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Sikkim's first Tulip Garden inaugurated at Tathagata Tsal in Ravangla

RAVANGLA, 12 MAR [IPR]: Chief Minister Pawan Chamling attended the Tulip Festival here at Tathagata Tsal (Buddha Park) today. Organized by the Tathagata Tsal Committee in co-ordination with the Human Resource Development Department, the program also featured an inspirational talk for school and college students at the congregation hall.

The Chief Minister inaugurated Sikkim's first Tulip Garden developed in the premises of Tathagata Tsal, following which, he attended the Thueejay purifying ceremony and offered prayers at the main shrine of Tathagata Tsal.

Addressing, the gathering of students, the Chief Minister spoke about the education scenario in the State and said that it has substantially evolved at a rapid pace.

He also spoke about various components of modern age and technology like Human Rights, Democracy, Artificial Intelligence, Sustainable Development etc.

The CM spoke in brief about the fundamental rights entrusted by the Constitution



of India and urged the students to utilize their time in acquiring quality education.

As a part of inclusive development, the CM highlighted

that the State Government has provided equal rights and ample opportunities to the youth in the field of education and shared that the aim of the State

Government is to create literate and graduate youth who can responsibly take decisions and make Sikkim an even better State.

He also shared his vision of transforming Sikkim into a Progressive Model State in terms of development, quality

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Over 50 killed in Nepal plane crash

KATHMANDU, MAR 12 (PTI): A US-Bangla Airlines aircraft crashed and burst into flames today while landing at Nepal's Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA) here, killing at least 50 people, officials said.

The Dhaka to Kathmandu flight, with 67 passengers and four crew members on board, caught fire after it careened off the runway and ploughed into a football ground near the airport, TIA spokesperson Prem Nath Thakur said.

Nepal army spokesman Brigadier General Gokul Bhandari said 50 people had died and the fate of the others was unknown.

There were 32 Nepalese nationals on board flight UBG 211, a Bombardier Dash 8 Q400. Others include 32 Bangladeshis, one Chinese and one Maldivian.

Bombardier is a twin-engine, medium-range and turboprop aircraft.

"We are carrying out rescue work. We are collecting details," TIA General Manager Raj Kumar Chhetri said.

The black box of the aircraft was recovered from the spot, Chhetri said.

The condition of over two dozen people who were admitted to the hospital in Kathmandu is said to be serious.

According to SSP Bishwaraj Pokharel, spokesperson at Kathmandu Metropolitan Police Range Office, 49

were confirmed dead in the crash.

Plumes of black smoke could be seen rising from the football ground where the plane crashed.

The 17 years aircraft took off from Dhaka and landed at the airport at 2:20 pm (local time).

"The plane shoot off the runway while it was about to crash into the hanger and immediately caught fire," an airport official was quoted as saying by the Himalayan Times.

The officials, however, have said a technical glitch could be the cause of the accident.

"The aircraft was permitted to land from the Southern side of the runway over Koteshwor but it landed from the Northern side," Director General of Civil Aviation (Caan) Sanjiv Gautam was quoted as saying by the Kathmandu Post.

He said the plane was out of control when it attempted to land on the runway.

"We are yet to ascertain the reason behind the unusual landing," he said suspecting the aircraft might have sustained some technical glitches.

Basanta Bohora, a Nepalese and one of the few passengers to escape with injuries in the deadly plane crash, said he is lucky to be alive.

"All of a sudden the plane shook violently and there was a loud bang af-

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Motor Vehicles Division organizes road safety awareness in Pakyong

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Motor Vehicles Division, Transport Department, Gangtok organized Road Safety Awareness followed by a rally at Dikling Senior Secondary School, Pakyong, East Sikkim on 10 Mar, informs a press release.

The programme started with the introductory speech by ARTO, DP Sharma wherein he explained the necessity of Road Safety awareness among the students and the public.

Dy. RTO, JB Thapa highlighted the various reasons behind road accidents/crash and its direct consequences and preventive measures. He informed that about 5 lakh road accidents are reported annually with 1.5 lakh deaths. Around 4.5 lakh victims happen to be in the age group of 15 to 45 years i.e. in their most productive age, the release mentions.

He advised that students, general public and stake holders must be aware about road safety and road traffic behavior for safety of mankind.

Essay writing and painting competition were conducted on road safety theme 2018. The competitions were conducted among the students

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Pramila Chettri is Femina Miss India Sikkim 2018

YOUGAN TAMANG GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Femina Miss India Northeast India 2018 wrapped up in Guwahati, Assam on 11 Mar where representatives from all the Northeast States [except Tripura] were selected to take part in Femina Miss India 2018. Finalists from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and Sikkim competed in the pageant and a contestant each from each State was announced to represent their respective States in the coveted Miss India pageant.

From Sikkim, Pramila Chettri has been chosen as the winner to represent the State in Femina Miss India 2018. She succeeds Roshni Ghimirey as the new Femina Miss India Sikkim and will now represent Sikkim in Femina Miss India 2018 to be held later in Mumbai. Pramila was one of the finalists of Miss



Sikkim 2017 pageant.

Before heading to Mumbai for the final rounds of FBB Colors Femina Miss India 2018, she will be contesting for the sub-title rounds at Kolkata on 22 Mar.

The auditions were held

for all the seven North-eastern states wherein Pramila Chettri was adjudged Miss India Sikkim, Mary Khyriem as Miss India Meghalaya, Lily Darnei as Miss India Mizoram, Nimrit Kaur as Miss India Manipur, Ruopfuzhano Whiso as

Miss India Nagaland and Osin Mosu as Miss India Arunachal Pradesh. The audition for Tripura is scheduled to take place in Kolkata to search for a quality finalist to represent the State.

FBB Femina Miss India 2018 auditions were held at Big Bazaar, Guwahati on Sunday. Model and actress Pooja Chopra attended the auditions. The auditions were judged by renowned designer Nandini Barua and Director of Femina Miss India, Natasha Grover.

Femina Miss India is a national beauty pageant that annually selects representatives to compete in the Miss World and Miss Universe pageants. It is organized by Femina, a women's magazine published by The Times Group. Contestants from all over India compete for the prestigious FBB Colors Femina Miss India crown.

Persistent wet weather has hoteliers and travel agencies worried



NITESH R PRADHAN GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Sudden change in the weather conditions, with heavy rainfall reported from across the State, has various stakeholders of tourism sector worried about the logistical challenges this would pose at a time when the industry was just showing signs of recovering from the washout of tourist season last year.

Heavy rains have already disrupted roads, with the Rangpo Kumrek stretch currently in a bad shape due to landslides.

Reports of hailstorms and snowfall have also emerged from various parts of the state, even though the latter will be well re-

ceived by visiting tourists provided the roads remain open.

For 26-year-old, Rohit Joshi, a young entrepreneur trying to gain a toehold in the ever-growing Sikkim tourism, this season is "make or break".

For the past two days, the steady flow of tourists has been a refreshing change for hoteliers and travel agents with operators now praying that the unseasonally heavy rainfall does not hamper connectivity to the State.

Suresh Sharma, a local tour operator in the capital, while expressing happiness over successful commercial trail landing at the Pakyong airport, breaking the State's isolation in airways, hopes

for urgent investment and development of major roads connecting the State with the rest of the country, which is necessary as a large number of middle and lower middle class tourists travel by train and roads to Sikkim.

The turbulent weather has not only raised concerns on tourist inflow but also choked the traffic of the capital for the last two days which have witnessed unusually longer traffic jams.

With cyclonic circulation over Bangladesh and Meghalaya along with a trough extending from Sub Himalayan West Bengal to Arunachal Pradesh, the upcoming three to four days are likely to see rainy weather in the state.

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towards," he said.

"I was seated near the window and was able to break out of the window," he said. "I have received injuries to my head and legs but I am fortunate that I survived the ordeal."

All the flights to and from TIA have been halted after the crash.

Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, Home Minister Ram Bahadur Thapa and Defense Minister Ishwar Pokharel have reached the airport to take stock of the accident.

The Dhaka-based US-Bangla Airlines is a private carrier that launched in July 2014 with the motto "Fly Fast Fly Safe".

Nepal has witnessed a number of accidents involving aircraft in recent years.

In February, 2016, Tara Air's Twin Otter 400 crashed in Rupsa of Myagdi, killing 23 people.

Nepal Airline's DHC-6 Twin Otter 300 (9N-ABB) crashed near Sandhikharka of Arghakhanchi, killing 18 people in February, 2014.

In September, 2012, Sita Air's Dornier 228-202 (9N-AHA) crashed near the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, killing 19 people.

In May, 2012, Agni Air's Dornier 228-212 (9N-AIG) crashed near Jomsom Airport in Mustang, killing 15 people.

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ty health, education and standard of living.

The CM underlined that the State Government has consistently focused on providing improved facilities and infrastructure, ensuring adequate number of trained and capable teachers with good professional skills, and improving curriculum and teaching practices.

The CM highlighted that the educated youth of the state should be capable of changing the society into an intellectual one.

