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## Assembly session called for 06 Mar

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** The next session of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly will be held on 06 March, as per an office order issued by the Office of the Governor today. Governor Shrinivas Patil had prorogued the SLA which was earlier summoned to meet on 15 March.

## India-Bangladesh Friendship Gate inaugurated at Dawki

**DAWKI (MEGHALAYA), FEB 13 (PTI):** Meghalaya Governor Ganga Prasad today inaugurated the "Friendship Gate" constructed with an aim to have a Wagah-like beating retreat ceremony for the Indian and Bangladesh border guards.

The Friendship Gate has been constructed near Integrated Check post here, 90 km South of capital Shillong on border with Bangladesh. Speaking at the event, Ganga Prasad assured that he will take up necessary steps to promote tourism in the area.

The Governor also met Border Guard of Bangladesh's Additional Director Zahid Hasan, who was present on the occasion, and distributed sweets to both the troops at the venue.

BSF Meghalaya Frontier IG P K Dubey said the day is not that far when tourists from all over the country and across border will enjoy the joint retreat ceremony at ICP Dawki by troops of the BSF and the BGB (Border Guard Bangladesh).



## 7 CRITICALLY INJURED IN PILE UP NEAR BIDHAN NAGAR

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**SILIGURI, 13 FEB:** A road accident along NH-31 near Bidhan Nagar area this morning left 12 with minor injuries and 07 critically injured.

As per sources, one truck loaded with goods flipped over along the highway. Due to low visibility caused

by heavy mist, one pick up van following the truck collided with the truck triggering a pile up wherein three other vehicles collided one after another.

The seven critically injured persons have been forwarded to North Bengal Medical College. No death has been reported till now.

## Driving license applicants must now pass an online test

**SAGAR CHETTRI**  
**GANGTOK, 13 FEB:**

In an effort to make the process of issuing driving licenses more stringent, Motor Vehicle Division of Transport Department has gone online and made it mandatory for applicants to pass an online test. The department has started online registration for issuing driving licenses through Sarathi software developed by the National Informatics Centre.

This was informed during a press conference here today, which was addressed by Regional Transport Officer, Prem Vijay Basnet, Deputy RTO, JB Thapa, and Assistant RTOs, Karma Zimba Bhutia and Rakam Rai.

They informed that it is mandatory for the applicant of learner's license to first acquire the traffic class certificate and then pass an online test with few questions. Earlier, applicants were



required to only acquire traffic class certificate.

The applicant will get his/her learner's license only if he/she passes the test. However, if the applicant fails the test, they can reapply for the learner's license after six months, it was informed.

They informed that Aadhar Card and Voter's Card are mandatory to get a driver's license while a Certificate of

Identification is also mandatory to get license for commercial vehicles.

They have also appealed to vehicle owners to give their vehicles only to drivers having valid driving licenses and other required documents. A recent circular of the Home Department mentions that driving license cannot be considered as address proof for avail-

ing any government benefits, they mentioned. It was informed that one can apply online for the license at parivahan.gov.in and follow the link of Sarathi for driving license related services and Vahan link for vehicle registration related services.

It may be also mentioned that there are around 57,000 registered vehicles in the State of different categories.

## Discussion on Constitutional Provisions and Administrative Models in the context of Gorkhaland

**SMRITA KHAWAS**  
**SILIGURI, 13 FEB:** National Gorkhaland Committee [NGC] organised a programme to discuss 'Constitutional Provisions and Administrative Models in the context of Gorkhaland' on 11 Feb at Constitution Club in New Delhi.

Vijay Hansaria [Senior Advocate, Supreme Court], Nirmal Langthasa [elected member, NC Hills Autonomous Council], Aruneshwar Gupta [Senior Advocate, Supreme Court], Dilip Nunisa [Chairman Dima Haram Daogah and Signatory to the Accord with Government of India], P Niroop [former Advocate General, Meghalaya] attended the programme as resource persons.

The participants included

leaders from Jan Andolan Party, Gorkha National Liberation Front and Akhil Bharatiya Gorkha League. Gorkha Janmukti Morcha and Communist Party of Revolutionary Marxists leaders could not participate but expressed support to the idea of collective discussion on ideas that relate to the national debate on the demand for Gorkhaland.

The resource persons and participants extensively discussed statehood and all the administrative models made available in the Indian Constitution.

The discussion focused on historical/legal questions surrounding Darjeeling, Terai, and Dooars and its implications on the Gorkhaland movement.

The discussion also revolved

around other constitutional administrative models that are often brought up in the conversations on Gorkhaland. These include Union Territory, Sixth Schedule, Autonomous State within State, etc. The privileges and the limitations of these provisions were brought out in detail.

The question of identity, on which the demand for Gorkhaland is premised, was also deliberated upon as also the question whether any administrative model other than statehood can fulfill the aspirations of Gorkhas of India.

It may be noted that this is perhaps the first time that a serious intellectual engagement has taken place to explore constitutional issues concerning the statehood

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## Centre forcing states to reduce projected demand under MGNREGA: SC told

**NEW DELHI, FEB 13 (PTI):** The Centre is "forcing" states to slash their projected demand for funds under the rural employment guarantee scheme due to which states were unable to provide employment to people, an NGO today alleged in the Supreme Court.

A bench comprising Justices Madan B Lokur and N V Ramana was told by advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing NGO Swaraj Abhiyan, that the Centre cannot cap the funds under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) which provides for 100 days of employment per family per year.

"Today, more than half of the state governments are controlled by the party which runs the central government. That is why the Centre is asking these states not to make a fuss about it (funds). The Centre is saying that if you (states) will make a fuss about it, we

will cut the budget," he told the bench.

He said budgetary constraints could come into effect only if employment has crossed the limit of 100 days per annum per family and the government cannot limit the funds till then.

"The Centre is forcing states to reduce the projected demand," he claimed, adding that the average employment provided under the Act has come down to 40-45 days against the stipulated 100 days annually.

When the issue of job cards under the Act was raised during the hearing, the bench asked, "Suppose in a family, there are four persons out of whom two get government jobs, what will happen to the job card then? Will it be surrendered?"

Responding to the query, while Bhushan said that "the Act does not say so", the counsel representing the Centre said "we will find out".

## Mourners bid farewell to Pakistan's human rights icon

**M ZULQERNAIN**  
**LAHORE, FEB 13 (PTI):** The funeral prayers for Asma Jahangir, Pakistan's human rights icon and staunch critic of the country's powerful army, were offered here today at the Gaddafi Stadium which was attended by thousands of mourners, including women.

Asma, 66, died of cardiac arrest last Sunday in Lahore.

Farooq Haider Maududi, the son of Jamaat-i-Islami founder and prominent Islamic scholar Abul Ala Maududi, led the funeral prayer.

A number of rights activists, lawyers, judges, government officials, celebrities and ordinary citizens were present in the funeral to pay respect to the woman who fought for the rights of people especially women and



struggled against the military dictators.

A number of women also attended her funeral prayer, an unusual scene in conser-

vative Pakistan.

The funeral prayers were held under high security at the stadium - a venue for international cricket matches-

where police camera drones flew overhead.

She was buried at her family's farmhouse on Baidian Road. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son.

Born in January 1952 in Lahore, she received a bachelor's degree from Kinnaird College and an LLB from Punjab University.

She started her career as an advocate at a high court. Known for her outspoken nature and unrelenting pursuit for human rights, Asma was the first woman to serve as the President of Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan.

Asma became a champion democracy activist and was subsequently imprisoned in 1983 for participating in the Movement for the Resto-

ration of Democracy against the military rule of Pakistan's longest-serving President Zia-ul Haq.

In 1986, she moved to Geneva and became the vice-chair of the Defence for Children International. She remained there until 1988 before moving back to Pakistan.

In 1987, she co-founded the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and became its Secretary General until 1993 when she was elevated as commission's chairperson.

Asma also played an active role in the famous Lawyers' Movement to restore If-tikhar Chaudhry as the chief justice of Pakistan.

She has constantly raised the issue of "missing persons" in Pakistan and calling for grilling of intelligence agencies.

She was critical of the Supreme Court for "judicial activism" and also criticised the apex court for disqualifying Nawaz Sharif from the office of prime minister in July last year.

Asma has received several awards including the 2014 Right Livelihood Award, 2010 Freedom Award, Hikal-e-Imtiaz in 2010 and Sitara-e-Imtiaz.

She was also awarded a UNESCO/Bilbao Prize for the Promotion of a Culture of Human Rights and an Officer de la Legion d'honneur by France.

She has also been an outspoken critic of the Pakistan's powerful military establishment, including during her tenure as the first-ever female leader of Pakistan's top bar association.

Asma was arrested in

2007 by the government of the then military dictator Pervez Musharraf, and in 2012 claimed her life was in danger from the country's top spy agency - Inter Services Intelligence (ISI).

