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AFFECTED PEOPLE REGISTER SUPPORT FOR STAGE-IV AND NHPC, WANT GOVT TO CLARIFY STAND ON HYDEL PROJECTS

WANGCHUK BHUTIA
MANGAN, 06 JUN:

Hydel projects, it appears, are not destined for smooth progress or even unanimity among the affected people, and Teesta Stage-IV hydel project, currently proposed to be developed by NHPC, is shaping up to be an even more divisive undertaking than past projects. Coming on the heels of anti-dam outpourings in Dzongu recently, today, some 800 stakeholders hailing from all three constituencies of North Sikkim and claiming representation from all 270 affected landowners, marched to the headquarters town of Mangan to register their support for Teesta Stage-IV, its construction by NHPC



and demanding its implementation at the earliest.

Where the anti-project

section has the presence of Dzongu MLA, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, in its ranks, the

pro-project group today had two MLAs – Forest Minister Tshering Wangdi Lepcha who

represents Lachen-Mangan in the legislative assembly, and

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SDF calls for public hearing on Bhaichung Stadium delay

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 06 JUNE:

Sikkim Democratic Front has called for a public hearing to explain delays in the construction work at Bhaichung Stadium here. The hearing is scheduled for 08 June, Thursday, here at the stadium itself.

This project has dragged on for years now and a visit to the site offers no optimism since the dug up facility appears nowhere near completion. The project is as much an eyesore as it is a convenient point to criticize the government, and now, it appears, patience

has worn very thin.

The call for a public hearing to discuss the delay and work out ways to expedite the project followed from a door-to-door campaign of Namchi-Singithang constituency led by area vice president, Gagan Rai, and chairperson (Tourism Board), RN Rai, today.

The team visited the construction site and inspected the ongoing construction works. The visit was also joined by District Collector (South), Raj Kumar Yadav and Additional Superintendent of Police (South), Linda

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GJM to resurrect Aandolan, roadmap to be announced today

SUMMIT REPORT

DARJEELING, 06 JUN:

Gorkha Janmukti Morcha president, Bimal Gurung, has decided to resurrect the Gorkhaland agitation. He will be announcing the programme for the renewed Gorkhaland struggle from Darjeeling on Wednesday, 07 June.

Today, the GJM's language protest rally in Darjeeling commenced from the Gorkha Ranga Mancha and culminated in a public meeting convened at the Chowk Bazar.

Later, Mr Gurung, while addressing the press, stated that GJM's 45 elected members of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration will begin resigning from the GTA in a phased manner soon.

The GTA Chief stated that he had no problems with the West Bengal Government conducting as special audit in the GTA. This was in connection with WB Chief Minister's allegations made yesterday of misappropriation in GTA funds and plans to order a special audit on the same.

"A resolution of exempting the Hills, Terai and Doars from having to study the Bengali language has to be adopted in the Cabinet," demanded Mr Gurung today, clearly not satisfied with the clarification made by the WB CM at Mirik yesterday that Bengali was not being made compulsory.

"We will walk on the Gorkhaland path and will continue our agitation till the goal is reached," Mr



CM announces slew of scheme upgradations at Janta Mela

SUMMIT REPORT

MAKHA, 06 JUNE:

The second day of Janta Mela under Gram Swaraj Abhiyan 2017 was held today at Makha Bazar East Sikkim.

The event, organized by the Rural Management & Development Department, was attended by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling along with his Cabinet colleagues, MLAs, Heads of Departments and party workers.

Addressing the event, the Chief Minister highlighted some of the important projects and schemes launched under his leadership.

"I have done more than I had committed to the people. Women in Sikkim are secure and inducted in many more government sectors since our government came to office," he said.

By 2018, Sikkim will be Kutcha house free, and the people whose names have been left out will be provided with home construction plots with government funded houses, provided they file their names for the scheme, he said.

The CM further appealed to the panchayats and MLAs to be fair in disbursement of the schemes, say-

ing that their only priority should be the people, especially those in need of assistance.

He also warned government employees against looking for illegal benefits from the schemes.

He urged the contractors and engineers to helm the project with dedication.

The Chief Minister also urged the people to be more involved in organic cultivation.

He also announced a scheme which will provide unmarried women of the state with Rs 2000 per month as financial assistant from the government which he

promised to increase to Rs 5000 per month.

He also announced that the old age pension will be increased to Rs 1,000 for Septuagenarians aged between 70-79 years old, Rs 1,500 to octogenarians (between 80-89 years old) and Rs 2,000 for nonagenarian (persons above 90 years old).

He also announced pension for farmers which is scheduled to commence from the 2018-19 financial year.

He also announced increase of honorarium to Rs 2000 for turn to pg05

Movement straining on the leash in Darjeeling hills

SUDIPTA CHANDA

SILIGURI, 06 JUNE:

In politics there is a time for confrontation and there is a time to back off. And, to convert backing off into an art and earn cheers for that as well is a talent the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) can learn from West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee.

See how astutely she has reversed her position vis a vis the Bengali in schools as a language issue. Facing a serious challenge in the Darjeeling hills on the issue, she has swapped the policy for 'optional' in place of 'compulsory'. An off the cuff decision such as that, however, en-

tails questions.

If the Bengal CM believes that by making the issue optional she has nipped the Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) sponsored agitation and the people's grievance as well at the bud, she is probably mistaken. The GJM is unlikely to let go off such a hard-found issue and will continue to whip public sentiment one way or the other to ensure the new-found movement does not lose momentum. The GJM's future may hang on it.

Back off Mamata has, but not before she sounded a storm warning against the GJM leadership from Mirik on Monday. Indicating audit of the Gorkhaland Territorial Adminis-

tration (GTA) fund position and ex-humming the former All India Gorkha League leader, Madan Tamang's murder issue in which several GJM leaders are implicated, the West Bengal CM signaled some serious administrative measures coming the GJM leaderships' way.

The gloves would, however, be off if and when that happens. The GJM chief Bimal Gurung has already indicated that his party would intensify the ongoing movement. He has also demanded ratification from the state Assembly that the Bengali language would not be made compulsory for the hill schools.

Gurung of all people knows that

his party does not command political supremacy in the hills as before. Some serious competitors have cropped up to challenge the GJM hegemony. He also knows that the people would now question the logic behind a movement after Mamata announced the 'optional' angle for Bengali language in schools. Ironically, for Gurung and by extension the GJM there is no option but to agitate.

The question therefore, agitate for, or against what? Language is a sentimental issue bordering on identity. The next in line with similar undertones is the statehood issue. And here the GJM might have a window. Among the many things

Mamata stated from Mirik on Monday there was a broad hint about the GTA's tenure coming to an end. That means elections and therein may lie the GJM's scope to extend its political exercise in the name of Gorkhaland.

The next few days when Mamata and her cabinet colleagues would be in Darjeeling are crucial for the region. The CM in many ways is a street fighter. She would refuse to buckle under GJM pressure. The GJM on the other hand needs to cling on to the movement it has set rolling. If the impasse continues the conditions can only worsen. You can almost hear the people pray sane heads will prevail.



One killed in road mishap at Biring-Mamring

SUMMIT REPORT

NAMCHI, 06 JUN:

A fatal road mishap occurred today on the Namchi-Rangpo stretch claiming one life.

The accident is reported to have occurred at around 2:40 pm when a taxi Savari [SK/01/J/1384], carrying 11 persons was heading towards Rangpo from Namchi. When the vehicle reached Biring-Mamring nearly 15 Kms from Rangpo, the driver lost control and vehicle tum-

bled down the road.

19 year old Nikesh Bantawa of Ravangla died while being rushed to medical assistance. All other passengers have been admitted at Singtam and Rangpo hospitals. They have suffered minor injuries but are being kept under observation.

The case against driver of the vehicle Madan Gurung had been registered at Namchi PS US 184 of Cental Motor Vehicle Act 1988 and case is under investigation.

BJP cleans Lall Bazaar then joins issue with complaints

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE: A meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party's Sikkim unit was held under the chairmanship of its vice-president and incharge of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Devika Basnet, here at Lall Bazaar. The programme was attended by the BJP national secretary and Sikkim incharge, Rajnish Singh as chief guest.

A BJP state-unit press release informs that Mr Singh and party workers took part in a cleanliness drive at Lall Bazaar premises which was followed by a public meeting. The release informs that during the meeting, All Sikkim Traders Union vice-president, Lakpa Sherpa, shared various problems, including issuance of trade licenses, being faced by traders of Lall Bazaar and other parts of the State.

It is informed that he further alleged that the concerned authority has also been not listening to the problems being faced by traders.

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Palmu Chettri.

Speaking about complaints of slack monitoring by the concerned authority, Mr Gagan Rai said, "Bhaichung Stadium is an important project for the state government. The state government has aimed to develop an important asset for Namchi through this stadium. The reason to call for a public hearing is to sort out this problem and come up with a solution."

He further informed that the party has already informed the DC regarding the construction work complaints and that a meeting has been fixed with the Engineering Cell and Secretary of Sports & Youth Affairs Department on 08 June,

Mr Rai has appealed to the general public of Namchi to attend the public hearing and place their suggestions to ensure early completion of Bhaichung Stadium and help develop it as an asset for Namchi.

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Gurung went on to add.

A protest rally will commence from Lebung Cart Road and culminate at the Ranga Mancha on Wednesday followed by Mr Gurung's address. Torch rallies will be brought out every evening by the Morchha from Wednesday onwards, he further announced.

"Gurung is misinforming people and trying to launch a reign of terror in the Hills," stated Rajen Mukhia, TMC President, Darjeeling, while commenting on the latest announcements.

NH10 commuters face delays caused by Rs 35 cr road repair work

**SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG, 06 JUNE:**

Commuters on NH10 are routinely caught in traffic snarls for prolonged hours due to repair and renovation works on the highway that includes the construction of drainage, culverts, parapets, etc, works which are underway full swing at different locations between Teesta Bridge and Coronation Bridge.

