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Rijiju visits Phodong Monastery, assures Karmapa will visit Sikkim

Karmapa to Sikkim proposal placed before Cabinet Committee, MoS informs

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA
PHODONG, 21 JUN:**

"I assure the monks and the people of Sikkim that we will allow Karmapa to visit Sikkim as early as possible. There are some issues which were not handled properly resulting in the delay," said Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, Kiren Rijiju, while addressing the monks and public here at Phodong Monastery in North Sikkim today.

"There were some issues that I addressed once I joined the Home Ministry. This is the first time that this issue has



been placed in cabinet committee," he added.

Mr Rijiju further stated that there should be proper coordination

between the centre and state government.

Highlighting on the road conditions of Sikkim, he said that the

Minister for Road & Transport, Nitin Gadkari, is aware of the road conditions of Sikkim and will intervene in the matter.

He also spoke about the International Yoga Day and informed about the benefits of practicing yoga.

He offered prayers at

the monastery and planted a rhododendron in the monastery premises assisted by Forest Department.

Delivering the welcome speech, Sangha MLA, Sonam Lama highlighted that the government and the opposition have jointly been pursuing the demand of allowing the 17th Karmapa to visit Sikkim.

The function was also addressed by president of Bharatiya Janta Party Sikkim Unit, DB Chauhhan, who expressed deep gratitude towards Mr Rijiju for visiting Sikkim and coming to a remote place like Phodong.

Also present for the function today were Zilla Adhakshya-North, Anguli Lepcha, SKM MLA from Syari, Kunga Nima Lepcha, departmental officials, members of Karmapa Reception Committee, members of Denzong Lhadey Tsogpa and the general public.

GJM offers 12-hr 'window' to schools to evacuate students

**PRADIPTA TAPADAR
DARJEELING, JUN 25 (PTI):** The Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) today offered a 12-hour "window" on June 23 to the schools in the Darjeeling hills to evacuate their students safely to Siliguri and Rangpo.

"The central committee of our party has decided to offer a 12-hour window, from 6 AM to 6 PM on June 23, to the schools in the hills to evacuate their students.

"The students will be allowed to go to Siliguri and Rangpo only in school buses. The indefinite shutdown will continue. Only the students will be allowed to leave safely," senior GJM leader

Binay Tamang told reporters here.

He said barring school buses, no other vehicle would be allowed to leave the hills during the 12-hour "window".

An indefinite bandh was called in the hills by GJM on June 15.

Darjeeling is home to some of the oldest and renowned boarding schools in the country, but with the GJM-sponsored indefinite shutdown over the demand of a separate Gorkhaland entering its seventh day today, the school authorities were at their wits' end as regards how to send the students home once the summer vacation began.

Women's group resort to 'Gandhigiri' as a mode of protest

**PRADIPTA TAPADAR
DARJEELING, JUNE 21 (PTI):** In the violence-hit Darjeeling hills, a group of women chose to resort to Gandhigiri to carry forward the demand for a separate Gorkhaland.

Carrying Indian flags and posters, the women organised rallies raising slogans, "We want Gorkhaland", "Gandhi ke desh mein, Gandhigiri zindabad".

"We do not think violence is a solution or can serve any purpose. India got freedom from British rule due to non-violent movement and satyagraha of Mahatma Gandhi. We think if we want to get freedom from Bengal and want our own state, we also need to take the path of non violence and satyagraha," Romita Rai, a member of this group, told PTI.

"Every day we take out rallies. Neither do we use any provocative slogans nor resort to any kind of violence. We

give slogans demanding Gorkhaland. If we are stopped by the police, we sit on the road and demonstrate peacefully.

We also have plans to organise token hunger strike in favour of Gorkhaland," Meena Gurung, another member of the group, said.

The women have come together irrespective of party affiliation, religion and caste.

The group comprises women from political parties like GJM's Mahila Morcha, Gorkha National Liberation Front (GNLF), Akhil Bharatiya Gorkha League besides members of social organisations and NGOs.

According to the members of this group, women power is most effective and attracts more media coverage as they are more vociferous in their demand.

"Most of the women of our group are house-

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Rijiju urges Darj leaders to talk to WB

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GANGTOK, 21 JUNE:**

Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, today urged leaders of the Gorkhaland movement to open dialogue with the West Bengal Government.

Speaking to media-persons as he departed from the International Yoga Day celebrations here at Paljor Stadium, Mr Rijiju, confirmed that he had met with a delegation from the neighbouring Darjeeling Hills yesterday who had briefed him about their demand.

He said that the Centre was keeping watch over the situation, and stressed, "but they (leaders of the Gorkhaland agitation) need to speak" to the West Bengal State Government as well.

The Centre cannot take any unilateral decisions on the matter, he pointed out, stressing that "this was a tripartite issue hence the Centre cannot make an announcement on its own".

He added that "arrival at any viable solution requires for dialogue to begin first".

"We have also requested the West Bengal Government to initiate dialogue," he said.

He went on to say, "Keeping the aspiration of Gorkhland in mind, it is important to ensure that there is no violence. Sikkim should also not suffer since its only lifeline passes through Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts".

Sikkim celebrates 3rd International Day of Yoga

GANGTOK, 21 JUN [IPR]: The 3rd International Day of Yoga was celebrated here at Paljor Stadium today with much fervor and enthusiasm. Even the inclement weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants, mostly students, who gathered in huge numbers for the annual event.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, Kiren Rijiju, lifted the spirits of the participants as he participated in the mass yoga demonstration. Over 2600 participants comprising school students, ITBP, SSB, NCC, Sikkim Police, and various organizations like Brahmakumaris, Sant Nirankari Mission, Healthy Self, Marwari Yuva Manch, and Patanjali Yog Pith performed the Yoga Asanas as per the Common Yoga Protocol designed by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.

The event was attended by Governor, Shrinivas Patil, as chief guest and Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling, as guest of honour in the special presence



of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Mr Rijiju. The programme also had the presence of Speaker SLA, Ministers, MLAs, Chairpersons, Advisors, Heads of Departments, other officers and local gentry.

The event was organised by AYUSH division of State Health Department in coordination with HRDD and various line departments. Yoga Instructor, Jagan Nath Niroula, guided the participants through the Asanas

and Pranayam, while a unique addition to the Yoga Protocol was a special yoga demonstration by students of Ramidham Primary School, West Sikkim.

The Governor in his brief

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Is the Darjeeling agitation entering a new chapter?

**SUDIPTA CHANDA
SILIGURI, 21 JUN:**

The administration has suspended internet service and local cable TV channels in the Darjeeling hills. Even if temporarily, how democratic is the move? Is it not akin to gagging the media and encroaching on people's fundamental right to information?

Steps such as these, including increasing the number of security personnel in the hills are indications from the state government that it would up the pressure, not lower, to control the revived Gorkhaland movement.

But, the mood in the hills is now such that the stir has graduated into a people's movement.

History is testimony that when a people's movement catches up, con-

trolling it with the muzzle of a gun or by depriving the people of essential facilities like internet service, which in modern times is sustenance for the youth besides being the window to the world, is not possible.

Conversely, it increases bitterness and odium.

By controlling cloud technology, the administration might believe it has plugged fuelling communication from the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) leadership reaching the people. But, in the process it has inconvenienced a whole lot of youth looking for admission to academic institutions, or those in need of information available through Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

Till yesterday they might have been unhappy with the protracted bandh

in the hills, which has held life to ransom, but now they are an antagonized lot and could prime themselves to live with the troubles the bandh has imported, but support the movement.

Monitoring the net, not suspend the service was the clue, but that has been missed and the outcome more likely than not would create further mistrust between the people and the state government.

The administrative step aside, there is pressure on the GJM to scale down the movement from its current volatile form to a more democratic one. There is also growing demand by the non-GJM parties siding with the statehood demand to stitch a collective leadership, as Gorkhaland is central to hill politics irrespective of banner of political affiliation.

That the future of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) in its current form is bleak is clear by now. Will the GJM pay heed to the rest of its new-found brothers in arms and transfer the movement under a collective leadership made up of parties supporting the demand? It had done so in 2013, but the amalgam lost direction midway.

A hiatus has crept in the movement amidst sporadic acts of hostilities the past two days. The reasons can only be two – either the GJM sponsored movement is running out of steam or, wheels are meshing during this break to manifest more aggressively. The sudden calm is uncomfortable.

This could be the beginning of a new chapter of the agitation.

Student body questions Principal's claim of students refusing fee refund

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN;

Student Representative Council of Sikkim Government College, Tadong, has issued a press release questioning the policies of the college authorities regarding the refunding of the examination fee.

The release states that the Principal of Sikkim Government College, Tadong issued a notice on 20 Jun stating that

some 300 students had submitted a letter to the Principal voluntarily turning down the refund of examination fee collected earlier. The students asked the college to use it for the development of the college and future of the students, the notice stated.

SRC of Tadong college has questioned the veracity of this claim made by the Principal and demanded that SRC be provided with the full list of

names of students who refused to accept the refund by 23 Jun.

On 08 Jun, around 80-90 students under the leadership of SRC president, Bishal Subba had met HRDD officials and placed various demands including fixed fee policy. Director of Higher Education has assured to formulate a fixed fee policy and to refund the examination fee that was collected from students by 08 July

2017.

"If once the Director of Higher Education-HRDD has assured to refund the examination fee to students then how did the Principal of Sikkim Government College, Tadong, choose to override the Director's decision? It was her moral duty to remind those 300 students that they are going against the decision made by HRDD," the SRC president has said.

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wives and college girls, irrespective of age and religion. Even physically challenged persons are in this group", another member said.

According to the members of this group, 'Gandhigiri' would also help to send out a message that Gorkhas are non violent people who do not believe in violence, contrary to the propaganda by a section of the media covering the Darjeeling unrest.