He implored the youths to work towards creation of a society free of gender discrimination and inequality and advocated ideologies of peace, harmony, compassion and unity.

Further, the CM reiterated how all Sikkimese students are entitled to avail free education in the State at Centre for Computers & Communication Technology in Chisopani and at Advanced Technical Training Centre in Bardang.

He also announced various vacancies being created by the State Government to provide avenues of employment for

Temi Tea Estate's Labour Board constructs shed room with daycare facilities for workers

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

The Labour Welfare Board of Temi Tea Estate has constructed a shed room, kitchen, toilet and a dispensary for workers in Temi Tea Estate, South Sikkim. A crèche centre [daycare/nursery] has also been setup by the Board to attend to children of parents working in the tea estate.

Temi Tea Estate Manager, LT Bhutia, while speaking to Summit-Times, informed that the initiative was taken to allow workers focus on their work without having to worry about food or their children.

Mr Bhutia also said that the tea estate did not have a proper resting place or a fully functional toilet earlier, resulting in an 'unhygienic environment' especially during monsoons.



With the establishment of shed room, kitchen and a functioning daycare center, workers can be more relaxed and focused on their work resulting in improved worker satisfaction at the tea estate, Mr Bhutia

hopes.

The daycare center currently takes care of 16 children and has three lady staff members look after the kids.

The management is confident that this facility will help parents [especially, the women employees] balance their domestic and professional life.

The daycare is backed up by Social Welfare Board, Government of Sikkim and maintained by the Labour Welfare Board of the tea estate.

The manager further informed that a parking space has also been set up by the Board and that there are several more projects in the pipeline like paragliding, hiking and a ropeway to make Temi Tea Estate an ideal tourism destination as well as an asset to the State.

200 milch cows distributed under 'Dairy Mission' in Kabi

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 12 MAR:

Two hundred households from Kabi-Lungchok constituency of North Sikkim were provided with milch cows under the State Government's flagship programme, 'Dairy Mission,' under State Plan Budget 2016-18, in an event organised by the Animal Husbandry Department at Mangan today.

Also at the function, a utility vehicle for Lachen-Mangan constituency was handed over by Horticulture Department for collection of organic vegetables.

Three farmers were also given certificates by the Animal Husbandry Department upon completing the training organized by the Department.

The function was attended by Animal Husbandry Minister, Somnath Poudhyal as the



chief guest accompanied by Forest Minister TW Lepcha, area MLA [Kabi-Lungchok], Ugen Nedup Bhutia, Zilla Adhakahshya [North], Namdey Lepcha, Upadhakshya Theney Bhutia, officials from Horticulture and Animal Husbandry Department, District Administration Center and beneficiaries of the scheme.

Joint Director [District Animal Husbandry Department], Dr Karma T Bhutia informed that the Chief Minister has also announced plans to revive the Kabi-Lungchok Milk Chilling Plant.

Additional Director [District Animal Husbandry Department] gave tips on cattle rearing and also informed the beneficiaries about the ideal fodder preparation for the cattle.

Managing Director [North District Milk Union], BB Subba, called for more milk production from North Sikkim, while Director [Horticulture Department] urged for mass production of organic vegetables from the area.

The Zilla Adhyaksha, in her address, expressed gratitude towards the Chief Minister and the

Department for providing the livestock and urged the beneficiaries to take proper care of the animals.

The Area MLA in turn stressed that there palpable results of the schemes should be seen on ground and also informed that the Department will monitor the progress of the scheme.

He added that henceforth only dedicated beneficiaries will benefit from such scheme.

He also requested the concerned Minister for implementation of Trout Farming and Tea Plantation as alternate farming in the area.

The Forest Minister congratulated the North District Administration for being awarded the best performing district in the country and called on the people to participate in the Organic Mission wholeheartedly.

The Animal Husbandry Minister, while addressing the function, advised everyone against using chemical products in farming and engage in organic farming.

The Minister also informed that rest of the constituencies in North Sikkim will also get utility vehicles for vegetables collection.

Workshops at Rachna Books to help choose right books for children and understand need for Queer Literature

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Rachna Books in Gangtok is hosting two workshops on 13 and 14 Mar on two completely different and still related topics with award-winning publisher, professor, writer and media presenter from Australia, Dr Mark Macleod, as the guest speaker on both occasions.

On 13 Mar, Dr Macleod will lead the workshop, 'Change the Story, Change the World-choosing books for young readers', to help parents, educators and librarians choose right books for children and teens to help them understand social justice issues such as racism, sexism, classism, ableism and others.

Dr Macleod will then address another workshop on 14 Mar on 'Queer Literature'. An exhibition of sketches by Devdutt Patnaik based on 'Queers

in Ancient Hindu Mythology' is also set to be held on the same day.

Dr Mark Macleod published 'Ready or Not' the first Australian anthology of LGBT writing for teens. He is also editing 'The Ocean that We All Swim In': a collection of memoirs by Indian writers for Queer-Ink publishers in Mumbai. He is also the consultant editor for India's first LGBT publishing house, Queer-Ink.

He guides undergraduate and post-graduate studies in Children's Literature at Charles Sturt University in Australia. Formerly Publishing Director at Random House with his own name list Mark Macleod Books, and Publisher at Hachette Australia, he is President and Publishing Director of a new picture book publishing house, Dirt Lane Press.

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Dr Mark Macleod leads this workshop on one of the most dynamic and important developments in contemporary publishing.

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Gangtok on Tuesday, 13 Mar

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Sunrise: 05:48AM
Sunset: 5:43 PM

Legal Awareness and health camp held in Ravangla

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 MAR:
District Legal Services Authority (South) and Taluk Legal Services Committee (South), in coordination with the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, organized a Legal Awareness Camp as well as a Health Camp in coordination with Namchi District Hospital and Central Referral Hospital at Ravangla Bazar in South Sikkim on 10 Mar, a press release informs.

The camps were held to generate awareness about welfare legislations and schemes and strengthen the community's access to the schemes implemented by the Legal Services Authority and other Departments of the Government.

The programme also aimed at identifying and connecting people to welfare schemes.

The programme also looked into understanding legal needs of the people and addressing legal problems of the people by giving appropriate legal advice.

The programme was launched by the DLSA chairperson (South), Jyoti Kharka, with DLSA secretary (South), Sonam Denka Wangdi, panel advocates, Block Development Officer (Ravangla), officers from Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department, Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department, Central Re-

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Health & Transport Department conduct first aid training programme

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Trauma Care Division of Health Care, Human Services and Family Welfare Department in collaboration with Road Safety Cell of Transport Department provided training on 'First Aid and Medical Assistance' to doctors and paramedics of all hospitals in the State and the staff members of the Transport Department including bus drivers and conductors from 19 Feb to 08 Mar, a press release informs.

"Road accident is one of the leading causes of death and road accident victims stand a greater chance of survival and reduction in the severity of injuries if effective first aid and medical assistance are delivered in the golden hour [refers to a time period lasting for one hour, or less, following traumatic injury being sustained]," reads the release.

First aid training was also demonstrated to drivers of heavy motor vehicles

Chewang celebrates release of 'Denjong Ki Lushay' video album with thanksgiving

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Ravangla-born Bhutia folk singer, Chewang Dorjee Bhutia, hosted a thanksgiving event on the release of his debut video album, 'Denjong Ki Lushay', on 11 March here to thank the producers and contributors of the album.

Funded by Member of Parliament [Rajya Sabha], Hishey Lachungpa, and Power Minister, DD Bhutia, the album features eight songs with accompanying music videos and English subtitles.

Chewang said that the inspiration behind making the video album was from Chief Minister Pawan Chamling's advice to preserve the cultural and traditional values of Sikkim and its communities.

"He [Pawan Chamling] always talks about preserving the culture and traditions of our people which I think is



a very important advice because we have become so urbanized that we have forgotten our roots and where we come from," says Chewang.

"It is a small effort but seeing people come together to make the album was reassuring to me as a folk singer," he adds.

Chewang informed that the Rajya Sabha MP sponsored the audio recording of the album while the Power Minister took

care of the video department and its expenses.

The video album was officially released on 16 Feb by the Chief Minister at Barfung during the Losar celebrations.

Videos of the album have been shot at different locations and heritage sites of the State.

Chewang further informed that renowned Tibetan singers, Tshering Gurmey and Kelsang, appreciated his efforts

when they met during the Lachung Losar concert last month. Copies of the album have also been sent to Bhutan for sale.

Music for the album has been composed by Suman Karki.

The thanksgiving programme was attended by sponsors Hishey Lachungpa and DD Bhutia who appealed to everyone to preserve the tradition and cultural values of the State.

Workshop on tribal culture preservation and promotion wraps up in Gangtok

GANGTOK, 12 MAR

[IPR]: A workshop on 'Preservation, Promotion and further enrichment of Tribal Culture Tradition and Heritage of Sikkim', organized by the Tribal Research Institute, Social Justice Empowerment and Welfare Department, wrapped up today at the SJE&WD office here.