In 2012, she claimed her life was in danger from the country's premier spy agency.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said her passing away was echoing within her native Pakistan and across the world. We have lost a human rights giant."

In a separate statement, Amnesty International Secretary General Salil Shetty said she was a brave champion of human rights who leaves behind a powerful legacy.

The Pakistan Bar Council had announced three days of mourning.

## Man booked under SADA in Namchi

GANGTOK, 13 FEB:

A 23-year-old man from Pipaley, West Sikkim was booked under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 by Namchi Police on 12 Feb. The accused as reported by the police was intercepted at Masjid Line in Namchi Bazaar, South Sikkim. The police upon searching the accused person's belongings recovered 130 N-10 tablets and 270 Spasmoproxyvon capsules along with nine bottles of illegal cough syrup. The recovered items were sent for chemical analysis while the accused was formally brought under police custody after medical examination.

## Nepal resident accused of molesting daughter

Gangtok, 13 Feb:

A Nepal resident, currently residing in Boomtar, South Sikkim has been accused of molesting his daughter two years back, Namchi Police reports. The victim, a minor girl reportedly revealed the incident to a Judicial Magistrate at Gangtok, East Sikkim saying that she was molested by her father two years back when she was 12 years old. The accused is yet to be arrested, however, a case under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 has been registered against him at Namchi Police Station.



## Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial SS kick starts new academic session

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 FEB:

With much zeal and enthusiasm, students of Sonam Choda Lepcha Memorial Secondary School in Lingdong, Upper Dzongu, reported to school

for the new academic session of 2018 on 12 Feb, a press release informs.

In the assembly session, one of the students, Hemanta Rai, shared her experience of participating in an educational tour

outside Sikkim which was organised by Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan [RMSA] last week.

Exercise copies received from the text book section of Human Resource Development De-

partment were distributed to the students. Later, Mid Day Meal was also served to the students.

The school fraternity has extended best wishes to the students for the new academic session.

## ICAR-KVK organizes Animal Health Camp at Timpyem

GANGTOK, 13 FEB [PIB]: In order to extend technological support to the livestock farmers, ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Ranipool under ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong organized a day-long Animal Health Camp cum Farmer's Scientist Interaction programme today at Timpyem village of East Sikkim under the Tribal Sub Plan project.

The camp was organized to create awareness amongst the farmers about animal health as well as to provide necessary treatment to their livestock and poultry.

More than 22 farmers from Timpyem village attended and benefitted from the programme. The camp covered treatment of over 30 cattle, 20 goats, 12 pigs and more than 100 poultry birds. The common diseases of livestock recorded during the health camp were tick infestation, digestive problems, worm infestation, debility, anoestrus and mastitis.

Besides the health check-ups and treatment of livestock several essential veterinary medicines including dewormer, mineral mixtures and vitamins, liquid calcium supplements, stomachic powder and wound healing ointments were distributed among the farmers. The application of pour-on technology to reduce the parasitic infestation of livestock as well as method of injecting medicines to their livestock through Intra-muscular route was



also demonstrated.

Inaugurating the camp, Joint Director, ICAR- NOFRI, Tadong, Dr RK Avasthe, said that mixed farming combining agriculture and livestock plays an important role in strengthening the overall rural economy of Sikkim. He drew the attention of the farmers to follow the scientific guidelines to rear livestock for optimizing productions.

Principal Scientist [Animal Reproduction & Gynaecology], Dr Rafiqul Islam, detailed the aim of the animal health camp organized at Timpyem village. He opined that in addition to the hygiene and bio-security measures in livestock farms; vaccination against the

important diseases, periodic deworming and balanced feed with minerals and vitamins supplements are important to maintain the health and production performance in animals.

Subject Matter Specialist [Animal Science], Dr PK Pathak, elaborated the existence of major livestock and poultry diseases in the locality, their preventive and control measures. While interacting with the farmers, the issues related to livestock health, common infections, other disease conditions prevailing in the area and constraints faced by them were discussed in detail to the satisfaction of farmers.

## Beyond Sanjeevani Sangh celebrates 10th anniversary



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 13 FEB:

Beyond Sanjeevani Sangh of Sombaria, West Sikkim celebrated its 10th anniversary on 10 Feb in the presence of Director, Pratap International School, Tikipur, SM Subba, as chief guest, a press release informs.

The event featured

finals of the Knock-Out Football Tournament wherein ABM-6 defeated Majam FC, West Bengal.

Land donor of Government Primary School, Beyond, Dhan B Rai, and NR Bhattarai were felicitated by the Sangh. A cultural competition and felicitation programme were also part of the programme.

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**Gangtok on Wednesday, 14 Feb**

**Temp:** 20°C / 06°C  
**Forecast:** Times of sun and clouds with occasional rain in the afternoon.  
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**Aditya Pradhan's music video to release on V-Day**

**REBYNA RANA**  
**GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** The official music video of Nepali love song 'Sunya' by singer Aditya Pradhan will be launched on 14 Feb with Aditya performing live at a pub in Gangtok. Directed by Sukhim Productions, the music video features actors Tshering Lhamu and Sherap Chopel, informed Amir Gurung of Sukhim Productions. Another music video from Sukhim Productions, a mash up song of 5-6 Hindi and Nepali songs presented by singers Srijana Chettri and Bidan Thapa, will also be released during the event.

**One killed as pick-up truck hits bike in Raigunj**

**SUMMIT REPORT SILIGURI, 13 FEB:** In a tragic incident, a man was killed as one pick-up truck hit the bike he was riding along NH-34, near Boroduari area in Raigunj this morning. The deceased has been identified as one Biswanath Barman, hailing from Lakhsania village of Raigunj.

As per sources, the deceased was returning home from work on his bike when the pick-up truck carrying fish hit the bike.

The locals carried out a road blockade after the accident protesting against poor traffic system in Raigunj. However, Raigunj Police rushed to the spot and took control of the situation. The body of the deceased has been forwarded for postmortem.

**Discussion on Constitutional Provisions...**

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 movement. The NGC will have more of such collective conversations covering various aspects - constitutional, administrative, strategic, political - that concern the movement.

**Tata Consultancy Services conducts workshop at SMIT**

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** Tata Consultancy Services [TCS] conducted a daylong workshop on Enterprise Resource Planning [ERP] & Oracle at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology [SMIT] in Majhitar, East Sikkim on 12 Feb.

A press release issued by Sikkim Manipal University informs that the workshop was designed by the Academic Interface Unit of TCS in order to equip the Engineering students with latest technological skill set practiced in industry.

Senior Consultant [ERP & Oracle] of TCS,



Abhijeet Banerjee, conducted the workshop wherein he emphasized on the development of applications through ERP.

It may be mentioned here, the partnership between TCS and SMIT has been more than a decade long with TCS extending

support to SMIT in the form of student engagements, curriculum development, workshops as well as placements.

**Transport dept to introduce app based Panda Cab Service**

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** Motor Vehicles Division of State Transport Department is planning to start a taxi service with online/call/app booking system for the public. The service aims at providing best public transport with special facilities for senior citizens, medical patients and tourists.

The 'Panda Cab Service' will have helpers for senior citizens and the ailing. Commuters can also avail doctors or compounder or nurse on demand. Private security facilities will also be available for commuters on demand.

The department has called for applications from companies/organisations/agencies for the same by 10 Mar.

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**Shivratri celebrated at Gangtok Brahma Kumaris centre**

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** Brahma Kumaris, Gangtok, celebrated Shivratri in a grand manner here at the Brahma Kumaris Centre, Shanti Kund in Development Area, on Tuesday evening with Agriculture Minister, Sonmth Poudyal, as the chief guest.

Brahma Kumaris, Gangtok centre in-charge, Sonam Didi, spoke on the significance of Shivratri. The celebration included a meditation session.

The celebration was also attended by the Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastav, 13th Battalion ITBP, Lingdum Commandant, Anil Kumar and other guests.



**Brahma Kumari Centre celebrates Maha Shivaratri**

**MANGAN, 13 FEB [IPR]:** Maha Shivaratri festival was celebrated at Brahma Kumari Centre in Pentok, Mangan. Mangan Nagar Panchayat Councillor, Ugen Palzor Kazi hoisted the Brahma Kumari flag during the event. Also present during the celebration were Teesta Urja DGM, Navin Kumar, Joint Director [Human Resource Development Department], Sonam Lepcha and local residents.

Among the numerous festivals celebrated throughout the year, Maha Shivratri holds a very special place. It commemorates the divine incarnation of God Shiva who came on earth to uplift humanity. Maha Shivratri is celebrated on the fourteenth night, the darkest night in the month of "phalgun", the last month in the Indian calendar.



