA] parliamentarian MA Sumanthiran told reporters in Jaffna yesterday that when Wigneswaran was elected as the northern chief minister in 2013, the idea was to limit his term for 2 years.

“We do not expect to appoint Wigneswaran as the Chief Minister again because he said he would not hold the position for more than two years. We do not think it is suitable to give him the position again,” he said.

The party sources said they would opt for veteran Mavai Senathiraja as TNA’s chief ministerial candidate at the next election to be held later this year.

Wigneswaran, 78, a political novice and a retired Supreme Court judge, was elected with over 80 per cent of the Tamil vote.

But, of late, has been at loggerheads with the TNA over its policy towards the national unity government at the center led by President Maithripala Sirisena.

TNA’s softer attitude towards the government has angered both the hardline Tamils and Wigneswaran.

Meanwhile, the Joint Opposition [JO] head-

ed by former President Mahinda Rajapaksa is seeking the ouster of TNA leader R Sampanthan from his Leader of the Opposition post. JO senior leader Dinesh Gunawardena said a movement for his ouster will be launched soon.

With the resounding victory of Rajapaksa’s new party Sri Lanka People’s Party in February 10 in the local council election, the JO seeks the position of Opposition Leader to Rajapaksa.

“It is no more the correct position that Rajapaksa be denied the post of the opposition leader,” JO politician Udaya Gammanpala said.

Sampanthan and almost all Tamil and Muslim minority Tamil politicians voted in favour of the Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in the no-confidence motion moved by JO last week.

The minority support meant a clear cut win for Wickremesinghe, enabling him to continue as the Prime Minister.

North Korea ready to discuss denuclearization with US: report

WASHINGTON, APR 9 (AFP): North Korean officials have told their US counterparts that Kim Jong Un is ready to discuss denuclearisation, an assurance that could pave the way for a planned meeting with President Donald Trump, reports said.

It is the first time Pyongyang has made the offer of a summit directly to Washington, after its invitation was previously conveyed through a South Korean envoy.

“The US has confirmed that Kim Jong Un is willing to discuss the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula,” a Trump administration official told The Wall Street Journal and Washington Post yesterday.

Washington stunned observers when it announced last month it had agreed to a historic first meeting between Trump and Kim, to be held by the end of May.

The North’s offer to meet was delivered to the White House by South Korea’s national security adviser Chung Eui-yong, who had met Kim during a visit to Pyongyang



days earlier.

But Pyongyang has failed to publicly confirm the offer since, beyond a commentary from its state-run KCNA news agency noting the “dramatic atmosphere for reconciliation” with the South and “a sign of change” with the US.

This silence had made US officials nervous that Seoul had overstated the North’s willingness to negotiate over its own nuclear arsenal, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Many remain skeptical about whether the planned summit can succeed.

It is scheduled to take place

without the months of groundwork that usually precedes such meetings.

CNN reported on Saturday that secret, direct talks paving the way for the summit were under way between North Korean and US intelligence officials, citing anonymous White House sources.

But no specifics have yet emerged concerning the date or venue of the proposed summit, with a third country such as Mongolia or Sweden under consideration to host the talks, according to multiple reports.

Beyond that, a detailed agenda for the talks will need

to be set.

Washington’s long-held stance is that it will not accept a nuclear-armed North Korea. That means it wants to see “complete, verifiable, and irreversible” denuclearisation -- a very high bar.

The North has previously demanded the withdrawal of US troops based in the South and the end of the security alliance between Seoul and Washington -- an extraordinary concession that it is hard to imagine any previous US president acceding to.

South Korea today welcomed the reported offer by

the North to discuss denuclearization.

“We are not a directly concerned party since it is something that is taking place between the US and North Korea, but if the reports are true, we view it positively and welcome it,” said Nam Sang-kyu, a spokesman at the South’s presidential office.

The South will host its own summit later this month between Kim and the South’s president Moon Jae-in.

Last week, the two Koreas held a working-level meeting aimed at ironing out protocol headaches and other logistics ahead of the rare inter-Korean summit, due to take place on April 27.

A different group of officials from the two sides met on Saturday to discuss setting up a direct hotline between the offices of the leaders of North and South Korea.

