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**Interpol
president
reported
missing during
trip to China**

PARIS, OCT 5 (AP): The president of Interpol, a former senior Chinese security official, has been reported missing after he travelled to his native

Poor turnout of pharma reps at Departmental meeting on local employment irks Ministers

**REBYNA RANA
GANGTOK, 05 OCT:**

A meeting called by Labour Department and Commerce & Industries Department with representatives of pharmaceutical companies and other private companies operating in Sikkim was held today at the conference hall of Tourism department, Tadong.

The meeting was attended by Labour Minister, DD Bhutia, Commerce & Industries Minister, Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia, senior officers of the two departments and representatives of the pharma and private companies.



The meeting was to remind the pharma companies about the recent amendments made in the Labour rules by the State government where in there should be 90% local

employment in the private companies along with other facilities for the workers.

However, the Ministers registered their displeasure on seeing that only low level executives of the pharma

companies turned out for the meeting though senior officials and heads of the companies had been invited for the meeting.

Labour Secretary, LP Chettri, addressing the in-

augural session, said it was unfortunate to see the low turnout and the presence of junior-level representatives from the companies for the meeting.

"I do not think the objective of the meeting will be fulfilled," he remarked.

Mr Chettri said the government has already circulated the recent notification for 90% local employment in private companies along with other facilities for the workers.

"We have not got response from the private companies," he said. He directed the companies to submit a compli-

ance report within a week to the State government. He said the notification has to be implemented by the private companies in letter and spirit.

Labour Minister, DD Bhutia told the media that the Chief Minister had directed the departments to hold meetings with the pharma companies for local employment in their companies.

"There was absence of higher level officials of the companies today and we have postponed the meeting and let the representatives talk with the Secretaries of the two departments," he said.

Mangan hosts state-level Taekwondo compmtt

MANGAN, 05 OCT (IPR): A state-level Taekwondo championship was organized by the North District Administration in collaboration with the Sports & Youth Affairs Department under the Banner of Beti Bacho Beti Padhao initiative here on 05-06 Oct. A total of 150 students from sixteen schools, including students from SAI Hostel, Namchi, participated in the event.

This was for the first time a Taekwondo competition of this level has been organized in the district.

The matches were held in Seniors, Sub Junior and Junior categories for boys and girls. A taekwondo aerobics demonstration was also performed by young girl students of Mangan Senior Secondary School.

DSP Sabitri Pradhan, an international taekwondo champion from Sikkim, was present as a special guest. She is a Sixth Dan Black Belt and the seniormost Taekwondo martial artist in



the district.

Speaking on the occasion, she urged the students to take up the sport as a career option and also encouraged girls to pick up Taekwondo skills for self defense.

She also thanked the District Collector, North, for providing such a platform for the students.

DC-North, Karma R Bonpo, was present as the chief guest accompanied by Sr SP North KD Shangderpa as guest of honor. The JD HRDD, HODs of various departments, Principal, Teachers and Students of Mangan Sr Secondary Schools also witnessed the event.

The District Collector North also presented a Taekwondo mat costing Rs 1.40 lakh to the North District Taekwondo Association and encouraged the association to further develop the sport in the district. Addressing the students, he said that sports has now become a great career

options and urged the youths to work hard in honing their skills.

The two day event has triggered tremendous enthusiasm in the district. The North District Taekwondo Association also conducts regular coaching classes for students in the evenings.



BHAICHUNG INTERVIEWS PELE

Former Indian football captain Bhaichung Bhutia interviews football legend Pele during the 16th Hindustan Times Leadership Summit at New Delhi on 05 Oct.

Indian national, Nepali wife arrested in fake ATM racket

KATHMANDU, OCT 5 (PTI): An Indian national and his Nepali wife were arrested Friday for their alleged involvement in a fake ATM racket, police said here.

Last month police had busted the multi-million rupees racket in which three Indians and two Nep-

alese were arrested and 119 ATM cards, some cash and various equipments recovered from them.

The couple arrested were the absconding members of the same gang.

The gang had acquired millions of rupees from Nepal Investment Bank

with the help fake ATMs.

The arrested duo has been identified as Alaudin Khan and Mina, Kathmandu Metropolitan Police DSP Homendra Bogati said.

Search is on for two more persons involved in the racket, he said.

Nobel Peace Prize honours champions of fight against sexual violence

OSLO, OCT 5 (AFP): Congolese doctor Denis Mukwege and Yazidi campaigner Nadia Murad won the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for their work in fighting sexual violence in conflicts around the world.

The pair won the award "for their efforts to end the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war and armed conflict," Nobel committee chairwoman Berit Reiss-Andersen said in unveiling the winners in Oslo, an announcement which won international praise.

"A more peaceful world can only be achieved if women and their fundamental rights and security are recognised and protected in war," she said.

One a doctor, the other a former Islamic State sex slave, both have come to represent the struggle against a global scourge which goes well beyond any single conflict, as the #MeToo movement has shown.

The prize was announced as #MeToo marks its first anniversary after a year in which allegations of sexual abuse, rape and harassment have toppled dozens of pow-



erful men.

By recognising the pair's work, the Nobel committee has placed a spotlight on the use of sexual violence in war as a global problem.

Mukwege, 63, was recognised for two decades of work to help women recover from the violence and trauma of sexual abuse and rape in the war-torn eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

Women, children and even babies just a few months old, Mukwege has treated tens of thousands of victims of rape at Panzi hospital which he founded in 1999 in South Kivu.



Known as "Doctor Miracle", he is an outspoken critic of the abuse of women during war who has described rape as "a weapon of mass destruction".

"Denis Mukwege is the foremost, most unifying symbol, both nationally and internationally, of the struggle to end sexual violence in war and armed conflicts," Reiss-Andersen said.

Alongside Mukwege, the committee honoured Murad, a 25-year-old Iraqi woman from the Yazidi community who in 2014 was kidnapped by Islamic State militants and endured three months as a sex

slave before managing to escape.

She was one of thousands of Yazidi women and girls who were abducted, raped and brutalised by jihadists during their assault that year on the Kurdish-speaking minority, which the United Nations has described as genocide.

Her nightmare began when the jihadists stormed her village in northern Iraq in August 2014. "The first thing they did was force us to convert to Islam. After conversion, they did whatever they wanted."

The Nobel committee said Murad had shown "uncommon courage" in recounting her own sufferings, saying she had "refused to accept the social codes that require women to remain silent and ashamed of the abuses to which they have been subjected."

In eastern DR Congo, staff at Panzi hospital broke into ecstatic celebrations, cheering and ululating wildly as the winner was announced -- although Mukwege himself was in surgery at the time.

"Dr Mukwege was in the middle of an operation when he heard the

news," said visiting Swedish doctor Ellinor Adelroth, telling Sweden's TT news agency he was "very happy" at the news. "It was the sixth time he was nominated.

But he was convinced he wouldn't win." The UN hailed the Nobel awards as "a fantastic announcement", with spokeswoman Alessandra Vellucci saying it would "help advance the cause of ending sexual violence as a weapon of conflict".

EU President Donald Tusk hailed the pair for their "courage, compassion and humanity" while German Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert described them as "two excellent prize winners, both of whom stand for the cry for humanity amid unimaginable horrors that people commit against one another."

"Denis Mukwege is the helper who has devoted his life to defending these victims. Nadia Murad is the witness who tells of the abuses perpetrated against herself and others.

"Each of them in their own way has helped to give greater visibil-

ity to war-time sexual violence, so that the perpetrators can be held accountable." Sexual violence as a weapon of war has been going on for centuries, but it was only recently acknowledged as a crime against humanity with the UN's adoption in 2008 of Resolution 1820.

And the #MeToo movement, which rose up a year ago following allegations of rape, sexual abuse and harassment against Hollywood director Harvey Weinstein and has since swept the globe, has also had a very sobering effect.

"#MeToo and war crimes is not quite the same thing. But they do, however, have that in common: that it is important to see the suffering of women, to see the abuses and to achieve that it is important that women leave the concept of shame and speak out," said Reiss-Andersen.

Mukwege and Murad will receive the prize at a ceremony in Oslo on December 10, the anniversary of the death of prize creator Alfred Nobel, a Swedish philanthropist and scientist who died in 1896.

Interpol president reported missing...

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country at the end of September, a French judicial official said Friday.

Meng Hongwei's wife reported Friday that she had not heard from her 64-year-old husband since he left Lyon, France, where Interpol is based, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details of an ongoing investigation.

The French official said Meng did arrive in China. There was no further word on Meng's schedule in China or what prompted his wife to wait until now to report his absence.

In a statement, Interpol said it was aware of reports about Meng's disappearance and added "this is a matter for the relevant authorities in both France and China."

The statement noted that Interpol's secretary general, and not its president, is responsible for the international police agency's operations.

News of the investigation into Meng's disappearance came during a weeklong public holiday in China. In Beijing, the foreign and public security ministries did not immediately respond to calls and faxed requests for comment Friday.

Meng was elected president of Interpol in November 2016. His term runs until 2020.

He has held a variety of positions within China's security establishment, including as a vice minister of public security the national police force since 2004.

In the meantime, he served as head and deputy head of branches of the coast guard, all while holding positions at Interpol. Meng's duties in China would have put him in close proximity to former leaders, some of whom had fallen afoul of President Xi Jinping's sweeping crackdown on corruption.



Lingding JHS conducts cleanliness drive at Bulbulay

GANGTOK, 05 OCT (IPR):

Lingding Junior High School conducted a cleanliness drive under "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan" at Himalayan Zoological Park, Bulbulay. Students from classes V-VIII participated in the drive.

CP Sharma (DFO), TT Bhutia (ACF) along with other officials and staff were present. Mr Sharma said that every year India celebrates Wildlife Week from 02 to 08 Oct to honour the vast

variety of wild flora and fauna. The theme of Wildlife Week this year is "Big Cat Predators Under Threat".