The West Bengal Public Works Department which is now taking care of the national highway was sanctioned Rs 35 crore from the central government to renovate, construct, and reconstruct different parts of NH10, but problems for smooth traffic creeps in when they unload stone chips, sand and other construction materials on the road-

side, cramping its already narrow stretches.

The fund is sanctioned to construct and reconstruct causeways, culverts, protection walls, install steel protection bars, parapet construction, road pitching, repairs and even beautification of National Highway 10.

Himalayan Rajmarg Chalak Sangathan, a union of truck drivers from Darjeeling and Sikkim, have raised the issue of regular traffic congestion that occurs on the Highway.

The HRCS president, Rabin Thapa, points out that the problem is because of the construction materials that are unloaded on the road narrowing the driving space.

He adds that the problem is worsened by PWD's insufficient manpower

to manage the traffic which causes logjams and create avoidable chaos.

Stories of missed flights are now commonplace and could be avoided if only the WB PWD deputed more people to regulate vehicular movement at the bottlenecks created by it.

The situation will turn for worse once the monsoon arrives.

Added to this is the fact that PWD, unlike GREF, doesn't have big machines to clear the massive landslides which collapse on the highway.

"Monsoon is approaching and the highway will be full of mudslides. PWD lacks proper machines to clear the rubble. It will take more time to clear the roads and maintain traffic. Drivers and passengers will be troubled even more," said Mr Thapa.

Seti Jhora and Bhotay Bhir are landslide prone areas. Seti Jhora has a record of closing the highway for four days in 2015 due to a landslide and Bhotay bhir claimed one life last year. Furthermore, its late for PWD to start construction work as the monsoon is not the best time for such undertakings.

National Highway was taken care by the GREF in the past. Last year, before monsoon they handed over their responsibility to the PWD. People were unsatisfied with the work that was done by the Border Roads Organisation then. Unfortunately even after handing over the work to Public Works Department, the chief problem of the drivers and passengers are not yet resolved.

Meanwhile, Jeewan Chettri, the

executive member of Himalayan Rajmarg Chalak Sangathan said that the new construction and renovations of drains will be a problem for the drivers later as the PWD has constructed the drains in a box-format when 'V' shaped construction would be easy to remove cars if they get stuck.

'GREF used to construct V-shaped drains and it was easy for the drivers to remove their vehicles by putting a stone in the drains, the box shaped drain will be a problem to remove cars if their wheels get stuck, it has also narrowed the road and the traffic will me more congested' said Mr Chettri adding that HRCS and other drivers have appealed the PWD to do a proper work.



Phalaichadara JHS spends WED with foresters

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:**

World Environment Day was observed by the Eco Club of Phalaichadara Junior High School on 05 June with Tumin Range

BO Kewal Prasad Rai attending the function as chief guest, a press release informs.

The programme was based on the theme 'Connecting People with Nature'. Programmes

like painting competition, elocution contest were organized and the students also presented a skit based on environment and its conservation.

A plantation drive

along with an awareness rally was also held by the students. The programme was also attended by the area Forest Guard, Bhola Nath Dangal, the release informs.

Ghatani hands over two CMRHM homes, inspects roads in constituency

JORETHANG, 06 JUNE (IPR):

Health Minister Arjun Kumar Ghatani inaugurated two houses constructed under the Chief Minister's Rural Housing Mission (CMRHM) at ward No 02 of Zoom Gram Panchayat Unit and Pipaley/Samsing Gelling Gram Panchayat Unit today. The Minister is also the area MLA for Zoom-Salghari.

Mr Ghatani congratulated the beneficiaries Jyoti Rai and Amber Bdr Rai and talked about the vision of the Chief Minister towards upliftment of people by improving their social and economic status.

The beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards the Chief Minister for his gesture and for always working towards the happiness of the Sikkimese people.

Thereafter, Mr Ghatani led an inspection visit to Zoom-Soreng road with the engineers and concerned officials.

He instructed the engineers to ensure durability of roads without

compromising on quality of materials thereby ensuring top condition of the final road conditions.

Blacktopping for paving roads needs to be expedited for early completion, he stated.

The Minister also inspected Zoom Fatak-Namrik road and asked engineers to submit an estimate report at the earliest.

Later, Mr Ghatani visited Segang Junior High School where the school submitted a demand letter seeking fencing of the campus so that the newly established kitchen garden can be protected from stray cattle.

The Minister also interacted with the staff and students and took stock on the existing status of the school. He highlighted the government's endeavors towards delivering quality education in the state.

During his visit Mr Ghatani was accompanied by the panchyats, officials, youths, and villagers.

Chakung Jan Kalyan Sangh leads WED observance at home

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:**

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Chakung Jan Kalyan Sangh carried out a mass plantation drive at Lepcha Gaon and Durpiney in Chakung in West Sikkim on Monday.

A press release from the organisation informs that the organisation has been carrying out various environment-related activities every year for the preservation of environment. It is informed that during the drive on 05 June, around 250 saplings of different varieties were planted in the local forest area and places of tourist interest.

The release adds that a cleanliness drive was also carried out at Chakung Gumpa premises.



Yuksam prioritises clean environs on WED

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:**

Yuksam-Dubdi Gram Panchayat Unit observed World Environment Day yesterday by organizing a cleanliness cum plantation drive around the area. 500 saplings of trees, plants and herbs were planted in the area, a press release informs.

Sub Divisional Magistrate (Yuksam), Dr Sonam Rinchen Lepcha, Block Development Officer (Yuksam), Nickje Lamu Bhutia, Deputy Director (Human Resource and Development Department), Pema G. Bhutia, State Bank of Sikkim Branch Manager (Yuksam), Ajit Gurung, Medical Officer (Yuksam PHC), Dr Reena Tamang along with the panchayat members of the GPU attended the function and took part in the plantation drive.

The SDM, in his address, stressed on the importance of observing the day and talked about the climate change and how it impacted life in various forms.

The Gram panchayat also installed large numbers of eco-friendly waste bins made from bamboo at various locations under the GPU to check littering of garbage on roadside, footpaths, and at public places.

Speaking at an occasion held at the SDM's office premises, the Yuksam Panchayat President, Buddha Hang Subba, urged the residents to make use of the bins and keep the surroundings and roads clean.

A similar programme was also organised at the Primary Health centre at Yuksam and the Yuksam Senior Secondary School, informs the release.



WED at Rongneck JHS

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE: Rongneck Junior High School, East Sikkim, observed World Environment Day by planting tree saplings and organizing an awareness campaign in and around its campus.

Deputy Mayor, Lashey Doma Bhutia, attended the function as the chief guest along with retired Forester, Nambi Tshering Bhutia.

The chief guest, in her address, urged the students to protect the environment and educate the people to live

by environment friendly rules.

Headmistress, Chabi Pradhan, in turn, laid emphasis on the need to inculcate love towards environment and nature among the students.

"The technological onslaught has led the children to grow apart from nature, it is pertinent for all of us to make them aware about the importance and value of environment and nature", she said.

An awareness rally was also taken out from the school premises to Cham-mari Bazaar, a press release informs.

Will Power Humanitarian starts giving a hand from Bal Chatra Niwas

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:**

The Will Power Humanitarian today launched its new initiative, 'Give a Hand', in the capital.

The initiative was launched in the memory of Late Payal Agarwal, a social worker associated with the

Mayalmu Shelter Home in Tadong.

The Will Power Humanitarian staff and volunteers from Sikkim were present during the ceremony held at the Sidhartha Balak Chatra Niwas at Ranipool. The organisation has chosen the Bal Chatra Niwas, a children's home, to start

their new initiative as it focuses on kindness and help.

During the ceremony, they celebrated the birthday of the late Payal Agarwal. The programme was attended by the members of Happy Club, Stars of Hope (NGO) and others.

Gangtok on Wednesday, 07 June

Temp: 25°C / 17°C
Forecast: A couple of howers and a thunderstorm in the morning; otherwise, cloudy.
Sunrise: 04:40 AM
Sunset: 06:29 PM

Forest Deptt leads plantation and cleanliness drive

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:

Gangtok Territorial Range, East Division, of the Forest Department, on 05 June, organized a plantation cum cleanliness drive from Ganesh Tok to Tashi View Point to mark World Environment Day, a press release informs.

The cleanliness drive had already kicked off on 02 June with weeding and cleaning of the roadside areas undertaken by the Division.

Officials from the Forest Department along with the residents of Selep Tanki area, Bojoghari, Chandmari, Ganesh Tok, Bulbuley, Lhasa Falls and Tashi View Point participated in the drive along with the area leaders.

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Sonam Zangpo, all healed and raring to go

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 06 JUN:**

Having recovered from a severe injury, Sikkim's Sonam Zangpo Bhutia is back on the field and this time he is not quitting. The 23 year old footballer is currently playing for the Ulkha Football Club of Siliguri at the ongoing Siliguri Super Division League.

Sonam hails from Shokat basti beyond Tashi View Point in East Sikkim and has played in several state and national level tournaments. He has kitted up for renowned clubs of the State like United Sikkim Football Club and the nation, like Mohun Bagan.

He really took off professionally from Sports Authority of India, Namchi.

After a string of wonderful performances on



the field, he was called up by Mohun Bagan SAIL Academy coach, Shyam Thapa to undergo training under his supervision. However, he had to re-

turn to Namchi to complete his studies after which he played for United Sikkim Football Club in 2012 for two years and then for Mohun Bagan in 2014.

He also represented Mohammaden Sporting Club, Kolkata last year [2016] when the club clinched the All India Governor's Gold Cup

here at Paljor Stadium.

He also played in the Chennai League for three months in 2016 and represented Hindustan Football Club of Chennai.

Sonam's present club, Ulkha Club of Siliguri, is currently in the running for the ongoing Siliguri Super Division League being organized by the Siliguri Mahukuma Krira Parishad. The league officially kicked off on 15 May and is scheduled to conclude on 29 June.