The five-day workshop covered different aspects of protecting and promoting various facets of cultural importance of Sikkim.

Head of Anthropology Department, Sikkim University, KR Rama Mohan, who chaired the event, spoke on various mechanisms implemented by the Government of Sikkim and acknowledged the Chief Minister's keen interest in safeguarding the State's cultural heritage with an



effort to make Sikkim a cultural hub.

Resource person Rinzino Lepcha spoke on various natural treasures of Sikkim whilst encouraging the audience to understand their value and

protect it for future generations.

He also pointed out various issues related to Sikkim which threaten the natural and cultural aspects of the Sikkimese populace.

The workshop was attended by students from Sikkim University, Paljor Namgyal Girls School and Sai Gurukul along with their teachers who also participated in the discussions.



SAEWA new executive body meets discusses service extension issue

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

Sikkim Agriculture Extension Workers Association [SAEWA] conducted its first meeting after the formation of the new executive body on 11 Mar at Tadong, East Sikkim under the chairmanship of SAEWA president, KK Sharma with the theme 'Unity Brings Prosperity', a press release informs.

SAEWA vice president, Didup Bhutia, general secretary, Saroj Das, publicity secretary, Kavita Basnett and members Pema Tshering Lepcha and Rudra Mani Sharma attended the meeting.

The members discussed the future activities of the association.

General secretary, Saroj Das highlighted the association memorandum, objectives, rules and regulation, action plan and strategies of the association to the attendees.

President, KK Sharma, in his address highlighted the issue of promotion as per the available vacancy. Members are not happy with service extension policy as it hampers promotions of the lower level employees as well, he said.

Organic Mission of Sikkim has been achieved mainly due to the hard work of lower level field functionaries like Jr. FAs, FAs, VLWs and Inspectors, he added. We must appreciate their

commendable job and give them promotion on time, he added.

We are thankful to the Government for regularizing a large number of Muster Roll employees, said Mr Sharma further adding that many of the issues have been placed before higher authorities.

On the day, former president, Hari Prasad Sharma (ADO) was felicitated for his contribution to the association from 2003 to 2017.

The associated applauded two VLWs, Jharana Gurung and Pritika Rai who received Letters of Appreciation from the Government Of Sikkim on Republic Day 2018, the release mentions.



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Sealed Tender are invited from individual having COI/SSC/RC and registered organisation for the award of Bazaar Contract, Car Parking Contract, Car Wash Centre, Pay & Use Toilet Contract and Restaurant under Mangan Nagar Panchayat for the year 2018-19.

The details of the contract and the tender documents can be obtained from the office of the Municipal Executive Office, Mangan Nagar Panchayat, Mangan, North Sikkim on payment by depositing the amount at Canara Bank, Mangan on all working days between 11.00 Am to 3.00 PM.

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1. First Date for issuance of Tender Documents :	19.03.2018.
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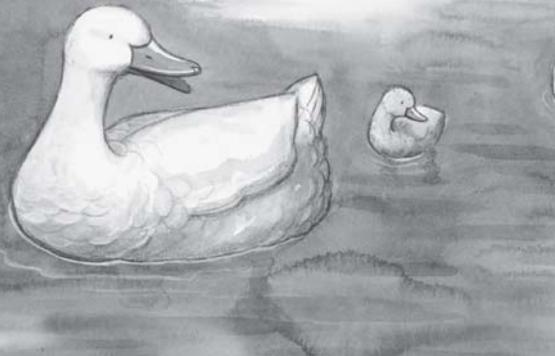
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Suicides, Still Unaddressed

Awareness camps won't suffice if causes are not known

For a state having to live with the notoriety of having one of the highest suicide rates in the country, Sikkim manages to shrug off its responsibility towards saving lives surprisingly effectively. Death, due to any reason, is a very personal loss. But even while accepting that the norms of privacy require such losses to be mourned in private, when the loss of life is due to suicide, a trend which has reached alarming levels in Sikkim, one hopes that better trained minds and more involved [and responsible] people measured up to the challenge and studied the incidents in more detail. Their enquiry, should it offer a clear explanation, will also point out the course corrections the society needs to adopt to save lives.

This is regrettably still not happening, and the real danger is that given Sikkim's small size, even a slight dip in the number of reported suicides sees it drop from the top of the suicide rate list. When that happens, everyone heaves a faked sigh of relief that the menace has been curbed. But that would not be the case, because, unless clearly and effectively addressed, suicides will remain a very worrying reality irrespective of where Sikkim ranks on the national suicide list. The shock of having become the suicide capital of the nation did not shake things up in the regard and lives, across all age-groups and social strata continue to be lost due to what have to be avoidable reasons; reasons which could have been addressed provided Sikkim bothered to understand the causes, addressed it and provided the required support and counsel. If even the shock of a disturbing number of youth deciding to opt of life does not catalyse mediation, nothing will.

Everyone knows that untreated depression festers into manic levels, triggering suicidal tendencies. We have known that much for a while. What we do not know is what triggers are pushing even a 9-year-old (yes, children that young have also committed suicide in Sikkim), or teenagers for that matter, to such levels of depression that they are committing suicide in what should be the most carefree age. It is no defence that teen or preteen suicides are rare [the last instance of a preteen committing suicide in Sikkim was in 2013 and then there was one in 2009 when an 11-year-old girl hanged herself with a school tie one afternoon after returning from school].

A suicide always makes disturbing news and the psychological health of a State dregs low when a State as small as Sikkim adds ever younger people to the list of victims. It does not take an expert to explain that suicides are born from depression, that much is obvious. It is no longer enough to be told that psychiatric counselling needs to be reached to more people at more places. That should have already happened by now. Awareness camps will no longer suffice, the concerned agency should start investing more of its training in trying to understand and explain why depression is so pervasive in Sikkim and where Sikkim is failing, as a State and as a society, in trying to contain depression from turning morbid and fatal. When the suicide-rate spikes in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra or in Andhra Pradesh, the reasons are known – crop failure. When teen suicides climb in June-July across the country every year, experts know the reason – they blame the board exam results and academic pressure.

Across the country and the world, the reasons prompting suicides are understood in reasonably clear detail and it naturally follows that efforts are mounted to suppress the triggers. No such enquiry has been invested to understand why so many in Sikkim end their lives. The times are now desperate for a detailed analysis to be undertaken.

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Maths is revolutionising the study of history – here's how

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The study of history traditionally brings to mind images of dark, winding archives and the smell of dust; visions of academics poring through piles of documents to uncover secrets and find the missing piece, piles that are invariably too small to cover the subject and too high to be worked through.

But thanks to the internet, an almost inconceivable amount of sources are now available to the historian. The basis of historical research – manuscripts, rare books, images, and documents of a private and administrative nature like letters and financial plans – can now be accessed from almost everywhere. And this increased quantity of available historical sources doesn't just mean that we now know it better. It means that now, we can know it differently. This quantity has affected the nature of our research. It has not only changed the kinds of answers historical study can provide, but also what questions we ask.

History comes in two flavours. There's what I call micro history, and then there's long-durée historical reconstruction. The first is characterised by detailed but temporally and spatially limited case studies; the second is rather a second-order reflection oriented by a historical hypothesis. This sort embraces a long spatial and temporal span but is informed by a limited number of selected case studies.

This has long restricted the kind of history that can be studied. But by mathematically analysing large historical data sets, it becomes possible to integrate the two approaches, conducting deep source analysis systematically while covering long spatial and temporal distances. In the field of history of science, which I work in, this is allowing us to investigate how the scientific knowledge systems that now dictate our lives formed.

Why is this possible? First, because the selection of sources against



which historical hypotheses are proved, modified and sometimes rejected has increased. But also because such an increased number of sources allows for the consideration of more perspectives simultaneously.

A NEW HISTORY

For instance, historians of knowledge can now not only consider a much larger corpus of sources, such as a large quantity of scientific treatises from the past, but also the sources concerned with the institutional, economic and social context in which such treatises were produced. Historians have long called for a contextualised history of knowledge, but until now, long-durée historical reconstructions could only connect a few well studied examples by means of specific hypotheses of an economic or conceptual nature.

But if a much larger corpus of sources is able to be considered and analysed in detail, we can reflect more broadly about mechanisms of knowledge evolution. This allows us to move toward a more abstract understanding of our past. We can speak about the mechanisms of history – and other humanities – in a totally new, informed way.

An entire new discipline – the digital humanities – emerged in order to allow scholars to manage this wealth of information. Historical sources, their electronic copies and bibliographic metadata are increasingly

immersed in a frame of annotations, ideas and relations electronically produced by historians while studying our material and intellectual heritage. Appropriate repositories have been created for all this data and a standard format for its preservation and reuse independently from these platforms and tools is being developed.

Open access to data, even more than to publications, is therefore becoming imperative. History writing is leading the humanities to contribute to that new frontier of science called big data.

