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PHALEYS IN THE LAND OF THEKUWAS! The huge number of Tibetan visitors every year in Bodhgaya has not only meant exchange of spiritual teachings, but some culinary ones as well. At this time of the year, there are numerous stalls selling 'paleys' outside the Mahabodhi Temple. Bihar kids can now mouth some Tibetan as well as they try to convince visitors to buy some phaleys. [from TSHERING EDEN]

Ravangla preps for Dalai Lama visit

**SUMMIT REPORT
RAVANGLA, 20 JAN:**

A preliminary preparatory meeting for the visit of the Dalai Lama to perform religious sermon at Tathagata Tsal was held at the premises of Tathagata Tsal in Ravangla, South Sikkim today.

A press release from District Collector [South] informs that the meeting chaired by Area MLA cum Power Minister, D. D. Bhutia was attended by Sangter Tulku Rinpoche, Advisor Cooperation Department, T.T. Bhutia, officials from various departments alongside panchayats at large.

It may be mentioned here that the Dalai Lama will be visiting Sikkim in mid-march 2018 to interact and to deliver religious sermons in Sikkim. Addressing, the gath-



ering Area MLA, D. D. Bhutia spoke about the significance of the Dalai Lama visiting Sikkim which he said 'is an important state level function'. He deliberated regarding the various responsibilities allocated to the line departments and the organizing committee and strongly advocated these depart-

ments to work in tandem in order to transform the visit of the spiritual leader a successful one.

He underlined that a large number of devotees will be expected to visit Tathagata Tsal and emphasized to undertake strong security measures. Additionally, Mr Bhutia informed that a state level meeting will

be held soon to identify the various aspects concerning the Dalai Lama's visit to Sikkim. He also updated the panchayats present to mobilise the stakeholders and volunteers from Ravangla and the surrounding area and further enable them to actively and enthusiastically participate in planning the visit.

Minor girl molested in Tista

**SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG, 20 JAN:**

Kalimpong Police has arrested a 33-year-old man from Soreng Busty on charges of sexually molesting a 14-year-old minor girl.

The victim had gone to see the Maghey Mela celebrations at Tista on 15 Jan with her father. In the evening the daughter however insisted to stay at her relative's place. The father then left for his home.

Upon reaching home, the father reportedly called the relative's home in Tista to check on his daughter. The relative said that she had not come to their place.

On the same day, the victim's father received a call saying that his daughter was in Bihar. The father immediately left to see his daughter.

Upon reuniting with her father, the victim turned to pg02

South DC conducts Friday Field visit to Lingmo Paiyong

GANGTOK, 20 JAN: Under the Each Friday, Field Day initiative, a team led by District Collector [South] consisting of Sub Divisional Magistrate [Yangang], Block Development Officer [Yangang], Child Development Project Officer [Ravangla], Deputy Director [Human Resource Development Department], Training Officer and the field officers of Yangang Block Administrative Center visited the newly inducted District Administration Adopted Village [DAAV] Lingmo Paiyong Gram Panchayat Unit along with the panchayats on 19 Jan, a press release from DC [South] informs.

The team first visited the Integrated Child Development Scheme [ICDS] center in Upper Lingmo which is currently functioning from a private house. The infrastructure for the ICDS is under construction for which the DC informed that the first and second installment will be released soon. CDPO [Ravangla] distributed color pencils and stationeries



to the children.

The GPU panchayats demanded a 'vehicular movement friendly' from Upper Lingmo Daring to Kaw road to the visiting team. The team

decided to assign the project under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana scheme after it is intimated to the head office.

A footpath to connect Upper Lingmo ICDS and Monas-

tic School in the GPU was sanctioned by the team to be taken up by District Level Relief Committee [DLRC] in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi turned to pg02

2 bombs found in Bodh Gaya amid tight security for Dalai Lama

GAYA (BIHAR), JAN 20 (PTI): Two bombs were found from the Bodh Gaya pilgrimage centre near here yesterday following a small explosion-like sound amid stringent security measures in view of the Dalai Lama's stay, a top police official said.

The bombs were found from the vicinity of the Kalachakra ground during an intensive combing operation by a police team led by DIG (Patna Range) Vinay Kumar, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Patna Zone, N H Khan said.

The Tibetan spiritual leader has been holding discourses at the ground, he said.

The IGP said that the operations were carried out after a small explosion took place at a kitchen set up at the Kaalchintan ground, causing panic among the devotees who had gathered to hear the Dalai Lama's discourse.

The explosion had taken place shortly after the Dalai Lama had completed his dis-

course and retired for the day at the Tibetan monastery, he said.

During the operations, a burst thermos flask was found at the kitchen. This might have caused the sound, the IGP said.

Meanwhile, a team of forensic experts was dispatched to the site of the incident from Patna to ascertain the nature of the explosives found, he said.

The Tibetan spiritual leader had arrived in Bodh Gaya on January 1 and he is likely to stay there for a month. A host of VIPs, including Bihar Governor Satya Pal Malik, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Hollywood actor Richard Gere have visited Bodh Gaya recently to receive blessings from the Buddhist monk.

Significantly, in 2013, the Maha Bodhi temple, situated on the spot where Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment, was rocked by a series of explosions in which five people, including two monks were injured.

Siliguri's burgeoning vehicular population comes at a cost - congestion

**SMRITA KHAWAS
SILIGURI, 20 JAN:**

"OVER POPULATION of vehicles is the main reason for the traffic in Siliguri," says Siliguri Mayor Ashok Bhattacharya. That much is obvious and the traffic jams a daily routine for commuters here.

Traffic congestion is an inescapable condition in large and growing cities across the country, from Siliguri to Gangtok to Kolkata peak-hour traffic congestion stings everyone.

Commuters are often frustrated by policymakers' in-



ability to do anything about the problem, which poses a significant public policy challenge. Although governments

may never be able to eliminate road congestion, there are several ways cities and states can move to curb it.

The Siliguri Mayor points out that Siliguri's traffic congestion is directly proportional to the vehicles descending on the city from different parts of the country.

"There are more private vehicles than public transportation which greatly affects the density of vehicles moving on the road," he adds.

Traffic congestion in almost all large and growing metropolitan regions around the world is here to stay. In fact, it is almost certain to get worse during at least the next

few decades, mainly because of rising populations and wealth.

For the time being, the only relief for traffic-plagued commuters is a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle with a well-equipped stereo system, a hands-free telephone, and a daily commute with someone they like.

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DC South visits newly adopted DAAV at Tinik Chisopani

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 20 JAN: An entry point meeting regarding the newly adopted DAAV, 35 Tinik Chisopani under Jorethang Sub Division, was held at its Village Administrative Centre on 18 Jan. The meeting was chaired by District Collector-South, Raj Yadav. The meeting was also attended by HoDs or 2nd Line Officers of all respective Departments.

A press release received from the DC's office, South, informs that at the outset, the Panchayat Vice President gave a brief report about the GPU's population, demography and income of the GPU. The resources of the GPU were also addresses. The details of the functionaries, GPK, ICDS, Schools, SHGs, CMRHM, PMAY were also provided.

The Panchayat informed about the problems and demands to be fulfilled at GPU.

The DC South gave a presentation about the objective of DAAV. He informed about the role of HoDs and requested them to submit the final draft of their Action Plan by 20 Jan. He urged all stakeholders including SHGs, Panchayats, NGOs to come forward and work together to make the GPU a model one. He informed that the work should be carried out on need basis.

He urged the NGOs to take major role in the development of the village. The start up of the programme was to be done by conducting Safai Abhiyan in all the Wards. The DAAV to be successful required the Panchayats to be active, community participation to be the priority. The tenure of DAAV would be six months only.

He requested the Panchayats to start a Facebook page wherein all the activities of DAAV were to be uploaded so that everything becomes transparent. He further informed that for the motivation of all there would be awards such as Best 2nd Line Officer, Best student, Best School, Best Teacher. The Principal Jorethang SSS has requested the DC to focus more on hands on learning and quality education as the students had serious problems in mathematics.

The Assistant Superintendent of Police-South requested the Panchayats to share about the law and order problems faced by them. The discussion for setting up of pick pocket for the area was also done. It was informed by Principal of CCCT that they shall provide a quarter which was vacant for the same.