Ulkha Club has played five matches thus far with two wins, one loss and one draw. With five more matches left, the club is looking forward to win the league.

After ending the league, Sonam plans to try to get into national clubs either in Kolkata or Shillong.



Church plants for environment

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE: Himalayan Crusade Pentecostal Church at Indira Bypass, Gangtok observed World Environment Day under the guidance of Pastor Prem Suman Tamang on 05 June, a press release from the church informs,

The church leaders planted tree saplings in and around the church complex and along the Bypass road.

The church members

also interacted with residents and spoke about the various threats to the environment and how the public can preserve the earth.

The leaders said that the world today is heavily dependent on the mass consumption of natural resources which is very harmful.

Pastor Tamang emphasized on the Reduce, Recycle, Reuse and Resist protocol to protect the environment.

MLA calls on Henuka's family, plans interactions with students to inspire them with her story

**PRAGATI THAPA
GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:**

On 04 June, the proud family of Henuka Rai, who recently cleared the UPSC exams, were visited by their area MLA, DR Thapa, who came calling to congratulate the family on their daughter's achievement.

Henuka is a resident of Sichey which comes under the Upper Burtuk constituency that Mr Thapa represents in the Legislative Assembly.

Having done her schooling from Sichey School, Henuka is now pursuing her PhD at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute. It was while she was laboring on her research that she also made time to prepare for the UPSC exams. She had also cleared the prelims for the SPSC exams but had a bigger opportunity waiting for her. Her success was celebrated by the entire



State, but most importantly by her family.

Her 80-year-old father, RB Rai, and her mother Hari Maya Rai, 65, are elated and still beaming at the achievement of their daughter.

As Henuka's sister-in-law shares, "She fulfilled her father's dreams. He always wanted her to

become an officer and crack these national-level exams."

"She has done the unexpected," adds her eldest brother who has been her greatest support and who had sent her to Delhi in the first place.

Congratulating the family, the MLA highlighted that Henuka has proven

that nothing is impossible.

He promised to arrange interactive sessions for Henuka with students of Burtuk so they could see a live example of hard work succeeding.

"This way, the students will be inspired to work harder as they will realise that no dream is too big for any of them," he said.

WED at Tadong School

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:

Government Senior Secondary School, Tadong, observed World Environment Day at its school premises on 05 June by planting tree saplings in and around the campus. A cleanliness drive was also carried out as a part of the programme.

Students, staff members and the administrative members participated in the cleanliness and plantation drive.

Apart from the drives, a play espousing the need to conserve nature, and a painting competition on the theme 'Connect with Nature' were also held as a part of the day's events.



Flyover metamorphosis underway for Singtam's historic bridge

**YOGEN THATAL
SINGTAM, 06 JUN:**

The 88-year-old bridge constructed in 1929 by British engineers in Singtam has been a part of history not just related to Singtam but Sikkim as well, and is now being converted as a flyover connecting di-

rectly to District Hospital Singtam.

Work on this began a few days ago.

At present, workers are laboring at replacing the rusted beams and trusses to ensure that the structure is adequately reinforced to manage future load.

Pro-Stage III landowners march to Mangan

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Kabi-Tingda MLA, Ugen Nedup – and the North Zilla Upadhakshya, Nim Tshering Lepcha, speaking on their behalf today.

The Stage-IV affected landowners gathered at Mangan Bazar to express their opinion about the Teesta Stage IV hydel project and seeking its implementation by NHPC at the earliest.

The gathering met at the Old Bazaar outside the SDF party office.

Addressing the gathering, Tashi Tongden, who owns land in Mangshila which is proposed to be acquired for the project, stated that this was a digital world and the landowners and youth must decide for themselves what development they need for their family, society and for the State.

"So, think properly and take proper decisions. We are here in such large numbers to support Teesta Stage IV project and seek an early start for it. This is the positive attitude of HEP affected people," he said.

Similarly, Mikmar Tsh Lepcha, an affected landowner from Dzongu, shared that he was an active member of Affected Citizens of Teesta during the protest against Himagiri and Teesta Urja.

He said that he has changed his opinion about hydel projects now and today supports Stage-IV after having seen hydel companies having supported local communities through CSR engagements and after having realized that hydel projects generated important revenue for the State Government and contributed to the process of nation-building.

"So, all the affected landowners and youth of Dzongu have decided to handover the barren lands to the government to develop required infrastructure and help develop society. We support efforts to harness natural resources safely and with positive outlook for the development of all communities," he said today.

Nima Lepcha and Mikmar Lepcha of Gor and Penzang Lepcha of Barfok, all landowners of Dzongu also spoke in support of the project.

The affected people have highlighted that the unclear stand on the concerned authorities on the fate of the project has hurt them financially. Their affected lands have been left fallow ever since they were earmarked for acquisition 12 years ago. This was a loss of livelihood that not all of them can continue suffering, they point.

In fact, while appealing that the government come clean on its position on Stage-IV, they have also sought compensation for 12 years of earnings lost from their lands if the Government decides to scrap the project altogether.

If the State has no plans of scrapping Stage-IV, then the affected landowners want the politicking to end and the project to be implemented immediately.

They add that if the government is now opposed to hydel projects, then, apart from shelving Stage-IV it should close down all projects in Dzongu area including Rahi Chu, Pannan HEP and Teesta Stage III HEP.

They have also questioned doubts being raised about the efficacy of NHPC as a project developer, pointing out that when Teesta Stage-III ran into a host of trouble, NHPC was brought in for managerial consultancy to salvage the project. On claims that private developers are better, they point to the abandoned Teesta Stage-VI which had been awarded to a private company.

The gathering was also addressed by Forest Minister Tshering Wangdi Lepcha who explained that his voters and concerned people have requested him to speak for them and that he was addressing the meeting in compliance with their demand.

He opened by clarifying that the State Government and Chief Minister were not

against this or any other hydel project.

Mr. Lepcha also spoke highly of what he perceives as benefits reaped by his village, Singhik, from the Teesta Stage III hydel project and said that power generation was part of the nation-building process and also contributed sizably to the revenue of the state.

He also argued that fears of unbridled influx due to hydel projects, as are often raised by anti-dam groups, have also been proven wrong since two hydel projects have been commissioned in the area without having upset the demographic equation or negatively impacting the socio-cultural aspects.

He claimed that falsehoods are being projected on social media platforms which were far removed from the reality on ground.

Similarly, the Kabi Tingda MLA, Ugen Nedup, whose constituency is also touched by Stage-IV at Ramthang Tanek, said that he fully supported the farmers demanding an early start of the project as their cash crop has failed and they require alternate sources of income and are facing problems.

He emphasised that self-reliance was a key philosophy of the Chief Minister and that the State Government and the projects would also provide additional revenue to the state to edge closer to economic self-sufficiency and energy for nation building.

North Upadyaksha, Nim Tshering Lepcha, also spoke in support of the project and said that democracy was rule of the majority, and added that the majority was deciding what kind of development is to be implemented. In this regard, he said that a majority of the people seem to be in support of the project.

After the meeting, the gathered people marched through town up to the Old Bus Stand and along the national highway up to the Lal Bazaar.



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APPEAL

District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA East) in coordination with Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, Land Revenue & Disaster Management Department is conducting a mock drill on the earthquake scenario on 08/06/2017 at 11:00 am at different locations in and around Singtam Bazar.

As such, I on behalf of District Disaster Management Authority would like to appeal all the public that this exercise is being carried out to sensitize & create awareness on earthquake drills for preparedness and all are requested to participate during mock exercise. Help us build a safer and a disaster resilient state.

It is further appealed to all citizens of the district that the activity undertaken is purely on mock basis & there is no apprehension of danger and panic due to the activity as all necessary measures of public safety has been undertaken

**District Collector cum Chairman
District Disaster Management Authority**

Dry Thoughts

Water supply and the woes of an urban tourist town

Not easy to editorialize on important issues when one's thoughts keep wandering off to more mundane concerns about how the children, mothers rather, will manage when they return home after a hot, muggy, sweaty day at school and find that a bath has now become a luxury – a toss-up between washing clothes or the self. Sitting in offices, similar worries surface, wondering whether the office staff will survive a visit to the toilet that has not seen reliable water supply for a while now. It becomes difficult to comment on political developments when one awaits the spurts and trickle with which water supply coughs into homes. And then the thoughts wander off to wonder what music the musical fountains at Selep Tanki must be playing now that they don't have pitter-patter of water to keep rhythm to. Spoilt with abundance Gangtok, one must mention here, has begun empathizing with the bone-dry miseries of Namchi and other locations around South Sikkim which have been complaining of water supply shortage for many years now. But then again, Gangtok does not suffer from short-supply, or may be it does but more on that later. The problem here is the supply line which is temperamental, suspiciously erratic and perennially troublesome. "Fitters" are in high demand to fix the lines which appear to be too demanding and needy of attention. Every year, in fact every few months, one hears of the concerned department having solved the water supply network for good, and yet, every day, some part of Gangtok is left parched. One is now being told that metering will solve the problem. Unlikely, because meters record water usage, not repair pipelines. But that is what Gangtok is being told.

May be there is a problem of short supply as well. Gangtok's water lines were planned for Gangtokians, but for the past month or so, Gangtokians have been outnumbered by tourists. If "locals" cannot find a taxi which will take them, then, stretching the same analogy, there is clearly the same pressure for its empty buckets as well. Since departments are there to plan things better, a simple question – is anything extra done to cater to the demand for water when the population of Gangtok doubles during peak tourist season? Who are we kidding, of course, no such planning or projection was undertaken. And hence the same amount of water needs to be apportioned among double the number of people. Sikkim, after all, does not have a system of commercial water supply for its hotels. This also explains why the hitherto ubiquitous to Darjeeling and Kalimpong water trucks have become near permanent fixtures outside hotels. But this still does not explain the daily complaints of erratic water supply.