HISTORIAN-MATHEMATICIANS

So historians now have to get their heads around mathematics, too. While a database is never much more than an expression of arithmetic or linear algebra, the increasing amount of available data is calling for a more sophisticated approach. By joining force with sociology, history writing is now entering a new phase, characterised by the application of algorithms and work flows borrowed from the field of social network analysis.

Historical data is being explored by means of graph visualisations and network parameters. In particular, some models and packages allow historians to simulate how networks are changed by the decisions of those involved. These simulations are based on hypotheses that are formulated by the historians and hard-coded in the scripts. One example hypotheses

could be “religious differences do not represent any obstacle for communication in the scientific society”.

For example, the historian Ingeborg van Vugt has used this multi-layered approach to explore the different ways in which information circulated in the Republic of Letters, the long-distance intellectual community of the late 17th and 18th centuries in Europe and America. Such research allows us to better visualise how the Age of Enlightenment, driven forward by these intellectuals, developed. The next step could be to statistically model this network, and so be able to pursue her research question by integrating an even broader wealth of data.

A network model for studies in history of knowledge has to consider an unusually varied set of data. There is the data of a social nature concerned with people and organisations; that concerned with material aspects of history, such as the conservation life of a book; and the data that represent the actual knowledge, the content of the sources. These are three different levels of one and the same evolving network for which explanatory mathematical models have been rarely conceived and even less realised. From this perspective, history writing is even about to challenge applied statistics.

Although mathematical modelling in the frame of history is clearly at its first steps, its introduction already appears unstoppable. This is creating the conditions for the emergence of a new vision, according to which we might be able to develop general mathematical models to explain how ideas and knowledge changed from a social and historical perspective. Perhaps we could even use these models in different areas of scientific research dedicated to the present and the future. And in such a future, humanities and exact science will begin to use the same mathematical language.

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Adventures in menstruation: how period product ads have changed to reflect a more realistic experience for women

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Fifty years ago “period” was a dirty word, and menstruation a shameful event that was not for public discussion. The recent debate about period poverty and the ever-controversial subject of the tampon tax have reignited public interest in the politics of periods. Now it appears to have motivated the “femcare” industry to change the way it sells its menstrual products.

Before the market's beginnings in 1930s America, women relied on homemade pads, natural materials, cloth or rags. Since then, advertising has dominated the visual culture of periods with images of femininity, promises of protection and a steady flow of blue liquid. But in the last three years, the femcare industry has demonstrated a significant change in tone. Why the change, and why now? Lessons from the history of period product advertising can help explain the departure.

A VERY PROFITABLE TABOO

Inspired by First World War nurses who discovered bandages worked equally well for their own monthly bleeding, American companies Kimberly-Clark and Tambrands developed Kotex pads and Tampax tampons in the 1920s and 1930s (menstrual cups were developed around the same time, but flopped). But these big companies found advertising menstrual products a tricky challenge.

Early ads featured medical authorities and soothing older women. Once consumers had become familiar with the product, less information was needed. In the 1950s, Johnson & Johnson adverts featured women in evening gowns. Campaigns were aimed at pre-menstrual girls through sponsored sex education and infomercials such as Kotex's 1946 Disney film, *The Story of Menstruation*. By mid-century, increasing numbers of women in the West used disposable pads or tampons from leading American brands.

When Second Wave feminism erupted across America in the 1970s, the industry acknowledged that evening gowns and Disney would no longer cut it. Feminist bestseller *Our Bodies Ourselves* and the abortion debate meant that periods had become a political issue.

The femcare industry saw this as a golden opportunity to gain the trust of young influencers, and targeted hippies and feminists with the language of freedom. When Kotex released New Freedom adhesive pads (a huge deal because belts and pins were no longer needed to keep pads in place) the ads included lines like: “You're Free!” Consumers quickly switched to the adhesive pads and advertising took a back seat.

CRISIS AND INNOVATION

In the late-20th century, men working in advertising shunned menstrual product accounts. Women were often left covering femcare, where small budgets and ridicule meant that their campaigns did not win the advertising awards necessary for prestige or career advancement.

Two crises shook up industry in the 1980s. First, the Toxic Shock Syndrome scandal where 38 women in the US died after using Rely super-absorbent tampons, saw a drop in tampon use for the first time. Second, new competitors challenged the traditional existing brands. Women were left with more choice, but less trust in products they thought were safe.

The crises meant that new branding was urgently needed, and advertising became a big priority, with spending skyrocketing in the 1990s. At the same time, feminism became a hot issue in mainstream debate – again. Campaigns like Dove's Real Beauty made headlines and won awards, paving the way for today's campaigns.

Since Newsweek defined 2015 as the “Year of the Period” after stories emerged about the censorship of menstruation in advertising and social media, period product advertising has broken all the rules. The challenge for advertisers today is connecting with millennial women who are critical readers of advertising and back campaigns to ban the tampon tax and end period poverty.

This has led to a flurry of creativity and innovation. “Period-proof” underwear THINX was the first to include a trans man in its advertising. Bodyform was the first to show a blood-like stain instead of the sanitised blue liquid. Menstrual cup Mooncup focuses on environmental messages “for our future” and encourages women to “own your

period”. With so many social justice messages and new products, there is more choice and information to filter than ever before.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS

So now the big period brands appear to be communicating the same messages as female activists. But like the 1970s, today's “feminist” ads present a familiar script: menstruation must still be hidden, and these commercial products will hide it. But unlike the 1970s, women in advertising are being recognised for their creative, innovative work in a category previously deemed valueless. At the same time, social shame seems to be diminishing, with femcare ads more comfortable with using words like “blood” and “periods” instead of soft-peddling the message with euphemistic language.

But the femcare industry is not the pioneer changing the conversation, but rather people like comedian/activist/academic Chella Quint, creator of comedy show *Adventures in Menstruating*, who has protested against branded sex education in schools; poet-artist Rupri Kaur, whose period-related artworks were banned from Instagram in 2015, then un-banned; Arunachalam Muruganantham, whose story about making affordable pads for women in India inspired the movie *Pad Man*; and Amika George, the activist who led the march against period poverty in London in 2017.

Despite Bodyform's real-looking blood and pink menstrual cups, there is little new in the industry's attempt to emotionally connect with a new generation. Today, millennials might laugh at their mothers' “feminist” choice of Kotex while celebrating a bloody Bodyform on social media. Perhaps this is why we are seeing a steady increase of “woke” period product ads that challenge the old norms: it worked before, it's working now.

Advertisers have always played a part in changing public perception, but advertising can never be activism. Education about periods cannot be left just to big brand campaigns; if the goal is to change perceptions and dismantle menstrual taboos, it seems odd to rely on the industry that created so many of those perceptions in the first place.

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Army personnel shot at in Patna, five policemen suspended

PATNA, MAR 11 (PTI): Unidentified gunmen today shot at an Army personnel when he tried to resist them from looting his belongings at Chirayatand overbridge here, police said.

The incident occurred in the early hours when the Army personnel, a resident of Rohtas district, was returning home from a marriage function.

The attackers, four to five in number, surrounded him and tried to loot his belongings, and one of them fired at him when he resisted, Deputy Inspector General of Central Range (Patna) Rajesh Kumar said.

The man received a bullet injury in the neck and is stated to be in critical condition, the police officer said.

The injured person was initially admitted to Patna Medical College and Hospital (PMCH), from where his relatives shifted him to a private hospital.

The SHO of Gandhi Maidan police station, Mitesh Kumar, has been suspended since the incident took place under the jurisdiction of his police station, the DIG said.

The DIG also said that he has suspended four other policemen who were on patrolling duty at Gandhi Maidan police station area for dereliction of duty.

PM to inaugurate Mary Kom's academy in presence of Vijender, Sushil

NEW DELHI, MAR 12 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 'Mary Kom Regional Boxing Foundation' in Imphal on March 16 and present in the long-awaited event will be Olympic medallists -- boxer Vijender Kumar and wrestler Sushil Kumar.

Nestled at the foot of Langol hills in Manipur's Imphal West district, Mary Kom's Boxing Academy, spread across 3.3 acres, is around 10 km from the center of state capital Imphal. It currently houses 45 young boxers, including 20 girls, at the three-storey building.

The land was allotted by the Manipur govern-



ment in 2013, and the academy's construction was funded by National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).

"The foundation is

grateful to both central and state government for establishment of these sports facilities after many years of struggle since its inception in

2006," it said in a press release.

"The foundation expresses their gratitude to PMO for making (it) to the event and formally

handover the buildings to the foundation for promotion of boxing sports."

A five-time world and Asian champion, Mary Kom is also the country's only woman boxer with an Olympic medal (a bronze won in London 2012 Games).

The 35-year-old was christened 'Magnificent Mary' by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) a few years ago for her stellar career, which also includes an Asian Games gold medal.

The most recent chapter of her extraordinary life journey was becoming a Rajya Sabha MP in 2016 and winning her fifth Asian Championships gold medal a year later.



