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Sliding bridge inaugurated at Mantam



**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 14 MAR:**

Vehicles have started plying towards the cut off areas of Sakyong-Pentong and Tingvong GPUs after the inauguration of a new sliding bridge over Mantam Lake today almost two years after a landslide occurred at Syok Bhir in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim.

It may be recalled that the Syok Bhir landslide on 13 Aug 2016 had formed an artificial lake, now called Mantam Lake, and submerged 14 houses of 4th Mile, Mantam village, along with the bridge connecting Tingvong and Sakyong-Pentong GPUs to the rest of the state. The 22m-long bridge with a lifting capacity of 10 tonnes

has been constructed by Land & Revenue Department and executed by Roads & Bridges Department.

It was inaugurated today by Deputy Speaker SLA cum Dongu MLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, in the presence of Secretary of Land & Revenue Department, Chairperson of Sikkim Nationalised Transport,

District Collector [North], Special Secretary [LRD], Panchayat members and officials from various departments.

Area MLA, Mr Lepcha stated that the bridge had made it possible to provide relief to 11 villages of the two GPUs on the left bank of Rengyong River. He further added that this was just a temporary bridge and

the permanent bridge will be up at the earliest.

He also expressed gratitude to all who put their efforts into the construction of the bridge. The concerned engineer from Roads & Bridges Department explained about the sliding system of the bridge that can be placed at one side when the water level rises.



BJP blighted in bypolls, loses all 3 LS seats in UP, Bihar

LUCKNOW/PATNA, MAR 14 (PTI): In a stunning blow to the BJP ahead of the 2019 general elections, the party today lost bypolls to all three Lok Sabha seats it contested, including its bastion Gorakhpur, and Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh, besides Araria in Bihar.

The shocker for the BJP came days after its surprise win in three northeastern states, including Tripura, where it scripted history, demolishing the Left citadel of 25 years and forming its first government in the state. Together with its regional allies, the BJP also formed its governments in Nagaland and Meghalaya.

A consolidation of OBC, Dalit and Muslim votes powered Samajwadi Party candidates to victory in Gorakhpur, a seat represented by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for five successive terms, and Phulpur, which elected his deputy Keshav Prasad Maurya in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. BJP had won Phulpur for the first time.

Both of them had won their seats by margins of over 3 lakh votes. Samajwadi Party's Pravin Nishad defeated BJP's Upendra Dutt Shukla by 21,961 votes in Gorakhpur, the seat which was with the party since

1989, while Nagendra Pratap Singh Patel of SP clinched the Phulpur seat drubbing the saffron party's Kaushalendra Singh Patel by 59,460 votes.

Lalu Prasad's RJD retained the Araria Lok Sabha seat where its nominee Sarfaraz Alam beat BJP's Pradeep Kumar Singh by over 60,000 votes, in a set back for the JD(U)-BJP alliance, which went to the hustings for the first time after Nitish Kumar returned to the NDA fold.

In small consolation for the BJP, its candidate Rinki Rani Pandey retained the Bhabhua Assembly seat for the party, defeating her Congress rival Shambhu Singh Patel by about 14,000 votes.

The RJD retained the Jehanabad Assembly seat, with its nominee Sunday Yadav defeating his JD(U) rival Abhiram Sharma by more than 30,000 votes.

Buffeted by the surprise defeat, Adityanath attributed it to "overconfidence" of the party and called for an in-depth analysis of the causes.

"We failed to understand the implications of this alliance between Samajwadi Party and Bahujan Samaj Party that are as different as chalk and cheese in the middle of the elections as part

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LS passes budget without debate; both Houses adjourn amid din

NEW DELHI, MAR 14 (PTI): The Lok Sabha today passed the crucial Finance Bill 2018 and a Rs 89.25 lakh crore spending plan for the next fiscal year without discussion amid ruckus, which led to the adjournment of both the Houses of Parliament for the eighth day.

The Finance Bill as well as the Appropriation Bill were passed in a matter of 25 minutes during which opposition parties and ruling NDA ally TDP shouted slogans and created a din. The Lower House was adjourned for the day immediately thereafter.

The opposition parties protested against the passage of the budget without debate, as the session is slated to continue till April 6.

The Rajya Sabha, which was informed of the passage of the budget by the Lok Sabha at 2 PM, was also adjourned for the day within about three minutes thereafter.

In the Lok Sabha, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley moved 21 amendments to the Bill containing taxation proposals for 2018-19, which were approved by voice vote. So was the Appropriation Bill which detailed spending plans for 99 government ministries and departments.

With this, the parliamentary approval for the Modi government's fifth and final budget was completed in the Lok

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Mamata and Chamling to talk peace

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 14 MAR:**

Contradictory to her last statements where she had blamed Sikkim of encouraging unrest in Darjeeling Hills in her last visit to Darjeeling, West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee has today announced a meeting with Chief Minister Pawan Chamling on 16 Mar for peace and prosperity of both the States.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of Darjeeling Business Summit in Chowrasta, Ms Banerjee said, "Day after tomorrow, I will be meeting the Sikkim CM at Uttar Kanya [Secretariat of Government of WB] in Siliguri where we will discuss developments in Darjeeling and on maintaining peace between the two



neighbours. We can work together for the interest of Darjeeling and the country as a whole."

The WB Chief Minister while inviting industrialists and businessmen from North Bengal to invest in Darjeeling also urged participation of investors from Sikkim.

Speaking about the

Summit, Ms Banerjee said, "We have done a lot of business summits in Bengal and North Bengal but it had never happened exclusively in Darjeeling with this being the first time. This has been possible today because GTA, state government and the local people are now all

working together. This is being done for the development of Darjeeling. Darjeeling is an international tourist spot but we never got an opportunity to nurture it."

Maintaining that about Rs 2,000 crore worth proposals had come up during the meetings held here, she added, "More investments will be made in the days to come if there is peace. I am repeating what I said yesterday. Give me peace and we will give you prosperity. Darjeeling is a small place but in just one meeting we have received proposals of about Rs 2,000 crore and more proposals are expected to come up today as well. You all should realize that Delhi is far and Bengal is near which means that through Bengal, we have

to make Darjeeling better and beautiful."

"If the GTA, the state government and public representatives work together, I believe there is no power that can stop us. Whenever Darjeeling is on its way ahead, some trivial matters come up thus stopping its progress. This should not happen again. I do not want anything from Darjeeling in return. I only want peace here so that our government can provide help and support. Employment opportunities for the younger generation will be set on a priority basis," said Ms Banerjee adding that WB Police will be recruiting 300 Home Guards from Darjeeling.

Stressing on the brand name of Darjeeling

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Theoretical scientist Stephen Hawking dies at 76

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, MAR 14 (PTI): Stephen Hawking, the legendary British theoretical physicist who explored the mysteries of the universe from his wheelchair and went on to become an inspiring figure globally, died today at his home in Cambridge.

His family said that Hawking, 76, died peacefully in his home near Cambridge University, where he did much of his ground-breaking work on black holes and relativity.

"We are deeply saddened that our beloved father passed away today," Hawking's children, Lucy, Robert and Tim said in a statement.

"He was a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years. His courage and persistence with his brilliance and humour inspired people across the world," the statement said.

"He once said, 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.' We will miss him for ever," it added.

British Prime Minister Theresa



May led tributes to the UK's famous scientist as "one of the greatest scientists of his generation" whose legacy will not be forgotten.

"Professor Stephen Hawking was a brilliant and extraordinary mind. His courage, humour and determination to get the most from life was an inspiration," she said.

She had been at the receiving end of that sense of humour when Hawking left her speechless over Brexit.

"I deal with tough mathematical

questions every day, but please don't ask me to help with Brexit," Hawking told her after she presented him with the 2016 Pride of Britain Award soon after the referendum in favour of Britain's exit from the European Union (EU).

Hawking was born in Oxford, England, on January 8 the 300th anniversary of the death of astronomer and physicist Galileo Galilei.

Hawking suffered from ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), a

neurodegenerative disease commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, which is usually fatal within a few years. He was diagnosed in 1963, when he was 21, and doctors initially only gave him a few years to live.

But he went on to study at Cambridge and became one of the most brilliant theoretical physicists since Albert Einstein.

The disease left Hawking wheelchair-bound and paralysed. He was able to move only a few fingers on one hand and was completely dependent on others or on technology for virtually everything -- bathing, dressing, eating, even speech.

Known for his unique way of speaking while living his life in a wheelchair, Hawking became an emblem of human determination and curiosity.

Hawking's first major breakthrough came in 1970, when he and Roger Penrose applied the mathematics of black holes to the entire universe and showed that a singularity, a region of infinite curvature

in space-time, lay in our distant past: the point from which came the big bang.

His seminal contributions continued through the 1980s. The theory of cosmic inflation holds that the fledgling universe went through a period of terrific expansion.

In 1982, Hawking was among the first to show how quantum fluctuations tiny variations in the distribution of matter might give rise through inflation to the spread of galaxies in the universe.

But it was 'A Brief History of Time' that rocketed Hawking to stardom. Published for the first time in 1988, the title made the 'Guinness Book of Records' after it stayed on 'The Sunday Times' bestsellers list for an unprecedented 237 weeks. It sold 10 million copies and was translated into 40 different languages.

Hawking won the Albert Einstein Award, the Wolf Prize, the Copley Medal, and the Fundamental Physics Prize. The Nobel prize, however, eluded him.

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Committed to fight till the end for total Parivartan say SKM MLAs

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 MAR:**

Sangha MLA, Sonam Lama and Syari MLA, Kunga Nima Lepcha have filed an FIR at Sadar Thana against one Zangpo Denzongpa of Namchi for posting defamatory news on social media recently stating that the two MLAs have left Sikkim Krantikari Morcha and joined Bharatiya Janata Party.

Condemning the news as fake, SKM acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha, in a press release issued today has appealed to the people to ignore such rumours as they have vowed to fight against corruption, discrimination, oppression and misrule and are committed to fight till the end for total Parivartan under the banner of SKM party.

They have also extended gratitude to supporters who have refuted the bogus news through their comments and added that the defamatory news had been posted as a desperate effort to derail the party's progress which has been drawing large number of people to the party.