He stated that the big cats of the world today face threats to their existence because of hunting, poaching and habitat destruction and it is their duty to make people aware of the importance of these species in our fragile ecosystem. He further expressed that Himalayan Zoolog-

ical Park is proud to participate in conservation efforts of these species by serving as a centre of education and awareness.

Binay Chettri, Principal of Lingding JHS along with teachers and students were actively involved in the cleanliness drive. He said that the main objective of the drive is to make people aware about the importance of cleanliness.

He further stated that

progress and success in the Swachh Abhiyaan will not be possible until and unless non-governmental efforts are combined with the government's endeavour.

The cleanliness drive was organised in collaboration with the Forest Department.

Lastly, TT Bhutia applauded the students and teachers for contributing towards a noble cause.



Government College Rhenock celebrates foundation day

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 05 OCT:

Government College Rhenock celebrated its Foundation Day on 04 Oct marking 14 years of the institution's existence.

Founding Vice Chancellor of Sikkim State University, Prof. G.K. Niroula Chetry attended the celebration as the chief guest. Since this was his first visit to the institution, a sapling upon his arrival was planted in the herbal garden designed by the students, a press release informs.

The programme began with a welcome speech and College Song followed by the traditional lamp lighting ceremony by the chief guest. The Principal of the Institution, Dr. Iyatta M. Uprety, welcomed everyone and spoke about the achievements and milestones that the institution had

accomplished so far.

Various activities like Quiz Competition, Extempore Speech, Slam Poetry, Talent Hunt, Group Dance, Photography and Painting competition were organised. Field based competitions like Table Tennis, Badminton and Tug of War were also held for the students.

Later, the Self Defense Programme for Girls, sponsored by Rashtriya Uchchhtar Sarvasiksha Abhiyaan (RUSA), Human Resource Development Department (HRDD), Government of Sikkim, was also inaugurated by the chief guest.

The chief guest congratulated the institution for doing a commendable job in grooming the students and imparting quality education to all.

The vote of thanks was given by the Vice Principal, Bidhan Subba.



HRDD Pakyong celebrates World Teachers Day

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 05 OCT:

HRDD Pakyong celebrated World Teachers Day on 05 Oct

at Pakyong in collaboration with all the schools under its area, a press release informs. Various cultural activities were

also presented on the occasion by the teachers of different schools under the area.

Debbarma on first visit to Sikkim since appointment as Congress in-charge for the State

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 05 OCT:

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee and all its frontal organisations are preparing to receive Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma, the All India Congress Committee Secretary in-charge of Sikkim, on his first official visit to the State.

An SPCC press release informs that he is being accompanied by the All India Mahila Congress Secretary in-charge of Sikkim, Jarjum Ete. They are scheduled to arrive

here on 06 Oct.

Mr Debbarma, who replaces former in-charge Dr. K. Jayakumar, is one of the youngest AICC secretaries of the party at present and is also the working president of the Tripura Congress, it is informed.

"At a time when the country's socio-political change is increasingly shifting in favour of the nation's youth, appointment of a young and dynamic personality hailing from a north-eastern state to assist with the affairs of Sikkim

is being viewed as a strongly positive and encouraging development. The SPCC is optimistic that the congress will emerge as a strong political force in Sikkim," the release details.

On his first official visit since taking charge, Mr Debbarma is expected to hold meetings and interact with state office bearers, youth and mahila congress members and other frontal wings of the party to chalk out future plans for the Congress party in Sikkim.

Training on Mission Antyodaya survey held

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 05 OCT:

The training to conduct surveys for Mission Antyodaya was organized on 26 Sept for East Sikkim, on 01 Oct for South Sikkim, 05 Oct for North Sikkim and it will be held on 08 Oct for West Sikkim, a press release informs.

The training for East Sikkim and South Sikkim was completed at Janta Bhawan, Gangtok and in Namchi, respectively. On 05 Oct, training for Surveyors of North Sikkim and left out South Sikkim was held at Janta Bhawan under the chairmanship of RMD Commissioner.

The program was attended by Dy CEO, Project Managers, DPMs, BRPs, PDAs. The DPM - MIS and Project Managers provided the technical input in the training and know how to operate the Mission Antyodaya app in Tab to capture data.

In his address, Rural Management Department Commissioner, P. Senthil Kumar stressed the need to collect correct data and validation of the collected data as the data will be used as one of the input data



for preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP), the release mentions.

He also briefed about the objective of Mission Antyodaya, the role of line departments, Gram Sabhas, various filed functionalities including ADCs and BDOs. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Dy CEO/SRLM, Tenzing Geley.

Mission Antyodaya is a convergence framework for measurable effective outcomes on parameters that transform lives and livelihoods. Rural Management and Development Department

is the Nodal Department and Sikkim Rural Livelihood Mission is the Nodal Agency for the Mission in the state of Sikkim. In Sikkim, 33 Gram Panchayats have been identified as Mission Antyodaya Villages. The coordination mechanism has been devised at various levels to facilitate convergence of various Government Programs of at least 28 Departments. To further the objectives of the Mission, Mission Antyodaya base line data collection survey has been completed for all 33 MA villages. All remaining GPs are planned during Sabki

Yojana Sabka Vikas Campaign period.

The mission believes that the Convergence alone can simultaneously address multi dimensions of poverty to a significant extent. To achieve this there is an app developed by Mission Antyodaya to survey the Villages to capture data relevant to achieve the mission objectives. In order to conduct the survey in the remaining 152 villages in Sikkim, Block Resource Persons of SRLM and PDAs of the Department have been identified as enumerators/surveyors.



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM
WATER SECURITY & PUBLIC HEALTH
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

NO: WS&PHED/1806/SEW/18-19/ 01 Dated: 04 / 10 / 2018

INVITATION FOR E-TENDER

The Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim, on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, invites percentage rate E-tender under two -bid system from the Eligible Class contractors enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department, Government of Sikkim/ either individually or as consortium of companies/ Joint Ventures, for execution of work as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Cost of Bidding documents (in Rs.)	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value(in Rs.)	Bid value (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Setting up of Sewer collection disposal system and construction of approach road to Sewerage Treatment Plant for Gangtok Town-Zone III, East Sikkim under National River Conservation Plan.	2,00,000.00	63,92,925.00	25,57,16,966.00

- i) Last date for submission of bids online by the Bidders: **10/11/2018 1300 hours**
- ii) Date of opening of bids: **12/11/2018 from 1400 hours**
- iii) Declaration of result: **16/11/2018**

- 2 The Bidder having experience in the construction and consider themselves capable to undertake execution of the project may download the details and bidding documents from the e-procurement portal i.e www.sikkimtender.gov.in w.e.f 08/10/2018 at 1300 hours onwards.
- 3 The completed tender documents must be uploaded in the e-procurement portal on or before 10/11/2018, 1300 hours. All the relevant papers as per the bidding documents except financial bid must be submitted in hard copy along with the cost of standard bidding document (SBD) in the form of challan/demand draft drawn in favour of Chief Accounts Officer, Water Security & Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sikkim, payable at the State Bank of Sikkim, Gangtok in the receipt head 0215-01-102 before opening of the bidding documents. If the hard copy of the relevant document i/c the cost of tender document and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) are not received on 10/11/2018 before 1300 hours, the tender documents so submitted by the bidder through e-procurement portal shall be considered non-responsive and shall not be opened.
- 4 The department reserves the right to reject or accept any bid(s) and cancel the bidding process or reject all application without assigning any reason thereof.
5. Uploading of tender document in e-procurement portal is mandatory. Submission of hard copy only shall not be entertained.
6. Qualifying requirements of the Bidder should be uploaded as per the bidding documents.

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WS&PHE DEPARTMENT

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Gangtok on Saturday, 06 Oct

Temp: 25°C/11°C
Forecast: Sun and clouds; a morning thundershower in parts of the area.
Sunrise: 05:30 AM
Sunset: 5:18 PM

SU Nepali Dept holds panel discussion on Chandrika Anuwad

SAGAR CHETTRI GANGTOK, 05 OCT: Nepali Department of Sikkim Central University has organized a panel discussion on 'Chandrika Anuwad' here at Kaveri hall of the university in Tadong on Friday. The event was chaired by SU Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof JP Tamang and also attended by Registrar, TK Kaul and other officials of the university.

The panel discussion was organized by the Nepali Department to mark the 100th year of a literary magazine, 'Chandrika' of Parasmani Pradhan. It has to be mentioned here that Parasmani Pradhan started a literary magazine 'Chandrika' in 1891 which ran for 20 months and gave immense contribution towards Indian Nepali literature and education.

It is informed that Comparative Literature Department of Jadavpur University has translated all editions of this magazine and the panel discussion has been organized with the support of Jadavpur University to discuss these translations.

Acting VC, Prof Tamang expressed that such discussion and workshop would further support the development of translation. He also appreciated the initiative of Nepali Department. The programme was also addressed by Nepali Department head, Dr Pushpa Sharma.

The panel discussion had Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature Department of Jadavpur University, Dr S Dasgupta, senior translator and litterateur, Dr Gokul Sinha, Professor Sanjay Rai of Nepali Department of North Bengal University and Assistant Professor Shradhanjali Tamang from Jadavpur University. SU Dean Prof Kavita Lama was the moderator. On the occasion, panelists also responded to queries and questions from the audience.

The panel discussion witnessed a good gathering of senior litterateurs and intellectuals of the State along with students from Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College and Sikkim University. It is informed that English translation of 'Chandrika' will be available in the market very soon.