A section of the media is presenting a picture that "we (Gorkhas) are violent people who have resorted to arson and violence. But this is not true. We hope that our innovative ways of protesting would send out the real picture to the rest of the country," a member said.

Denzong Sherpa Association petitions National Commission for ST

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN: A delegation of Denzong Sherpa Association visited the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in New Delhi and submitted its representation to the Chairperson, Nand Kumar Sai, demanding protection of their land and separate census for the Sherpa community in Sikkim.

A press release issued by the president of DSA, Lha Tshering Sherpa, informs that in its representation, DSA highlighted that Sherpa community were granted Tribal Status under Scheduled Tribe Order 1978 under the definition of Bhutia-Lepcha by the Constitution of India, yet they have been deprived of land rights and protection in Sikkim for the last 40 years.

The recognition of Sherpa community as a sub-caste of Bhutia is not recent but a historical fact which has been clearly reflected in the



Gazateer of Sikkim 1891, the release states.

On one hand, it is openly advocated that the Sherpa community doesn't fall under Revenue Order No. 1 [old laws of Sikkim] but on the other hand, while showing the percentage of population, Sherpa automatically becomes a part of Bhutia-Lepcha community, the Association has alleged further adding that such double standards is not just injustice to Sherpa people but a blatant violation of the Constitution of India as well.

The release further claims that the rampant

transfer of Tribal Sherpa land to general communities in Sikkim has put grave apprehensions in the minds of Sherpa people.

After a patient hearing, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes issued a notice to the State Government asking for an explanation, the release informs. The Commission has assured of immediate hearing on this matter summoning the State Government to provide justice to the Sherpa community and initiate the process to restore Sherpa lands transferred to general communities in Sikkim, the release further adds.



Community Recreational Centres inaugurated

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 21 JUN: In a series of inaugurations, Zilla Adhyakshya-North, Anguli Lepcha, in the presence of Up-Adhyakshya-North, NT Lepcha, Additional District Collector-Development, Chunghang, District Planning Officer and other officials, inaugurated the newly constructed Community Recreational Centre [CRC] on 19 Jun at Samdong in Lachen, North Sikkim, constructed under the Tribal Sub Plan.

The Pipon and public of Lachen were also present for the occasion.

Similarly, on 20 Jun, the CRC at Khedum in Lachung, North Sikkim, was inaugurated wherein the Zilla Adhyakshya and Upadhyakshya highlight-

ed various government schemes and initiatives. They also focused on issues under several sectors like organic mission under horticulture, health, education, tourism, Swachh Bharat Mission and other pertinent social issues.

The Adhyakshya and Up-adhyakshya while handing over the recreational centres to the public urged them to take proper care of the CRCs and to utilize them for the benefit of the community as a whole.

The inauguration of both the CRCs concluded with the Pipons and the public expressing gratitude to the government for providing them invaluable assets like the CRCs in their area.

SDF to support NDA in prez elections

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN: The Sikkim Democratic Front, led by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling, extended support for the NDA's Presidential candidate, Ram Nath Kovind, today.

Mr Chamling, in his official facebook page, wrote that he welcomed

the nomination of Ram Nath Kovind selected by the NDA for the post of President of India.

He further said that he was convinced that "an experienced and intelligent personality like Mr Kovind will be able to uphold the dignity and sanctity of the prestigious post."



Yoga Day at Pakyong JHS

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

International Day of Yoga was observed today at Junior High School, Pakyong, with full spirit and enthusiasm. Teachers, students and non-teaching staff of Pakyong JHS participated in the day's programme. During the event, yoga instructor cum teacher, Mahendra Poudyal, spoke about the importance of yoga as well its benefits.

SPCC welcomes Darj all-party decision

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee has welcomed and appreciated the resolution passed during the all-party meeting held at Darjeeling on 20 Jun. The party has also conveyed prayers wishing for the fulfilment of the long-pending demand of the people of Darjeeling for Statehood and expressed hope that the movement will reach its

logical end.

An SPCC press release issued by its general secretary, Punya Koirala, informs that SPCC also held a review meeting on the present situation in Darjeeling today.

The meeting condemned the suppression of the people of the hills by the West Bengal government and prayed for peace to prevail and for the formation of a separate state of Gorkhland at the earliest.

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address extended gratitude to Mr Rijiju for his encouraging words and applauded the overall development of Sikkim. Celebration of International Yoga day has disseminated the message of universal brotherhood he stated. He took the opportunity to congratulate the Under-17 football team from Sikkim who won the recent tournament held in Jammu.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Rijiju expressed his close affinity with the state of Sikkim and applauded the State for being the first in the country to incorporate yoga in the government school curriculum and further extended his sincere appreciation to the Governor and the Chief Minister for the exemplary implementation of various schemes and programmes initiated by the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr Rijiju stated that Sikkim is emerging as a model state in the Indian Union in different sectors like Tourism and Hospitality, Floriculture, Human Resource Develop-

ment and congratulated the people and the Government for these notable achievements. Further, he assured to extend full support to the state of Sikkim to address the demands in his capacity as Union Minister of State.

He also spoke on the similarities between his native state of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim. The huge gathering applauded when the Minister stated that he was equally concerned about Sikkim and that the people of Sikkim can consider him as a Member of Parliament from their own state.

Chief Minister, Mr Chamling, welcomed Mr Rijiju and extended warm greetings on behalf of the people of Sikkim. In his address, Mr Chamling placed pertinent demands of the State for favour of approval from the Government of India at the earliest.

The Chief Minister articulated on the assurance made by Mr Rijiju in his deliberation and said that the words of blessings would encourage and energize Sikkim to look forward with a new spirit. He appealed to every individual to

make a commitment on the occasion of International Day of Yoga to preserve and sustain peace and prosperity that exists in the state.

Speaking on Yoga, Mr Chamling recalled the commendable role played by Prime Minister of India in giving the gift of Yoga to the world of seven billion people and expressed his happiness over the efficient leadership of Mr Modi to lead India in the global scenario. He also spoke on the historic significance of Yoga.

Addressing the students, Mr Chamling stressed upon the advantages of adopting yoga for balanced life and to enhance concentration power. He also shed light on developmental activities undertaken in the state, especially in the education sector.

Earlier, Minister for Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, offered the welcome address. The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Director General-cum-Secretary of Health Department, Dr K Bhandari.



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IMI Dr R.S. Tolia Award 2017: Call for Nominations Open

The Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), a pan Himalayan civil society initiative working for sustainable development of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) and ensuring prosperity of the people in the region, has announced the Dr R.S. Tolia Award for 2017 in memory of its founding President Dr R.S. Tolia who passed away on 6th December 2016.

Dr R.S. Tolia, IAS (Retd.) was the former Chief Secretary of Uttarakhand. He also served as the first Information Commissioner of Uttarakhand. In addition to being the top administrator in the state, he was a staunch advocate for holistic mountain development that must be rooted in the mountains. Throughout his lifetime, Dr Tolia was committed to the cause of development of the Indian mountain systems and communities. His vision and commitment for the formation of a pan-Indian mountain movement not only unified diverse mountain states of India but also inspired others. In the spirit of unifying committed individuals and institutions for integrated action for the mountains of India, Dr Tolia conceptualised the idea of IMI, got like-minded people on board and led it from the front as its founding President. His deep understanding of the links among people, cultures, livelihoods and mountain environment influenced a generation of researchers, organizations and policymakers. He was a true mountain person and believed that there must be safe, sustainable and equitable mountain development.

IMI has instituted the Award for encouraging passionate individuals to carry forward the cause of integrated mountain development. The purpose of the award is to recognize and reward the exemplary work of individuals whose work has created an impact / has the potential to impact sustainable prosperity and well-being of the people of the Mountain states in India. In exceptional cases organizations will also be considered for the Award. The value of the Award is Rs. 1 lakh cash, citation and a medallion.

A jury with eminent persons working for social development in the country has been appointed to carry the selection process for the award.

The call for nomination is now open and applications will be accepted till 30 June 2017. The details and the nomination form can be viewed on the organisation's website: <http://imni.in/get-involved/dr-r-s-tolia-award-2017/> Interested individuals/organisations can download the nomination form and send in their application along with a recent CV by 30th June 2017 to pd.imi@imni.in.

Gangtok on Thursday, 22 June
Temp: 23°C / 18°C
Forecast: Mostly cloudy and cooler with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 04:41 AM
Sunset: 06:33 PM

Water borne diseases arrive with the rains in Singtam

YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 21 JUN: Seasonal illnesses in and around Singtam area are on the rise as more and more patients are coming down with water borne diseases. Doctors at District Hospital Singtam have been trying out ways to control and address the situation through awareness programmes and door to door visits.

"Besides general disease like diabetes, fever, diarrhoea, chickenpox and vomiting, people here, and even the newborn children, are coming down with thyroid fever, measles and jaundice. Doctors, in coordination with the Health Department, are trying to arrest the problem but in this approach, the involvement of local communities is most needed. The wards are packed in the hospital and patients diagnosed with water borne diseases are being given immediate attention," informed Dr Dwarka of District Hospital Singtam while speaking to SummitTimes.

DHEO-cum-programme officer [District Hospital Singtam], Sonam Bhutia, said that, "Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight-2017 was launched from District Hospital Singtam from 12 Jun by RKS member, Rinzing L. Bhutia. The importance of IDCF programme is to make people aware about the diseases and inform people about the preventions."

Besides DHS, the number of visiting patients at private clinics has also been increasing of late.

"There is an increase in the number of patients day by day. The most affected age group is from 08-18 years," mentioned Dr AH Khan who runs a private clinic in Singtam.

Unhygienic and dirty water are the main source responsible for water borne diseases. Monsoon just adds to the problem.

