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Sikkim's COVID toll reaches 60 even as an 85-year-old beats nCoV after month and a half

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 OCT:

Sikkim's COVID-related death toll reached 60 with a 78-year-old male from Upper Burtuk in East District succumbing to the Novel Coronavirus on Saturday afternoon. He was diagnosed with severe pneumonia and respiratory distress and also had the co-morbid condition of diabetes and hypertension.

In the daily health bulletin on Sunday night, Health Department State IEC Officer, Sonam G Bhutia, informed that the patient had tested positive for COVID-19 on 16 Octo-

ber and was immediately shifted to STNM Hospital and later admitted to the ICU facility. He passed away at around 3:30 PM on Saturday.

Meanwhile, the State recorded 30 new cases of COVID-19, all of them in East Sikkim, in the 24 hours ending 8AM Sunday. During the same 24 hours, 32 patients were discharged from institutional and home isolation in the State, taking the total number of patients discharged to 3,184. The total number of COVID-19 cases detected in the State stands at 3,597. Of these, 272

patients are under isolation and considered active cases while three patients are currently in the ICU at STNM Hospital.

With most of the fatalities being of elderly patients with co-morbid conditions and since diabetes and hypertension are almost common ailments here, the State IEC officer also delivered some reassuring news for the populace which has been extremely worried for the elderly at home.

An 85-year-old with the usual co-morbid conditions, was discharged from hospital

on Saturday after having battled the virus for the past month and a half at STNM Hospital and after having been shifted to the ICU several times during this period.

He tested negative finally on Saturday and was discharged. This, Mr Bhutia underlined, should reassure people not to be unduly scared of the virus even though this was no reason to be less careful.

Meanwhile, in the RT-PCR testing conducted at the VRD Lab on Saturday, 22 of the 118 samples returned positive for COVID-19, while

two cases were detected in TruNat testing of 17 samples and six persons were found positive in rapid antigen testing of 40 samples.

While giving the details of the new cases found in RT-PCR testing, Mr Bhutia informed that one person from Martam, one from the Masjid area in Upper Arithang, four from Tadong, two from the containment zone below Rongneck School in Chandmari, one from Pani House and one from the housing colony near STNM hospital tested COVID-19 positive.

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Active COVID-19 cases below 8 lakh for 2nd day in row



NEW DELHI, OCT 18 (PTI): Maintaining a "steady declining trend", the number of active COVID-19 cases in India stayed below eight lakh for the second consecutive day on Sunday and comprised 10.45 per cent of the total caseload, the Union Health Ministry said.

There are 7,83,311 active cases of coronavirus infection as on date. The total number of recoveries have surged to 65,97,209 and exceed active cases by 58,13,898.

The COVID-19 recovery rate in the country has improved to 88.03 per cent, the ministry said.

As many as 22 states and Union Territories, including Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and Chandigarh, have less than 20,000 active cases.

Also, 10 states and Union Territories, including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Telangana, Rajasthan and Odisha have over 20,000 but less than 50,000 active cases, while three states -- Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala have more than 50,000 active infections, the ministry said.

"The declining trend of the active cases is complemented by the unbroken rising number of recovered cases," it highlighted.

A total of 72,614 coronavirus patients have recovered and discharged in a day while 61,871 new infections were reported during the same period, according to the health ministry data.

The ministry said 79 per cent of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

Maharashtra has contributed the maximum with over 14,000 single-day recoveries.

Also, 79 per cent of the 61,871 new cases are from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha, the ministry said. Maharashtra reported over 10,000 new cases followed by Kerala with more than 9,000 cases

Of the 1,033 death reported in a day, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, Karnataka, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala account for nearly 86 per cent of the fatalities.

More than 44 per cent of new fatalities reported are from Maharashtra which registered 463 deaths.

India's COVID-19 caseload mounted to 74,94,551 with 61,871 new infections being reported in a day, while the number of recoveries surged to 65,97,209 pushing the recovery rate to 88.03 per cent, according to the Health Ministry data updated on Sunday morning.

The death toll climbed to 1,14,031 with the virus claiming 1,033 lives during the same period.

India stood second behind the US in terms of active cases of COVID-19 as well as total caseload, according to Worldometer, a website that publishes coronavirus statistics from across the globe.

Also, the country is in the pole position in terms of the number of recovered cases and third in terms of fatalities globally behind the US and Brazil.

Minister highlights govt initiatives for agri and horti sector, underlines plans to put fallow land to productive use



GANGTOK, 18 OCT [IPR]: Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, Lok Nath Sharma, convened a press conference today to highlight various incentives, policies and initiatives of the State Government under agriculture and horticulture departments to augment the farming community in the State.

He informed that the State Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang has laid stress on the introduction of innovative approaches to revive and revitalise the agriculture sector.

The Minister informed that the State Government has decided to launch the additional incentives scheme for focus crops namely, large cardamom, ginger, turmeric, orange and buckwheat in order to encourage the farmers to increase production, thereby supporting them to double their income.

He stated that this initiative would channelise marketing through FPOs and Cooperatives and also encourage the establishment of processing and packaging units at cluster level to translate the value addition directly to the farmers.

He also highlighted the recent additional incentives of Rs 8 per litre of milk launched by the State Government to augment the dairy farmers.

The State Government has left no stone unturned to ensure progress and

prosperity of the farmers as envisioned by the Chief Minister, he added.

While outlining the agriculture as an important source of livelihood, the Minister added that the State Government is dedicated and committed to uplift Sikkimese people from consumer to producer.

He also spoke in detail on the State Government plan to convert all the barren land into a cultivable ones.

He explained that approximately 5,400 hectare of land are lying barren which will soon be converted into a cultivable and productive one.

The State Government has also formulated an effective strategy to implement the process of cultivation in the barren land.

He also underlined advanced technology emerged in the agriculture farming sector and to incentivise the farmers to sell their agricultural produces after proper processing and packaging.

The Minister further mentioned that the agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry sectors have huge potential in Sikkim to generate income and to enhance the local people's economy, he added.

Therefore, the State Government has rolled out new incentives, schemes, programmes and plans to benefit the farmers and to motivate the youths in these sectors, he added.

Tectonic fault line in Ladakh active: Study

NEW DELHI, OCT 18 (PTI):

The fault line in Ladakh region, where India and Asian Plates are joined, has been found to be tectonically active, according to a new study.

The new findings, which suggest a more remote fault at the suture zone or the Indus Suture Zone (ISZ) being neo-tectonically active, could call for a serious relook into the existing evolutionary models, using new techniques and a larger geological database.

The findings can also have major implications in terms of earthquake study, prediction and understanding the seis-

mic structure of the mountain chains.

The Indus-Tsangpo suture zone marks the limit of the Indian plate where it collided with the Asian plate.

A group of scientists from Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG), Dehradun, an institute under the Department of Science and Technology, have found that the suture zone which was conventionally thought to be locked is tectonically active.

The scientists carried out the mapping of the remote regions of Ladakh that forms the most hinterland part of the

Himalaya. The study was published recently in the journal "Technophysics".

"Since we have shown that fault in this area (Ladakh) is also active, the rocks along the fault zones are very weak and fragile. So, in terms of landslides it has much more implications. Seismically, this area is also active, but the activity is very low to moderate.

"If there is any major rainfall event along the Indus river fault, it is more prone to landslides," said Koushik Sen, one of the co-authors of the paper.

The geologists observed that sedimentary beds are

tilted and thrust broken, the rivers are associated with uplifted terraces, and the bedrock shows brittle deformation that occurred at much shallower depths.

These deformed geological features were then dated in the laboratory at Dehradun using a technique called Optically Stimulated Luminescence (OSL) (method for carrying luminescence dating of geological sediments) and data of seismicity and denudation rate was reviewed.

The combination of field and lab data suggested the region of the Indus Suture

Zone (ISZ) has been neo-tectonically active since the last 78,000-58,000 years and a recent earthquake in 2010 of low magnitude 4.0 near the village of Upshi occurred due to a thrust rupture.

Himalaya were known to be made up of north dipping thrusts like the Main Central Thrust (MCT), the Main Boundary Thrust (MBT), and the Main Frontal Thrust (MFT).

As per the established models, all of these thrusts except MFT are locked, and overall deformation in the Himalayas is being accommodated only along with the MFT.

SKM block-level function in Rhenock constituency

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RANGPO, 18 OCT:

The opening programme of block-level SKM party unit was organised by party functionaries under Rhenock constituency on Sunday chaired by area MLA, Bishnu Kumar Khatiwara, accompanied by chairperson, Sikkim Consumer Co-operative Society, Santosh Kumar Pradhan, SKM's women's wing vice convener, Prabha Pradhan, Zone-II Vice Convener, Radha Regmi, Youth Wing Vice Convener, Nandaraj Pradhan, CEC member, LM Yonzon, CLC president, DB Chettri, CLC vice president, Bishnu Regmi, CLC youth convener, Nim Dorjee Tamang, CLC coordinator, Mahendra Subba, and all CLC, BLC and WLC party functionaries, an SKM press release informs.

The release goes on to claim that 40 families of Budang Kamarey GPU left SDF and officially joined SKM on the day.

The area MLA later attended the cheque-distribution programme for House Upgradation Scheme at Budang Kamarey GPU.



Minister confers with SKM's Krishak Morcha

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RANGPO, 18 OCT:

The first joint meeting of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's farmers wing, Krishak Morcha, was held at Green Park in Jorethang on Sunday.

The meeting was attended by Agriculture Minister, Loknath Nepal, chairperson-Kisan Kalyan Board, Phurket Lepcha along with chairperson Agriculture Department, CK Rana as special guests of honour, a press release informs.

The meeting was conducted under the guidance of Krishak Morcha president, Padam Sharma, with vice president, CP Bhattarai, hosting the meeting.



In his address, the Agriculture Minister assured farmers of all required assistance and urged the party's farmers' wing to come forward in service of farmers.