Details of the talks were not released but officials from both sides agreed to further meetings on the topic later this week, a spokesman for the South’s unification ministry said today. (AFP) ZH



Israeli fighter jets targeted a Hamas “military target” in northern Gaza today in response to Palestinians infiltrating the border and laying bombs the previous day, the army said. Palestinian security sources in Gaza said the Israeli strikes hit a base in Jabalia belonging to Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, Hamass armed wing, and farmland near Beit Lahia, causing damages but no injuries. The Israeli strike came a day after suspects crossed the northern Gaza border fence, leaving “explosive devices” that were found by the army. The border fence between the Palestinian enclave and Israel has become the backdrop of mass Gaza demonstrations that lead to deadly clashes. Israel has faced mounting questions over its use of live fire after 10 days of protests and clashes along the Gaza Strip border.

Hong Kong can take decision on Nirav Modi’s arrest: China

BEIJING, APR 9 [PTI]: China today said that Hong Kong can accede to India’s request to arrest fugitive Indian diamond merchant Nirav Modi based on local laws and mutual judicial assistance agreements.

India’s Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh told parliament last week that “the ministry has sought the provisional arrest of Nirav Deepak Modi by the



man Geng Shuang told a media briefing here that “according to the one country two systems and basic law of the HKSAR, under the assistance and authorisation of the central government, the HKSAR can make proper arrangement on judicial mutual assistance with other countries,” he said.

“If India makes relevant request to the HKSAR, we believe the HKSAR will follow the

basic law and relevant laws and under relevant judicial agreements with India with the relevant issue,” he said.

Modi, who is wanted in connection with the 12,700-crore scam at the Punjab National Bank, is reportedly in Hong Kong which is a specially administrative region of China.

Modi has his shop in Hong Kong besides in Beijing.

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Draw No:10 DrawDate on:09/04/18

1st Prize Rs.10,000/- 6410

2nd Prize Rs.1,000/- 4256 3rd Prize Rs.500/- 3720

4th Prize Rs.300/- 4603 5th Prize Rs. 200/- 1373

6th Prize Rs.100/-

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3rd Prize Rs. 1,000/- 2219 4th Prize Rs. 500/- 1623

5th Prize Rs.200/-

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NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

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2nd Prize Rs.9000/-

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5th Prize Rs.120/-

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NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

DEAR PRECIOUS

Draw Time: 04:00 pm onwards

Draw No:19 DrawDate on:09/04/18

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Cons. Prize Rs.9500/- 13190 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

2nd Prize Rs.9000/-

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4th Prize Rs.250/- 1123 2491 3966 6701 7041 7317 8254 8644 9539 9669

5th Prize Rs.120/-

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NAGALAND STATE LOTTERIES

DEAR FLAMINGO EVENING

Draw Time: 08:00 pm onwards

Draw No:37 DrawDate on:09/04/18

1st Prize Rs.26.00 Lakhs/- 770 03474

Cons. Prize Rs.9500/- 03474 (REMAINING ALL SERIALS)

2nd Prize Rs.9000/-

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3rd Prize Rs.500/- 1098 2223 2761 3480 6026 6149 6534 8105 8434 8568

4th Prize Rs.250/- 0782 1268 2629 4220 5180 5187 5932 6134 6823 9527

5th Prize Rs.120/-

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HIS LITTLE MAN! Doting dad Josh Duhamel gave all his attention to his son Axl as the pair spent some father-son bonding time together.

Kapil Sharma's ex Preeti says 'He is Getting Suicidal Thoughts', blames new girlfriend for everything!

Reacting to Kapil Sharma's abusive Twitter rant following Salman Khan's conviction in the 1998 blackbuck poaching case, his former girlfriend Preeti Simoes has said that she is extremely worried for the comedian's mental health and was shocked to hear "such condescending way of talking about women".

Preeti, who has known Kapil for about eight years, told HT in an interview that she and Kapil had been together for years but never did he once use foul language against her.

"I've spoken to him many times, he has messaged me and visited me and I've realised that he's not the same man that was a year ago. It's not just depression.. it could be bipolar disorder or schizophrenia. He's getting suicidal thoughts. I've seen a very different him. Whoever has done this to him, I really want to say, 'give up, move out, and take him to a rehab and give the poor man



a chance to live," Simoes told HT.

Preeti further said that she believed it was Kapil's new girlfriend Ginni Chatrath who posted all those controversial tweets from the comedian's account.