District Admin acting as agents of power developers alleges Save Dzongu Committee

SAGAR CHETTRI

GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

Save Dzongu Committee has accused the District Administration [North] of acting as agents of the power developers regarding the implementation of the Teesta Stage IV project in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim. The committee, which also has Panchayats of GPUs affected by Teesta Stage IV, further alleged of suppression of the Panchayati Raj system by the district administration.

The implementation of 520 MW Teesta Stage IV HEP in Upper Dzongu by NHPC is being opposed by a section of the people. Those protesting the project have formed Save Dzongu Committee which is led by Ugen Lepcha as the president and has Panchayats, government employees, members of various organi-

sations and individuals as members.

Addressing a press conference here today, one Save Dzongu Committee member, Gyatso Lepcha informed that three Gram Sabhas of Passingdang-Saffo GPU on 23 Nov 2016, Hee Gyathang-Sangdong GPU on 25 Nov 2016 and Lum Gor Sangtok GPU on 30 May 2017 already rejected the proposal to implement the Teesta HEP Stage IV.

He alleged that awareness programmes on FRA of Lingdong Barfok GPU held on 20 Oct 2016 and Lum Gor Sangtok on 13 May 2017, were later converted to Gram Sabha by the North District Administration and shown as consent given by the people for the project. He claimed that even the proceedings of these two recent Gram Sabhas have been forwarded to the Ministry of Envi-

ronment and Forest.

On the other hand, the outcome of the three Gram Sabhas which were conducted following proper procedures more than 7 months back have not been forwarded to the concerned ministry so far, he said.

"This omission by the District Administration in the matter is a serious offence, having wide ranging implications in causing conflict in the peaceful State," he alleged.

Lum Gor Sangtok GPU panchayat vice-president said, "We received the letter from the administration to hold a Gram Sabha on FRA for our GPU on 13 May but we asked the administration to postpone the Gram Sabha due to our inability to attend it. So the administration told us that they will only hold an awareness camp on 13 May and Gram Sabha

will be conducted on 30 May."

However, this awareness camp was taken as a Gram Sabha where the people had given their consent for the project. He added that it cannot be called a Gram Sabha as only one Panchayat member was present in the meeting.

It was informed that a team comprising of Panchayats and members of the committee also met the District Collector [North] on 16 Jun 2017.

The committee has alleged that it is extremely unfortunate that the District Administration is acting more like an agent of the developers than understanding the public's grievances and sentiments.

Mr Lepcha added that not sending reports on the proceedings of Gram Sabhas on FRA is disrespecting the Panchayats. The administration

ignoring the Panchayats is an insult to the Panchayati Raj, he alleged further appealing to all Panchayats of the state to come forward to support them.

Panchayat president of Hee Gyathang GPU, Samro Ugen Lepcha stated that the people of the area are not against development or the government but being a primitive tribe want to save our land.

"North Sikkim already has lots of power projects, so we don't want any more projects in our area. We want to allow the last 6 KM stretch of Teesta to flow freely," he said.

Responding to media queries, they stated that Save Dzongu Committee will present the facts to the MoEF. The Committee has also appealed to everyone to come forward to save the last 6 KM stretch of Teesta.

Community Sanitary Complex inaugurated at Chandmari

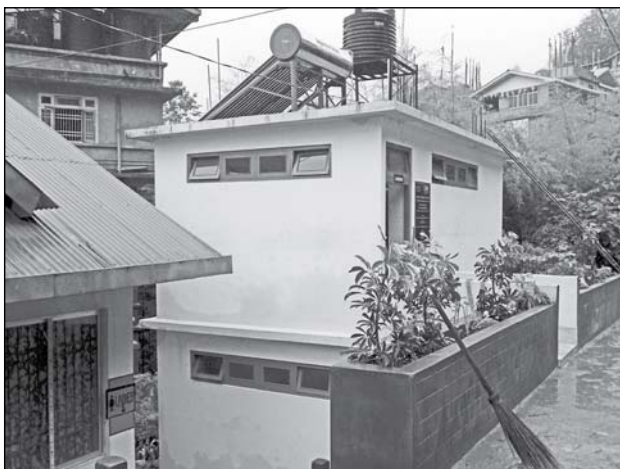
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GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

A Community Sanitary Complex was inaugurated at Chandmari in Gangtok on 20 Jun by Minister of Urban Development & Housing Department, NK Subba, in the presence of Parliamentary Secretary-UD&HD, Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor and officials of UD&HD.

The Community Sanitary Complex, constructed under the Swachh Bharat Mission [Urban] through a Memorandum of Understanding signed between UD&HD and the India Development Foundation - Overseas Indians [IDF-OI], is located below the Community Hall/Taxi Stand, and will cater to the public, tourists, and traders travelling to & from Nathula, informs a press release.

The project has been funded by a donor of Indian origin, Yusuf Ali, who resides in the UAE through the IDF-OI. Work on the project com-



menced in October 2016, and was monitored [on weekly basis] by India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI, through geo-tagged images/reports submitted by Swachh Bharat Mission Directorate, UD&HD.

The sanitary complex is built over two floors with separate sanitary

blocks for women & men comprising urinals, water closets, bathing cubicles with solar heating and hand-washing facilities. A sanitary napkin vending machine along with disposing facilities is also provided for the comfort of women. After the inauguration, the asset was officially handed over to the Gangtok Municipal Corporation, adds

the release.

Speaking at the inaugural function, Minister-UD&HD said that the sanitary complex would prove beneficial to the people, locals and tourists alike, and also thanked the donor and IDF-OI for creation of this asset.

Principal Chief Engineer-cum-Secretary, UD&HD, mentioned that

among the numerous projects that were submitted to the IDF-OI, the sanitary complex submitted by UD&HD is one of the few that was chosen, hence everybody must ensure optimum usage of the amenities provided. He further impressed upon the GMC to ensure proper operation & maintenance of the complex so that it can serve as a model for other public toilets.

State Mission Director-Swachh Bharat [Urban] presented the Technical Report and apprised the gathering that this was a unique project encompassing all aspects of hygiene such as sanitary napkin vending machine with disposal facilities, bathing cubicles with solar heating, besides washroom facilities, which could be used by local public and had the potential to check incidences of open defecation by the floating population.



Governor distributes grant to 13 organisations

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

Governor, Shrinivas Patil, handed over discretionary grants to representatives of 13 different organisations and schools at a special function held at Ashirvad Bhavan today.

A press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan informs that the grants were given to the organisations and schools working for the welfare of persons with special needs, empowerment of youth and student, sports and athletics, culture and tradition amongst others in view of their services and activities over the last one year.

On behalf of all the NGOs and organisations receiving the grants, De-waker Basnet from 24 Hrs Inspired expressed gratitude to the Governor for extending assistance to the organisations committed to the cause of society. He also said that this gesture from Raj Bhavan is recognition of their work which will further motivate them to

work harder in their respective spheres.

Addressing the representatives of NGOs and Trusts present to receive the grants, the Governor urged them to be proactive and dedicated towards their respective causes, especially those related to people with special needs.

Stating that there is tremendous potential in the students and youth of the state, the Governor stressed on the need to inculcate leadership skills and motivate them to excel in the field of sports, arts, culture and other youth centric activities. He further stated that Raj Bhavan, through this gesture, intends to encourage organisations dedicated to social causes to enhance their scope and scale of service. He also appealed to everyone present to develop the tendency to give back to society.

The Governor extended his best wishes to all the organisations in their future endeavours.

GJM-Sikkim rallies in Gangtok

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GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

In support of the demand for a separate State of Gorkhaland, Gorkha Janmukti Morcha, Sikkim state committee, took out a rally from Deorali to Zero Point today. The rally has also strongly condemned the suppression and firing on Gorkhaland supporters by West Bengal police.

The rally was also joined by members of various other organisations and individuals carrying placards and



raising slogans. The rally started from the Siliguri

taxi stand at Deorali, and after covering the route

along the national highway, concluded at Bhanu

Park at Zero Point.

GJM state unit president, Ganesh Chettri, thanked the people of Sikkim for extending their full support to Gorkhaland movement. He further urged the people and members of various organisations of Sikkim to continue their support to their cause.

Likewise, GJM state general secretary, Nima Wangdi Sherpa, stressed that the ongoing movement for Gorkhaland should not end without reaching its logical end.

GRAND OFFER RAMOLA CELLULAR LALL MARKET ROAD GANGTOK

APPLE IPHONE	MRP	OFFER PRICE	EXTRA OFFER
IPHONE 5C 8GB	31500	15000	(free cover & temper glass)
IPHONE 5S 16GB	25000	19000	(free cover & temper glass)
IPHONE SE 16GB	39000	28000	(free cover & temper glass)
IPHONE 6S 32GB	62000	41000	(free headset move with the beats . Rs.3499)
			(FREE MINI SPORT BT SOUND BOX)
IPHONE6S 64GB	72000	51000	
IPHONE6S PLUS 16GB	72000	51500	(FREE BOSE SPEAKER)
IPHONE 7 & 7plus (available on discount price)			
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Yes, Let's Listen First

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It is now thirty years since the United Nations convened a Special Session of its General Assembly to deliberate on the drug problem. The realization that substance abuse had reached alarming figures came much later in Sikkim and the societal involvement in combating it is still awaited.

Be that as it may, the world will be observing the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking next Monday, 26 June, which also happens to be a holiday, so the schedules might even get reworked to account for the long weekend. The theme this year is 'Listen First: listening to children and youth is the first step to help them grow healthy and safe'. The effort this year will be to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities. Few themes could be more apt for Sikkim in its struggle with containing substance abuse. But before Sikkim gets around to "listening first", there will be abundant tokenism and maybe, just maybe, even some genuine concern. What are known as the harder drugs have still not proliferated in Sikkim and the abuse of prescription drugs remains the larger worry. On this day, Sikkim could do well by brain-storming on how its policy makers can 'Listen First', recognize what those caught in the substance abuse trap go through and appreciate their individual battles to get clean and stay sober. Sikkim does not do that often. Sikkim also needs to listen to the first line of defence, the people who work with addicts, reach them counseling and then handhold them through recovery. Nobody anywhere appears to listen to them enough.

