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SKM Marches for Justice, submits seven-point memorandum to Governor

**SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 24 MAR:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) today conducted a 'March for Justice' rally seeking immediate redressal of various issues affecting the State. The party also submitted a seven-point memorandum to the Governor.

The rally began from Saraswati Mandir at 05th Mile, Tadong and culminated at Bhanu Park, Zero Point.

The rally, led by SKM acting president and MLA, Kunga Nima Lepcha, was also joined by Bharatiya Janta Party state president, DB Chauhan.

After the rally, an SKM delegation submitted a seven-point memorandum to the Governor.

The memorandum comprised of seven demands like abolishing the



practice of service extension and re-appointment of retired government officials, regularization of all casual workers appointed in government departments and Home

Guards who have completed more than five years of service, abolition of labor contract system in private sector, preference to local youth in contracts and supply

projects, cancellation of pilots provided to Ministers and other high officials of the state government, and permanent jobs in the government to job seekers after prop-

er interview session.

SKM acting president and MLA, Kunga Nima Lepcha, in his address, thanked all workers and supporters from different districts of the State

for their active participation in the rally. He stressed that people need to come together to provide justice to all sections of the society.

While mentioning that similar rallies will be conducted in other districts as well, Mr Lepcha stressed upon the need to further strengthen SKM's mission to provide justice to every section of the society.

BJP state president, Mr Chauhan, appreciated the initiative taken by SKM and expressed hope that the rally would spread positive message to the people in different corners of the State. He also assured to provide all possible support to SKM's mission.

The rally was attended by leaders, workers and party supporters from all over the State.

Binay Tamang to call on Chamling next week



SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 24 MAR:

Chairman of the Board of Administration of Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Binay Tamang, in a press meet at Deolo, Kalimpong, today has said that he is scheduled to meet Sikkim Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, on 27 Mar at Gangtok to discuss interests common to the Hills of Darjeeling and Sikkim.

Mr Tamang told the media that he along with GTA vice chairman, Anit Thapa and other GTA members will meet the Sikkim CM to discuss mutual interests.

"The meeting will help bring peace and harmony between Darjeeling and Sikkim. It will also help us move forward," Mr Tamang added.

He also thanked Mr Chamling and the Sikkim Government for agreeing to meet him.

The ones who de-railed the Gorkhaland

movement by taking up arms are underground but are trying to come back into mainstream politics by joining Trinamool Congress, he added.

After months of violent agitation in Darjeeling last year, many West Bengal leaders had accused Sikkim and its Chief Minister of sheltering and financing Gorkha leaders like GJM supremo Bimal Gurung.

However, in a meeting held on 16 Mar at Siliguri, West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee and Sikkim Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, agreed to 'work together for a better tomorrow'.

"Past is past," the CMs had said.

Even Mr Tamang, in his first political public meeting in January, had cautioned CM Pawan Chamling against interfering in the politics of Darjeeling hills. The hatchet, it appears, will now be buried by all sides.

FSSAI favours comprehensive legislation for organic foods

KOLKATA, MAR 24 (PTI):

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), the autonomous body looking after food safety and regulations in the country, today said a comprehensive legislation should be in place for organic food products.

"Presently, the agriculture ministry and APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) are having separate guidelines for organic foods.

We feel there should a single legislation in this regard," chairman of FSSAI Ashish Bahuguna said.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) event here today, he said FSSAI has already prepared a draft regulation on organic food which has been put up in the public domain for seeking views from various stakeholders.

Bahuguna also sounded caution on boro rice cultivation due to high levels of arsenic contamination in water.

Bangladesh had already reduced boro cultivation for this purpose, he said, adding that use of drought-resistant paddy variants and long stem crops were desirable.

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway gets two new AC coaches

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

Darjeeling Himalayan Railway has successfully conceived, developed and tested two air-conditioned narrow gauge coaches for the UNESCO World Heritage railway, a press release informs.

"These air-conditioned coaches will make travelling in the hill railway more comfortable for travelers from the plains of New Jalpaiguri to the hill station of Darjeeling in all seasons," the release reads.

The commercial service of the AC coaches is expected to start from 01 Apr.

According to the release, the two air-conditioned coaches were de-



veloped by refurbishing two first-class coaches at a cost of about Rs 43 lakh. The air-conditioning unit in the coaches is roof-mounted and a small silent power-pack provides power to the units.

Each coach has a sitting capacity of 15 people and the interior of the coaches done by using teak panels, large toughened laminated safety-glass windows for passengers to enjoy

the scenic beauty and a music system-cum-announcement system for entertainment. Similarly furnished non-AC coach for use in the Joy Ride services between Darjeeling and Ghum are

also being developed.

The new AC coaches have been painted with shining metallic colours on the exterior and florescent stickers have been used for text. A hatch on the roof with a fan has also been provided for fresh air and ventilation when the air-conditioner is not put into operation. The hatch fan would be operated by battery which would be recharged by the power pack. The fuel consumption by the power pack would be around three litres per hour.

If the new AC coaches evoke positive response, four more such coaches are proposed to be developed in 2018-19.

Namchi pays tribute to Tribal Rain frontman, the Late Rahul Rai

YOUGAN TAMANG

NAMCHI, 24 MAR:

Under the aegis of 'Artists of Namchi', a musical evening, 'Tribute to Late Rahul Rai', was organised at Central Park in Namchi on 23 Mar.

The event was dedicated to the frontman of acoustic band, 'Tribal Rain', who passed away on 14 Feb. Rahul was one of the most popular and celebrated singers from Sikkim. His death had delivered a huge shock to lot of his fans and well-wishers in the State, country and abroad.

The Artists of Namchi initiated the event to pay heartfelt tribute to the singer. Preparations had begun a few weeks back and the event was planned as a platform for upcoming singers and musicians of Sikkim.

Speaking to SummitTimes, one of the organisers, Yogesh Rai, said, "To not have Rahul amongst us today is a big loss for the music fraternity of Sikkim. His demise has created a vacuum in the music scene in the entire Nepali music fraternity, even the industry of the country one might



say. His music was different, soulful and inspiring. Thus, organising this event to pay tribute to him is not just to express our love for him and his music, but also to let people know how deep Rahul was into music and how he inspired so many of us."

Another artist from Namchi, Thupden Bhutia, expressed, "This tribute to Rahul Rai is not organised

to say to the world that we lost him, but to let people know how Rahul's music had touched everyone of us and motivated us to follow our music passionately and seriously. It is to pay respect, gratitude and admiration to him and his music. Rahul will always live amongst us through his music."

Twenty two performances where



staged during the event with solo artists, rappers, beat boxers and numerous bands.

In an emotional turn, the band 'Tribal Rain' also performed for the first time in Sikkim since the passing away of its frontman. The band performed songs which were written and composed by Rahul for his second album that is yet to be released.

The event was attended by Principal, New Light Academy, Dr Lobsang Lama, as chief guest accompanied by Advisor, Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim, Satish Rai, and Panchayat, Turuk, Yogen Rai.

Rahul's parents, Padma Rai and Naya Kumar Rai, were also present

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SAATHI holds refresher camps at IHCAE for 190 students

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] organised two refresher camps for students at Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism (IHCAE), Chemchey, South Sikkim, a press release informs.

The first camp from 16 to 19 Mar was attended by 100 students from ten schools with ten teachers as coordinators of the camp.

The participating schools were Namcheybong Senior Secondary School, Mamring Senior Secondary School, Dikling Senior Secondary School, Machong Senior Secondary School, Kewzing Senior Secondary School, Kitam Senior Secondary School, Perbing Senior Secondary School, Ratepani,

Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School and Sadam Senior Secondary School.

Sub-Inspector [Ravangla], CK Subba, Psychologist, Reshma Subba, Kesangla Sherpa from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Udai C Rai and Ashish Bangdel were the resource persons of the camp.

Likewise, the second camp was flagged off on 21 Mar which concluded today.

Altogether, 90 students from nine different schools attended the camp. Among the schools were Yangyang Senior Secondary School, Zoom AS, KB Limboo Senior Secondary School, Samdong Senior Secondary School, SM Senior Secondary School - Khamdong, Dikchu Senior Secondary School, Makha Senior Secondary School and Damthang Senior Secondary School.



SSDMA awareness prog on GLOF threat at Chungthang

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 24 MAR:

An awareness programme on "Threat of Glacial Lake Outburst Flood [GLOF]" was conducted at Panchayat Bhavan in Chungthang on 23 Mar.

The programme was organised by Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority [SSDMA], Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department [LR&DMD], in coordination with the North District and Chungthang Sub-Divisional administrations.

Residents of Chungthang Sub-Division, especially those living along the river, were

made aware about GLOF with reference to the South Lhonak Lake upstream.

Additional Director, SSDMA, shared information about the status of South Lhonak Lake and stressed on mitigation measures which need to be in place.

Panchayats, Pipons, and Sub Divisional Magistrate along with representatives from Teesta Urja Limited, Central Water Commission [CWC], Army, and Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force addressed the gathering which included government officials, students and the general public.



Fire guts 2 shops in Champasari

SUMMIT REPORT

SILIGURI, 24 MAR:

A ration shop and a mobile shop burned down in a fire mishap in Champasari, Siliguri, today. The shops were located next to each other.

According to the families, a burning diya inside the shop might have caused the fire which resulted in four cylinder blasts one after another.

No casualties have been reported so far.

Soumyajit

Ghosh dropped from national team for CWG

SUMMIT REPORT

SILIGURI, 24 MAR:

Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) has decided to drop Arjuna awardee paddler from Siliguri, Soumyajit Ghosh from the national team for the upcoming Commonwealth Games due to molestation and rape charges filed against him.