Free veterinary camp by SSB in West Sikkim

GANGTOK, 14 MAR [PIB]: Sashastra Seema Bal, Sikkim Area [under Sector Head Quarter, SSB Gangtok] organised a free veterinary camp at Meliaching/Pachethang in West Sikkim today wherein free medicines were also distributed. Approximately 50 families rearing domestic animals benefitted from the camp.

Zilla Panchayat member, Rimbi-Melli constituency, Tara Gurung, and Panchayat President of Pachethang, Meewang Limboo, attended the programme. They appreciated the initiative taken up by SSB.

The locals also extended gratitude to SSB and urged them to organize such camps in the remote villages along the Indo-Nepal border as well. Besides, the locals also requested the SSB to organize medical camps for the people of remote villages.

Ginger seed and poly pipes distributed at Lum

**SUMMIT REPORT
MANGAN, 14 MAR:**

On the third day of his North Sikkim tour, Minister for Animal Husbandry Department, Somnath Poudyal, today visited Lum village of Lum/Gor/Sangtok GPU of Dzongu in North Sikkim in the presence of Deputy Speaker [SLA] cum Dzongu MLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, and other officials.

Delivering the welcome speech, Zilla member, Tshering Gyatso Lepcha, underlined the development undertaken by Animal Husbandry and Horticulture Department in Dzongu and said that the state government has provided various schemes at the door of the people.

Area MLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha in his speech informed that the state government has sanctioned the marketing centre at Mangshila



along with vehicles for carrying vegetables. He further stated that Lum has improved in the field of organic farming and many other developments in the area have been possible owing to the active participation of the Panchayats.

Director, Horticul-

ture, Karma Bhutia, informed about different schemes under Horticulture Department for the upliftment of the farmers while urging for farmers' involvement in organic farming.

Encouraging the farmers to undertake Organic Mission, Min-

ister Somnath Poudyal appealed to the farmers to stop worrying about marketing since its responsibility falls on Sikkim State Co-operative Supply & Marketing Federation Ltd [SIMFED].

The Minister also announced a series of

schemes demanded by the people including distribution of organic manure, irrigation facilities, setting up of cold storage, power tiller, etc. He added that the department will be monitoring the requirements in various areas.

"The beneficiaries should not misuse the schemes being provided by the state government and make proper use of it instead," said Mr Poudyal.

An interactive session was also held with the farmers during the meeting.

Twenty-five farmers of Lum were provided with ginger seeds. In addition, ginger seeds and poly pipes were also distributed to 13 women Self Help Groups.

Later, Mr Poudyal also held a meeting with the Panchayats and public at Gnon Sangdong and visited the agriculture farm there.



State Health Minister visits Ayurveda Institute in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 14 MAR

[IPR]: As envisioned by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling to ensure the quality of the upcoming fifty bedded AYUSH hospital at Gyalshing, Health Minister, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, along with former Joint Secretary, AYUSH Ministry, AK Ganariwala, and Medical Superintendent, STNM Hospital, Dr KB Gurung, visited All India Institute of Ayurveda [AIIA], a super specialty hospital of Government of India at Sarita Vihar in New Delhi today.

The visiting team thoroughly inspected the institute and noted special features of the establishment and its specialty to replicate in the upcoming AYUSH hospital at Gyalshing.

Head of the institute, Director Prof [Dr] Tanuja Manoj Nesari informed about various particularities and attributes of the patient friendly Ayurveda hospital which has complete components of Translatory Research

division, Academic section and Hospital division within its premises.

After visiting all the departments/wards including Panchakarma, Yoga, Physiotherapy, OPD, Blood Bank, ENT, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Pediatric, ICU, Labour Room, OT, Surgery, Dental, Pharmacy, etc., Mr Ghatani applauded the arrangements of the modern Ayurveda hospital supported by diagnostic unit to extend holistic health care package to the patients.

Further, the Director welcomed a request made by the Minister to provide training for Sikkimese students in panchakarma and other fields of their interest in Ayurveda science. He also urged experts to conduct research on ayurvedic potential and medicinal herbs in the State of Sikkim.

Mr Ganariwala also came out with suggestions towards development in Ayurveda sector in Sikkim.



Lingi Paiyong SS celebrates Pi Day

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 MAR:**

Mathematics Club of Lingi Paiyong Secondary School, South Sikkim today observed Pi Day, the annual celebration of the mathematical constant "π", a press release informs.

Coordinator of the club, Satyendra Singh [Graduate Teacher], addressed the students and informed them about Pi, its significance, origin and its application. Students from classes IX and X demonstrated the process to find the value of Pi.

Mr Singh sponsored the prizes to all the participants which were handed over by the Headmaster of the school.

It may be mentioned here, Pi Day is observed on 14 Mar since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π.



Chenrezig statue 87% complete, aims inauguration next month

GYALSHING, 14 MAR [IPR]: A coordination meeting regarding the completion of Chenrezig Rivo Singkham Potala at Sangacholing, West Sik-

kim, was held at the construction site today.

Cultural Affairs & Heritage Minister, GM Gurung, who also chaired the meeting, informed

that after around nine years of "selfless hard work and dedication" of all involved in the construction, the project is **turn to pg03**

Theoretical scientist Stephen Hawking...

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Despite being a British citizen he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the US' highest civilian honor, in 2009 by President Barack Obama.

In his 2013 memoir, he described how he felt when first diagnosed with motor neurone disease.

"I felt it was very unfair why should this happen to me. At the time, I thought my life was over and that I would never realise the potential I felt I had. But now, 50 years later, I can be quietly satisfied with my life," he

wrote.

He went on to become the subject of the 2014 film 'The Theory Of Everything', which starred Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones.

Redmayne, who won an Oscar for his portrayal as the physicist in the film, said in a statement: "We have lost a truly beautiful mind, an astonishing scientist and the funniest man I have ever had the pleasure to meet."

Social media was instantly abuzz with tributes to the world-renowned astrophysicist,

including a message from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella said, "we lost a great one today", adding: "Stephen Hawking will be remembered for his incredible contributions to science making complex theories and concepts more accessible to the masses."

Hawking once said: "I want to show that people need not be limited by physical handicaps as long as they are not disabled in spirit."

He leaves behind three children and three grandchildren, according

to his website.

A book of condolence will be set up at Gonville and Caius College in Cambridge, where Hawking was a Fellow.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Professor Stephen Toope, said the Fellow was a "unique individual" who would be remembered with "warmth and affection".

Toope said: "His exceptional contributions to scientific knowledge and the popularisation of science and mathematics have left an indelible legacy. His character was an inspiration to millions."

Multi-specialty medical camp held at Namok PHSC



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 MAR:**

NHPC Ltd, Teesta-IV HE Project, North Sikkim under its CSR&SD initiatives in association with District Health Department, Mangan organized a health check-up camp at Namok Primary Health Sub Centre in North Sikkim today, a press release informs.

A team of specialist doctors led by Dr Deepika Pradhan [Obstetrics and Gynaecology], Dr Upashna Gurung [Psychiatry], Dr Pema Seden Lepcha [ENT], Dr H Pradhan [Medicine] from Mangan District Hospital, Dr Adarsh Rai [Medical Officer in Charge, Phudung Primary Health Centre], Dr Deepa [Dentist, Phudung PHC] along with Dr LN Hanner [Deputy Chief Medical Officer] gave con-

sultation to about 407 patients including children from adjoining Wards of Namok-Swayem GPU. Prescribed medicines were arranged by NHPC Ltd and were distributed free of cost to the patients. Chief Engineer, Teesta Stage-IV HEP, Ramesh Mukhiya, inaugurated the camp and briefed the gathering about the on-going CSR-SD activities. He requested the entire public to take maximum benefit out of the camp. He also conveyed the commitment of NHPC to improve health services in the district and thanked president, vice-president and all Ward members of Namok-Swayem GPU for their support in organising the medical camp and expressed hope for the same in future.

BJP blighted in bypolls, loses...

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of bargain for the Rajya Sabha elections," he said. The SP is backing BSP candidate for the coming Rajya Sabha polls in the state.

The SP's victory reminded many of the triumph of the now defunct JD(U)-RJD-Congress Grand Alliance in Bihar which had trounced the BJP-led NDA in 2015. The victory was attributed to the consolidation of OBC and Muslim voters in favour of the Grand alliance after the two major parties-JD(U) and RJD came together.

In Uttar Pradesh, besides the BJP, the SP and BSP are major protagonists in the political arena. The SP and BSP had formed a coalition government in the state in 1993 when the BJP, despite emerging as the single largest party following the demolition of the Babri mosque, failed to get a majority.

In Gorakhpur, a con-

solidation of OBC-Dalit-Muslim votes, which used to get split between the SP and BSP, besides the support of smaller entities like the Nishad Party and Peace Party, worked wonders for the Samajwadi Party candidates.

The Nishad Party holds considerable influence over the fisherfolk community in the belt, while the Peace Party is a force to reckon with among Muslims in the area. Keshav Prasad Maurya said the SP's victory was the result of BSP's ability to transfer its votes to the former.

possibility.

Congress president Rahul Gandhi described the results as a reflection of public anger against the BJP.

"Congratulations to the winners of today's by-elections. It is clear from the results that voters have a lot of anger towards the BJP and will vote for any non-BJP candidate who has more chances of winning. The Congress is keen on rebuilding the party in Uttar Pradesh, but that will not happen overnight," he tweeted in Hindi.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav termed the victory as one of "social justice" and profusely thanked the BJP for it.

The BJP had scored a thumping victory in Uttar Pradesh in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, and together with ally Apna Dal, won 73 of the states 80 seats. The NDA allies had polled 43.3 per cent votes.

The SP had pocketed 22.2 per cent votes and won five seats, while the BSP failed to open its account despite polling 19.6 per cent votes. The combined percentage of votes polled by the two parties was marginally less than the NDA's at 41.8 per cent.

The NDA improved upon its performance in the 2017 Assembly polls, winning 325 seats in the 403-member Assembly, polling 48.7 per cent votes. The SP won 47 seats with 21.8 per cent votes. The BSP won 19 seats with 22.2 per cent votes.

The two parties together polled 40.8 per cent votes.