Dikchu Sr Sec School's NSS club celebrates foundation day

WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 05 OCT:

National Service Scheme club of Government Senior Secondary School Dikchu organized its 49th foundation day today at the school. The function was attended by Chunilal Ghimerey [Director Channel Ace Production] in the presence of Bhim Pradhan [Editor, Bal Darpan], Ward panchayat, Chandra Lall Neopaney, Principal, Saroza Pradhan, teachers, students and the general public.

Also in the function, the Bal Darpan Magazine was launched by the chief guest.

Programme Manager, NSS, Arjun Pradhan, highlighted the different activities undertaken by NSS volunteers during the time of natural calamities.

The function also saw the felicitation of Programme Officer NSS,



Arjun Pradhan by Bal Darpan family. Chunilal Ghimerey was also felicitated by the NSS Dikchu. Ward panchayat, Chandra Lall Neopaney

focusing on students highlighted about science and technology and appealed to all the NSS volunteers to work tirelessly for the welfare of

the area. The function also saw the distribution of certificates and prizes to the NSS volunteers. The chief guest in his speech expressed his gratitude to the NSS volunteers and its Programme Officer for undertaking different social activities. The social work which you all are doing will really encourage everyone and bring development as well, he said. He also added that Bal Darpan Magazine is giving a platform to all the students to express their views.

Earlier, the function was welcomed by Principal, Saroza Pradhan while a colourful cultural programme was also presented by the students.

Summit Report
GANGTOK, 05 OCT: The Moot Court Society of Sikkim Govt. Law College here at Burtuk organized the 1st SGLC Intra-College Moot Court Competition, 2018, the final round of which was held today at the Moot Court Hall of the college. The competition was judged by advocates Umesh Rampal and Zola Megi.

This was a special event for the college since it was the first moot court competition at the institution since its establishment, a press release informs.

Convenor of the Moot Court Committee, Tshering Choden, Assistant Professor, thanked Principal Dr. Ganeshji Tiwari, staff and students for their support and participation. The programme was organised in close coordination between the Moot Court Society and the Students' Representative Council.



Law College organises its first Moot Court competition

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Lingi Paiyong school celebrates World Wildlife Week

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 05 OCT:

Under the aegis of Eco Club, Government Secondary School, Lingi Paiyong is celebrating World Wildlife Week by conducting a number of activities for students, a press release informs.

A painting competition was held for the primary students on Thursday. Similar competitions, field trip and awareness camp will be organised by the club till 08 October, the release mentions.

World Wildlife Week is celebrated from 02-08 Oct every year with an objective to create awareness and develop a sense of importance of wildlife in maintaining our ecosystem.

The valedictory programme of the celebration will be held on 08 Oct where prizes and certificates will be distributed to the winning students. All the events and programme are being coordinated and conducted by Lila Share Adhikari, Green Teacher and his team.



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Individual cannot be bereft of constitutional morality: ex-CJI Dipak Misra

NEW DELHI, OCT 5 (PTI): Observing that an individual cannot be bereft of constitutional morality, former Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra Friday made a strong plea for cultivating the idea of tolerance, acceptance and respecting others' views.

Mishra, who demitted office on October 2, also questioned how anyone can indulge in moral policing when there is a rule of law and a robust and independent judiciary, comments that came against the backdrop of rise in moral policing incidents.

Misra, who headed the benches that delivered a series of judgements on important issues including the criminalisation of politics, adultery, homosexuality, lynching and Sabarimala temple, said constitutional sovereignty was supreme and that India has a robust independent judiciary which is governed by rule of law.

The former CJI was addressing the Hindustan Times Leadership Summit.

Citing the recent apex court verdict allowing the entry of women of all ages to the Sabarimala temple, he said: "We introduced the concept of constitutional mo-

rality and we have said that this morality is one which is evolved by the Constitution.

"I am happy that I am described as warrior of gender justice. You cannot keep the women of a particular religion out of a temple. Women have to be respected and she is equal partner of a man in life." Therefore, he added, "you cannot keep women away (from the temple)".

Misra, who headed the bench which recommended that Parliament enact a law on lynching, questioned how a man or a group can indulge in moral policing and urged the society to "cultivate the idea of tolerance and respecting the views of others".

He said: "How can a man do moral policing, we have a rule of law, we have a robust, independent judiciary and robust sense of rule of law... In lynching, an individual begins to harbour the attitude to take law into their hands, becoming law unto themselves, it is in the backdrop of the idea of tolerance which we must cultivate.

"We must cultivate the idea of tolerance, the idea of acceptance, the idea of respecting others'

views, unless we do that we are violating the rule of law and Constitutional morality."

Stressing on the need for separation of powers by different wings of the State, Misra said courts do not legislate and it was for the Legislature to frame laws.

"In the NCT Delhi case, the court reiterated that Constitutional morality in the strictest sense which conveyed complete adherence to constitutional principles of the country, which every member of the country, should adhere to.

"Both the constitutional functionaries are required to show constitutional behaviour, trust and morality so that we can have constitutional governance," he added.

He said that as a citizen of India, no one should feel that the Constitution is alien to him nor should he ever feel that he is not a part of it.

He mentioned his judgement on Homosexuality and said, "Identity is divinity. Unless you accept this, you lose your divinity endowed by the divinity itself." Quoting German thinker, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, he said, "I am what I am, so take me as I am".

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Chujachen MPCS holds AGM

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 05 OCT:

Chujachen Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society (MPCS) under Cooperation Department Rongli Sub Division, East organised the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 04 Oct at the auditorium of Chujachen Sr. Sec. School, a press release informs.

The AGM was chaired by MPCS board vice president, Ramesor Rawat.

In his welcome address, MPCS Manager, Khem Prasad Sapkota,

said that the MPCPS Chujachen GPU has improved its turn over this year. Auditor, Abhisek Darnal gave details of income and expenditure with audit account reports of the MPCPS.

SISCO bank Manager, KC Lepcha highlighted the Kisaan Credit Card (KCC) loan, procedure of loan sanction.

Two shareholders, Harka Bahadur Pradhan and Pradeep Pradhan were felicitated for highest purchase of goods from MPCPS in one year.

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM GANGTOK, 737101 NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tenders is invited from the local contractor for the work "Face lifting of Office of Sports & Youth Affairs Department Gangtok in East".

Interested eligible contractor may apply in writing to obtain the Tender Form from the office of the Assistant Engineer (N/E), Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Whitehall, Gangtok.

Application should be accompanied with the following documents:
* Attested copy of valid contractor enlistment.
* Tax clearance certificates.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Tender Amount	TDR (security deposits 2.5%)	Cost of Tender form
1	Face lifting of Office of Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Gangtok in East.	Rs. 7,11,451/-	Rs. 17,786/-	Rs.1000/-

TIME SCHEDULE:
1. Sale of Tender form 22/10/2018 during office hours.
2. Receipt of Tender form along with the relevant documents on 26/10/2018 till 12.00 noon at the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYA, Whitehall, Gangtok.
3. Opening of the Tender Documents on 26/10/2018 from 2.30 pm in the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYA, Whitehall, Gangtok.

The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

NOTE: Competitive bidders within technical jurisdiction of the Gram Panchayat/ULB unit where the work is to execute.
R.O. No. 395/IPR/Pub/Class./18-19 dt. 4.10.18

ANTHYESTHI KRIYA



The Anthyesti Kriya of **Late Saija Bhandari** of Dambudara Namchi who left for heavenly abode on 24th September falls on **7th October 2018 (Sunday)**. All relatives, friend and well-wishers are requested to join us for offering prayers for the departed soul at **Dabuwa, Melli Road, Namchi South Sikkim**. We also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude towards all those who extended their support during the time of bereavement.

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SummitTIMES

Sensitive to Disasters

Begin with sensitization, end with preparedness

Autumn is upon us and monsoon has officially exited the country. The winter months will set in soon, bringing with them a period of relative calm as far as natural disasters are concerned. Save the odd bush-fire, which rarely fires into habitations, there are no havocs that nature traditionally unleashes on Sikkim's hills. Of course, there is the ever-present possibility of earthquakes, but that has nothing to do with seasons. So, as Sikkim settles into festive mood and preps for holidays and lazy Winter Sun days, it would do well to invest some time on disaster sensitization programmes.

Until a few years ago, the arrival of autumn would also include a flurry of such activities at schools, panchayats, urban settings and sometimes even for elected representatives. One does not know whether these were intentionally planned for this time of the year, but they were apt in a way because they served the purpose of taking stock of what the monsoon unleashed, lessons learnt and discussions on how to prepare better for the future. Agreed, these exercises delivered little on ground, but were still better than continuing blissfully disinterested. Because such initiatives came when the monsoons were on the wane, they conveyed an intent that rose beyond the typical knee-jerkism that Sikkim displays even though it sits on an earthquake prone zone, is perpetually hit by landslides and has of late also developed a weakness for forest fires.

The residents of the capital, who sit in on most decisions, must be heaving a sigh of relief that the monsoon this year, despite its duration and occasional ferocity, was lenient on Gangtok even as some other parts of the State slipped away; even more reason why a series of sensitizations are required for the urban areas because urban memories run even shorter than the traditional retention capacities of the rural folk. Take Gangtok's example – despite the nightmares and stress delivered on it in the past decade by earthquakes, slides, even some fires etc. The earthquake of 2011 is almost forgotten and very few appear to have learned anything from the string of landslides which poured down Gangtok with devastating effect in 1997. It is worrying that the 18 Sept temblor, despite its record intensity is already a fading memory at least in as much as the do's and don'ts go. What cannot be forgotten either is that Gangtok, and several other parts of Sikkim, also have a track record of having emptied out into the streets when rumour spread that an earthquake would be visiting again. Some of the people's representatives who now represent urban populations must have been among the thousands who camped outdoors, scared by "fake news". So yes, a sensitisation on urban risk management is well invested especially for the councilors because they are aware of the death-traps that urban housing infrastructure has become and will hence take easily to risk management tips, provided they are reminded often enough of the need.