Assistant Director-Directorate of Handicrafts and Handloom has requested the Panchayat to provide list of 20 volunteers who are ready to undergo training in preparing handloom products. The volunteers shall



also be given stipend for the same, she informed.

Block Development Officer-Jorethang informed that drug peddling and addiction was a major problem in the area. He urged everyone to develop the village infrastructure wise as well as human resource wise. He urged the villagers to own up their government property and maintain them.

The team then visited Government Junior High School Tinik Chisopani wherein it was observed that certain portion of the area was damaged by rainfall during the monsoon. The school structure was also in dilapidated condition. Therefore, the same will be repaired through DLRC in convergence with MGNREGA.

During their visit to ICDS Lalshore, it was found that the land was in the name of Padma Dhoj Tamang which was to be registered in the name of Government. The same will be done by SDM Jorethang at the earliest. The CDPO Jorethang had brought riddles and study books for ICDS kids. The same was provided in

the presence of the DC. The discussion for construction of footpath was done. It was decided that Panchayats will talk with the public and ask for NOC. Once the same is obtained, the CC footpath will be sanctioned in the next phase.

At ICDS Ambotey, problem with land registration was observed. Therefore, the DC has directed the CDPO and the SDM Jorethang to sort out the matter at the earliest and get the registration done. The ICDS was being run in a private hut belonging to Dhan B Rai which was badly damaged by heavy wind. Hence, ex gratia will be released soon.

Barbotey Primary School was found in dilapidated condition and posed threat to students and commuters passing by during the visit. Hence, the repair and restoration of the same will be sanctioned through DLRC in convergence with MGNREGA. The Mid Day Meal Kitchen will also be repaired and sanctioned on spot.

The ICDS at Barbotey Chisopani was being run on

private property. Hence, the DC has directed the Panchayats to identify the land at the earliest and get the registration done. In the second phase, the proposal for construction of structure will be put forth.

The release informs that it was also learnt that since 2-3 months the supply of Paustik Ahar was stalled for which the Director will be intimidated. The LPG connection was also not available with the ICDS which will be provided soon.

At Chisopani ICDS, footpath linking the ICDS and the main road was in a pathetic condition. There was a need for repair of kitchen as well. Hence, the same will be sanctioned through DLRC in convergence with MGNREGA.

During the visit, the public has demanded for a public toilet along the link road between CCCT and the main road. The DC has directed the BDO Jorethang to take up the same under Swachh Bharat Mission.

The Club House of the GPU was being used for community meeting and other Government activities. The land for the same was provided by Panchayat Vice President. The DC has asked the Panchayats to get the land registered in the name of Government so that the same can be repaired and used by Public.

The Dispensary Animal Husbandry was a Layer House that housed over 5500 chickens. There was an urgent need for repair of the dispensary which will be sanctioned in the next phase after proper plan.

There was a need for repair of the GPU's VLV Centre. The same has been sanctioned on spot. A water tank would also be constructed near the centre by Zilla member.

Land registration for ICDS in Upper Tinik was also done during the visit. However, the ICDS was being run in private hut of Bishnu Bhakta Pradhan. Beautification of ICDS will be carried out by CDPO.

It was further found that the VLO Office [LR & DMD] being one of the major infrastructures under DM Plan for setting Control Room, required a major face lifting as the structure was badly damaged and was in dilapidated condition. Hence, the same will be repaired through DLRC.

Similarly, the PHSC near the VLO Office was also in a dilapidated condition. Hence, the same will be repaired in convergence with MGNREGA.

A special mention during the visit has to be done for CDPO Jorethang who distributed riddles and books for kids of ICDS for the entire GPU, the release informs.

SSC seeks for Governor's Constitutional obligation to disqualify 14 MLAs of Sikkim

GANGTOK, 20 JAN: Welcoming the decision of the Election Commission of India to disqualify 20 MLAs for holding office of Profit, Vice Convenor of Sikkim Subject Committee, Nawin Kiran, in a press release, has highlighted on the petition filed by Mr Kiran and his colleagues before the High Court on 2016 against 11 Parliamentary Secretaries, 1 Chief Whip and Chairperson Estimates Committee and Chairman PAC.

The release issued by

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Minor girl molested in Tista

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rated the incident to him. The victim said that the accused had offered her a cold drink which made her unconscious. When she woke up she found herself in a room near Tista Bridge.

Afraid to narrate the incident, the victim reportedly called her friend in Bihar and left.

The accused was brought in police custody yesterday after the victim's parents filed a police report at Kalimpong Police Station. The accused has been booked under Protection of Children against Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and is to Kalimpong Court for a proper trial.

Meanwhile, the victim has been sent for medical examination at Kalimpong District Hospital.

Lachen Dzumsa felicitates young achievers from Lachen at Lachen Sonam Losar Festival 2018

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

MANGAN, 20 JAN:

The first day of the two-daylong Lachen Sonam Losar Festival 2018 on 19 Jan started with a ritual performed by the monks of Lachen Monastery followed by welcome address delivered by Lachen Pipon.

It may be mentioned here, Lachen Sonam Losar Festival 2018 is being organised by LTDC in collaboration with Lachen Dzumsa.

Addressing the function as chief guest, Member of Parliament [Rajya Sabha], Hissey Lachungpa, highlighted on all the aspects of development of Lachen in general including promotion of tourism and preservation of traditional cultural heritage & language. He urged the public of Lachen to be united in every walk of life



for a better Lachen and contribute towards the welfare of the society.

Mr Lachungpa also held an interaction with different stakeholders who had set up stalls for traditional food, handicrafts & handlooms, Department of AH&VS prod-

ucts and programmes, WWF & LTDC-Biodiversity stall and Lachen local product stalls.

The event also featured the launch of ethnic Lachenpa folk dance with new music, sound and costumes. Solo songs were also performed by local artists.

The chief guest along with Lachen Pipon and Gyambos also launched the tourism website of Lachen wherein one can avail easy access to information about Lachen which further adds more credential as eco-tourism destination.

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National Rural Employment Guarantee Act [MGNREGA].

The panchayats also put forward the request to upgrade the Lingmo Gumpa. The DC agreed to produce the proposal in front of the concerned department for necessary action.

The team then visited Upper Lingmo Junior High School. A portion of the school was found to be damaged by heavy rainfall to which the DC directed the repair work to be done by the District Level Review Committee [DLRC] in convergence with Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act [MGNREGA]. A land donated by the panchayat to the school for playground was directed to be registered under the Government's name.

After that the team visited Pepthang ICDS center and inspected the availability of paushtik ahar and supply of cylinder. The supply of paushtik ahar in the ICDS center was found to be 'inadequate'. The ICDS center was found to be functioning from a rented house. Land registration

for a permanent structure has already been done, it was informed. The CDPO then directed the panchayats to hush the verification process for the construction of the ICDS center. A footpath to connect ICDS Pepthang and Pepthang JHS was also sanctioned by the team.

While visiting Pepthang Primary School, the team found that the school was functioning without electricity to which the DC directed the panchayats to take the power issue with Power Department. Repair work of the school was sanctioned to be taken up by DLRC in convergence with MGNREGA.

The team then visited Tintarbond ICDS center, Badamtam Primary School, Lower Paiyong ICDS center and Middle Paiyong ICDS center. Necessary sanctions like repair work; footpath construction and directions to beautify premises were made by the visiting team.

The team also visited Deepjyoti Self Help Group centre and advised the SHG to conduct carpet ad cushion making training camps which the SHG agreed to arrange very soon.

SKM demands CM's resignation

GANGTOK, 20 JAN:

A high-level meeting of Sikkim Akrantikari Morcha party was held under the chairmanship of its acting president, Kunga Nima Lepcha here today. The main objective of the meeting was to decide the SKM party stand on the Election Commission of India's recommendation for the disqualification of 20 MLAs of AAP to the President of India for holding the office of profit, informs a SKM press release.

The release informed that the acting president of the party mentioned that the High Court of Sikkim had already declared posts of Parliamentary Secretaries unconstitutional and if AAP MLAs get disqualified than the same rule will be implemented in Sikkim. On the same Mr Lepcha has demanded that the Chief Minister should resign immediately on moral ground for his illegal and unconstitutional work and to implement the President's Rule in the State and to conduct fresh election.