As the BJP reviews the causes for the shock defeat and goes back to the drawing board to finetune its strategy for the 2019 elections, today's victory gave its rivals, beset by a string of defeats, a reason to smile, and forge closer ties to take on the NDA.

**Gangtok on
Thursday,
15 Mar**

Temp: 22°C / 11°C
Forecast: Mostly
cloudy with a couple
of showers and a
thunderstorm,
mainly later.
Sunrise: 05:46AM
Sunset: 5:44 PM

LS passes budget without debate...

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Sabha, where the ruling BJP-led NDA enjoys absolute majority. Earlier this week, the BJP had issued a three-day whip to its members to be present in the House.

As slogan-shouting began soon after the House assembled, Speaker Sumitra Mahajan accepted Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ananth Kumar's proposal for advancing the time of the passage of the Finance and other bills, scheduled in the agenda at 5 PM, to noon.

Thereafter she adjourned the House till 12 PM as members of the opposition and TDP and AIADMK raised slogans on various issues including against the passage of the budget without debate, the Rs 12,700 crore banking scam, special status to Andhra Pradesh and setting up of Cauvery Management Board for river water sharing by riparian states.

Neither the Lok Sabha, nor the Rajya Sabha have transacted any substantial business in the past eight days since the second leg of the budget session began on March 5.

Mamata and Chamling to talk peace...

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ing, Ms Banerjee said that more hotels should be set up here as most of the hotels were packed for the month of April and May this year proving that there is demand.

"There are many opportunities like in the field of agriculture, eco-tourism, trade, homestays, skill development, horticulture, medical plant and many areas where we can work in a better manner. The Confederation of Indian Industry has also prepared some plans. They will be submitting their final plan later. I am happy that homestays, skill development and IT Department will all be set up within Kurseong which will turn it to an educational hub with folk art centers in Mirik. The investment proposals that are coming are especially for food processing sector, hotels, dairy, aquarium, eco tourism, tea tourism, agro industries, medicinal plants and orchids among others. This first business summit is a positive step to give a boost to the hill's economy," added Ms Banerjee.

During the meet today, various proposals were raised that included projects like distillation plant for Tulsi, broom making, honey processing, ginger processing in Gorubathan, floating handicraft market in Mirik, Art and Folk centre in eight different places, homestay tourism in



Orientation programme on POCSO & Juvenile Justice Act

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 14 MAR:**

Daylong orientation cum counseling programme on POCSO Act 2012 and Juvenile Justice Care & Protection Act 2015 was organised by District Child Protection Unit, East at

Juvenile Observation Home in Gangtok on 13 Mar, a press release informs.

The programme was attended by the staff of Juvenile Observation Home, East and Childline Gangtok, Rongli and Rangpo.

District Child Protection Of-

ficer, East, Deepak Kiran Rai, highlighted on POCSO Act 2012 while Clinical Psychologist of One Stop Center, Lumsey, Enchuk Dolkar Namgyal, detailed on the techniques of counseling especially for children in conflict with law and child in need

of care and protection.

Likewise, Programme Officer, State Adoption Resource Agency, Peter Rai, spoke on adoption while Liaison Officer cum Programme Officer, Pema Wangmu Bhutia, gave a brief presentation on JJ Act 2015.

Public toilet in Ranipool renovated, a breather for locals from foul odour

**NITESH PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 14 MAR:**

Dilapidated and often stinky, the public toilets in the State are in shambles even inviting the ire of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling who always mentions the importance of cleanliness in public spaces particularly in such utility facilities.

With the completion of the upgradation of one badly maintained public toilet located at Pakyong road in Ranipool, Gang-



tok Municipal Corporation [GMC] has remodeled the ignored site into a clean spot.

The GMC took the help of Lower Samdur Labour Cooperative Society as the agency to carry out the work.

With the vertical extension to the already existing public toilet, the mini project was completed in a short period, from Dec 2017 to Jan 2018.

This particular public toilet in Ranipool evokes a bad memory for the residents of the bazaar, characterised by ever

present foul odour.

"We are happy that our fellow locals along with GMC have completed this project which is a good addition to important utilities for Ranipool," says a long time resident of the area, Anand Dhakal.

The two-storeyed structure houses a cafeteria on the first floor and public toilet on the ground floor.

Gangtok Mayor, Shakti Singh Choudhary, has thanked the people of the area for positive response. He also informed that such projects are

currently underway in many areas of the capital.

"We have also constructed a new toilet at Deorali-Chorten road stretch," he added.

Such public utilities under severe stress with high footfalls coupled with bad maintenance have often given a bad experience particularly to tourists.

One tourist from Kolkata, Souman Biswas, also complained of lack of locker and cloakroom facility in the capital which he states is "a must for any visitor friendly city".

Chenrezig...

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now nearing completion.

He informed that the Chief Minister has scheduled the inauguration for next month and called on everyone to work with extra diligence in the final phase.

Citing the example of the lighting effects of Singapore, he suggested that the Power & Energy Department install attractive lights to add more beauty to the area.

The meeting was also attended by MLA Chandra Maya Subba, Chief Administrator R. Ongmu, former Minister DN Thakarpa, Chairperson-Cultural Board Sonam Wanchuk Bhutia, Secretary Buildings, Secretary Cultural Affairs, officials, religious committee and contractors.

Earlier, progress reports of the concerned departments were placed detailing that 87% of the work has been completed.

Spandan national art festival kicks off at Limboo Bhawan



GANGTOK, 14 MAR (IPR): SPANDAN, a national art festival, kicked off today at the Limboo Bhawan, DPH Road, Gangtok. The six-day festival is being organized by SPANDAN International, Goa as part of SPANDAN Global Art Festival in all over the country and abroad. The global art festival commenced from July 2016 and will continue till December 2018.

Former Deputy Speaker of Sikkim Legislative Assembly, CB Subba was present as the chief guest and Bazaar Officer, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Atish Rai as guest of honor.

Addressing the inaugural function, chief guest, Mr Subba said, "Art only changes its forms but never dies and we should preserve our tra-

ditional arts and encourage our younger generation to come forward in this field. Sikkim needs more awareness, workshops and seminars to promote paintings, photography and sculptures. The state has unique features which can be reflected in the form of art."

Bazaar Officer, Atish Rai spoke about the importance of the art festival and of paintings, photography and sculptures.

Organizer, Anant Vikas informed that the festival is open for all and anyone can display their arts and crafts during the six-day fest.

A total of 15 different artists from Sikkim, Assam, Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura and Gujarat have displayed their paintings at the festival.

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NOTICE

The date for conducting the written examinations for the post of General Duty Medical Officer (GDMO) as advertised vide Advertisement No: 01/SPSC/EXAM/2018. DATED: 16/01/2018 in the Sikkim State Health Service, Government of Sikkim, through Direct Recruitment is hereby fixed as per details given below:-

Papers	Date	Time	Venue
Paper - I	26.04.2018	10:30 am - 01:30 pm	Sir Tashi Namgyal Senior Secondary School, (TNSSS) Development Area, Gangtok.
Paper - II	28.04.2018		
Paper - III	30.04.2018		

Rejection list of candidates who do not qualify for the post as per the advertised criteria will be uploaded in the SPSC website w.e.f 22.03.2018. Rejected candidates may submit their queries of any with justification to the office of the Controller, SPSC w.e.f 22/03/2018 to 06/04/2018 during office hours for redressal of their grievances.

The eligible candidates may download their admit cards from **09th April, 2018 to 21st of April, 2018** from the official website of Sikkim Public Service Commission i.e. **www.spscskm.gov.in**.

Admission to all the stages of examination for which candidates are admitted by the Commission viz: Written Examination and Viva-voce will be purely provisional, subject to their satisfying the prescribed eligibility conditions. If on verification at any point of time before or after the Written Examination and Viva-Voce, it is found that they do not fulfil any of the eligibility conditions, their candidature for the examination/post will be cancelled by the Commission.

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Find Time to Rethink Waste

Earnest awareness and engagement on garbage management

Gangtok has for long been a tourist town unique for its general cleanliness. Being the capital of a State to which modern waste management is a recent experience and garbage a recent (a decade and a half old) problem, this is an impressive achievement. Admittedly, its still relatively small size helps keep things in better nick, but Gangtok has also been witnessing a sustained population boom and the capital is now a contiguous stretch of buildings from Tashi View Point to Ranipool. Urban planning rambles along lost between being woefully inadequate to blissfully absent, and the one eyesore where this is most noticeable is in the civic sense of the residents. The waste management system of the town is still not crumbling, but that is no thanks to people's engagement but is driven primarily by the GMC-UD&HD combine and its interventions. Many years ago, it was again an outside agency's top-down initiative that introduced garbage management in Gangtok through an AusAud programme. When they left, so did the resuscitated civic organisations. Now, the municipal corporation is trying to help Gangtokians dispose and segregate their waste more responsibly. What is missing, however, is spontaneity among the stakeholders. There is no surprise there because people even had problems when asked to drop off their garbage to the collection trucks. To have expected them to take with any real interest to segregating waste was always a tall ask.

One had hoped that the municipalisation of Gangtok and some other towns in the State would have facilitated such engagements and awareness and hope flickers occasionally when municipal councilors make the occasional public appearance in cleanliness drives and overseeing jhora-cleaning operations in their respective jurisdictions. What remains unfortunately missing, at least in the public initiatives and statements coming out of the GMC, is a reassuring signal that it understands the garbage management problems confounding Gangtok in particular and Sikkim in general. The priorities appear to be mixed up, with supporting initiatives gaining primacy over policy and planning measures. When councillors arrive at cleanliness drives, they contribute not with their sweeping skills but by underlining, with their presence, the need for public participation for such initiatives. For instance, CCTV cameras at jhoras might work as strong deterrents against irresponsible dumping, but deterrence has a limited shelf-life and for responsible disposal, waste management needs to become a habit at every home. The existing models for awareness drives are not delivering the required results and maybe it is time to devise something more earnest and genuine – like involving the children instead.

Meanwhile, it is also important that the safai karamcharis are better looked after. It is not enough to remember them once a year with felicitations and gifts. They serve Sikkim despite everything, so the least that can be offered them is a safer work environment. The rubber gloves and masks issued to garbage handlers and sweepers wear out within a week and it is disturbing to see them handle all the filth with the flimsiest of protections. They should ideally also receive a special medical package for their hazardous working conditions and then some more extra emoluments over and above their salaries for the hours they spend keeping Sikkim clean.