**BJP youth wing meets at Singtam**

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** A meeting of Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Pradesh was held under the chairmanship of its youth wing working president, Laten Sherpa, at Singtam regional party office today. The meeting discussed various issues and problems faced by the people of Sikkim, informs a BJP press release.

During the meeting, Mr Sherpa demanded that the government immediately issue a white paper on the government's expenditure on 14 MLAs

who enjoyed the posts of Parliamentary Secretaries and on loans provided by the State Bank of Sikkim. He also demanded that the government immediately address the problem of drinking water shortage in different parts of the State.

The meeting further leveled various allegations against the SDF government. If the government does not immediately address the problems of the people of Sikkim, the BJP youth wing will launch a strong movement, the release adds.



**SKM accuses State Govt of presenting wrong figures in SLA sessions**

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 13 FEB:** Sikkim Krantikari Morcha acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha, today alleged that opposition members have always been provided with wrong and misleading information and figures by the state government in the State Legislative Assembly sessions. He added that the elected people's representatives have the right to ask questions in the interest of the people in the Assembly session and the government should provide the right information and figures.

Addressing a press conference, Mr Lepcha informed that in response to his question on the quantum of loans on the state government from different financial institutions, the concerned Minister-in-Charge furnished the

information of Rs 4,490.56 crore. He claimed that on a recent RTI application filed by an SKM party functionary, the response had stated that the State has loan of Rs 3,20,501.45 lakh. He added that this figure was submitted by the state government to HUDCO.

Stating that the figures of loans provided by the state government to HUDCO and in the Assembly do not match, Mr Lepcha alleged that the information furnished to his question in the assembly was false and misleading.

He informed that he will place this issue in the Privilege Motion of the upcoming Assembly session further adding that the party has been consulting legal experts on the matter.

This is not the first time that the government has provided false and

misleading information, he alleged. Responding to media queries, Mr Lepcha stated that after running the government for over 23 years, it is unbecoming of SDF to take interest in the internal matters of SKM. He added that the ruling should concentrate on working in the interest of the people of Sikkim rather than interfere in the internal matter of the party.

"Time will tell whether PS Gojay can contest the upcoming election or not but as he comes out of jail, the majority of people of Sikkim will come out against the ruling party," he said.

SKM also thanked all presidents and leaders of different political parties for their participation in the recent SKM foundation day celebration at Legship in West Sikkim.

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# SummitTIMES

## Finnish First

Let's learn some things from Finland

Finland is today (as ranked by independent agencies on a range of international indices), the most stable, the safest and the best governed country in the world. With a population of 55 lakh, it is also ranked the third wealthiest, the third least corrupt, the second most socially progressive and the third most socially just. Its judicial system is recognized as the most independent and the highest levels of personal freedom is lavished on its citizens, and hence it should come as no surprise then that in these times of shrinking trust and ugly profiteering, Finland's police is the most trusted, its banks the most stable and companies the second most ethical. Sitting as it does, among a clutch of Scandinavian countries which ace these rankings, this is a major achievement for Finland because geography has been harsh to the land and history rather vicious to its people. The last ever famine in Europe was 150 years ago, and in Finland, then a backwater under the Russian empire, the famine wiped out 10% of the population. This must have been a staggering setback and the country has been independent only for a 100 years, meaning, it could begin pulling itself out of its privations only a century back, a time by when its neighbours had leaped ahead and its human resource was at its lowest. And yet, the country has done so handsomely well for itself and its people. Most people, Sikkim included, look at Finland and see its primary school education system and want to learn from it, which is good, but rather incomplete. When one looks at Finland, its experience and its indices, one realizes that excellence does not come in isolation or piecemeal. Once the right environment has been created to install the best primary education systems in place, it is not just schools that are touched but everything else benefits as well – from the environment to social justice to democracy. Yes, that last one as well. Finland, did we mention, is the third most gender-equal country in the world and has the second freest elections.

Researchers and other societies have been trying to get a handle on what makes Finland so excellent. Even accepting that the Finnish experience cannot be replicated, understanding it will at least tag the societal instincts necessary to deliver so well. One does realize that these things are not packaged and delivered top-down and are instead manifestations of how the larger community behaves and responds to situations. Tarja Halonen, Finland's president from 2000 to 2012, was quoted in a recent report as saying, "We live in a cold, harsh and remote place. Every person has to work hard for themselves. But that is not always enough. You have to help your neighbours." He was responding to a query on what contributed to the Finnish Miracle. But it is not just instinctive cooperation, but also perseverance and complete commitment to common pursuits. Their geography and challenges are not kind to fickleness and the Finns clearly know this well. They also have a name for the "dogged, courageous persistence regardless of consequence" that defines them – "sisu". A historic manifestation of "sisu" was in 1939-40, when 3.50 lakh Finnish soldiers twice fought off Soviet forces three times their number, and inflicted losses five times heavier than those they sustained. And this attitude has served them well in peaceful times as well. Their survival has traditionally depended on working together, collaborating, but interestingly, not by subsuming individuality, but by allowing equal expression and representation. The Finns have leveraged the absence of traditional hierarchies (within themselves) to ensure that while collaborations and community participation was quick and genuine, ideas can be freely shared and individuality safely expressed without running the risk of being judged or scoffed. This attitude celebrates excellence and allows ideas to germinate and merit an expected outcome. In such environments, while mediocrity is tolerated, it is not celebrated as is common in more feudal settings of even democratic societies; people believe in each other and are not second-guessing every gesture and don't allow their prejudices to rule their judgment. Such a people look ahead and not stare into the past. That is a nice place to be. And it is not as if everyone is happy and smiling all the time in Finland. Their free society means that free expression is genuinely on offer and criticism, even ridicule, is frequent and harsh. But there is also trust and faith.

## J'khnd govt push for SHGs manufacturing sanitary pads

**JAMSHEDPUR, FEB 13 (PTI):** The Jharkhand government will purchase sanitary napkins from Self-help Groups (SHGs) for distribution among schoolgirls, Chief Minister Raghubar Das has said.

The government had during the recent budget session taken this decision to empower women working in SHGs, the CM told reporters yesterday after inspecting a sanitary napkin manufacturing centre at Bagunhatu in Jamshedpur East constituency, his home turf. Das had won five times in a row from the constituency since 1995.

Tata Steel, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

initiatives, has been providing training to women in SHGs to make sanitary napkins.

Altogether 15 SHGs here have been engaged in napkin manufacturing work in Bagunhatu, the CM said, adding that the initiative is aimed at promoting self-employment.

The state that was spending around Rs 25 crores annually to buy sanitary napkins from contractors will now procure them from these self-help groups, he said.

The CM appreciated the women engaged in manufacturing the napkins and said the initiative will benefit families that do not have a proper source of income.

# Maldives Crisis: a bitter religious divide comes to the fore

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The Maldives is a tourist paradise. The island chain of 26 atolls attracts more than 1.5m visitors every year. But alongside the clear blue waters and perfect beaches, this is a country riven with deep political and religious conflicts. And now those conflicts are reaching boiling point.

After the country's supreme court ordered the release of nine jailed opposition politicians at the start of February, the Maldivian president, Abdulla Yameen, declared a 15-day state of emergency. Yameen stated that the state of emergency was necessary since he wanted to investigate if a coup was being plotted against him. The Maldivian police duly arrested former president Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and the army stormed the Supreme Court building.

The Maldivian police have reportedly entered tourist resorts in their hunt for political opponents. In response to these authoritarian actions, protests erupted in the streets of the capital, Malé.

Even within the country, it's not clear what exactly is happening. With contradictory and confused reports emerging minute-by-minute, other countries are now advising their citizens either to refrain from travelling to the Maldives, or to exercise caution if they do so.

This situation has also soured the diplomatic relationship between India and China after another former Maldivian president, Mohamed Nasheed, expressed his desire to see India



send troops to help keep the piece. China, which has recently invested in the Maldives, responded that India "has no justification for intervening in the Maldives crisis".

On the face of it, this might look like a political power struggle with causes both domestic and international. But there's something else at work too: the Maldives' very particular religious politics.

### HARDLINE TURN

Maldivian authorities claim that 100% of its population are Muslims, and you need to be Muslim to be a citizen. Conservative Islamic groups in the country have been vocal in their support of the current leadership.

In the 2013 election, when Yameen replaced Nasheed, the rhetoric used against Nasheed portrayed him as anti-Islamic. One pamphlet widely circulated on social media read: "President Nasheed's devious plot to destroy the Islamic faith of Maldivians." The current ruling party also organised a rally with the slogan "my religion, my nation" during this time of crisis.

Conservative religious elements are very visible in the Maldives. One

Maldivian friend told me that someone yelled at him because his small shorts were an affront to Islamic values – and in today's Malé, the niqab (the full veil) is more visible than ever before.