For news hounds, tracing down sources in government departments is of little help because the "out" slot on the name plates makes it obvious that domestic duties of providing water for the kitchen and bathrooms has superceded affairs of the State. And then there are so many VIPs seeking retreat in Sikkim away from the heat and dust of the metros that just keeping pace with their engagements throws up more sweat than a mug-full of rationed water can refresh. Yes, the luxury of running water does leave us open to cantankerousness when the supply snaps; imagination and coherence run dry along with the taps and readers have to end with having to wade through such meltdowns...

ICAR-DCFR marks WED with initiative to 'ranch' mahseer back into the Teesta

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE (PIB): Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Directorate of Coldwater Fisheries Research (DCFR, Bhimtal, Uttarakhand) in collaboration with Directorate of Fisheries, Government of Sikkim observed World Environment Day on 05 June by ranching mahseer seed at Dikchu and by conducting awareness camp at Rangpo.

Minister of Agriculture Development Department, Somnath Poudyal attended the event as the chief guest.

In his address he highlighted the significance of biodiversity and the importance of indigenous fish fauna. He further emphasized on conservation of the indigenous fishes and their habitat for the propagation of ecosystem friendly tourism.

Dr. AK Singh, Director, DCFR, assured to provide "unending" scientific and technical support to the state for bringing multidimensional development of Sikkim fisheries, starting from trout farming to mahseer linked ecotourism.

Similarly, IP Chettri, Director of Fisheries, detailed the departmental activities and progress.

Representative of anglers association, Uday Chandra Rai, narrated interesting stories of sport fishing and further emphasized need for bringing the river back to life.

Finally, the Principal Scientist from DCFR, Dr. Debajit Sarma, illustrated the behaviour and biology of mahseer, stressing that mahseer was more than just a fish, and pointing out that it is actually seen as the "aquatic tiger".



Opinion

Bridges and roads in north-east India may drive small tribes away from development

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Herepe Meme gestures with her hand animatedly. She vividly remembers and describes the Great Assam Earthquake of 1950. The epicentre of this 8.6 magnitude earthquake was in eastern Tibet along the Sino-Indian border, a few hundred kilometres from Kebali, Meme's home for about 80 years, the whole of her life.

Kebali is one of the many remote villages located near Roing, the main city of the Lower Dibang Valley district in eastern Arunachal Pradesh, about 2,500 km from New Delhi, and the furthest of India's north-eastern states.

Kherepe Meme was a young girl at the time of the earthquake, but still recalls how the earth shook violently, as if it was the end of the world.

The disaster devastated landscapes and villages in the Eastern Himalayas killing about 5,000 people, leading to flash floods in the Subansiri, Siang, Dibang and Lohit rivers of Arunachal Pradesh, and rise of the riverbed of the Brahmaputra in the plains of Upper Assam.

Meme lives very close to a river, known in her Idu language as Ephe, a tributary of the Dibang. During the peak monsoon season, the sounds of the river remind her of what she heard during the earthquake.

The Idus, along with the Miju and the Digaru communities, comprise the larger Mishmi tribe. They have a symbiotic relationship with the various tributaries of the Dibang and the Lohit rivers, which meander and tumble down from the Mishmi Hills. The rivers are often described by locals as mad, thunderous and impassable during the rainy season.

For many old women like Kherepe Meme, crossing rivers during the monsoon, even in their youth, required tremendous strength and courage, sometimes using suspended bamboo bridges built by locals.

In other times, they simply stay away from the ferocious river, letting it have its peace of mind. Kherepe Meme has never ventured out beyond Roing. She cannot comprehend the new bridge built over the Lohit river about 70 kms from her home, now connecting Arunachal Pradesh and its neighbouring state, Assam.

A GEOPOLITICAL CONNECTION
On May 26 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest river bridge, named after the legendary Assamese singer Bhupen Hazarika and connecting just over 9 km between Dhola and Sadiya towns in Assam.

With work starting in 2009, the bridge offers an important connectivity link within Assam and between Assam and eastern Arunachal Pradesh.

Several infrastructure projects undertaken by New Delhi in this state have picked up pace in the past decade, more so after the current BJP government came to power in 2014



The Eze or Deopani river, near Roing.

and has fast-tracked the work.

The development of roads and bridges have been seen as a concerted effort to strengthen the war preparedness of the Indian armed forces given that China contests India's claim over the territory of Arunachal Pradesh. In April, Beijing even renamed six places on its official map, stating that Arunachal Pradesh belongs to South Tibet, triggering New Delhi's anger.

To match China's infrastructure in Tibet, New Delhi has simultaneously invested in road-building constructions, directed at enabling better conditions to carry heavy machinery, including turbines to dam project sites. These are part of India's ambitions to stake its riparian rights over trans-boundary river water conflicts with China over the Brahmaputra.

The central government of India is also claiming that these projects will address the huge developmental gap that the various tribes of Arunachal Pradesh live with.

But when asked about it, local inhabitants seem doubtful.

A BRIDGE FEARED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Jibi Pulu, a 45-year-old Idu Mishmi local leader involved in conservation activities in Roing, told me that these projects will have many implications for his community. Because of their very small population (about 12,000 to 14,000), the Idu Mishmis fear a demographic change as infrastructure work – such as those planned for the Dibang dam project – will bring in more labourers and engineers who usually hail from different parts of India.

The Idu Mishmis speculate that the migrants will easily outnumber them and that this will lead to a loss of cultural and linguistic identity.

At the same time, they also hope

for positive changes such as greater market access, health care, education and jobs. The Mishmis have missed out on various economic benefits in the region since the 1950s.

Sadiya, in Assam, was at the beginning of the 20th century an important river port for the British economy (aimed mainly at tea and oil exports) to maintain control over eastern Assam and the Mishmi Hills, then known as the Sadiya Frontier Tracts.

But after the earthquake, the riverbed of the Lohit and the Brahmaputra moved up. And this reduced the navigability of the river, making this region lag behind in overall development.

FAILED CONNECTIVITY
Roads have also been a major priority of the Indian government. The Trans-Arunachal Highway Project, announced by the previous government in 2008, aims to internally connect the districts in eastern Arunachal Pradesh and has seen some stretches of excellent roads being built.

But because some critical bridges have not been completed yet, these roads are not that usable. From May onwards, during the monsoons, the river is high so people cannot use the half-built bridges. They then have to take the old roads back through Assam, for instance through Sadiya.

This is the case for the bridge going over the Dipu Nallah, connecting Roing in Lower Dibang Valley district with Tezu in Lohit district, both inhabited by Idu Mishmis. This bridge is only about a tenth of the length of the Bhupen Hazarika bridge. But while its construction started at the same time, it is yet to be completed.

During the rainy season, residents and goods need to travel 400-500 kms downstream from major towns of eastern Arunachal Pradesh like Ro-

ing, on the north bank of the river, and all the way through parts of Assam on the south bank, in order to cross the Brahmaputra river at Tezpur to reach again Arunachak via its state capital by land. The entire journey from Roing to Itanagar in this circuitous manner can take 16-18 hours by bus.

LOCALS LEFT OUT

The bridges and roads that are supposed to help connect this region have actually been priorities for military and hydropower projects over local needs.

And, as Jibi Pulu laments, the Idu Mishis – as well as other small tribal communities such as the Tai-Khamtis, the Singphos, the Meyors – cannot contribute. They lack the knowledge, the education and the formal training of engineers or semi-skilled technicians needed for these infrastructure projects.

They also lack the information to take a stance over majority decisions that are eventually imposed upon them. Often, they are consulted only when there is a problem due to land acquisition aspects of such infrastructure development.

While India looks at these mega-bridges, roads and hydropower projects for strategic reasons, it needs to develop an inclusive model for the local inhabitants too. Otherwise, tribal communities will be left behind as doubly marginalised under the weight of such fast-paced development goals.

In the meantime, Kherepe Meme still listens to the river flowing beside Kebali. Whatever India's ambitions, she knows that the waters cannot be tamed.

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Populism is still a threat to Europe—here's how to contain it

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Has the populist tide sweeping Europe crested?

Six months ago, many European leaders worried that the wave of popular discontent that led to the Brexit vote in the United Kingdom and propelled Donald Trump into the White House could empower nationalist, anti-immigrant and anti-EU parties across Europe, shaking the very foundations of the bloc.

Since then, however, populist movements have been turned back in Austria, the Netherlands and France.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel looks likely to win her fourth term as chancellor in national elections this September. And with a young, energetic, pro-EU French president now in the Élysée Palace, some are predicting that the bloc is actually poised for a comeback.

But it would be a mistake to think that populism no longer represents a serious threat to Europe and the EU.

Populist authoritarians are in power in Hungary and Poland. Marine Le Pen of the far-right National Front captured a third of the vote in the run-off of France's election last month, and Geert Wilders's anti-Islam Freedom Party is the second most powerful seat-holder in Holland's parliament.

Even in Germany, long thought to be resistant

to right-wing populist currents, the anti-immigrant party Alternative for Germany (AfD) seems poised to gain parliamentary representation for the first time following national elections this year.

And with early parliamentary elections scheduled for October 15 in Austria, it appears likely that the far-right Freedom Party, which was formed in the 1950s by former Nazis, will enter into a government coalition with the centre-right Austrian People's Party.

A RISE IN POPULISM SINCE THE 1960S

Post-war Europe has seen populist movements of both the left and the right, but they have mainly operated on the margins of national politics. While no populist party or politician has been able to actually win a national election in Western Europe over the past seven decades, research shows that populism has been advancing slowly yet steadily in Europe since the 1960s.

Today, virtually every European country has a populist party represented in national or regional parliaments. Most are right-wing, like Vlaams Belang in Belgium, the National Front in France, Golden Dawn in Greece, Lega Nord in Italy, the Freedom Party in the Netherlands, the Sweden Democrats and the Swiss People's Party.

These parties' aims and agendas are driven by different national histories, traditions and circumstances, but all are anti-immigrant and anti-EU.