The logistics and humanity of garbage management apart, one expects the urban body representatives to also deliver the State a coherent and sustainable garbage management policy. They should not just inherit and continue with the system passed on to it by the UD&HD. Because they are more accountable to the people, one hopes they will tweak this system, scratch that, replace it with something which is more in sync with the image that Sikkim aspires to project. At present, waste management continues to be managed with disposal seen as the only option. The speed with which the dump at 32 Mile has been over-run, and the one at Marchak before that, should convince all that waste needs to be examined as part of a cycle of production-consumption-recovery, with the last aspect of “recovery/ recycling” being the one which will ensure overall sustainability.

Without it, new garbage dumping grounds will need to be found every few years. And no, one recycling plant at Lal Bazaar will not suffice. Why, even the 32 Mile land-fill did flirt with composting for a short while, but the machinery and the prospects were lost to departmental disinterest. Waste can actually become wealth and has tremendous potential not only for generating livelihoods for the urban poor but can also enrich the earth through composting and recycling rather than spreading pollution as has been the case. Compost is only one part of recycling. The tons of plastic and other non-biodegradable waste can also be recycled profitably into ply-boards and other products which can become a niche and wellpatronised industry. These are only stray ideas; fact remains that garbage management needs a rethink of a policy-shift scale and not just token displays and gimmickry.

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#YouToo? When the predator is your partner

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In 2018, the International Women's day can be proud to now count on the #MeToo movement, recently praised by the United Nations experts in women's human rights.

Yet if sexist violence against women has been under the spotlight and denounced in every context over the last few months, it is crucial to remember that most physical and sexual violence against women is at the hands of their partner.

In France, the case of Alexia Daval, who was found murdered in October 2017 and whose husband, Jonathann, finally confessed to the crime in January, was heavily covered by European media. In June 2017, even before Alexia's death, several scholars and feminists denounced conjugal violence that is too often described as a “crime of passion”.

Such murders of women are all too common. In Argentina, the killing of 19 women in 18 days sparked massive protests against gender violence in 2016, spreading across Latin America in the past two years under the banner of “Ni una mas” (“not one more”).

According to the World Health Organization, 38% of all female murders globally (compared to only 6% of male murders) are perpetrated by a current or former spouse or partner. The prevalence of intimate partner violence (IPV) more broadly is at “epidemic” proportions: 30% of women worldwide who have been married or in a consensual union have experienced physical or sexual violence at the hands of their partner. While such violence can affect men, in the vast majority of cases, including in Europe, the woman is the victim and the man the perpetrator.

The economic, social and health consequences for women, their families, communities and societies, are tremendous, even if they have not received the political attention they should.

Compared to women who have not experienced such violence, abused women are more than twice as likely to have experienced an unintended pregnancy that ended in an abortion, almost twice as likely to experience depression, and more likely to have a premature or low-weight birth. Almost half of the women who experience physical or sexual violence by partners report sustaining physical injuries that require medical assistance.

A SERIES OF FACTORS

Decades of research in both developed and developing countries suggest a series of individual, relational, community and societal risk factors associated with women becoming victims of intimate partner violence, and men becoming perpetrators.

Individual risk factors include witnessing their mother being the victim of abuse, experiencing physical or sexual abuse themselves as a child, the harmful use of alcohol as a trigger factor, and the acceptance of violence as justifiable behaviour.



Relational risk factors include controlling behaviour by the male partner, marital discord, and large age and educational gaps between the two partners. Community-level risk factors include high neighbourhood unemployment, poverty and/or crime rates, a high proportion of illiteracy, and presence of individuals who justify intimate partner violence. Gender inequality is also strongly associated with high levels of IPV. As the WHO stated in a 2010 report “Preventing intimate partner and sexual violence against women”:

“Gender inequality and male dominance reduces the opportunities for women to be involved in decision-making at every level; decreases the resources available to women; and increases acceptance of the use of violence against women.”

EDUCATION AND ASSET OWNERSHIP MITIGATE RISKS

A consistent result from developing countries is that women's education is associated with a lower risk of physical violence particularly their having completed secondary schooling.

Being economically active turns out to be more complicated; some studies find it decreases the risk, while others have found no relation or even a backlash effect. What may matter more is whether women control the income they earn, and especially if they own assets. Economic vulnerability – fear of losing access to shelter and being deprived of the means of generating an income – is one of the reasons that abused women often stay in an oppressive relationship.

Ownership of a dwelling or land may provide women with a concrete option, a place to which to move or the legal standing to be able to exclude an abusive spouse from the home. It may also increase women's bargaining power in a relationship and deter abuse by reducing a women's tolerance to violence and raising its cost to men. The potential protective role of homeownership when women themselves own a dwelling has been shown in studies ranging from India to the US.

But which assets – land, housing, savings – increase women's bargaining power and deter abuse may depend on the context. Carmen Diana Deere and co-authors argue that it is women's share of couple wealth that most likely increases their bargaining power in a relationship. They found that in Ecuador, women's share of couple wealth was a

protective factor against physical violence from a partner, and in Ghana, against emotional abuse.

HOW CAN THE STATE HELP

The state also plays a crucial role in ameliorating – or aggravating – gender inequalities. The 1993 United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, which recognized violence against women as a violation of women's human rights, was a watershed agreement on the global level.

Governments around the world have since then passed laws and directed more resources to combatting this problem. Laws that ensure the ability to receive a protective order, assistance with custody issues, and child support all strengthen the position of women by making exit from a violent relationship more feasible. Strong support for victims, such as well-trained healthcare personnel, availability of shelters, a responsive police and court systems are also necessary.

One innovative policy has been to set up women's units or police stations to improve the ability of authorities to respond to women's needs. Countries taking such steps are primarily in Latin America and Africa, but also Asia and Europe.

All such programs can help victims come forward, protect them from retaliation, and reduce violence. In the United States, the expansion of legal-assistance programs after the Violence against Women Act of 1994 helped reduce IPV – by one account up to 21% in just the first four years after its passage.

While these and other initiatives can help reduce intimate partner violence, comprehensive solutions will continue to elude us until we reconceive intimate partner and sexual violence as a “men's issue”, not only a “women's issue”. Programs that directly engage men and boys in violence prevention can make a dramatic difference in changing violent attitudes and behaviour, especially when they reach adolescence.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, where nearly two-thirds of women report violence at the hands of their partner, a 15-week program targeted 324 men and their partners. Three years later, most of the partners involved reported that violence at home had stopped altogether. After workshops in Mumbai, India, the number of young men who reported using violence against their partner decreased more than two-fold.

Getting more political will and resources behind programs targeting men requires getting men on board as partners and allies. A promising signal are organizations run by men, for men, promoting this cause, such as Promundo on a global level, or local organizations, from the United States to Chile.

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Liverpool FC's Mohamed Salah's goal celebrations: a guide to British Muslimness

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Liverpool FC's Egyptian-born forward Mohamed Salah is currently one of the Premier League's most prolific goalscorers. This, his debut season with Liverpool, has seen Salah earn multiple accolades: most left-footed goals scored in a Premier League season, second-fastest player in Liverpool's history to reach 30 goals, one of the top ten goalscorers in Europe, and 2017 African Footballer of the Year.

He shows no signs of lowering his goal tally as the season goes on, with commentator and former Liverpool defender Jamie Carragher viewing Salah as a strong contender for another Player of the Year award. In a league that is regularly touted as so open that any team can win, lose, or draw against any other, unpredictability is the name of the game. Yet this season, Salah's consistent goalscoring record seems to buck that trend. Salah's counterattacking form was of particular concern for Manchester United when they played Liverpool on March 10, as they sat deep and defended against the Merseyside club for much of the match.

Beautiful though they are to watch, what I find most interesting about Salah's goals are his celebrations and their reception. Because consistently, Salah does two things after scoring. First, he hugs his teammates, a typical response. But then, he performs sujud, the Islamic act of prostration.

Sujud normally occurs twice in every section of salaah – a word commonly mistranslated as prayer (following its Arabic root, salaah is better translated as “connection”). A Muslim who performs salaah the requisite five times daily finds himself in sujud 34 times each day. In Islamic thought, sujud is perceived of as the physically lowest, but spiritually highest, position a person can take. Salah's performance of sujud outside of salaah, then, is a specific expression of gratitude for goals scored.

Though many other Premier League footballers are Muslim, Salah is the only one who regularly prostrates on the pitch.

GETTING GOALS



Liverpool fans have taken note. After his recent Champions League goal against the Portuguese side Porto in Liverpool's 5-0 victory, some fans developed a chant praising him:

Mo Sa-la-la-la-lah, Mo Sa-la-la-la-lah

If he's good enough for you he's good enough for me.

If he scores another few then I'll be Muslim too.

If he's good enough for you he's good enough for me.

He's sitting in the mosque that's where I wanna be.

The chant, which is a rewrite of lyrics from the 1996 song Good Enough by British power pop rock trio, Dodgy, quickly went viral on Twitter and YouTube. News outlets including Al Jazeera and the BBC laud the chant as a demonstration of inclusivity. It is catchy, for sure. But is it inclusive? It's not quite that simple.

Salah's work and the chant itself fit squarely into two common narratives: that of the good Muslim/bad Muslim; and the good immigrant. Articulated by political scientist Mahmood Mamdani, among others, the good Muslim/bad Muslim binary portrays the “good” as those who appease society by accepting majority values and customs, while the “bad” are those who resist it religiously, culturally, or politically.

BEING GOOD

The “good” Muslim is the “hero” imam of Finsbury Park, who stopped worshippers from beating up a

terrorist named Darren Osborne after he drove a van into a crowd during Ramadan 2017. The “bad” Muslim is the director of the “controversial” advocacy group CAGE, who refused to allow police to search his laptop and mobile phone under Schedule 7 powers granted to the British government by the Terrorism Act.

This binary maps onto those immigrants who are perceived of as “good”. In his note that opens The Good Immigrant, editor Nikesh Shukla references writer Musa Okwonga when arguing:

“The biggest burden facing people of colour in this country is that society deems us bad immigrants – job-stealers, benefit-scrungers, girlfriend-thieves, refugees – until we cross over in their consciousness, through popular culture, winning races, baking good cakes, being conscientious doctors, to become good immigrants.”