He emphasized the introduction of farming & livestock management classes in school curriculum, MGNREGA in farms, unused land to be used for growing fodder which

the government will purchase.

Meeting had begun earlier with Krishak Morcha general secretary, Yam Prasad Sharma, delivering the welcome ad-

dress and president, Padam Sharma highlighting the role and responsibilities of Krishak Morcha. He stressed that Krishak Morcha could make SKM stronger.

Suggestions ranged from access to more education and technology for farmers, a toll-free helpline number for Sikkim's farmers, improved animal and crop disease reporting system, relocation of wildlife, publicity & marketing, strengthening Self Help Groups and FPOs, credit systems, encouraging the new generation towards agriculture, challenges & difficulties etc, the release adds.

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Huge cat found etched into desert among Nazca Lines in Peru

SAM JONES

MADRID, 18 OCT [THEGUARDIAN]:

The dun sands of southern Peru, etched centuries ago with geoglyphs of a hummingbird, a monkey, an orca - and a figure some would dearly love to believe is an astronaut - have now revealed the form of an enormous cat lounging across a desert hillside.

The feline Nazca line, dated to between 200BC and 100BC, emerged during work to improve access to one of the hills that provides a natural vantage point from which many of the designs can be seen.

A Unesco world heritage site since 1994, the Nazca Lines, which are made up of hundreds of geometric and zoomorphic images, were cre-



ated by removing rocks and earth to reveal the contrasting materials below. They lie 250 miles (400km) south of Lima and cover about 450 sq km (175 sq miles) of Peru's arid coastal plain.

"The figure was scarcely visible and was about to disappear be-

cause it's situated on quite a steep slope that's prone to the effects of natural erosion," Peru's culture ministry said in a statement this week.

"Over the past week, the geoglyph was cleaned and conserved, and shows a feline figure in profile, with its head fac-

ing the front." It said the cat was 37 metres long, with well-defined lines that varied in width between 30cm and 40cm.

"It's quite striking that we're still finding new figures, but we also know that there are more to be found," Johnny Isla, Peru's chief archaeolo-

gist for the lines, told the Spanish news agency Efe. "Over the past few years, the use of drones has allowed us to take images of hillsides."

Isla said between 80 and 100 new figures had emerged over recent years in the Nazca and Palpa valleys, all of which predated the Nazca culture (AD200-700). "These are smaller in size, drawn on to hillsides, and clearly belong to an earlier tradition."

The archaeologist said the cat had been put out during the late Paracas era, which ran from 500BC to AD200. "We know that from comparing iconographies," said Isla. "Paracas textiles, for example, show birds, cats and people that are easily comparable to these geoglyphs."

Housing scheme benefits distributed at Buriakhop



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GANGTOK, 18 OCT:

Beneficiaries of house up-gradation scheme and GCI sheets from Buriakhop and Dodok GPUs of Daramdin constituency received their shares at a special function held at the Gram Prasasan Kendra, Buriakhop, on Sunday, an SKM

press release informs.

The distribution ceremony, which had the area MLA, Power Minister MN Sherpa as the chief guest, covered a total of 94 beneficiaries. The remaining GPUs - Ribdi Bhareng, Siktam Tikpur and Okhrey - will be covered at a programme scheduled to be

held at Sherpa Bhawan, Okhrey, on 19 October, the release adds.

Also in the area today, SBS chairperson, DB Gurung, was present as chief guest for a constituency-level Employees Co-ordination Committee meeting held at Begha under Dentam constituency.

138 families leave SDF for SKM at Gnathang-Machong



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 18 OCT:

An introductory and joining program was held at the residence of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's Gnathang-Machong CLC coordinator, Dochung Bhutia, during which more than 138 families along with three former Panchayat members - Dagey

Bhutia, CD Bhutia and Lhazi Doma Bhutia - and SDF CEC member, Pastor Prithivi Narayan Gazmer, quit SDF and officially joined SKM, a press release informs.

The new party-members were welcomed by SKM's area in-charge Tshering Bhutia, Advisors In-

chung Bhutia and JB Basnet, and chairperson Sonam Sherpa, the release adds.

The programme was also attended by Dubo Bhutia, Boom Tshering Yonzon, Gagan Gurung, Sabin Subba, Laden Lama, Leneous Lepcha, Sarita Gurung and others.

Stubble burning: Action against two revenue officials

Ghaziabad, Oct 18 (PTI):

The Ghaziabad administration has initiated action against two revenue record keepers for dereliction of duty after stubble burning was witnessed in the areas of their posting, an official said on Sunday.

Besides, two FIRs have been registered against two farmers for stubble burning, District Magistrate Ajay Shankar Pandey told PTI.

According to the DM, the incidents of stubble burning were reported from Jalalabad and Kaushalya villages.

Pandey said they had received information that stubble burning was taking place at Jalalabad village under the Murad Nagar police station.

The SDM Sadar was sent to the area to know the exact situation, he said, adding that upon getting a report from the official, revenue record keeper Manoj Kumar's salary has been stopped till further orders.

Similarly, the administration found an incident of stubble burning in Kaushalya village under the Masuri police station after which the revenue record keeper of the area has been suspended.

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Likewise, one person from Golitar Singtam, one from Rorathang, one from Tarpin, two from Rhenock, two from Salghari, one from Rorathang, one from Aritar and one health staff from Rangpo were also reported positive for COVID-19 in RT-PCR testing.

He informed that a 40-year-old female who had given her address as Krishi Bhawan [Tadong] and a 72-year-old female from Chandmari, both of whom tested positive for COVID-19 in RT-PCR, could not be contacted on the phone numbers given by them during testing. He urged both to contact the concerned authorities at the earliest.

Mr Bhutia informed that one person from Arithang and one from Pakyong also tested COVID-19 positive in TrueNat testing.

Similarly, one person from Bojoghari, a staff member of Central Referral Hospital, Tadong, one from Pani House, one from Bermiok in South District, one from near new STNM hospital and one from Makha were also found positive for COVID-19 in rapid antigen testing.

Rotaract Club of Gangtok celebrates anniv



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The Rotaract Club of Gangtok Hills celebrated its 5th "Chartered Anniversary" on 17 October. Although the anniversary falls on 22 September, the pandemic forced a rescheduling, it is informed.

A panel discussion moderated by Devesh Agarwal on the topic, "Rotaract: Past, Present and Future," was held on the day as part of the events.

A felicitation ceremo-

ny of the past Rotarians was also held, and both, the Rotary Club of Gangtok and the Rotary Club of Gangtok South, were also presented with certificates of appreciation to acknowledge their love and support to the Rotaract movement, a press release informs.

The programme concluded with an address by Geeta Sapkota, president, Rotary Club of Gangtok South, followed by an evening of fellowship.

Speaker attends Bhoomi-Poojan of IFFCO complex



GANGTOK, OCT 18 [IPR]: Speaker LB Das attended the 'Bhoomi-Pujan' ceremony of two Integrated Processing Units of Sikkim IFFCO Organics Ltd accompanied by Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture departments, Lok Nath Sharma, at Rangpo today.

The foundation stone for the project, it may be recalled, was laid by Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on 22 December 2019, in the presence of Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.

The integrated processing units will be processing and packaging

high-value crops, and have been envisaged to ensure that Sikkim's farmers get the right market for their produce, both nationally and internationally.

Today's function was also attended by CEO, Sikkim Organic Farming Development Agency, Dr S Anbalagan, IFFCO MD, Manish Shrivastav, and his team from IFFCO Limited and other dignitaries.

Thereafter, the Minister also visited the Horticulture Store located at Majhitar. He interacted with the officials there and took details of the store and also discussed boundary demarcation of the Horticulture farm.

Jeje Lalpekhlua joins SC East Bengal

PANAJI, OCT 18 (PTI): SC East Bengal on Sunday announced the signing of national team striker Jeje Lalpekhlua ahead of the upcoming Indian Super League season.

The 29-year-old Jeje has played more than 50 matches for India since making his debut in 2011. He was a free agent after leaving Chennaiyin FC earlier this year.

Jeje has scored 94 goals in 251 matches in Indian club football.

SC East Bengal also announced the signing of Scottish defender Danny Fox and German midfielder Ville Matti Steinmann.

Fox, 34, is a veteran defender who has played for Burnley and Southampton in the English Premier League. A Coventry City star, Fox joins SC East Bengal from Wigan Athletic.

Fox joined Coventry City in the English Championship from Walsall in 2008, playing 57 league games and scoring six goals before being snapped up by Celtic in the Scottish Premiership.

After his stints with Burnley and Southampton in the Premier League, he

moved to Nottingham Forest in the Championship ahead of a move to Wigan.

"Having rubbed shoulders with the very best in the Premier League, I would be in a position to share my experience with the squad and the challenge of representing the best club in India motivates me no bounds," Fox said.

"For the fans out there, we know your passion towards the club and we would go the yard to ensure the smiles are always intact," Fox said.

German midfielder Matti Steinmann also joins the red and gold brigade from A-League side Wellington Phoenix FC. The 25-year-old defensive midfielder has played in Bundesliga for Hamburger SV in the 2018-19 season.

"I am really looking forward to adding to the strength of SC East Bengal, which is already a top side in India.

"I have been doing a lot of reading on the club and football in India, and the project under Robbie excites me. I cannot wait to get going, for us and the millions of fans we have across the world," Matti said.

CB Karki pens his life's 'Sansmrit Haru'



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A collection of memories written by former Minister, CB Karki, 'Jiwan ka Sansmrit haru,' was released here on Sunday.

Through 56 chapters spread over 181 pages, Mr Karki shares memories of his struggles and experiences at different phases of his life and also

covers the political and social history of Sikkim. The book has been edited by Arjun Piyush.

The book release function, which was chaired by former Minister BM Ramudamu, was attended by several litterateurs of the State.

In his address, Mr Ramudamu congratulated Mr Karki for com-

ing up with an informative and useful book and stressed that such books were a contribution to the society.