Populism's appeal remains too small to actually win elections in most of Europe, but it is shaping national and European politics in various ways, re-framing debates on immigration, the Eurozone and national security, among other examples.

Political views once considered extreme or taboo are now firmly present in mainstream political discourse. In response, some mainstream politicians have co-opted parts of the populists' message or have felt pressure to move to the right on some issues to blunt the populist advance.

To counter Wilders's anti-immigrant message, for example, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte took a more hardline stance on immigration and refugees in the weeks leading up to parliamentary elections in March. Even Angela Merkel has placed limits on Germany's absorption of new refugees in light of criticism from both the AfD and the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of her Christian Democratic Union.

The period from the second world war to the present has been a remarkably stable one for Western Europe. Governments have largely alternated between the centre-right and the centre-left.

With the rise of populist movements and candidates, we are, in a way, restoring the historical norm: for much of Europe's modern history, liberals and social democrats have competed with pop-

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Indefinite blockade in Mizoram NH

AIZAWL, JUN 6 (PTI): A conglomerate of NGOs and student bodies in Mizoram-Assam border district of Kolasib began indefinite blockade of NH-54, considered life-line of Mizoram, from 5 am today.

The Joint Action Committee (JAC) said it took this step as the people of Kolasib district were protesting against transfer of a surgeon from the district hospital without posting a replacement.

The 850 km long national highway connects Assam and Mizoram and the blockade, if prolonged, could create problem in availability of essential commodities.

Ruling Congress leaders said that there was another surgeon in the district hospital and the blockade was uncalled for.

Health Minister Lal Thanzara expressed hope that the problem of shortage of doctors would be solved after recruitment of 26 doctors by the state public service commission and the process of recruitment was going on.

Doctors observe pen-down strike in Mizoram

AIZAWL, JUN 6 (PTI): Doctors in Mizoram today held pen-down strike between 9 am and 11 am as part of Indian Medical Association's demand of a legislation to protect working doctors from violence and abuse by relatives of the patients.

The doctors did not attend the patients in the consultation rooms except during the emergency situation.

The Indian Medical Association has called for a pen-down strike wherein medical professionals will not write prescriptions between 10 am and 11 am.

The IMA would also launch a signature campaign over the issue on social media and has urged all doctors to collect thousands of signatures which would be sent to the Centre seeking action.

Jt IIT-KGP, Pennsylvania varsity study about climate effect on Darjeeling tea

KOLKATA, JUNE 6 (PTI): A team from IIT Kharagpur and Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) is jointly conducting a study to find whether climate change is having any effect on the quality of Darjeeling tea and its production process.

The Department of Architecture and Regional Planning of IIT-KGP and the Department of Geography and Regional Planning of IUP have come together to collaborate on the topic for the Summer Study Abroad Programme in India, 2017.

Through this study we are taking a look at what are the special factors responsible to

give Darjeeling tea its uniqueness. From environmental perspectives, we would analyse what changes or climate change impacts have been affecting the tea industries," Principal Coordinator of the programme for IIT-KGP Haimanti Banerji said here yesterday.

"We would also try to take a look at how the tea gardens are evolving or changing their production process as a response to the changes, Banerjee, who was present at a workshop at American Center with head of department, Prof. Subrata Chattopadhyay said.

Seven students and two fac-

ulty members of IUP have already arrived in Kolkata.

Tea is something that the entire world can relate to, even Starbucks has introduced Chai Latte in their menu. And when we talk about tea it is the world famous Darjeeling tea which comes to the mind," Principal Coordinator of the program for IUP, Sudeshna Ghosh said.

"This research will focus on the socio-economic and geographic issues of tea plantations and how they are impacted by climate change. Darjeeling has been selected as the test bed for this year, Ghosh, who was present at the workshop along

with Brian Okey, said.

The students from both IIT-KGP and IUP would be visiting Makaibari Tea Estate and Darjeeling Tea Research & Development Centre at Kurseong this month to conduct their field study.

We would also be collecting weather related data of the region for the past 50 years, to understand the extent of climate change and how it gave Darjeeling tea its unique aroma, Ghosh said.

The study will lead to a joint report production at the end of the three weeks programme which would include possible policy intervention.

Proposals to implement Mizo Peace Accord terms discussed

AIZAWL, JUN 6 (PTI): The first meeting of the newly-formed 'Peace Accord Review Committee' discussed proposals to implement some of the terms of the Mizo Peace Accord, which were yet to be fulfilled.

The discussion at the meeting, chaired by Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla yesterday, revolved around the proposals of the Peace Accord MNF Returnees Association (PAMRA), an association of the former underground Mizo National Front (MNF) militants. The three PAMRA members, who were included in the committee as invitees, proposed that ex-gratia should be paid to the kin of all those killed during the 20-year long disturbance triggered by the declaration of independence from the Indian Union by the MNF in March, 1966.

Providing land and housing assistance to the former underground personnel also figured at the meeting with the PAMRA representatives urging the state government to submit the proposals to the Centre.

No move to impose beef ban in Meghalaya: BJP

NEW DELHI, JUN 6 (PTI): The BJP today termed as "false and malicious untruth" reports that it wants to impose a ban on beef in Meghalaya as another party leader in the state quit protesting the Centre's controversial notification on cattle.

The party said any such decision is for the state government to take.

Nalin Kohli, who is Meghalaya in-charge for the BJP, blamed the Congress for spreading this "malicious untruth" and accused it of communalising the political agenda in the state going to polls next year.

The North Garo Hills district BJP president, Bachu Marak, had yesterday resigned from the party over the Centre's ban on the sale of cattle in markets for slaughter.

"I cannot compromise on the sentiments of the Garos. As a Garo, it is my responsibility to protect the interest of my community. Beef eating is part of our culture and tradition.

Imposition of BJP's non-secular ideology on us is not acceptable," Bachu said after the resignation.

Kohli said the party "welcomed" his resignation as it was going to take disciplinary action against him as he and some others

were working to sabotage its prospects.

Consumption of beef is common in much of the north eastern states and the saffron party, whose many leaders are vocal against beef-eating, has been accused by its rivals of working to impose a ban in the region as well.

"The dirty tricks department of the Congress is trying to communalise the agenda with a false and malicious untruth that the BJP wants to impose a beef ban on the state of Meghalaya.

"Nothing is farther from the truth since under our constitutional scheme, the central government cannot encroach on the area of what a state government has to decide," Kohli said.

The BJP's single point agenda for Meghalaya is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' and it is gearing up to contest the assembly elections on this positive agenda of development, he said.

It will also expose "rampant corruption, unfulfilled promises and lack of development" under the Congress government of Mukul Sangma, he said. He accused the Congress of running away from a debate on its performance.

Deuba set to become Nepal prime minister for fourth time

SHIRISH B PRADHAN

KATHMANDU, JUN 6 (PTI): Veteran Nepalese politician Sher Bahadur Deuba is set to become Nepal's prime minister for the fourth time today after the main opposition party decided to end the obstruction of parliament.

Nepal Parliament is conducting election to the post of Prime Minister this afternoon.

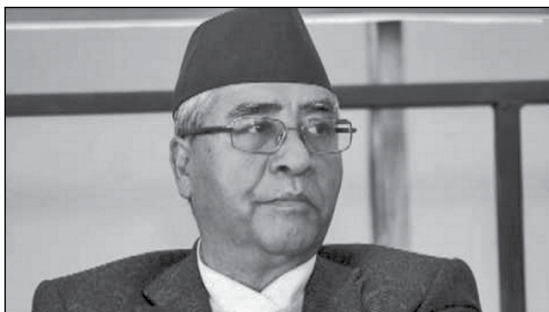
Deuba, 70, is the sole candidate to contest in the prime minister election as the main opposition UML or any other party didn't register their candidacies. Deuba has the support of more than 50 per cent of the lawmakers needed for his election to the top post.

He needs to secure 297 votes in the 593-strong Parliament to prove his majority during today's election, and with the NC-Maoist Centre alliance enjoying 287 seats in Parliament and four other parties supporting the alliance having 21 seats, it looks plain sailing for Deuba.

The election was postponed from Sunday to today after the main opposition CPN-UML launched a protest over re-election in a ward.

However, now with the main opposition party agreeing to end obstruction of the parliament, Nepali Congress (NC) President Deuba is become the country's 40th prime minister.

The CPN-UML decided to end House obstruction after the ruling parties agreed to hold local elec-



tions in the remaining four provinces on June 28 and the provincial and parliamentary elections by January, 2018.

"We decided to end the obstruction in parliament after the ruling parties agreed to commit in the House to hold elections in the remaining four provinces and not repeating any irregularities," said former UML chairman Jhal Nath Khanal after the meeting between the government and the Opposition.

As per the Constitution, a candidate must secure a simple majority in parliament to get elected as the head of the government. CPN-Maoist Centre, Madhesi Peoples Rights Forum Democratic, Rastriya Prajatantra Party and other fringe parties have agreed to vote in favour of Deuba.

Deuba is likely to form a small Cabinet tomorrow which will be expanded in a few days and some of the Madhesi parties are also likely to join the coalition. The re-

sponsibility of conducting the second phase of local level election will rest upon Deuba.

Outgoing Prime Minister Prachanda of the CPN (Maoist Centre) proposed Deuba's candidacy while senior NC leader Ram Chandra Poudel seconded the proposal at the Parliament Secretariat which on Friday published the schedule to elect the new prime minister on majority basis.

Prachanda resigned on May 24 after a brief stint of nine months, honouring a power sharing understanding with the ruling coalition partner Nepali Congress to hand over the country's leadership to the largest party in Parliament.

Deuba served as the prime minister from 1995 to 1997, from 2001 to 2002, and from 2004 to 2005. Deuba was sacked by the then King Gyanendra Shah in 2005 over failure to hold elections and bring Maoist rebels to a round table negotiation.

CM announces slew of scheme...