"I am hoping it's not Kapil who has posted these tweets. The Kapil I know is a very intelligent, bright, young and dynamic man. It's most certainly his girlfriend Ginni Chatrath or maybe some friend. And if this is what Ginni and her one year with Kapil has brought him to, I feel sorry for both of them," she said.

On Friday, Kapil filed a police complaint against his former managers Preeti and Neeti Simoes and a journalist, who heads an entertainment website, for defaming him in digital media.

Preeti and Neeti were also the creative directors of his previous TV show The Kapil Sharma Show. Kapil's complaint also targeted a particular website headed by the journalist, which he accused, "launched a malicious propaganda to defame him in digital media".

According to the complaint, six months ago a person approached the come-

dian's close associate and asked for Rs 25 lakh to prevent some extremely damaging content about Kapil from being published on an entertainment news portal.

After Sharma refused to give in to the demand, the portal started posting "false, malicious and personal" content about his career, finance and relationships.

The actor said his personal information was leaked to show him in "negative and poor light". The complaint was filed by Kapil's lawyer at Oshiwara police station in suburban Andheri.

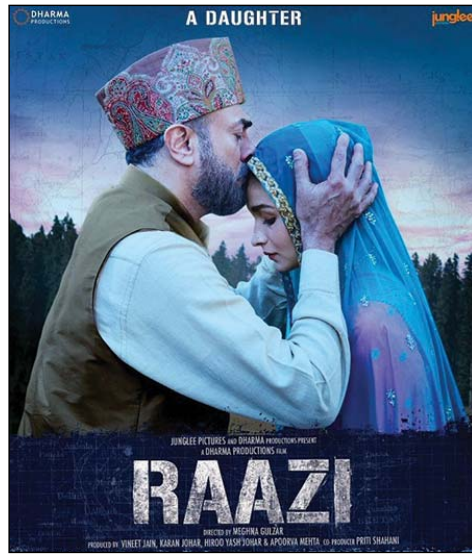
The complaint comes after Kapil went on an ugly, full-blown abusive rant on Twitter on April 6, defending Bollywood superstar Salman Khan. The tweets were later deleted from his account. It was then revealed that his account was hacked. Kapil, however, later admitted that he himself had written that string of tweets laden with expletives.

Alia Bhatt's turn as a dutiful daughter in the new Raazi poster!

The countdown to Raazi has begun! Only one to two days to go for one of Alia Bhatt's most awaited films. Our excitement is at its peak as we count the hours to the much anticipated trailer. Alia Bhatt is not making it any easier. After releasing a teaser that had us intrigued, she has now released a brand new poster which is making our wait very difficult. After showing us a secretive side to her, Alia Bhatt is now revealing another side to Sehmat – The side of a daughter.

The new poster captures the delicate bond between a father and daughter beautifully. It is intense yet subtle. It speaks volumes of the relationship this father-daughter duo share. Also, we can't help but confess that Alia is looking stunning even in a side glance.

Raazi will be Alia Bhatt's first release of 2018. Fans are looking forward to this movie that promises to be yet another piece of unconventional cinema directed by Meghna Gulzar. She will star opposite Vicky Kaushal for the first time.



Raazi is based on a Harinder Sikka's novel – Calling Sehmat. The movie is set in the 1971 Indo-Pak War. The film will revolve around a Kashmiri spy married to a Pakistani officer. The film is produced by Karan Johar.

While speaking about Raazi, Here's what Alia Bhatt

had to say – "I think in 'Raazi' audience will see me in completely different avatar at least that is my wish because 'Raazi' as a film is very different. It's the first time I am doing a period film and it is based on true story as well."

The movie is scheduled to release on 11 May.



New trailer of Solo: A Star Wars Story shows Chewbacca in passionate embrace... as his age is revealed

A new trailer for Solo: A Star Wars Story was released to the public on Sunday, and it didn't disappoint.

The highlights of the visually-enthralling preview for the Ron Howard film included early looks at Solo [Alden Ehrenreich], Lando Calrissian [Donald Glover], Qi'Ra [Emilia Clarke], Tobias Beckett [Woody Harrelson] and Chewbacca [Joonas Suotamo], the latter of whom viewers see like they never have before.

The clip shows splices of coming-of-age moments for characters in the Star Wars saga, such as Solo taking the helm of 'the fastest hunk of junk in the galaxy,' the Millennium Falcon; Chewbacca - who is revealed to be

190-years-old - kissing a Wookiee partner; and Calrissian gambling at an intergalactic casino.