While talking about his book, Mr Karki expressed gratitude towards every individual who helped make it possible and encouraged young researchers and writ-

ers to record their works carefully so that they can share their experience in book-form later.

Earlier, Chunnilal Ghimirey gave a brief introduction to the book.

The function was also addressed by the editor of the book, Mr Piyush and concluded with a vote of thanks by Smriti Karki.

Fulmaya Memorial Volleyball Tournament begins

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Fulmaya Memorial Volleyball Tournament got underway at Lower Lingchey playground here in East Sikkim on Sunday.

Two matches on the inaugural day - between Uttam Samaj and Yuva Jagran Samiti, and Siplakha and Chisopani in which Uttam Samaj and Siplakha emerged victorious teams.

Mohan Chettri of Uttam Samaj and Sital Mangar of Siplakha were adjudged best players of their respective matches.

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's state-level sports committee member, Prem Chettri, and founder of Howlers Sporting Club, Vijay Pradhan, were present as chief guests, a press release informs.



Army pressed into service in 4 flood-hit Karnataka dists; CM to undertake aerial survey

KALABURAGI (KARNATAKA), OCT 18 (PTI): The flood situation remained grim on Sunday in four districts of Karnataka with Krishna and Bhima rivers in spate as the Army, the national and state disaster response forces undertook rescue work, evacuating hundreds of marooned people, officials said.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said many villages in Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Yadgir and Raichur districts were either completely or partially submerged

due to floods caused by heavy rains last week and he would undertake an aerial survey of the affected areas on October 21.

According to the Karnataka Disaster Management Authority (KDMA), a total of 20,269 people, including 15,078 in badly-hit Kalaburagi, have been evacuated so far by the personnel of the Army, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) besides

local police and district authorities.

There was no loss to human lives anywhere in the flood affected areas whereas two cattle died in Vijayapura, KDMA Commissioner Manoj Rajan said.

A total of 111 villages in the four districts have been affected by the floods, caused by heavy rains and water released by the dams in neighbouring Maharashtra.

"Two NDRF, one SDRF and one Army column have been deployed in Kalaburagi while two

Indian Air Force helicopters are on standby. Similarly, the NDRF and the Army personnel are deployed in other three districts. Situation is under control," Rajan told PTI.

Yediyurappa said the floods have also resulted in damage to the crops.

"In the given circumstances, it has become necessary to carry out an aerial survey to understand the actual situation.

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SRM Univ hosts its first Book Launch



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The Department of English, SRM University Sikkim, hosted the online launch for "Memory, Metaphor and Mysticism in Kalidasa's Abhijnanasakuntalam," book edited by Associate Professor Dr Namrata Chaturvedi on 16 October.

Vice Chancellor, Prof Ch Satish Kumar presided over the event which was also attended online by guests from India and abroad.

The keynote address

was delivered by Chairperson, Centre for English Studies, JNU, Prof Dhananjay Singh, who congratulated the editor of the book before delving at length on various aspects of Kalidasa's classic work.

In his special address, Prof Kumar commended Dr Chaturvedi for her achievement and said that as the first book to be published at SRM University Sikkim, this title will inspire many more books and encourage research.

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Playing Victims

Blame-game and finger-pointing help no one

Anyone who has been following political developments and public statements of public figures in Sikkim, or for that matter at the national level, would have noticed that everyone is quick to take the position of a victim and every situation is blamed away. The ruling Front will blame Opposition obstructionism or the Centre and the Opposition will blame the party in office for all ills facing the State, including their own structural weaknesses and commitment deficits. The people? Well, we blame our leaders and officials.

Playing the victim is the easiest recourse and the most convenient way to dodge accountability. We learn that early when we blame friends for the trouble in school and parents blame “bad company” to explain what is essentially the result of their lack of parenting skills. Taking the victim position is also infectious; and need one add, dangerously counterproductive as well because while it obsesses over denials, real and imagined, it ignores individual and societal shortcomings which also contribute to the situation. Politicians in power blame those in opposition of distraction which delays development, those in opposition blame the ones in power of corruption which siphons away progress, people blame each other for personal failures, locals blame non-locals of stealing away opportunities, non-locals accuse locals of sloth, doctors blame patients for having come to them too late and patients blame doctors of being too inept...

The blame game plays on and everyone sulks as a victim.

Soon, the role-play becomes so convincing that the young start buying in and now a generation is in grooming which is quick to blame everything on someone else, refusing to stand accountable for anything themselves and perfectly mirroring the very system and situation that they have issues with. Finger-pointing is a preferred option that the young see around them everyday – leaders who fail to convince voters to trust them blame the EVMs, parties which cannot attract an audience blame intimidation of supporters; departments which scandalize with their inefficiency blame outside agents; panchayats who bungle blame MLAs who blame Ministers who blame babus who blame political pressure... and the buck rolls again.

The young always inspire hope and keep optimism alive and they do so by rebelling... by announcing that they will be different. Ominously for Sikkim, the only rebellion that the young are displaying is in painting themselves in a deeper colour of victimhood. When they should be open and pursuing excellence, they obsess over perceived slights, celebrate mediocrity, abandon reason and chase conspiracies. Let's pat ourselves on the back now - we are doing well in grooming the next generation as our mirror images

NZ Election 2020: Why Gender Stereotypes Still Affect Perceptions of Jacinda Ardern and Judith Collins as Leaders

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Women leading both of New Zealand's largest political parties is something to celebrate. Watching Jacinda Ardern and Judith Collins go head to head in three televised or online pre-election debates should surely dispel any doubt about whether women are up to the demands of leadership at the highest level.

As tonight's final debate will also surely demonstrate, both women are confident, assertive and resilient under pressure, attributes widely expected of leaders. And yet gender bias continues to define aspects of their careers and performance.

While the format has offered limited in-depth policy discussion, the debates have been a far cry from the “gladiatorial masculinity” displayed by Donald Trump in the recent US presidential debate with Joe Biden.

Nonetheless, subtle but still influential gendered dynamics are at play in the New Zealand election campaign. Ardern and Collins navigate these dynamics in quite distinctive ways, which may help explain why they each evoke such different emotions in voters. But how do people form these opinions?

Even without formal study, everyone develops their own ideas about what good leadership involves. Researchers call these ideas “implicit leadership theories”, and they shape how leaders are perceived.

While these personal theories might not be correct — in the sense that someone might value leader behaviours that research shows are actually ineffective or harmful — they are nonetheless influential.

WHAT MAKES AN EFFECTIVE LEADER?

Research on these implicit theories shows that behaviours traditionally associated with masculinity are more likely to be seen as leader-like: this means when some people think “leader” their default is also to think “male”.

This results in people expecting leaders to be “strong” in the sense of being “tough” and “commanding”, attributes associated with traditional



expectations of men. Similarly, being intimidating, power-hungry, risk-taking, demanding and domineering are often qualities people link to leadership.

However, a significant body of research suggests these behaviours are not, in fact, the key qualities that make for effective leaders. Rather, they tend to undermine innovation, inhibit quality decision making and fail to draw out the best from people. Instead, humility, collaboration, team building and inspiring people to work for a common good are more important. These are also qualities women often exhibit.

But because they are judged against an implicitly masculine norm, women continue to find it harder to attain leadership roles, and to then succeed in those roles.

PLAYING TO OTHERS' EXPECTATIONS

Given all this, it is not surprising that Judith Collins often adopts an overtly combative, masculine style to appeal principally to a more traditionally-minded voter base.

There are clear echoes of the former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher — the so-called Iron Lady — in Collins's approach.

She presents herself as a potential prime minister who would be tough, in command, in control, brooking neither dissent nor failure.

The reality of gendered leadership expectations means that to do otherwise would risk Collins not being seen as leader-like by those whose implicit leadership theories favour such traditionally masculine notions.

But this is not a guaranteed winning strategy by any means. As British leadership scholar Keith Grint argues, it's generally unwise for leaders to proclaim complex problems can be solved by way of simple solutions.

STRONG VS NICE

Collins is also caught by what researchers call the “double bind” that affects women leaders. If they display traditionally feminine behaviours, focussing on relationships and concern for others, they risk being seen as a good woman but not an effective leader. If they display masculine behaviours they risk being seen as a competent leader but a “not nice” woman.

The more Collins plays to traditional expectations of a combative, masculine style of leadership, therefore, the more she risks alienating people —

including within her own voter base.

Ardern is equally at risk of the double bind but in the opposite way. Her emphasis on being kind and showing concern for others means she is seen by some as a nice woman but not an effective leader.

SOFT SKILLS, TOUGH CHALLENGES

However, “sensitivity” — meaning to be caring, sympathetic, compassionate, kind, empathetic, selfless and friendly — also features in implicit leadership theories.

There is evidence to suggest that these so-called “soft skills” are, in fact, key to effective leadership. So, while Ardern's style risks lacking credibility with those who cleave to more traditional, masculine views of leadership, this does not mean she is an ineffective leader.

In a political contest between two very determined, confident and resilient women, it should be remembered that some voters will inevitably be influenced by gendered preconceptions of what makes a good leader — and that this is just one more challenge such female leaders face.

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NZ election 2020: Jacinda Ardern promised transformation — instead, the times transformed her

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Three years ago everything felt so different. Our borders were open, no one knew what PPE stood for, and social distancing was something people did when they felt awkward at parties.

Jacinda Ardern had not long taken over leadership of the New Zealand Labour Party. Amid breathless talk of “stardust”, “Jacindamania” and “transformation”, she was busy hauling the party out of the polling doldrums towards 36.9% of the vote at the 2017 election — and the prime ministership.

Then a lot of things happened. A white supremacist murdered 51 of our people at two Christchurch mosques. Whakaari/White Island erupted, killing 21 and injuring more. And a global pandemic spread, leading to two extended periods of lockdown in New Zealand and a decision by Ardern to postpone the election from September 19 to October 17.