Tea exports to Pak increased in 2017-18 during Apr to Jan

KOLKATA, MAR 12 (PTI): Tea exports to Pakistan during the 10 months of 2017-18 during the period April to January stood at 12.73 million kilograms (mkg) as compared to 9.65 mkg during the same period of 2016-17.

Total exports from India during April to January 2017-18 also increased to 200.67 mkg from 188.10 mkg in the correspond period previous fiscal, according to Tea Board data.

Among the major importers were CIS countries, where exports fell to 46.92 mkg during April to January 2017-18 from 49.63 mkg in the similar period of 2016-17.

Iran importers lifted

24.62 mkg during the period in current fiscal, as compared to 21.06 mkg in the previous financial year.

Other prominent importers were the UAE (16.44 mkg), the UK (13.66 mkg) and the USA (11.89 mkg) in the first 10 months of 2017-18.

In value terms, exports were to the tune of Rs 3970 crore in the first 10 months of current fiscal, which was higher than Rs 3874 crore in the similar period of previous fiscal, according to the data.

Unit price realisation per kilogram during the period April to January 2017-18 was lower at Rs 197.86 from Rs 206 in the previous period of 2016-17.

First e-budget with no fresh tax presented in Assam Assembly

GUWAHATI, MAR 12 (PTI): Assam Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma today presented the state's first e-budget with a deficit of Rs 2149.04 crore in the Assembly here proposing no fresh taxes.

After Andhra Pradesh, Assam has become the second state to have an e-budget, but unlike the other state, Assam budget is available in Google Play Store so that anybody can access it, Sarma said.

The budget proposed a levy of electricity duty at 5 per cent on ad-valorem basis and one per cent increase on stamp duty registration fee for transactions in immovable properties.

"The estimated transactions during the year will result in an estimated surplus of Rs 999.99 crore. This, together with the opening deficit of Rs 3149.04 crore will lead to a budget deficit of Rs 2149.04 crore at the end of the year 2018-2019," said Sarma in the BJP-led Sarbananda Sonowal Government's third budget.

The budget estimates of 2018-19 show



a receipt of Rs 90673.42 crore under the Consolidated Fund and Out of this, Rs 74118.50 crore is on Revenue Account and the remaining Rs 16554.92 crore is under Capital Account.

The budget was presented in both hard copy format and in the digital format in tablet computer to the legislators in the House, the minister said.

"We have taken great steps in making this budget future ready, citizen friendly and all embracing through our e-budget model that has easy to use provisions of SDG (sustainable develop-

ment goal), gender, child and elderly related", Sarma said in his speech.

The finance minister also proposed to increase the tender fee from Rs 8.25 to Rs 100 for tenders up to Rs 20 lakh and Rs 500 for tenders beyond Rs 20 Lakh.

Regarding relief to small tea growers, he proposed to exempt specified land cess on green tea leaves.

In the previous two budgets, the cess had been reduced from 25 paise to 10 paise per kg green tea leaf in two phases.

Talking to reporters,

Sarma said, the budget speech was streamed live on Twitter and Facebook.

Media persons covering the budget session were provided the budget speech in a pen drive.

2641 killed by militants in Assam between 1987-2000

GUWAHATI, MAR 12 (PTI): Altogether 2641 people were killed by militants in Assam between 1987-2000 when 16 insurgent outfits came into being in the state, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal told the assembly today.

Sonowal, who also holds the Home portfolio, was replying to a question by Nurul Huda of Congress.

He said during the period a one-time payment of Rs one lakh was given per family to the victims of ULFA, Bodo Volunteers Force, Bodo Security Force, Bodo Liberation Tigers, NDFB and other outfits.

Motor Vehicles Division organizes road safety...

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dents of Dikling Sr. Sec. School by the school authority in collaboration with Motor Vehicles Division, Gangtok East Sikkim.

Winners of the Essay competition were Bandita Basnett (1st position), Sridika Basnett (2nd position) and Ashish Tamang (3rd position). Winners of painting competition were Kesang Tamang (1st position), Suk Maya Subba (2nd position), and Sugam Manger (3rd position).

The winners were awarded trophies along with certificates.

The programme concluded with a Road Safety rally in and around Dikling Sr. Sec. School, along with the Motor Vehicles Officers, Staff, Principal and Staff of School. The officers and staff of Motor Vehicles Division Gangtok involved in organizing the event were JB Thapa (Dy. RTO), Rakam Rai (ARTO), DP Sharma (ARTO), Harka Maya Rai (MVI).

Organic Farming training held at Simboley

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 12 MAR:

MEVEDIR conducted a Gram Panchayat Unit level training on various aspects of Organic Farming for farmers of Maneybung Sopakha GPU assembled at Simboley, West Sikkim, today, a press release informs.

The program was attended by Panchayat Presidents Kesarman Subba and Tukamaya Subba who also represented their respective wards.

Field Assistant, Sukraj Subba, and Field Officer, Arpita Chettri, from MEVEDIR were the resource persons for the

programme.

The first session of the training had a general introduction on the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM), principles of organic farming and how organic farming helps in preserving the nutrients of the soil and food.

Arpita Chettri, in her presentation, explained how locally available plants and microbial resources can be used to prepare organic fertilizers and pesticides.

Sukraj Subba, in turn, detailed the different techniques of seed sow-

ing and the features to be aware of while sowing. Manure mixture techniques were also demonstrated by the resource persons.

Panchayat President Kesarman Subba informed the farmers about the system of rewards and incentives instituted by the Government and how farmers should engage in Organic Farming.

He highlighted some of the farmer-friendly policies of the State Government and assured full cooperation from his office to help Organic Farming succeed in the area.



DOOR-TO-DOOR FOLLOW UP OF IMMUNISATION PROG IN SINGTAM

SINGTAM, 12 MAR: A team of Aaganwadi workers and ICDS members, along with staff from District Hospital Singtam, conducted a door-to-door visit of Singtam Bazaar today as a part of the State wide immunization camp. This was to check if any children were left out from the immunization programme carried out on Sunday, 11 March. [Yogen Thatal]

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The Details of the Contract and the Tender documents can be obtained from the office of the UDOR-CHO-SUM Pemayangtse Monastery Estate, on all working days from 15.03.2018 between 10 AM to 4 PM (Cost of tender form Rs.2000 and 1000 respectively).

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ferral Hospital Manipal, Gram Vikash Kendra Ravangla, Police Department, Zilla Panchayat and Panchayat President of Ravangla, GPU, Para-Legal Volunteers and Aaganwadi workers.

People visited information booths setup by various Departments and interacted with the officers and representative of the Departments present to address their problems and to procure appropriate advice and guidance, the release states.



Sehwag, Akhtar to converse on Indo-Pak cricket rivalry

DUBAI, MAR 12 (PTI): Virender Sehwag and Shoaib Akhtar will engage in a conversation around their cricket careers, off-the-field stories and India-Pakistan rivalry.

The two will be in the city on March 22 for the first-ever Colors Cricket Conclave.

Speaking about the conclave, Sachin Gokhale, Business Head - Middle East & Africa and Head of Business Operations and Corporate Strategy for International Business at IndiaCast said, "Colors Cricket Conclave is our first event for 2018 and we're very excited to introduce this unique cricket concept which will host two sides to the cricket story - i.e. a world-renowned batsman and a legendary bowler from two rival countries."

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Vijay Singh gets 1st individual win on PGA Tour Champions

NEW PORT BEACH, MAR 12 (AP): Vijay Singh got up-and-down for birdie with a putter from off the green on the final hole for a one-shot victory in the Toshiba Classic today.

The 55-year-old Hall of Famer edged Tommy Tolles, Tom Pernice Jr. and Scott McCarron to win for the first time as an individual on the PGA Tour Champions. He teamed with Carlos Franco to win last year's Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf.

Singh has played a limited schedule on the 50-and-over tour while continuing to compete on the PGA Tour, where he has 34 career victories.

"I just put a lot of pressure on myself when I first came out here. Every time I teed up, you know, I was I thought I had to win. The more I did that, the more I didn't win, the harder it got," Singh said.

"This week was a little different. Last week I was sick with cold and flu, and this week kind of started out that way, so my expectation wasn't very high. I just came out here, I said, 'I'm just going to go out and play.'" The Fijian closed with a 5-under 66 for a three-day total of 11-under 202 at Newport Beach Country Club.



"I always knew I was going to win out here, it was just a matter of time," Singh said.

"I was going to play a lot more this year anyway, so this is a good start and hopefully I'm going to win a few more." He got his stiffest challenge from Tolles, who was bogey-free before he three-putted the tough par-3 17th.

Singh also bogeyed 17 to fall even with Tolles, whose chip from short of the green on the par-5 18th rolled 6 feet past.

Tolles missed the birdie putt, opening the door for Singh playing behind him.

Tolles, winless in 233 career PGA Tour starts, earned full status on the PGA Tour Champions at Q School last fall. His best previous finish was a tie for 9th last week.

"Obviously I never won on the PGA Tour, so this is kind of like you've heard that adage about same movie, same script, same ending? I have a little bit of that feeling, which is not a good feeling to have," said Tolles, who

closed with a 65.