North Sikkim and West district were hit severely by landslides this year, cutting off villages, forcing relocation of families and traumatising with the wild rush of debris. Almost everywhere, the affected people were caught unawares [in that they had no mitigation plans ready] and the landslides were "unexpected" one is told. The correct term would really be "unprepared." Unprepared, is inexcusable for a population that has lived with slides and shakes since forever and specially not at this juncture when there is not only a full-fledged department for Disaster Risk Management and earmarked funds as well. How can any area in Sikkim not have a risk reduction plan to limit the damage caused by landslides and earthquakes? How can any area not have a ready response plan of action spelled out and codified, still? Unless one understands the causes, how can safeguards against such disasters in the future be devised? Preparation requires accepting that a threat exists and then understanding the reasons causing them. This applies as aptly to the problem of garbage management as it does to disaster risk management. It is also important to bear in mind that subject experts are not area experts and hence speak in wide generalisations when what is really required is customised plan for Sikkim.

The experts and their knowledge can be best utilised if one makes Sikkim-specific details available to them so that they can advise the State exactly where it is going wrong and what it should set right. It is here that the State fails. The knee-jerkism refuses to go away. Everyone gets busy with the distribution of relief and completion of restoration works. Of course these are required, but at the risk of sounding too repetitive, it is equally important to study what has happened.

Not just study, but also remember.

Sexism, racism drive more black women to run for office in both Brazil and US

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Motivated in part by President Donald Trump's disparaging remarks about women and the numerous claims that he committed sexual assault, American women are running for state and national office in historic numbers. At least 255 women are on the ballot as major party congressional candidates in the November general election.

The surge includes a record number of women of color, many of whom say their candidacies reflect a personal concern about America's increasingly hostile, even violent, racial dynamics. In addition to the 59 black female congressional candidates, Georgia's Stacey Abrams hopes to become her state's first black governor.

The U.S. is not the only place where the advance of racism and misogyny in politics has spurred black women to run for office at unprecedented levels.

In Brazil, a record 1,237 black women will be on the ballot this Sunday in the country's Oct. 7 general election.

BRAZILIAN WOMEN RISE UP

I'm a scholar of black feminism in the Americas, so I have been closely watching Brazil's 2018 campaign season – which has been marked by controversy around race and gender – for parallels with the United States.

Last weekend, hundreds of thousands of Brazilian women marched nationwide against the far-right presidential frontrunner Jair Bolsonaro, under the banner of #EleNao – #NotHim.

Bolsonaro, a pro-gun, anti-abortion congressman with strong evangelical backing, once told a fellow congressional representative that she "didn't deserve to be raped" because she was "terrible and ugly."

Bolsonaro has seen a boost in the polls since he was stabbed at a campaign rally on Sept. 8 in a politically motivated attack.

Brazil has shifted rightward since 2016, when the left-leaning female president Dilma Rousseff was ousted in a partisan impeachment process that many progressives regard as a



political coup.

Her successor, then-Vice President Michel Temer, quickly passed an austerity budget that reversed many progressive policies enacted under Rousseff and her predecessor, Workers Party founder Luís Inácio "Lula" da Silva.

The move decimated funding for agencies and laws that protect women, people of color and the very poor.

RACISM IN BRAZIL

In Brazil, these three categories – women, people of color and the very poor – tend to overlap.

Brazil, which has more people of African descent than most African nations, was the largest slaveholding society in the Americas. Over 4 million enslaved Africans were forcibly taken to the country between 1530 and 1888.

Brazil's political, social and economic dynamics still reflect this history.

Though Brazil has long considered itself colorblind, black and indigenous Brazilians are poorer than their white compatriots. Black women also experience sexual violence at much higher rates than white women – a centuries-old abuse of power that dates back to slavery.

Afro-Brazilians – who make up just over half of Brazil's 200 million people, according to the 2010 census – are also underrepresented in Brazilian politics, though sources disagree on exactly how few black Brazilians hold public office.

Three Afro-Brazilians serve in the Senate, including one woman. In the 513-member lower Chamber of Deputies, about 20 percent identify as black or brown. Women of color hold around 1 percent of seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

BLACK WOMEN STEP INTO THE FRAY

That could change on Sunday.

This year, 9,204 of the 27,208 people running for office across Brazil are women, which reflects a law requiring political parties to nominate at least 30 percent women. About 13 percent of female candidates in 2018 are Afro-Brazilian.

In most Brazilian states, that's a marked increase over Brazil's last general election, in 2014, according to the online publication Congresso em Foco.

In São Paulo, Brazil's most populous state, 105 black women ran for office in 2014. This year, 166 are. In Bahia state, there are 106 black female candidates for political office, versus 59 in 2014. The number has likewise doubled in Minas Gerais, from 51 in 2014 to 105 this year.

As in the United States, Brazil's black wave may be a direct response to alarming social trends, including sharp rises in gang violence and police brutality, both of which disproportionately affect black communities.

But many female candidates in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's second largest city, say one specific event inspired them to run.

In March, Marielle Franco, an Afro-Brazilian human rights activist and Rio de Janeiro city councilwoman, was assassinated – the 11th Brazilian activist to be murdered since November 2017.

Franco's murder remains unsolved, but she was an outspoken critic of the military occupation of Rio's poor, mostly black favela neighborhoods. The ongoing police investigation has implicated government agents in the shooting, which also

killed her driver.

Her death unleashed an avalanche of activism among black women in Rio de Janeiro, with new groups offering fundraising and political training for female candidates of color.

On Sunday, 231 black women from Rio de Janeiro state will stand for election in local, state and federal races – more than any other state in Brazil and more than double the number who ran in 2014.

BLACK REPRESENTATION FROM RIO TO ATLANTA

Black women may have been historically excluded from Brazil's formal political arena, but they have been a driving force for social and political change since the country's transition from dictatorship to democracy in 1985.

Decades before #MeToo, Brazilian women of color were on the front lines of activism around issues like gender-based violence, sexual harassment and abortion.

Brazil has hundreds of black women's groups. Some, including Geledes, a center for public policy, are mainstays of the Brazilian human rights movement. The founder of the Rio de Janeiro anti-racism group Criola, Jurema Werneck, is now the director of Amnesty International in Brazil.

The fact that thousands of black women, both veteran activists and political newcomers, will appear on the ballot on Sunday is testament to their efforts.

As in the United States, black Brazilian women's demand for political representation is deeply personal. They have watched as their mostly male and conservative-dominated congresses chipped away at hard-won protections for women and people of color in recent years, exposing the fragility of previous decades' progress on race and gender.

Black women in Brazil and the U.S. know that full democracy hinges on full participation. By entering into politics, they hope to foster more inclusive and equitable societies for all.

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The Japanese art of kintsugi and how it can help with defeat in sport

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Collingwood coach Nathan Buckley recently revealed that he'd embraced the Japanese art of kintsugi in coaching a team that few predicted would make the AFL Grand Final at the start of the year.

Even though the result didn't work out as he would have hoped – his team lost to the West Coast Eagles – Buckley said kintsugi can help the team grow from the defeat. He said: "The philosophy underneath that is about celebrating your hardships, about understanding that the things that break you can actually have you coming out the other side stronger, can actually have you coming out the other side more resilient, a better version of you. I have got no doubt that we have celebrated that this year."

WHAT IS KINTSUGI?

Kintsugi is a Japanese practice of repairing broken ceramics or pottery with lacquer, often coloured with gold. Rather than discarding the broken vase, it is repaired and given a new lease on life by proudly and beautifully wearing the scars of being once broken.

It is a powerful metaphor that hardship does not mean failure or the end of the road, but an opportunity to bounce back, potentially better than before. Lessons about the importance of failure, and that our failures can lead to our greatest success, can be challenging to acknowledge, especially as they occur.

But through the related Buddhist notion of non-attachment, we can openly accept and embrace those lessons. Non-attachment is about not "clinging to" or being fixated on ideas, objects, relationships or experiences that are seen as desirable, or "pushing away" those that are unde-

sirable.

This is important, because whether you like it or not, every aspect of your life will inevitably change. Every relationship you have will end, whether by growing apart or by death.

Your career will one day end, either through planned retirement or by other means. The new car that was once shiny and impressive gradually becomes just another car, sporting faded paint and the battle scars of runaway shopping trolleys. All things in life will change.

HOW THINGS REALLY ARE

If we go through life clinging to the hope or belief that our relationships will stay the same, that our possessions won't break or degrade over time, and that people won't get sick and die, we are living a life fixated on our mental representations of how we want things to be, rather than how they really are.

According to Buddhist philosophy, it is these mental representations, or attachments, that increase our potential for suffering – stress, anxiety and negative emotions – as we struggle to deal with this inevitable change.

At a deeper level, by relinquishing our attachments and coming to realise that everything, even our concept of who we are, is just a series of mental representations and ideas that come and go, we realise that there is not even a static unchanging "self" to build up or defend.

Research has shown non-attachment to be a balanced approach to life associated with greater well-being; flourishing in life; self-compassion; reduced symptoms of anxiety and depression; and greater empathy, kindness, and helpfulness towards others.

Kintsugi can be viewed as a visual metaphor of non-attachment insofar as there is no singular form or appearance that a piece of pottery must take or retain. It is through embracing the ever-changing flux and possibility present in all things that we can openly experience what they have to offer.

With this realisation we can reduce the stress and negativity that often accompanies failure, being wrong, making mistakes, or losing a Grand Final. These are not necessarily situations that reflect poorly on us as a person or indicate that future improvement and success is unachievable.

This type of radical acceptance and openness can make it easier to be more adaptable and to consider alternative approaches and strategies that can help future success.