These three crises have defined Ardern's first term in office. At least for now, a great many people are withholding judgement on her administration's modest (at best) performance on reducing child poverty, replenishing the stock of public housing and shifting the dial on income and wealth inequality.

Instead, it is Ardern's poise under pressure, calmness and ability not to rise to anything faintly resembling bait that has deeply resonated. As much as anything else, in times of crisis it has been her way with words that has registered: “They are us”, “The team of five million” and “Go hard and go early” are now part of the vernacular. Ardern's language is one that New Zealanders intuitively understand.

Some of this may stem from Ardern's understated background in what is colloquially described as the “real” New Zealand. It's a misleading term, of course, because it implies there are parts of the country that are somehow not real.

But people know what it means: a modest upbringing in a small town, a bit of religion, some part-time work while at school. They hear these things in Ardern's accent, and see them in her green Facebook sweatshirt. It makes her approachable — the nerdy kid you know would give you a hand with your homework if you needed it.

FROM TRANSFORMATION TO RECOVERY

This sense of authenticity goes at least some way to explaining why the prime minister and her party have polling figures to die for as they head into the



final days of the election campaign.

Notwithstanding a second spell in lockdown, public confidence in the government's handling of the COVID crisis remains high. As preferred prime minister, Ardern is streets ahead of her major rival, National's Judith Collins. Despite some tightening in recent weeks, on present polling Labour is still within range of governing alone, something that has never happened under the country's MMP electoral system.

Labour's polling is just one thing setting this year's election apart from the last one. The emotional climate is also strikingly different. Labour's campaign slogan — Let's Keep Moving — is just this side of beige. There are no big-ticket policy items to match 2017's proposed capital gains tax, KiwiBuild or plans for light rail in Auckland. The rhetoric of transformation has been replaced by the language of recovery.

Yet transformation is not far off the mark, especially where Ardern herself is concerned. Three years ago she was the newly minted leader of her party and something of a political curiosity. Many doubted she had the ability to save her party from an electoral thrashing, let alone become prime minister.

Since then, she has become a mother, led the country through a series of crises, and made more hard calls and tough decisions than any New Zealand prime minister in recent memory. She has become a seasoned leader — and one of the most popular prime ministers in the nation's history.

PRAGMATISM OVER IDEOLOGY

Ardern's personal trajectory mirrors — and to some degree has driven — a shift in the tone of New Zealand politics. Transformation is probably too strong a word for it, but something is happening and it is reflected in Ardern's approach to leadership.

The prime minister appeals less to conviction than to disposition. Her approach resonates with people for whom politics is fundamentally relational rather than ideological.

Ardern is no ideologue. She gives people who don't agree with her party's policies permission to vote for her. It's the kind of leadership that can change what counts as political common sense, and it appeals to a lot of people in times of stress and uncertainty.

Ardern's pragmatism has led to accusations from the left that she has been insufficiently adventurous, that she has morphed from transformational candidate into conservative leader.

Exhibits A and B for the prosecution are Labour's small-t tax policy and the response to the gendered employment effects of COVID: a disproportionate number of women have lost their jobs this year, but the bulk of the “shovel-ready” projects supported by the government as part of the COVID response are in industries in which women remain under-represented.

On the other hand, Ardern's modus operandi is reassuring to those moderate, small-c conservatives

who don't do conviction politics but who do decide election outcomes in New Zealand. “Let's keep moving” may not be all that uplifting, but it speaks to a pragmatism that lies deep in New Zealand's sense of itself.

FROM JACINDAMANIA TO AUNTY JACINDA

There's a reason why Ardern has framed it as the COVID election — it legitimates a focus on leadership. One of the two major party leaders has led her party for just three months. The other has led the country through a series of crucibles. The polls indicate people know which one is which.

A focus on leadership also allows Ardern to dominate field position and play to her strengths. To the intense frustration of the opposition, the prime minister's image is ubiquitous and her skills as a communicator on regular display.

And New Zealanders love a good underdog, especially if it's us. We look out at the world and see more populous, powerful nations struggling, and take considerable pride in having kept the virus largely at bay. The prime minister and her administration are being given credit for allowing us to be the little country that could.

For all that the election may appear to be a foregone conclusion, there remains a lot to play for — much of it hinging on whether Labour will be in a position to govern alone once votes have been counted.

A second term, this one in command of a parliamentary majority, could well give full expression to Ardern's centrist political instincts. But if Labour is forced (or chooses) to govern with the Greens (and/or even the Māori Party, assuming it wins at least one of the seven Māori electorates), the likelihood of a shunt to the left increases. There would be pressure on Ardern to move back towards the socialism of her youth.

Either way, it was inevitable that the “stardust” of Ardern's meteoric rise would dissipate. But it may have been replaced by something more powerful.

Here in Aotearoa New Zealand the term “Aunty” is often used to denote a woman of influence, standing and authority. Adopted from Māori practice, it is a term of respect as much as one of kinship, and a means of expressing affection and affinity. On social media and out on the campaign trail, it's “Aunty Jacinda” they're talking about now.

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Truck mows down vegetable vendors in Meghalaya; 5 killed



SHILLONG, OCT 17 (PTI): Five persons, including four women, were killed after a speeding truck mowed down roadside vegetable vendors on Shillong Bypass road near here on Saturday, police said.

The truck loaded with shredded bamboo hit a dumper- truck on a

bridge near Thangshalai village and then crushed four women who were selling fruits and vegetables sitting by the road, killing them on the spot.

A pedestrian, who was also hit by the Assam-bound truck, died on the way to a hospital, East Khasi Hills district

Superintendent of Police, Sylvester Nongtynger, said.

The driver fled after the accident and efforts are on to arrest him, the SP said.

All the victims were residents of Thangshalai Village under Mawryngkneng police station area.

Increasing risk of COVID-19 community spread in Nagaland, warns H&FW Dept

DIMAPUR, OCT 17 [NAGALANDPAGE]: As Nagaland sees the percentage of traced contacts among confirmed cases rising from 7% in July to 56% by mid-October, the State Health & Family Welfare Department has cautioned that this indicates shift of cases towards the community.

According to the weekly COVID-19 bulletin issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Nagaland also continues to see uncontrolled spread in closed settings like restaurants, bakery, religious communities, thereby increasing risk of spread in the community.

"These are settings where super spreader events happen. The 3Ws should be followed vigorously. Social events and gatherings should be avoided. Dine in at restaurants should be avoided and takeaways should be the new norm. Unavoidable social events should be held with maximum precautions as per laid down SOP," it advised.

Stating that the positivity rate among office goers (27%) and household contacts (26%) continue to increase in Nagaland, while positivity

rate among students also remains high at 16%, the bulletin reiterated the need to urgently implement SOP for prevention of infection in work places and schools.

The highest positive cases among traced contacts are in the 21-40-year-old age group at 53%. Health authorities reiterated that infection in the old and high-risk groups immediately follow after infection in the young.

Fever (81%) and cough (53%) remains the most common reported symptoms in the State among COVID-19 cases. Both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases can transmit the disease even though symptomatic cases transmit more.

Symptomatic cases have also increased to 4% and positives among people with co-morbidities have also increased to 0.4%. "We expect more hospitalizations and severe cases in the coming days," it said. Positivity of patients coming to Flu clinics is 4% which keeps on increasing every week, the bulletin informed.

Nagaland this week (October 10 to 16) reported 716 COVID-19

positive cases, which is the second highest weekly cases detected in the State. The highest weekly cases detected are 964 cases recorded between July 31 and August 6.

The bulletin informed that there has been a gradual increase in cases after the 3rd week of September. The week also reported the highest number of traced contacts till date.

It also informed that for the first time, Nagaland's sample positivity rate at 8.5% is higher than that of the country at 7.9%. Mortality rate has also increased to 0.22%.

Informing that a total of 22,859 quarantine violations were received from the PHQ through digital monitoring, the bulletin iterated that one must quarantine mandatorily for 14 days once someone falls under high risk category or a traveler so that they do not risk people around them.

Among districts, Dimapur has the highest number of active COVID-19 cases at 953, followed by Kohima with 358 cases and Mokochung - 56. Currently Kiphire and Wokha districts have no COVID-19 active cases.

Nadda to visit West Bengal on Monday



NEW DELHI, OCT 18 (PTI): BJP president J P Nadda will be on a day-long visit to Siliguri in West Bengal on Monday to attend several events.

The assembly polls are scheduled in West Bengal in the first half of the next year and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is making a determined bid to put an end to Chief Minister and Tri-

namool Congress (TMC) supremo Mamata Banerjee's 10-year-old reign, following an impressive show in the state in last year's Lok Sabha polls.

In a statement, BJP's chief spokesperson Anil Baluni said Nadda will hold separate meetings with party leaders and representatives of various social groups in Siliguri.

The BJP president will address a press conference and offer prayers at a temple. He will also pay tributes to social reformer Panchanan Barma.

Siliguri is in north Bengal, a region where the BJP had performed very well in the Lok Sabha polls and which has emerged as a stronghold of the saffron party.

Cop dies of COVID-19 in Kolkata



KOLKATA, OCT 18 (PTI): An assistant sub-inspector of the Kolkata Armed Police succumbed to COVID-19 on Sunday morning, a health department official said.

Siddhanta Shekhar De, in his mid-50s, had been battling the disease for the past couple of weeks.

Jharkhand reports 542 new COVID-19 cases, 8 fresh fatalities

RANCHI, OCT 18 (PTI): Jharkhand's COVID-19 tally rose to 95,967 on Sunday as 542 more people tested positive for the infection, a health official said.

Eight more patients

He breathed his last at a private hospital here, the official said.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, over 15 Kolkata Police personnel have died of the infection.

Taking to Twitter, Kolkata Police Commissioner Anuj Sharma,

succumbed to the infection, pushing the state's coronavirus death toll to 832, he said.