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ditional healers and also announced the proud mother scheme of Rs 15,000 for mothers bearing upto three children, this, in order to balance the population given that Sikkim is registering a falling fertility rate and

also announced many other schemes.

The salary for Accredited Social Health Activists workers will also be increased, he further announced. He urged people to analyze the development undertaken in the state and said that

Sikkim has become one of the best states in India as recognized by the Centre.

Tokens for GCI sheets, house upgradation, pressure cookers and LPG connections were handed over to beneficiaries by the Chief Minister.

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KUTSE SHEGU



The Kutse Shegu of the late **Pema Lhamu Bhutia**, who left for her heavenly abode on the 23rd of April 2017 falls on the **10th of June 2017 [Saturday]**.

All friends, family and well-wishers are invited to join us on the said date at our residence below the **Forest Check Post, Lower Chandmari, Changthang Basti, Gangtok**, to offer prayers for our beloved mother. We also take this opportunity to thank all for standing by us in our hour of bereavement and regret our inability to do so personally.

Jigme Dorjee Bhutia, son (9609756956) and Deechen Penzom Bhutia, daughter (7093157826)




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Darj Karatekas bag 27 medals at SCKFI c'ship

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 06 JUNE:

Darjeeling Gorkha Karate Do Association players have bagged 27 medals at the recently concluded 06th SCKFI National Karate Championship 2017.

The championship, which was held at Bhanu Bhawan Darjeeling, was organized by Shokoton Ryu Chidokai Karate Do Federation India.

DGKA Karatekas won seven gold, seven silver and 13 bronze medals in the tourney.

500 players from 17 states of the country had participated in the tournament.

Association coach, Sushan Thapa, thanked Gorkha Territorial Administration chief, Bimal Gurung, and Deputy chief, Colonel Ramesh Alley, for supporting and providing accommodation for the team during the tourney.

UCWSS to mark Padri Ganga Prasad Pradhan's birth anniv with felicitations

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE:

United Christian Welfare Society of Sikkim [UCWSS] convened a meeting under the chairmanship of its president, Elder Patrus Gurung, here at its office today. The meeting decided to celebrate the 166th birth anniversary of Adi Patrakar Padri Ganga Prasad Pradhan on 04 July in grand manner.

The meeting passed the proposal to felicitate personalities from different fields during the celebration. The meeting decided to felicitate Ajay Aman Thapa and Sagar Chhetri in journalism, Reeta Rai from Martam in social service, Emmanuel Rai [Gift] and Ravi Rodan in Christian literature. The celebration will have senior literary figure, Rajesh Lulam from Darjeeling as the main resource person. During the celebration, writers and poets will also present their stories and poems.



SATA felicitates its martial artists for Thimpu conquest

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 06 JUNE: Sikkim Amateur Taekwondo Association [SATA] felicitated its martial artists today for their outstanding performances at the recently concluded 03rd International Taekwondo Kyorugi and 02nd International Taekwondo Poomsae Championship held in Thimpu, Bhutan.

SATA chief coach, Trilok Subba, congratulated the players for their splendid performances saying, "I must say, they played very well. They put their best effort in the championship and the end result is beyond satisfying. I wish them good fortune for their future battles".

24 SATA players rep-

resenting India, participated in the championship which had more than 600 players from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

Trilok Subba, Amit Pradhan, Pradeep Mukhia, Sabina Sundas, Sudersan Giri, and Lahzyala Tamang had each won gold medals for their performances.

Similarly Priyadarshini Jyoti Bania, Pema Gyachho Sherpa, Amit Pradhan, Saurav Biswakarma, Devyswar Prasad, Gokarna Chettri and Nimesh Chettri bagged silver medals in their respective categories.

The Bronze medalists were Sabina Sundas, Priyadarshini Jyoti Bania, Alon Subba, Asmita Rai, Sand-

hya Kumari Gupta, Lahzyala Tamang, Aditi Dhakal and Bidhya Gurung.

The team was led by coach Suman Tamang, manager Pawan Kr Subba and included referees Vijay Gurung and Sanjay Subba. The felicitation function was also attended by the parents of the players and the members of SATA.



Akshit becomes youngest Playwin crorepati

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 05 JUNE: The Playwin Thunder Ball Lotto Jackpot of Rs 2.83 crores was hit on 03 Jan earlier this year with the winning numbers 08-18-19-27-41-15. This was the ninth Playwin jackpot in the 15 years that it has been around.

President, Pan India Network Limited, Rahul Tangri and Chief Technology Officer, Sagar felicitated and handed over the cheque for the amount of Rs. 2.83 Crores to Playwin's youngest jackpot winner Akshit Kumar Jain at a gala ceremony in Mumbai today, a press release informs.

Till date, Playwin has created 97 crorepatris and over 5,000 lakhpati's from all over India, an official press release informs.

The retailer Kuber Lottery Bhandar who sold the winning ticket will also be rewarded with a 1% commission of the winning jackpot amount.

Pakistan face South Africa challenge in must-win match

BIRMINGHAM, JUN 6 (PTI): Embarrassed by India in their opening match, Pakistan will strive to stay alive in the competition as they take on a confident South Africa in a must-win Group A ICC Champions Trophy match here on Wednesday.

The two teams are approaching the encounter with contrasting results in their tournament openers. Pakistan received a severe 124-run hammering from India while South Africa outclassed Sri Lanka by 96 runs.

Another defeat will virtually knock Pakistan out of the tournament but it will be a humongous task for them to stop the Proteas, who are ranked number one in the ODI rankings.

Following the abject surrender by their batsmen against India, Pakistan batting line-up is under immense pressure to deliver. They found Indian pacers too hot to handle and South Africa too have a potent pace battery.

Led by young Kagiso Rabada and well complemented by seniors Morne Morkel and Wayne Parnell, South Africa have a strong attack.

Pakistani batsmen drew flak from their past legends for their poor show against India and now



have a point to prove.

South Africa have a fearsome top-order, led by ever-dependable Hashim Amla, who has scored runs in all formats of the game.

Captain AB de Villiers and Faf du Plessis man the top and middle order and Pakistan bowlers have a task at hand to stop them.

After failure against Sri Lanka,

the skipper would look to get into the groove before the knockout stage begins.

The way Chris Morris batted and bowled in the IPL, he showed he can

destroy the opposition on his day and Pakistan have to be wary of the all-rounder.

Fast bowling has been their strength but losing Wahab Riaz is not something Pakistan would be amused with.

They may lack players in the current set up who can instill fear in the minds of the opponents but Pakistan have the reputation of being an unpredictable side.

They may spring a surprise and disturb the calculations, which so far suggest that India and South Africa will move to the next stage of the tournament.

Squads:

PAKISTAN: Sarfraz Khan (C), Ahmed Shahzad, Azhar Ali, Babar Azam, Faheem Ashraf, Fakhar Zaman, Haris Sohail, Hasan Ali, Imad Wasim, Junaid Khan, Mohammed Amir, Mohammed Hafeez, Shadab Khan and Shoaib Malik.

SOUTH AFRICA: AB de Villiers (C), Hashim Amla, Farhaan Behardien, Quinton de Kock, Jean-Paul Duminy, Faf du Plessis, Imran Tahir, Keshav Maharaj, David Miller, Morne Morkel, Chris Morris, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Dwaine Pretorius and Kagiso Rabada.

Kerala govt implements 'green protocol' for weddings

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUN 6 (PTI): Wedding ceremonies in Kerala are all set to become 'green', with the state government coming out with a green-protocol to make the auspicious occasions more nature-friendly.

With the implementation of the protocol, plastic and other non-degradable articles including disposable glasses and plates and thermocol decorations will be kept at bay from marriage functions.

Instead of this, people would be persuaded to use tumblers, plates and other utensils made of glass and environment-friendly metals, officials sources here said.

Inspections will be held at marriage halls, convention centres and hotels and other venues of the wedding ceremony in this regard and action would be taken if the protocol is violated, they said.

'Suchitwa Mission', the state nodal agency for sanitation, has already launched the initiative in Kannur, Ernakulam, Kollam and Alappuzha on a pilot basis.

CV Joy, Director (Operations), Suchitwa Mission, said the green-protocol was launched as part as part of the government's anti-plastic drive and Green-Kerala

Mission.

"The core objective of the initiative is to reduce the use of plastic in daily life. Plastic articles including glasses and plates are used in large numbers during functions, especially marriage ceremonies in the state," he told PTI.

With the effective implementation of green protocol, the amount of plastic could be reduced in the long run.

"We can reuse, recycle and reduce plastic. But, even if we reuse such non-degradable articles, there will not be much decline in its presence. So, reducing its use is the more effective way to achieve our plas-

tic-free society goal," he said.

The Mission has joined hands with district administration, panchayat authorities and socio-cultural and religious outfit for the green-protocol initiative.

The cooperation of the owners of marriage halls and convention centres has also been sought, he said.

"We are planning the protocol as a sort of awareness drive. Though we have legal backing, we are trying to implement it with the support of the marriage parties and the owners of wedding halls. Mutual understanding is essential for its success," he said.

Special squads, comprising officials of Suchitwa Mission and revenue department, have been formed to carry out inspections in wedding halls and videograph the ceremony.

Action would be taken based on the nature of utensils and articles used there.

"It is being effectively implemented in Kannur. In Ernakulam, the district administration is issuing green marriage certificate for those weddings which abide by the protocol completely," he said.

The protocol would be implemented in the rest of the districts soon, the official added.

Populism is still a threat to Europe- here's how to contain it

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ulists of various stripes in national elections.

WHAT'S THE PLAN?

To effectively contain populism, Europe must accurately diagnose how and why it emerged in the first place.

This means they cannot just ignore populists and their supporters, or ascribe their grievances as the product of envy, resentment or blind rage. Those in power must acknowledge constituents' genuine worries and anxieties about immigration, national identity and terrorism, for example.

Globalisation has produced rapid economic and social disruptions. It has contributed to economic displacement, rising income and wealth inequality, and what seems to some people to be the homogenisation of national cultures.