The State also needs to address how trafficking of these substances of abuse can be curtailed. Agreed, there is a Sikkim-specific Anti Drugs Act in place now, but there is still very little follow-up on its effectiveness. Also, because the law was framed without taking suggestions from recovered addicts and health workers, it is nowhere near as compassionate as the drafters intended it to be. It would be a good idea to hold a debate on this Act to mark the International Day. Not only will this clear a lot of things for the police personnel themselves, but the suggestions and tweaks that might shuffle out of the debate could make this Act really as comprehensive, considerate and effective as a law framed to take on addiction should be.

On this day, since this year is about listening with the final aim of curtailing production and trafficking, the law enforcers should also reach out sans prejudice to the recovered addicts and volunteers who work among people suffering from chemical dependency. The laws are invariably in black in white, but the drug route into Sikkim operates in a grey nexus. Only people who have suffered in the hands of this nexus and survived will have the intelligence and commitment to work out the subtleties with which it can be broken. This is actually an urgent requirement because the crackdown on trafficking of substances of abuse in Sikkim is at best earnest; it also needs to be effective. Drug control is after all a shared responsibility and it is time that the law enforcement agencies invited some sharing. On that note, it is also time that parents started getting more involved in the anti-addiction initiatives because every child is already at risk, and detached, uninformed parents make them even more vulnerable.

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How a community-based approach to mental health is making strides in Zimbabwe

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In Africa, epidemics are associated with outbreaks like cholera and measles or HIV and tuberculosis. Mental health would possibly be the last item on anyone's list of big health challenges.

But mental disorders, like depression, are a leading cause of mental and physical disability in sub-Saharan Africa.

There are other reasons that depression shouldn't be ignored. The main one is that it's known to worsen the treatment and management of HIV, TB, hypertension and diabetes.

Research shows that about 30% of people living with HIV are diagnosed with depression. If left untreated there's likely to be an increase in people developing opportunistic infections which in turn complicates HIV. This leads to longer hospital stays, more expensive treatment and sometimes death.

But a lack of adequate mental health specialists to take care of the growing burden of psychiatric diseases in Africa complicates effective and efficient treatment. Most African countries have a worryingly low ratio of psychiatrist or clinical psychologists to the general population. The average is about one specialist to a million people. Zimbabwe, has 12 psychiatrists and 14 clinical psychologists for a population of 13 million. Kenya has 88 psychiatrists and 427 nurses qualified to take care of a population of 40 million.

In 2006 I led a team of researchers in Zimbabwe to test new ways of addressing mental health disorders. About 40% of common mental disorders consisting mainly of depression and anxiety disorders have been reported in some primary health care facilities.

We developed an approach that involves lay health workers in local communities as well as the use of digital platforms. We called it the friendship bench. Over the last four years the initiative has reduced the waiting time for patients needing treatment. The referral rate for patients has also been significantly reduced by using text messages, WhatsApp and voice calls.

THE FRIENDSHIP



People across Africa don't have access to mental health professionals. A new community-based approach in Zimbabwe is proving effective.

BENCH APPROACH

Clients at a health facility are screened for mental illness symptoms at clinics using a locally developed tool called the Shona Symptom Questionnaire. This first step is to establish whether someone has a mental illness, and if so what they're suffering from.

Patients diagnosed with a mental health issue are referred to the friendship bench where they are met by a trained community counsellor who offers them counselling. The benches are located in a discreet area of the health facility.

Counsellors are trained to use local terms that patients feel comfortable with, such as Kuvhura pfungwa (opening the mind), kusimudzira (uplifting) and kusimbisa (to strengthen). Counsellors adopt a non-judgemental and practical approach, allowing the client to discuss their challenges and talk through possible solutions.

The counsellors use basic cognitive therapy concepts, such as encouraging clients to identify what's troubling them and to work on their

attitudes and beliefs.

If the client's mental health issue is not solved after four sessions at the wooden bench, they are referred one level up to a district health promotion officer.

We used a three pronged approach to set up the initiative. These included: - speaking to the communities living near facilities to create awareness about mental health and to encourage them to own the project. We built trust by providing training and via public meetings.

- collecting data to support the treatment approach.

- developing culturally appropriate screening tools.

Once we had the friendship bench approach established we made sure that we identified and analysed any gaps in the programme. We thought this would be useful for health policy and management teams wanting to set up similar programmes.

THE PROGRESS

The friendship bench approach has gained attention locally as well as internationally. It is active in over 70

primary health care facilities across Zimbabwe. Last year 30 000 adults received mental health services.

The programme has grown due to immense support from local city health authorities and the ministry of health. Over 400 lay health workers have been trained to provide the therapy.

In Zimbabwe, 80% of those who received therapy reported six months later that they were free of mental illness symptoms. They also said that their quality of life and income had improved because they had become more productive.

But there are still gaps. The supervision, monitoring and strengthening of the client referrals needs to be improved to ensure that it continues to serve more people.

Governments should consider this model to deal with mental health issues. The community initiative model has made mental health services more accessible to the people who really need them.

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Britain must address the pervasive 'white noise' against Muslims

Fed by the far-right, Islamophobia continues to make it into the mainstream – where it's eagerly received by some.

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On hearing the news that Darren Osborne was arrested for terror offences including attempted murder following an attack on a group of Muslims near the Finsbury Park Mosque, it would have been easy to jump to the conclusion that the act was motivated by far-right ideologies.

But, while it would appear Osborne followed both Paul Golding and Jayda Francis – two leaders of the far-right group Britain First – on Twitter, officials said the suspect had no concrete links with any far-right group nor was he known to the security services. The investigation will now turn to what motivated the attack, which has rightly been described as terrorism.

THE NIGHT OUT TEST

For almost two decades, my research has shown how anti-Muslim views have become increasingly unquestioned and accepted in both the public and political discourse. In this respect, despite being roundly criticised by the right-wing press, Sayeeda Warsi, former co-chair of the Conservative party, was right when she said in 2011 that Islamophobia had passed the dinner table test.

I would go further and say that it had in fact passed the playground test, the workplace test, and the night out test. This is because those in positions of influence have historically been far too lenient in allowing things to be said about Muslims that they would not have tolerated were they said about others.

This "white noise" about Muslims and Islam was allowed to form a seedbed from which much of today's Islamophobic discussion and rhetoric subsequently emerged. It has become the norm. In an overwhelmingly negative and dangerously stereotypical way, Muslims and Islam have routinely and repeatedly been positioned as the undeniable "other" to who we were, what we stood for, how we lived our lives, and what we held dear in terms of our values. In essence, Islamophobic notions and expressions were seen to "make sense" in Britain.

FAR-RIGHT AIRTIME

There can be little doubt that among of the main contributors to this "white noise" have been far-right groups such as the English Defence League (EDL) and Britain First. Without any constraints being placed on them, they were only allowed to become ever more confrontational and aggressive towards Muslims and mosques. The mainstream media gave them a platform from which to voice their explicit and divisive message about Muslims and Islam.

The day after the Finsbury Park attack, the former leader of the EDL, Tommy Robinson, was invited onto ITV's Good Morning Britain. While the show's host, Piers Morgan, rightly chastised Robinson for the bigoted views he expressed, there can be no doubt that he was invited on to do exactly that. His track record shows that objectivity and sensitivity are not two of his better known qualities.

Robinson had posted a video online shortly after the recent terror attacks in London and Manchester stating that "if we don't get this issue dealt with, the British public will," before adding: "They [the white British] will end up taking matters into their own hands".

After the Finsbury Park Mosque attack, Robinson said it was one of "revenge", a point reiterated by the leader of the South Wales National Front, Adam Lloyd. While denying any links to the suspect, Lloyd said: "Anyone with a right mind can see this is not a terrorist attack but a revenge attack".

By stating that the attack was an act of revenge, both are suggesting that the attack was justified in that it was carried out in return for the violence

committed by Muslims. Not some Muslims, but all Muslims without differentiation: the core tenet of Islamophobia is clearly evident.

A CHANGE IN TONE

Following the Finsbury Park attack, Theresa May, said there had been "far too much tolerance of extremism in our country over many years – and that means extremism of any kind, including Islamophobia". The prime minister said her government would act to "stamp out extremist and hateful ideology".

A number of suggestions come to mind. First, May and her political colleagues could begin to think about Islamophobia away from the spectre of extremism. Islamophobia isn't a form of extremism, nor is it synonymous with extremism. It doesn't only occur after terror atrocities – Islamophobia affects the day-to-day lives of many Muslims going about their business – and it isn't only perpetrated by those we might define as being extremists.

Second, they might consider the tone of the way they talk about Muslims in Britain. Rather than being used as scapegoats for the actions of criminals, Muslims need to be spoken about and referred to as being a part of who "we" are in the 21st century – and as partners rather than enemies.

Third, we need to limit the disproportionate airtime afforded far-right extremists such as Robinson. This is not to suggest that free speech should be curtailed, just that measures that seek to provide balance are assessed proportionately. The same needs to be applied to those celebrities, personalities and commentators who become famous solely for making bigoted public statements. These would include Katie Hopkins among others. Hate should not be given preference or legitimacy.

Not allowing hateful messages about Muslims – or indeed any other group – to be broadcast or widely shared will help to ensure that the white noise is neither seen to be normal, nor justified.

Now is the time to take Islamophobia seriously.

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Candle light march in Darjeeling demanding peace

DARJEELING, 21 JUN: Locals today held a candle light march here demanding immediate restoration of peace in the hills.