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Singtam
Nagar
Panchayat
to install
more CCTV
cameras
in Singtam
Bazaar

YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 20 JAN: An
emergency meeting was
conducted today at Sing-
tam PS in East Sikkim
with regard to the instal-
lation of CCTV cameras
in Singtam Bazaar. The
meeting had the presen-
ce of councilors of
Singtam Nagar Pancha-
yat and Singtam Police
Station Head Officer, Ajay
Rai.

Owing to the rise in
crime and anti-social
activities in Singtam Ba-
zaar, the meeting has
decided to add up more
CCTV cameras in an
around the town.

“There were four
CCTV cameras installed
in Singtam but due to
rising crime and other
activities, we have de-
cided to install more of
them so that they help
the Police Department
in monitoring activities
in and around the area
more proficiently. These
cameras will be covering
every possible corners
and location of the town,”
said Station Head Officer,
Ajay Rai.

Twelve CCTV cam-
eras will be installed in
and around Singtam Ba-
zaar with the Singtam Walk-
way being the major focus.

The expense of install-
ing the CCTV cameras is
being taken up by Sing-
tam Nagar Panchayat.

SKM appoints
Binod Basnet
as its new
CLC president
for Soreng-
Chakung

GANGTOK, 20 JAN: Sik-
kim Krantikari Morcha
held its Constituency
Level Committee meet-
ing for Soreng-Chakung
at Singling in West Sik-
kim today in order to in-
duct new executives with
minor reshuffle in exist-
ing committee.

A press release issued
by its press and publicity
secretary, Ranjana Prad-
han, informs that Binod
Basnet has been newly
unanimously appointed
as new CLC president
with Sing Raj Subba as
general secretary and
Deep Kumar Tamang as
publicity secretary.

Mr Basnet has been
working as an active
youth worker who holds
a qualification of LLB de-
gree and has also worked
with National-Level
Students Union. With
his dedication and hard
work, he has been as-
signed with this portfo-
lio, the release adds.

In the meeting, var-
ious issues were dis-
cussed from strengthen-
ing the party to worker's
role in the upcoming 6th
Foundation Day of SKM.



Guv urges Bollywood Film fraternity to
promote Sikkim through their films

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 20 JAN: Famous Bollywood
Film maker, Bonny
Kapoor, accompanied by
Line Producer from Sik-
kim, Raj Sitaula, called on
Governor Shrinivas Patil
at Raj Bhavan on 18 Jan.
The Governor extended
warm greetings and wel-
comed the famed film-
maker to Sikkim.

A press communiqué

received from Raj Bha-
van informs that it was a
courtesy call by Bonney
Kapoor on his visit to Sik-
kim to participate in the
Red Panda Winter Car-
nival 2018 organised by
State's Tourism and Civil
Aviation Department.

During interaction,
the Governor urged the
filmmaker to include
Sikkim in his filmmak-
ing schedule and exploit

the natural beauty and
serenity that Sikkim has
to offer. He also sought
the assistance from Bol-
lywood Film fraternity to
promote Sikkim through
their films as the global
tourism destination.

The filmmaker was
all praise for the unique
beauty and speciality of
Sikkim, poised to take
a giant leap in organic
trade, tourism, hospitality

and film making. He
suggested that required
infrastructure for film
shooting including
availability of necessary
equipments besides
improved connectivity
will create greater
enthusiasm among
filmmakers towards
Sikkim. He also showed
keenness to promote
Sikkim through films and
documentaries.

Red Panda Winter Carnival 2017-
18 concludes with great fervor

NITESH R PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 20 JAN:

Singer Mohit Chauhan
performed to a packed
Paljor Stadium today
during the closing cere-
mony of the Red Panda
Winter Carnival 2017-18.

The singer delivered
a power packed perfor-
mance of his unending
collage of great songs.

While interacting
with the audience, he ex-
pressed his happiness on

being in the hill State of
Sikkim.

“Call me back Sikkim,”
he expressed.

The programme also
featured performances
by various other artists
as well.

Gangtokians bid good-
bye to the winter carnival
in a huge number.

“We will miss this
time of the year which
has been a part of our
lives for now,” said a

Gangtokian, Krishna
Bhandari, who is a law-
yer by profession.

Bollywood producer
Boney Kapoor, while
interacting with the
host, appreciated the
wonderful hospitality
received from the State
and added that the huge
potential of Sikkim needs
to be explored more and
that he will be taking
back that message to the
film industry.

Holy Cross School to represent Sikkim in
the PCRA National Quiz Competition

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 20 JAN:

Two students of Holy
Cross School, Tadong
namely Rishal Pandey
Chettri [Present X] and
Saurav Kumar [Final X]
have won the State-Lev-
el Quiz from Sikkim and
have advanced to the
Zonal Competition [for
12 Eastern States] rep-
resenting Sikkim to be held
at New Delhi on 01 Feb, a
press release informs.

The said quiz will be
also be aired on Doordar-
shan Channel.



It may be mentioned
here, Petroleum Conserva-
tion Research Association
[PCRA] under the aegis of
Ministry of Petroleum and

Natural Gas, Government
of India is conducting the
quiz competition for stu-
dents from all over India
of Standards VIII-X.

Workers at the upcoming multi-
speciality hospital sensitized on
various schemes and benefits

ARPAN PRADHAN
GANGTOK, 20 JAN:

Sikkim Building and Other Construc-
tion Workers Welfare Board consti-
tuted under the Department of Labour,
Government of Sikkim organised a day
long sensitization programme on 18
Jan for workers here at the ongoing
construction site of the 1000 bedded
multi-speciality hospital at Sokaythang
in Sichey, Gangtok.

The programme was attended by
200 workers working under Civil En-
gineers Enterprises Private Limited
[CEEPL].

It may be mentioned here, the pro-
gramme was organised in accordance
with the Building and Other Construc-
tion Workers [Regulation of Employ-

ment and Condition of Service] Act
1996 and Building and Other Construc-
tion Workers' Welfare Cess Act 1996
which have been implemented in the
State of Sikkim in the year 2010 under
the directives of the central govern-
ment and the Supreme Court.

The event had the presence of Mem-
ber of Sikkim Building and Other Con-
struction Workers Welfare Board, Hari
Chettri, as chief guest accompanied by
Project Director-CEEPL, Subrato Bhat-
tacharya, and General Manager [Pro-
ject]-CEEPL, Debal Chatterjee, as guests
of honour.

Addressing the programme, Joint
Commissioner-Department of Labour,
DS Kunwar, informed that this was a
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SSC seeks for Governor's...

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Mr Kiran informs that the High Court
of Sikkim in their case had declared
that the 11 Parliamentary Secretaries
post were illegal on 25 Aug, 2017 and
as per the constitutional mandate, they
had, thereafter, filed petition before the
Governor on 11 Oct, 2017 under Arti-
cle 192 of the Constitution against 14
MLAs. After fulfilling all the require-
ments stated by the Governor Secretar-
iat, they had filed fresh petition on 30
Nov, 2017 before the Governor.

“As per the constitution mandate,
the Governor is required to forward the
petition to the Election Commission for

its opinion. But regarding this matter
when I had last spoken with the Gov-
ernor Secretariat officials on 13 Dec,
2017, they had informed me that they
will soon forward the petition to the
ECI. Now that the precedent has been
set by the Election Commission, the
President of India will have to disquali-
fy the 20 MLAs and in Sikkim too the 14
MLAs must be disqualified as early as
possible,” Mr Kiran adds in the release.

“At present juncture in the matter of
disqualification of 14 MLAs of Sikkim,
we trust that the Governor of Sikkim
will perform his Constitutional obliga-
tion,” states Mr Kiran.




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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate tender under single cover system from the eligible class of contractors enlisted with the SPWD for execution of work as detailed below.