Salah is one of those good immigrants. And here is the paradox of his sujud. Being praised by non-Muslim Liverpool supporters as “good” is positive, of course. But it is conditional. The chant makes clear that it is only “if” Salah continues to score goals that his displays of Muslimness will be accepted. It is only “if” he remains good that he will continue to be worshipped by them. It is only “if” he furthers his professional excellence that opinions about Islam may shift.

Addictive as it is, the chant flies in the face of spoken word poet Suhaiymah Manzoor-Khan's demand that society move beyond loving the Muslim who excels in athletics or bakery to include those who “don't offer our homes or free taxi rides after the event” and are “wretched, suicidal, naked, and contributing nothing”. The double-edged sword of Salah's sujud is that it is tied to his excellence on the field.

If he stops scoring, he will stop performing sujud. As a result, fans will love him – and Islam – a little less.

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Mizoram, Assam to hold talks on Mar 20

AIZAWL, MAR 14 (PTI):

The chief secretaries of Mizoram and Assam would hold talks in Delhi on March 20 on the border dispute between the two neighbouring states in the wake of protests by students, which turned violent recently.

Mizoram Home Minister R Lalziriana Lalziriana informed the Assembly that the Mizoram government had suggested that the deputy commissioners of Hailakandi district in Assam and Kolasib district in Mizoram should hold talks on the border dispute before March 15, but did not receive any response.

"We again suggested talks between the chief secretaries of the two states and Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh agreed to it by proposing talks between the chief secretaries of Assam and Mizoram on March 20," he said.

Tension prevailed near the interstate border when the Mizo Zirlai Pawl (MZP), a student body, tried to construct a rest house on the National Highway-154 near the border on February 27.

Lalziriana condemned the 'excesses' committed by the Assam police personnel on Mizo students and reporters on March 8 and March 10 at the Zophai area near the Mizoram-Assam border town of Bairabi in Kolasib.

The situation along the border had turned violent after police resorted to lathi-charge to control some protesting students, where among others, a journalist was also injured.

The minister alleged that the Assam police personnel resorted to unprovoked firing at the students and reporters without giving warnings and also without using tear-gas to disperse the students.

He claimed that the district magistrates of Aizawl and Kolasib districts had issued prohibitory order under Section 144 of the CrPC to prevent the MZP from going to the Zophai area to construct a guest house called 'Zofate Chawlbuk' without consulting him.

"The action of the district magistrates amounted to disrespect as the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting, chaired by the state chief minister, had already agreed that the guest house would be erected at that place," he said.

He also thanked the MZP leaders for agreeing to wait till March 20 for talks and withdrawing the proposed construction of the guest house today to ease the tension.

The minister's statement came after opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) member Lalruatkima made special mention, during the Zero Hour, of the 'excesses' of the Assam police personnel against unarmed students and scribes.

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Darjeeling brand has very good value: Mamata

DARJEELING (WB), MAR 14 (PTI): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said that the 'Darjeeling brand' has very good value and the ongoing first Darjeeling Business Summit has garnered Rs 1500 crore investment proposals.

"The Darjeeling brand has very good value and needs to be nurtured for proper utilization to attract more tourists and investment. We are happy to receive Rs 1,500 crore investment proposals at the first Darjeeling Business Summit," Banerjee said in her valedictory address at the summit.

The government has already started exploring how the 'Darjeeling Brand' could be utilised effectively to attract more tourists and investment, she said and assured that it would do its



best for the area's development and to generate employment opportunities for the people.

"There is no cause of fear. We are together," she said while emphasising that Darjeeling Hills as an integral part of the state of West Bengal.

The Bengal Ambuja and Keverter groups have taken the initial initiative for investment

in Darjeeling and have identified the areas like Makaibari and Matigara to set up hotels and food processing units.

Kurseong would have an industry hub, she said adding that the talent of the hill people could be utilised in all these initiatives.

"If peace continues in Darjeeling hills, investment will be there to boost the development process

... There are so many areas including eco-tourism, tea tourism, horticulture, floriculture, cinchona cultivation where businessmen can think about investing. This will help in generating employment," Banerjee said.

The Confederation of Indian Industry, which partnered the state government and the Gorkha Territorial Administra-

tion to organise the business summit, has already prepared an action plan for development in the hills, she said adding the final plan will be submitted later.

The chief minister also welcomed investments from Sikkim businessmen who are interested in investing in Darjeeling. "You too take part in this initiative to boost development in Darjeeling."

She cautioned the hill people saying "Whenever Darjeeling makes progress some dirty games begin in its neighbouring areas. Don't allow this to happen."

Darjeeling had experienced turmoil last year with the Gorkha Janamukti Morcha sponsoring a 104-day-long strike in the hills to push for a separate Gorkhaland state. The strike had ended in September and hit hard its tea industry.

Nepal plane crash survivors say it's a miracle they're alive

KATHMANDU, MAR 14 (AP): Survivors of this week's plane crash at Nepal's main airport said today that it was a miracle they survived an accident that killed 49 of the 71 people on board.

Shorna Huggain of Bangladesh, who was a passenger on the US-Bangla Airlines flight when it crashed Monday while attempting to land at Kathmandu's airport, said her husband saved her life.

"I thought I was going to die because I inhaled a lot of smoke, but I did not want to die," Huggain said from her hospital bed, recalling how she was pinned in her seat after the crash.

"Finally, my husband was able to pull me out of the plane, and moments later it burst into flames," she said. "My husband saved my life."

Huggain's brother-in-law died in the crash.

Another passenger, Nepalese travel entrepreneur Keshav Pandey, said he was lucky to survive



with only injuries.

"I have not heard of many people surviving a plane crash, but it is a miracle that I am alive," Pandey said.

"I guess I lived because the plane crashed on open grounds," said Pandey, adding that he does not remember much but believes he was ejected from the plane when it broke on impact.

Huggain and Pandey recalled the flight being mostly smooth all the way from Bangladesh's

capital, Dhaka, to Kathmandu, but said that before the crash, the aircraft violently shook, tilting toward the left and hitting the ground with a huge sound.

Among the 22 who survived, two have gone home, while the others were being treated at various hospitals in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital.

Ten of the injured were at the Kathmandu Medical College Hospital, where Dr. Rajeev Manandhar said Wednesday that seven

were in stable condition and three in critical condition.

Nepalese investigators have begun an investigation into the crash, with Kathmandu officials and the airline blaming each other for the accident.

The airport's general manager said Monday that the pilot did not follow the control tower's instructions and approached the runway from the wrong direction.

US-Bangla Airlines officials said they suspected that the Kathmandu air traffic control tower might have misled the pilots to land on the wrong runway.

According to the airline, the plane was carrying 32 passengers from Bangladesh, 33 from Nepal and one each from China and the Maldives. It did not provide the nationalities of the four crew members.

Dhaka-based US-Bangla operates Boeing 737-800 and smaller Bombardier Dash 8 planes, including the Q400, the model that crashed.

Kolkata to have Buddhist Chinese temple

KOLKATA, MAR 14 (PTI): Chinese Consul General Ma Zhanwu today said the 50-year old Hsuan Tsang Monastery in the city will be converted into a "most modern" Buddhist Chinese temple in future.

The monastery in the southern fringes of the city, is named after Hsuan Tsang, the famous seventh century Buddhist monk, scholar, traveller and translator from China who travelled to India in the seventh century.

The monastery had been set up by the local Chinese community about 50 years ago.

Chinese immigrants had arrived in the city in the 18th century to work at the Calcutta port. They have contributed to the social and economic life of Kolkata through manufacturing and trade of leather products, running of restaurants and beauty parlours. Their largest population is in the Chinatown in the city.

Zhanwu, who was present at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the new complex within the compound of the old monastery building, told reporters that once completed the new temple will have the "most durable and most modern features" retaining the unique characteristics of a Buddhist temple in China.

Describing the foundation stone laying ceremony as a "good starting phase in terms of cultural exchanges between the two countries", the envoy said, it will be made an important landmark in the entire East and a tourism spot for both domestic and foreign tourists.

The temple, once it is rebuilt with modern amenities, will be another step in promoting friendly exchange and cooperation between people of two great nations, enhance their mutual trust and push for continuous development in the bilateral ties, he said.

"We hope that the monastery will be more widely known to the people of India and abroad," the Consul, whose office is participating in the renovation along with the monastery authorities, said.

Hsuan Tsang had visited India over 1400 years ago by the Silk Road and took large number of Buddhist scriptures back to China. This had helped in development and spread of Buddhism in China, he said.

"The story of Hsuan Tsang is a very good example in the friendly exchange between the two nations and exemplified the Silk Road spirit featuring peaceful cooperation, inclusiveness, mutual learning," he said.

To a question about border disputes between the two countries, the Chinese Consul briefly said "There are border issues between many countries."

The foundation stone laying ceremony was preceded by an elaborate colourful ritual which was conducted by monks from Lingyin Temple at Hangzhou in China led by the Abbot Guangquan.

Monks attired in silk orange and brown robes chanted hymns amidst the beating of cymbals and moved in a procession with a Buddha idol to the spot where the foundation stone was laid. They then returned in a procession to the old monastery building.

Assam Assembly passes Yoga Council Bill

GUWAHATI, MAR 14 (PTI): The Assam Assembly today passed the bill to set up Assam Yoga Council for regulating teaching and practice of yoga in the state.

"The Assam Yoga Council Bill, 2018" was passed by the legislators, paving the way for setting up of a statutory body.

In his written statement on the bill, Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said: "It is time Assam establishes a Yoga Council for setting up of a proper mechanism nec-

essary for regulating Yoga and Naturopathy sector."

The Council is proposed to be set up in order to assure quality of service and to avoid misinterpretation and misuse of the system, besides ensuring Yoga institutions to offer safe, reliable and quality medical healthcare, he added.

Sarma said the Council will be empowered to grant affiliation and accreditation to institutions teaching Yoga as well as withdraw the same.

Other objectives are

"to confer registration on the institutionally qualified professional practitioners, to confer registration to other yoga practitioners fulfilling the terms and conditions laid down in the draft bill," he added.