Jharkhand now has 6,576 active coronavirus cases, while 88,559

who had last month fought and defeated the viral disease, mourned the demise of De.

"Lost our colleague ASI Siddhanta Shekhar De to COVID19. We stand by his family members in this time of grief.

Corona Martyr Salute," Sharma tweeted.

people have been cured of the disease so far, the official said.

The state has tested 20,952 samples for COVID-19 in the last 24 hours, he added.

Jadeja bowling final over was advantage for us, says Dhawan

SHARJAH, OCT 18 (PTI): Chennai Super Kings' left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja bowling the final over was an advantage for Delhi Capitals' left-handed duo of Shikhar Dhawan and Axar Patel, the senior opener acknowledged after his maiden IPL hundred.

Capitalising on the lives he got, Dhawan hit 101 while Axar smashed three sixes in the final over, as Delhi Capitals knocked off the required 17 runs for a five-wicket win over CSK here on Saturday.

"We knew (Dwayne) Bravo would not be able to bowl the last over and it would be bowled by Jadeja. We being left-handers, we had a certain advantage against Jadeja," Dhawan said at the post-match press conference.

With his death overs specialist Bravo walking off the field due to a groin injury, CSK skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni asked Jadeja to bowl the last six balls after Sam Curran conceded just four runs in the penultimate over.

"Sam Curran bowled

well very in the 19th over, his yorker execution was very good, dew was also there and we took advantage of that as well," Dhawan said.

A modest Dhawan praised Axar's contribution and said having a quality all-rounder makes a big difference.

"Axar Patel has been a great asset, whenever we demand good overs from him, he does the job. He is normally very economical. Having a quality all-rounder makes a big difference," he added.

On his own performance, Dhawan said he tries to remain positive and confident.

"I was always focusing on my process. I was playing well. I stayed positive and confident. Lots of experience behind me, changed the numbers as well.

"Every time I am scoring runs, I am making mistakes as well. I was analysing what to do, what shot to play and what not to play. I pick and choose what shots to play or strategy I should use on different kind of pitches."

Dhawan further said

Ladakh records one more COVID-related death; 93 new cases

LEH, OCT 18 (PTI): The Union Territory of Ladakh has reported 93 new COVID-19 cases and one more virus-related death, taking the infection case load to 5,534 and the fatalities to 66, officials said on Sunday.

Seventy-four patients have been cured during the past 24 hours, bringing down the number of active cases in the region to 933 766 in Leh district and 167 in Kargil district, the officials said this morning.

They said the latest

death was reported from Leh on Saturday, raising the COVID-19 death toll in the district to 28 while rest of the 38 such deaths had taken place in Kargil district.

Of the new cases, 92 people tested positive for the disease in Leh and one in Kargil district, the officials said adding 63 patients were discharged in Leh and 11 others in Kargil after successful treatment.

So far, 4,535 patients have been cured of the disease in the Union Territory.

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3 injured in building fire in Kolkata's Bowbazar



KOLKATA, OCT 18 (PTI): Three persons were injured in a fire that broke out on the third floor of a building in central Kolkata's Bowbazar area on Sunday, officials said.

Four fire tenders brought the blaze under control in an hour, they said.

The fire started in a kitchen in the building in the morning hours, they added.

Three persons suffered burn injuries and were rescued by locals before the fire brigade arrived, officials said.

The injured were admitted to the Calcutta Medical College and Hospital, they said.

The building houses the office of an insurance company.

Those injured used to live in the building premises, locals said.

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Mumbai City FC rope in defender Mourtada Fall

MUMBAI, OCT 18 (PTI): Indian Super League franchise Mumbai City on Sunday announced the signing of Senegalese defender Mourtada Fall. He has signed a two-year contract.

Fall said, "I have had the fortune of playing under coach Sergio Lobera twice before. When the opportunity of joining him again came by and at a club like Mumbai City, I did not have to think twice."

"He knows me very well both, as a player and as a person, and I am ready to give my best for him, for this huge club."

Head coach Sergio Lobera said the defender was a thorough professional.

"It is a huge statement from our club to have signed Mourtada. He's a player I know quite well. Mourtada is a thorough professional



on and off the pitch and even with all his experience, he always wants to learn more and become better.

"A player of his calibre is hard to find and we're very happy that he's chosen to join us here at Mumbai City," the head coach said.

The 32-year-old centre-half started his career with Moghreb T touan, featuring for the Moroccan club over three spells, during which he also won the Botola Pro 1 in 2011-12.

In the second of his three stints with Moghreb in 2014-15, Fall played under then coach Sergio Lobera.

Over the course of his career, Fall has also represented Kuwait's Al-Arabi SC and Morocco's Wydad Casablanca with the latter being a highly successful spell, winning the double in 2016-17 as Wydad won the Botola Pro 1 and the CAF Champions League.

Ahead of the 2018-19 season, Fall linked up with his former coach Lobera and made the switch to the Indian Super League with FC Goa.

Since then, Fall has proven to be one of the top defenders in the division, winning the 2019 Super Cup and the 2019/20 ISL League Shield.

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Ibrahimovic returns and scores 2 as Milan beats Inter 2-1



MILAN, OCT 18 (AP): Zlatan Ibrahimovic made a winning return after being sidelined with the coronavirus as AC Milan beat Inter Milan 2-1 in an entertaining derby match.

Ibrahimovic only resumed training this week after recovering from the virus but the 39-year-old Swede scored twice early on. Romelu Lukaku netted for Inter in the 29th minute on Saturday.

"I'm very hungry because they locked the wrong animal at home," Ibrahimovic said.

"After two weeks at home, it's not easy. Mentally it's hard to be always at home.

"Being stuck at home the tempo drops off completely and the body starts to tremble because it wants to work and to play."

It was Milan's first win in the derby in the league since 2016 and left the Rossoneri top of the table. Milan is the only team with a perfect record, having won all four of its matches this season.

Milan is three points above Atalanta, which lost 4-1 at Napoli, and four points above Juventus, which was held to a 1-1 draw at newly promoted Crotone.

Lazio lost 3-0 at Sampdoria.

Inter is sixth, five points below its city rival.

"We all need to improve but, had we made more of our chances, people would be talking about a different Inter," Nerazzurri coach Antonio Conte said. "It's a real shame, because the game ended in a loss and, worst of all, it's a derby defeat."

It was a strange atmosphere at San Siro with only 1,000 fans allowed in the 80,000-seat stadium because of the coronavirus pandemic.

However, both teams were welcomed by hundreds of supporters as the team buses arrived at the stadium. Flags were waved, banners unfurled and fans roared their support -- through their masks.

The virus had ruled out Inter players Ashley Young, Alessandro Bastoni, Milan Krkinnar, Radja Nainggolan, Roberto Gagliardini and Ionut Radu.

Milan had Ibrahimovic back and the forward had an almost immediate impact.

Ibrahimovic won a penalty after a reckless tackle by Aleksandar Kolarov and, although his spot kick was saved by Samir Handanovic, the former Inter forward tucked home the rebound to put Milan in front in the 13th minute.

Milan doubled its lead just three minutes later with a fantastic team move as Hakan Altanoglu sent Rafael Leao down the left flank and he crossed for Ibrahimovic to volley in.

Inter halved the deficit when Ivan Perisic crossed for Lukaku to sidefoot home. It was the first league goal Milan had conceded this season.

Inter, which had fought back from 2-0 down to win 4-2 the last time the two sides met, almost leveled shortly after as Lautaro Martinez's header looped over Milan goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma but Simon Kjeller cleared off the line.

The Nerazzurri should have equalized on the hour when Achraf Hakimi was left unmarked but his header flew inches wide of the left post.

Inter was awarded a penalty in the 75th after Donnarumma brought down Lukaku but the referee changed his mind after video review showed the Inter forward was offside.

DISMAL DEBUT

Federico Chiesa was sent off on his debut for Juventus as Crotone earned its first point back in Serie A.

Juventus was without Cristiano Ronaldo and Weston McKennie, who both tested positive for COVID-19, and also had several other players out injured.

Simy gave Crotone a surprise lead from the penalty spot in the 12th minute after Leonardo Bonucci fouled Arkadiusz Reca.

Chiesa set up Ivar Morata for the equalizer nine minutes later but was shown a straight red on the hour following a challenge on Crotone midfielder Luca Cigarini.

Juventus thought it had scored shortly after but Morata's effort was ruled out for offside on video review.

ILICIC BACK

The only positive note for Atalanta from a miserable afternoon was the return of key forward Josip Ilcic.

The 32-year-old Ilcic hadn't played since July and had been given compassionate leave by Atalanta because of personal issues.

Ilcic started against Napoli but couldn't prevent his team from slipping to a hefty defeat -- only Atalanta's second loss since January.

Hirving Lozano scored twice for Napoli and there were also goals for Matteo Politano and Victor Osimhen in the first half. Sam Lammers netted a consolation for Atalanta in the 69th.

'I expected more': Teófimo López stuns Vasiliy Lomachenko to unify titles

BRYAN ARMEN GRAMHAM

LONDON, 18 OCT [THEGUARDIAN]: A star was born in the bubble on Saturday night as Teófimo López delivered on his enormous promise with a surprisingly comprehensive victory over Vasiliy Lomachenko, the two-time Olympic gold medalist and three-weight champion from Ukraine widely regarded as boxing's pound-for-pound best.

The 23-year-old Brooklyn native dominated the first half of the hotly anticipated lightweight title unification fight at the MGM Grand Conference Center, then held off a late-round surge and showed the finishing kick of a champion to unify the IBF, WBA and WBO title belts at 135lbs. The three judges at ringside favored López by scores of 119-109, 117-111 and 116-112. (The Guardian had it 116-112.)

López, who captured the IBF's version of the lightweight championship with a concussive knockout of Richard Commey in December and went off as a 3-1 underdog on Saturday, sprung the upset not with his formidable power but by outboxing the sport's most technically proficient fighter -- an outcome foreseen by virtually no one.