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The date and time of tender and submission of completed bid document are as under:-

- Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal by the Department: 20/01/2018.
- Last date for submission of bids online by the Bidders : 20/02/2018, 1400 hours.
- Last Date for submission of hard copy of bid security: 21/02/2018, 1400 Hours at Circle Office, Jorethang.
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Guillotining Free Speech

Indifference makes us part of the problem

Those who arrive at power riding on the hot gas of imagined identities and manufactured pride feel threatened by facts. And since they cannot always cherry-pick their facts, they go after creative and artistic expression, hoping that a very public lynching of the freedom of expression will slap others, with more important and more damaging things to say, into silence. And we, as a nation, now stand witness to such malevolence in the disgusting assault that regressively parochial and sexist mindsets are dancing all over a Hindi movie celebrating sati. Yes, it is a Sanjay Leela Bhansali film, but the real-life situation could have been straight out of an Anees Bazmee plot. The filmmaker who managed to turn around popular notions of near effeminate material greed of a community with macho bluster (remember Ram-Leela?) has now made a film on Rajput valour based on an poem which has a mass suicide as its climax to “save” the virtue of the women from the victorious other. Probably, if someone had explained the plot of Padmaavati in this fashion to the Karni Sena costume party members, they would have organized a felicitation for the filmmaker instead of demanding a ban on his movie. But a ban is what is being demanded and even being provided by state governments which wear the same colour of intolerance as fringe groups which feel scandalized into action by rumours but refuse to be moved to comment even when the lynching of an innocent Muslim is Facebook-lived by one of them (similar in at least as much as the obvious hate and suspicions go).

There is nothing new in the noise and the demands that have been raised. This is not the first time that intolerant voices have sought impossible concessions. What is new though is the capitulation of the state and the rest of the people; the ease with which people claiming hurting of sentiments are forcing Constitutional obligations to freedom of speech and expression to be side-stepped while the rest of us sit the fences calming ourselves with “what’s the harm”. But a lot of harm is being caused. Right wing boors have always had problems with creative expressions, their shallow minds taking easy offence to the playfulness with which their superficialities can be exposed. They have always had problems with art, fiction, humour and poetry because of the immediacy of these mediums and the efficacy of such expressions. And this might bring one to question how any of this reasoning explains what is happening to Padmaavati. After all, the Bhansali school of filmmaking is as superficial, regressive and jingoistic as the gangs of Raptana he is stuck against. That is true, but this is also a gimmick that the media allowed to snowball into an event and then fed more publicity to become the Godzilla that is rampaging through every precept and institution of a civilized democracy. This has now become an experiment of the saffron brigade to test how far they can push the Courts and the people. One does not even understand why such testing is required because we have already proven ourselves to be easily distracted, easily convinced crowds of non-thinking herds that can be fed bananas to remain part of the republic.

But the experiment continues. Institutions of the State stand for little anymore because even after a Board which has proven its desh-bhakti more earnestly than a certain Arnab over the past few years has “cleared” a movie for screening, a fringe group with fewer members than the costume shop has burqas, oops, sorry, ghonghats, for sale, has managed to get up to four state governments ban the movie on their own. As a politician recently commented, let’s just scrap the Central Board of Film Certification since screenings can now be dictated by mobs or what claim to be mobs. We are already on the verge of disbanding the police force. Since the laws against cow slaughter are being increasingly enforced and decided by violent mobs, how much longer before they police more domains? And for the mobs and their masters to control more us, rational thought which could mock and challenge such control needs to be snuffed out and that message is broadcast through the travails imposed on a Padmaavati. This clamp down did not start with this movie, but it moved to a new level with it. Because we are allowing it to happen without enough civil society outrage, expect the next slap to hurt much more and resound much louder.

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Life, death and politics in Hawaii: 125 years of colonial rule

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The effects of a political overthrow that happened 125 years ago in Hawaii could not have been felt more vividly this month. The fear and distress that cast a shadow over the Hawaiian islands on Saturday morning during a false missile alert is part of the legacy of American occupation.

No one should have received that abrupt notice that their lives would end in roughly 12 minutes, the time it takes a missile to travel from North Korea to the islands. Least of all the people whose land, food, culture, and traditions have been under siege for a century and a quarter.

Since moving to Honolulu five years ago to begin a position as a professor at the University of Hawaii law school, I have felt ambivalent at best about my place here. Outsiders meet this ambivalence with disbelief. They think I live in paradise. What they are missing is how it feels, and what it means, to know that my life here arises from and relies upon the oppression of the people whose land I live, work and play on.

In 1893, American businessmen overthrew the Hawaiian monarchy to avoid taxes on their sugar imports to the United States. In the name of profit, they worked tirelessly to eradicate Hawaiian culture and language — everything that could make Hawaiian resistance stronger.

Their efforts did not succeed. Resistance is as strong as ever. On the anniversary of Queen Liliuokalani’s forced abdication, thousands march in peace to protest the illegal overthrow, honour the Hawaiian monarchs and celebrate Hawaiian culture and traditions.

Ongoing U.S. occupation and militarization of the islands puts Hawaiians in perpetual peril. Pearl Harbor brought this danger tragically to life. Saturday’s missile alert represented the culmination of a chain of irresponsible exchanges between U.S. President Donald Trump and Kim



Jong-un, leader of the Democratic Republic of Korea (DPRK).

During the same time period, Trump has repeatedly made his disdain for Black and brown people clear. He is more than willing to sacrifice lives he does not value to prove he has a bigger button or to distract from disastrous domestic policies. He can tolerate the casualties of some whites and soldiers when the majority of the hurt will fall upon people historically subject to American policies of hatred and exclusion.

A LOUD ALARM

On Saturday, I was talking and playing with my eight-year-old twins in bed when my phone gave off a loud alarm, the one that usually signals a flash flood. It was a clear, sunny day. I picked up the phone and read the message: “Ballistic missile threat incoming to Hawaii. Seek immediate shelter.” Then the five words that made it real: “This is not a drill.”

In that split second, fears of nuclear devastation that I had harboured since I was a young child in Toronto flared up. I quickly pushed down the guilt I felt at moving my children to a military target. At not moving them away when the danger first arose, and as it built.

Only the day before, in the midst of talks of possible reconciliation, Trump threatened to give North Korea a “bloody nose.” Military analysts wrote that a nuclear strike would be a logical response to this threat, providing the only opportunity to take out the U.S. Pacific Command, located at Pearl Harbor. I had no reason not to take the warning seriously. And there was no time to think. I had to move.

I threw on clothes and told the kids to do the same. I told them why. I did not have the energy or forethought to lie. I did not have an emergency kit. I grabbed onto their hands and ran across the street to Safeway.

I thought it would have an enclosed, safe room. It didn’t. We went into the bathroom. One of my children was so brave. She stood close to me, silently. The other couldn’t stop crying because we were about to die. I held them both and told them to be positive, to think that everything would be alright. We waited.

Eventually, news of a false alert appeared on my phone, but I didn’t know what to believe. Someone knocked on the bathroom door. He confirmed the rumours of a false alert, but still there was no all-clear. It didn’t come until 10 minutes later.

er. Then I could allow myself to feel again. But the feelings are too painful to hold for very long.

My mind understands that a state employee made an error, in the context of a flawed system, that created unnecessary panic. My heart stands ready for the next alert, when I may not be lucky enough to hold my kids in our last moments. It hurts now to let them out of my sight.

Some of my friends reacted completely differently. They had no desire to survive a nuclear blast. When the alert came, they went outside and looked to the west, where they would see the blast and die quickly and peacefully.

Some of my neighbours who, like me, came to this island to take jobs that should never have been theirs, for a university that has reneged time and again on its promise to be a Hawaiian place of learning, contemplated arming themselves. They want guns to protect themselves in case chaos erupts next time we get the alert.

The “peaceful” overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom has been anything but, even 125 years later.

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The Y chromosome is disappearing—so what will happen to men?

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The Y chromosome may be a symbol of masculinity, but it is becoming increasingly clear that it is anything but strong and enduring. Although it carries the “master switch” gene, SRY, that determines whether an embryo will develop as male (XY) or female (XX), it contains very few other genes and is the only chromosome not necessary for life. Women, after all, manage just fine without one.

What’s more, the Y chromosome has degenerated rapidly, leaving females with two perfectly normal X chromosomes, but males with an X and a shrivelled Y. If the same rate of degeneration continues, the Y chromosome has just 4.6m years left before it disappears completely. This may sound like a long time, but it isn’t when you consider that life has existed on Earth for 3.5 billion years.

The Y chromosome hasn’t always been like this. If we rewind the clock to 166m years ago, to the very first mammals, the story was completely different. The early “proto-Y” chromosome was originally the same size as the X chromosome and contained all the same genes. However, Y chromosomes have a fundamental flaw. Unlike all other chromosomes, which we have two copies of in each of our cells, Y chromosomes are only ever present as a single copy, passed from fathers to their sons.