The people of the Hills remain insistent that peace cannot return to the hills until the State and Central police forces are withdrawn and the aggression toned down.

Today, a street drama, portraying the alleged atrocities by security forces on the protesters, was also organised.

Songs were played during the programme in support of the demand for Gorkhaland.

Mizoram unit of GJM holds demonstration for 'Gorkhaland'

AIZAWL, JUN 21 (PTI): The Mizoram unit of the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) today staged a demonstration here demanding a separate 'Gorkhaland' state carving out of West Bengal.

Members of the state committee of the GJM in the sit-in demonstration displayed placards in support of 'Gorkhaland' comprising Darjeeling hill region, Siliguri, Terai, Dooars and surrounding areas. GJM leaders said that the Gorkhas living in India became Indian citizens in accordance with the Treaty of Sugauli, 1874. "We the Gorkhas are always mistaken as foreigners due to the fact that we do not have a separate state of our own in the country," they said.

They appealed to the people of Mizoram to support the demand for a separate 'Gorkhaland'.

Darj Bar Assoc stands with the people; the people with the movement

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 21 JUN:**

The Bar Association of Darjeeling, junior division, has condemned the killing of three protestors in alleged police firing in Darjeeling on 17 June. They have also condemned the blackout of local media and internet services in the Darjeeling region.

"Without any prior notice from the administration, we are

providing free legal aid to any protestor arrested for being part of the protest. This is to mark our solidarity with the people against police atrocities in Darjeeling. The ban on internet services which have been disrupted since midnight on Saturday in the hills of Darjeeling has now been extended for another 7 days or so," remarked the members of the association.

Speaking to SummitTimes,

some Darjeeling residents, when contacted over phone, thumbed down the suspension of internet services, pointing out that internet is not only for using Facebook or Whatsapp. It is also used for filling college forms, paying electricity bills, paying income taxes online, they pointed out.

"The general public is on fire for the discrimination shown by the government. Due to internet

interruption, we have been facing hardships and are unable to channelize. Somehow we have been managing through our friends, supporters and well-wishers. We are not going to back off at any cost or give up. This is do or die," said one of the locals.

People of Darjeeling will be continuously holding peace rallies. The bandh has been called by the public, not by any political party, many insist.



SNT WORKS OVERTIME TO ENSURE TRAVEL TO AND FROM SIKKIM REMAINS POSSIBLE

SAURABH RAI

SILIGURI, 21 JUN: According to the sources at SNT, around 30 buses left for Gangtok today from the Siliguri depot and around the same number came down to Siliguri. SNT also operated buses to other parts of Sikkim like Jorethang, Gyalshing, Pelling, Pakyong, Rhenock, Rongli and Mangan from Siliguri. SNT drivers and conductors are also working overtime during this time of crisis and their day is starting as early as 5 a.m. in the morning.

One of the SNT drivers said that speed governors, the speed limiting devices fitted on the bus now, were acting as a hindrance during this time as the buses cannot go above the 50 kmph. In the current situation time is everything and sometimes demands that the buses move quickly. Many tourists who had come down from Gangtok and other parts of Sikkim were also seen at the SNT depot looking forward to their onward journey to different destinations.

SBJM condemns offensive post, reiterates support for Gorkhaland

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 JUN:

Sikkim Bihari Jagaran Manch [SBJM] today condemned the offensive remarks passed by a youth recently, a misdemeanor which landed him behind bars and also visited vandalism yesterday on the shop run by his parents at Tadong.

SBJM, while condemning the comments made by the youth and calling for strict action against the offence, also expressed hope that the individual's comments are not seen as a reflection of how the entire community thinks.

Addressing a press conference today, an active SBJM member, Birendra Prasad, who is also the state general secre-

tary of National Human Rights Crime Control Organisation, admitted that the mistake by an individual has brought shame to the entire community. On behalf of the organisation, he also apologized to the women of the State for distasteful remarks passed by the youth.

Likewise, SBJM Lal Bazaar president, Sanjay Kumar Prasad, appealed that the administration take proper action on the accused and expressed hope that the incident did not hamper the relationship between communities here.

On behalf of SBJM, they also extended full support to the demand of a separate State of Gorkhaland and its ongoing movement.

Guwahati International Documentary Festival begins Thursday

GUWAHATI, JUN 20 (PTI):

The first Guwahati International Documentary Film Festival (GIDFF) will begin from tomorrow and documentary films from various countries, including Bulgaria, Australia, Poland, Germany, Canada and Egypt will be screened.

"We organise the biennial Mumbai International Film Festival. We have decided to extend it to other cities, so we are holding this festival for the first time in Guwahati," Films Division Director General Manish Desai said at a press conference here.

The GIDFF will be held from June 21 to 24. It is being organised jointly by Films Division, a part of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Dr Bhupen Hazarika Regional Government Film and Television Institute.

"In all, 27 documentary and animation films from across the world will be shown along with some best Indian films. We will also have a special package of six documentaries by local filmmakers," Desai said.

The festival will screen some interna-

tionally acclaimed documentaries from Bulgaria, Australia, Poland, Israel, Germany, Canada and Egypt, he added.

Films Division Director Swati Pandey said the festival will be an annual affair from next year and it will be clubbed with Guwahati International Film Festival, to be held for the first time in October this year.

Speaking on the occasion, eminent filmmaker Jahn Barua said, "India does not have a culture to watch documentary films. We make about 1,000 feature films every year. Same way, we also make about 1,000 short films and documentaries."

On an average, a documentary filmmaker takes about 10 years to make a film after rigorous research, but nobody can see them, he added.

"It is not the loss of the filmmaker, but a loss of the nation. This loss is happening every year and it is unfortunate. We have wasted 70 years of Independence by not realising this. Not just the government, the entire nation has failed to develop some kind of system," Barua said.

India needs Rs 2-3 lakh cr investment for new airports: Sinha

MUMBAI, JUN 20 (PTI): The country will require an investment of Rs 2-3 lakh crore over the next 10-15 years for setting up new airports and adding capacity at the existing ones, Union Minister Jayant Sinha said today.

Aviation is going to be one of the major sectors that will drive economy going forward, and some 150-200 airports are needed for 90 per cent of the population to be within 60-90 minutes away from an aerodrome, according to Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha.

"We have to add more airport capacity as well as airspace capacity. Over the next 10-15 years, our estimation is that somewhere between Rs 2-3 lakh will be required to have new airports and in adding capacity," he said at an aviation event organised by IMC chamber of commerce and industry here.

Sinha said as many as 31 more airports have become operational in the last two years and currently the total number of airports stands at 106 from 75 aerodromes earlier.

"We need 150 to 200 airports for 90 per cent of the population to be within 60-90 minutes away from an airport," the minister said.

Aviation sector is poised for



substantial growth, he said, adding, "It is going to be one of the major sector that will drive the economy."

Sinha said the government will be creating a unified security command to supervise security at Indian airports.

"We want a unified command to be able to keep all of the airports under supervision through a robust set of security protocols. So, unified security architecture is a major policy initiative that we have embarked on with the Ministry of Home Affairs," he said.

The civil aviation ministry has been working with the CISF on how to move towards a unified command for country's airports, he said.

"Today, security is airport by airport. We have a mix of security personnel, we have CISF at many of our airports, CRPF in some and local police in others.

"In our case, the CISF will be the unified command, where we don't look at security airport by airport, but (are) looking at security across the entire aviation network," he added.

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INTL YOGA DAY AT MANGAN

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 21 JUN: Mangan district, North Sikkim observed International Yoga Day at Mangan Senior Secondary School auditorium today. The programme was organized by NHPC stage IV HEP in coordination with District Administration, Patanjali Yog Pith and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan. Patanjali Yog Pith instructor, North Sikkim, explained the benefits of Yoga and demonstrated several Yogasans.

State-level sports for all disabilities held

GANGTOK, 21 JUN [IPR]: The valedictory session of State Level Sports Competition for all Disabilities was organized by Special Olympics Bharat, Sikkim Chapter, in collaboration with Inclusive Education, SSA, HRDD, sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, at Paljor Stadium, Gangtok, today.

Minister for Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department, AK Ghatani, was present as chief guest and Minister for Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department, Tuli Devi Rai, who is also the chief patron, was present as guest of honour.

The chief guest while addressing the gathering congratulated the participants and applauded their enthusiasm. He stated that health has always been a priority area and incentives are being



devised to address the challenges. He also highlighted on the service rendered to the differently able persons by the Government and Departments as well.

Talking about the Special Olympics Bharat he said that it a National Sports which helps to improve the life of children and adults with intellectual disability. It is responsible for promotion of various sports and games for differently abled persons. Sport teaches independence, disabled children nowa-

days participate in high performance as well as in competitive and recreational sport, he added.

While teaching disabled children in schools or institutions some motivational talks and visuals should also be shown so that they can be positive towards life, he added.

The Minister assured consistent support by the Government towards the overall welfare of differently-abled children.

Ms Rai, while addressing the gathering, congratulated and ap-

preciated the children for participating in the State Level Sports. She also thanked the organizations and associations in taking care of the children. The Minister briefed about the capabilities of such children and the programmes and policies undertaken by the Government and Departments.

She talked about Sugamya Bharat [to make India Disabled Friendly] which has been implemented under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi which

aims to integrate persons with disabilities in the society so that they can actively participate in society and lead a normal life, she added.

She also urged the Health Minister to make provisions to look after the Children of Spastic Society in State for their monthly checkup by the concerned doctors. A doctor needs to be deputed for the regular examinations of the children, she added. She also said that disabled children/people needs to be treated equal-

ly. They need their full rights and love instead of sympathy.

The programme was also attended by President-Parents' Association Gangtok, Kuber Dahal, and Programme Manager-cum-Coordination, SOB, Dr RP Dhakal. Participants from all the four districts of Spastic Society Sikkim were present along with their teachers.