THE SPORTING CONNECTION

So how does this all relate to sport, where the focus is about winning?

In a team setting, this may even require the realisation that personal goals need to be set aside in pursuit of team success.

Losing a Grand Final should not be viewed as an outcome that forever brands the "self" as a loser, or seen as evidence that it is impossible to succeed in the future.

By fixating on these beliefs someone may miss out on the opportunity to identify the positives that could lead to future success. Alternatively, not reflecting on the experience so as to avoid negative emotions or feelings of inadequacy may also result in missing out on opportunities for growth.

Instead, through non-attachment the experience should be embraced and accepted, with the knowledge that one's "self" will only be enhanced rather than diminished by the experience.

In other words, while the vase may be broken

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4.5-magnitude earthquake hits India-Nepal border

NEW DELHI, OCT 5 (PTI): A 4.5-magnitude earthquake hit the Indo-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh Friday afternoon, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The NCS, which works under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, said the quake was reported at 12.45 pm at a depth of 33 km.

No plans to implement NRC in Tripura: Govt

NEW DELHI, OCT 5 (PTI): The Centre made it clear on Friday that it has no plans to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Tripura, after a similar exercise was carried out in Assam to identify illegal immigrants.

In a statement, the Home Ministry said a delegation of the Indigenous Nationalist Party of Tripura (INPT), led by its president Bijoy Kumar Hrangkhaw, met Home Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday but no assurance had been given to the team regarding implementation of NRC in the state.

"The home minister met a delegation of INPT led by its president Bijoy Kumar Hrangkhaw on October 4. However, no assurance of any kind was given by the home minister regarding the implementation of NRC in Tripura. It is categorically asserted that no decision has been taken on the issue of NRC in Tripura," the statement said.

The ministry also said news reports, appearing after the meeting, about likely implementation of NRC in Tripura "are absolutely incorrect and mischievous".

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now (or the team lost this season's Grand Final), there is nothing to be gained by leaving it be or discarding it entirely. With the art of kintsugi, if the vase can return better than before, then why not Collingwood's hope for success next season too?

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Fodder scam: CBI moves HC, seeks enhanced sentence for Lalu

RANCHI, OCT 5 (PTI): The CBI has moved the Jharkhand High Court seeking that the prison term of RJD chief Lalu Prasad be enhanced from three-and-a-half to seven years in the Deoghar Treasury case in the multi-crore fodder scam.

The CBI said other convicts in the case relating to fraudulent withdrawal of Rs 89.27 lakh from the Deoghar Treasury were awarded seven years in prison by a special CBI court on January 6 this year.

It argued that all convicts should face the same prison term as the charges and witnesses



against all of them were the same.

In the petition filed on Thursday, the CBI also sought enhanced prison terms for ex-MP R K Rana, former IAS officers Beck

Julius, Phoolchand Singh and Mahesh Prasad, and former government official Subir Bhattacharya.

Like Prasad, these five were also sentenced to three-and-a-half years

in prison.

The CBI also filed another petition challenging the acquittal of former Bihar chief minister Jagannath Mishra, Vidya Sagar Nishad and Dhruv

Bhagat in the case.

The probe agency contended that the special CBI court did not focus properly on the evidence even though it was adequate.

Evidence of conspiracy was also there against them, it said.

Prasad faced five fodder scam cases, out of which he has been convicted in four. He is currently languishing in Ranchi Birsamunda jail.

The over Rs 900 crore fodder scam cases are related to irregularities in the Animal Husbandry department in undivided Bihar in 90s when the RJD was in power under Prasad.



'Shakuntala-The Opera' staged by Austrian Embassy

KOLKATA, OCT 5 (PTI): The romantic story of the Indian epic Mahabharat 'Shakuntala and Dushyanta' was staged in song and dance here at the initiative of the Austrian Embassy.

Named 'Shakuntala - The Opera', was enacted by a team comprising the Austrian chamber orchestra, the award-winning Shillong chamber choir and famous Kathak dancer Shovana Narayan on Thursday.

While the introductory song 'Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram', a Baisnavi bhajan popularised by Mahatma Gandhi was in Hindi, other songs were in German and the narration was in English.

Austrian Ambassador Brigitte Oppinger-Walchshoifer said the production was adapted from the incomplete opera by legendary Austrian composer Franz Schubert in 1820 and later put together by composer and president of Vienna Boy's Choir Prof Gerald Wirth.

Walchshoifer said the production was being staged in New Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai in October and remained an example on Indo-Austrian cultural ties.

The Kolkata show was the second show in India after it was staged in New Delhi on October 2, the 150 birth anniversary of Gandhiji, the envoy said.

"I am sure the entire presentation in dance form will be liked very much by the Indian audience. Music is understood by everybody and musical collaborations build bridges," the diplomat said.

Director, Austrian Cultural Forum, Embassy of Austria, Michael Heinz said that the relationship between India and Austria remained strong and "we had many great Indian artists who travelled through Vienna" in the 20th century.

He said Indian culture remained very popular among the German intellectual community for centuries.

About choosing 'Shakuntala', he said it was one of the most valuable pieces of work that people know both in Europe and India.

The 70-minute show narrated the love and separation between 'Shakuntala' and 'King Dushyanta' and how they reunited in the end.

Assam MLAs urged to engage in eliminating TB

GUWAHATI, OCT 5 (PTI): Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Friday urged the MLAs to engage actively in the effort to eliminate tuberculosis from the state in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for a TB-free India by 2025.

Stigma and social ostracisation haunt TB patients and everyone needs to play a visible role to battle these, the chief minister said.

"Assam government stands together with the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in its efforts towards TB elimination as it is a disease of grave implications for those affected by it," Sonowal said.

He was speaking at the roundtable on TB organised by the Resource Group for Advocacy and Education for Community Health (REACH) held at the assembly's central hall.

He sought the support of all MLAs of the state assembly in initiating constituency level



activities on TB and expanding the reach of the TB programmes.

Assembly Speaker HN Goswami said there are several efforts made by the Department of Health and the Revised National TB Control Program (RNTCP) in the state.

Involvement of the elected representatives can bring in a positive change in the effort to eliminate the disease, he said.

Altogether 40,174 TB cases were reported in Assam in 2017, according to the India TB Report 2018: Annual Status report.

The Roundtable on TB has been an attempt

to bring together the MLAs to discuss and brainstorm the status and roadmap for TB elimination in Assam. In the coming months, a detailed Action Plan will be developed to be implemented jointly by the state RNTCP mechanism, the MLAs and the civil society organisation partners.

The meeting was attended by more than 35 MLAs of different political parties.

It was organised by the REACH in collaboration with the Department of Health and Family Welfare and with the support of the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

TERI bats for dual use of Kolkata trams' overhead power lines

KOLKATA, OCT 5 (PTI): A policy research organisation has advocated bolstering the city's tram infrastructure, including exploring the possibility of electric buses making use of the same overhead power supply network.

A top official of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) said at an event here Thursday that a number of European cities run trams and buses on the same electric overhead wire network.

"Tram infrastructure should be improved. The state government can explore dual-use of tram overhead power supply network, as the same can be shared by electric buses," TERI Director General Ajay Mathur said on the

sidelines of a Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) programme.

He was responding to queries on the condition of tram services in city at a time when the central government is promoting e-vehicles.

"Electric buses can use the overhead tram network wherever there is such availability before switching to its own to complete trips," he said on Thursday.

Mathur said if approached, it can undertake a detailed study for better use of the city's tram infrastructure.

The TERI official said according to a finding, Kolkatans use public transport for 79 per cent of their trips.

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Journalism course for Sabarmati jail inmates

AHMEDABAD, OCT 5 (PTI): Navajivan Trust, an organisation founded by Mahatma Gandhi, is introducing a diploma course in 'journalism and proof-reading' for inmates of the Sabarmati Central Prison here.

Notably, Gandhi was lodged in this jail during British rule.

The trustee of Navajivan Trust, Vivek Desai, said the course, which will start from October 15, will provide employment opportunities in the publication field to the inmates.

The course is being started as part of celebration of the 150th birth anniversary year of Gandhi.

The trust has collaborated with the jail authorities to start this course which is probably the first of its kind in the country, Desai told reporters Friday.

"We have selected 20 prisoners for the course this year. The trust will give them certificates upon completion.

The medium of instruction will be Gujarati," he said.

Some renowned personalities in the field of journalism and publication have been roped in as faculty members and classes will be conducted in the jail thrice a week, Desai said.

Several publication houses have agreed to give proof-reading jobs to the inmates upon completion of the course, he said.

"Navajivan Trust too requires proof-readers for its publication arm. We will give them jobs as well as remuneration as per the prison rules," said Desai.

IPTL mess: Accused of non-payment, Bhupathi says he isn't responsible

NEW DELHI, OCT 5 (PTI): Mahesh Bhupathi was on Friday accused of non-payment of dues by the production company that was involved in the broadcast of his star-studded league IPTL but the Indian tennis ace said he was not responsible for the situation.

Bhupathi founded the International Premier Tennis League (IPTL) in 2014 and the league, which featured stars such as Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Serena Williams among others, was halted after the 2016 season due to financial crunch.

The veteran Indian player, also the non-playing captain of the Indian Davis Cup team, has been accused of "breaking the business code" by TV Production company Broadcast Sports News.

However, Bhupathi while admitting the delay in payments, said IPTL crashed not because of him but due to an alleged "fraud" committed by the Legendari group, which owned one of the teams.

Broadcast Sports News issued a statement, which was shared on social media by the company's graphic designer Steph Trudel, accusing Bhupathi and IPTL of not paying many



stakeholders.

"Twenty two months later and the entire production crew, technology service providers, satellite uplink and distribution suppliers, chair umpires and court surface provider remain unpaid including their expenses, visas costs, per diems (daily allowance) and ground transport fees," the statement read.