Ghosh was booked on Thursday for allegedly raping a teenager. The victim has accused Soumyajit of raping her at her residence in April 2015 on the pretext of marriage. However, he has denied the allegation and said that he will approach the case legally.

Ghosh has been booked on charges of rape (Indian Penal Code's Section 376), cheating (IPC 417), causing miscarriage without woman's consent (IPC 313) and under sections of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

The table tennis champion was training in Germany for the Commonwealth Games to be held in the Gold Coast from 04 to 15 Apr later this year.

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 24 MAR:

In preparation for the upcoming visit of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling to North Sikkim, a meeting was convened today for Dzongu constituency at Nampriddang guest house in Upper Dzongu, chaired by area MLA, Deputy Speaker Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, and attended by Panchayat members of 11 GPUs along with Sub Divisional Magistrate, Dzongu, Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, and Block Development Officer, Dzongu, KR Limboo.

Addressing the meeting, the area MLA urged



Panchayats to take responsibility of presenting "genuine and need-based" demand petitions to the CM when he arrives.

"The Panchayat members should hold a meeting and prepare the demands GPU-wise and not individually. Five Panchayats and Zilla members of each GPU should bring the demands under one fold and not ward-wise. People should be thankful to the CM for the developments that have been brought about in Dzongu," said Mr Lepcha.

He also informed that the CM is scheduled to lay the foundation stone of the Munsolong Statue at Lingthem where a public meeting will also be held.

He urged all the Panchayats of Dzongu to have a coordination meet and help in setting up the pandal and seating arrangements for the same.

Earlier, former Zilla Adhyaksha, North, Anguli Lepcha, stressed on presenting few, but genuine demands.

Not a party of outsiders, says BJP Yuva Morcha State In-charge



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

"SIKKIM DEMOCRATIC Front headed by Sri Pawan Kumar Chamling, can in no way stop Bharatiya Janata Party from exercising its democratic activities," said State In-charge of BJP Yuva Morcha, Lokenath Chatterjee, while addressing the members and karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha at the Zonal office in Singtam today.

A BJP press release informs that Mr Chatterjee who is also an advocate rushed to Sikkim after being deeply aggrieved by the attack on BJP members in Namchi on 19 Mar.

Mr Chatterjee added, "It is the responsibility of the District Administration to maintain law and order within its jurisdiction. But it is unfortunate that the incident on 19 Mar happened in the heart of the District in Namchi wherein some 20-25 miscreants aided and abetted by unholy

forces near the house of the Chief Minister and close to the local Police Station attacked the BJP rally injuring members of Bharatiya Yuva Morcha.

The ruling party is scared of the increasing popularity gained by BJP throughout the North-East including Sikkim. Hence, it is attacking BJP karyakartas in the state."

He further added, "Ours is neither a Madhesi party, nor a party of outsiders as alleged but it is truly a Bharaitya party, ruling all parts of the country."

He further advised the youth present on the occasion to fight with dedication to establish good governance in the State.

Mr Chatterjee also inaugurated the Yuva Morcha Office at Golitar in Singtam, East Sikkim. After the inauguration ceremony, the State In-charge of Youth Affairs announced the name of the District office bearers of BJYM Sikkim Pradesh.

Dzongu works on need-based demands to table with CM during North Sikkim visit

Second day of ABLAZE wraps up



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

The second day of the ABLAZE event being organised by ICAFI University was attended by Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Akshay Sachdeva, as chief guest today.

Finalists of various competitions were declared today. Sikkim Ma-

nipal Institute of Technology and Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (SMIMS) B will compete in the finals of the quiz competition.

Harkamaya B.Ed College was declared the winner of the treasure hunt competition. The host ICAFI University is scheduled to face Sikkim Manipal College of Nurs-

ing in the finals of the dance competition.


Mr Sachdeva in his address encouraged the gathered students to find their passion and follow their dreams.

He applauded the initiative taken by the organizers and urged the students to engage more in extracurricular activities.

ABLAZE includes 22

different events like debate, dance and singing competitions along with various sports and other competitions. Nineteen colleges from all over Sikkim are participating in the three-day event.

The valedictory function of the event is scheduled to take place on 25 Mar at Manan Kendra.



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Sunrise: 05:35 AM
Sunset: 5:49 PM

Two students booked under SADA

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

Two 19-year-old students were arrested by Jorethang Police on 22 Mar for allegedly possessing contraband substances.

The duo was reported to the police by their hostel in-charge of the centre they are enrolled in who reportedly conducted a search of their belongings and recovered 82 capsules of Spasmodoxon hidden in their bags.

They had reportedly taken an 'outing' leave that day.

The duo later confessed to the police that they had procured the drugs from a peddler in Majhi Gaon, South Sikkim.

A case under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 has been booked against the students. The case is under investigation.

SADA booking in Rongli

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

A 29-year-old man from Rongli, East Sikkim was booked and arrested under Sikkim Anti Drugs Act, 2006 on 22 Mar by Rongli police.

The accused was reported to the police by a source who said that he was in possession of contraband substances.

After intercepting the accused at Rongli Bazaar, police conducted a search during which 298 Spasmodoxon capsules and a file of N-10 tablets were recovered hidden in a bag.

The recovered items were seized and sent for chemical analysis while the accused was formally brought under police custody.

Namchi pays tribute to Tribal Rain frontman...

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during the event. They expressed their gratitude to the Artists of Namchi for organising the event. They also spoke about Rahul's brief life and the passion that drove him.

The evening witnessed a huge turnout of Rahul's fans, friends and well wishers. Candles were lighted to pay tribute to him at Central Park. The programme lasted for almost four hours and concluded with a group song by the Artists of Namchi.

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Sang Martam Jan Seva Sangathan calls on Governor

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

Governor Shrinivas Patil today met a group of nine delegates from Sang Martam Jan Seva Sangathan, East Sikkim, at the New Raj Bhavan complex in the capital, a press communiqué from Raj Bhavan informs.

The group was led by President of the Sangathan, Kamalchoj Lepcha. Commissioner-cum Secretary to Governor, R. Telang, officers and staff of Raj Bhavan Secretariat were also present on the occasion.

A special screening of the short film, "Euta Kura," based on the activities and initiatives taken by Sang Martam Jan Seva Sangathan, especially on Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, was also held on the occasion.

Earlier, Mr Lepcha provided a brief insight on the initiatives taken by the Sangathan and the making of the film 'Euta Kura' through a power point presentation.

The Governor, while complimenting the members of the Sangathan for their work, said that such initiatives will serve as a benchmark and motivation for others to contribute constructively towards the wider cause of society.

Mr Patil also underlined the need of wider participation of society to achieve the dream of Swachh Bharat Mission. He added that non-governmental organisations, institutions and groups can take leadership at their level to ensure that the mission yields desired outcome.

Highlighting Sikkim as a role model in cleanliness and

green initiatives, the Governor said that achievements such as getting the status of Nirmal Rajya, cleanest and greenest State, consistently securing higher rank in nationwide survey on Swachhata etc. are the result of effective participation of Sikkimese people from all walks of life besides the effort of government agencies involved.

The Governor urged the members of the Sangathan to work tirelessly to sustain the achievement and momentum towards ensuring Clean and Green Sikkim involving every members of society.

The Governor further appealed to the Sangathan to work on various social issues including controlling drug abuse and alcoholism prevalent among youth, reads the release.



SJA conducts judicial colloquium on Prevention of Human Trafficking

GANGTOK, 24 MAR [IPR]:

A Judicial colloquium on "Prevention of Human Trafficking" for all Judicial Officers, Public Prosecutors and District Nodal Officers was held today at the High Court premises in Gangtok.

The colloquium was organized by Sikkim Judicial Academy in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, Justice Satish K Agnihotri, along with Judges, High Court of Sikkim, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai and Justice Bhaskar Raj, attended the inaugural session of the programme.

Director [programme], Bachpan



Bachao Andolan, Delhi, Sampurna Behura, Founder Chair of Impulse

NGO Network, Shillong, Hasina Kharbhih, District Child Protection

Officer, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department, Government of

Sikkim, Roshnila Gurung, were resource persons for the colloquium.

SAATHI teachers training concludes

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 24 MAR:

Two days teachers training workshop on Drug Abuse Prevention in Schools, conducted by Sikkim Against Addiction Towards Healthy India [SAATHI] from 23 Mar, wrapped up today in Tadong, East Sikkim, a press release informs.

The program was attended by 60 teachers from 30 Government Senior Secondary Schools.

The major objective of the workshop was to train teachers on SAATHI methodology, impart adequate knowledge on Drug Abuse Prevention in Schools, provide ample knowledge to teachers on medical aspects of drugs and basics of counselling and coping methods that can be implemented in



schools to curb drug use among students. The teachers were oriented on roles and responsibilities of SAATHI teacher coordinators.

Kutse Shedu

The 49th Day Kutse Shedu of **Late Phichi Bhutia** of Linkey Busty, who left for heavenly abode on 10.02.2018 falls on **29.03.2018**. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers to departed soul at our resident at **Burtuk Helipad, Gangtok**. We offer our sincere gratitude towards those who stood by us in the time of bereavement.

Mrs Karma Doma Bhutia (wife)- 9002372646, Ms Karma Doka Bhutia (daughter), Mr Chung Chung Bhutia (brother in law)- 9563337908, Mr. Lala Bhutia (brother in law)- 9434710142

"You may be out of sight
 We may be worlds apart
 Your life was indeed a gift
 And you are always on our minds
 We will hold you forever, in our hearts."