I myself recently visited the Maldives to talk to different universities about setting up exchange programs between my own university and Maldivian ones. As a scholar of religion, I was surprised to hear from these institutions that they had conducted research on Muslim extremists in the country. Among the countries that produce recruits to the so-called Islamic State (IS), the Maldives makes one of the highest per capita contributions: there are estimated to be more than 200 Maldivians fighting for IS in Iraq and Syria.

### THE SAUDI FACTOR

One international player in this crisis is Saudi Arabia. Like the Chinese, the Saudis have invested plenty of money in the Maldives – it recently granted the Maldives a US\$150m loan to pay off its foreign debt. The political opposition in the Maldives blames Saudi Arabia for spreading the conservative and

violent form of Islam that the current regime espouses.

According to the opposition, the Saudis finance conservative Maldivian imams who spread Wahhabist doctrines across the country. International relations scholar Azra Naseem also sees a pattern between the radicalisation of Maldivians and the influence of Saudi Arabia. As Naseem puts it:

"The increasing hegemony of Salafist/Wahhabist ideologies over Maldivian religious and social cultures and thought, and its control of religious discourse, forbid Maldivians from speaking of not just another religion but also to pick up on any other strand of thought in Islam other than their own. Sufism, which is so much a part of South Asian Islam ... is discouraged in the Maldives if not outright outlawed."

These conservative trends are at work across South Asia. Sri Lanka, for example, is feeling the growing influence of so-called da'wa (missionary) movements such as Jamaat-e-Islami and Tablighi Jamaat. These movements started their missionary activities in the 1970s, but they have since become part of a violent and deadly conflict between so-called reformists (conservatives) and Sufis. The same dynamics are at work elsewhere too. But so far, only in the Maldives has a full-blown political crisis broken out – and the outcome of that crisis might yet turn out to be a preview of things to come elsewhere.

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# The surprising academic origins of memes

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There's never a dull moment on the internet, and that's got a lot to do with the fact that the content shared online is constantly changing – thanks in part to the creativity of users who remix, parody or caption popular images or videos, to create memes.

Punchy and humorous, memes are the perfect fodder for an internet culture shaped by viral sharing and creative participation. They may seem basic, but from a linguistic point of view, they're surprisingly sophisticated. Meme creators use "multimodal grammar" (in other words, images and captions) to express and share ideas and opinions. By tagging their friends in memes shared on social networks, people add their own personal meanings to the content.

Despite their popularity, it's not widely known that the meme has its origins in the world of academia. The term "meme" is rooted in evolutionary biology, and was coined by Richard Dawkins in his famous 1976 book, *The Selfish Gene*. According to Dawkins, a meme is "a unit of cultural transmission or imitation": his examples include the concept of God, nursery rhymes and jokes, catchphrases and fashion trends.

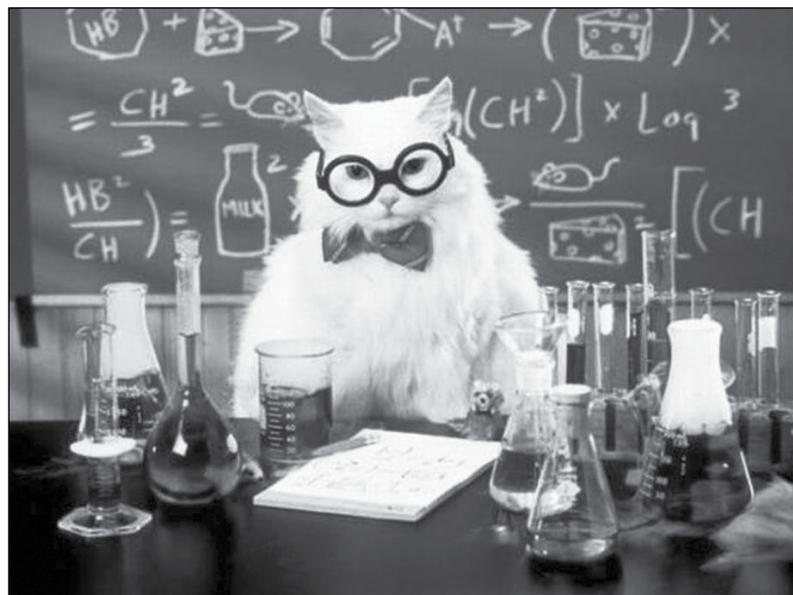
The word comes from the Greek "mimema", meaning imitated, which Dawkins supposedly shortened to rhyme with gene; a nod to the similarities between the survival of certain memes through the evolution of culture, and the survival of certain genes through the process of natural selection.

### GOING VIRAL

Internet memes, as we know them today, are units of popular culture that are circulated, imitated and transformed by users. Limor Shifman, a key scholar in the study of internet memes, argues that a meme is not a single idea or image which is spread across social sites, but a group of items that were created with awareness of each other. For example, the famous Grumpy Cat meme is not the cat himself, but the whole set of memes generated with his image.

The first meme on the internet was actually the sideways "smiley" – :- ) – created in 1982 by American computer scientist Scott E. Fahlman. The practice of using punctuation markers to show emotion was quickly picked up by internet users all over the world, and several other expressions, such as :-( and :-), were added to the repertoire of the "emoticon" meme.

In 1998, when the web was enjoying more



mainstream use, the Hamster Dance meme – depicting rows of dancing hamster GIFs, on the website of Canadian art student Deidre Lacarte – became popular. By the end of June 1999, the site had been visited 17m times. It later spawned a catchy song by the Cuban Boys and a viral remix by Hampton the Hamster, as well as several copycat sites. This meme, as simple as it may be, is one of the first examples of viral digital content.

### NEXT GEN MEMES

New breeds of memes emerged in the second half of the naughties, alongside the proliferation of pet photos shared online. The well-known examples were Advice Dog, LOLCats and Grumpy Cat. Animals with human characteristics have long been a part of human culture – from ancient Egyptian gods to children's stories such as Peter Rabbit – so it's hardly surprising to see them revived in the digital era as memes.

Starting from the late naughties, memes began to feature celebrities and ordinary people. Examples include Charlie Bit My Finger, Kanye Interrupts, Leave Britney Alone and Cash Me Ousside/How Bah Dah. These memes all came from a media event or a viral video, which agile

internet users parodied, imitated, remixed and mashed up.

Memes are also used by people to promote certain political ideas or ideologies. Pepe the Frog, for example, was appropriated from the comic series *Boy's Club* by the alt-Right, ultimately becoming a racist symbol before being killed off by his creator Matt Furie.

Using websites such as Meme Generator, people can use the biting humour of memes to try to delegitimise the arguments and leaders of rival political movements. This kind of activity ramped up around major political events such as the US and UK elections – and met with varying degrees of success.

Memes will continue evolving, along with the advances and changes in digital communication. Yet one thing that remains the same is humans' desire to connect with one another and create a shared culture. Trivial as they may seem, memes contribute to this shared culture by fostering people's imagination, creativity and involvement in society through new media.

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**Kanchanjunga Stadium handed over to WB Govt for renovation**

**SUMMIT REPORT SILIGURI, 13 FEB:** Kanchanjunga Stadium Committee has decided to hand over the Kanchanjunga Stadium to the West Bengal government for renovation of the stadium with an international infrastructure. Stadium Committee member and Trinamool Congress leader, Krishna Chandra Paul, said, "Kanchanjunga Stadium needs to be renovated in order to make it suitable for international standards. We need huge financial support for the same which is why we have decided to hand it over to the West Bengal state government." "To organize international and national tournaments, the stadium needs world class infrastructure. We have therefore handed it over to the WB government," added Siliguri Mahakuma Krira Parishad secretary and TMC leader, Arup Ratan Ghosh.



**Indian Army chief to meet Nepal's Prez, PM**

**KATHMANDU, FEB 13 (PTI):** Indian Army chief Gen Bipin Rawat, who is on a three-day visit to Nepal, is to meet the country's top leaders today. Gen Rawat arrived here yesterday on the invitation of Nepal Army chief Gen Rajendra Chettri, to attend the Army Day function, which coincides with the 250th anniversary of the Himalayan nation's unification. According to Nepal Army headquarters sources, Gen Rawat is to meet President Bidya Bhandari and Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba. "He will also hold talks with his Nepalese counterpart at the Army Headquarters in Kathmandu," they said. Gen Rawat today visited the Bindhyabasini temple in Pokhara, where he and other Nepal Army officers were welcomed by the temple development committee.