This means that genes on the Y chromosome cannot undergo genetic recombination, the “shuffling” of genes that occurs in each generation which helps to eliminate damaging gene mutations. Deprived of the benefits of recombination, Y chromosomal genes degenerate over time and are eventually lost from the genome.

Despite this, recent research has shown that the Y chromosome has developed some pretty convincing mechanisms to “put the brakes on”, slowing the rate of gene loss to a possible standstill.

For example, a recent Danish study, published in PLoS Genetics, sequenced portions of the Y chromosome from 62 different men and found that it is prone to large scale structural rearrangements allowing “gene amplification” – the acquisition of multiple copies of genes that promote healthy sperm function and mitigate gene loss.

The study also showed that the Y chromosome has developed unusual structures called “palindromes” (DNA sequences that read the same for-

wards as backwards – like the word “kayak”), which protect it from further degradation. They recorded a high rate of “gene conversion events” within the palindromic sequences on the Y chromosome – this is basically a “copy and paste” process that allows damaged genes to be repaired using an undamaged back-up copy as a template.

Looking to other species (Y chromosomes exist in mammals and some other species), a growing body of evidence indicates that Y-chromosome gene amplification is a general principle across the



Mole voles have no Y chromosomes

board. These amplified genes play critical roles in sperm production and (at least in rodents) in regulating offspring sex ratio. Writing in Molecular Biology and Evolution recently, researchers give evidence that this increase in gene copy number in mice is a result of natural selection.

On the question of whether the Y chromosome will actually disappear, the scientific community, like the UK at the moment, is currently divided into the “leavers” and the “remainers”. The latter group argues that its defence mechanisms do a great job and have rescued the Y chromosome. But the leavers say that all they are doing is allowing the Y chromosome to cling on by its fingernails, before eventually dropping off the cliff. The debate therefore continues.

A leading proponent of the leave argument, Jenny Graves from La Trobe University in Australia, claims that, if you take a long-term perspective, the Y chromosomes are inevitably doomed – even if they sometimes hold on a bit longer than expected.

In a 2016 paper, she points out that Japanese spiny rats and mole voles have lost their Y chromosomes entirely – and argues that the processes of genes being lost or created on the Y chromosome inevitably lead to fertility problems. This in turn can ultimately drive the formation of entirely new species.

THE DEMISE OF MEN?

As we argue in a chapter in a new e-book, even if the Y chromosome in humans does disappear, it does not necessarily mean that males themselves are on their way out. Even in the species that have actually lost their Y chromosomes completely, males and females are both still necessary for reproduction.

In these cases, the SRY “master switch” gene that determines genetic maleness has moved to a different chromosome, meaning that these species produce males without needing a Y chromosome. However, the new sex-determining chromosome – the one that SRY moves on to – should then start the process of degeneration all over again due to the same lack of recombination that doomed their previous Y chromosome.

However, the interesting thing about humans is that while the Y chromosome is needed for normal human reproduction, many of the genes it carries are not necessary if you use assisted reproduction techniques. This means that genetic engineering may soon be able to replace the gene function of the Y chromosome, allowing same-sex female couples or infertile men to conceive. However, even if it became possible for everybody to conceive in this way, it seems highly unlikely that fertile humans would just stop reproducing naturally.

Although this is an interesting and hotly debated area of genetic research, there is little need to worry. We don’t even know whether the Y chromosome will disappear at all. And, as we’ve shown, even if it does, we will most likely continue to need men so that normal reproduction can continue.

Indeed, the prospect of a “farm animal” type system where a few “lucky” males are selected to father the majority of our children is certainly not on the horizon. In any event, there will be far more pressing concerns over the next 4.6m years.

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SHARE FC LIFTS INAUGURAL DISTRICT HIMAL TERAI DUARS TROPHY

KALIMPONG, 20 JAN: Kalimpong Police Station’s team Share FC lifted the inaugural District Himal Terai Duars sports festival trophy today. In a final held at mela ground today, Share FC beat Gorubathan 3-0 to clinch the prestigious trophy. Kalimpong District Magistrate, Dr Viswanath and Superintendent Police, Ajit Singh Yadav were present as the guests. [pic: Mukesh Sharma]

Sikkim Organic Day concludes, CM gives clarion call to come together and take forward the success of the Sikkim organic mission

GANGTOK, 20 JAN [IPR]: Sikkim Organic Day 2018 concluded on 18 Jan with its valedictory function being presided over by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling as chief guest.

Held at the Conference Hall at Saramsa Garden, the valedictory function was also chaired by the Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Somnath Poudal. Also present were the Cabinet Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Heads of Departments, Officials and a host of progressive organic farmers of the State.

Upon his arrival, the chief guest took a tour of the Saramsa Garden wherein participating farmers from all over the State had set up stalls where their organic produce and other indigenous products were put up for display.

The chief guest indulged in lively interactions with the farmers wherein he appreciated their efforts and encouraged them to progress further.

The valedictory function started with the traditional offering of silk scarves to Mr Chamling by the Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture after which the dignitaries participated in the ceremonial lighting of lamps.

As has been the continued tradition since 2016, Sikkim Organic Day is the day when prodigious farmers from all over Sikkim are felicitated for their many efforts in taking the State forward in the field of Organic Farming.

Mr Chamling handed out cash prizes and certificates to the farmers who participated in various flower and vegetable display competitions during the programme. Fifteen farmers were awarded certificates and cash certificates for securing the top three positions in five categories of flower and vegetable displays.

The five categories included Cymbidium [Rs 25000, Rs 20000 and Rs 15000], Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli and Tomato displays carrying cash prizes of Rs 1000, Rs 8000 and Rs 6000, respectively. Consolation Prizes and Certificates were also given to all the participants.

The chief guest also presented citation and cash prize to the Best Performing Farm School Teachers. Chandra Prasad Bhattarai was adjudged as



the Best Farm School Teacher on Integrated Organic Farming System along with Devi Prasad as Best Farm School Teacher on Low Cost Production of Organic Manure, Mala Sherpa as Best Farm School Teacher on Organic Beans, Suren Rai as Best Progressive Farmer in Vegetable Farming, Chewang Lepcha as Best Farm School Teacher on Organic Cultivation of Agriculture Crops and Rinzing Lepcha as Best Farm School Teacher on Organic Cultivation.

The event also featured felicitation of two local artisans who designed and created the organic sculptures of the Red Panda, Snow Lion, Sleeping Buddha amongst other marvellous creations at the Organic festival in 2016. They were Sisir Thapa from Gangtok who works as an Associate Professor in the Department of Fine Arts, Tripura University and Dhiraj Pradhan from Rhenock who is the President of Oviya Art Circle.

In his address to the gathering, the CM congratulated all the officials and the people of the State for ensuring the continued success of the Sikkim Organic Mission. He stated that the time has come for the rest of the country and the world to realize the grave importance of organic farming.

Citing the rampant use of chemical fertilisers in the rest of the country and the world which is adversely impacting the

fragile eco system, the CM said that going organic is the primary way in which global warming can be tamed to a large extent. He spoke on the many ways in which governmental policies like converting chemical fertilizer subsidies to organic subsidies can be devised and implemented to transform the world into an organic haven.

He also asserted that the greatest damage to the eco system has been done by mankind and that it is time for all of us to come together and work towards rebuilding all that we have lost and sustaining all that we have.

Speaking on the organic success story that the State has set foot on, the CM established that the declaration of the State as a 100% organic farming State was just the beginning and that the real task lies in sustaining and broadening the Sikkim organic story.

He called upon the farmers to immerse themselves in cash crop farming and also gave his feedback on the added benefits of medicinal herbs and plants like ginseng, chireyto and satuwab amongst others.

The CM highlighted the growing need for all town dwellers of Sikkim to maintain kitchen gardens and fir all rural dwellers to ensure that not a stretch of rural land is left empty and barren.

He also informed that a total of 14 co-operative apex banks are functional

in the State and called upon the farmers to make the maximum use of this loan facility provided to them by the State government.

He expressed positivity that only organic and local produce will be sold in Sikkim after March 2018 and called upon the farming community to make this possible.

In conclusion, the CM stated that the 2nd Phase of organic farming will see maximum production of organic vegetables and fruits for sale in the State and anything in excess would be sent outside of the State for sale. He added that the State government will extend all possible help to the people in the field or agriculture, horticulture, floriculture and anything organic and ended his address with a clarion call for all to come together and take forward the success of the Sikkim organic mission.