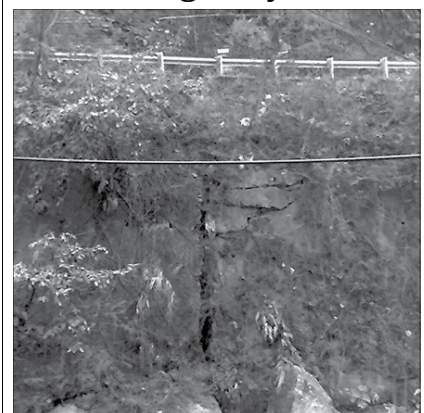


KUTSE SHEGU

The 49th day Kutse Shedu of **Late PALMULA BHUTIA**, who left for her heavenly abode on 7 Feb 2018, falls on **27 March 2018**. All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to join us for offering of prayers to the departed soul at our residence next to **Palden Khangsar School, below SP Golai, Lower Arithang, Gangtok**. We also offer our sincere gratitude towards all those who stood by us in the time of bereavement.

Mother: **Chewang Lamu Bhutia** (Energy & Power Dept), Father: **Late Palden Bhutia**, Uncles: **M. R. Gurung, Bhaichung Bhutia, Tshering Dorjee Bhutia, Karma Bhutia, Dawa Bhutia, Aunties: Namgye Doma Bhutia, Thinday Ongmo Bhutia, Zangmo Bhutia, Tshering Diki Bhutia, Dikila Bhutia, Yangchen Bhutia, Sister: Yangchen Bhutia** (Forest Dept), Brother: **Nedup Bhutia** (Pakyong), Contact: 9749335717, 9434410325, 7001384901

Cracks in protection wall on Singtam highway



YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 24 MAR:

The flyover project at Singtam has begun but the protection wall below the highway, over which the flyover is to come up, has developed cracks. If left unaddressed this could pose a threat to the project as well as people.



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INTRODUCTION

H.E. th 12th Zurmang Garwang Rinpoche who is the supreme holder of the Zurmang Whispering Lineage was born into an aristocratic family in Gangtok, Sikkim on the 30th of June, 1965, having been identified by 16th Gyalwa Karmapa as the 12th Zurmang Gharwang Rinpoche months before he was born. Rinpoche began his formal Buddhist studies in Rumtek, the seat of the Karmapa. On completion of his studies Rinpoche left Rumtek to bring the task of establishing his seat in Sikkim as well as re-establishing the Zurmang Monastery complex in Tibet. Rinpoche then began to set up Zurmang Buddhist Centres in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Hongkong and Taiwan to propagate the teachings of the Buddha. His eminence has received profound teachings from H.H. 16th Karmapa and many other great masters. Rinpoche has taught extensively in Asia, US as well as in Europe.

Date: 25th March 2018

Venue: Chintan Bhawan

Timing:

Morning Session: 10.30 am- 12. 30p.m

Afternoon Session: 1.00 p.m- 3 p.m

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Planning Should Precede Training

Imparted in a vacuum, skills will not translate to earnings

Training courses and awareness camps are not new to Sikkim. This newspaper reports on one almost every day. Given the number of such initiatives in the State, the youth here should have become multifaceted powerhouses enabled to take to any sector, at any time, at a moment's notice. And yet, one look around and the youth do not appear to be launching into any kind of enterprise with much success, save the still rare entrepreneurship ventures which impress and keep hope afloat. One reason why the empowering impact of trainings and awareness camps is unimpressive is because they are conducted without much planning.

Without getting into the course content, which itself might be in need of re-hauling, one can vouch that too many of these camps are held in a vacuum. Synergy, that word that seems to drive all efforts in the globalised world seems to be lacking. Since most of these courses are either sponsored or conducted by government departments, the synergy one is speaking of has to be between the departments. Take for example the number of tailoring courses that are held all over the State throughout the year. How many local youth have formed tailoring cooperatives after getting trained? Not too many, if any at all. If a funding agency had been made a part of this training, the real possibility of grants/ loans to fund a new enterprise might have motivated at least some youth to put their skills to effective use. The expressed aim of these courses, after all, is to make the youth job-creators not job seekers.

Another example is the adventure awareness camp which moved from one remote area to another in fits and starts and the tourist festivals which see an inauguration without much advance publicity or even a timely curtain-raiser. If it is self-employment avenues these efforts are hoping to open up, then the Tourism Department should be made a part of the camps. Sikkim Tourism can be brought in even on the last date to see for themselves the kind of skills local youth in remote areas have acquired so that in future it can promote the availability of locally trained guides in these areas. This will bring business to the local youth and also provide the Tourism department with more destinations to sell.

The examples can continue, but the lesson remains the same, planning has to accompany training so that the skills are put in perspective and real opportunities opened up.

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How women are collaborating to tell stories that break through the noise on Syria

SARAH JILANI
theconversation.com

Between the news coverage, reportage and statistics around the ongoing Syrian civil war and the battle against Islamic State the firsthand experiences of ordinary civilians on the frontlines are difficult to source and expose. Yet these are often the very stories that can often provide crucial war-time evidence, chronicle social and historic shifts, or unearth true narratives that can counter official ones. And these stories are increasingly found on our bookshelves rather than on the newsstands.

From testimonies to short stories, graphic novels to memoirs, female writers, journalists and survivors are currently fronting the literatures of war, conflict and exile. The past two years have seen a surge of books and memoirs authored by women that capture the far-reaching human consequences of the Syrian civil war. Amid the fatigued reportage on its increasingly more complex escalations – and the cynical moves of other nations vested in opposing outcomes – these are compelling testaments to what befalls ordinary people as a consequence of fanaticism and powerful interests.

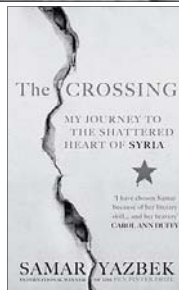
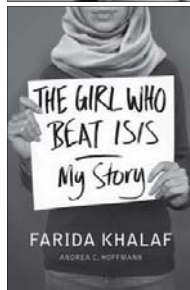
A remarkable example is Farida Khalaf's 2016 memoir *The Girl Who Beat ISIS*. Khalaf and her family are Yazidis, members of a Kurdish-speaking minority who follow an ancient, pre-Islamic faith. The book recounts how Islamic State crossed the border into their mountainside village in northern Iraq, killing the men, recruiting the boys, and taking women and girls to slave markets in Raqqa.

Through testimonies of those such as Khalaf, the genocide against the Yazidis was officially recognised by the UN. Khalaf, in collaboration with German journalist Andrea C. Hoffmann, shaped their series of detailed interviews into a first-person narrative. Despite the indiscriminate violence visited on whole communities and towns, her memoir reminds that what women have suffered at the hands of IS, and what they continue to endure in refugee camps, is further devastating still.

HUMAN CONSEQUENCES

Kate Evans' graphic novel, *Threads: From the Refugee Crisis*, though different in perspective and style, tells the stories of equally vulnerable people. Volunteering in Calais in 2015-2016, Evans bore close witness to the situation of asylum seekers in the so-called "Jungle". Accustomed as we are to seeing quick news segments, these drawings are slow documentation at its best.

Its detailed visualisation of ordinary life under extraordinary circumstances enables *Threads* to vividly capture life in temporary shelters, the direct human consequences of European leaders' political manoeuvres and the remarkable hospitality of those who have lost everything. Unafraid of checking her privilege and keeping refugees' stories in the foreground, Evans depicts what reportage on Calais did not – indeed perhaps could not – capture.



VIVID TESTIMONIES

Interviews are often less depersonalising, but even they can sometimes ventriloquise already vulnerable voices. We *Crossed A Bridge And It Trembled* avoids this imbalance by presenting the direct testimonies of more than 300 Syrians living across the Middle East and Europe. American scholar Wendy Pearlman's book gathers four years of firsthand narratives chronicling the Syrian rebellion, civil war and displacement.

The results unfold the extraordinary trajectory of the conflict in Syrians' own words. The men's accounts paint a vivid picture of life under Bashar al-Assad's authoritarian regime, the build up of revolutionary momentum, and the devastation that followed. The female voices here, however, often transport the reader directly into these experiences. One young woman describes her first anti-regime demonstration in electrifying words:

"I started to whisper, Freedom. And then I started shouting, Freedom! I thought to myself, this

the first time I have ever heard my own voice."

For some, finding the stories themselves comes with the highest of stakes. Having left Syria with her daughter in 2011 when the regime pursued her, writer and journalist Samar Yazbek secretly returned in 2012 hoping to set up a civic institution for women's empowerment. The devastated homeland she found took shape into her latest book, *The Crossing: My Journey to the Shattered Heart of Syria*.

Yazbek's account is a hauntingly good piece of literature – less than a decade ago, under vastly different circumstances, she was among Hay Festival's top young Arab writers. Yazbek, although a longtime dissident, is an Alawite like the Assad family – so to travel in rebel-held regions and speak to jihadis, as she recounts doing, seems an almost suicidal undertaking. *The Crossing* is unforgettable when it thus entwines the personal and the political, as well as in its powerful lament: for girls snatched from childhood, and a homeland that has become unrecognisable.

All sides of the conflict in the region have entrenched the abuse of women. Dangerous journeys to Europe – and that often only to the limbo of refugee camps, rarely promise a way out. It recently came to light that humanitarian workers in Syria had been demanding sex from refugee women for UN food aid.

The sad fact is that this is a body of literature that can only grow as the true costs of this war for women continue to mount. But these books are a vital start.

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Does your DNA really change in space?

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Results from an important NASA experiment – in which astronaut Scott Kelly spent one year in space while his identical twin brother Mark stayed on Earth – have started to come in. Last week, a number of media outlets reported that Kelly's genome has changed by roughly 7% as a result of being in space.