Many people today face a level of economic insecurity that their parents or grandparents did not experience. And with large-scale immigration, they have legitimate concerns about the cultural and demographic future of their countries. The sources for such concerns are not likely to disappear, so populism is more of a long-term challenge than a temporary crisis.

As Harvard's Yascha Mounk has said, "the past two decades have represented not a populist moment but rather a populist turn — one that will exert significant influence on policy and public opinion for decades to come."

European leaders should also challenge the populists' message, and in particular press these firebrands to provide details about their policy proposals. Populists are big on divisive rhetoric but vague when it comes to what they would actually do about immigration, economic policy, or national security. Challenging them to get specific will highlight inconsistencies for voters and show that many populist policy proposals would likely prove ineffective in practice.

Then, of course, EU and European leaders must also provide real solutions to the problems that are pushing a large number of their citizens toward populist parties and candidates. The region urgently needs to take concrete steps toward reducing unemployment, promoting economic growth and helping displaced workers and communities adapt to a globalised world.

In short, there is a need to reinvent and reinvigorate the political centre in Europe and defend liberal democracy, pluralism, and

globalisation while making these processes more fair and equitable.

FOR A NEW POLITICAL CENTRE

There is no guarantee that this plan will work, but Emmanuel Macron has shown that this can still be a winning electoral strategy in Europe.

Against Le Pen's nationalist, protectionist platform, he staked out a position in the political centre, and spoke powerfully and eloquently on the merits and value of a pluralist society and an integrated Europe. In the end, his vision resonated with two thirds of French voters.

This may be the only way to keep populism at bay in Europe. Its appeal and electoral support will wax and wane according to economic and social conditions, but it will continue to be an outlet for those who feel that the system has failed them.

We may inflate the strength of populist parties and candidates, but the political threat is real — and it will remain so in Europe for years to come.

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China in touch with Russia over India's NSG bid: official

KJM VARMA

BEIJING, JUN 6 (PTI): China today said it is in touch with Russia over India's entry into the elite Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), but made it clear that its position on the issue remains "unchanged."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying's comments came a day after External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said that India is engaging with Moscow and making efforts to convince Beijing on the issue.

"China and other member including Russia maintained close commu-

nication and we also maintain that we should act in accordance with the principles of the NSG," Hua told media.

The application for accession by non-NPT countries is a multi-lateral question and should be addressed on the basis of consensus of the NSG members, Hua said when asked for reaction to Swaraj's comments.

"We have stressed our position many times on this issue.

Our position remains unchanged," Hua said, reiterating China's two step approach - first to reach a non-discriminatory resolution that

applies to all non-NPT countries and then to discuss the application to non-NPT countries.

She said that at the NSG plenary session this month in Bern, China wishes to conduct "constructive discussion".

Swaraj yesterday said India has always engaged with China and "we are doing it for NSG as well. And (it is being done) not only by us, but even nations friendly to us as well as enjoying good relations with China, who feel that India should get an NSG membership."

Giving Russia's example, she said

Moscow feels that India should be a part of the NSG and UN Security Council.

"So we feel, since Russia and China share good relations, it should talk to China. We are not asking them to put pressure on China, but use its good offices. Our effort is to convince China on the issue and also involve nations friendly with both the countries," the minister added.

Pakistan too has applied for the NSG membership after India's application following which China came up with the two step approach blocking India's entry.

On the concerns expressed by Swaraj on China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in which USD 50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a part, Hua said, "we also stressed many times that the Kashmir issue is one left behind by history between India and Pakistan and should be addressed properly through negotiation."

"The CPEC is an economic corridor and not targeted at any third party and has nothing to do with any territorial dispute. It will not affect China's position on Kashmir," she added.

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Rock-like object falls from sky, appears to be meteorite

JAIPUR, JUN 6 (PTI): A mysterious rock-like object, which appears to have fallen from the sky, in an open field near Bhankhro- ra area on the outskirts of the city caused panic among locals.

The dark grey coloured object appears to be a meteorite and weighs around four kg. A few other pieces of the rock-like object were also found, police said.

"Locals spotted the object in the morning and informed us. It seems the object fell at a great speed as it has created a small crater on the ground in Mukund-pura village," SHO of Bhankhro- ra Police Station Hemendra Sharma told PTI.

He said the Geological Survey of India and Forensic Science Laboratory officials have been informed about it.

Trump will not 'divide our communities': London Mayor

LONDON, JUN 5 (AFP): London Mayor Sadiq Khan accused Donald Trump today of seeking to divide communities in Britain after the US president criticised his leadership following a terror attack in the city. "Some people thrive on feud and division. We are not going to let Donald Trump divide our communities," Khan told the BBC.



Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the shooting and hostage situation that left two men dead in Melbourne overnight. The gunman, named by police on Tuesday as Yacqub Khayre, took a woman hostage in an apartment building in Brighton, 11km south-east of Melbourne's central business district, on Monday night. Police shot him dead after he emerged from the complex with a sawn-off shotgun, shooting at officers. They then discovered the body of another man in the foyer of the apartment block. Three police officers were shot during the siege, although their injuries were not life-threatening. Two police suffered hand injuries and a third was injured in the face and neck area. The hostage had been called to the apartment through an escort service on Monday, police said. On Tuesday police said the woman was traumatised but not hurt. The dead man had been working at the serviced apartments.

UK imams refuse funeral prayers to 'indefensible' London attackers

LONDON, JUN 6 (PTI): Over 130 imams and Muslim religious leaders in the UK have refused to perform the traditional Islamic funeral prayer for the London Bridge attackers, saying their "indefensible actions" were completely at odds with the teachings of Islam.

Imams and religious leaders from across the country and a range of schools of thought came together to issue a public statement condemning the recent terror attack in London and conveying their pain at the suffering of the victims and their families.

In an unprecedented move, they not only refused to perform the traditional Islamic prayer for the terrorists -- a ritual that is normally performed for every Muslim regardless of their actions -- but also called on others to do the same.

"Consequently, and in light of other such ethical principles which are quintessential to Islam, we will not perform the traditional Islamic funeral prayer over the perpetrators and we also urge fellow imams and religious authorities to withdraw such a privilege," the group of more than 130 imams and Muslim religious leaders said in a statement.

"This is because such indefensible actions are completely at odds with the lofty teachings of Islam," the statement said.

Three knife-wielding attackers on Saturday had unleashed a terror rampage here, ploughing a van into pedestrians on the iconic London Bridge before stabbing revellers in a nearby market, killing seven people. The three attackers had been shot dead.

The move by the imams and the religious leaders came as senior Muslims and community leaders said they would redouble efforts to root out extremism in their communities after the attack in London.

The Metropolitan police commander for engagement, Mak Chishty, the highest-ranking officer of Muslim faith, called for "a step-change -- a different direction and a different movement to counter the scourge of terrorism, extremism and hatred that we have in our communities at present".

Chishty, in a statement he read out on behalf of Muslim communities, said, "It is the Islamic duty of every Muslim to be loyal to the country in which they live. We are now asking questions to understand how extremism and hatred has taken hold within some elements of our own communities." Harun Khan, the secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain umbrella organisation, expressed his anger over the London Bridge attack, saying, "We want to do something about it."

Pro-Khalistan slogans raised in Golden Temple complex

AMRITSAR, JUN 6 (PTI): Pro-Khalistan slogans were today raised by Sikh hardliners in the premises of the Golden Temple complex here on the 33rd anniversary of Operation Bluestar.

A bandh was also observed in the holy city on the call given by radical Sikh outfit Dal Khalsa on the anniversary of the military operation that was carried out in 1984 to flush out heavily-armed terrorists holed up in the Golden Temple.

Police in civil clothes were deployed along with the SGPC's task force to thwart any attempt to disturb law and order.

When the Akal Takht (the highest temporal seat for Sikhs) Jathedar Giani Gurbachan Singh started his customary address, supporters of the SAD (A) led by Simranjit Singh Mann raised slogans of 'Khalistan Zindabad'.

Despite sloganeering, the Jathedar continued with his address to the Sikh community.

Some Sikh hardliners even raised slogans against Gurbachan Singh.

The 'Sarbat Khalsa' appointed "parallel" Jathedar Dhian Singh Mand, in his address from the ground floor of the Akal Takht, accused former Chief Minister Parkash Singh

Badal of interfering in Sikh religious affairs including in the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC).

Mann said SGPC chief Kirpal Singh Badungar had assured them yesterday that the Jathedar would not be allowed to address the Sikh community from the platform of Akal Takht.

Badungar had assured us that the head priest of the Golden Temple would be asked to address the community, said Mann.

However, former Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal mounted pressure on Badungar and forced him to send Giani Gurbachan Singh to address the community instead of the head priest, claimed Mann.

Mann alleged that Sukhbir Badal had a plan to foment trouble in the Golden Temple premises. "But our men foiled their nefarious designs as the anniversary of Operation Bluestar passed off peacefully," he claimed.

Mann also accused the Akal Takht Jathedar of allegedly hurting the sentiments of the Sikh community by accepting the apology of Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda head Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh. The apology

was later withdrawn after the Sikh community raised objections.

Mann also demanded that Gurbachan Singh be removed from the post forthwith.

Addressing the gathering, Giani Gurbachan Singh said, "The Sikh community across the world will remember the unhealed wounds of Operation Blue Star".

The memorial dedicated to those killed during the 1984 Army action on the Golden Temple witnessed a steady stream of visitors.

In view of the anniversary, security personnel were on high alert in Punjab.

Amid apprehensions that Sikh hardliners might object to the customary address by the Akal Takht Jathedar at the Golden Temple, Amritsar city was turned into a fortress with about 5,000 security personnel comprising seven companies of paramilitary forces being deployed to maintain law and order.

As many as 15 companies of paramilitary forces including CRPF, ITBP and RAF have been deployed in different parts of Punjab.

Seven companies of paramilitary forces have been deployed in Amritsar.