"So I don't know how many times you have to get in the competition or whatever before you can actually pull it out. Time's limited, you've got to make the most of it. You know, I don't know what to do. Right now I'm just really disappointed because things could have been so much easier, just two little 6-footers on 17 and 18 there and my whole world changes. But I guess that's golf."

Pernice and McCarron both needed eagle on 18 to match Singh and closed with birdies.

Popovic, Roca mesmerised by Chhetri's hat-trick

BENGALURU, MAR 12 (PTI): FC Pune City head coach Ranko Popovic called Sunil Chhetri "the best ever Indian player" while his Bengaluru FC counterpart, Albert Roca, was at a loss of words to define him.

Bengaluru FC rode Chhetri's hat-trick to make it to the final of the Hero Indian Super League (ISL) 2017-18 season.

The India skipper's triple strike gave Bengaluru FC a facile 3-1 win in a tense second-leg semi-final at the Kanteerava Stadium yesterday.

Jonatan Lucca's free-kick goal gave Pune some hope of a fightback at 1-2 but Chhetri was too good on the day and sealed the deal with a minute to go for the final whistle.

"I think Sunil Chhetri is the best ever Indian player till now, and these kind of players know how to play these kind of games. He scored a hat-trick, and he was the hero today. The young players should learn from this,"

said Popovic, lauding Chhetri's standout performance on the pitch.

Praising Chhetri's efforts in a difficult game Roca said: "What can I say about him? He's an outstanding player. There are no words to define him. This was such an important game, and he proved that he is always there when required. He is a wonderful player."

After their goalless draw in Pune and the away goal dagger hanging over their head, Roca realised the importance of the game and added: "Today was a difficult game. So, it was not about Chhetri alone, he was undoubtedly brilliant, but the entire squad stood up to the challenge, it was a huge team effort."

"I am happy to have reached the final in our first season. The players have to put the same efforts that they have so far and give their best on the pitch. We have to win the title race, which is our last hurdle," added Roca.

Keen tussle on cards as Chennaiyin FC meet FC Goa

CHENNAI, MAR 12 (PTI): Chennaiyin FC head into the second leg semifinal against FC Goa of the Indian Super League here tomorrow, with the advantage of having scored an away goal in the first leg, which ended 1-1.

The 2015 champions start favourites to enter the final but can expect a stiff fight from the visitors, in search of a maiden ISL triumph.

The Chennai team had faced FC Goa in its first league match this season at the Marina Arena and bounced back well after a nightmarish first half to nearly secure a draw.

But a lot has happened since that game last November and the two teams have gone through ups and down to reach the play-offs. While Goa have scored the maxi-



imum number of goals (43 till the first leg of the play-offs), Chennaiyin haven't been so prolific in finding the net (with 25 so far).

The former champions managed an away goal in the first leg on Saturday but would be aware that they could have gained a signifi-

cant advantage if the forwards had not frittered away things. Also, Goa's goalkeeper Laxmikant Kattimani did a great job to deny the Chennai-

yin strike force.

Coach John Gregory would once again rely on the mid-field duo of Dhanpal Ganesh and Bikramjit Singh to keep Goa's attacking players at bay. Mailson Alves and Henrique Sereno had underlined their importance with another good show and will be expected to maintain their standards in the second leg.

The focus will be on Jeje Lalpekhlua, who would like to get back among the goals after fluffing a few chances in the previous game.

Gregory would also expect the experienced Raphael Augusto to make more attacking forays into the opposition half and build the pressure on the rival defence.

The visiting FC Goa side will be aware that they have

to score as a draw won't be enough. The prolific Ferran Corominas (the leading goal-scorer with 18 so far) endured a quiet game on Saturday and the onus would be on him to lead from the front.

Goa coach Sergio Lobera has advocated an attacking philosophy for the team, which has worked too. He would look up to Corominas to do some damage upfront and expect the midfield, expected to feature Morocco's Hugo Boumous, to provide the thrust.

The team emerged victorious the last time it was here and will hope to win a second time to seal a spot in the March 17 final against Bengaluru FC.

However, they will be up against an inspired Chennaiyin team backed by a 'sea of blue'.

AITA ignores Bopanna's reservation, pairs him with Paes

NEW DELHI, MAR 12 (PTI): Sending out a strong message that it won't allow players to interfere in selection matters, the AITA today brought back old warhorse Leander Paes in the Davis Cup team despite "reservations" from seasoned campaigner Rohan Bopanna.

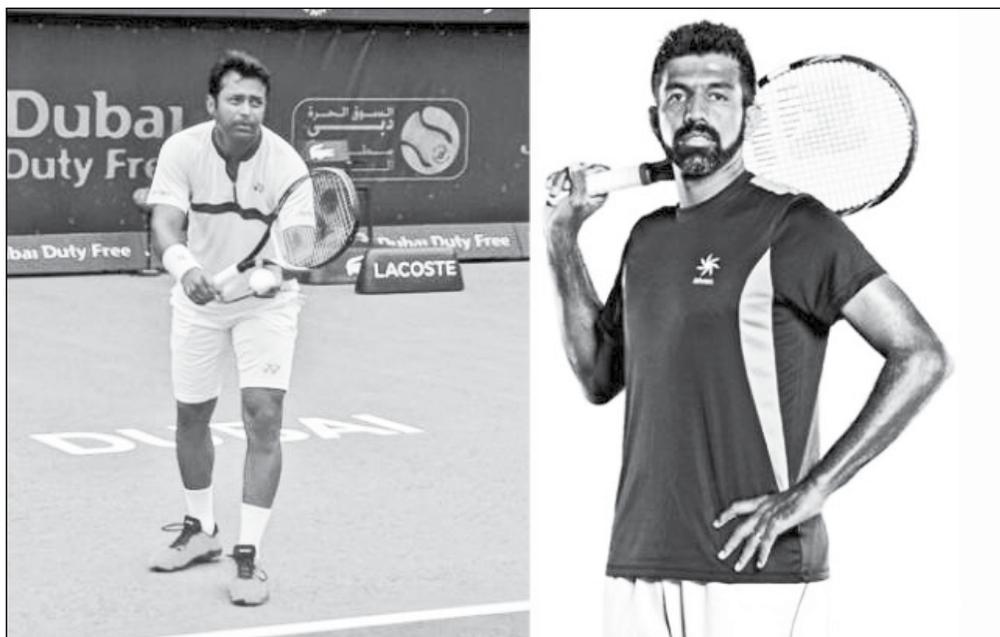
The five-member selection committee named Yuki Bhambri, Ramkumar Ramanathan, Sumit Nagal, Bopanna and Paes apart from including left-handed Divij Sharan as a reserve member in the side. Purav Raja, who performed below-par against Canada in the World Group Play-Off tie, was predictably dropped from the squad.

According to sources in the AITA, non-playing captain Mahesh Bhupathi had written to the chairman of the selection committee that senior pro Bopanna had expressed wish to "sit out" of the China tie, to allow Paes get his Davis Cup world record, effectively conveying that he was not willing to pair up with the legend for this tie.

The selectors though have included both Bopanna and Paes in the team, leaving the ball in Bopanna's court to decide whether he wants to play or opt out of the April 6-7 tie, to be held in Tainjin.

"This matter was discussed in the EC yesterday and according to the captain, Rohan is still carrying a baggage and there is no on-court chemistry between them (Bopanna and Paes). The captain also felt that it was only Leander, who can convince Bopanna to play with him and that he must communicate with Bopanna," an AITA official told PTI.

The AITA official said that it will be a very critical decision that Bopanna has to make. The official did not forget to mention that Bopanna still gets government grant and should be aware of what he is getting into.



"Look, he (Bopanna) gets grants from the government. If he refuses to play for the country, leaving behind personal differences, AITA won't support such players. They have to play only twice or thrice a year for India. Can't they play without an agenda for two weeks," the irked AITA official remarked.

The differences between Bopanna and Paes go back a long way. In 2012, both of them were expected to play together on the ATP Tour to prepare for the London Olympics but later Bopanna had refused to pair up with Paes and forced AITA to team

him up with Bhupathi.

Paes had to play the men's doubles event with unheralded Vishnu Vardhan. For the mixed doubles, he was paired with Sania Mirza, who didn't hide his disappointment at being used as a "bait" by AITA to pacify Paes.

Meanwhile, the 44-year-old Paes, who was dropped from the tie against Uzbekistan in April 2017, said he had no issues playing with Bopanna.

"I am happy to make a comeback to the Indian team. I have worked hard and moved my ranking up. I am looking forward

towards playing Rohan. We can make a good combination. I respect Rohan's talent as a player," Paes told PTI.

Asked to react on the team picked by AITA, captain Bhupathi told PTI, "The selectors have picked a full strength team. I think this gives us our best chance to beat China so we are looking forward to the challenge."

Paes had been out of favour since the Bengaluru drama when he was not included in the starting line-up by captain Mahesh Bhupathi despite having him in the six-man squad.