When contacted, Bhupathi admitted that the League owes the players and the vendors about USD five million claimed that the Legendari Group was largely responsible for the mess.

"There have been pending dues to the tune of approx USD five million from the league to

players majorly, most of them are my colleagues and vendors as well. It's been extremely painful in general but we will get it done one way or another it's just this process of recovery needs time," Bhupathi told PTI.

On how the League reached this situation, the multiple-time doubles Grand Slam champion said, "In 2016, one of the IPTL team owners, the Legendari group, that owned the Japan franchise turned out to be frauds and their share of the payment, close to USD eight million, was the reason things came down."

"The management has constantly been in contact with all confirming that as and when re-

covery in any fashion happens, the dues will be cleared, majority of them have been cooperative since in the first two seasons the event was a success. I guess some got tired of waiting," said Bhupathi.

Broadcast Sports News also stated that the organisers were aware of the financial issues, but chose to go ahead with the event.

"A spokesperson representing the IPTL crew explained, 'What is most frustrating is that the IPTL continued in December 2016 while the management team knew there were insufficient funds available to pay for it,'" it read.

While most of the players have remained silent on the issue, Croatian Marin Cilic had spoken about the non-payment early this year, without giving going into the details.

It has also been reported that Singapore Slammers had sent IPTL a legal notice to recover their dues but Bhupathi denied receiving it.

"It's business. There are ups and downs. It concerns just me others should keep out of it," he said.



Finch to captain Australia for Pakistan T20s in Dubai

SYDNEY, OCT 5 (AFP): Aaron Finch was Friday named Australia's skipper for the upcoming T20 series against Pakistan in the United Arab Emirates, with Mitch Marsh and Alex Carey chosen as his vice-captains.

Finch, who captained Australia in the recent T20s in Zimbabwe, was among five debutants selected for the two-Test series before the short series.

"I've been extremely impressed with his impact on the Test squad over here in the UAE," coach Justin Langer said in a statement.

"We know he's an exceptional player, and he's arguably the most in-form T20 player in the world at the moment," Langer said

bowler Nathan Coulter-Nile were returning from injury after getting back in form.

"Lynn's... had an outstanding campaign in the JLT Cup to date and reminded us how explosive and powerful a cricketer he can be," he added.

Rising stars Adam Zampa and Ben McDermott were also named in the squad after impressing in recent tournaments. The three fixtures will be held in Dubai on October 24, 26 and 28.

Australia squad: Aaron Finch, Mitch Marsh, Alex Carey, Ashton Agar, Nathan Coulter-Nile, Chris Lynn, Nathan Lyon, Glenn Maxwell, Ben McDermott, Darcy Short, Billy Stanlake, Mitch Starc, Andrew Tye, Adam Zampa.

Focus on strikers as Chennaiyin take on Goa



CHENNAI, OCT 5 (PTI): Chennaiyin FC will be aiming to make a course correction after their opening round loss to Bengaluru FC when they take on FC Goa in an Indian Super League encounter Saturday.

John Gregory's men created a few chances but were largely disappointing their 0-1 loss to Bengaluru and the coach would expect his strikers to up the ante against the Gaurs.

Due to heavy rainfall during the past two days, conditions at the Nehru stadium can be expected to be sluggish, making the job a tad tougher for the forward-line.

On the other hand, FC Goa drew 2-2 in an away game against NorthEast United FC.

The team's coach Sergio Lobera spoke about errors committed during the previous game including one by rookie goalkeeper Mohammad Nawaz.

FC Goa has made the play-offs thrice in the last four years, is chasing glory and the coach hopes the team's attacking philosophy will pay dividends.

The aggressive style advocate by Lobera was in display during the draw against NEUFC and they will look to cash

in against Chennaiyin, known to be slow starters.

FC Goa roped in Jackichand Singh from Kerala Blasters and signed up a couple of foreign defenders in an effort to bolster the back-line, which was found wanting last season.

However, Goa will be betting on attacking ways to carry it forward. That is easier said than done against Chennaiyin, which has a well-organised defence and mid-field.

Gregory said the team needs to improve after losing the opener while stating that they had missed a few opportunities.

Though the team will be missing mid-fielder Dhanapal Ganesh, who is out injured, CFC has several others to fall back on.

Gregory Nelson and India international Jeje Lalpekhlua had a good opening game wherein they created chances. The two would like to continue in the same vein with the latter keen to get on the scoresheet.

The duo along with Raphael Augusto would hold the key to CFC's chances while Goa's forwards will be wary of the rival's solid defence as both teams eye a first win of the new season.

RBI springs surprise, keeps interest rates unchanged

MUMBAI, OCT 5 (PTI): After back-to-back hike since June, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Friday kept interest rates unchanged, surprising markets that had expected a rate hike to support tumbling rupee and combat inflationary pressures from high oil prices.

With five of its six members voting for a status quo, RBI's monetary policy committee (MPC) left repo rate at 6.50 per cent and changed policy stance to 'calibrated tightening' from 'neutral', which RBI Governor Urjit Patel said meant there would be no rate cut in the current cycle.

Vowing to keep the inflation rate under targeted 4 per cent, RBI warned that volatile and rising oil prices, and tightening of global financial conditions pose substantial risks to growth and inflation.

A majority of the analysts and bankers had expected that RBI will raise interest rate by at least a 0.25 per cent with some even rooting for a 0.50 per cent increase in view of the developments over the last few days where rupee had continued to slide and international oil prices hit four-year high.

Soon after the monetary policy announcement, the rupee slid to a new record low, falling past the 74 to a dollar mark, before closing down 0.3 per cent to 73.7650. The domestic unit has fallen 14.5 per cent since January, making it the worst performing major Asian emerging market currency.

"Today's stance of calibrated tightening essentially means that in this rate cycle



a rate cut is off the table, and that we are not bound to increase rates at every meeting," Patel told reporters here. "As new data comes in we would look into changing our policies accordingly".

Welcoming the decision of RBI to keep rates unchanged, Economic Affairs Secretary S C Garg said the government's assessment of inflation is in line with the MPC's assessment.

"We believe growth should turn out to be higher than that projected by MPC," Garg said. The RBI forecasted GDP growth of 7.4 per cent in the current financial year ending March 31, 2019 and 7.6 per cent in the next.

"The MPC reiterates its commitment to achieving the medium-term target for

headline inflation of 4 per cent on a durable basis," the resolution of the MPC after a three-day meet said.

It projected an inflation rate of 4.8 per cent by June 2019, slightly better than the 5.0 per cent August forecast.

The repo rate, at which the RBI lends to the system, will continue to be at 6.5 per cent, the reverse repo, at which it absorbs excess funds, will be at the same level of 6.25 per cent.

The MPC voted 5:1 in favour of a status quo, with only Chetan Ghate voting for a 0.25 per cent hike.

The resolution said actual inflation outcomes have been 'below projections' as the expected seasonal increase in food prices did not materialise and inflation,

excluding food and fuel, moderated.

Lowering its inflation projections from the August review, the MPC headed by RBI Governor Urjit Patel said headline inflation is expected to rise to 3.7 per cent by September quarter-end, excluding HRA impact, 3.8-4.5 per cent by the second half of the fiscal and 4.8 per cent by the first quarter of the next fiscal.

He said food inflation, a key component of the inflation basket, has been 'unusually benign' and added that the price situation will be influenced by the hike in minimum support prices, global crude prices, second round impact of the HRA allowance for government employees and currency movement.

However, the RBI warned that "global headwinds in the form of escalating trade tensions, volatile and rising oil prices, and tightening of global financial conditions pose substantial risks to the growth and inflation outlook. It is, therefore, imperative to further strengthen domestic macroeconomic fundamentals".

Taking note of the petroleum price cut on Thursday, the MPC said that the recent excise duty cuts on petrol and diesel will moderate retail inflation.

The government announced a Rs 2.50 per litre cut in petrol and diesel prices after it reduced excise duty by Rs 1.50 a litre and asked oil companies to absorb another Re 1.

The hike in minimum support prices for the winter crop was announced by the

government Wednesday.

Rising protectionist tendencies, threats of currency wars and policy normalisation in the US pose the biggest risks for domestic growth prospects, it said.

RBI's study of professional forecasters put the inflation at 4.5 per cent by March quarter and go up further to 5.1 per cent by March 2020 quarter.

A surge in oil prices to USD 88 from the present USD 86 can push the headline inflation number up by 0.20 per cent and dent growth by 0.15 per cent, it said.

The RBI has hiked rates twice in the last two policy reviews by 0.25 per cent.

The headline inflation for August softened to 3.69 per cent in August as against 4.17 per cent in July. The medium-term target set for the RBI by the government is 4 per cent.

The six-member MPC led by the RBI governor began its three-day meeting on October 3. The rupee has been depreciating to new lows as against the US dollar along with the global crude prices breached the USD 86 to a barrel mark.

The government and RBI have taken a slew of measures to arrest the slide, but those have been termed as ineffective by analysts.

The rupee depreciation is due to the overall strengthening of the US dollar against local currencies, widening of trade and current account deficits due to higher crude prices, portfolio outflows and risk aversion among portfolio investors, it said.

Pakistan asks India to share data of water inflow and discharge at Kishanganga dam

LAHORE, OCT 5 (PTI): Pakistan has asked India to immediately share the data showing inflow and discharge of water at the Kishanganga dam in Jammu and Kashmir and sought a date for its inspection, according to a media report.

During the 115th meeting of the Permanent Commission for Indus Waters, India had agreed to allow Pakistan to inspect the projects built on the Jhelum basin, including Kishanganga hydroelectric project.

Islamabad had also agreed to allow New Delhi to carry out inspection of the Kotri barrage over the Indus River.