**Ford seeks Mamata's help for world tourism centre at Mayapur**

**SUDIPTO CHOWDHURY MAYAPUR (WB) FEB 13 (PTI):** Alfred Ford, the great grandson of Henry Ford, has requested West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to help ISKCON set up a world tourism centre at Mayapur in Nadia district. ISKCON devotee Ford, who is the chairman of a project for building a Rs 700-crore temple at Mayapur, told PTI here yesterday, "We are extremely happy to work with the present government. They have helped us in so many ways". ISKCON said that it is constructing the biggest Vedic temple of the world popularly known as the Temple of Vedic Planetarium at Mayapur dham, the birth place of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. The Chief Minister had said yesterday that ISKCON was setting up a world tourism circuit centre at Mayapur.



"They have sought our assistance. We would be very happy to help them," Banerjee had said during her visit to Mayapur. Ford has heaped praise on the Trinamool Congress government for helping the ISKCON build the grand temple at Mayapur and said that the erstwhile government in the state was "very difficult to work with". Talking about his expectations from Banerjee after her visit to the temple yesterday, Ford said, "Personally, I really have no expectations from her. "But her visit is quite important for us. I hope she has enjoyed visiting the new ISKCON temple here. We wanted to welcome her here and serve her so that this whole place can flourish and develop. She can help us sure." Stressing that it was a long way for developing the infrastructure at Mayapur, Ford said that they need help in this regard from the state government. Hopeful that the temple would open up a new horizon for the tourists, Ford said it would attract millions of tourists from around the globe. "I think the traffic will increase quite a bit and many more people will be coming here from around the world. It was the desire of Srila Prabhupada, the founder of ISKCON, to see

people from every country coming here. He wanted to bring in Europeans, Americans and Russians to ISKCON and we are helping to fulfil his dream," Ford said. On when he was hoping the project to be completed, Ford said, "It is difficult to build the temple. It is an ongoing struggle. We are hoping that the temple will be completed by 2022." The project reached a major milestone with the installation of two ton "sudarshan chakra" on the domes of the temple earlier this month. The temple which is almost the size of the Giza pyramid, is spread over four lakh sq ft. Capable of holding more than 10,000 people inside the main hall, the temple will have vedic interpretations of the universe in the form of a 3D mobile model suspended from the ceiling of the main dome.



**CEC Rawat to inspect poll-preparedness in Meghalaya**

**SHILLONG, FEB 13 (PTI):** Chief Election Commissioner O P Rawat will be visiting Meghalaya on Thursday to review the poll-preparedness of the state, the top electoral official of the north-eastern state said today. During his two-day visit, Rawat will inspect the election machineries and meet state chief secretary Y Tsering and police chief SB Singh, chief electoral officer (CEO) FR Kharkongor told journalists. The CEC will be accompanied by election commissioners Sunil Arora and Ashok Lavasa. The Central Election Commission has asked Tsering to hold a meeting with his counterparts in Assam to ensure that law and order is maintained on both sides of the inter-state border on the polling day, the election department chief said. Currently, there are 172 polling stations in areas adjoining the 884-km-long Assam-Meghalaya border. The polling officials will have to pass through Assam to reach several polling booths of Meghalaya, Kharkongor said. Of the 3,083 polling stations in the state, 67 will be manned by women, the CEO said, adding that every constituency will be having at least one such booth. The home department has identified 633 polling stations as vulnerable, 315 as critical and 75 as both vulnerable and critical, he said. "The BSF has been asked to intensify patrolling along the 443-km India-Bangladesh border in the wake of the assembly polls," Kharkongor said, adding that he does not expect any poll-related disturbances in the state.

**Chinese Consulate holds 'Spring Festival' in Kolkata**

**KOLKATA, FEB 13 (PTI):** In the run-up to the Chinese New Year, cultural troupes from the neighbouring country put up a splendid display of dance, music, ancient magic art and acrobatics at the 'Spring Festival' held here. Chinese Liuzhou Arts Theatre of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Guangxi Acrobatic Group and Guilin Drama Creative Research Institute of Guangxi presented an over two-hour long show yesterday night. Consul General Ma Zhanwu said he was happy to see the response of the Indian audience, consisting high school students and others, as the musicians, magicians, dancers and acrobats performed on stage which proved art has its own language. "Also, during the acrobatic performance, an image of lotus came in the background. And lotus is the national flower of India. The image was put up with a purpose, to show our deep rooted ties," he said. The Consul said there is a lot of common interest shared between Indians and the Chinese, one of which is the love for music, literature and films. The Chinese New Year 2018 falls on February 16. Zhanwu said the Chinese consulate would be organising the Dragon Boat festival and Mid-autumn festival in the city to showcase multifaceted Chinese culture and heritage as part of boosting bilateral ties. The consulate is also planning to host a Chinese food festival, he said. "We are thinking about organising a Chinese food festival. In Kolkata there is no need to promote Chinese food which is already quite popular here. But we are going to promote further exchanges through the food route. We will do something in coming days," he said. Referring to the 80-year old Department of Chinese language and Culture at Cheena Bhawan in Visva Bharati and China's deep-rooted ties with the department set up by Tagore, Zhanwu said, many students of the Chinese language department at Cheena Bhawan visit China for higher studies.

**NIA summons three Nagaland CMO officials for questioning**

**KOHIMA, FEB 13 (PTI):** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today summoned three officials of the Nagaland Chief Minister's Office (CMO) for questioning in connection with alleged extortion charges. Official sources in NIA said that the three officials have been summoned to appear before the NIA Deputy Superintendent of Police and Chief Investigating Officer, Jasveer Singh on February 15. Summons were issued today, sources said adding that the three have been charged with the circumstances of the NIA case relating to extortion in Nagaland. NIA has been investigating the extortion cases in Nagaland since August 2016, sources said while also alleging that during the course the huge incriminating documents have been seized where the involvement of three CMO officials have been detected. Therefore, the NIA has summoned the three to appear before the NIA Branch office in Guwahati, Assam on February 15 to answer certain questions relation to the matter. So far seven government officials have already been put under trial, NIA sources added.



**Ghewa Ceremony**

We are highly indebted to all our near and dear ones for being with us during the sad demise of our beloved Nana **Jamuna Ghising** (84), whose **Ghewa Ceremony** is scheduled to be solemnised on the **19th of February, 2018**, at our residence, **Phul-Chandra Niwas, Development Area, Gangtok**. All our relatives, friends, and well wishers are respectfully requested to join us in our prayers to the departed soul on the aforementioned day.

Sincerely,  
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**Arunachal Budget session kicks off from March 9**

**ITANAGAR, FEB 13 (PTI):** The Budget session of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly will commence from March 9, an official release today said. It said that Governor Brig (Retd) Dr B D Mishra has summoned the Budget session of the Assembly which would conclude on March 16. The session would take up important government bills besides obituary refer-

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Energy & Power Department, Government of Sikkim, a deemed licensee engaged in distribution and retail sale, generation and transmission of electricity in the State of Sikkim has filed "Petition for Approval of Business Plan, Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) & Multi Year Tariff for the 3-Year Control Period from F.Y. 2018-19 to F.Y. 2020-21 before the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC). The Petition has been registered by the SSERC as Case No. MYT/2018-19/P-01/EPDS. The Petition can be viewed and downloaded from the SSERC website ([www.sserc.in/Tariff/Tariff Petition](http://www.sserc.in/Tariff/Tariff%20Petition)) and also from the official website of the Energy & Power Department ([www.powerdepartmentsikkim.com/Tariff Proposal 2018-19](http://www.powerdepartmentsikkim.com/Tariff%20Proposal%202018-19)).

The Energy & Power Department has already issued "Public Notice" on the Petition soliciting objections and suggestions from the consumers and stake holders on the proposed Business Plan, ARR and Tariff proposal. As per the said "Public Notice", any person who intends to file objections or suggestions on the Business Plan, ARR/Tariff Petition of the Energy & Power Department may do so by filing statement of objections or comments before the Secretary, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission with copies of relevant documents and evidences in support thereof alongwith Affidavit as per Form SSERC-3 of Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2012. The Form SSERC-3 can be downloaded from the website of the SSERC ([www.sserc.in/Regulations/](http://www.sserc.in/Regulations/) Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2012.

Such Objections or comments shall be submitted in 5 (five) copies by registered post or in person, which should reach the **Secretary, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission**, Old SITCO Complex, Deorali, Gangtok-737102 on or before **25th February 2018**.

