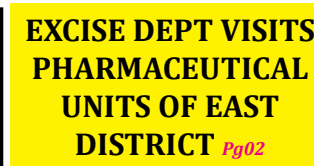




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Pakyong airport is now open for business!

DAILY FLIGHTS TO KOLKATA BEGIN, TO GUWAHATI FROM MID-OCT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT [IPR]: Spice Jet's Bombardier Q400 carrying 74 people from Kolkata landed at Pakyong Greenfield Airport in East Sikkim this afternoon.

"A new avenue for transport

has been opened up for the common man. This means travel and commuting for the Sikkimese people will not only be less time consuming but it will be convenient as well. However, what we must not forget is that it also means there are more responsibilities and roles to play for everyone.

Therefore, like the Chief Minister often cites that we should develop a sense of ownership.

I would like to state the same and encourage everyone to participate in every aspect toward making the Pakyong Airport an applaud-worthy airport," said Minister for Public Works [Building & Housing] and Transport Departments, DT Lepcha.

Chief Secretary, AK Srivastava, expressed his happiness and said, "A chain of historic milestones have led to this mo-

mentous moment and it is with complete confidence I believe, that the direct impact of tourism will accelerate the economic development leading to broadening of outlook and supplying surplus scope for reselling and rebranding tourism."

The flights will fly on daily basis to Kolkata from today and from mid-Oct daily to Guwahati as well. [pic: Sandeep Prashad]

Int'l conference brings together monastic scholars and scientists to discuss Observation and Reality

GANGTOK, 04 OCT [IPR]:

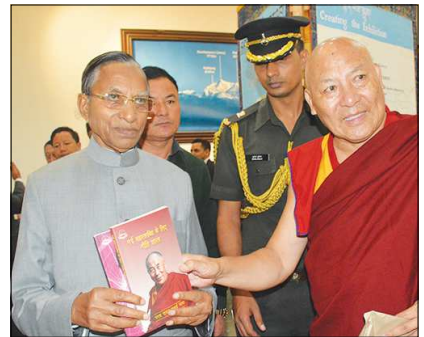
A three-day international conference on Observation and Reality [Cosmology & Consciousness] was inaugurated by Governor Ganga Prasad, who is also the president of Namgyal Institute of Tibetology [NIT], at Chintan Bhawan here today.

The conference is being jointly organized by the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives [LTWA], Dharmasala, and NIT, Gangtok.

LTWA Director, Geshe Thabkhe, Professor Theodore Hodapp, Anil Ananthaswamy, Ven Khenpo Chowang, Dr Areeya Chantarsi, Prof Ian Durham and Prof Howard Wiseman are present as resource persons for the conference.

The main aim of the programme is to bring together international scientists in dialogue with 30 Buddhist monastic scholars.

The conference was connected to a four-week



workshop that trained 30 monastic scholars in a first-time introductory science course held from 03-28 Sept, 2018.

During the workshop, the monastic scholars, representing different Buddhist traditions and monasteries within Sikkim, will also be participating in the conference panel discussions and question & answer sessions.

While addressing the international conference on Observation and Reality [Cosmology & Consciousness], the Gover-

nor expressed his delight to be a part of such an informative and educational programme.

Being the president of the organization, he extended gratitude towards LTWA and NIT for organizing such a workshop on science and consciousness.

"It is my pleasure to meet all of you on the occasion of the inauguration of the conference on science, consciousness observation and reality. I am happy to see that scholars and scientist

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SCWA delegation visits NCSC to follow-up on quota reduction complaint

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

A high level delegation of Singtam Scheduled Caste Welfare Association visited the National Commission for Scheduled Castes in New Delhi to follow up on the notice served by the NCSC regional office, Kolkata, on reduction of SC job reservation quota in Sikkim. During the visit, it was learnt that the Government of Sikkim has failed to reply to the notice sent by NCSC, Kolkata, a press release informs.

Following the same, the National Commission has served a fresh notice to Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim asking for a reply within 15 days, failing which the Commission will immediately initiate a hearing on the issue.



Chamling bats for ban on use of chemical fertilizers

DEHRADUN, 4 OCT (IPR): "Today I urged all state governments to ban use of chemical fertilizers and requested the on-going Congress to adopt similar resolution calling upon every other state in the Country to follow organic farming practices by effectively banning use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides as a very bold yet appropriate

policy intervention to save this earth from ultimate devastation". The Chief Minister Pawan Chamling said while addressing the Congress after inaugurating the International Biodiversity Congress as Chief Guest here at the Forest Research Institute in Dehradun amidst impressive gathering of organic practitioners and activists who had gathered for the 3-day

Biodiversity Congress from all over the world.