Saudi Arabia revokes Qatar Airways licence

RIYADH, JUN 6 (AFP):

Saudi Arabia today revoked the operating licence of Qatar Airways and ordered the airline's offices to close within 48 hours, state media reported, as a regional diplomatic crisis escalated.

"The General Authority of Civil Aviation has decided to cancel all licenses granted to Qatar Airways and to close all of its offices in the kingdom within 48 hours," read a statement carried by the official SPA news agency.

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PIERS MORGAN APOLOGIZES TO ARIANA GRANDE: 'I MISJUDGED YOU'



PRIYANKA CHOPRA: "Dear NYC, are you ready for this tonight?" the actress shared on Instagram while posing with dress designer Michael Kors.

Piers Morgan apologized for criticizing Ariana Grande. Morgan had slammed the singer for returning to the United States instead of staying in Manchester to visit the victims and their families after the attack at her May 22 concert. The outspoken journalist, 52, changed his mind about the 23-year-old popstar after watching the One Love Manchester benefit concert on Sunday, June 4, that Grande put on to raise money for the families of the 22 people killed and dozens wounded. "I thought Ariana Grande was wrong to fly off after #ManchesterAttack but tonight she's putting on a fabulous show #OneLoveManchester," Morgan tweeted on Sunday. "I misjudged you, @ArianaGrande & I apologise. You're an admirable young woman & this is a magnificent night. Respect." He added in another tweet on Monday, June 5,



CONFESSION

"Emotions run high in periods like this. Last night's concert showed me I had misjudged Ms Grande."

The Good Morning Britain host took his apology a step further when he penned a lengthy open letter to the singer and explained his initial reaction. "I saw footage on TV of Her Majesty The

Queen visiting the wounded in Manchester hospitals, and in my heightened state of indignant fury, I wondered where the hell you were?" he wrote in a column for The Daily Mail on Monday. "Well, I knew where you were: your high security mansion in Boca Raton. I just didn't understand why you'd left it to a 91-year-

old pensioner to check if your wounded fans were OK." He went on to commend Grande for returning to Manchester to host the charity concert and spend time with her fans. "You flew back to Manchester within two weeks of what must have been the worst day of your life. You went to the hospitals and sat with your wounded fans like Jaden. You joked with them, did endless selfies, sang a few songs and brought huge joy to so many

shattered lives," he continued. "You had also spent the past week planning a huge fund-raising concert, persuading many of your pop superstar friends like Niall Horan, Katy Perry, Miley Cyrus and Justin Bieber to join you on stage back in the very city where the attack happened." He concluded by praising her unbreakable spirit. "I'm sorry I questioned your courage," he wrote. "You're one helluva gusty young lady."



07TH JUNE WORLD HISTORY

1654: Louis XIV was crowned King of France in Rheims.

1753: Britain's King George II gave his assent to an Act of Parliament establishing the British Museum.

1775: The United Colonies changed their name to United States.

1864: Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president at his party's convention in Baltimore.

1929: The sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence after the copies of Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

1948: The Communists completed their takeover of Czechoslovakia with the resignation of President Eduard Benes.

INDIAN HISTORY

1539: Sher Shah defeat-



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ed Humayun near Buxar at Chausa and became Emperor of Delhi.

1606: Guru Arjundev, fifth Guru of Sikhs, passed away.

1631: Begum Mumtaz Mahal, the wife of Shah Jahan, Emperor of India, passed away at Burhanpur a few hours after the birth of a daughter. She was married in 1612 and the Taj Mahal was built for her.

1893: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, while travelling from Durban to Pretoria, South Africa, was thrown out of the first class compartment, at Maritzburg, for not being a white skinned gentleman.

SPILLING BEANS!!!

SELENA GOMEZ PRAISES ARIANA GRANDE AND EX JUSTIN BIEBER'S ONE LOVE MANCHESTER PERFORMANCES

Positivity all around! Selena Gomez had nothing but nice things to say about her ex-boyfriend Justin Bieber's performance at the One Love Manchester benefit concert during a new interview. "I thought Justin did great," the "Bad Liar" singer, 24, said on SiriusXM's The Morning Mash Up on Monday, June 5, as heard in the video above. "It was really beautiful." Bieber, who dated Gomez on and off from 2011 to 2014, broke down in tears at the concert after he sang acoustic renditions of his songs "Love Yourself" and "Cold Water." Gomez also praised Ariana Grande, who helped organize the charity event to raise money for the victims of the May 22 terror attack at her concert at the Manchester Arena.

"Everyone did such a beautiful job. It was so gorgeous. I loved how



[Grande] ended it," Gomez said, referring to her fellow pop star's emotional cover of "Somewhere Over

the Rainbow." Later in the interview, the Disney alum was asked if she and her close friend Taylor Swift

somebody's back. It feels good. I haven't had that feeling in a while."

have introduced one another to their respective new boyfriends, The Weeknd and Joe Alwyn. "I hang out with my new person a lot," Gomez gushed. She stayed mum about Swift's new beau, though, adding, "Honestly, if my friends are happy, that makes me happy. That's all I care about." Gomez and The Weeknd, 27, went public with their romance in January. Since then, the couple has spent plenty of time together traveling the globe during his Starboy: Legend of the Fall World Tour. "I love being supportive," Gomez said on SiriusXM. "I love just being there and having

SALMAN KHAN TO WORK WITH SANJAY LEELA BHANSALI?!

With Salman Khan busy with the promotions of his upcoming movie Tubelight, he has confirmed to be in talks with director Sanjay Leela Bhansali for a new project.

Other than Tubelight, Salman Khan has got four movies lined up which include Tiger Zinda Hai opposite his ex-girlfriend Katrina Kaif, Dabangg 3, a dance film with Remo D'Souza and an untitled movie produced by his sister Alvirna Khan Agnihotri.

According to sources, Salman confirmed that the script has been in discussion with the director and if it happens,



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upcoming movie Padmavati. Let's hope to see the two working together soon.

it will only be taken up after completing his other commitments.

If Salman Khan confirms this project, he will be seen working with Sanjay Leela Bhansali after ten years, the last movie being Saawariya (2007). They've had their differences in the past but both decided to bury the hatchet last year. In fact, Salman Khan was the first to show his support when Sanjay Leela Bhansali was recently attacked by activists of Karni Sena for his

good, as you may be presented with some powerful challenges that bring new purpose to your life. Excitement and enthusiasm permeate your entire being right now. Anything that comes your way you're likely to face with determination, undeterred by the enormity of the task.

LEO: Spiritual passion is tempered by romantic desire today, Leo, and you're likely to want to pursue both. Perhaps your romantic partner is as spiritually inclined as you, and you both aspire to the same ends. Much of the passion you feel wells up from deep within. If you're in any way creatively inclined, you may want to memorialize these feelings through writing, painting, or music.

VIRGO: If you're currently romantically involved, Virgo, you can expect your relationship to move to the next level of commitment. You and your partner could agree to be monogamous, get engaged, or set a wedding date. If you're married, you might decide to have a child. If you aren't involved, expect to attract someone soon. You're ready, and eligible partners are definitely registering your availability!

LIBRA: An invitation to an important social event could come today, Libra. This could represent a chance to meet important people who could advance your career or who might be involved in a field that interests you. Your energy and enthusiasm won't be lost on these people, or anyone

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ARIES: You should feel especially emotional today, Aries, reacting strongly to nearly everything you see, whether a photo of a natural disaster, a group of children, or a kitten sitting on a doorstep. Spiritually, you're highly motivated and longing to know more about worlds beyond this one. You might long to make a pilgrimage, perhaps to a holy shrine or other sacred place. If you're serious, make plans.

TAURUS: Dreams and visions might come and go today, Taurus, as unconscious drives and images surface. Some of these impressions could represent old traumas or phobias that need to be released. You could also draw creative inspiration from these perceptions and use them as a basis

for artistic projects. By day's end you may feel much lighter - emotionally, at least!

GEMINI: Social events or group activities could put you in touch with a lot of people, Gemini, both close friends and casual acquaintances. A new person may come into your life who makes a difference for you. Issues may come up that you feel strongly about, and you aren't likely to hesitate about expressing your opinions. This is fine, as you will be tactful and others will appreciate your sincerity.

CANCER: Cancer, you should feel physically strong and energetic today and ready to take on just about anything that comes your way. This is

from friends could have you focusing on a new goal, Aquarius. You may have a lot of ideas about projects you want to take care of, and today you might realize which one has top priority. Start moving! Whatever you choose to do, find out what you need before you start. There's a chance that you might waste time running around trying to find necessary materials.

PISCES: The Universe is inviting you magnify your vision, Pisces. It's time to see the bigger, better, more advanced side of things. Remember that life is a mirror. You're highly unlikely to receive more than you hope for. So dream big, hope big, and imagine yourself in the stars. Don't sell yourself short. It's a misuse of humility and modesty.

for that matter, as you will obviously be speaking from the heart when you discuss what's on your mind.

SCORPIO: A previously untapped talent could emerge today, Scorpio. You may decide to train this talent and foster a skill that can help you with any type of work you will do. This is definitely the day for it, as you should be full of energy and enthusiasm, capable of assuming any task, however formidable. Physically, you should feel strong and well. This is a day full of challenges and new enterprises.

SAGITTARIUS: Romantic passion might motivate you to work on improving your appearance, Sagittarius. You might decide to exercise, change your diet, and experiment with new

clothing styles. You're likely to produce the results you want. With the energy and enthusiasm churning within you today, you might surprise yourself with this task or anything else you do.

CAPRICORN: You'll wake up ready to take on the world, Capricorn. Excitement, enthusiasm, and purpose will fill your soul, yet you might wonder where it comes from, as nothing has changed since yesterday. Don't waste time mulling over it - harness it! Tackle a class or exercise program. Start a project. This energy is generated from deep in the subconscious, but should be channeled into the conscious world!

AQUARIUS: Information gleaned