"A lot of people were talking highly about him and I expected more," López said. "Basic. It was pretty basic, honestly. Maybe it was the 14-month layoff that did it, I don't know. But I had 10 months laid off, so why does it matter? I fought the guy that everybody says is the pound-for-pound (best)."

López took advantage of a slow start by Lomachenko, a former world champion at featherweight and junior lightweight whose only flickers of vulnerability have come since moving up to lightweight. The 32-year-old southpaw spent the first four rounds throwing punches very sparingly,

content to sit back and measure the task before him. López was able to bank rounds easily by touching his opponent with a steady diet of jabs and straight rights to the head and body.

As the fight went into the middle rounds, Lomachenko continued to wait on a mistake that never came and was forced to alter his tactics as his face began to swell from the accumulation of López's blows. After a warning from referee Russell Mora for leading with his head, Lomachenko burst to life midway through the eighth and landed a three-punch combination followed by a crisp right hand. He landed 19 of 38 punches in the

round after connected on a scant 31 in the first seven combined, but the fight at last was on.

Sensing López could not contend with the pressure, Lomachenko picked up in the ninth where he'd left off and continued to let his hands go. He wobbled López with a combination early in the round but the younger champion held his ground and hit back with an uppercut through Lomachenko's guard. By the 11th, Lomachenko was pouring on the punishment and the momentum had swung clearly in his favor, though whether he'd waited too long to flip the switch.

Knowing Lomachenko likely needed a

knockout to win entering the 12th, López's father and trainer urged his son to box from range. But López ignored the advice and bit down in the final round in a clear effort to go for the knockout. He battered and bloodied Lomachenko with straight rights and uppercuts throughout the final three minutes. The referee appeared to spare Lomachenko by calling time on the action after an accidental head butt in the final seconds caused a large gash over López's right eye, but by then the outcome was all but a handshake away.

"I'm a fighter," López said when asked why he ignored his father's counsel. "I got to dig in deep. I knew he was coming. I didn't know if they had him up on the scorecards or not, and I love to fight. I can bang, too. I don't care, man. I'll take one to give one. That's what a true champion does. I find a way to win."

Lomachenko connected on 141 of 321 punches compared to 183 of 659 for López, according to CompuBox's punch statistics.

"I think in the first half of the fight, he got more rounds than I did," Lomachenko said through a translator. "But then in the second half of the fight, I took it over and I was much

better. I want to go home and to review the fight to see. I can't comment right now much about it. But I definitely am not agreeing with the scorecards."

He added: "At the moment I think (I won the fight). But the result is the result. I'm not going to argue right now."

Afterward López claimed it as a victory for the younger generation of fighters who are eager to break through, putting himself at the head of an up-and-coming class that includes Shakur Stevenson, Jaron 'Boots' Ennis and David Benavidez.

"This is the new generation," he said. "We're bringing back what the old school was. Fight the best and you push on it. I'm not here to pick and choose who I want to fight because I want to defend my title and keep that 'O'. No. And now, who knows how my figures are going to go up after this."

"Everyone wants to be like Mayweather. In order to be like Mayweather, you got to be like Pretty Boy first. You go to fight those guys where people don't think you'll win. You got to fight the likes of those guys that are undefeated and it's a good fight in order to make those types of millions that people want to make."

Barcelona, Madrid lose ahead of Champions League openers

BARCELONA, OCT 18 (AP)

Barcelona and Real Madrid lost for the first time this season against modest Spanish league opposition, increasing the doubts over their stalled attacks ahead of Champions League openers and their own "clasico" clash.

Barcelona had its first defeat under Ronald Koeman when it lost 1-0 at Getafe on Saturday, right after Madrid was beaten 1-0 at home by recently promoted Cadiz.

The star-powered attacks of the European powerhouses appeared shackled by their opponents. While Getafe lived up to its reputation as one of Spain's top defensive sides by shutting down Barcelona, Madrid was sloppy and sluggish against an inspired Cadiz that is back in the top flight after 15 seasons.

Sevilla also lost before it visits Chelsea in the Champions League on Tuesday, leaving Atletico Madrid as the only one of Spain's top teams to celebrate a victory. It faces Bayern Munich on Wednesday.

GETAFE HEADLOCK Barcelona didn't have many chances, but they were good ones. Lionel Messi hit the upright in the 20th and Antoine



Griezmann wasted a great opportunity on the half-hour mark.

After that, Getafe tightened its marking and Barcelona didn't threaten again until Djene Dakonam almost scored an own-goal late when he cleared a cross onto the crossbar.

Jaime Mata converted a penalty kick for Getafe in the 56th minute after Frenkie de Jong fouled Dakonam on the edge of the area while trying to clear a loose ball.

"We knew it was going to be a hard match," Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets said.

"We wanted to play at a faster pace, and we tried, but once they went

ahead it became even tougher. We have to keep working to improve. This has just started."

Barcelona hosts Hungarian club Ferencváros in the Champions League on Tuesday.

GRIEZMANN STRUGGLING

Griezmann's struggles continued for another game. France coach Didier Deschamps said last week that he didn't understand why Koeman played Griezmann on the right side instead of the middle of attack.

Koeman tried moving Griezmann into a striker role at Getafe but Griezmann did little to help his cause with a glaring miss. He re-

mained scoreless this season.

MADRID MALAISE Zinedine Zidane was at a loss for his team's performance against Cadiz.

Led by 35-year-old striker Ivar Negredo, Cadiz proved more dangerous than Madrid, particularly in the first half when the visitors could have gone into the interval with a two-goal advantage.

Negredo set up Anthony Lozano to chip the game's only goal over Thibaut Courtois in the 16th. Sergio Ramos had already stopped a shot from Negredo, and Courtois made several more

saves before halftime.

Karim Benzema had Madrid's only good chance to equalize when he hit the crossbar with eight minutes remaining.

Ramos had a knock to the left knee during a clash with Lozano that forced him to be substituted at halftime, casting doubt on his availability for Madrid's Champions League opener against Shakhtar Donetsk on Wednesday.

"There is no explanation for what we did today," Zidane said.

"We played a bad match, above all at the start, but it was bad in every way. We weren't hustling, we had difficulties from start to finish. Our rival deserved to win. If they had scored two or three in the first half it wouldn't have been a surprise."

It was Cadiz's first league victory at Madrid after losing 11 and drawing 1 of its previous visits.

ATLETICO ENDS DROUGHT

Luis Suarez scored an early goal to help Atletico win 2-0 at Celta Vigo and end the team's scoring drought.

Suarez had debuted for Diego Simeone's team by netting twice in a 6-1 rout of Granada af-

ter joining Atletico from Barcelona. But since then the Uruguay striker and his teammates had been restrained in 0-0 stalemates against Huesca and Villarreal.

Suarez got back on the board when he scored from a pass by Manuel Sanchez in the sixth. Yannick Carrasco added a second goal in stoppage time when he headed in a rebound after fellow substitute Joao Felix hit the crossbar.

Diego Simeone may be without Diego Costa at Bayern. Costa asked to be substituted for what seemed to be a left thigh injury early in the second half.

Lucas Torreira made his debut for Atletico in midfield after arriving on loan from Arsenal. He played well, but also appeared to end the match with physical problems.

FIRST LOSS FOR SEVILLA

Granada beat 10-man Sevilla 1-0 after Yangel Herrera broke the deadlock with a header with eight minutes to go.

Joan Jordan left Sevilla a man down after two bookings for back-to-back fouls in first-half stoppage time.

It was Sevilla's first loss in the league since February.

Dhoni had made the worst decision in a long while, fumes sprinter Yohan Blake

SHARJAH, OCT 18 (PTI):

Star sprinter Yohan Blake said Mahendra Singh Dhoni had "made the worst decision in a long while", fuming in front of his TV set in faraway Jamaica as Delhi Capitals closed in on a remarkable win in IPL.

Blake, an ardent admirer of the sport, questioned the Chennai Super Kings skipper's move to give Ravindra Jadeja the

final over on Saturday night.

He was oblivious to the fact that everyone's preferred choice, death bowling specialist Dwayne Bravo, was not fit to bowl the last over after walking off the field.

"I think Dhoni made the worst decision in a long while. Dhoni, that's a poor decision to bowl Jadeja at the last part.

What happened to Bravo. Really?" he asked in a video posted on Twitter.

"Poor poor poor poor choice Mahendra Singh Dhoni. You just can't bowl Jadeja to the left hand batsman," Blake, the youngest 100m world championship winner, tweeted.

Engaging in a conversation on the social networking site, Blake later realised that Bravo was injured. The

seasoned West Indian all-rounder suffered a groin injury and could be out of action for at least a few days to a couple of weeks.

But he was still not convinced with Jadeja bowling the final over with Delhi Capitals requiring 17 runs to win the game, which they did with a ball to spare.

"Ok everyone I get that Bravo was injured but I still wouldn't have bowled Jadeja when you

have Shane Watson on the field that can bowl a heavy ball."

However, the veteran Australian has been playing mainly as a batsman for some years now.

In another tweet, Blake said, "This is what happened when we all love the game so much. To all my India flag of India family I love you. Let's keep supporting and keep enjoying the game of cricket Cricket

bat and ball we love so much.

"When you are in love and passionate about cricket it doesn't matter which team is playing. I support everyone! To all my Indian people, I love you all but I still would have bowled Shane Watson."

After his team's five-wicket defeat, Dhoni said the only option available to him was either Jadeja or leg-spinner Karn Sharma.

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French virus curfew produces eerie quiet on streets of Paris



PARIS (AP): The streets of Paris and eight other French cities were deserted on Saturday night on the first day of the government-imposed 9 p.m. curfew that is scheduled to last for at least four weeks.

The measure was announced by French President Emmanuel Macron to curb the resurgent coronavirus as new infections peaked to over 30,000 a day. Macron said the curfews were needed to stop local hospitals from becoming overrun.