This seems remarkable. Research has shown that the rate of gene mutation during spaceflight could never produce a 7% change in the genome in a year. There is a 2.6% difference between the human and chimpanzee genomes, and this took 26m years to develop. Even with the eight-fold increase in the rate of genetic mutations you may get in space – this has been reported for animals subjected to similar levels radiation – it would take more than eight million years to accumulate a 7% change in the genome. Importantly, this would be a whole new species.

So what actually happened to Kelly's DNA in space? Unsurprisingly, the reports claiming that 7% of it changed had misinterpreted a press release from NASA, issued on January 31, 2018. It stated that "researchers now know that 93% of Scott's genes returned to normal after landing. However, the remaining 7% point to possible longer term changes."

NASA swiftly responded the day after CNN ran the story (now corrected). They emphasised that the 7% difference referred to "gene expression" – how genes are turned on and off – rather than the entirety of the DNA. In other words, the astronaut's genome did not change, but which genes were actively being used did.

THE SCIENCE

The genome is like a set of instructions written in DNA. By expressing different genes, our bodies follow these instructions to make molecules like RNA or proteins – each of which carries out a different biological task. The change

in gene expression, as NASA pointed out, is entirely expected given that we know that human physiology alters in space. Which genes are actively being used (or expressed) control and are responsive to such physiologic alterations.

The preliminary data suggested that significant changes include alterations in genes associated with the response to oxygen and carbon dioxide levels. Changes linked with a

in an enclosed environment. As in a submarine, ambient oxygen levels on the International Space Station are different than on the surface of the Earth. Changes in gene expression allow astronauts to adapt to this new environment.

Similarly, just as new students bring a variety of bacteria and viruses to school with them, so do new astronauts and equipment arriving at the International Space Station.



reduced ability to make energy (our cells turn nutrients into chemical energy) and bone were also reported, as were alterations linked to an increased ability to fight infection and maintain DNA.

The suggestions appear to fit with what we would predict. It also correlates with what we have seen in the past in spaceflown animals (NASA maintains a repository of this animal gene expression data called NASA GeneLab).

It is highly likely that gene alterations associated with oxygen use and the ability to fight infection are due entirely to astronauts being

Therefore we expect there to be an increased expression of genes that enable fighting infection. These are known and longstanding issues with spacecraft – we can deal with them partly by keeping objects and surfaces clean to high standards.

DRUG DISCOVERY

The reported changes in ability to make energy and bone and maintaining our genome are more interesting and potentially concerning. Decreased ability to produce energy and bone, making us weaker, are seen both with age and spaceflight. However, we currently

do not entirely understand the molecular reasons for this, or how to combat it. Once the specific genes that are displaying altered expression are published, it may be possible to work out the causes of these gene expression changes and test the ability of current drugs to prevent them.

The increased expression of DNA repair genes, enabling us to maintain our DNA, could be a result of increased levels of radiation in space – causing DNA damage and genome changes.

When the study is peer reviewed and published, we can also compare it to other results. The Japanese Space Exploration Agency published results demonstrating whole genome gene expression changes observed in a group of ten astronauts in 2016 (though not twin pairs). We can also compare them with gene expression changes in animals and gene expression changes on Earth-based analogues for spaceflight, like bed rest.

Should these gene changes appear similar to those previously reported, then it raises the likelihood that ongoing animal studies will manage to identify drugs that counteract harmful effects of gene expression. Hopefully, these will work not just in animals, but also in astronauts.

Until the data are published, it remains unclear exactly how many changes in the genome occurred in Kelly during his year in space. But it was certainly more than in his Earth-bound twin.

The potential impact of this research clearly is huge, as NASA and other space agencies plan to venture further into space than the International Space Station soon. If astronauts are to go all the way to Mars, they will suffer even higher doses of radiation and go through an even higher numbers of changes in the genome.

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UN report: Loss of plants, animals making a lonelier planet

New United Nations scientific reports diagnose that Earth is getting sicker, losing plants, animals and clean water at a dramatic rate.

Scientists meeting in Colombia looked at shrinking biodiversity in the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa. They report today that nowhere is doing well.

Study team chairman Robert Watson says shrinking biodiversity means less food and clean water for people.

The reports project that by the year 2050, if current trends continue, the Americas will have 15 per cent fewer plants and animals than now.

They forecast that in Asia there will be no fish stocks for commercial fishing by 2048. Scientists say that 28 per cent of the species that live only in Europe are threatened now.

The reports say Africa could lose half of some bird and mammal species by 2100.

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Shah sets target of 21 seats from northeast

GUWAHATI, MAR 24 (PTI): Gearing up for the next general election, BJP President Amit Shah today set a target of 21 seats out of 25 parliamentary constituencies from northeast in Lok Sabha polls in 2019.

Addressing a rally of BJP booth unit chiefs here, he asked the party members to work towards achieving this target.

"I want to give a target for 2019 polls. We want to win more than 21 seats out of 25 seats from North East," Shah said in the rally.

"Except Mizoram, all other states in NE are ruled by NEDA (North-East Democratic Alliance) constituents. So all of you need to take it forward," Shah said, adding the party won eight seats from the region during last Lok Sabha polls in 2014.

The BJP needs to win maximum number of seats from northeast to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi so that development of the region continues.

The party chief also asked the Assam unit to expand the network and appoint "Page Pramukh" or the in-charge of each page of electoral list.

Rescued bear cub finds new home

ITANAGAR, MAR 24 (PTI): A Himalayan black bear cub, rescued two months ago by a conservationist from Tirap district near the India-Myanmar border, has been successfully translocated to a zoo in Changlang district of the state.

The one-year-old cub was handed over to the zoo authorities on March 20, an official report said here yesterday.

The "orphaned" cub was rescued by Yangwok Hodong of Lazu area of Tirap district in January. He fed the cub and looked after it for two months before handing it over to the range officer of Lazu Forest Range, Hangpong Tesia, recently, the report stated.

The bear cub was fondly called as 'Ollo' by the villagers in Tirap district.

DFO Bitem Darang has appreciated Hodong for his efforts to rescue the bear, the report said, adding that the administration at the zoo has assured to take proper care of the cub.

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Lalu sentenced to 14 yrs in fourth fodder scam case

RANCHI, MAR 24 (PTI): RJD supremo Lalu Prasad was today sentenced to 14 years in jail and fined Rs 60 lakh by a special CBI court in connection with the fourth fodder scam case pertaining to fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 3.13 crore from Dumka treasury in the early 1990s, a CBI counsel said here.

CBI judge Shiv Pal Singh awarded two separate sentences of seven years each to Prasad under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Prevention of Corruption Acts, counsel Rakesh Prasad said.

Both the sentences will have to be served consecutively, he added.

Advocate Vishnu Sharma, while explaining the court's decision, said, "Lalu Prasad has been sentenced to seven years in prison under IPC sections 420 (cheating), 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged), 477 (fraudulent cancella-



tion, destruction of will or valuable security) and 120B (punishment of criminal conspiracy), and penalised Rs 30 lakh.

"He was awarded another seven-year jail term and slapped with a fine of Rs 30 lakh under the Prevention of Corruption Act...Both the sentences will run consecutively."

For default or non-payment of fine, the convict would have to spend

one more year in prison for each of the two sets of sections, Sharma said.

The court also pronounced the quantum of sentence for 18 other convicts in the case.

Former regional director of Animal Husbandry department O P Diwarkar received the same punishment as Prasad.

Nine other Animal Husbandry department officials and former IAS

officer Phoolchand Singh were sentenced to seven years in prison and fined Rs 30 lakh each for their involvement in the case.

Sharma said failure to pay the fine would entail an additional 18-month prison term for each of them.

Seven fodder suppliers were given three-and-a-half years of prison terms and Rs 15 lakh penalty each.

Prabhat Kumar, Lalu Prasad's counsel, told reporters he would appeal in a higher court against the judgment.

The court had on March 19 held the 69-year-old RJD chief guilty along with 18 others in connection with the Dumka treasury case.

Former Bihar chief minister Jagannath Mishra, however, was acquitted in the case, along with 12 other accused.

Prasad has been serving prison term in Birsa Munda Jail in Ranchi since December 23 last year after being convicted in the second fodder scam case pertaining to illegal

withdrawal of money from Deogarh treasury.

In the first case, dating back to 2013, the RJD supremo was convicted for illegal withdrawal of Rs 37.7 crore from Chaibasa treasury. He got five years' prison term in the case following which he was disqualified from the Lok Sabha.

The RJD chief was granted bail by the Supreme Court three months later.

In another Chaibasa case pertaining to withdrawal of Rs 37.62 crore, Prasad got five years' prison term on January 24 this year.

The fifth case relating to fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 139 crore from Doranda treasury in Ranchi is still pending with the court.

Prasad is currently undergoing treatment at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Ranchi, where he was admitted last week after he complained of chest pain and discomfort in jail.

HS question paper packets to have computer generated bar codes in West Bengal

KOLKATA, MAR 24 (PTI):

The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education will have computer-generated bar code on each packet to prevent any malpractices during the plus two board examinations beginning next week.

Council President Mahua Das told a press meet here today that apart from the bar code to track the higher secondary examinations question paper packets there will be manual tracking of the packets from this year.

"We are adopting these measures to prevent any unwarranted incident," Das said.

The higher secondary

examinations will begin on March 27 and end on April 11.

This will be the second consecutive year that computer-generated bar code will be on each packet.

The manual tracking will ensure that the examination centre in-charge opens the packet in the presence of a special observer and sign a form which will be cross-checked by the council representative, she said.

She said the ban on mobiles will be more stringent from this year and only the special observer can carry one. A special invigilator chosen among three invigilators in each centre will be as-

signed to keep tab that no mobile was taken inside.