The veteran flew all the way from the US to Bengaluru and after being dropped, he had left the city mid-way into the tie.

Paes returned to top-50 and is placed 46th in the rankings after his stupendous show at the ATP 500 event in Dubai, where he ended runner-up with Jamie Cerrrati.

Sharan, now ranked 44, is country's second highest-ranked player after Bopanna (20), and has made a comeback to the team after 2012, when he made his debut against New Zealand.

Asked about Sharan being named a reserve, despite having better ranking, the selection committee chairman S P Misra said: "Paes may be ranked lower than Divij but in Davis Cup, he has performed tremendously. He will also get a chance to get that world record."

Asked about players' reservation, Misra said they wanted to select the best possible team and have done so.

Coach Zeeshan Ali said in current scenario, Leander and Rohan are best doubles pair for the team.

"We have three best singles players in the team and three best doubles players. Having Leander and Rohan in the team is our best chance to get the doubles point," Zeeshan said.

Bopanna could not be contacted since he is in the USA, where he lost the first round at Indian Wells Masters along with partner Edouard Roger-Vasselin.

The Asia Oceania group I tie will be played in new format over two days with all matches being best of three sets. The two singles will be played on Friday and the doubles along with reverse singles played on the following day. The ITF has now allowed five playing members in the squad instead of four.

China welcomes India's positive response to Wang's remarks on bilateral ties

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BEIJING, MAR 12 (PTI): China today welcomed as "positive" India's willingness to deal with differences with Beijing on the basis of mutual respect and sensitivity to each other's interests.



Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang's remarks came after India said it was willing to work with China to develop relations based on commonalities, while dealing with differences on the basis of mutual respect and sensitivity to each other's interests.

"We have noted such positive remarks by the Indian side," Lu told a media briefing here answering a

question on India's response to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's recent comments on bilateral ties.

"We wish to work with the

Indian side to take the important consensus between the two leaderships as guidance to improve our political mutual trust, enhance mutual benefi-

cial cooperation, manage our differences and ensure the correct track of our relations' development," Lu said.

He said Wang elaborated on China's basic position on its relations with India.

Wang in his annual press conference had said that India and China should shed suspicion and manage differences by meeting halfway, suggesting toning down of tough Chinese posture against New Delhi after the tense Doklam standoff.

During the meeting between Prime Minister Modi and President Xi Jinping in Xiamen in September last year, the two leaders had agreed that sound development of

relations between India and China was a factor of stability amidst today's global uncertainties, and that the two countries should not allow their differences to become disputes, he noted.

Asked how China views relations with India this year after turbulence in ties in 2017 due to a number of issues including the Doklam standoff, Wang in his annual press conference had called for both the countries to shed confrontationalist stance on issues of differences.

"The Chinese dragon and Indian elephant must not fight each other but dance together," he had said.



Ex-Bangladesh PM Zia gets bail in graft case

DHAKA, MAR 12 (PTI): Bangladesh's ex-premier and opposition BNP chief Khaleda Zia was today granted a four month bail in a corruption case, paving the way for her release from the jail.

Zia, 72, was sentenced to five years in jail on February 8 in connection with the embezzlement of 21 million taka (about USD 250,000) in foreign donations meant for the Zia Orphanage Trust, named after her late husband Ziaur Rahman, a military ruler-turned-politician.

The High Court today granted her a four-month interim bail.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim issued the decision after receiving the case documents from the trial court yesterday.

Zia and three of her aides were accused of syphoning off 31.5 million taka from the Zia Charitable Trust alone. She is also accused of leading a group of five people, including her eldest son, in embezzling another 21.5 million taka (USD 277,000) funds.

Plane going from UAE to Turkey crashes in Iran, killing 11

TEHRAN, MAR 11 (AP): A Turkish private jet flying from the United Arab Emirates to Istanbul carrying a group of young women crashed tonight in a mountainous region of Iran during a heavy rain, killing all 11 people on board, authorities said.

The doomed aircraft days earlier carried a bachelorette party bound for Dubai. Iranian state television quoted Mojtaba Khaledi, the spokesman of the country's emergency management organisation, as saying the plane hit a mountain near Shahr-e Kord and burst into flames.

Shahr-e Kord is some 370 kilometers south of the capital, Tehran.

Khaledi later told a website associated with state TV that local villagers had reached the site in the Zagros Mountains and found 11 badly burned bodies in the wreckage. He said DNA tests would be needed to identify the dead.

Villagers near the crash earlier said they saw flames coming from the plane's engine before the crash, according to a report by Iran's state-run judiciary news agency Mizan.

The plane took off around 4:41 p.m today and reached a cruising altitude of just over 35,000 feet, according to FlightRadar24, a flight-tracking website.

At around 6:01 p.m something appears to have gone wrong with the flight as it rapidly gained altitude and then dropped drastically within minutes, data published by the website showed.

Iranian officials said the plane took off from Sharjah International Airport on its way to Istanbul. A private company that handles public relations for the Sharjah airfield, the home of low-cost airline Air Arabia, declined to immediately comment.

Sharjah is a neighboring emirate of Dubai. Turkey's private Dogan News Agency identified the plane as a Bombardier CL604, tail number TC-TRB. Turkey's Transport Ministry said the plane belongs to a company named Basaran Holding, which The Associated Press could not immediately reach.



A Bangladeshi aircraft carrying 67 passengers crashed on Monday while coming in to land at the airport in the Nepali capital, Kathmandu, an Airport official said, adding that 17 people on board had been rescued. The US-Bangla Airlines aircraft crashed at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu with the airport authority reportedly expecting casualties on board the plane. Airport spokesman Prem Nath Thakur told the Kathmandu Post the aircraft veered off the runway while it was landing and crashed onto a nearby football pitch. The plane is believed to have taken off from Dhaka, Bangladesh, before crashing at the airport in nearby Nepal at about 2.20pm local time. The plane caught fire following the crash and an airport rescue team is working with the army as part of a rescue operation.

US will make no concessions for N Korea talks: CIA chief

WASHINGTON, MAR 12 (PTI): America will make no concessions to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for his talks with President Donald Trump over the reclusive nation's nuclear programme, CIA Director Mike Pompeo has said and insisted that Pyongyang was buckling under the pressure of US-led international sanctions.

Amid suggestions the US president is entering the potentially risky talks without properly considering the potential consequences, Pompeo said Trump understood the dangers.

Pompeo's remarks came days after Trump agreed to accept an invitation from the North Korean leader to meet by May after months of escalating tensions over Pyongyang's advancing nuclear and missile programmes.

Never before have we had the North Koreans in a position where their economy was at such risk, and where their leadership was under such pressure that they would begin conversations on the terms that Kim Jong Un has conceded to, Pompeo told Fox News.

"Make no mistake: while these negotiations are going



on, there will be no concessions made," he said.

"This first meeting is between Trump and the leader of North Korea, the two people who are the decision-makers, who will ultimately decide what arrangements are acceptable, Pompeo said.

Pompeo said that Trump "isn't doing this for theater."

"He's going to solve a problem," Pompeo said. He also insisted that Kim be prepared to talk about "complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization" if the meeting is to be held.

CIA, he said has an important role to play in this and keep the president well informed.

"The CIA has an important role as these conversations take place. We need to make sure that we can inform the president of the history of deceit of this regime, where they have committed to things in the agreed framework and that subsequently, we need to make sure that we go into this discussion understanding those risks, he said.

The nature of Kim Jong-un himself, he's still a very young leader, but clearly in charge of his country. Those are the kinds of things that we can share publicly about him and Trump is now committed to having at least a first conversation, Pompeo said in response to a question.

Trump would be the first sitting US president to meet with a North Korean leader.

"The location of the meeting will determine the exact timing of the meeting. The president and the team will figure out. But what's most important is what's discussed and the clarity and the strength and resolve of this president and this administration to achieve the outcomes that America so desperately deserves, the CIA director said.

Kim's desire for a meeting with Trump was made public on Thursday, amid North Korea's continued testing of a nuclear warhead and ballistic missiles, which has resulted in heated exchanges between the world leaders. Trump has called Kim rocket man and "maniac," while the North Korean leader has called the president mentally deranged.

Pompeo said Sunday that he continuously briefs the president on the North Korea matter and that the CIA knows how Kim responds to certain messages, suggesting that Trump's Twitter attacks on the leader might have been more calculated than impulsive.

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CABELLO OH NA NA! Before her highly anticipated performance Camila Cabello steps onto the red carpet with a colorful skirt and sheer top at the iHeart Radio Music Awards 2018.

BTS WINS BEST BOY BAND + ARMY WINS BEST FAN ARMY AT THE IHEARTRADIO MUSIC AWARDS



BTs has won big at the 2018 iHeartRadio Music Awards!

On March 11 at 5 p.m. PT, the awards ceremony was held at The Forum in Inglewood, California. BTS was unable to attend due to their busy schedules.

However, it was revealed during the show that BTS won Best Boy Band.