In France, nearly 20 million people are covered by the curfew and eerily deserted scenes were observed in Marseille, Lyon, Lille and Toulouse as well. The curfew runs until 6 a.m. daily. The country is deploying 12,000 extra police officers to enforce the new rules.

Many bar and restaurant owners have bristled at the order. An earlier months-long lockdown to combat the spread of coronavirus in the spring devastated the sector.

"I have the right to question the government's approach. I think it's a catastrophic measure for the industry," said Xavier Denamur, who owns Les Philosophes and several other bistros in Paris's chic Le Marais district.

Denamur said the curfew should not start before 11 p.m.

"At least that would not destroy us," he said. "There's no evidence that this difference of a couple of hours will have any effect on the virus circulating."

France has seen over 33,300 confirmed deaths in the pandemic, the fourth-highest death toll in Europe.

New Zealand's Ardern credits virus response for election win

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND (AP): A day after winning a second term in a landslide victory, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said Sunday she sees the election result as an endorsement of her government's efforts to stamp out the coronavirus and reboot the economy.

Speaking at a cafe near her Auckland home, Ardern said she expects to form a new government within three weeks and to prioritize work on the virus response.

"We're cracking on very quickly with the work we need to do as a new team," Ardern said.

Her comments came as health officials reported one new case of community transmission after New Zealand went three weeks without any new infection. Officials said the man works on foreign ships at the ports, and they believe they caught his case early enough to contain the threat of further spread.

In the election, Ardern's liberal Labour Party got 49% of the vote, crushing the conservative National Party, which got 27%. Ardern

said the margin of the victory exceeded their expectations.

The result will give Labour an outright majority in Parliament, the first time any party has achieved that since New Zealand implemented a proportional voting system 24 years ago. Typically parties have formed alliances to govern but this time Labour can go it alone.

Asked what she would say to those Americans who may draw inspiration from her win ahead of the U.S. elections, Ardern said she hoped people globally could move past the partisan divisions that elections often accentuate.

"That can be damaging for democracy, regardless of the side of the House that you sit on," she said.

Ardern's popularity soared earlier this year after she led a successful effort to halt the spread of the virus by implementing a strict lockdown in late March. New Zealand has had fewer than 2,000 cases of the virus including 25 deaths.

Armenia, Azerbaijan report violations of new cease-fire

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP): Despite a second attempt at a cease-fire, Armenia and Azerbaijan traded accusations Sunday of violating the new truce in their destructive conflict over the separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The latest truce, which was announced Saturday and took force at midnight, was the second attempt to establish a cease-fire since heavy fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces broke out in Nagorno-Karabakh on Sept. 27. The fighting and shelling has killed hundreds of people — both combatants and civilians — and marks the biggest escalation of a decades-old conflict over the region in more than a quarter-century.

The recent fighting, involving heavy artillery, rockets and drones, has continued despite repeated calls for cessation of hostilities coming from around the globe. The escalation of fighting raises the specter of a wider conflict that could draw in Russia and Turkey and threaten Caspian Sea energy exports.

Armenian military officials on Sunday reported artillery shelling and missile strikes by Azer-



bajani forces in the conflict zone overnight. In the morning, "the enemy launched an attack in the southern direction," and there were "casualties and wounded on both sides," Armenian Defense Ministry spokeswoman Shushan Stepanian said.

Azerbaijan's Defense Ministry, in turn, maintained that Armenian forces used mortars and artillery in the conflict zone overnight despite the cease-fire and in the morning attempted attacks in several directions. The ministry accused Armenia of using large-caliber weapons to attack the positions of the Azerbaijani army in two regions north

of Nagorno-Karabakh along the border between the two countries, a claim Armenian military officials denied.

The Azerbaijani military also said it downed an Armenian Su-25 warplane "attempting to inflict airstrikes on the positions of the Azerbaijan army in the Jabrayil direction," but Stepanian dismissed the statement as untrue.

Nagorno-Karabakh lies within Azerbaijan but has been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a war there ended in 1994.

According to Nagorno-Karabakh officials, 673 of their

servicemen have been killed in the renewed fighting.

Azerbaijan hasn't disclosed its military losses, but says 60 civilians have died so far and 270 have been wounded.

Turkey has publicly backed oil-rich Azerbaijan in the conflict and vowed to help it reclaim its territory.

Russia, which has a security pact with Armenia but has cultivated warm ties with Azerbaijan, hosted top diplomats from both countries last week for more than 10 hours of talks that ended with the initial cease-fire agreement. But the deal frayed immediately after the truce took effect

China passes new law restricting sensitive exports

BEIJING (AP): China has passed a new law restricting sensitive exports to protect national security, allowing Beijing to reciprocate against the U.S. as tensions mount between the sides over trade and technology.

The law, which will apply to all companies in China, was passed Saturday by the National People's Congress Standing Committee and will take effect on Dec. 1.

Under the law, China can take "reciprocal measures" toward countries or regions that abuse export controls and threaten its national security and interests.

Export controls under the law will apply to civilian, military and nuclear products, as well as goods, technologies and services related to national security. A list of controlled items will

be published "in a timely manner" in conjunction with relevant departments, according to the law.

The new law allows Beijing to retaliate against the U.S., which in recent months has attempted to block Chinese technology firms such as telecommunications gear supplier Huawei, Bytedance's TikTok app and Tencent's messaging app WeChat on grounds of posing a national security threat, including the data they may possess from operating in the country.

Companies and individuals who endanger national security by breaching the new export control law, including those outside of China, could face criminal charges. Violations of the law, such as exporting items



without a permit, could result in fines of 5 million yuan (\$746,500), or up to 20 times the business value of the illegal transaction.

The new law adds to the growing uncertainty of Bytedance's deal to sell its video app TikTok

to U.S. firm Oracle Corp. In August, China added technologies including voice recognition, text analysis and content recommendation to its list of regulated exports.

President Donald Trump had earlier ordered Bytedance to sell

its U.S. operations of TikTok to an American firm or face a block in the country.

The new export control laws adds to China's growing regulatory toolkit that allows it to take action against countries such as the U.S.

UN arms embargoes on Iran expire despite US objections

TEHRAN, IRAN (AP): A decade-long U.N. arms embargo on Iran that barred it from purchasing foreign weapons like tanks and fighter jets expired Sunday as planned under its nuclear deal with world powers, despite objections from the United States.

While insisting it planned no "buying spree," Iran in theory can purchase weapons to upgrade military armament dating back to before its 1979 Islamic Revolution and sell its own locally produced gear abroad. In practice, however, Iran's economy remains crippled by broad-reaching U.S. sanctions, and other nations may avoid arms deals with Tehran for fear of American financial retaliation.

The Islamic Republic heralded the end of the arms embargo as "a momentous day for the international community... in defiance of the U.S. regime's effort." The Trump administration, meanwhile, has insisted it has re-invoked all U.N. sanctions on Iran via a clause in the nuclear deal it withdrew from in 2018, a claim ignored by the rest of the world.

"Today's normalization of Iran's defense cooperation with the world is a win for the cause of multilateralism and peace and security in our region," Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif wrote on Twitter.

The United Nations banned Iran from buying major foreign weapon systems in 2010 amid tensions over its nuclear program. An earlier embargo targeted Iranian arms exports.

The U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency predicted in 2019 that if the embargo ended, Iran likely would try to purchase Russian Su-30 fighter jets, Yak-130 trainer aircraft and T-90 tanks. Tehran also may try to buy Russia's S-400 anti-aircraft missile system and its Bastion coastal defense missile system, the DIA said. China also could sell Iran arms.

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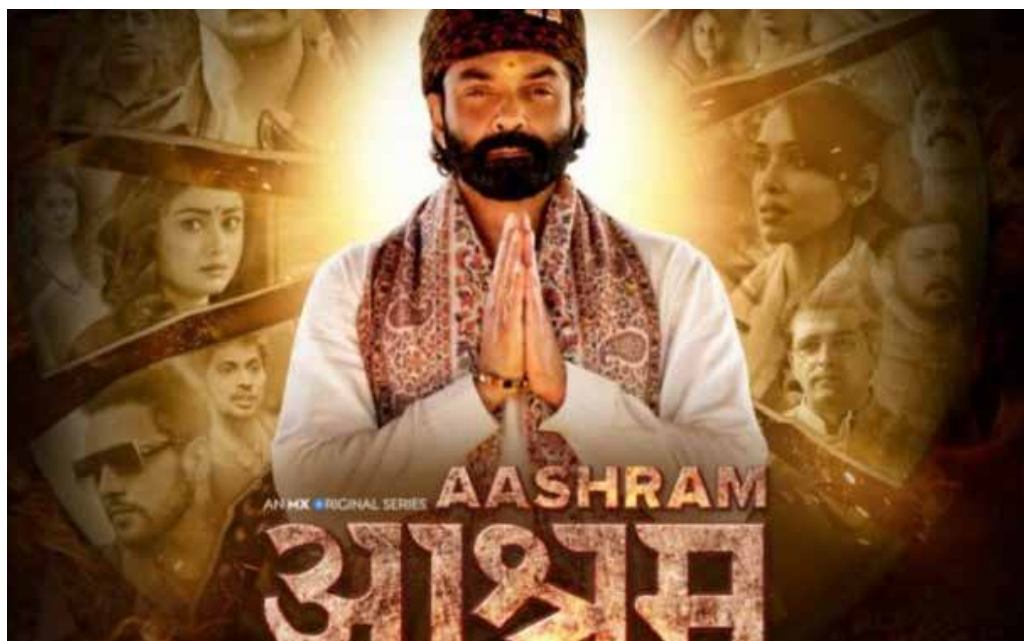


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Bobby Deol-starrer 'Aashram' season two to premiere in November



MUMBAI, OCT 18 (PTI): Season two of filmmaker Prakash Jha's web series "Aashram", featuring actor Bobby Deol, is set to stream from November 11.