The SSERC therefore proposes to hold a Public Hearing on the Petition filed by the Energy & Power Department on the date, time and venue mentioned below:

Date	Time	Venue for Public Hearing	Category of Consumers
12th March 2018	10.30 AM to 2.30 PM	Meeting Hall, Chintan Bhavan, Gangtok, East Sikkim	All categories of Consumers

Interested parties/persons who intend to be heard in person may appear before the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission for the purpose and would be heard as per the above schedule.  
Sd/-  
**DIRECTOR (TARIFF & TECHNICAL)**  
**SIKKIM STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION.**

**SIKKIM CRICKET ASSOCIATION**  
This is to inform all the members of SCA that AGM and Election of Executive Body will be held at Hotel Sonam Delek, Tibet Road, Gangtok on **25th February 2018 at 11.00 AM sharp.**  
**MR. SONAM PALDEN BHUTIA, GENERAL SECRETARY, SIKKIM CRICKET ASSOCIATION.**

  
**TOURISM & CIVIL AVIATION GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**  
**PARYATAN BHAWAN, TADONG, GANGTOK. EAST SIKKIM- 737102.**  
**NOTICE**  
It is for information for all the Homestay operators/owners (private & Government) that Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, Government of Sikkim is organizing one day Training Programme in all the four districts as per the schedule given below:-  
East District: 6th March 2018 at Paryatan Bhawan, Gangtok.  
North District: 8th March 2018 at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Mangan.  
South District: 10th March 2018 at SICB Karfectar, Jorethang.  
West District: 12th March 2018 at Zilla Panchayat Bhawan, Gyalshing.  
Therefore, all the interested homestay operators/owners may submit their application to the Joint/Deputy Director of Tourism and Civil Aviation of concerned district on or before 24th February 2018 (during office hour) beyond which no application shall be entertained.  
The Department shall issue participation certificate to all on completion of said training. However, no TA/DA shall be paid for attending the training programme.  
**DEPUTY SECRETARY (ADM.) TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION.**  
R.O. No. 562/tp/pub/classi/17-18 dt.13.02.18



**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER  
ROADS & BRIDGES DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
GYALSHING, WEST SIKKIM.**

MEMO NO.-470D/R&amp;B/GYZ/D

DATE. 09.02.2018

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**BILL OF QUANTITIES**

SL.NO.	PARTICULARS	QUANTITY	UNIT	RATE.
<b>BRIDGE WORKS.</b>				
<b>A. Abutment</b>				
1.	Excavation for Structures (Earth work in excavation of foundation of structures as per drawing and technical specification, including setting out, construction of shoring and bracing, removal of stumps and other deleterious matter, dressing of sides and bottom and backfilling with approved materials)			
	a) Mixed Soil	471.11	cum	
	b) Soft Rock	1099.3	cum	
2.	Providing and laying hand packed stone soiling in buildings works with clean hard selected stones, all complete.	12.48	cum	
3.	PCC 1:3:6 in Foundation (Plain cement concrete 1:3:6 nominal mix in foundation with crushed stone aggregate 40 mm nominal size mechanically mixed placed in foundation and compacted by vibration including curing for 14 days).	8.32	cum	
4.	Plain/Reinforced cement concrete in sub-structure complete as per drawing and technical specifications (using Concrete mixture machine) RCC Grade M35	167.54	cum	
5.	Furnishing and Placing Reinforced/Prestressed cement concrete in super-structure as per drawing and Technical Specification (using Concrete mixture machine)			
	a. RCC Grade M35, Height upto 5m	30.97	cum	
	b. RDD Grade M35, Height upto 5m to 10m	137.92	cum	
6.	Supplying, fitting and placing HYSD bar reinforcement in sub-structure complete as per drawing and technical specifications	25.13	mt.	
7.	Supplying, fitting and placing HYSD bar reinforcement in super-structure complete as per drawing and technical specifications	19.31	mt	
8.	Providing and laying hand packed stone/ mix filling in building works with clean hard selected stones, all complete			
	a. Stone Filling	390.6	cum	
	b. Mixed Filling	167.4	cum	
	Sub Total - A			
<b>B. Decking</b>				
1.	Providing and laying reinforcement cement concrete in 1:1.5:3 including shuttering, compacting and curing all complete	39.3	cum	
2.	Providing and laying form work for casting of slab, all complete	195	sqm	
3.	Supplying bending and binding in position for steel including straightening, cutting bending and placing in position l/c binding wire all complete	51.48	qtl	
4.	Providing and laying 12 mm thick cement plaster of 1:3 mix in single coat including finishing even and smooth surface and curing, all complete.	60	sqm	
	Sub Total - B			
<b>C. Bridge Launching</b>				
1.	Providing Scaffolding, Erection of steel Super structure & Painting (30 mtr Span Bridge)			
	Total - III			
<b>D. Wing Wall &amp; River Training Works</b>				
1.	Earth work in excavation by mechanical means (Hydraulic Excavator/manual means in foundation trenches or drains (not exceeding 1.5 m in width or 10 sqm on plan) including dressing of sides and ramming of bottoms, lift upto 1.5m, including getting out the excavated soil and disposal of surplus excavated soil as directed, within a lead of 50 m.	1226.064	cum	
2.	Providing and Laying Plum concrete in 1:4:8 c.c. (1 cement, 4 coarse sand, 8 clean hard graded stone chips of 40 mm down nominal gauge) with 50% clean hard stone of sizes not exceeding 15 cm including shuttering, compacting and curing complete, as per the direction of Engineer in Charge.	1075.418	cum	
3.	Providing and laying, coarse Rubble Stone Masonry in 1:4:8 c.c ( 1 cement, 4 sand, 8 clean hard graded stone chips of size 40 mm and down) including bond stone, through stone of size 150mm x 150mm x 450mm manufactured in 1:4:8 (1 cement, 4 clean coarse sand, 8 clean hard stone aggregate of size 40 mm and down), and curing etc., complete as per the directions of Engineer in Charge excluding the cost of carriage of materials.	1016.136	cum	
4.	Providing and laying hand packed stone/ mix filling in building works with clean hard selected stones, all complete			
	a. Mixed filling	356.3	cum	
	b. Stone filling	356.3	cum	
5.	Gabian Structure for Retaining Earth (Providing and construction of a gabion structure for retaining earth with segments of wire crates of size 7 m x 3m x 0.6m each divided into 1.5 m compartments by cross netting, made from 4 mm galvanised steel wire @32 kg per 10 sqm having minimum tensile strength of 300 Mpa conforming to IS:280 and galvanizing coating conforming to IS/4826, woven into mesh with double twist, mesh size not exceeding 100 x 100 mm, filled with boulders with least dimension of 200 mm, all loose ends to be tied with 4 mm galvanised steel wire.	540	cum	

1. Rate should be inclusive of all taxes applicable.

2. The quotation will be opened on 19/02/2018 in the presence of the bidder if any present.

3. After the approval of the rates contractor shall deposit earnest money deposit @2.5% of the work value in the State Bank of Sikkim in the

form of Deposit receipt of Schedule bank in favour of the Sr. Accounts Officer, Roads &amp; Bridges Department, Gyalshing.

4. The rates should be inclusive of carriage of stock and non-stock materials.

Sd/- DIVISIONAL ENGINEER  
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**LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE ENCLOSED**

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- Work executed in the last years and work under Execution.
- Tools and Plants with ownership.
- Residential Proof Certificate from the concerned GPU.



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<b>I HILL CUTTING WORKS</b>				
1.	Excavation in soil in hilly area by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of side slopes and disposing of excavated earth with all lifts and lead upto 1000 metres.	6342.11	cum	
2.	Excavation in hilly area in ordinary rock not requiring blasting by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of slopes and disposal of cut material with all lift and lead upto 1000 metres.	2114.04	cum	
3.	Excavation in hilly area in ordinary rock not requiring blasting by Manual means including cutting and trimming of slopes and disposal of cut material with all lift and lead upto 50 metres.	2114.04	cum	
4.	Filling with available excavated earth in trenches, plinth and side of foundation in building works with layers not exceeding 20cm in depth including consolidation of each layer by ramming, watering etc, all complete	1481.46	cum	