In his address, the Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Mr Somnath Poudal, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the CM for making Sikkim a model State despite its minute size in comparison to other States in the country. He said that a nation will only progress if its villages progresses and added that the State Government is doing all that it can to ensure the upliftment of the rural populace by empowering them through visionary policies like organic farming.

He spoke at length about the various policies that are being vigorously implemented to remove any hindrances like water scarcity, transport vehicles, cold storages, micro financing etc. that might affect the organic mission from progressing further. He stated that the farmers of Sikkim are ready to meet the needs of the State post March 2018 and supplemented that correct leadership has been one of the key factors for the resounding success of the State.

The welcome address was given by Secretary-Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Khorlo Bhutia, wherein he acknowledged the efforts of the CM, the officials and most importantly the farmers for the success of the Sikkim Organic Mission. Mr Khorlo also presented a brief report of the Sikkim Organic Festival and informed that more than 100 progressive farmers took part in the festival.

the workers and will follow all the rules and regulations framed for the benefit of the workers,” expressed Mr Chatterjee.

One of the workers’ representatives, Salim Sekh, also addressed the gathering wherein he expressed pleasure working in Sikkim. He extended gratitude to the Board and the department for providing necessary information regarding the benefits framed for them. Appreciating the efforts and support of the State government and the concerned department, he, on behalf of all the workers, informed that they were facing no issues at the construction site.

Workers at the upcoming multi-speciality hospital contd from pg03

regular event of the Board and the Department of Labour organised at regular intervals in all four districts of the State.

Mr Kunwar, who is also the Chief Inspector of the Board, highlighted on various aspects of rules and regulations related to the workers and labours working at any construction site and

briefed the gathering about the work done by the Board for the welfare of the workers in the State.

He also informed about various schemes and benefits that are being provided by the Board to registered workers. He urged the workers to approach the Board or the concerned department for any trouble faced at the construction site.

He also took stock of the facilities being provided to the labourers and enquired if the labours have been receiving payment on time. He further raised issues related to health, safety and others.

Member of the Board, Mr Chettri, while addressing the programme, highlighted on the importance of workers’ registration with the Board and the department and urged every worker to register their names with the Board in order to avail every benefit provided to them.

Appreciating the works being done by the Board, General Manager [Project]-CEEPL, Mr Chatterjee, stated that the Board and the concerned department has been working actively for the benefit and welfare of the workers in the State.

“The company is also in favour of

Lopsang Lama arrested on grounds of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act



SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 20 JAN:

Ex-Vice Chairman of GTA, Lopsang Lama, was arrested by the police on the night of 17 Jan from Bengal-Bihar border, Khoribari, on the ground of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act.

A police source said that Lama was involved in various cases during the time of agitation. On 17 June 2017, there was an attack on Jaldakha Police Station and two police vehicles were also torched. Lama has been booked for these cases.

It may be mentioned that Lama is a GTA member of 45 Jaldhaka-Todaytanga constituency. It was learnt that he had not joined Binay-Anit faction of the Morcha and has been a full-fledged supporter of Bimal Gurung, the former leader

of Morcha. He is also the Principal of New Light Academy in Namchi, South Sikkim.

While Lama was taken for medical from the police station, the reporters quickly had a word with him where he said, ‘I was on my duty. Still I was caught, I was going for a school inspection, after returning from Delhi yesterday, I was arrested from Bengal and Bihar’s border, I had no case, I don’t know why they arrested me.’

He was later forwarded to Kalimpong ACJM court today that has sent him for four days police remand. Sources said that the police had asked for 7 days remand but the court allowed only for 4 days.

The police has slapped him with cases under section 188/147/148/149/153/506 IPC, read with 3DPPA Act.

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SILIGURI, 20 JAN: Bhaichung Bhutia with U-21 players of Sikkim squad for the upcoming 72nd National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy at Siliguri today. [from SAGAR CHETTRI]

World XI hockey team wins first tour match



KARACHI, JAN 20 (PTI): International hockey returned to Pakistan for the first time in a decade when a World Eleven side defeated the national junior team 5-1 in an exhibition match in Karachi.

The visiting team was made up of recently retired players from Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Australia and Argentina.

"The main thing is that we have finally managed to make this World Eleven tour a reality and now we can approach sponsors and corporates to support the game," Pakistan Hockey Federation President Khalid Khokar said.

No international hockey match has been held in Pakistan since 2008 with teams refusing to tour the country due to security concerns.

Pakistan has also fallen behind in world rankings in recent times, dealing a big blow to the popularity of the sport, although it is the national sport.

Holland's legendary penalty corner strikers, Paul Litjens and Jan Floris

Bovelandr were clearly the most popular players in the visiting side as people cheered them and thronged them for autographs and selfies at the heavily secured stadium.

The World Eleven left for Lahore this morning and will play their second match tomorrow.

The PHF had fielded a young side from the trials held this week and Khokar explained the purpose was not to win the match but to ensure the tour went off smoothly.

Adeel Latif scored for Pakistan in the fifth minute and the home side retained the lead till half time but the visitors showed their class in the last 15 minutes, slamming in five goals.

Dutch player Roderick Weusthof scored two goals while Australian Grant Schubert and Philip Meulenbroek -- also from Holland -- got the other goals.

Spain's David Alegre completed the goals tally in the 48th minute to the cheers of a seizable crowd.

MELBOURNE, JAN 20 (PTI): Veteran Leander Paes and Purav Raja fought off a match point to shock formidable fifth seeds Bruno Soares and Jamie Murray and progress to the men's doubles third round at the Australian Open here today.

The unseeded Indians overcame the Brazilian-Briton team 7-6(3) 5-7 7-6(6) after battling hard for close to three hours.

Left-handed Murray, world number 9 in doubles and Soares, number 10, were one of the most consistent performers in the 2017 season but it was Raja who stood out with his superlative net play today.

It was a tight contest from the beginning and after splitting the

Paes and Sharan save match point to make pre-quarters



first two sets, the third set was locked 5-5 in the tie-breaker when Murray

earned his side a match point on his second serve.

Raja, though came serving extremely well to not only save that match point but also earned a

7-year-old mauled to death by stray dogs in Himachal

SHIMLA, JAN 20 (PTI): In a horrifying incident, a seven-year-old boy was brutally attacked and mauled to death by half-a-dozen stray dogs in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district, the police said today.

Vikki, a son of a migrant labour from Uttar Pradesh, was attacked by the dogs while he was

returning home from a near-by market in Amarkot village under Paonta sub division, they said.

Hearing his cries, villagers rushed to his rescue and three of them also got injured by the aggressive dogs.

The boy sustained multiple injuries on his head, throat, neck and stomach, they said, adding

he succumbed to his injuries on the way to a hospital.

A case has been registered in this matter, DSP Paonta Pramod Chauhan said.

A sum of Rs 20,000 has been given to the bereaved family members, SDM Paonta H S Rana said.

According to the Amarkot

village head, Rakesh Mehraloo, the administration was informed many a time in the recent past about the stray dogs attacking people, but it turned deaf ear to their complaints.

The incident has frightened the villagers, who are now not sending their wards to schools, he said.

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Focus on eliminating terror safe havens in Pak: India to UNSC

UNITED NATIONS, JAN 20 (PTI): Pakistan needs to change its "mindset" of differentiating between good and bad terrorists, India has told the UN Security Council, urging it to focus on challenges posed by terrorism emanating from the safe havens from across the border.

Indian Ambassador to the UN Syed Akbaruddin told the Security Council it is India's vision that Afghanistan regain its place and New Delhi remain committed to work closely with its regional and international partners to bring peace, security, stability and prosperity in Afghanistan.

"There is a common Afghan saying that roughly translates as "If water is muddied downstream, don't waste your time filtering it; better to go upstream to clean it," Akbaruddin said during a special ministerial meeting on Afghanistan.

Underlining that support for voices of peace in Afghanistan alone is not enough, Akbaruddin said, "We must focus on addressing the challenges posed by cross border terrorism emanating from safe havens and sanctuaries to our region and especially to Afghanistan". "If we do so, the decay, which has been inflicted on Afghanistan, can be made reversible," he added.

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"It is with this in mind that our Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Afghanistan on December 24, 2015 to inaugurate the Parliament building, stopped over in Lahore, Pakistan," he said.