The entire examination process will also be videographed, Das said.

In the just concluded Secondary examinations, whatsapp images of physical science and life science question papers were circulated in some parts of the state during examination days but the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education had asserted these were question papers of previous years.

There were also allegations of a headmaster opening the mathematics question paper packet before the scheduled time at a centre in Jalpaiguri district.

BJP at 69, Congress at 50 in Rajya Sabha after polls

NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI):

The BJP has made a significant gain of 11 additional seats while the Congress made an overall loss of four in the biennial elections to 58 Rajya Sabha seats, consolidating the saffron party's position in the House and leaving its main rival far behind.

Its 28 candidates emerged victorious in the polls held yesterday against 17 retiring members, while the Congress won only 10 seats while 14 of its members will retire next week.

A calculation of tallies show that the BJP's strength in the 245-member House will go from the existing 58 to 69 and that of the Congress will fall from 54 to 50 when the new MPs take oath next week.

However, a majority in the Council of States will continue to elude the BJP-led NDA.

It recently suffered a setback when the Telugu Desam Party, its ally of four years, decided to break ties. The TDP has six members in the House.

However, NDA man-

agers are upbeat following the loss in numbers of most vocal opposition parties like the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, which won only one seat while its six members are retiring.

BJP sources said treasury benches will now be more comfortably placed in the House as regional parties like the AIADMK, TRS, which has gained three more seats, YSR Congress and the BJD, all of whom are outside the NDA, have been more open to supporting the government's legislative agenda.

The Modi government's bills have often been stalled in the House, where it has lacked a majority, by a united opposition after it managed to pass them in the Lok Sabha, where it enjoys a strong majority.

BJP's winning spree in state Assembly polls have resulted in a steady rise in its numbers in the House, whose members are elected by assemblies, while the loss of power of the Congress in many states has led to a fall in its numerical strength.

NCW orders probe into police lathicharge at JNU protest march

NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI):

The National Commission for Women has ordered a probe into alleged manhandling of JNU students and a woman journalist during a protest march here.

A large number of JNU students and teachers were yesterday stopped from marching to the Parliament Complex over various demands, including academic freedom, with police resorting to lathicharge and use of water canons.

"We have ordered a probe and sent a team today to meet the police

officials and we will further pursue the matter on Monday," NCW Acting Chairperson Rekha Sharma said.

The protesting students had claimed that the "attack" by the police was "unprovoked", with a woman journalist alleging that a man in uniform "groped" her and asked her to vacate the place.

The "Padyatra", which started at the varsity's campus, was organised by the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNU-SU) and the Jawaharlal Nehru University Teachers' Association

(JNUTA).

The associations are demanding academic freedom, and accessible and equitable education.

The teachers' body had requested other associations to join the protest march.

Their other demands include withdrawal of the executive council decision to constitute a committee to take action against teachers and the immediate withdrawal of notifications replacing chairpersons who were opposed to implementing compulsory attendance.

650 students register for IIT youth conclave

KOLKATA, MAR 24 (PTI):

Over 650 students from different institutions in the country, including the NITs and IITs, have registered for the first round of INAE Youth Conclave at IIT Kharagpur.

The three-day conclave, held for the first time in IIT Kharagpur, is aimed at engaging budding engineers from dif-

ferent disciplines in developing innovative technologies and solutions.

The conclave began yesterday.

The contestants are presented with situations which may be similar to some of the current problems faced by the society and expected to come up with new plans, innovative technologies

or workable solutions to these problems, an IIT Kharagpur statement said.

The conclave was initiated last year by the Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE) and held at Birla Institute of Scientific Research (BISR), Jaipur.

The organisers have received 127 submis-

sions for the three broad categories of problems. The largest number of submissions has come for a 'Swach Bharat Abhiyan' plan that asks students to find effective ways to segregate and dispose waste in apartments, the statement said.

The finals are slated for August 10-12 at IIT Kharagpur.

Gujarat's Madhavpur Mela to showcase cultural integration with Northeast

NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI): In a first, cultural integration will be witnessed at Gujarat's famous Madhavpur Mela where a group of 150 people from the Northeast will be given a traditional welcome as part of efforts to symbolise the country's unity in diversity, Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma said today.

The four-day mela is being organised from March 25 to 28 in Madhavpur Ghed, district Porbandar.

"The purpose of this integration is to bring various parts of the country especially the Northeast, close to each other under the banner of Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Sharma said during a press conference.

He said that the Madhavpur Melashares its connect with the Mishmi tribe of Arunachal

Pradesh. The Mishmi tribe traces its ancestry to the legendary King Bhishtmak and through him to his daughter Rukmini and Lord Krishna, Sharma said.

"For the first time ever, the festival will celebrate the immortal journey which Rukmini undertook from Arunachal Pradesh to Gujarat with Lord Krishna," he said.

The culture minister said that the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Manav Sangrahalay of the Ministry of Culture and the states of Gujarat, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and others have joined hands to give a new dimension to the festival.

"A group of 150 persons from the Northeast will be given a traditional welcome at Madhavpur Mela as representatives of Rukmini's family. The entire concept of celebration

this year is in the spirit of 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat' campaign and symbolises unity in diversity of the country and establishes the East to West connect," he said.

The ministry officials said that all the Union Territories and states except West Bengal are participating in the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat campaign and have been paired for the purpose of exchanges at the level of students, sports and through culture.

"Some of the local sites and temples connected to the Madhavpur festival have been upgraded by the Culture Ministry and connecting the Northeast through such kind of events and cultural exchanges will now be made a regular feature," said Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture.



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Manu Bhaker shoots gold in jr World Cup

SYDNEY, MAR 24 (PTI): Indian shooting sensation Manu Bhaker continued her terrific run of form, claiming the gold medal after prevailing over Thailand's Kanyakorn Hirunphoem in a thrilling final of the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup here today.

Coming off a double gold in her maiden senior World Cup in Mexico recently, the 16-year-old Manu shot 235.9 to finish top of the podium, while Hirunphoem had to be contented with silver after scoring 234.9.

Chinese Kaiman Lu (214.2) completed the podium by winning the bronze.

Another Indian shooter in the fray, Devanshi Rana, also qualified for the final and finished fourth with 195.3.

Manu, Rana and Mahima Agrawal also brought India on top



of the team podium with , while Xiao, Lu and Li Xue won silver for China. Thailand's Hirunphoem, Luxciga Sritinitvoravong and Warunyapha Kaewngoen took the team bronze.

An exciting final characterised the 10m air pistol junior event as Manu prevailed over Hirunphoem (16) at the very last shot, securing India's second individual gold in the

tournament.

After leading the match by as much as 2.2 points, Manu fired six consecutive shots outside the 10th ring, suddenly finding herself one point behind Hirunphoem with only two shots left to fire.

There, the 9.6-9.8 combo signed by the Indian was enough to overtake her rival, who instead sealed her fate with a disappointing 7.9.

Manu -- who won individual and mixed team gold in air pistol at this month's ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara -- finished with the score of 235.9 points, while Hirunphoem who previously wrote a new qualification world record with 576 points took silver with 234.9.

The podium was then completed by People's Republic of China's Lu Kaiman, 41st at last year's ISSF Junior World Championship in Suhl, Germany and making her first Junior World Cup participation Sydney.

Placing just outside of the podium, Manu's teammate Rana failed to put a medal on top of her first international competition. The 18-year-old debutant, took the fourth place with 195.3 points.

A second Chinese finalist 15-year-old Xiao Jiaruixuan, air pistol junior gold medalist at last year's Asian Championship in Wako City, Japan, finished in fifth with 173.2 points.

She was followed by Singapore's 15-year-old Shirlene Hew Yun Ting and Chinese Taipei's 19-year-old Chien Hsin-Yi, who respectively finished in sixth with 153.3 points and in seventh position with 133.5.

At the bottom of the table, Amanda Mak Sao Keng (17) finished eighth in her first international competition ever, scoring 112.9 points.

Indian women hope for change in fortune against England

NIKHIL BAPAT MUMBAI, MAR 24 (PTI): Easily beaten in the tournament opener by Australia, India will hope for a reversal in fortune when they take on England in the women's T20 triangular series here Sunday.

The hosts will need to improve in all three departments if they are to avoid a repeat of the six-wicket defeat to the Aussies at the Brabourne Stadium.

India's middle and lower middle order have not been among the runs and that is an area of concern for the team management.

The likes of Veda Krishnamurthy, Harmanpreet Kaur, Mithali Raj -- who have so much potential and experience -- would certainly be eyeing a better show on a track where the ball is expected to come on to the bat nicely.

If Mithali and Harmanpreet fire in unison they can demoralise even the strong English attack. Even Mumbai girl Jemimah Rodrigues needs to pull her socks up and play to her potential.

Only the form of vice-captain Smriti Mandhana would have satisfied coach Tushar Arothe, but the left-handed batswoman too needs to learn from her past mistakes and stay till the end.

Apart from Smriti, Anuja Patil has been getting some runs, and the team could mull sending her up the order.

Mandhana made a brisk 67 in the game against Australia but admitted that she threw her wicket way. If India want to pile up runs on the board, her role will be crucial again.

On the bowling front, veteran seamer Jhulan Goswami ran though the Australian top-order without getting adequate support from others, including Shikha Pandey and Rumeli Dhar.

Tomorrow, Pandey and Dhar will need to chip in with their effective bowling to restrict England. The spinners -- Poonam Yadav and Deepthi Sharma -- also need to take up responsibility and deliver.

England did play spin well in their win against the Aussies yesterday, so Sharma and Yadav will have to come up with something different to stop them.

England have defeated Australia by eight wickets and will look to continue their winning streak.