The group expressed their gratitude through a video message, with RM commenting, "This is the award our BTS Army literally made happen." J-Hope also said in Korean, "We really thank you and love you."

Not only did BTS take Best Boy Band, but their fandom Army also won the Best Fan Army award. BTS

congratulated their fans through a video message, with RM commenting, "You deserve every bit of this award." He added, "We are always overwhelmed by your support around-the-clock and all around the world. This award signifies passion and devotion of BTS Army. You're the best Army in the world!"

TAYLOR SWIFT GETS TO BE INVISIBLE IN HER VIDEO FOR 'DELICATE'

Swift revealed the new visuals via a video message at the iHeart Video awards

On reputation, Taylor Swift produced some of her most honest and direct songwriting to date.

Her song "Delicate" was one of the best examples of that; she wonders - fears, even - what her new crush might already think about her given her "reputation" in the public eye, singing on the intro: "This 'aint for the best/My reputation's never been worse so/you must like me for me."

The pop star has remained largely out of the public eye for the past year, wiping her social media accounts and using them mostly for album promotion, and focusing on the record itself plus her upcoming world tour which begins on 8 May in Arizona, US before she heads over to the UK and Ireland.

She revealed the video for "Delicate" at the iHeart Radio Music Awards on Monday morning [in India] - where she won the Female Artist of the Year award - via a pre-taped video message where she explained she was busy rehearsing, "but in my absence and to show my gratitude, I really wanted to show you my brand-new video for my new single, 'Delicate'."

The fourth single from reputation directly addresses how Swift has been perceived in the public eye over the past year, with celebrity feuds, much-discussed relationships and frustration

from the media and the public with her



lack of interest or desire to speak out about current events.

She explained to fans at a private album listening party last year how 'Delicate' explores: "What happens when you meet somebody that you really want in your life and then you start worrying about what they've heard before they met you?"

The video for "Delicate" was filmed by Swift's longtime collaborator Joseph Kahn over two nights in downtown LA, featuring landmarks including the Los Angeles Theatre and the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

Swift is seen looking vacant on the red carpet, snapping to attention as hordes of reporters shove microphones at her. A mysterious figure slips a piece of paper into her hands.

In a smart hotel lobby, people turn and stare as she walks by surrounded

by four bodyguards. As she tries to take a photo with fans, a bellhop tries to grab her and securities drag him away. Swift rolls her eyes and continues to walk with her security team, testing how they mimic her every move.

In a dressing room she makes silly faces in the mirror before being interrupted by a group of women: turning back to the mirror she can't see her reflection anymore.

Delighted, she breaks out into a series of dance moves that recall Maddie Ziegler's work for Sia, moving from the hotel into the LA subway and onto rain-drenched streets.

Soaked but happy, she arrives at the dive bar she references in the song. People turn to look as she comes in, and she realizes she is no longer invisible - but she smiles as she seems to recognize someone there.

BON JOVI ROCKS THE 2018 IHEART RADIO MUSIC AWARDS WITH FIRST-EVER ICON AWARD



Whether you want them on a bed of roses or livin' on a prayer, Bon Jovi hit up The Forum in true rock 'n' roll style when they were honored with the first-ever Icon Award at the 2018 iHeartRadio Music Awards.

After being introduced by Olympian Shaun White, the '80s rockers took the stage at the fun-filled award show, hosted by Hailey Baldwin and DJ Khaled and rocked out with a medley of "It's My Life" and "You Give Love a Bad Name."

After their performance, front man Jon Bon Jovi said, "I want to thank the three and a half decades of fans that have been listening to Bon Jovi fans. We've been at this game a long time and the only advice I'll tell this incredible talent is stay true to who you are and then they are going to make you icons too someday."

It's been an exciting time for the longtime rockers, the

band will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next month. In addition to the Jersey boys' honor, Camila Cabello was presented with the iHeartRadio Fangirls Award by L'Oréal Paris for demonstrating ambition, passion and a strong sense of self-worth," according to a press release.

iHeartRadio also honored Chance the Rapper with the Innovator Award for his accomplishments in the music industry and dedication to social activism.

The night's performance lineup included Camila Cabello, Cardi B, Ed Sheeran, Maroon 5, Charlie Puth and Eminem

As for the nominees, Justin Bieber's remix of Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee's smash hit "Despacito" dominated with seven nods, followed by Rihanna, Bruno Mars, The Chainsmokers, Ed Sheeran and DJ Khaled with five each.



PRABHUDHEVA TO DIRECT SALMAN KHAN AND SONAKSHI SINHA STARRER DABANGG 3

Salman Khan launched Sonakshi Sinha in the first part of Dabangg and ever since the duo has sizzled on screen with their performances. Salman and Sonakshi's on-screen chemistry is liked by many and it has led to the success of the previous two parts of Dabangg. Now Salman Khan is all set to return with the third part of the series. Dabangg 3 was in the pipeline for a long as it didn't have a director but the latest reports have confirmed that Prabhudheva will be directing the film.

While talking about the venture with a leading daily,

Prabhudheva said, "I was in Mumbai last week to finalise all the details. Yes, I am directing Dabangg 3 for Salman and Arbaaz Khan. Who says no to them? We've been closely associated for the longest time. I share a warm friendship with Salman Khan and his brothers. When Salman and Arbaaz asked me to direct Dabangg 3 there was no question of saying no. Everything including the cast remains the same. Salman, Sonakshi Sinha, Arbaaz... the music will be by Sajid-Wajid. Everything in Dabangg is unchanged except me: the director."

ARIES: Your energy will light up any room you enter today, Aries. Feel free to take advantage of this incredible magnetism by initiating and encouraging others to join you in creative activities and bold adventures. However, be careful that your head doesn't get too big. You can be proud without becoming egotistical; otherwise you'll end up losing your followers before you even get started.

TAURUS: Put an extra spring in your step, Taurus. The slow, steady pace may be something that you're comfortable with, but note that the situations of the day call for something much more dynamic and brave. Pull out your leadership hat and put it on proudly. Today is the day

for you to call the shots, instead of compromising in order to get along with others.

GEMINI: Be prepared for all-out combat with people today, Gemini, even though this is pretty much the opposite of your normal style. In fact, "opposite" is the name of the game for you today. Don't be surprised if you walk into an ice cream shop wanting vanilla and all they have is chocolate. Remember to not get upset by these types of situations over which you simply have no control.

CANCER: Control is apt to be a big theme for you and the people around you today, Cancer. You'll find such a brutal dispute over who is holding the reins that once someone finally gets

a firm hold of them, he or she is apt to take the situation to the extreme. There's an aggressive tone to things that can't easily be ignored. Keep an eye on your associates on a day like this.

LEO: In general, things should be going extremely well for you today, Leo, so don't miss this opportunity to pursue your dreams in every sense of the word. Do things with passion and don't hold back. Remember that your mind and will are the only things stopping you from getting where you want to be. There's a great deal of magnetism at your disposal today, so enlist others to help you.

VIRGO: You may feel anxious today, even more so than usual, Virgo. Your nerves may be quite

jittery, and there's a feeling that you may not be on exactly the right track. More than likely, what you need to do is simply calm down and relax. Let your brain slow down and think clearly without the distraction of many people telling you what to do.

LIBRA: Other people are the most important aspect of your day today, Libra. You'll find that things might get a bit difficult and unruly alone, but if you connect with others, even the most challenging task becomes almost effortless. One toothpick is easily broken, but 50 toothpicks together are as strong as steel. Conjure up this power created by a force of people who all share a common goal.

SCORPIO: Don't be a pushover today, Scorpio. This is your time to lead. At least get your opinion out in the open and let it be known to the people around you. Put some passion in your day in order to live things up and get the energy moving. A powerful transformation may take place within you as you start to wield your power instead of give it blindly away to others.

SAGITTARIUS: You have a great deal of power at your disposal today, Sagittarius. You should keep in mind that just about anything you wish for will come true. Don't waste words or actions. Concentrate your energy and focus it on one or two important things instead of dispersing it and thereby diluting

your overall power. There isn't anything to fear on a day like this.

CAPRICORN: Be careful of getting into fights today, Capricorn. However, if a squabble or altercation of some sort seems inevitable, don't shrink away and hide. It's important that you face the source of the attack and stand up to whomever or whatever is getting in your path. Conjure up the warrior inside you and you might surprise yourself with the incredible power you have within.

AQUARIUS: Issues regarding freedom are apt to come up today in more ways than one, Aquarius. These issues could be connected with opportunities for adventure and travel.

Although you initially want to dive into this promised freedom, take time to reflect on what you need in your current situation before making any final decision. Don't forget the other people in your life and how such actions might affect them and your relationships.

PISCES: There is a great deal of startup energy working for you today, Pisces. You may feel as if you're walking on hot coals. This isn't a good day to sit on the couch watching TV. The coals will burn you for sure. It's important that you keep moving. Engage in activities that exercise your mind as well as body. You'll feel much better if you can point to something and say that you created it.