N Korea cancels arts delegation visit to South before Olympics

SEOUL, JAN 20 (AFP): North Korea has cancelled plans to send a delegation headed by the leader of an all-female Western-style band to the South this weekend to prepare cultural performances during the Olympics, Seoul's Yonhap news agency said yesterday.

Hyon Song-Wol, reportedly an ex-girlfriend of leader Kim Jong-Un, would have been the first North Korean official to visit the South in four years, if Saturday's trip had gone ahead.

But Pyongyang told Seoul it had suspended the plan to send a seven-member advance team to inspect venues for proposed art performances in Seoul and the eastern city of Gangneung in connection with the Pyeongchang Games, Yonhap reported, citing the South's Unification Ministry.

No reason was given for the change of plan, the ministry said, and it was not immediately clear whether the visit was permanently cancelled or postponed.

The nuclear-armed North agreed last week to participate in the Olympics, which



will take place just 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that divides the peninsula, easing tensions over its banned weapons programmes.

The two countries also agreed that the South would host two performances by the Samjiyon Orchestra, the first of their kind since 2002, when Pyongyang sent a cohort of 30 singers and dancers to Seoul for a joint pro-unification

event.

The Unification Ministry said the North identified Hyon, who leads the popular Moranbong band, as the head of the less well-known orchestra, which will make up much of the 140-member art troupe from the North.

Hyon was the subject of a 2013 report in the South that she and around a dozen other state musicians had been executed for appearing in porn movies.

The North angrily denied the claims and Hyon later appeared on state television.

The last senior visit by North Korean officials was in 2014, aside from talks on the southern side of the DMZ.

Pyongyang had then sent three high-ranking officials to encourage North Korean athletes attending the Asian Games in Incheon, although they did not meet any members of the government.

The two Koreas have

agreed to march together under a unification flag -- a pale blue silhouette of the Korean peninsula -- at the Games' opening ceremony on February 9, and to form a unified women's ice hockey team.

On Friday the Olympic flame passed through Daeseongdong, a tiny village inside the heavily fortified DMZ, where elementary school teacher Koo Hyun-jin carried it with his pupils and told reporters: "This will give them a happy memory."

Officials of the two Koreas met at the nearby truce village of Panmunjom on Monday to discuss the art performances, when Hyon was the second most senior delegate of the North.

But the planning could be preparing a lavish display of its military strength on the eve of the Games.

Diplomats have reportedly been invited to attend festivities in Pyongyang to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the North's regular army on February 8, a day before the Winter Olympics' opening ceremony.

There was no specific mention of a parade but Yonhap, quoting an unidentified government official, said Thursday that some 12,000 soldiers had been rehearsing with artillery pieces and other weapons at an airfield near the capital and could march through Kim Il-Sung Square.

The North's parades involve tens of thousands of people and take months to prepare, while Pyongyang is bitterly cold in February.

Analysts point out that satellite pictures of the airfield preparations appear to show far less activity than ahead of previous major displays, suggesting that a smaller event than usual could be in the works.

"It would look bizarre to have a military parade in Pyongyang, just a day before the opening of what the South has declared a 'Peace Olympics'," Ahn Chan-Il, an analyst at the World Institute for North Korea Studies, told AFP.

"But this fits the North's usual claim that it is prepared for both peace and a war", he added.



A man accused of being one of world's most notorious wildlife traffickers has been arrested in Thailand. Boonchai Bach, 40, is alleged to have made a career out of helping to smuggle thousands of tonnes of rhino horns and elephant tusks from Africa to Asia. But he was arrested by police at his base in Nakorn Panom, Thailand, next to the Mekong River, on Friday. Bach, a Vietnamese national with Thai citizenship, is being held in relation to the trafficking of 14 rhino horns in December. Authorities said they are also investigating allegations he supervised groups trafficking large quantities of poached elephant ivory, rhino horns, pangolins, tigers, lions, and other rare and endangered species for more than a decade. At a news conference at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, Police Colonel Chutrakul Yodmaee told reporters that the arrest was "significant for many reasons".

US government shuts down after Senate rejects spending bill

WASHINGTON, JAN 20 (PTI): The US government officially shutdown today for the first time in five years after the Senate rejected a short-term spending bill to keep the federal government running, marking a chaotic end to Donald Trump's first year as president.

The shutdown began at 12:01 am (local time) after a few Republicans joined Democrats in blocking the crucial measure would have provided short-term funding for the Pentagon and other federal agencies.

Trump blamed the Democrats for the shutdown which comes exactly a year after he was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States.

"Dems want a shutdown in order to help diminish the

great success of the tax cuts, and what they are doing for our booming economy," he said. Despite last minute bipartisan meetings, the bill to fund the government until February 16 did not receive the required 60 votes. The Senate voted 50-48 to block the stopgap funding measure.

The short-term spending bill was passed by the House on Thursday.

This is part of the Democrats strategy to force President Trump and the Republicans to negotiate with them on illegal immigrants who are facing deportation.

The effect of the shutdown would be felt most from Monday when the federal government employees would not be

able to join for their work and be forced to stay at home without pay. It is estimated that more than 800,000 federal employees would be furloughed. Only the essential services would be open.

The last time that a government shutdown happened was in 2013.

Earlier in the day, the Office of Management of Budget said it was preparing for "what we're calling the Schumer Shutdown".

The Director of Office of Management of Budget Mick Mulvaney told reporters that efforts were being made to have the government shutdown less impactful than it was in 2013.

"We're going to manage

the shutdown differently. We are not going to weaponize it. We're not going to try and hurt people, especially people having to work for this federal government. But we still need Congress to appropriate the funds," he said.

Military will still go to work, the border will still be patrolled, fire folks will still be fighting the fires and the parks will be open. But in each of these cases people will not be paid, Mulvaney said.

Fanny and Freddy will be open, the post office will be open, the TSA will be open, but again all of these people will be working for nothing, which is simply not fair, he said. US Postal Services would be working.

The last government shut-

down lasted for 16 days in October 2013. The previous shutdown before that was for 21 days that ended on January 6, 1996.

However, this is for the first time in recent history that a shutdown has taken place when the House and the Senate as well as the White House is controlled by the same party.

"This is completely unfair and uncompensate for my Democratic colleagues to filibuster government funding, harm our troops, and jeopardise health coverage for nine million children because extreme elements of their base want illegal immigration to crowd out every other priority," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said.

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SINGER TOM PETTY DIED FROM ACCIDENTAL DRUG OVERDOSE, HIS FAMILY REVEAL

The singer was prescribed various medications including Fentanyl, the painkiller also linked to Prince's death, his family says.

US musician Tom Petty died last year from an accidental drug overdose, his family has revealed.

The Free Fallin' singer, 66, suffered a fatal cardiac arrest in October just days after completing a 40th anniversary tour.

In a statement on his official Facebook page, Petty's widow Dana and daughter Adria revealed the results of a coroner's report into his death.

They said Petty had "passed away due to an accidental drug overdose as a result of taking a variety of medications".

"Unfortunately Tom's body suffered from many serious ailments including emphysema, knee problems



and most significantly a fractured hip," their statement said.

"Despite this painful injury he insisted on keeping his commitment to his fans and he toured for 53 dates with a fractured hip and, as he did, it worsened to a more serious injury.

"On the day he died he was informed his hip had graduated to a full on break and it is our feeling that the pain was simply unbearable and was

the cause for his over use of medication." Petty's family said he had been prescribed various pain medications including Fentanyl - the powerful painkiller which was also linked to Prince's death.

"We feel confident that this was, as the coroner found, an unfortunate accident," they added.

Dana and Adria Petty said they hoped revealing the findings of the coroner's report would help save lives by sparking a "healthy and necessary discussion" on the "opiod crisis".

"Many people who overdose begin with a legitimate injury or simply do not understand the potency and

deadly nature of these medications", they said.

They added that Petty had died "painlessly and beautifully exhausted after doing what he loved the most" following his 40th anniversary tour with his band, The Heartbreakers.

"He was extremely proud of that achievement in the days before he passed," the family said.

"We continue to mourn with you and marvel at Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' incredible positive impact on music and the world. And we thank you all for your love and support over the last months."