All-rounder Netlie Sciver shone with both bat and ball and she would be eyeing another stellar performance, and so would Tamsin Beaumont.

England pacers and spinners have also been among the wickets.

While a win for India will bring them back in contention for a place in the final, another defeat will surely affect their morale, besides making their task even more difficult.

Govt to take foreign Yoga professionals to Kerala

NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI): The AYUSH ministry will organise a tour of Yoga professionals from abroad to Kerala, known as "Yoga's birth place", as part of various programmes in the run up to the International Day of Yoga (IDY).

Yoga Ambassadors Tour, the 10-day educational tour of Kerala is being organised with the support of the Kerala Tourism and the Association of Tourism Trade Organisations, India (ATTOI).

"Applications have been invited from established and practising yoga professionals from around the world to have a first-hand experience of Kerala, the southern state of India, the country proud to be known as the birth place of Yoga," a senior AYUSH Ministry official said.

The tour will culminate on June 21, which is the International Day of Yoga, and the delegates would also get a chance to participate in a mass yoga drill to mark IDY 2018.

"The Yoga professionals do not need to be only yoga practitioners, they can be yoga tour operators or yoga writers.

"India is the source of yoga and place of its origin. We want them to experience and get the feel of how yoga is practiced in India," the official said.

Meanwhile, around 5,000 delegates hailing from 16 countries and more than 40 yoga institutions and universities participated in the three-day International Yoga Fest which began on March 21.

Further, the ministry has shortlisted four cities -- Jaipur, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Mysore -- for holding the main function of International Yoga Day this year.

These four names will now be sent to the PMO which will select one city and then finalise the venue of the main event.

The international yoga fest will be followed by 10 state-level fests to be held in different parts of the country.

Also, 100 yoga teachers have been deployed in Indian missions abroad and delegates from more than 16 countries will participate in the event.

"The aim is to build an atmosphere of yoga leading up to the main event and sensitise the masses about the grand function on June 21," an official had said.

Kohli set to play County cricket to prepare for England

NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI): India captain Virat Kohli is all set to play County cricket in his bid to prepare for the upcoming Test series against England in August-September.

While it is yet to be ascertained which county Kohli will represent, it could be Surrey in all likelihood.

"Virat will be playing for a division one county side for sure. I wouldn't like to add anything more to it. There were talks with Surrey and Essex," a senior BCCI official told PTI on Saturday.

It is learnt that the Indian captain's sole focus is on the five Test series against England and he is ready to miss the one off Test against Afghanistan starting June 14 as he will be busy with his county stint.

He will leave for England after completing his assignment for Royal Challengers Bangalore in the 11th edition of Indian Premier League.

Kohli didn't have a great Test series in England in 2014 when he failed to get even a single half



century.

He was found vulnerable outside the off-stump and Stuart Broad and James Anderson troubled him a lot.

The BCCI is putting in a lot of effort for the upcoming Test series and want more and more players to get accustomed to English conditions.

Accordingly, Cheteshwar Pujara will be turning up for Yorkshire, while Ishant Sharma will be playing for Durham.

It is also learnt that some of the senior India players will also turn up for India A in England in their bid to prepare for the tour.

The likes of Murali Vijay, Ajinkya Rahane are also expected to prop up their preparations.

Punishments are Marijne's way to improve discipline ahead of CWG

SAUMOJYOTI S CHOUDHURY NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI): Sjoerd Marijne is handing out punishments to erring players training for the Commonwealth Games, the Indian men's hockey team chief coach trying out the unique experiment to inculcate in his wards discipline, which he says is key to achieving success.

The Dutchman, who replaced the legendary Roelant Oltmans at the helm, is taking his players to task whenever they are found to be lacking in discipline.

The punishments range from doing push-ups to crawling from one side of the goal to the other and, according to the coach, the players have readily accepted his method.

"I am really happy with our preparation. 2018 is a big year for us and the Commonwealth Games is the first big major tournament and we want to do well in it," Marijne told PTI in an exclusive interview.

"But to do well in big tournaments and against top sides like Australia, we need to be



disciplined. We have been working hard on discipline area and the boys have also realised discipline can make the difference.

"The players who are found to be less disciplined and less energetic on the pitch are given punishments like push-ups and crawling from one side to the other. Of course, the punishments are not from a negative point of view," he said.

Marijne said such tasks would make a player realise that hockey is a team game and one individual mistake can ruin its chances.

"If a player is not doing his task properly and with dedication, it can affect the whole team. So, here comes discipline," he said.

With the Asian Games, Champions Trophy and the

phy and later in the year you have the World Cup at home," Marijne said.

"But it doesn't mean we will give our 80 per cent in the Commonwealth Games. We try to give our 100 per cent in every tournament and the Gold Coast event is very important for us. It's about taking small steps which will eventually lead to bigger goals."

World champions Australia have been a thorn in the flesh for India in the last two Commonwealth Games, having outplayed them in the finals in 2010 and 2014 editions, but Marijne said there is no reason why his side can't get the better of the Kookaburras in Gold Coast.

"Goals are always difficult to set but being the second highest ranked team we will definitely go for the highest position," he said.

"I can't say anything about past but we have closer and closer to Australia so why can't we win (against Australia). It's all about belief.

"But for me the most important match right now is our first game against Pakistan."

Consistency is something which has been hurting Indian hockey for long, and Marijne said: "Consistency is also about discipline. If you are disciplined on the pitch, consistency will come automatically."

India left out their most experienced player and former captain Sardar Singh from the CWG squad and the coach said he has selected the best possible team for the Games.

Marijne further said that irrespective of their performances, the CWG-bound players will continue to be part of the 24 crore probables group, which will be revised after the Games, in a way hinting that it would be tough for Sardar to make a comeback.

"We saw 50 players in five months and played them in two tournaments each and this group has convinced us the most. The 24 players core group will be reworked after the CWG but these 18 players will be there," he said.

Gold hits one-month high on positive global cues

NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI): Gold prices rose by Rs 85 to trade at one-month high of Rs 31,835 per 10 grams today on strong global cues and increased buying by local jewellers.

Silver prices also went up by Rs 50 to Rs 39,600 per kg, on sustained buying by industrial units and coin makers.

Marketmen said, sentiment remained bullish largely backed by a firming trend overseas as renewed trade war fears between the US and China dragged the US dollar down, prompting safe-haven buying.

Globally, gold rose by 1.37 per cent to USD 1,346.80 an ounce and silver by 1.13 per cent to USD 16.53 an ounce in New York in yesterday's trade.

Moreover, pick-up in buying by local jewellers helped the precious metal to hit one-month high, they added.

In the national capital, gold of 99.9 per cent and 99.5 per cent purity rose further by Rs 85 each to Rs 31,835 and Rs 31,685 per 10 grams, respectively, a level last seen on February 27. The yellow metal had surged Rs 250 yesterday.

Sovereign, continued to be traded at previous level of Rs 24,800 per piece of eight grams.

Following gold, silver ready edged higher by Rs 50 to Rs 39,600 per kg and weekly-based delivery by Rs 115 to Rs 38,895 per kg.

On the other hand, silver coins, however, maintained a steady trend at Rs 74,000 for buying and Rs 75,000 for selling of 100 pieces.

Fresh seizure of jewellery, watches from Nirav Modi's Mumbai apartment

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, MAR 24 (PTI): A fresh seizure of antique jewellery, costly watches and paintings of Amrita Sher-Gil and M F Hussain worth Rs 26 crore has been made by the ED from the sea-facing Mumbai apartment of diamantaire Nirav Modi in connection with the over Rs 12,000 crore PNB fraud case.

Officials said the Enforcement Directorate along with the CBI launched fresh searches on March 22 at the Samudra Mahal luxury residential flats of Modi in Mumbai's Worli area which resulted in the recovery of fresh valuables.

Antique jewellery worth Rs 15 crore, costly watches valued at Rs 1.4 crore and paintings of acclaimed artists like Amrita Sher-Gil, MF Hussain and KK Hebbar valued at Rs 10 crore have been seized over the last three days under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), they said.

A lone diamond ring in this cache is valued at Rs 10 crore, they added.

The central probe agency has filed two money laundering FIRs against Nirav Modi and his uncle and Gitanjali Gems promoter Mehul Choksi to probe the alleged over Rs 1,200 crore fraud.

French hero officer who swapped himself for hostage, dies

TREBES, MAR 24 (AP): A French police officer who offered himself up to an extremist gunman in exchange for a hostage has died of his injuries, the interior minister said today.

Col Arnaud Beltrame was among the first officers to respond to the attack on the supermarket in the south of France yesterday. His death, announced by French Interior Minister Gerard Collomb, raises the toll to four. The gunman was also killed, and 15 people were injured in the attack.

The gunman first hijacked a car and opened fire on police, then took hostages inside a supermarket. Baltrame volunteered to take the place of a female hostage and surreptitiously left on his cellphone so police outside could hear what was happening inside the store.

Officials said the decision was made to storm the building when they heard shots fired.



French President Emmanuel Macron said investigators will focus on establishing how the gunman, identified by prosecutors as Moroccan-born Redouane Lakdim, got his weapon and how he became radicalized.

Yesterday night, authorities searched a vehicle and a building in central Carcassonne.

Lakdim was known to police for petty crime and drug dealing. But he was also under surveillance and since 2014 was on the so-called "Fiche S" list, a government register of individuals suspected of being radicalised but who have yet to perform acts of terrorism.

Despite this, Paris prosecutor Francois Mo-

lins said there was "no warning sign" that Lakdim would carry out an attack.

A woman close to Lakdim was taken into custody over alleged links with a terrorist enterprise, Molins said. He did not identify her.