5.	Provision for throwing of spoils obtained from hill cutting within 5 km radius from worksite to dumping area.			
	a. Cost of Haulage Excluding Loading and Unloading (5 km)	18177.438	mt.	
	b. Loading and unloading of stone boulder/stone aggregates/sand/kanker/moorum. (Placing tipper at loading point, loading with front end loader, dumping, turning for return trip, excluding time for haulage and return trip)	2114.04	cum	
6.	Surface Drains in Ordinary Rock (Construction of unlined surface drain of average cross sectional area 0.4 sqm in ordinary rock to specified lines, grades, levels and dimensions as per approved design and to the requirement of clause 301 to 309. Excavated material to be used in embankment at site.) Mechanical Means.	1000	rm	
<b>II PROTECTIVE WORKS</b>				
1.	Earth work in excavation by mechanical means (Hydraulic Excavator)/ manual means in foundation trenches or drains (not exceeding 1.5 m in width or 10sqm on plan) including dressing of sides and ramming of bottoms, lift upto 1.5m, including getting out the excavated soil disposal of surplus excavated soil as directed, within a lead of 50 m. All kinds of soil.	339.2	cum	
2.	Providing and laying coarse Rubble Stone Masonry in 1:4:8 c.c. (1 cement, 4 sand, 8 clean hard graded stone chips of size 40mm and down) including bond stone, through stone of size 150mm x 150mm x 450mm manufactured in 1:4:8 ( 1 cement, 4 clean coarse sand, 8 clean hard stone aggregate of size 40 mm and down), and suring etc, complete as per the direction of Engineer in Charge excluding the cost of carriage of materials.	1803.87	cum	
<b>III. CROSS DRAIN (3Nos).</b>				
1.	Excavation in soil in hilly area by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of side slopes and disposal of excavated earth with all lift and lead upto 1000 metres.	31.38	cum	
2.	Stone Soiling for road works Providing & laying hand packed stone soiling of specified thickness with clean hard selected stones including hammer dressing of stone for laying as per required level and camber including packing with broken stones obtained from hammer dressing to fill the voids to give uniform surface as directed by the Engineer in Charge all complete but excluding carriage and consolidation using:	5.52	cum	
3.	Providing and Laying in position cement concrete of specified grade including compacting curing etc all complete 1:2:4 mix (1 cement, 2 coarse sand, 4 graded stone aggregate of 20mm & down size).	3.69	cum	
4.	Providing and Laying Plum concrete 1:2:4 c.c (1 cement, 2 coarse sand, 4 clean hard graded stone chips of 20 mm down nominal gauge) with 50% clean hard stone of sizes not exceeding 15cm including shuttering, compacting and curing complete, as per the direction of Engineer in Charge.	33.42	cum	
5.	Providing, fixing & removing form work for casting R.C.C items as indicated below: with locally available timber) Floor slab, roof slab, landing, balcony and access platform.	30.03	cum	
6.	Providing and Laying in position specified grade of reinforced cement concrete excluding the cost of form work, finishing and reinforcements. 1:1:5:3 Mix ( 1 cement, 1.5 coarse sand 3 graded stone aggregate 20 mm and down nominal gauge).	9.27	cum	
7.	Supplying, bending and placing in position tor-steel reinforcement in all R.C.C works including cost of binding wires, all complete.	12.051	cum	
8.	Providing and Laying hand packed stone filling in building works with clean hard selected stones, all complete.	23.76	cum	
9.	Providing and laying 12mm thick cement plaster of specified mix in single coat including finishing even and smooth and curing complete. 1:4 mix	16.638	cum	

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Km- 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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2.	Excavation in hilly area in ordinary rock not requiring blasting by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of slopes and disposal of cut material with all lift and lead upto 1000 metres.	2304.49	cum	
3.	Excavation in hilly area in ordinary rock not requiring blasting by Manual means including cutting and trimming of slopes and disposal of cut material with all lift and lead upto 50 metres.	2304.49	cum	
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# China coercing neighbours to reorder Indo-Pacific region to its advantage: Pentagon



WASHINGTON, FEB 13 (PTI): China is 'coercing' its neighbours to reorder the Indo-Pacific region to its advantage, the Pentagon has told Congress amid Beijing flexing its muscles in the East and South China Seas.

As China continues its economic and military ascendance, asserting power through an all-of-nation long-term strategy, it will continue to pursue a military modernisation programme that seeks Indo-Pacific regional hegemony in the near-term and displacement of the US to achieve global preeminence in the future, the Pentagon said.

"China is leveraging military modernisation, influence opera-

tions and predatory economics to coerce neighbouring countries to reorder the Indo-Pacific region to their advantage," it said in its annual defence budget for the fiscal 2019.

China claims sovereignty over all of the South China Sea. Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines, Brunei and Taiwan have counter claims.

China is engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in the East China Sea too with Japan. Beijing has built up and militarised many of the islands and reefs it controls in the region.

Both areas are stated to be rich in minerals, oil and other natural resources. They are also vital to

global trade.

The most far-reaching objective of America's defence strategy is to set the military relationship between the US and China on a path of transparency and non-aggression, the Pentagon said.

According to the Pentagon, the central challenge to the US prosperity and security is the re-emergence of long term, strategic competition by what the National Security Strategy classifies as revisionist powers.

"It is increasingly clear that China and Russia want to shape a world consistent with their authoritarian model gaining veto authority over other nations' eco-

nomics, diplomatic and security decisions," it said.

The Pentagon said Russia seeks veto authority over nations on its periphery in terms of its governmental, economic and diplomatic decisions to shatter the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and to change European and Middle East security and economic structures to its favour.

The use of emerging technologies to discredit and subvert democratic processes in Georgia, Crimea and eastern Ukraine is concern enough, but when coupled with its expanding and modernising nuclear arsenal the challenge is clear.

# Sharif says his opponents would fail to punish him

ISLAMABAD, FEB 13 (PTI): Ousted Pakistan premier Nawaz Sharif today warned his opponents that they would fail to "punish" him as he appeared before an anti-graft court for the 17th time to face trial in the Panama Papers scandal.

Sharif, 67, appeared before the Accountability Court Islamabad along with his daughter Maryam and son-in-law captain (retired) Mohammad Safdar.

At the start of the hearing, the court was informed that lawyers are not attending courts to observe three-day mourning after the death of eminent lawyer and human rights activist Asma Jahangir who passed away in Lahore on Sunday.

Though the National Accountability Bureau (NAB)

prosecutor objected by saying that witnesses were present to record statements but Judge Muhammad Bashir adjourned hearing till February 15.

Sharif and some of his family members are facing charges relating to their ownership of posh properties in London.

He resigned as prime minister in July after the country's Supreme Court disqualified him over undeclared income.

Three cases were registered by the NAB against Sharif, his children and son-in-law in the court on September 8.

Sharif in a brief interaction with the media said he was being victimised in the name of accountability.

"They (opponents) want to punish Nawaz (Sharif) but they do not have any evidence. That is why supplementary cases are being filed. But they will fail as people of Pakistan are with us," he said.

Sharif also took a swipe at courts for failing to bring back to the country former military ruler Pervez Musharraf, who is living in Dubai by dodging several cases against him.

The political future of Sharif, who leads the country's most powerful political family and the ruling PML-N party, has been hanging in balance since then. If convicted, Sharif can be jailed

Sharif's family alleges that the cases are politically motivated.

**ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE LOTTERIES**  
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3rd Prize Rs. 1,000/- 4641 4th Prize Rs. 501/- 2498  
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DATE. 09.02.2018

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**Km- 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

SL. NO.	PARTICULARS	QUANTITY	UNIT	RATE
<b>I HILL CUTTING WORKS</b>				
1.	Excavation in soil in hilly area by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of side slopes and disposing of excavated earth with all lifts and lead up to 1000 metres.	9444.6	cum	
2.	Excavation in hilly area in ordinary rock not requiring blasting by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of slopes and disposal of cut material with all lift and lead up to 1000 metres.	3148.2	cum	
3.	Excavation in hilly area in ordinary rock not requiring blasting by Manual means including cutting and trimming of slopes and disposal of cut material with all lift and lead up to 50 metres.	3148.2	cum	
4.	Filling with available excavated earth in trenches, plinth and side of foundation in building works with layers not exceeding 20cm in depth including consolidation of each layer by ramming, watering etc, all complete	494.08	cum	

5.	Provision for throwing of spoils obtained from hill cutting within 5 km radius from worksite to dumping area. a. Cost of Haulage Excluding Loading and Unloading (5 km) b. Loading and unloading of stone boulder/stone aggregates/sand/kanker/moorum. (Placing tipper at loading point, loading with front end loader, dumping, turning for return trip, excluding time for haulage and return trip)	30493.854 3148.2	mt. cum	
6.	Surface Drains in Ordinary Rock (Construction of unlined surface drain of average cross sectional area 0.4 sqm in ordinary rock to specified lines, grades, levels and dimensions as per approved design and to the requirement of clause 301 to 309. Excavated material to be used in embankment at site.) Mechanical Means.	925	rm	
<b>II PROTECTIVE WORKS</b>				
1.	Earth work in excavation by mechanical means (Hydraulic Excavator) / manual means in foundation trenches or drains (not exceeding 1.5 m in width or 10 sqm on plan) including dressing of sides and ramming of bottoms, lift up to 1.5m, including getting out the excavated soil disposal of surplus excavated soil as directed, within a lead of 50 m. All kinds of soil.	96	cum	
2.	Providing and laying coarse Rubble Stone Masonry in 1:4:8 c.c. (1 cement, 4 sand, 8 clean hard graded stone chips of size 40mm and down) including bond stone, through stone of size 150mm x 150mm x 450mm manufactured in 1:4:8 ( 1 cement, 4 clean coarse sand, 8 clean hard stone aggregate of size 40 mm and down), and curing etc, complete as per the direction of Engineer in Charge excluding the cost of carriage of materials.	485.23	cum	
<b>III. CROSS DRAIN (3Nos).</b>				
1.	Excavation in soil in hilly area by mechanical means including cutting and trimming of side slopes and disposal of excavated earth with all lift and lead up to 1000 metres.	31.38	cum	
2.	Stone Soling for road works Providing & laying hand packed stone soling of specified thickness with clean hard selected stones including hammer dressing of stone for laying as per required level and camber including packing with broken stones obtained from hammer dressing to fill the voids to give uniform surface as directed by the Engineer in Charge all complete but excluding carriage and consolidation using:	5.52	cum	
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**FASHION RED-Y!** The Orange Is The New Black star, Laverne Cox, takes the plunge in a sophisticated pantsuit as she joins chic La La Anthony at the Prabal Gurung NYFW show.