The Chief Minister highlighted that an alarming 28% decline of global biodiversity has been recorded for the year 2012, compared to year 1970 and said that un-sustainable exploitation of natural resources, rampant development, expanding urbanization and

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Former opposition youth leaders endorse SDF leadership after switching over

SAGAR CHHETRI

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

A group of youth leaders from different opposition parties who recently joined the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front has asserted that the leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling is right for Sikkim and its people. They stated that SDF is for the youth and has provided a wide platform to them to work for the development of Sikkim.

Bhanu Pratap Rasaily, who contested 2014 election from Zoom-Salghari from SKM, Ar-

thur Targain, Peter Chhetri, Bhusan Allay, Puran Allay, Karma Tenpa, Kalzang Sherpa and Rueben Subba have recently joined SDF. Among them, Bhanu Pratap has been appointed as secretary [youth organisation] and Arthur Targain has been appointed as the secretary of district working committee [East].

Addressing a press conference here today, Mr Rasaily said, "We came into politics to work for Sikkim and its people and we were in the opposition for around nine years. But being in the oppo-

sition we could not fulfil the desire and aspirations of the people and we lost our faith in SKM leadership due to difference in thoughts."

He added that their decision to join SDF was based on the successful leadership of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling. Mr Rasaily urged the youth of Sikkim to work together in unity in the interest of Sikkim and its people.

"If are divided it is the loss of Sikkim so it is very important for youth to work together in the interest of

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Former opposition...

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Sikkim," he said.

He added that SKM's lack of direction and leadership prompted them to leave the party and join SDF.

"When we met the CM we got positive vibes from him and found that we had been speaking against him blindly without any reason. He is the right leadership for Sikkim and its people," he said.

Responding to media queries, Mr Targain said, "We left SKM due to differences in thoughts and working. We will now work on the programmes and policies of SDF under the leadership of Pawan Chamling."

Int'l conference brings together monastic....

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from India and abroad have come together to discuss such topics and this observation and reality will be very much beneficial for all participants and supervisors," the Governor said.

He said that finding reality has become an important part of both philosophy and science to solve various problems of life. Stating that it is a matter of happiness that 30 senior Buddhist monks of

Darjeeling and Sikkim have gone through the subject of science, he added that it is a matter of pride for Sikkim to conduct such conference and hoped that it will be useful to students, academician, scholars and the general public.

The Governor stated that the capacity of the human brain is unlimited and to understand the many elements of this entire universe along with science and spiritual knowledge is absolutely essential. This knowledge is used for human well-being and for the upliftment of humanity, he added.

He expressed hope that the workshop will prove useful to the young researchers and common students while welcoming all the participants from outside the State and wished them a memorable stay in Sikkim.

Earlier, the LTWA Director, in his keynote address, spoke about Cosmology and Consciousness VII - Philosophy and Physics and said that it is a conference that convenes Buddhist scholars, Western and Indian scientists in a three-day dialogue to promote the integration of spiritual values and scientific investigations. It also supports new learning at the frontiers of Science and Buddhism, he added.

"This cross-cultural exchange tackles on how the experimental evidence of modern physics intersects with Buddhist conceptions of causations, the observer, and how the act of observation influences our measurements in nature. The monastic scholars and scientist alike, both steward traditions that strongly encourages dialogue and the open exchange of ideas," he stated.

Excise Dept visits pharmaceutical units of East district



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

A team of officers of Excise [Abk] Department, on 03 Oct, visited STP Pharmaceutical Ltd [Sangkhola], Cipla [Rorathang], Golden Cross [Rorathang] and some of other pharmaceutical units that use absolute alcohol in their medicinal preparation.

The inspection team, headed by Secretary-cum-Commissioner, Excise Department included the Additional Secretary, Deputy Commissioner [Field] and

Inspector, a press release informs.

The team also inspected FL Retail/ FL Bar shops along the highway in order to verify whether the court directives were being complied with.

Additionally, the chemical laboratory of Excise Department at Chanatar in Rangpo was also visited for discussions on maintenance and upkeep of the lab.

The team also visited Mayell& Fraser [P] Ltd, an alcohol-manufacturing unit at Bageykhola.

Preps completed for bye-elections at Ferek Milling and Orange Village wards

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

All preparations have been completed for the upcoming bye-elections at two Wards in West Sikkim - Ferek Milling Ward of Karmatar Gitang GPU and Orange Village Ward of Siktam Tikpur GPU.

The first level checking followed by commissioning of EVM has been done in the presence of members of political parties and the contesting candidates, a press release informs.

Further, trainings have been imparted to polling party today at the District Administrative Centre in Gyalshing.

On 05 Oct, polling parties will collect polling materials from DAC and leave for polling stations. Sector Magistrates, Observer and Sector Police Officers have been appointed for peaceful conduct of poll to



be held on 06 Oct. The counting will be held on 08 Oct at 8 am at

DAC Gyalshing.

All necessary instructions

have been given to the candidates, officials inform.