It's underscored by a voice-over of Qi'Ra grilling the young pilot Solo over his intentions: 'You're after something: Is it revenge? Money? Or is it something else?'

Solo is seen facing off with Calrissian in a casino setting, telling him, 'I heard a story about you once, I wonder if it's true.'

The confident Calrissian replies, 'Everything ... you've heard about me ... is true.'

Solo is seen selling his abilities as a driver and a flyer to Beckett, telling him, 'I've waited a long time for a shot like this.'

Beckett later warns Solo, 'If you come with us, you're in this life for good,' and advises him to 'assume everyone will betray you.'

The preview is spliced with shots of what Star Wars fans have come to expect, including hyperspace launches, droids, Imperial ships, TIE fighters, and a snowy backdrop that could be the icy planet of Hoth, where Solo and Chewy toiled in The Empire Strikes Back.

Lucasfilm also released a promotional poster for the highly-anticipated motion picture, showing the principal players of the film set amid a burnt orange background.

Solo: A Star Wars Story hits theaters May 25.

ARIES: A group of friends might want you to go out with them today, Aries, but you probably won't feel up to it. Your financial situation could also require a little belt-tightening now, so you may not feel you can justify the expense. In any case, you aren't going to want to spend the evening alone. Invite a friend or love partner over to watch a movie with you.

TAURUS: Today you could feel full of energy and eager to get out for some exercise, Taurus, but other responsibilities might threaten to keep you from doing it. The resulting frustration could zap all your energy and put you in a lethargic mood. Don't fall into this trap! Get the most urgent

tasks done and then get the exercise you need. This way, you can recoup both your physical and mental energy.

GEMINI: Your energy is probably pretty low today, Gemini. You won't feel like socializing, nor will you feel like staying in and reading or watching TV. Chances are you won't know what to do with yourself all day. Under these circumstances, the best thing to do is find a distraction. Go work out, read a thrilling book, go to a funny movie. Get your mind off your lethargy and it could well disappear.

CANCER: Career and financial goals could seem completely stalled, Cancer, and this could have you depressed, frustrated, and in something of a panic.

Don't fall into this trap. This isn't a permanent condition. You'll be back on track in a few days. In the meantime, be good to yourself. Go to your favorite restaurant, buy yourself a present, or spend the afternoon in a bookstore. If nothing else, you'll feel better.

LEO: A colleague could be in a very bad mood, Leo, and therefore not the easiest person in the world to deal with. In fact, today he or she could resist working at all, and you might feel obligated to take up the slack. Only do it if the tasks are urgent. It isn't fair to you to have to do someone else's job. Don't feel guilty if you leave it unfinished.

VIRGO: Plans to go away on vacation or perhaps a business

trip could be put on hold today, Virgo. Events you might have been scheduled to attend could be temporarily postponed. This could leave you feeling somewhat at a loss because you'd planned to be away and now you don't know what to do with yourself in the meantime. Be your usual ingenious self and you'll find something! Go to it!

LIBRA: This isn't a good day to visit the racetrack, Las Vegas, or any store that sells lottery tickets. Stay away from the stock market, too, Libra. Speculation of any kind now could be risky at best and disastrous at worst. Romance is also likely to be blocked today, since you're probably feeling a bit lethargic and not very sociable. Read a good book.

That's the most productive thing you could do today!

SCORPIO: Scorpio, you're likely to want to retreat into your bedroom and slam the door today. You won't feel like talking or socializing with anyone, not even those closest to you. Too much work could have you in a state of near exhaustion and almost total burnout, which means that getting some rest is probably the best thing you could do right now. Relax now, and get yourself going again tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS: This might prove to be one of those days in which it's very hard to get anything related to work or communication off the ground, Sagittarius. You could find excuses to stop working more

often than usual, particularly if it involves calling people on the phone. Don't fight it. Take care of the most urgent tasks. The world won't come to an end if you put the rest off a while.

AQUARIUS: A lack of physical and mental energy as well as motivation could have you in a lethargic mood today,

PISCES: Usually you enjoy talking with others, Pisces, but today you won't even want to answer the phone. Your physical stamina and mental energy are low, and you could feel out of sorts. It might help if you go for a walk sometime in the afternoon. You won't want to waste your evening lying around the house. Get the endorphins going and then go to a movie. You'll soon be your old self again!