The four-hour drama began at 10:13 a.m (local time) when Lakdim hijacked a car near

Carcassonne, killing one person in the car and wounding the other, the prosecutor said.

Lakdim then fired six shots at police officers who were on their way back from jogging near Carcassonne, said Yves Lefebvre, secretary general of SGP Police-FO police union. The police were wearing athletic clothes with police insignia. One officer was hit in the shoulder, but the injury was not serious, Lefebvre said.

Lakdim then went to a Super U supermarket in nearby Trebes, 100 kilometres southeast of Toulouse, shooting and killing two people in the market and taking an unknown number of hostages. Special police units converged on the scene while authorities blocked roads and urged residents to stay away.

He shouted "Allahu akbar! (God is great)" and said he was a "soldier of the Islamic State" as he entered the Super

U, where about 50 people were inside, Molins said.

"We heard an explosion well, several explosions," shopper Christian Guibbert told reporters. "I went to see what was happening and I saw a man lying on the floor and another person, very agitated, who had a gun in one hand and a knife in the other."

During the standoff, Lakdim requested the release of Salah Abdeslam, the sole surviving assailant of the Nov. 13, 2015, attacks in Paris that left 130 people dead. The interior minister suggested, however, that Abdeslam's release wasn't a key motive for the attack.

The IS-linked Aam-aq news agency said the attacker was responding to the group's calls to target countries in the US-led coalition carrying out airstrikes against IS militants in Syria and Iraq since 2014. France has been repeatedly targeted because of its parties during the commu-

Hardline Buddhist group accused in anti-Muslim riots in Lanka to float political party

COLOMBO, MAR 24 (PTI): A hardline Sinhala-Buddhist group in Sri Lanka, which was allegedly involved in attacks on Muslims during the recent communal riots in the country, has decided to float a political party.

Mahason Balakaya or the Devil Mahasona's Force, which had allegedly published videos of hate speech against Muslims, said it has forwarded papers to the authorities for the party's registration.

"Sinhalese have got no political party while every race has one. We have decided to form a new political party with Mahason Balakaya and several other Sinhala organisations," a spokesman for the group said in the north central town of Anuradhapura.

Mahason Balakaya was accused in arson attacks on Muslims, their religious sites and properties during the commu-

nal violence between majority Sinhala Buddhists and minority Muslims in the island's central hills Kandy and Ampara districts.

The communal violence was triggered by the death of a Sinhalese man at the hands of a mob.

The government had imposed a state of emergency and blocked Facebook, WhatsApp and other social media sites following the riots in which three people were killed and hundreds of Muslim-owned properties, including mosques, were damaged.

Nearly 300 people, including a senior leader of Mahason Balakaya, were arrested during the riots.

Violence has risen in the Buddhist-majority country since 2012, with some hardline Buddhist groups accusing Muslims of forcing people to convert to Islam and vandalising Buddhist archaeological sites.

Tough talk on global trade escalates as Trump claims results

BEIJING, MAR 24 (AFP): The US and China's top economic officials agreed by phone today to "continue to communicate" on trade issues, Chinese state media said, as President Donald Trump pledged his escalating trade showdown would get results despite pushback from Europe and Beijing.

In his latest jolt to the prevailing global order, Trump on Thursday authorised tariffs on as much as USD 60 billion of Chinese imports, targeting sectors in which Washington says China has stolen American technology.

Liu He, the Chinese vice premier in charge of the economy, told US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin today that Beijing was "ready to defend its national interests" but hoped that "both sides will remain rational and work together," according to China's official Xinhua news agency.

He also accused a US probe into Chinese intellectual property practices of violating international trade rules.

China had warned the United States yesterday that it was "not afraid of a trade war" as it threatened tariffs on USD 3 billion worth of US goods in retaliation. And French President Emmanuel Macron said Europe would respond "without weakness" to Washington's threats of tariffs on steel and aluminium.

"Nothing should be addressed when it is with a gun to your head," he said at the end of an EU summit in Brussels.

Global stocks have plummeted as fears rise that the confrontation could provoke a damaging trade war. Meanwhile, World Trade Organization Director-General Roberto Azevedo called for cooler heads to prevail, saying in a statement that new trade barriers would "jeopardise the global economy".

But speaking to reporters yesterday as he signed new budget legislation, Trump said his efforts were beginning to

bear fruit.

Washington this week said it would temporarily exempt Europe as well as countries including Brazil, Argentina, South Korea and Australia from the steep new steel and aluminium tariffs that Trump unveiled this month and which took effect yesterday.

European and US trade officials said this week they were beginning talks to reach a compromise. "Many other countries are now negotiating fair trade deals with us," Trump said Friday.

"Part of the reason, frankly, that we're able to do that is the fact that we have the tariffs on steel and

the tariffs on aluminium."

Meanwhile, US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said yesterday that US and South Korean officials were "relatively close" to reaching a deal on the steel and aluminium tariffs, with an announcement possible as early as next week.

But Beijing yesterday also unveiled a hit list of products that could face duties of up to 25 percent, from fresh fruit to pork and wine, though it stopped short of pulling the trigger as it indicated its readiness to negotiate an agreement.

China's commerce ministry warned that a 15 per cent tariff on

120 goods worth almost USD 1 billion -- including fresh fruit, nuts and wine -- would be imposed if the US fails to reach a "trade compensation agreement" within an unspecified time frame.

In a second step, a 25 percent tariff would be imposed on eight goods totalling nearly USD 2 billion, including pork and aluminium scrap, after "further evaluating the impact of the US measures on China," the statement said.

"China does not want to fight a trade war, but it is absolutely not afraid of a trade war," the commerce ministry said.

The list noticeably

does not include soybeans, a key US export from Trump-voting states that Chinese state-run newspaper the Global Times had suggested should be targeted by Beijing.

Betty Wang, an economist at ANZ bank, said China's reaction was "relatively mild."

"From China's perspective, it absolutely does not want to see a trade war. Coming back to the negotiation table is a relatively good result," Wang said.

The United States had a record USD 375.2 billion goods trade deficit with China last year.

Senior White House economic advisor Ev-

erett Eissenstat said Thursday the new US import duties would target sectors where "China has sought to acquire an advantage through the unfair acquisition or forced technology transfer from US companies."

US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer indicated the industries could include aerospace, maritime and rail transport equipment, and new energy vehicles.

Trump's order also directs the US Treasury to develop new proposals to increase safeguards against Chinese investments in the US that could compromise national security.

N Korea agrees to inter-Korean talks next week: Seoul

SEOUL, MAR 24 (AFP): North Korea today agreed to hold high-level talks with Seoul next week to discuss logistics for a rare inter-Korean summit, the South's Unification Ministry said, as a diplomatic thaw on the peninsula gathers pace.

The two sides will each send a three-member delegation to the border truce village of Panmunjom on Thursday for talks aimed at paving the way for a summit due in late April, it said.

South Korea on Wednesday had proposed holding high-level talks with the North to discuss details including the summit's dates and agenda.

The talks will take place at the Unification Pavilion building on the northern side of Panmunjom, which sits on the border, with Seoul's delegation led by Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon and his counterpart Ri Son Gwon heading

Pyeongyang's.

The decision by President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to meet came amid a rapid rapprochement kicked off with the recent Winter Olympics in the South.

The United States and South Korea announced Tuesday that their annual joint military drills would go ahead next month, but the main exercise will be shortened by a month. The exercises have caused tensions for years, with Pyongyang condemning them as preparations for an invasion of the North.

The inter-Korean summit is due to be followed by a face-to-face meeting between US President Donald Trump and Kim by the end of May.

Following a period of heightened tensions stoked by the North's nuclear and missile tests last year, a rapid rapprochement has been underway on the Kore-

an peninsula.

The North on Wednesday broke its silence on the diplomatic thaw with Washington and Seoul, with its official KCNA news agency saying Pyongyang was driving the peace initiative and rejecting suggestions that sanctions forced it to dialogue table.

As diplomats scurry to arrange the North-South talks as well as the proposed Trump-Kim meeting, the North's silence has raised concerns over its intentions.

North Korean state media have not yet directly mentioned the summits.

Analysts say the North is carefully watching to see how events -- including the US-South Korea military drills -- play out before making them public to its people.

State media in the North have not reported any public activities by Kim since March 6, when they said he held talks with South Korean envoys and made a "satisfac-

tory agreement" on the proposed inter-Korean summit.

Yesterday, Rodong Sinmun, the official daily of the North's ruling Workers Party, attacked the US for continued sanctions and pressure on Pyongyang despite diplomatic progress.

"The good atmosphere appearing on the Korean peninsula has been created by our aggressive efforts and initiatives. It has not been brought about by sanctions by the US and its sycophants," the newspaper said.

"The United States has miscalculated. The stronger the US pressure, the stronger the DPRK (North Korea)... If the US fails to draw a lesson and continues acting recklessly, it would surely be in for a greater humiliation and defeat."

The commentary came as President Trump named John Bolton, a foreign policy hawk, as his new national security adviser.

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ROYAL SCIENCE: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle visit Catalyst Inc, Northern Ireland's next generation science park, to meet young entrepreneurs and innovators in Belfast, Nothern Ireland. The loved-up couple is set to tie the knot at St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on 19 May.

PRIYANKA CHOPRA LOOKING FOR FRESH TALENT

Actress-producer Priyanka Chopra, who has shown support to regional cinema through her production house Purple Pebble Pictures, is now going to help fresh talent break into Bollywood.

Chopra launched the official website for her home banner.

She has included a talent platform that welcomes applicants who have the aptitude and passion in areas such as acting, screenplay writing, cinematography, editing and film direction.