The minister further said in his statement that the Council will regulate various course curriculum of studies for registration by yoga practitioners and advise the state government as well as academic institutes in the matter of research in the subject.

Assam govt open to diversification of tea garden lands

GUWAHATI, MAR 14 (PTI): The Assam government today said it will not allow tea garden owners to sell the lands allotted to them for cultivation.

The state government, however, said it will consider proposals of setting up other industries in lands allotted for tea gardens.

Replying to a query by BJP MLA Sanjoy Kishan during the Question Hour, Assam Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary said the government has received complaints of selling of lands by tea garden owners that were leased out to them for tea cultivation only.

"Nobody can sell land for tea gardens. However, if one wants to set up a new industry in that land, we will consider that. The government had approved

such proposals earlier," Patowary said in the House during the ongoing Budget Session of the Assam Assembly.

BJP members Rituparna Baruah and Siddhartha Bhattacharya alleged that tea garden lands are being sold off illegally and demanded a high-level probe into it.

Reacting to the discussion, Assam Assembly Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami said, "We should ensure that tea industry does not die. Diversification is alright and can be done as and when needed. But it should not be done at the cost of tea garden workers."

Patowary informed the House that the government is taking steps to protect the tea garden lands from unauthorised sale by the owners.

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Students take to crowd-funding to provide sanitary napkins

CHENNAI, MAR 14 (PTI):

A group of students of SRM Institute of Science and Technology here have launched an initiative to provide low cost sanitary napkins for economically poor girls by raising funds.

The students using the crowd-funding route are raising funds for the initiative through "www.fueladream.com", a release from the portal said today.

The initiative was aimed at creating awareness on menstrual hygiene and the usage of sanitary napkins by generating Rs 7.5 lakh a year, it said.

"It is a simple and high impact initiative and the need of the hour. Supplying pads for a year will definitely ensure awareness and change in behaviour for the girls and women", FuelADream, Founder, Ranganath Thota said.

The students proposed to procure low cost, high quality napkins from the suppliers.

Out of over 600 HC judges, only 73 are women

NEW DELHI, MAR 14 (PTI): Out of over 600 high court judges, only 73 are women, while there is only one woman judge in the Supreme Court, the government informed the Lok Sabha today.

Quoting latest data, the law ministry said the working strength of the 24 high courts on March one was 673. "Thus, women constitute about 10.85 per cent of the working strength of judges in the high courts," Minister of State for Law P P Chaudhary said in a written reply.

The apex court, which has a working strength of 24, has only one woman judge, he said.

Out of 73 women judges, 11 each are in the Bombay and the Madras high courts respectively, while 10 are in the Delhi High Court.

He said the Constitution does not provide for reservation for any caste, class or person in the higher judiciary.

"However, the government has requested the chief justices of the high courts that while sending proposals for appointment of judges, due consideration be given to suitable candidates from among women," the minister said.

Chernobyl victim 'on cloud nine' after Paralympic gold

PYEONGCHANG, MAR 14 (AFP): An American skier who suffered birth defects due to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and spent her early life in orphanages said today she was "on cloud nine" after winning Winter Paralympic gold.

Oksana Masters was born in 1989 in what is now Ukraine, and was then part of the Soviet Union, three years after a reactor exploded at the Chernobyl plant, sparking the world's worst nuclear disaster.

At birth she had six toes on each foot, five webbed fingers on each hand and no thumbs, and her left leg was six inches (15cm) shorter than her right.

Her family gave her up and she lived in three different orphanages until the age of sev-



en, when she was adopted by an American woman and taken to the United States.

Due to the severity of her birth defects, doctors decided to amputate both her legs, and

Masters had already won a silver in biathlon and a bronze in long-distance cross-country skiing at the Pyeongchang Paralympics.

But despite her disabilities, Masters was determined to get involved in sports. As well as skiing, she also competes in rowing, biathlon and cycling.

Today she won her first Paralympic gold, in the 1.1km cross-country sprint skiing at the Pyeongchang Winter Paralympics.

"I feel like I'm cloud nine right now, I've been chasing this gold medal for such a long time," said the 28-year-old. "This is the most amazing medal of my career."

Athletes with leg impairments compete in specially adapted sledges in Paralympic skiing events.

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silver in biathlon and a bronze in long-distance cross-country skiing at the Pyeongchang Paralympics.

She also won silver and bronze medals at the 2014 Sochi Paralympics, and a bronze in rowing at the London 2012 Summer Paralympics.

Masters said she believed the dark days of her childhood had helped her become a champion athlete.

"I am so happy I have been able to channel all the things that I went through when I was younger and make them into something positive," she said.

The Chernobyl nuclear disaster happened when a safety test went wrong, causing a huge explosion that sent clouds of radioactive materials floating over Europe.

Saina ousted from All England Championship



BIRMINGHAM, MAR 14 (PTI): Star Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal today made a first-round exit from the All England Championship after a straight-game defeat against World No. 1 and defending champion Tai Tzu-Ying, here.

Saina, who had reached the finals in the 2015 edition, couldn't match up to the precision and athleticism of Tai Tzu, going down 14-21 18-21.

It was Saina's eighth successive loss to the Taiwanese wizard in five years.

After failing to keep pace with Tai Tzu in the opening game, the 27-year-old Indian blew a 16-11 advantage in the second game to bow out of the USD 1,000,000 world Super 1000 tournament.

Saina, who had lost to

Tai Tzu in the finals of the Indonesia Masters early this year, showed a lot of grit to keep herself in the rallies but the Taiwanese was simply phenomenal and displayed her mastery of strokes in the 38-minute clash to once again outwit the Indian.

Saina took some time to get in the groove as her first serve sailed over to the back of the court. Tai Tzu didn't waste time and jumped to a 3-1 lead before moving to a 6-2 advantage when the Indian failed to connect a low backhand return.

Tai Tzu committed a couple of unforced errors but Saina also made a judgement error on the sidelines and also couldn't reach for a return at the forecourt as the Taiwanese lead 9-4.

The Indian, however, grabbed three consecutive points after Tai Tzu erred with a cross court flick and netted the smash. Saina managed to level 10-10 with a precise cross court return from the back of the court but Tai Tzu went into the break with a slender one-point lead.

The duo moved together till 14-14 after the breather before Tai Tzu showed her repertoire of shots even as Saina struggled with her control. Once she again went wide on a return on serve, Tai Tzu had six game points and she grabbed it with another accurate return on the Indian's back hand.

In the second game, Saina showed better control as she opened up a 3-1 lead and soon made it 10-7 with Tai suffering a mid-game slump with unforced errors. Saina then unleashed a brutal smash to enter the break with three point advantage.

With the Taiwanese sending the shuttle to the net on four occasions on the trot, Saina managed to lead 16-11. But Tai Tzu once again fought back, riding on her accurate stroke play as she made the Indian run across the court with her acute angled returns.

Saina also found the net and sent one long as Tai Tzu narrowed the gap to 15-16 before drawing parity at 17-17 with another razor-sharp cross court return from the back court.

A brilliant block on the move and then a tight net play took the Taiwanese to 20-18 and she shut the door on the Indian after Saina went long again.

Ciriello aims to improve India's dragflicking abilities

BENGALURU, MAR 14 (PTI): Indian hockey team's analytical coach Chris Ciriello today said apart from improving dragflicking abilities, his task is also to inculcate winning habit among players.

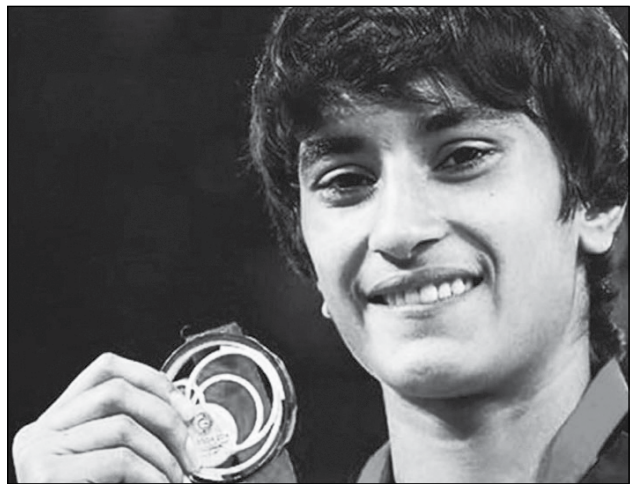
"This is a very good opportunity. I know India and understand its culture. I think we

will get to taste lot of wins, but want to make sure these guys have an understanding of winning. This is one of my main focus area as analytical coach," he told PTI.

Team India captain Manpreet Singh also lauded Ciriello's induction as analytical coach. "I am excited about Chris.

He is a typical Aussie, who puts lot of weight behind winning.

"I know him from past few months. I am amazed about his enthusiasm to inculcate the habit of winning among players. Most of the players are already learning finer aspects of winning, and I am no exception," he added.



OGQ support for wrestler Vinesh Phogat

MUMBAI, MAR 14 (PTI): Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ) today said it will support ace wrestler Vinesh Phogat, who is eyeing a podium finish at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

The 23-year-old Vinesh currently competes in 50 kg freestyle wrestling and was earlier training under the JSW Sports Excellence programme.

A silver winner at the recently-concluded Asian Wrestling Championship, Vinesh is also a 2014 Commonwealth Games champion, an Asian Games bronze medallist and a five-time Asian championship medallist.

"I am very focused to win a medal for India at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and I am so glad that OGQ

will be supporting me in my preparations. 2018 is a very important year for me as the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games are coming up. I am really excited to work with the team of OGQ," Vinesh was quoted as saying in a media release issued today.

Former Olympian and OGQ CEO Viren Rasquinha, said, "We are very proud to support Vinesh in her journey to the Olympic podium. To start with, OGQ will be supporting Vinesh with a physiotherapist, a sports psychologist and a nutritionist.

"OGQ is committed to provide her world class support for her training and preparations.

SBI closes 4.2 mm SB accounts for not keeping minimum balance

INDORE, MAR 14 (PTI): The State Bank of India has closed as many as 41.16 lakh savings bank accounts between April and January for not maintaining the minimum monthly balance, reveals an RTI query.