Titled "Aashram: Chapter 2- The Dark Side", the season will premiere on MX Player.

Directed by Jha, "Aashram" saw Deol, 51, as a self-styled godman Baba Nirala.

"We've all worked very hard and with a

lot of passion on this series and the response from the audience has made every bit of that worthwhile. Hope this new chapter will continue to excite the audiences," Jha said in a statement.

The first season of "Aashram" premiered in August and also featured Chandan Roy Sanyal, Aaditi Pohankar, Darshan Kumaar, and Adhyayan Suman in pivotal roles.

It was Deol's maiden web series.

FIR registered against Kangana, her sister over tweets

MUMBAI, OCT 18 (PTI): On the orders of a local court, Mumbai Police on Saturday registered an FIR against actor Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel for allegedly promoting enmity between different communities and other charges.

The Bandra Metropolitan Magistrate's court had ordered the police to investigate a complaint filed by Munawwar Ali Sayyed, a Bollywood casting director and fitness trainer, which referred to Ranaut's and her sister's tweets and other statements.

On the directions of the court, Bandra Police registered a First Information Report against Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel under IPC sections 153A (Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, etc.), 295A (deliberate acts hurting religious sentiments) and 124-A (sedition), a police official said.

According to Sayyed's lawyer, the complaint alleged that Ranaut has been defaming Bollywood for the last two months by calling it a "hub of nepotism", "favouritism", etc, through her tweets and television interviews.



She also tweeted "very objectionable" comments, which not only hurt his religious sentiments, but also the feelings of many artists and she was trying to divide artists on communal lines, the complainant said.

"Her sister, too, has made objectionable comments on social media to spread communal tension between two religious groups," he said.

Metropolitan magistrate Jaydeo Y Ghule said in the order on Friday that prima facie "cognisable offence" has been committed by the accused, and

directed the police to initiate necessary action and investigation against the actor and her sister.

"Allegations are based upon the comments made on electronic media-Twitter and interviews- and a thorough investigation by an expert is necessary," the court said.

The complaint also referred to Ranaut's tweet where she referred to Mumbai as "POK" (Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) and which led to her public spat with the ruling Shiv Sena in Maharashtra.

Lily Collins wishes she still had her British accent



LONDON, OCT 18 (PTI): Actor Lily Collins says she deliberately changed the way she spoke to fit in with her classmates in America and regrets losing her "specific" British accent.

The actor, daughter of English singer-songwriter Phil Collins and American actor Jill Tavelman, was born in Surrey, UK but moved to

Los Angeles with her mother when she was five after her parents parted ways.

Lily Collins, 31, said she was "made fun of" at her new school for her pronunciation.

"I was the new girl with a very sweet, strong but specific British accent. I was trying to say the names of my classmates but I just pronounced vowels in a very different

way and so I got made fun of.

"I quickly realised I wanted to fit in. Now, years later, you're going, 'Oh God, I wish I still had that accent'," she told HELLO! magazine.

The actor, who was most recently seen in the Netflix series "Emily in Paris", said she hopes the show offers some comfort to people amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"We didn't know the show was going to come out at a time like this but I'm glad it has. We could all use a little more smiles and laughter.

"To be part of a project that does that and feels optimistic is amazing."

In the comedy drama, Lily Collins plays the titular role of an American marketing executive who moves to France for a job opportunity.

Benjamin Hollingsworth, wife Nila welcome baby girl

LOS ANGELES, OCT 18 (PTI): Virgin River star Benjamin Hollingsworth and his wife Nila have become parents to a baby girl.

According to Entertainment Tonight, the couple welcomed their third child together, a daughter named Juniper Bloom Hollingsworth, on Thursday.

The new born joins her two older brothers; Hemingway and Gatsby.

Benjamin and Nila got married in November 2012.

The actor is currently gearing for the premier of the second season of his Netflix show Virgin River.

Making people laugh test for me: Hansal Mehta on 'Chhalaang'

MUMBAI, OCT 17 (PTI): Filmmaker Hansal Mehta's upcoming "Chhalaang" is a departure from the socio-political films he is known for and the director says he took on the comedy-drama as a challenge to push himself.

Featuring Rajkumar Rao, Nushratt Bharucha and Mohd. Zeeshan Ayyub, "Chhalaang" chronicles the journey of a PT teacher from a semi-government funded school. Mehta, whose last feature was the 2018 thriller-drama "Omerta", said the joy of making films is to "constantly keep evolving."

"There would have been no challenge for me without 'Chhalaang'. That's the joy of making films. It's tough to make people laugh and that was a test for me. How do I



pull off a comedy? I have made many cry, now was the time to make them laugh," Mehta told reporters.

He was speaking at the virtual trailer launch of the film on Saturday.

Mehta said as a filmmaker, one can't afford to be "stagnant."

Crediting his first collaboration with Rao, the 2013 National Award winning drama "Shahid" as the start of his

"2.0" version, Mehta said his recent work with the actor is a step ahead. "Chhalaang" gave me an opportunity to make a film that's accessible to a larger audience. You have to tell different stories, have to challenge yourself each time when you make a film... 'Chhalaang' is my version 3.0 if you may call it that."

The film is produced by actor Ajay Devgn, filmmaker Luv Ranjan and Ankur Garg. It

is presented by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series.

"Chhalaang" marks the sixth collaboration between Mehta and Rao, after acclaimed projects like "Shahid", "Citylights" and "Aligarh".

The director said Rao walked into his life and provided his career with the "oxygen." "He gave my career a lease of life. He is perhaps the most special talent of the country. This is our sixth collaboration together, which is completely new. It's a step forward in our journey.

"It's a film where Rajkumar doesn't die, doesn't go to prison. It's a film where you'll have tears of joy."

Written by Ranjan, "Chhalaang" is scheduled to release on Amazon Prime Video on November 13.

ARIES:

The glow on your face and the fluttering of butterflies in your stomach are telling us you have a secret, Aries, one that can at best be described as a beautiful stranger. You've been flirting with them for a while. What's the next step? For the sake of your own sanity, don't wait until Valentine's Day to profess your love. Some of you could be feeling the feels for somebody in your social circle. So what if you have been friends for a while now? Allow your dynamic to evolve with time.

TAURUS:

There's no 'one size fits all' when it comes to work, life, and everything in-between. The cards want you to recognise all the ways in which you are being inauthentic with yourself. Doing something for the sake of pleasing those around you will bring you joy for now, but it will make you miserable in the long run. Word for the wise: it's time to get your priorities in order—a process that may require you to let go of the old way of life.

GEMINI:

A Hermetic principle you want to remember now and for the rest of this journey: 'As above, so below'. You've already visualised your victory in your mind's eye—that perfect picture where it all comes together. What's keeping you from trusting that the Universe is by your side? Today, the cards are reminding you that the process of manifestation requires patience and persistence. So, continue to show up for your

dreams as you look beyond the illusion created by your three dimensional reality.

CANCER:

Remember the Sex and the City episode in which Carrie sets up a meeting with Mr Big's ex-wife Barbara? Just like her, you could be in the mood to get to know your enemy better. Here's the thing, though: you're different from them and there is no way to compare the two of you. Besides, not everything you see and hear about them may necessarily be true. Word for the wise: Focus on strengthening your connection as you let go of that feeling of insecurity that's been weighing you down for some time now.

LEO:

There's always two ways to get what you want, Leo. While the former involves waging a war, the latter requires you to tap into your wit and charm. You have what it takes to turn this situation in your favour. So find a way to work with, rather than against the crew. Dealing with a difficult boss? Know that your tact will come in handy here too.

VIRGO:

You're in the mood to spill some truth tea, and it's piping hot. But here's the thing about the truth: not everybody is in the space to receive it, Virgo, especially not those who are looking at the world through the lens of their judgements and biases. Word for the wise: resort to non-violent communication. Yes, there is a way to say what needs to be said here without hurt-

ing abuses or attacking the other person.

LIBRA:

You've had some brilliant ideas for a while now. However, you haven't had the bandwidth to put these ideas into practice. The good news is, the new moon in your sign is inspiring all sorts of positive changes (and a massive clean-up), both on the personal and the creative front. Librans who've been together for a while could be thinking about commitment like never before. Remember to take the practical details into consideration as you plan for a lifetime of togetherness.

SCORPIO:

Hello and welcome to retrograde season! A time when the past finds a way to reappear at our doorstep. Both friends and lovers from back in the day could be vying for your attention. Yes, there are a few genuine connections that need to be revisited. 'The one who got away' could surprise you too. Is this more than a fleeting moment of passion? Only time will tell, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS:

Disillusioned by the material world, you may turn inwards in search of solace. Some things you swore by no longer make sense to you—and that's okay. If something (or somebody) is not a vibrational match for you, it's a good idea to walk away. Often, we shy away from taking the big step because we fear we will never be able to find what we have here. The truth is, letting go of the old and the redundant is the only way to make

space for a positive change.

CAPRICORN:

There's a deep inner knowing within you, one that's helping you recognise that things are not happening to you, they're happening for you. You attracted certain experiences into your life in order to break past limiting patterns and step into your true power. There's no going back from here, Capricorn. In the days to come, you will find yourself stripping away the false layers, turning the self-love up a notch, and becoming the most glorious version of yourself. Watch how the Universe aligns to help you create our best life!

AQUARIUS:

Imposter syndrome is showing up strongly, Aquarius, and it's urging you to have a real talk with your inner demons about what's going on here. Remember, if you don't believe in your own power and potential, nobody else will. The cards are also talking about that perfectly laid out plan. What's keeping you from jumping into action mode? Could it be that the only person standing in your way is "you"?

PISCES:

We all have our vices, Pisces. But, how much is "too much"? When do we cross the line from indulgent to self-destructive? The cards are urging you to be mindful of the patterns you have been repeating. The toxic habits that are taking you down the metaphorical rabbit hole. It's true that everything in your reality isn't picture-perfect.