"We recently asked Indian authorities for Indus waters in writing to give us dates for inspection of the Kishanganga dam as soon as possible. Through the letter, we have also pressed Indian authorities to immediately share the data concerning flows of water at the river and releases/discharges, in/outflows at the dam with us under the relevant provisions of the Indus Water Treaty," Dawn newspaper quoted Pakistan's Commissioner for Indus Waters Syed Muhammad Mehr Ali Shah as saying.

UN blasts India's deportation of Rohingya to Myanmar

GENEVA, OCT 5 (AFP): The UN slammed Friday India's deportation of seven Rohingya men to Myanmar despite warnings they could face persecution in a country where the military is accused of genocide against the Muslim minority.

The UN refugee agency said it was "greatly concerned" for the safety and security of the seven men who were returned to Myanmar from India on Thursday.

The men, who had been in detention for immigration offences since 2012, were handed over to Myanmar authorities at a border crossing in India's northeast state of Manipur.

Before their deportation, the UN had voiced concern that returning the men ignored the danger they faced in Myanmar, where for decades the Rohingya have been targeted in violent pogroms by security forces.

UNHCR voiced concern that the Indian authorities had not responded to its request that they assess the men's claims to international refugee protection in the country.

"UNHCR regrets that the agency did not receive a response to this request and was unable to secure access for a lawyer from a state legal service," agency spokesman Andrej Mahelic told reporters in Geneva.

"UNHCR continues to seek clarifications from the authorities on the circumstances under



which these individuals were returned to Myanmar," he said.

He said the UN agency was "concerned that they did not have access to legal counsel, were not given the chance to access asylum processing and have their claims assessed in India."

The UN special rapporteur on racism, Tendayi Achiume, warned India on Tuesday that it risked breaking international laws on refoulement -- the return of refugees or asylum seekers to a country where they could be harmed.

The Rohingya are despised by many in Buddhist-majority

Myanmar, which refuses to recognise them as citizens and falsely labels them "Bengali" illegal immigrants.

They were concentrated in Rakhine state, the epicentre of a Myanmar army offensive that over the past year has driven some 720,000 Rohingya Muslims into Bangladesh.

Myanmar's army has denied nearly all wrongdoing, insisting its campaign was justified to root out Rohingya insurgents.

But a UN fact-finding mission said there was enough evidence to merit prosecution of several top Myanmar military commanders for crimes against

humanity and genocide against Rohingya civilians.

New Delhi considers the Rohingya a security threat, pointing to intelligence which it says links the minority group to extremist organisations.

The government had ordered last year that all Rohingya inside India -- New Delhi puts the figure at 40,000 -- be deported.

The Supreme Court is considering a petition challenging the order as unconstitutional.

The UNHCR said Friday there are 18,000 Rohingya refugees and asylum seekers registered with the agency in India.

Chinese effort to meddle US elections, influence opinion unprecedented: Bolton

WASHINGTON, OCT 5 (PTI): China has mounted an unprecedented effort to not only meddle American elections, but also shape the public opinion of the country, which makes pale the efforts of other countries through lobbying, the White House alleged as it fielded the vice president to issue a strong warning to China and make Americans aware of the real Chinese intentions.

Hours after US Vice President Mike Pence delivered a major foreign policy speech on China, the US National Security Advisor John Bolton said Thursday much of the information about Chinese malign activities remain in the classified domain.

Bolton said that the Chinese actions are certainly aimed at affecting elections.

"I think the vice president talked about that. What we know of the Chinese intentions, with respect to the president. But it's also a far broader effort to influence political opinion through academic institutions, through think tanks, through intimidating individual scholars, Bolton said.

"It's not that other countries don't hire lobbyists and that sort of thing. But I've never seen anything like the scope of the Chinese activities.

"As the vice president indicated, a senior career intelligence professional said that what we were seeing from China really put all the other efforts, it made them pale by comparison, Bolton said.



Describing the Chinese efforts as a very serious problem, Bolton said the American people are a very independent lot and as such they want other people interfering US's our decision-making process.

"It's something that, really, is suitable for the public to debate. When we see other countries taking advantage of our openness and our freedom of speech to try and push us in a particular direction, obviously favorable to policies China wants to see. It something we should be concerned about, Bolton said.

Bolton said that the Chinese efforts is not to just influence US elections, but also influence American political opinion more broadly.

Pence, he said was using previously classified, as well as unclassified, information. And we expect there will be more on this subject in the days and weeks ahead.

"But the vice president's speech was a very important document, where we tried to lay out what we could, really, in public at this point, about this unprecedented Chinese effort," Pence said.



Last-ditch search for survivors as Indonesia disaster toll tops 1,500

PALU, OCT 5 (AFP): Search teams made desperate last-ditch efforts Friday to find survivors, a week on from Indonesia's devastating quake-tsunami, as the death toll from the disaster rose above 1,500.

The city of Palu on Sulawesi island has been left in ruins after being hit by a 7.5 magnitude quake and a wall of water, which flattened homes, ripped up trees and overturned cars.

After days of delays, international aid has finally started to arrive in the disaster zone, where the UN says almost 200,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance.

Survivors have ransacked shops and supply trucks in the hunt for basic necessities, prompting security forces to round up dozens of suspected looters and warn that they will fire on thieves.

Authorities previously set a tentative deadline of Friday for finding anyone trapped under ruined buildings, although chances of pulling survivors alive from the rubble at such a late stage are almost zero.

Local military spokesman Muhammad Thohir said that the death toll had risen to 1,558, up about 100 from the previous official figure.

Over 100 people are still unaccounted for, while hundreds of bodies have been buried in mass graves in a bid to avert a disease outbreak from corpses rotting in the tropical sun.

Search efforts focused on eight key locations Friday, including a

beach and the Balaroa area where the sheer force of the quake turned the earth temporarily to mush.

"We have to use heavy equipment now because it is very difficult to sift through the rubble by hand," Yusuf Latif, a spokesman for Indonesia's search and rescue agency, told AFP.

At the badly damaged Mercure hotel on Palu's waterfront, there was growing frustration among a French and Indonesian search team.

The rescuers, using sniffer dogs and scanners, had detected what they believed was a person under mounds of rubble the previous evening but when they resumed the hunt early Friday, any signs of life had disappeared.

"Yesterday we had a heart beat and sign of breathing, there were no other movements so it means it was someone who was motionless, confined," said Philippe Beson, president of the International Emergency Firefighters.

"Today we have no signal."

A week on from the disaster, some roads in the area remain impassable, detritus from the tsunami is scattered everywhere while terrified people are sleeping outside for fear of further quakes.

Improvised white flags -- a pillow case or duvet cover -- fly outside many homes, signifying a death in the family.

Nevertheless there were signs of life returning to normal, with children playing in the streets, radios blaring out music, and electricity back up and running in most places.

"Things are improving," Azhari Samad, a 56-year-old insurance salesman, told AFP at a mosque in Palu.

But for the area to recover fully from the disaster "will take years", he added.

"The first six months will be traumatic, maybe in one year we have some progress. The government will help, people will help from all over the country. Indonesians have a big heart," Samad spoke to AFP ahead of Friday prayers in the world's biggest Muslim majority country.

Sulawesi is also home to a large Christian minority.

About 20 planes carrying vital supplies such as tarpaulins, medical equipment and generators are now heading from all over the world to the disaster zone after a long delay.

Indonesia was initially reluctant to accept outside help, insisting its own military could handle the response, but as the scale of the devastation became clear President Joko Widodo agreed to allow in foreign aid.

Governments from Australia to Britain are flying in supplies, the United Nations has pledged 15 million to the relief effort, and aid groups including Save the Children and the Red Cross are also on the ground.

Indonesia sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire", the world's most tectonically active region, and its 260 million people are vulnerable to earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions.

CHANGE OF NAME/ SURNAME AFFIDAVIT

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Eight essays put the spotlight on the journey coursed by hydel projects in Sikkim and the region, the cost exacted by this "development" and some of the stories it birthed, not all of which have been shared before.

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GLOSSY! Supermodel Adriana Lima wears an all nude ensemble during her photo shoot for Maybelline in the Big Apple.

It takes courage to speak up: Anushka Sharma on Tanushree Dutta

MUMBAI, OCT 5 (PTI): Anushka Sharma is the latest celebrity from the Hindi film industry to support Tanushree Dutta, saying the details that she has given about her alleged harassment on a movie set are "frightening".

Anushka said Dutta, who has accused Nana Patekar of harassing her during the shooting of a 2008 movie, should be respected for choosing to come out and speak her truth.

"Not just as a woman but as an individual, your workplace has to be the safest environment after your home. You shouldn't feel threatened or in danger while performing your duties, whatever profession you might be in."

"It's very frightening to know the details that have come out. For Tanushree dutta to speak up about this takes a lot of courage to come out there and say these things. But if someone is choosing to come out and speak up, the least you can do is listen to them and be respectful about it," Anushka said at the success press conference of "Sui Dhaaga".

The actor hoped that the incident will encourage more women to come forward and share their experiences.

"It's not as if this does not happen everywhere. It will be nice if an atmosphere is created where women feel safe to come out and speak up," she added.

Her co-star Varun Dhawan said it is not a good sign that it has taken ten years for people



to react to the incident. Dutta had first spoken about the incident in 2008 but she did not get any support at that time.

"It happened in 2008 and we are reacting to it in 2018, it's not a good sign... If something like this happens on my film's set, I'll personally make sure to prevent it. You cannot let violence take over. Law and order should take its course and investigate the matter."

"Let's get to the conclusion of the matter, enough talk about it. The law needs to step in. I'll give my opinion, someone else will give theirs, but it's time the law steps in," he said.

Anushka said it was wrong to taint Dutta's image by posting pictures in certain clothes.