## PADMAAVAT ALL SET TO CROSS THE 500 CRORE MARK AT THE BOX-OFFICE

Even though Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Padmaavat went through its share of troubles prior its release, the film has managed to have a great time at the box-office. Not just winning the audiences at home, Padmaavat has now achieved a milestone even in the international markets. The period drama has successfully grossed Rs 330 crore (nett. Rs 253.80 crore) in India and 167 crore in the global markets. The film has come out as a clear winner with a total business of Rs 497 crore at the international box office. The film is expected to cross the huge Rs 500 crore mark anytime soon. Padmaavat has not just been a very special film for director SLB but marks the biggest hit of Shahid Kapoor, Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone's careers as well. A popular trade analyst took to his twitter handle to share the box-office numbers. It read, "#Padmaavat nears Rs 500 Crs at the WW BO (18 Days) :#IND :  
 Nett - Rs 254 cr.  
 Gross - Rs 330 cr.  
 Overseas:  
 Gross - Rs 167 cr. [US\$ 26 M]  
 Total - Rs 497 cr. @deepikapadukone@RanveerOfficial @shahidkapoor"  
 Padmaavat was made with a budget of Rs 180 crore and had the film's prints hit the theatres in IMAX and 3D formats.



## VIRAL BHAIIDI KERALA'S PRIYA PRAKASH VARRIER MAKES INTERNET SWOON IN VIRAL SONG

The song from the upcoming film 'Oru Aadaar Love' has catapulted Priya to overnight celebritydom.

The song Manikya Malaraya Poovi, is a melody from the upcoming Omar Lulu film Oru Aadaar Love. The song is set in a school campus and shows people in the audience reacting to the singer and each other. Actor Priya Prakash Varrier is among the students who feature in the song and she can be seen gesturing to a friend to occupy the place next to her. As the two girls chat, a young boy catches

her eye and the two of them flirt with each other through their expressions.

This segment has made the song viral, with Priya's expressions capturing the hearts of several pining Romeos. Catapulting the young woman to instant fame, the video has been viewed over 45 lakh times on YouTube, with several users commenting that they don't understand Malayalam but had come only to see her.

Needless to say, there are plenty of memes like this one:

## HOW MY TIMELINE LOOKS LIKE



**ARIES:** Get-togethers with friends today could prove a bit unsettling. Aries, as someone who attends them could throw out an opinion or possibility that seems rather shocking. This opinion, however, is likely to be based on rumor, gossip, and other misinformation, so it would be a good idea to suggest that these concepts be explored in order to ascertain the facts. They'll probably turn out to be far more positive than you hear today.  
**TAURUS:** Someone close to you could develop some strange symptoms that cause this person to panic. It never hurts to consult a doctor, but when this person does, he or she is likely to find that these problems are probably nothing more than stress, too much work, or overindulgence in food or drink. Therefore, don't you panic, too!

You might find yourself making phone calls or running errands to enable your friend to get some rest.  
**GEMINI:** Group activities might prove a little unsettling for you today, Gemini. Animated discussions could turn into angry quarrels and this could offend your desire for harmony. A lot of misinformation could be exchanged today and cause confusion and short tempers. Stay home if you can, but if you must go out, don't be afraid to leave at the first sign of arguments. They aren't likely to accomplish much after that anyway.  
**CANCER:** A member of your household is likely to be in a very strange mood today, Cancer. This person has heard some news that is confusing and probably untrue and therefore is wondering what effect this

would have on their situation. If he or she discusses it with you, the best advice you could give would be to not panic until there's a chance to check the facts. The truth is probably a lot different from what you've all heard.  
**LEO:** Attempts to contact others in different states or foreign countries today could go awry, Leo, as technology that we tend to take for granted, such as telephones and the Internet, could malfunction, perhaps due to solar flares. There isn't much point in making yourself crazy, as this is beyond human control. The only thing you can do is wait! In the meantime, do something else that you love.  
**VIRGO:** Machines involved in financial transactions, such as ATMs, phone systems, or banking websites could malfunction today, Virgo, so

you might have to resort to dealing with money in the old fashioned way: by going into the bank or writing checks. Electrical storms or solar flares could be interfering with satellite signals, so there isn't much you can do. Needless to say, this isn't a good day to make any major financial transactions.  
**LIBRA:** This might be a good day to take some time for yourself, Libra. Contact with others, no matter how much you love them, isn't likely to go well, as most people are probably restless and in uncertain moods. This is a good day to catch up on your reading or web surfing and work on projects of your own that you may have been neglecting for a while. You can always contact your friends tomorrow!  
**SCORPIO:** Today you might be

## VALENTINE GIFT-GIVING DOS AND DON'TS

Traditionally, Valentine's Day is a celebration for the ladies. The name automatically conjures up images of candle light dinners, flowers and decadent chocolates nestled in red satin hearts. Men have a completely different perspective of Valentine's Day — one that involves obligation and pressure to get the right gift. They know that if they screw this day up, they are doomed for the rest of the year.

Here are some do's and don'ts for the big day:

- Don't buy that cheesy, stuffed bear. Chances are your special lady has twenty more just like it in a garbage bag in the back of her closet. If she wants something cute and fuzzy, get her a puppy.
- Nothing screams "last minute gift" more than three dozen wilted roses for Rs 100 from a roadside stand. And don't pick your neighbor's dandelions or daisies in an effort to create a clever bouquet. A florist you are not. Brush the cobwebs off your wallet and buy some REAL flowers that last more than a day.
- When it comes to chocolate, don't buy that cheap crap that leaves a waxy feel to the roof of your mouth. If the candies are covered in a white film, the box has most likely



been sitting on the store shelf since Valentine's Day 2010. This is the one time you don't want to skimp on quality. Buy your woman some good chocolates.

- Taking your significant other to some fancy eatery is NOT a romantic gesture. Take her to a restaurant that has more than three stars attached to its name.
- Whether it's an experiential gift (a vacation, an extravagant meal, a couples' massage, concert tickets, or a class you've both been meaning to take) or just a material object that the two of you can enjoy together, it really makes way more sense to get something that will make life better for both of you than something that you hate but pleases your significant other. We'd hope that the you both share some common interests, if

you're going to be buying this person a Valentine's Day gift, so it shouldn't be too difficult to find something you'll both be happy to have.

- The easiest way to mess up the gift-giving aspect of a relationship is to expect your partner to get you exactly what you wanted and then be let down. Unless you know for a fact that you're getting the perfect gift, it's going to be a lot more pleasant and less stressful for everyone if you go into the gift exchange with reasonably low expectations. If you enter with the presumption that you won't be giving or receiving the ideal present, then it's almost a guarantee that you'll eventually be pleasantly surprised when your partner exceeds your expectations and delivers with something amazing.

## AMY JACKSON CONFIRMED IN SALMAN KHAN'S KICK 2?



We hear that Salman Khan will begin work on Kick 2 post Loveratri, his home production film starring Ayush Sharma and newcomer Warina Hussain. Meanwhile work is on in full swing with Kick 2, the sequel to Kick starring Salman and Jacqueline Fernandez. Sajid Nadiadwala made his directorial debut with Kick which went on to do wonders at the box-office. Speculations were rife as to who would be the chosen actress to star opposite Salman in the sequel.

Some even speculated that Jacqueline would be seen in the sequel as well. And why not? Kick gave Jacqueline the biggest hit of her career so far. However, the latest information suggests that Amy Jackson has been

roped in to play the lead in Kick 2. Amy, who has made a name in the South and will be seen in Rajinikanth's 2.0 has now apparently bagged this coveted role in Kick 2. Several names had cropped up in media as to which actress would be signed on.

Kick, produced by Sajid Nadiadwala under his Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment banner. It was an official remake of the 2009 Telugu movie Kick. Apart from Salman Khan and Jacqueline Fernandez, the film featured Randeep Hooda in an important role while Nawazuddin Siddiqui portrayed the main antagonist of the film. It'll be interesting to see which other actors will be cast in the sequel.