Petty, whose hits included American Girl, Free Fallin', I Won't Back Down and Don't Come Around Here No More, suffered a cardiac arrest at his Malibu home and could not be revived.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

21ST JANUARY

2008- Black Monday in worldwide stock markets: Black Monday in worldwide stock markets (The US Markets were closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) BUT futures trading around the world on US markets showed significant losses) The losses were mostly averted when the FED announced a surprise rate cut of 0.75%. FTSE 100 had its biggest ever one-day points fall, European stocks closed with their worst result since 9/11, and Asian stocks drop as much as 15%. In January 2008 the Dow was at about 14,000 by the end of the year the Dow had dropped to 9,000 and has continued it's downward path but much lower suggesting the bottom is close to 8,000 . The FTSE 100 has had a similar fall from about 6,000 at the beginning of the year to close to 4,000 currently.

1793- French Revolution: Louis XVI of France is executed by guillotine after he was tried by the National Convention, found guilty of high treason. This was during the French Revolution (Revolution française) which ran from 1789 to 1799 which resulted in the Abolition and replacement of the French monarchy with a democratic republic.

1916- National Board of Censorship: National Board of Censorship made up of film fans representing movie studios that served as an industry watchdog to help studios avoid government

censorship, says it will not accept nudity in films.

2009- Barack Obama: Following a minor mistake during the first oath-taking yesterday, President Barack Obama has been sworn in as US president for the second time in two days, because one word was given out of order during Tuesday's ceremony. (The Oath was done behind closed doors in the Map Room of the White House).

2009- Toyota Takes Number 1 Spot: For the first time Toyota has taken the coveted number 1 seller of cars in the world from General Motors. GM has held the number 1 spot for more than 70 years.

2010- China Growth Massive 8.7% 2009: While the rest of the world has been in economic turmoil the Chinese economy grew by 8.7% in 2009 set to overtake the Japanese Economy as the world's second largest behind the United States.

2010 - Hillary Clinton asks China to investigate the cyber attacks on Google: The United States is calling on Beijing to investigate the recent cyber attacks on Google, which have prompted the search engine to leave China. The Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, has said that companies like Google shouldn't accept 'politically motivated censorship'. Clinton has called for a global Internet free of censorship, and asks that China investigate Google's claims that human rights activists' email accounts have been targeted. 'We look to Chinese authorities to conduct a thorough investigation of the cyber intrusions that led Google to make this announcement,' she said. The agency has sent a formal request, known as a demarche, to the Chinese government.

TAYLOR SWIFT, ED SHEERAN & MORE REPORTEDLY BOYCOTTING THE GRAMMYS OVER SNUBS



Justin Bieber has skipped the Grammys to make a point, and now stars like Taylor Swift and Ed Sheeran are reportedly doing the same this year. Bad blood much?!

Ed Sheeran, 26, Taylor Swift, 27, Lorde, 21, and Justin Timberlake, 36, are among those who won't be attending the Grammy Awards on Jan. 28, several news outlet reports. But what's the reason behind the boycott?

Well, JT, for one, is busy with his Super Bowl halftime gig, so there's no way he'd perform at the Grammys, but "bad blood continues over his prior snub by the secret nominating committee," as the site reports. Guess he's still not thrilled over how they ignored The 20/20 Experience!

Then there's Ed, who snagged two nominations but was kept "out of the top categories," and might just be feeling a bit miffed about that. He isn't likely to perform (perhaps so the Re-

cording Academy can avoid a #GrammysSoWhite backlash) so he might avoid going completely.

Taylor is also not "among the slated performers," and you'll remember that her single "Look What You Made Me Do" didn't gain any noms. (Reputation will be eligible for next year's awards due to its release date.) Taylor, who feels "shut out by the committee, is declining to appear," insiders say.

Finally, sources tell the site that though Lorde is nominated for Album of the Year — and is the only woman in the category — she was not invited to perform at the Grammys, and her team is "extremely unhappy" about that decision.



ALL HEART! Action star Vin Diesel shows some love at the premiere of Fast and Furious LIVE in London.

PADMAAVAT GETS A SOLO RELEASE AS PADMAN WILL NOW HIT THE SCREENS ON FEBRUARY 9

Filmfare had earlier reported that Padmaavat director Sanjay Leela Bhansali has personally requested Akshay Kumar to push the release date of his next - PadMan. Akshay's film stars Sonam Kapoor and Radhika Apte in the lead roles and now has a new release date. Due to all the controversies Pad-



maavat faced including change in film's title, director Sanjay Leela Bhansali wanted his film to avoid having a face-off with PadMan at the box-office.

Good news coming in here is that Khiladi Kumar has finally pushed the release date of his film and PadMan will now hit the theatres on February 9. With the change in release date, the Akshay Kumar starrer will now clash with Sidharth Malhotra - Manoj Bajpayee starrer, Aiyaary.

With the new update on PadMan coming in, Padmaavat starring Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone and Shahid Kapoor will now have a solo release ahead of the Republic Day weekend. Padmaavat is slated to release on January 25th and is expected to attract a lot of cinema lovers.

could take place. At some point, you might find yourself admiring a park or garden. Don't try to do too much, and enjoy your day.

GEMINI: Your level of imagination and inspiration should be operating at a very high level today, Gemini, so if you've been planning to start a new artistic project, this is the day to do it. You're also likely to be feeling quite intuitive, so don't be surprised if you find yourself tuning acutely in to the thoughts, feelings, needs, and desires of others, even strangers. Your higher mind is very close to your conscious mind. Make the most of it!

CANCER: A group with which you're affiliated could ask you to take care of a few tasks. This might involve making phone calls, running errands, or both. Your energy

and enthusiasm are high. Cancer, so this is a good day to prove how valuable your work is and how efficient you are. Make sure that you don't take on too much, however. You won't be helping anyone if you tire yourself out.

LEO: Important projects, either job related or personal, might need to be completed today in order to meet a deadline or fulfill a promise. This could require a lot of mental and physical effort on your part, Leo, which could prove somewhat stressful. Others might lend a hand, however. It's very important for you to remember to pace yourself. If you work when you're exhausted, you might not like the results.

VIRGO: A long-awaited vacation may be coming up soon for you, Virgo. The study of travel books might be

on your agenda for today. You could spend much of your day making the necessary arrangements, making phone calls, completing paperwork, and running errands. You might need to set up the care of pets or plants for your absence. Excitement runs high and so does enthusiasm. You have a lot to look forward to, so go out and celebrate! Have fun!

LIBRA: This could prove to be a very busy day. Libra. Someone close to you might come to you for advice on how to manage their resources, perhaps because of successes you've had in the past. This might take up more time than you'd planned for, but you'll enjoy helping your friend. Information received from TV or newspapers could bring a new interest into your life and spur you on to do some re-

search on the subject.

SCORPIO: Social events, probably family related, could take up a lot of your time today, Scorpio. They might involve outings, perhaps to parks or other recreational areas. You'll enjoy it, but your mind may be on other matters, possibly projects you're involved with. Some stimulating conversations with someone close to you could take place. By day's end, your mind could be going a thousand miles an hour. Be sure to get a little exercise so you can sleep.

SAGITTARIUS: Your home today could be like Grand Central Station, with lots of people coming and going and a lot of activity taking place within the house itself. The phone could be also ringing off the hook, Sagittarius. You might wonder if

your sanity will remain intact, but you'll make it through without going nuts. The problem is that there could be so much stimulation that you'll be too geared up to sleep. Take a walk before going to bed.

CAPRICORN: This is probably going to shape up to be a busy and rather chaotic day. You might find yourself spending a lot of time out and about, Capricorn. You may need to run a lot of errands and see a number of people. A friend might accompany you. Phone calls might need to be made in order to make arrangements for future events, and someone might take up too much of your time calling to chat. Pace yourself!

AQUARIUS: Today you should be feeling very energetic, Aquarius, both physically and mentally, and you're likely to feel rather anxious

for some physical activity. Go for a workout if you have time or for a short walk if you don't. A lot of your time is likely to be spent working on challenging tasks that keep your mind active. You should be pretty keyed up by the evening. Unwind by having a glass of wine and watching a favorite video.

PISCES: A lot of physical and mental energy could be channeled today into artistic projects of some kind, Pisces. Your intuition is running rather high, so you might know instinctively what friends, lovers, and children are feeling before they tell you. You could also pick up a lot of your anxieties as well. You'll need to relax a little. Go for a workout and then attend a concert or sporting event. You deserve a little fun!