NSYS demands Employment Guarantee Act for Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 03 OCT:

A newly-formed organisation, Naya Sikkim Yuva Sangh [NSYS], has demanded the State Government prepare an 'Employment Guarantee Act' in the interest of unemployed youth of the State. The organisation has alleged that the schemes and programmes of the government for unemployed youth have not been reaching genuine beneficiaries.

Addressing a press conference here today, NSYS president, Hemant Basnet, claimed that no political party in the State has spoken genuinely for the unemployed youth of the State. He stated that political parties here have always been speaking only for government employees but never for the unemployed youth of the State.

He alleged favouritism in the distribution of schemes and programmes. In some instances, same person received government benefits multiple times while

some genuine ones have been deprived every single time, he said.

Mr Basnet asserted that an 'Employment Guarantee Act' was the only solution to provide justice to unemployed youth of the State. He alleged that the trainers at capacity building programmes of the government were also not competent enough.

On the same, he stated that these training programmes should provide competent multinational companies to ensure job reservation for youth within and outside the country after the training.

He also stated that the enhanced taxes on garbage, health and others have been affecting small businesses being run by local youth.

Mr Basnet informed that the organisation will hold a state-level meeting within this month and said that NSYS also has plans to take out a rally to pressurize the government to draft the 'Employment Guarantee Act'.

Action plan readied for disaster mngt mock exercise in South district

NAMCHI, 04 OCT [IPR]:

District Disaster Management Authority [DDMA] conducted preparedness meeting cum orientation programme on Action Plan for the upcoming Multi-State Level Mock Exercise scheduled for 10 Oct at the conference hall of District Administrative Centre in Namchi, South Sikkim today.

The meeting had the presence of District Collector [South] cum Chairperson [DDMA], Prabhakar Verma, Additional District Collector [South], Satyen Pradhan, Sub Divisional Magistrate [Headquarter], Hemant Rai, ADC [Development], Milan Subba, alongside SDMs, BDOs, NGO representatives, police and fire personnel and stakeholders from the district.

District Collector [South], Mr Verma, chaired the meeting wherein he briefed the gathering about the upcoming mock exercise. He stated that the entire exercise will be conducted under the principle of Incident Response System [IRS] which enumerates the immediate tasks that



need to be performed once a disaster strikes.

He also spelled out the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders and line departments for the mock exercise and gave comprehensive directions to the officials for the efficacy and efficiency of the programme. In addition, he also stated that this exercise will aid the district to be well equipped to tackle future disasters.

Training Officer, Abishek Kharel, also addressed the meeting where he elucidated the objective of the programme and informed that the mock exercise will simulate a scenario of a massive earthquake in the Northeast which has caused massive devastation.

He also informed

that the DDMA has prepared seven scenarios in various location points across Namchi, Damthang and Ravangla. Concerned departments along with volunteers have been assigned specific roles to be performed during the mock scenario, he added.

He also urged the participation of NGOs for making the exercise successful in the district. He also reiterated the purpose of the exercise to sensitise and create awareness among public about earthquake induced disaster.

It may be informed here, National Disaster Management Authority [NDMA] in collaboration with DDMA is conducting mock exercise in all four districts of Sikkim on 10 Oct.

SKM CWC meet passes nine proposals

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

The central working committee of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha met here at Chokasum hall on Wednesday, which was attended by the party president, PS Tamang [Golay], and other senior leaders and workers of the party. During the meeting, in-charges of all frontal organisations of the party presented their annual reports and the meeting unanimously passed nine proposals.

The release mentions that the meeting passed the proposals to present thanks giving to the Prime Minister, seat reservation for Limboo and Tamang in the State Assembly, tribal status to

left out eleven communities of Sikkim, restoration of Nepali seats in the State Assembly, full protection to the rights of the Bhutias and Lepchas, high level investigation on all political murders since 1994 in Sikkim, CBI enquiry on corruption in Sikkim, protection to business community of Sikkim and reconstitution of the party organisation and responsibilities to new members.

The release informs that proposals were placed by the party spokesperson, Jacob Khaling, and supported by the general secretary, Arun Uprety.

The release further informs that the around 12-hour long CWC meeting saw interaction and discussion on various issues.



GPU-level prog on organic farming & ICS activities held at Riwa Machong

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 04 OCT;

International Panaacea Limited organized a GPU-level programme on organic farming and Internal Control System activities at Riwa Machong Gram Panchayat Unit in East Sikkim today, a press release informs.

In-charge of IPL and staff demonstrated preparation of Bija-amrit which is an effective local formulation prepared for seed treatment through organic methods. Farmer Identification Cards were also distributed to farmers of the GPU during the programme.

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shrinking natural ecosystems, worldwide is a worrying trend and therefore protection of biodiversity is a universal and urgent issue.