The nation's largest lender had re-introduced the charges for non-maintenance of average monthly balance in April last year after a gap of five years.

The bank later revised downwards the charges for not maintaining the minimum balance in October.

Notably, the bank had yesterday announced a steep 75 per cent reduction in penalty for non-maintenance of monthly average balance. The new charges will be effective April 1.

"Due to provisions of penalty on non-maintenance of minimum



balance, the bank has closed 41.16 lakh savings bank accounts between April 1, 2017 and January 31, 2018," the bank replied to an RTI query filed by Chandra Shekhar Gaud from

Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh.

The RTI reply was furnished by the state-run lender on February 28, 2018.

The reply was to a specific query

on the number of accounts closed after introduction of charges on non-maintenance of minimum balance from April 1, 2017.

The State Bank has 41 crore savings bank accounts. Of that, 16 crore are under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna/ basic savings bank deposit (BSBD) and of pensioner, minors, social security benefit holders which are all exempted from the penalty for not maintaining of the minimum balance.

Between April and November, the bank had netted a windfall of Rs 1,771.67 crore, more than its second quarter profit, from customers for non-maintenance of minimum balance, according to the finance ministry data.

Yesterday, the lender had reduced its charges for non-maintenance of average monthly balance by up to 75 per cent.

The bank has reduced the penal charges for non-maintenance of AMB in the metros and urban centres from a maximum of Rs 50 per month plus taxes at 18 per cent to Rs 15 a month and taxes. For urban and metro customers average monthly balance is of Rs 3,000 per month.

For semi-urban and rural centres, the charges have been reduced from Rs 40 to Rs 12, and Rs 10 per, respectively.

The MBA requirement for semi-urban area is Rs 2,000, while for the rural centres it is Rs 1,000. The bank offers its customers the option to shift from regular savings accounts to BSBD accounts, on which no charges are levied, he added.

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Angela Merkel elected for 4th term as German chancellor

BERLIN, MAR 14 (AP): Germany's parliament elected Angela Merkel for her fourth term as chancellor today, putting an end to nearly six months of political drift in Europe's biggest economy.

Lawmakers voted 364-315 to re-elect Merkel, Germany's leader since 2005, who ran unopposed.

The coalition of Merkel's conservative Christian Democratic Union, its Bavaria-only sister party, the Christian Social Union and the center-left Social Democrats has 399 of the 709 seats in parliament.

Merkel will head a much-changed new Cabinet, with the governing parties, which are traditional rivals, keen to send signals of renewal after a Sep-



tember election in which all lost significant ground. There are new faces in the most important posts, the finance, foreign, economy and interior ministries.

The same parties have gov-

erned for the past four years but putting together the new administration has been unprecedentedly hard work.

Today's parliamentary vote came 171 days after the elec-

tion, nearly double the previous record.

The Social Democrats initially planned to go into opposition after crashing to their worst result since World War II, but Germany's president nudged them into a reluctant about-turn after Merkel's talks with two smaller parties collapsed in November.

Merkel was able to take office only after two-thirds of the Social Democrats' members approved in a ballot the coalition deal clinched last month. At least 35 coalition lawmakers didn't support her today, though that was in line with results at the beginning of her two previous "grand coalitions" of Germany's biggest parties.

She will have to hold togeth-

er what is potentially her most fragile coalition yet in what is widely expected to be her last term, while also addressing challenges such as a potential Europe-US trade war and seeking agreement with France and others on the future of a fractious European Union.

Thorsten Faas, a political science professor at Berlin's Free University, said the coalition is likely to last until 2021 as scheduled and noted that the governing parties have demonstrated that they can work together.

"A firm foundation, and I think this government has one, is important to be able to work in uncertain times," Faas told ZDF television. "So I think there is some reason for optimism."

Kremlin rejects 'unfounded accusations', ultimatums over poisoning row



MOSCOW, MAR 14 (AFP): President Vladimir Putin's spokesman today rejected Britain's "unfounded accusations" and "ultimatums" over the poisoning of a former double agent in Britain.

"Moscow does not accept unfounded accusations that are not based on evidence and a language of ultimatums," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"We are hoping that common sense will prevail," he said in the Kremlin's first public response to British accusations that Russia was likely behind the attempted murder of former double agent Sergei Skripal.

Yesterday, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov rejected British Prime Minister Theresa May's deadline to explain how a Russian former double agent was poisoned in Britain with a highly toxic nerve agent invented by Russia.

"Moscow has nothing to do with the accident in Britain," Peskov said, reiterating Moscow was open to cooperate on the investigation.

He declined to comment on reports in the Western media on the possibility of invoking

NATO's Article 5 principle of common defence, saying Moscow hopes other countries would see there was no evidence to blame Russia for the poisoning attack.

"As far as a threat of isolation is concerned, we are hoping that common sense will prevail and other countries will at least think whether there is any proof or not and just how justified the rebukes against Moscow are," Peskov said.

London is mooting possible punishment against Moscow, with British communications regulator Ofcom saying it could review the licence of the Kremlin-backed RT broadcaster if Russian involvement in the poisoning was proven.

"Any illegal actions against any Russian media outlet in the United Kingdom will lead to retaliatory steps on the basis of reciprocity," Peskov said.

"What steps will it be? These would be steps that best suit Russia's interests," he added.

In a terse comment earlier this week, Putin told the BBC: "Sort things out from your side and then we will discuss this with you."



Water to Syria's Afrin town has been cut for a week, the United Nations said on Wednesday, after Turkish troops seized the main dam and water plant in the region. Ankara launched an offensive nearly two months ago against the town, to drive out Syrian Kurdish forces that control the northern region near Turkey's border. The UN office for humanitarian affairs [OCHA] said the fighting has forced thousands of people to flee their homes within the Afrin region and towards government territory. After the dam northeast of Afrin town changed hands, "local workers were unable to access the dam controls to pump water. The water supply has been cut off," OCHA said. Residents have relied on untreated water from boreholes and risk contracting diseases, it added. The Syrian Kurdish YPG militia said the Turkish army took control of the dam on Maydanki lake and a water pumping station last week.

Lanka govt under pressure to lift social media ban

COLOMBO, MAR 14 (PTI): Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena has said restrictions imposed on social media after the communal riots in the island's central hills will be lifted within the next few days, as the government faced flak for not lifting the blockage despite improvement in the situation.

The government imposed a state of emergency last week and blocked Facebook, WhatsApp and other social media sites following anti-Muslim violence in Kandy and Ampara districts. The government restricted the use of social media after police claimed that they were being used to spread hatred against the minority community.

Sirisena, addressing Sri Lankan community in Japan yesterday, said that the temporary ban on Facebook following the riots will be lifted within the next few days.

He said that even though there is room for



any medium for the benefit of the society, there is a need for a certain approach to control the destruction caused to the society by some vicious elements using these mediums, the Colombo Page reported.

"Mobile phones, computers, the Internet and social media were created for the benefit of the human kind and utilising these technologies we can get the knowledge of a world, but unfortunately some section of the society in Sri Lanka use these resources to destroy the country," he pointed out.

President Sirisena said

it is expected to introduce a new programme on the proper usage of such resources and emphasised the imperative need for the citizens as well as the government to fulfil their responsibilities.

The Sri Lankan government is facing flak over continued shutdown of several social media sites even though anti-Muslim violence in the island's central hills has eased.

Sri Lanka's Minister of Youth Affairs and Southern Development Minister Sagala Ratnayaka criticised the government for continuing the ban on social

media saying that blocking Facebook and messaging apps in long term is not an option in present times. Ratnayake said the social media ban makes a negative impact on a wide range of industries.

"Apart from the general frustration it creates, such blanket bans will take a heavy toll on economy and hamper IT, E-commerce and tourism sectors. What the government must promote is responsible use of social media, with necessary checks and balances," Ratnayaka said in a statement.

"Blocking Facebook and messaging platforms long term is not an option, in this day and age. Social Media must start functioning so that the economy doesn't suffer. Therefore access to Social Media must be unblocked as soon as possible and the Government must set in place a system to curtail hate speech and fake news," he added.

UK to raise with India concern over British Sikh held in Punjab jail

LONDON, MAR 14 [PTI]: The UK government has said that it will raise concerns around the case of a British Sikh being held in a maximum-security jail in Punjab at "senior levels" in India.

The case of Jagtar Singh Johal, a 30-year-old British Sikh from Dunbarton in Scotland who is currently being held in Nabha Central Jail on murder and conspiracy to murder charges, was raised as part of a debate in the UK Parliament's Westminster Hall yesterday.

British Sikh MPs Preet Kaur Gill and Tan Dhesi along with Johal's local area MP, Martin Docherty-Hughes, asked the UK government to raise the matter with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the UK for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting [CHOGM] next month.

Mark Field, Minister of state in charge of Asia and the Pacific in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [FCO], said he would "try" to see that

happens, adding that he would "continue to raise this case at senior levels with Indian authorities".

He said that the UK government had handled nearly 5,000 detentions involving British nationals abroad in the last year alone with "comprehensive, responsive" consular service and stressed that it is important that the legal systems of other countries are respected.

"India as a partner in the Commonwealth and also as a partner in many other ways has a strong democratic framework which is designed to guarantee human rights. However, it also faces numerous challenges related to the size of development and when it comes to enforcing fundamental rights enshrined in its Constitution," Field said in his response to the debate entitled 'British Nationals Imprisoned Abroad'.

Gill, as chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for British Sikhs, had organised the debate in order to raise Johal's case.

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The Big Bang Theory cast pay tribute to 'brilliance' of Stephen Hawking...

The Big Bang Theory cast have paid tribute to Professor Stephen Hawking following his death, saying his 'sense of humour will be sorely missed'.

Stephen Hawking, the celebrated scientist, who devised many theories about time and space and came up with philosophies about humanity and the universe, passed away at the age of 76 at his home in Cambridge, according to a statement issued by his family. One of the great minds of our generation, he changed the world forever. Along with his work in physics, Hawking was beloved for his comedy spirit, which was at its



best display in many of his appearances on popular films and TV shows.

But his most widely-known appearances have been in the hit sitcom, The

Big Bang Theory. Hawking made seven cameos in the show, including the 200th episode to sing "Happy Birthday" to Sheldon Cooper [played by Jim Parsons] over

Skype.