"Let's all be collectively responsible for something like this. When something like this happens, it's the environment that is to be blamed, not a particular person. Environment breeds people to do the wrong thing."

"... We should stop questioning 'Why is this happening so late?' That's also not right. If justice hasn't been served, it can happen anytime."

ARIES: Your mind may wander to a fantasyland full of castles, wizards, and magic dragons today, Aries. You could find that you're putting yourself in the robes of a beautiful or handsome figure in a tall tower who's waiting for the perfect mate to come along. Observe the fanciful scenario you've created and see how the symbols and characters connect with your real life. Your imagination is trying to tell you something.

TAURUS: Get on the fast track and use your powerful words and creative mind to make quick decisions that are mindful yet spontaneous. If you get in a pinch today, Taurus, don't worry about it. Simply relax, take a deep breath, and let your intuition guide you to the right path. Instead of wasting your energy thrashing helplessly in the water, call for help.

GEMINI: Start the day with some vigorous yoga and then some meditation to help clear your mind, Gemini. Stretch your body and get the blood flowing through all of your limbs. Once your blood is flowing, your mind will get moving. Before it gets too far into its noisy routine, take the opportunity to maintain a quiet, serene state while you clear out the static and set forth your goals for the day.

CANCER: Do something for the community today, Cancer, and really consider how your talents and skills can best be put to work. Consider volunteering at a school or library. Donate blood or help the elderly. Whatever you do, smile knowing that you're making direct contact with friends who need your assistance. Instead of just complaining about the way things are going, take a proactive

role in leading the way toward a more philanthropic world.

LEO: If you're having trouble tackling a giant problem, Leo, don't get discouraged or overwhelmed. They key for you is to break things down into smaller chunks, analyze them, and figure out their role within the greater whole. You will find that by taking things one step at a time, any problem you encounter will be infinitely easier to overcome than you may have thought at first.

VIRGO: It may seem like everyone around you is happy and getting what they want while you're stuck in the trenches, Virgo. Don't compare yourself to other people and make judgments based on outside appearances. The truth of the matter is that they're most likely only looking at the immediate future and experiencing short-

term pleasures. You, however, have your sights set on the long-term and will probably be much better off.

LIBRA: Imagination and fantasy play a big part in your thinking today, Libra, and you shouldn't hesitate to embrace this frame of mind. There's a great deal of power to be drawn from your sense of freedom to explore and dream. Your thinking is more of a higher consciousness now. You should take advantage of this lofty perspective to see things from a neutral viewpoint.

SCORPIO: Engage more of your rational mind today, Scorpio. If your mind continues on its track into a fantasy world, you might consider enlisting the help of people who can help you bring some discipline to your situation. For you, the general feeling of the day is likely to be that the mind is

willing but the flesh is weak. Let others help you get inspired to get out of lazy mode.

SAGITTARIUS: Suppose you were someone else for a day, Sagittarius. How would it feel to be treated the way you normally treat other people? This is a good time to put yourself in someone else's shoes and experience life through their eyes. By doing this, you're apt to become more conscious of your own actions and the effect of those actions on the people around you.

CAPRICORN: Today your thoughts may turn to fashion and the different ways in which you can improve your wardrobe. Don't be afraid to create a look that reflects your true inner spirit. Deck yourself in external splendor to illustrate the many different colors and layers that you carry on the inside.

Don't hesitate to pick up a fashion magazine at the grocery store.

AQUARIUS: The amazing thing about your nature is that, like a good politician, you have just the right tone of voice and catch phrase for every situation. You can put on your smile and charm and talk your way out of just about any pickle you get into. Embrace this incredible gift, but make sure that your overall goals are noble as opposed to self-serving or vengeful.

PISCES: You're apt to get the feeling that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence today, Pisces. Try not to get too hung up on this. Either make the effort to go where the landscape looks richer and more fruitful or stay where you are. The key to true happiness is to make sure that regardless of where you end up, you enjoy the spot where you are.

We messed up: AIB on Utsav Chakraborty controversy

MUMBAI, OCT 5 (PTI):

Popular comedy group AIB Friday apologised for failing to take action on fellow comic Utsav Chakraborty despite being aware about allegations of sexual harassment against him.

In a lengthy statement, their second, the group said Tanmay Bhat, who is one their founding members, knew about the accusations against Utsav and had confronted him in a "personal capacity".

"It has been said that AIB knew of the accusations during employment and failed to take actions. We would like to offer some clarity on that. We messed up."

"Since yesterday we have been trying to introspect and process what we did wrong, and everything that came during our conversations all feel like excuses in hindsight and fact of the matter is that we messed up," AIB said.

A woman came forward with a story about Utsav sending his unsolicited nude pictures, opening a floodgate of similar accusations against the writer-YouTuber.

AIB said Thursday that it has decided to



de-list every video featuring Utsav, who has been accused of sexual harassment by women on social media.

In the new statement the group said that they received the complaints against Utsav after he left AIB as an employee, but admitted that they are at fault because they continued to work with him as a freelancer.

"Sometime after Utsav stopped being an AIB employee, Tanmay Bhat received specific detailed allegations about him in a private and personal conversations. Tanmay confronted Utsav in a personal capacity- which led to Utsav calling the victim, leading to fur-

ther harassment. At the time the accuser did not wish to pursue any further legal action.

"Out of respect for the person's privacy, no body else at AIB was informed of the specifics of the situation, and the matter ended there. And so, as a company, we continued working with Utsav in a freelance capacity for a little longer. That's on us. We made a big mistake. We should have cut all ties immediately," the statement further read.

AIB said there were occasions where they had "heard stray insinuations against Utsav in passing, in green rooms and in comedy circles, most of which were commentary on

his unprofessional or confrontational behaviour towards other comics... We failed to listen when we should have and for that we are sorry."

"We made mistakes in how we dealt with this information and this situation. But, our reasoning beyond a point is just going to sound like we are making excuses. It just not justify any of our actions. We also completely understand any one who has felt disappointed or angry, or betrayed by us our the last few days. We are sorry," the statement concluded.

Tanmay also shared a separate apology on Twitter

with the statement.

"After confronting Utsav, he said he sent the picture by accident, later called the victim crying, apologising, hence harassing her further. I should've ended ties then, and I didn't, and it is my fault. I'm truly sorry. I should've acted stronger," he wrote.

Utsav has apologised for his behaviour in a series of tweets and said he has "no excuse" for it.

Mumbai Police have taken note of the incident and replied to the tweet by the woman, saying, "We have followed you. Request you to inbox your number. We will look into this on priority."

Ben Affleck thanks family after completing rehab stint

LOS ANGELES, OCT 5 (PTI): Hollywood star Ben Affleck thanked his family Friday after completing a stay in rehab for alcohol addiction.

The actor, 46, posted a text image to his Instagram to thank everyone who has supported him.

"The support I have received from my family, colleagues and fans means more to me than I can say. It's given me the strength and support to speak about my illness with others," he wrote.



Affleck revealed that he had completed a 40-day stay at a treatment centre and said he is currently in outpatient care.

"Battling any addiction is a lifelong and difficult struggle. Because of that, one is never really in or out of treatment. It is a full-time commitment. I am fighting for myself and my family. So many people have reached out on social media and spoken about their own journeys with addiction. To those people, I want to say thank you."

"Your strength is inspiring and is supporting me in ways I didn't think possible. It helps to know I am not alone. As I've had to remind myself, if you have a problem, getting help is a sign of courage, not weakness or failure," he added. Affleck checked himself into rehab in August after his estranged wife Jennifer Garner, 46, helped stage an intervention for him.

The actor previously entered rehab in 2001 and, years later, announced he had completed treatment for alcohol addiction in March 2017, via a Facebook post.

DEEPIKA PADUKONE TO STAR IN, PRODUCE FILM ON ACID ATTACK SURVIVOR

MUMBAI, OCT 5 (PTI): Deepika Padukone will be playing the role of an acid attack survivor in Meghna Gulzar's next directorial venture which the actor will also be producing.

The 32-year-old will play the role of Laxmi Agarwal in the yet to be titled film.

"When I heard this story, I was deeply moved as it's not just one of violence but of strength and courage, hope and victory. It made such an impact on me, that personally and creatively, I needed to go beyond and so the decision to turn producer," Deepika said in a statement.

According to the release, in 2005, while Laxmi was waiting at a bus stop in Delhi, she was attacked by an assailant, a man twice her age, known to her family and an unlikely suitor whose advances she had declined.

The film showcases Laxmi's journey in the time after her attack spanning 10 years, a significant part of the story is the game-changing PIL in the Supreme Court which inspired the amendment on acid laws in 2013.

Meghna said in spite of regulation on the sale of acid and changes in legislation regarding acid attacks, the ground reality is still very grim.

"Acid violence is a very prevalent

danger even today. Medical treatment, compensation, rehabilitation and inclusion of acid attack survivors are still very real challenges.

"Using Laxmi's story as a lens, we are attempting to explore these aspects and consequences of acid violence in our society. This is what makes this story, relevant and one that must be told. Because if anything, awareness is the first step towards change," she said.



"Raazi" director added that the role is emotionally and physically challenging and she is confident that Deepika would do justice to the character and the story.

"Her physicality matched with what I'd imagined for Laxmi's character. I'm grateful and encouraged that she was so spontaneous in her decision to do the film. When you take a face as beautiful as hers and portray her as an acid attack survivor, the magnitude of the violence and damage is that much more resonating," Meghna said.

Deepika's last film was Sanjay Leela Bhansali's blockbuster "Padmaavat". Earlier, the actor was supposed to work with director Vishal Bharadwaj and Irrfan Khan on a film, in which she was to essay the role of a gangster. But the film has been postponed due to Irrfan's ill health.