The event also saw the distribution of medal and certificates to the winners and participants.



Rani Rampal to lead Indian eves in HWL Semi-Final

NEW DELHI, JUN 21 (PTI): Striker Rani Rampal will lead an 18-member Indian women's team at the Hockey World League Semi-Final to begin on July 8 in Johannesburg.

Defender Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam has been named as Rani's deputy for the tournament.

The team features an experienced line-up with Deep Grace Ekka, Sunita Lakra, Monika, Sushila and Gurjit Kaur forming a part of the defensive line.

The team has two goalkeepers -- Savita and Rajani Etimarpu while the midfield consists of Ritu Rani, Lilima Minz, Navjot Kaur, Renuka Yadav, Nikki Pradhan and Namita Toppo.

The forwardline features Rani, Vandana Katariya, Preeti Dubey, Anupa Barla and Reena Khokhar.

Though the Indian eves suffered a 0-5 loss in their previous tour in New Zealand where they played the hosts in a five-match Series, they will

aim for better results at the Hockey World League Semi-Final (Women) which also happens to be a qualifying tournament for the 2018 Women's World Cup in London.

"While our first aim is to do well in the pool stage and do well against opponents like South Africa and Argentina, our big target is to qualify for the World Cup next year. Though the qualifying criteria is top five teams, since England are the hosts, our criteria will be to finish in top 6 to qualify for the World Cup," said chief coach Sjoerd Marijne.

India are grouped in Pool B along with strong opponents Argentina, South Africa, Chile and USA.

The event will also see participation from Germany, England, Ireland, Japan and Poland.

India will begin their campaign at the Hockey World League Semi-Final against South Africa on July 8.

Farmers perform 'shavasana' in UP to protest govt policies



Lucknow, Jun 21 (PTI): A group of farmers today performed 'shavasana', the corpse pose, on a national highway to symbolically protest killing of farmers in Mandasaur and "anti-farm" policies of the Modi government.

As the Prime Minister performed yoga in Lucknow along with the UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the farmers under the banner of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) performed 'shavasana' on the Lucknow-Barabanki Highway.

Shavasana or corpse pose gets its name from the posture of a dead body.

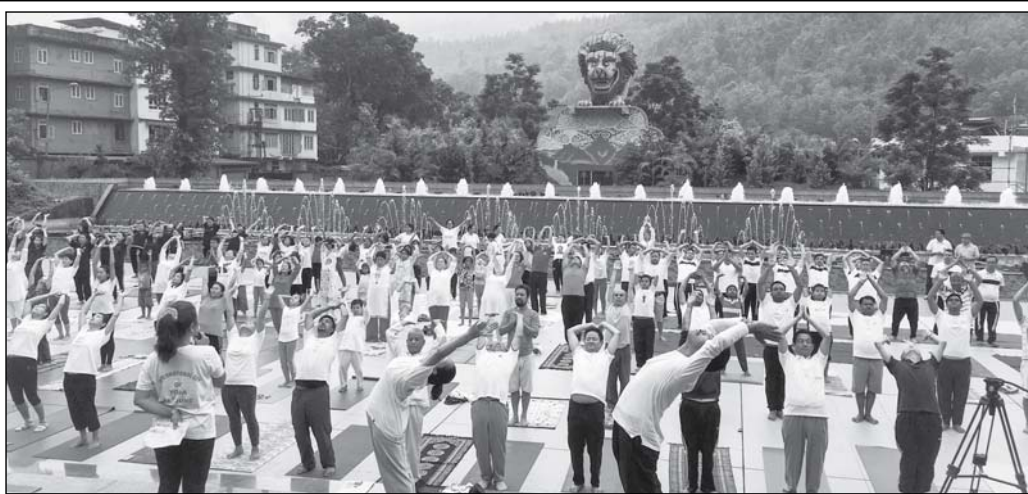
BKU spokesman Alok Verma told PTI, "Hundreds of farmers performed 'shavasana' on Lucknow-Barabanki Highway near Safedabad between 9 am to 11 am as part of our protest today".

Naresh Tikait, president of the Union, had said that farmers from all over the country will perform yoga and block highways between 9 am to 12 noon as a mark of protest.

A similar protest was organised by farmers on the Lucknow-Sitapur Highway.

BKU leaders said farmers have been hit due to the "doublespeak" of the NDA government as its leaders had promised to implement the Swaminathan Commission report, "but even after three years in power we have got no assurance".

The farmers were also protesting the killing of farmers in police firing in MP earlier this month.



YOGA IN JORETHANG

JORETHANG, 21 JUN [IPR]: Art of Living Sikkim Chapter, Jorethang, in collaboration with Jorethang Sub Divisional Magistrate office, Naya Bazaar-Jorethang Municipal Corporation and Marwari Yuva Manch observed International Yoga Day at Green Park here today.

Art of Living member, Kumari Majhi, led the gathering through various pranayamas. Chairperson-NJMC, Tika Gurung, Sub Divisional Police Officer-Jorethang, Kaziman Chettri, alongside police and fire personnel, AOL members, SICB trainees, government officials and people from all walks of life participated in the event in large numbers.

Almost jailed for a semi-erotic story until judge liked it: Bond

NEW DELHI, JUNE 21 (PTI): Believe it or not, but a "mildly erotic" story almost landed writer Ruskin Bond in jail.

Speaking at the launch of his autobiography 'Lone Fox Dancing' at the Taj Mahal Hotel here yesterday, the Mussoorie-based author recalled how a non-bailable warrant was issued against him during the Emergency.

"A constable from Bombay brought the warrant up to Mussoorie. He was a very nice man and I took him to the pictures," he said.

The popular author of children's book said he had to finally appear in a Bombay court, and the case dragged on for about two years.

"It wasn't much fun at all," he said. "But in the end, I got an Honourable acquittal and the judge said he enjoyed the story too," Bond said.

The story - The Sensualist -



appeared in a magazine called Debonair.

"It was a mildly erotic story about a recluse who reminisces about his misspent youth; but it was no Lady Chatterley's Lover," Bond writes in his autobiography.

However, the writer went on to say the reason behind the warrant was not the story alone, but perhaps also that he was editing the Imprint magazine during the Emergency,

when strict restrictions had been imposed on the media.

"But I was a cautious man...I used to just write editorials on trees, wild flowers and the environment in general...So we managed to survive that period," he told the gathering at the book launch.

Did he bring the matter up with then Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi when he met her?

"No. I guess she already

knew about it. In fact, I was still under trial when I met her," Bond said.

When asked if he played safe at the meeting, too, by talking about birds and trees with the prime minister, he replied, "Yes, she was very interested in nature".

Born and brought up in British India, the 83-year-old writer left for England in the 1950s for better prospects, only to realise he had left his heart behind in India.

"India was home. It wasn't just my mother's or step-father's home, home was the land itself... the soil here. I never owned any property in my life and yet I believe everything here belongs to me. The entire country belongs to me," he said.

So, Bond added, he returned to India "for the relationships, the friends, the attachments - those were the things I couldn't find there in

England".

But the octogenarian recalled that he was once asked to pay the entry fee for foreigners at the Sun Temple in Konark, and had a hard time proving he was not a foreigner.

The otherwise lucid narrator said he failed to convince the man at the ticket counter about his Indian identity, while a Sikh man holding a British passport standing next to him easily made it through.

"I asked the Sikh gentleman, 'Where were you born?'. He said, 'Birmingham'. And I was born in PEPSU, what was the Patiala East Punjab States Union. So I was more Sikh than he was," he said, leaving the audience in splits.

Bond's autobiography, which he said he wrote after much persuasion by friends, is an account of a life well lived and "by and large, without regrets".

Now, get comprehensive info on art on Google Search and Maps

NEW DELHI, JUN 21 (PTI): Art enthusiasts can now explore the world of art comprehensively, thanks to the updated Google Search and Maps services.

A search on Google about a work of art will now fetch additional details including the place where it can be found, the artist who made it, the material used and so on.

"Next time you search for an artist like M F Husain, Google Search will pull up an interactive knowledge panel that will highlight ways you can explore on a deeper

level, like seeing a collection of the artist's works or even scrolling through the museums where you can view the paintings on the wall," Google said.

In a similar update to its mapping service, Google Maps will now show additional information at specific locations like National Museum in New Delhi and Dr Bhau Daji Lad Museum in Mumbai.

Art pieces at these places on Google Maps will carry an annotation next to them offering more information.

"Now as you walk through the rooms of the museums including Dr Bhau Daji Lad Museum in Mumbai or National Museum in New Delhi on Google Maps, you'll see clear and useful annotations on the wall next to each piece.

"Clicking on these annotations will bring you to a new page with more information provided by hundreds of the world's renowned museums. You'll also be able to zoom into high-resolution imagery getting you closer to these iconic works than you ever thought possible," the company said.

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Protect the child, Satyarthi tells Modi and Trump

LALIT K JHA
WASHINGTON, JUN 21 (PTI): Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump to send out a strong message against child labour and promote child education so that children can be prevented from entering the 'world of extremism'.

"They can definitely come with a strong statement for investing in children and development. That means education, health, and protection of children everywhere in the world. Not only in these two countries," Satyarthi, the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, told PTI in an interview.

The founder of 'Bachpan Bachao Andolan', a grassroots movement dedicated to the protection of children and ensuring them education, said the two leaders - who are set to meet here on June 26 - can send a "message to the rest of the world that these two large-scale democracies care for their children and their most mar-



ginalised people."

The 63-year-old activist, who is in America to meet child rights groups, said the US and India can send the message that "we are holding your hands, my dear children, ... so you don't enter (the world of extremism)."

"That will help, not immediately, but in coming years it will help in protecting children if it comes again and again from these two countries or, maybe, many more. It's a matter of leadership."