As Hawking left for his heavenly abode, the cast of The Big Bang Theory paid a tribute to the legendary scientist. Johnny Galecki, who plays Leonard in the hit sitcom, paid tribute to Hawking on Instagram by sharing a picture from his appearance with the cast. "RIP #stephenhawking Not only your brilliance, but your sense of humor will be sorely missed by all," read his caption. Kaley Cuoco, who plays Penny, shared the same photo, writing, "It was truly such an honor getting to work with the incredible Stephen Hawking."

RIP Stephen Hawking.

"I have a huge amount of respect and adoration for her" - Gigi & Zayn split after two years...

Zayn Malik and his supermodel girlfriend Gigi Hadid have gone their separate ways after more than two years together. Hours after reports first emerged that Zayn, 25, and Gigi, 22 - who were recently rumoured to be engaged - made the decision to split, the pop heart-throb took to his Twitter account on Tuesday to confirm the news.

His post read: "Gigi and I had an incredibly meaningful, loving and fun relationship and I have a huge amount of respect and adoration for Gigi as a woman and a friend. She has such an incredible soul. I'm grateful to all of our fans for respecting this difficult decision and our privacy at this time, we wish this news could have come from us first. We love you all. xZ."

Just 11 minutes after Zayn put out his post, Gigi released her own statement on the micro-blogging site.

There she wrote: "Breaking statements often seem impersonal because there is really no way to put into words what two people experience together over a few years.. not only in the relationship, but in life in general. I'm forever grateful for the love, time, and life lessons that Z and I shared. I want nothing but the best for him and will continue to support him as a friend that I have immense respect and love for. As for the future, whatever's meant to be will always be. xG."

According to The Sun,



the couple made the decision to split after their busy schedules added strain and distance to their high-profile romance.

A source told the newspaper: "They are no longer a couple but they do remain close and are supportive of each other. The reality is that they've grown apart, having been together for a long time. They have crazy work schedules that would put pressure on any relationship. This is definitely the end for now, but this isn't a bitter split

and they both have respect for each other. It's a mutual decision so no one has completely ruled out a reunion in the future, but for now that's not where their heads are at."

Zayn had been dating the supermodel since Nov 2015, six months after he broke up with Little Mix singer fiancé Perrie Edwards, 24. Back in Sept 2016, Gigi - who began dating Zayn within weeks of splitting from Joe Jonas - gushed about her then fledgling romance with the British singer.

Game of Thrones Season 8: Expect a lot of deaths!

It's not unusual to hear of a dramatic death of a much-loved character in HBO's smash hit Game of Thrones. But as the number of episodes left in the series starts to dwindle, so do the number

of characters left standing according to the Vice President of Drama at the network.

At an INTV conference in Jerusalem on Tuesday, HBO's Francesca Orsi gave a suggestion that may cause world-

wide fan upset - characters that survived until the last season will die "one by one". Francesca detailed how emotional the cast became during a "powerful" table read, which none of the cast had read before.

She said: "None of the cast had received the scripts prior, and one by one they started to fall down to their deaths."

With each character dropping down, the cast were reportedly in tears trying to get through the last of the script, before a rapturous applause closed out the table read.

Francesca continued: "By the end, the last few words on the final script, the tears just started falling down. Then there was applause that lasted 15 minutes."

During the TV conference, HBO execs also explained their plans post-Game Of Thrones, which includes a number of spin offs which will most likely get the same eye-watering budget the original show received in its first few seasons.

Orsi told the panel that the network is planning "three, four, five spinoffs" to continue the meteoric success of the original show, which would mark the first time HBO will revisit a show once it's over.

energy risks being exceptionally high, Aquarius. You may find yourself at the end of your rope by midday. Try to take a long walk or bike ride in order to calm down. Go by yourself and do some deep breathing outdoors. Try to avoid being drawn into other people's conflicts. Excuse yourself and trust that they can work things out on their own. **PISCES:** Today is good for entertaining, Pisces. Enjoy the company of family and friends, and don't get distracted by gloomy thoughts about work or money. Just relax and let others take care of themselves. You enjoy nurturing other people and making sure they have a wonderful time, but you need to have a great time as well, so don't work too hard.



HE'S SEW STYLISH! Harry Styles proved to be a devoted face of the designer label as he kicked-off his European tour at the AccorHotels Arena in Paris, clad in a none other than a glittering Gucci suit.

Wands at the ready!

EDDIE REDMAYNE PREPARES TO TAKE ON JOHNNY DEPP IN THE FIRST TRAILER FOR FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIME OF GRINDELWALD... AS FANS GET A GLIMPSE OF JUDE LAW AS DUMBLEDORE.

The first trailer for the highly anticipated Fantastic Beasts: The Crime of Grindelwald has been released. The second of five adventures - which has been penned by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling - follows on from the end of the first film, which was released back in 2016.

Now the first trailer for the upcoming film has been released and fans finally get to see Jude Law portraying Hogwarts headteacher Albus Dumbledore in action.

Giving fans a touch of nostalgia with the sweeping landscape

vistas of Hogwarts, the trailer kicks off with a glimpse of the iconic school which first graced the big screen in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone back in 2001 and was the main setting for the boy wizard during his adventures.

However, the sequel - which is set years before The Boy Who Lives is even born - follows the Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald - played by a grizzled Johnny Depp - escap-

ing from the Magical Congress of the United States of America.

Now the wizard is gathering followers to raise pure-blood wizards up to rule over all non-magical beings.

The sneak peak gives the first full look of Jude Law playing a young Albus Dumbledore, who enlists the help of former Hogwarts student and Magizoologist Newt Scamander - portrayed by Eddie Redmayne - who agrees to help, unaware of the dangers that lie ahead.

The trailer shows Dumbledore talking to wizarding authorities about Newt and his mission, telling the group in a bid to keep his plan in motion: "If you ever had the pleasure of teaching Newt, you would know that he is not a great follower of orders."

The film boasts a stunning array of spellbinding effects and dramatic magical battles, of course alongside the titular mythical creatures. Lines are drawn as love and loyalty are tested even among friends and family.

With spellbinding action aplenty, fans

were quick to show their appreciation about the sequel, with many taking to Twitter to voice their excitement.

One jubilant fan wrote: "I was already super hyped for #FantasticBeasts but now it's on a whole new level", while another overjoyed viewer commented: "My wand is so ready omg the trailer is amazing! It's going to be so hard to wait!"

The new film sees Redmayne and Depp reprising their respective roles alongside a number of other returning casts Katherine Waterston as Auror Tina Goldstein, Alison Sudol as Queenie and Dan Fogler as Jacob Fowalski. Ezra Miller is back as Credence, Zoe Kravitz will take on the role of Leta Lestrange and Callum Turner will play Newt's brother Theseus Scamander.

The action of Fantastic Beasts is set to take place in New York, Paris and London, "where we will see love and loyalties tested in this tumultuous time in the wizarding world".

Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald is set to be released in UK cinemas on 16 Nov, 2018.



ARIES: Today's energies are going to be stirring up everyone's emotions, Aries. You may wish to avoid getting involved in any arguments or conflicts. If you ask for someone else's advice, you're likely to get an earful. It may be best to keep to yourself as much as possible today and spend some time alone tonight with a good book. Everything should be much calmer tomorrow. **TAURUS:** Yes, you can be proud of yourself, Taurus. You really know your stuff. You have committed yourself to deepening your knowledge and capabilities and it really shows. Friends and family members will be coming to you for advice, and rightfully so. Try not to grow complacent, though. It's an easy trap to fall into. You'll

need to continue full-speed ahead on your educational journey in order to keep that edge! **GEMINI:** Today is wonderful for surrounding yourself with those you love the most, Gemini. Host a get-together with family and friends, full of stimulating conversation and delicious food and drink. However, you might at some point feel a little sad, missing someone who should be with you but isn't, and speculating about what he or she may be doing. Concentrate on those there with you. You're surrounded by love and are likely to remain so. **CANCER:** As a person who enjoys being gregarious and outgoing, days like this provide a wonderful outlet for your energy. You might spend a lot of time

with your family today, Cancer, but you'll also probably touch base with many others. At some point you might find yourself in the spotlight. You'll feel especially fond of everyone around you and appreciate your good fortune. Enjoy your day. **LEO:** This is a great time to take advantage of a little solitude to pursue some cherished goals, Leo. Your concentration and imagination are operating at a very high level, and you may not stop working until you're completely finished. If you're starting a project, you'll probably do well on it and, if business and money are involved, be successful. Don't let temporary snags get in your way. Go for the gold! **VIRGO:** Be careful of gossip-

ing too much with your friends and colleagues, Virgo. It's fun to laugh and exchange stories, but remind yourself of the fact that the truth in a story is diminished and changed each time it's repeated. If you gossip too much, your friends may begin wondering what you say about them when they aren't there. Ultimately, this isn't healthy behavior for your friendships. Think about it. **LIBRA:** Don't be surprised if you don't spend too much time at home today. All signs indicate that you're more likely to be out and about, shopping, visiting, and maybe attending a special dinner or concert. There are a number of family activities that you won't want to miss, Libra,

so don't let your friends distract you with too much shopping or sports on TV. **SCORPIO:** You know that you have a very fertile imagination, Scorpio, and today's aspects highlight this special quality. You might wish to channel your thoughts into an artistic endeavor or like writing or painting. Be sure to grab any opportunity to weave a fascinating tale for a child. Be careful about letting your imagination run away with you when making judgments about people. They're most likely on the up and up. **SAGITTARIUS:** Yikes! What an emotional day, Sagittarius. The planetary energies are forecasting conflict, and lots of it. Do your best to personally steer

clear of any of it, and try to avoid being drawn into any arguments. You may wish to keep to yourself today. Tonight either stay in or head out to the movies alone. Don't worry, everyone will be feeling much better tomorrow. **CAPRICORN:** Emotions will run high with today's planetary energies, Capricorn. But this is no reason to run away and hide! People will be much more honest than usual, even brutally so, and you could learn some valuable information as a result. Don't be afraid to listen to some airing of dirty laundry as well. With your discerning judgment, you'll be able to make sense of what is good information and what isn't.

AQUARIUS: Today's emotional