"Anyone with the skills asso-



ciated with filmmaking can apply. Enter your details, and if you fit the bill for any of our upcoming projects, we will get in touch with you. The idea is to provide a platform where talent can be curated, groomed and allowed to excel. There is abundant potential, but not enough opportunities," Priyanka's mother Madhu Chopra, also the co-founder of Purple Pebble Pictures, said in a statement.

"In her early days in Bollywood, Priyanka had no one she could turn to for advice. Through this website, she wants to encourage aspirants who can make it in the entertainment business," Madhu said about her daughter, a former Miss World.

Ryan Reynolds receives a writing credit for Deadpool 2



After bringing Deadpool to life in this landmark 2016 film, actor Ryan Reynolds can now say he's also written for the Merc with a Mouth thanks to the newly minted writing credit on the sequel.

According to the official Deadpool 2 page on the 20th Century Fox website, the official screenwriting credits for the film go to "Rhett Reese & Paul Wernick & Ryan Reynolds", which expands Reynolds' already huge involvement on the film as its star and producer. It's a watershed moment for Reynolds, who, despite dozens of credits as an actor and seven credits as a producer (including films in development), has never had a writing credit before.

Reynolds is officially getting a writ-

ing credit for Deadpool 2, the sequel to the wildly successful, R-rated Marvel Comics-based film. The original was wildly successful, breaking box office records and delighting fans of the comics. It was written by Rhett Reese and Paul Wernick; this film adds Reynolds to that roster of talent.

This is a big step for Reynolds, who has been very vocal about Deadpool ever since he played the character in X-Men Origins: Wolverine. Even though that film was not at all well-received, and people hated where the character went by the end of the movie, some viewers did respond well to Reynolds.

The actor had been attempting to make a solo Deadpool film ever since, and succeeded after (allegedly)

leaking some test footage of himself in the classic black and red suit. Fans went nuts for it, and the test scene was even included in the 2016 film. So, it's only fitting that Reynolds' first writing credit comes with the follow-up to the movie he tried so hard to make.

Deadpool 2 is directed by David Leitch, and stars Reynolds as Deadpool, Brianna Hildebrand as Negasonic Teenage Warhead, Leslie Uggams as Blind Al, Stefan Kapicic as the voice of Colossus, and Karan Soni as Dopinder, with newcomers Zazie Beetz as Domino, Josh Brolin as Cable, Julian Dennison in an unknown role, and Jack Kesy as a villain widely thought to be Black Tom Cassidy. The film hits theaters on May 18.

Audiences appreciated hard push against terror in 'Omerta': Hansal

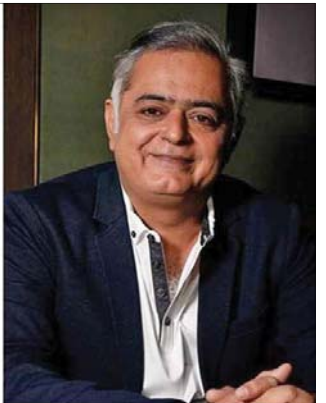
MUMBAI MAR 24 (PTI): Director Hansal Mehta is feeling overwhelmed with the "positive response" to his film "Omerta" at the ongoing Hong Kong International Film Festival (HKIFF).

After getting rave reviews at the Toronto International Film Festival, the Busan International Film Festival and MAMI, "Omerta" featuring Rajkummar Rao in the lead, has garnered a positive response at the HKIFF.

The festival, which is in its 42nd year, is Asia's oldest and screens over 250 titles from more than 55 countries across the world. It started on March 19 and will close on April 5.

Hansal, who was present at the screening, said he was impressed with the number of questions the audiences had for him post the screening.

"I was asked a lot of questions that threw up several new interpretations of how the audience perceived the film. It has definitely got me thinking. As a director, it's fascinating to hear people speak of how they interpreted



your vision.

"I am very happy that the audiences appreciated the hard push against terrorism in the film and how it inspires open dialogue into the matter," Hansal said in a statement.

"Omerta" is the true story of one of

the most dreaded terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh.

Shot in real locations across London and India, the film presented by Swiss Entertainment and Karma Media, and produced by Nahid Khan, releases on April 20.

CHRIS EVANS IS DONE WITH MARVEL AFTER AVENGERS 4!

It is the news that everyone has been waiting for as Chris Evans confirms he really is done with playing Captain America after the Russo Brothers' Untitled Avengers 4.

Alongside big names like Robert Downey Jr. and Chris Hemsworth, Evans helped launch Phase 1 of the MCU playing the First Avenger, Steve Rogers. In addition to starring in two proper solo movies, Evans also led the charge in Captain America: Civil War, the first two Avengers movies, and makes a major return to form in the upcoming Avengers: Infinity War.

The 36-year-old had already teased that the end of Phase 3 could mark the end of his time in the MCU, and it looks like fans now have it in writing.

The star was already signed on for Infinity War, but with the Russos wanting to make the saga a two-parter, Evans extended his contract further. Some hoped that it could become a rolling deal on a movie-by-movie basis, but it seems that the man behind the mantle is ready to move on.

Everyone knew this day was coming, but it doesn't make it any easier to deal with. However, just like the comics, the end of Steve Rogers



doesn't mean the end of the stars and stripes hero. Over the course of Captain America's 77-year history, there have been many notable characters who have picked up that vibranium shield in his absence. Also, while the news doesn't confirm that Rogers will meet one his short-lived comic book demises, fans will undoubtedly start wildly speculating if Captain America is one of those permanent deaths that Kevin Feige has been teasing.

Admittedly, no one can portray the same character forever, and while Downey Jr. and Hemsworth seem happy to play their MCU counterparts, it hammers home the

reality that the existing roster of Avengers is heading towards its twilight years. At least Evans' interview seems to dismiss the long-standing rumors that Rogers will perish during the events of Infinity War - though for all we know, Captain America

may just appear in flashbacks during Avengers 4. Ultimately, it is a game of wait and see, but either way be prepared for a dramatic send-off to Evans' eight years as Captain America when Avengers 4 hits theaters in 2019.

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ARIES: Delays and frustrations could plague you throughout the day, Aries, especially regarding communications. A young visitor you're expecting at your home today could be delayed in some way and might not be able to call and let you know. Don't waste any time worrying. Your friend is probably safe and will eventually turn up. Congested traffic and other unforeseen annoyances are probably to blame. Hang in there.

TAURUS: If you've been thinking about taking a trip, Taurus, this isn't the day to make plans. Whatever you learn today about airline schedules or hotels may not reflect the situation as it really is. If you wait a few days, things should go far more smoothly. If you already have

plans to leave, expect some delays. Don't let them put you in a gloomy state of mind! Make up your mind to have fun!

GEMINI: A letter or phone call regarding money that you may be expecting may still not come today, Gemini. This could put you in a panic and cause you to want to phone those responsible to see what's going on. Don't be surprised if you end up playing phone tag. This just isn't a good day for any sort of communication. Your call will come. Just hang in there for a day or two more.

CANCER: An invitation to a social event could come today, Cancer, and you probably won't want to go. The people involved may not have anything in common with you, and

you'll probably feel the event will be tedious and boring. Nonetheless, there may be business factors involved that could have you thinking you should go anyway. How urgent is the business? How important are the contacts? Think about it before you accept or decline.

LEO: Are you feeling a little under the weather, Leo? You may have been burning the candle at both ends. The obvious tip would be to slow down, but you might feel it isn't possible now. Get as much rest as you can and be sure to eat right. Ask for help if urgent work needs to be done. That way it will get done quickly even if your energy level isn't up to snuff.

VIRGO: A long-anticipated visit from a close friend or love partner may have to be

postponed, Virgo. This could be rather disheartening. You may fear that the postponement implies that the visit will never happen, but this isn't the case. Your friend has probably run into a few snags that need to be straightened out. Be patient and hang in there. All should work out as you want, albeit a bit later!

LIBRA: Career matters may be put on hold today, as important communications you're expecting fail to come on time, Libra. As you're anxious to conclude the matters involved, you could make yourself crazy with frustration. Don't do this. Find something else to do while you're waiting and the time will pass more quickly. You'll get something done besides. Your primary concern

will be resolved, just not when you'd hoped. Be patient!

SCORPIO: Short trips in your neighborhood may be rendered nearly impossible today by factors above and beyond your control, such as traffic, construction, or both, Scorpio. If you have errands to run, put them off. If you can, walk or ride a bicycle. If you must go in the car, however, make sure you have your favorite music with you so you can do something while waiting in traffic.

SAGITTARIUS: This isn't the day to take care of paperwork, Sagittarius, particularly if it involves money. Your mental processes are slower than usual, and you may find that you're easily distracted. Your mood

won't be all that great either, so it might be a good idea to wait a few days before tackling tasks like this. If the work is urgent, ask for help. You'll be able to stay more focused if you do.

CAPRICORN: Communication with partners is likely to be poor to nonexistent today, Capricorn. This isn't the time to enter into contract negotiations or other discussions that could affect your future in a major way. The prevailing mood is down, so whatever you decide today is apt to reflect that mood. It might be best to wait a few days until everyone is in a more positive frame of mind. Hang in there!

AQUARIUS: Whatever work you do today could go more slowly than usual, Aquarius, as you're apt to be a bit distracted.

You may be preoccupied with the past, especially with feelings and events you thought you'd long forgotten that affect your mood in various ways. This might be a good day to concentrate on routine tasks that you can do automatically, if possible.

PISCES: Phone calls and emails between you and your friends may get misplaced or otherwise go astray, Pisces. A little patience is called for when trying to reach anyone at this time, especially if modern technology is involved. If a matter is urgent, it might be best to do the old-fashioned thing and actually go see the person in question. That's the only way to ensure reaching anyone right now.