Born in Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, the son of a police officer, Satyarthi studied electrical engineering and went on to become the seventh Indian to win the Nobel prize.

In his more than 30 years as an activist, he has freed tens of thousands of children forced into slavery. He founded the Andolan in 1980 and began raiding factories where children were forced to work, in some cases by their parents who cannot afford to raise them.

According to the move-

ment's website, it has rescued over 83,500 victims of trafficking, slavery and child labour as on October 2014, and helped them re-establish trust in society.

The Nobel laureate said if India and the US showed the leadership, many others would follow. "They can also give a call that we have to hold hands of young people across the world to prevent them from entering those evil forces," he said.

Satyarthi said it was important that the US and India understand the growing problems in the world that includes terrorism, extremism as well as global economy crisis and unemployment.

"They are government problems. Since we are among the most vibrant and most effective and the largest democracies, it becomes our collective responsibility to show the leadership to the rest of the world that we don't care only for ourselves but we care for the rest of the world," he said.

"I hope that both the leaders will show the leadership again as we have been talking that these two countries are natural partners to preserve democracy in the world," he said.

Satyarthi said the US is not untouched by the grave issue of child labour and child marriage. "This is a serious problem here in the US."

"We have come across, and I met, and there were partner organisations have rescued children who were local. They were white Americans. It's a combination of all but definitely because of the West Coast situation most of them are Hispanics," he said.

"We are getting more and more alarming news, and disgusting also, about the problem of early marriages, child marriages and teenage pregnancies in the United States. Except a few states, most states don't have a very clear well-defined minimum age of marriage," he said and urged the US government to take

necessary changes in the law in this regard.

Satyarthi also urged Trump to reconsider his decision to withdraw from the historic Paris Climate Change Accord.

"I would once again make an honest appeal to President Trump to reconsider his decision on Paris Accord. Climate change and global warming is creating devastating effects on children in most parts of the world," he said.

"(The leaders) know how due to global warm-

ing, the traditional livelihood of the parents have been ruined and the children became vulnerable to traffickers... We have also seen an increase in unemployment among adults, the migration crisis, social tension and violence, and trafficking, and child labour. Children are unable to complete their schools," he said.

"To stop illegal migration, a country can build a wall but no wall can stop hot winds or polluted air," Satyarthi concluded.

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Key Macron ally says he is quitting French Govt

PARIS, JUN 21 (AFP): France's justice minister Francois Bayrou, a key ally of President Emmanuel Macron today said he was quitting the government, as his party battles a funding scandal.

The small centrist MoDem party, founded by Bayrou, is in an alliance with Macron's 14-month-old Republic on the Move (REM) movement, and Bayrou was one of two MoDem ministers in the cabinet.

Macron has been carrying out a partial reshuffle of his month-old government following parliamentary elections that handed him and his MoDem allies a commanding majority.

"I have taken a decision not to be part of the next government," Bayrou said, adding that he would hold a press conference at 5:00 pm (1500 GMT).

MoDem is facing allegations it used European parliamentary funds to pay assistants actually based in France.

The other MoDem minister, former defence minister Sylvie Goulard, also announced her resignation yesterday.

Bayrou was a key backer of Macron's movement during the presidential campaign, and his support was crucial in winning centrist votes for the new president.

He has dismissed the allegations of fake jobs in his party.

Saudi king upends royal succession, names son as 1st heir

RIVADH, JUN 21 (AP): Saudi Arabia's King Salman today appointed his 31-year-old son Mohammed bin Salman as crown prince, placing him firmly as first-in-line to the throne and removing the country's counterterrorism czar and a figure well-known to Washington from the royal line of succession.

In a series of royal decrees carried on the state-run Saudi Press Agency, the monarch stripped Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, who had been positioned to inherit the throne, from his title as crown prince and from his powerful position as the country's interior minister overseeing security.

The newly announced Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman already oversees a vast portfolio as defense minister and head of an economic council tasked with overhauling the country's economy.

He had previously been the second-in-line to the throne as deputy crown prince, though royal watchers had long suspected his rise to power under his father's reign might also accelerate his ascension to the throne.

The young prince was little known to Saudis and outsiders before Salman became king in January 2015. He had previously been in charge of his father's royal court when Salman was the crown prince.

The Saudi monarch, who holds near absolute powers, quickly awarded his son expansive powers to the surprise of many within the royal family who are more senior and more experienced than Mohammed bin Salman, also known by his initials MBS.



The royal decree issued today stated that "a majority" of senior royal members from the so-called Allegiance Council supported the recasting of the line of succession. Saudi Arabia's state TV said 31 out of 34 of the council's members voted in favor of the changes.

The Allegiance Council is a body made up of the sons and prominent grandsons of the founder of the Saudi state, the late King Abdul-Aziz, who vote to pick the king and crown prince from among themselves.

Over the weekend, the king had issued a decree restructuring Saudi Arabia's system for prosecutions that stripped Mohammed bin Nayef of longstanding powers overseeing criminal investigations, and instead ordered that a newly-named Office of Public Prosecution and prosecutor report directly to the monarch.

Mohammed bin Nayef was not believed to have played a significant role in Saudi and Emirati-led efforts to isolate Qatar for its sup-

port of Islamist groups and ties with Iran.

The prince had appeared to be slipping from public eye as his nephew, Mohammed bin Salman, embarked on major overseas visits, including a trip to the White House to meet President Donald Trump in March.

That visit to Washington helped lay the foundation for Trump's visit to Saudi Arabia in May, which marked the president's first overseas visit and which was promoted heavily by the kingdom as proof of its weight in the region and wider Muslim world.

Saudi-US relations had cooled under the Obama administration after Washington pursued a nuclear accord with Shiite-ruled Iran that the Sunni-ruled kingdom strongly opposed.

The warm ties forged between Riyadh and Washington under the Trump administration may have helped accelerate Mohammed bin Salman's ascension as crown prince.

Govt asks banks to deposit junked notes at RBI by July 20

NEW DELHI, JUN 21 (PTI): The government has permitted banks and post offices to deposit junked Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes with the Reserve Bank by July 20.

This is the second window the government has provided to banks, post offices and cooperative banks for depositing the junked notes with RBI.

The earlier window was open till December 31, a day after the 50-day period of demonetisation of high value currency. "Such specified bank

notes may be deposited by such bank, post office or district central cooperative bank, as the case may be, in any office of the Reserve Bank, within a period of 30 days from the commencement of these rules," said a government notification.

It further said that they should get the exchange value by credit to the account of such subject to the satisfaction of the RBI of the conditions specified.

RBI will accept deposits collected by any bank or post office by

December 30, 2016 or by any District Central Cooperative Bank from November 10-14, 2016 should be deposited within 30 days, the notification said.

They should also cite valid reasons for non-deposit of the specified bank notes within the period, it said.

Old Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes were junked from November 8, 2016 to eliminate black money and curb infusion and circulation of fake Indian currency notes (FICNs).

India is the sec-

ond-largest producer and consumer of currency notes. Circulation of banknotes has increased to 90.27 billion pieces from 64.58 billion over the last five years.

As on November 8, 2016, the total amount of currency in circulation was Rs 17.7 lakh crore, which included specified bank notes (SBNs) of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000.

As per the last official count released by RBI on December 13, banks had garnered Rs 12.44 lakh crore in banned notes till December 10.

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2nd Prize Rs.9500/-	2nd Prize Rs.9,000/-
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2nd Prize Rs.5,000/-	2nd Prize Rs.5,000/-
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3rd Prize Rs.500/-	3rd Prize Rs.500/-
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4th Prize Rs.250/-	4th Prize Rs.250/-
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5 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD BE REALLY EXCITED FOR SHAH RUKH KHAN AND ANUSHKA SHARMA'S RADHA SONG FROM JAB HARRY MET SEJAL

Good luck getting sleep today after reading about Radha from Jab Harry Met Sejal here. Warning! You might just spend a sleepless night in anticipation.

Shah Rukh Khan and Anushka Sharma's amazing chemistry in Jab Harry Met Sejal has already made us go crazy about this film. August is too far away for us now. There's so much sexual and romantic tension between the two that we are craving to watch the whole movie. Of course, Shah Rukh Khan is doing strange things to our heart and mind every time we see him in the mini trail videos.

He is only getting better with age,

which is really unkind to people who are past 50. A regular 52-year old doesn't look like that and thus you have set the standard a little too high now. He had said that after a long time, he is doing an out-and-out romantic film. We are so glad that he decided to do something like it. A mature love story from him is long overdue and Jab Harry Met Sejal may just be it.

Now, after releasing mini trails, you will get to see the first song of the film,



you must have figured out that Shah Rukh and Anushka bicker a lot in the film. Some of it is funny while some is plain weird since we still don't know the context. But

Radha. Trailer? Well, wait some more.

Now coming to the song, we will tell you why you need to prepare yourself before this sweet, serenading storm washes over you. Trust us, you will be reeling under its effect for a long time.

#LOL –

Laugh out loud

Now from the mini trails,

you will see some really cool comic moments in this song as well. Their nok-jhok will only multiply in this and we bet you will find it difficult to keep a straight-face. In fact, towards the end, Anushka's comic twist will make you ROFL.

#Story time

Shah Rukh Khan will reveal something that all of us, at some point of time, have wondered about the Punjabis, which is as to 'why do they sing so loudly?' Well, the actor will reveal this secret finally and it has got something to do with tractors and farmers. We are not going to spoil the fun for you because we know the reason will make you smile too.

#Sexy Anushka

All this while we just saw a girl with a heavy Gujarati accent in Anushka, who is a lawyer and believes in signing indemnity bond with guys. But in this song, she will turn into a swan and make men skip a beat. She will turn really sexy in a red dress in Prague. We will leave the rest for

the time when you actually see her.

#SRK's abs are back

If you had almost fainted looking at SRK's abs in Om Shanti Om, you might just collapse after watching this. His fantastic abs have returned and we have started to drool by just thinking about it. Damn! Do you need any more reason to lose your sleep tonight in anticipation for Radha?

#The Imtiaz Ali special

You are aware how relatable Imtiaz Ali's films are. His stories stem from the regular experiences between couples and thus always finds a lot of takers. Songs in his movies, too, have a definite relevance to the story. Remember 'Heer toh badi sad hai' from Tamasha? A sad song with an upbeat composition...only he could have thought of such an irony. Radha, too, will have his touch and this time, he has ingested Prague's essence and its people's mannerisms in it too.

Ah...we can't wait to watch it on loop now. Release it already, Shah Rukh Khan!



Godzilla 2 goes on floors, makers confirm new monsters

Godzilla collides with Mothra, Rodan, and his ultimate nemesis, the three-headed King Ghidorah.

The shooting for "Godzilla 2" directed by Michael Dougherty has begun in Atlanta. Warner Bros and Legendary Pictures announced the news confirming the full cast, official synopsis and production details of the upcoming monster movie, reported AceShowbiz. The sequel to the 2014 film was previously titled "Godzilla: King of Monsters", but the statement released by the production companies did not refer to the movie by any title, suggesting the name might undergo a change.

According to the synopsis, "The new story follows

the heroic efforts of the crypto-zoological agency Monarch as its members face off against a battery of god-sized monsters, including the mighty Godzilla, who collides with Mothra, Rodan, and his ultimate nemesis, the three-headed King Ghidorah. "When these ancient super-species-thought to be mere myths-rise again, they all vie for supremacy, leaving humanity's very existence hanging in the balance."

The cast includes Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga, Milie Bobby Brown, Ken Watanabe, Sally Hawkins and Zhang Ziyi.

"Godzilla 2" is scheduled to release on March 22, 2019 in the US.

BLUE IVY LOVES BEING A BIG SISTER!

Blue Ivy is the ultimate big sis. She's only had siblings for about a week, but she's already taking on some huge responsibilities with Beyonce and JAY-Z's baby twins – like helping to name them!

Beyonce, 35, and JAY-Z, 47, finally welcomed their two new bundles of joy into the world in early June, but they're not the only people who are thrilled! 5-year-old Blue Ivy Carter doesn't mind losing her "only child" status. As a matter of fact, she's LOVING her new position as Alpha Kid! She's even helping her famous parents come up with names for the little ones. So sweet!

Unfortunately, it may be a while before the Carters can bring their new loved ones home. Multiple reports say that the babies are dealing with some minor health issues. Others claim that Bey gave birth prematurely. Whatever the problem, we don't blame little Blue for being desperate to get her new siblings home so she can play with them. Hopefully the entire family will be safe, happy and healthy in their mansion soon.



KIM & KANYE REPORTEDLY FIND SURROGATEFOR \$113K

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's family is expanding! The couple has reportedly made a deal with a surrogate to have their third child. The deal will cost them over \$113K! Here's exactly what Kimye and the surrogate have agreed on!

Kim Kardashian, 36, and Kanye West, 40, have reached a deal with a surrogate through an agency to add another little West to their family. Kim and Kanye have agreed to pay the surrogate \$45,000 in 10 monthly, \$4,500 installments. They also have to pay \$68,850 upfront to the agency as a deposit. The surrogate is required to not smoke, drink, or do drugs during the pregnancy. She will restrict sexual activities in the weeks leading up to the pregnancy and can't have sex for 3 weeks af-

ter the embryo implantation. The surrogate also can't go in hot tubs or saunas, handle or change cat litter, apply hair dye, drink more than one caffeinated beverage in a day, or eat raw fish.

The agreement says that Kim and Kanye will "assume the legal and parental responsibilities for any child ... that may possess any congenital or other abnormalities or defects." If there are multiple children, the surrogate will get \$5,000 for each additional kid. If the surrogate loses reproductive organs, she will get \$4,000. This surrogacy agreement is airtight! Kim and Kanye have thought of everything!

This is a huge step for Kim and Kanye. Kim has been open about how she wants a third child, and now she's getting her wish! Kim suffered from placenta accreta, which is when the placenta attaches too deep in the uterine wall and can cause massive bleeding if it doesn't detach properly, when she was pregnant with both North, 4, and Saint West, 2. Because of her past history with placenta accreta and the risk of it happening again, carrying a third baby is potentially life-threatening for Kim and the child. She also had to deliver North almost 6 weeks early because of early-onset preeclampsia, a pregnancy condition that causes high blood pressure.

A surrogate is the safest thing for both Kim and a baby. Wishing them all the best as they start this new journey with a surrogate!



22nd JUNE

WORLD HISTORY

1633: Galileo Galilei was again forced by the Pope to recant that the Earth orbits the Sun. On Oct 31, 1992, the Vatican admitted it was wrong.

1740: King Frederick II of Prussia, now Germany, ended torture and guaranteed religion and freedom of the press.

1812: Napoleon's Grand Army invaded Russia.

1940: During World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris. France and Germany signed an armistice at Compiègne, on terms dictated by the Nazis.

1945: The World War II battle for Okinawa officially ended; 12,520 Americans and 90,000 Japanese soldiers, plus 130,000 civilians were killed in the 81-day campaign.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

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INDIAN HISTORY

1555: Emperor Humayun declared his son Akbar as his heir apparent.

1555: Humayun crossed the Indus and captured Lahore to oust Sher Shah Suri of Delhi.

1897: The Chapekar brothers and Mahadeo Vinayak Ranade assassinated British colonial officers Charles Walter Rand and Lt. Charles Egerton Ayerst in Pune.

1910: Brigadier Henry Cecil John Hunt, aka Baron Hunt, the Indian English Lieutenant was born on this day. He led the 1953 British Expedition to Mount Everest.

1948: The title of Emperor of India was deleted from His Majesty, the King of United Kingdom's titles.

LOCKHORNS

- HOEST & REINER



"TOMORROW? I'M VOTING, GOING OUT TO LUNCH AND THEN SHOPPING... A PERFECT DAY!"

ARCTIC CIRCLE

- HALLATT



BABY BLUES

- KIRKMAN & SCOTT



LET'S TRANSFORM! Josh Duhamel poses with fans at the US premiere of 'Transformers: The Last Knight' at the Civic Opera House on 20 Jun in Chicago, Illinois.

ARIES: Rid yourself of all regret, Aries. Guilt is useless. It doesn't do anyone any good. Your emotions are volatile and apt to erupt in unexpected bursts. Feel free to let it all out. Today isn't the best day to ask for sympathy, but that shouldn't be your goal anyway. Only you can clean out the negative issues that are floating around in your heart and mind.

TAURUS: There's a fire burning in you today, Taurus. Be careful how you use it. There's a chance you could offend someone if you get too excited and fail to notice how your arrogant attitude affects people around you. Take your joy and spread it to the collective by em-

powering others. You will feel better about yourself and make more friends in the process.

GEMINI: You might have to toughen your skin today, Gemini. Don't automatically write someone off because of an action that you think is offensive. Allow others to have their opinions and respect their right to express them openly. Keep an open mind and don't judge. Maintain a diplomatic attitude and keep your critical thoughts to yourself. Don't think less of others in order to feel better about yourself.

CANCER: Break away from all mental constraints today, Cancer. The only thing holding you back

could be your own mind. Don't fear failure. The cards are in your favor. Move forward with the attitude that you're going to succeed, and you will. Your emotions are strong and active. Things are resonating well for you, so speak your mind openly.

LEO: Today you may have difficulty connecting with others, Leo. People may be unnecessarily harsh for no reason. Try not to get too emotionally worked up over any slights. Keep a safe distance between you and the drama around you. The next step you take might send you into quicksand, so make sure there's a good friend nearby to pull you out.

VIRGO: You will be the hit of the

party today, Virgo. Everyone wants to talk to you. Great transitions are happening in your life right now, and you should look at how you can adopt new principles and attitudes toward them. Your emotions suggest that you take an unconventional approach to the day. The things you learn may be things you want to incorporate into your being on a long-term basis.

LIBRA: Unless you want to get into an intellectual sparring match today, you might want to stay home, Libra. But this battle of wits could also take place in your own kitchen, so perhaps you should take a long walk by yourself and avoid others. Or simply prepare for battle. People aren't

apt to be very sympathetic to your cause, so wear your armor.

SCORPIO: Spend time with good friends today, Scorpio. Share dinner with people you love and feel free to be generous with the food and drink. You have the ability to control just about every situation. Remind others that they're part of a greater whole and that working together is the key to accomplishing great feats. Inspire others to be the best they can be.

SAGITTARIUS: Unexpected things are on the way and it's best to be emotionally and physically prepared. You may be rather indecisive, but when you do act, your moves manifest in short, powerful

bursts. Work to keep your dreams in motion. There are people out there who have the resources you need to be successful. Befriend them and share your goals.

CAPRICORN: Why go through today with doubts or fears, Capricorn? You have every reason to be happy. The things you project to the world today will prove extremely favorable. Don't hesitate to enjoy this day to the fullest. People will be eager to participate in whatever you have going on. As long as you remain confident in yourself, everyone else will agree.

AQUARIUS: Be aggressive with your thoughts today, Aquarius. You might feel a bit emotionally

detached. You will most certainly want your freedom. Spend some time alone to sort things out. An ex from years ago might appear on your doorstep, so don't be too surprised when he or she shows up. Take a nonjudgmental attitude toward everything you encounter.

PISCES: What are you waiting for, Pisces? Go for the gold. All you need to do is shine. You have the opportunity to merge with powerful groups today, so make sure to keep your eyes open. Do things that will improve your current status in a finance-related situation. Your sharp wit and endless facts and information will come in handy. Have a joke at the ready.