The Chief Minister also recounted some of the environmental initiatives undertaken by the Sikkim Government successfully building a development model which is eco-friendly and suited to the needs of the state. He further said that majority of conservation initiatives and the United Nation's defined Sustainable Development Goals for

the year 2015-2030 have many similarities and said that Sikkim is well on the way to achieving many of the SDGs goals already, such as ending poverty and hunger, providing quality education and health services, promoting gender equity and reducing inequalities.

Earlier, Chairman International Diversity Congress and Founder Navdanya, Dr Vandana Shiva spoke about the rare contribution made by the Chief Minister saying that the Chief Minister has been always

there for biodiversity and ecology- a very positive sign for the future.

The meeting was also addressed by Shri Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary and Special Envoy on Climate Change, Dr. Savita, Director Forest Research Institute & Co-chair, IBC, Dr. Rakesh Shah, Chairman Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board, Dr. S.C. Gairola, Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun. Message from Union Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu was also relayed through recorded video.

Gangtok on Friday, 05 Oct

Temp: 25°C/11°C

Forecast: Sun and clouds; a morning thundershower in parts of the area, then a couple of thundershowers.

Sunrise: 05:30 AM

Sunset: 5:18 PM



SMIT senior lecturer Noorjahan Khatoon to be awarded PhD degree

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

Sikkim scholar, Noorjahan Khatoon, a research scholar at the Department of Computer Science & Engineering [CSE] at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology [SMIT], successfully defended her PhD thesis on 19 Sept.

A press release issued by Sikkim Manipal University informs that Ms Khatoon did her research under the supervision of former Associate Director [Academics], SMIT, Professor [Dr] MK Ghose.

The title of her thesis is "Multimodal Biometrics Using Face, Iris and Conjunctival Vasculature". She has been recommended for award of degree by the Board of Examiners of SMU. The Doctor of Philosophy will be awarded to her during the forthcoming convocation of the university.

As part of her research work, Ms Khatoon worked on feature extraction, fusion and feature subset selection from the biometric traits pertaining to face, iris and conjunctival vasculature for multimodal biometrics.

She is currently working as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of General Science & Computer Engineering in Advanced Technical Training Center [ATTC], Bardang, East Sikkim.

Born to Safir Ahmed and Sarifan Begum of Gangtok, East Sikkim, Ms Khatoon did her schooling from Paljor Namgyal Girls Senior Secondary School and completed her Masters in Computer Application from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

State preps for multi-State mock exercise on disaster management

GANGTOK, 04 OCT [IPR]: District Disaster Management Authority organized presentation session on 'Multi-State Mock Exercise on Earthquake Disaster' at the Conference Hall of District Collector's office in Gangtok today in the presence of DDMA Chairperson cum DC East, Kapil Meena, Superintendent of Police, East, Additional DC, East, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Rangpo and representatives from Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, National Disaster Response Force, State Disaster Response Force, NHPC, private companies and all line departments involved.

The meeting was held to brief all the representatives present for the upcoming multi-State level mock exercise on earthquake disaster by National Disaster Management Authority which is simultaneously scheduled to be held in all the districts of the State and hill districts of West Ben-



gal on 10 Oct, 2018.

A comprehensive mock exercise on earthquake scenario will be stimulated whereby a magnitude of 8.7 RS earthquake with intensity 8-9 MSK at 11:15 IST on 10 Oct at Shillong, Meghalaya will be staged. The reports of damage will be received by the SDM, Rangpo and all the mechanisms of the State will be put into action thereafter.

Various possible scenarios at different places will be staged like

building collapse, fire accident, blockages of roads, hospital preparedness, evacuations, relief camps, communication lines and setting up of control rooms. A staging area will also be set up for pooling of all resources as per Disaster Management Rules.

The DC East instructed all to take this mock exercise seriously as earthquakes are nature hazards that come with zero warnings so preparedness of any unfortunate incidents is very

important. He asked for cooperation from all the line departments and suggested noting the Real Time Response so that the district can take better measures in case of any emergency. He said that all the mechanisms are in place and they will be sent to the spot as per the requirement of their expertise under the direction of Incident Commander.

The DPO, East, Sonam W Lepcha, went through the step-by step-process of the whole exercise and

briefed everyone present about their roles and responsibilities. He said that the exercise is being carried out to sensitize and create awareness and is undertaken purely on mock basis. He further informed that there is no apprehension of danger or panic due to the activity as all necessary measures of public safety has been undertaken.

Along with the mock exercise, an awareness rally by students is also planned to be organized on the same day.

Rose Valley Ponzi scam: ED attaches Rs 130 cr assets

NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI): The Enforcement Directorate Thursday attached assets worth Rs 130 crore in connection with its money laundering probe in the Rose Valley ponzi scam case, officials said.

The agency said it has issued a provisional order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), attaching immovable and movable properties having a collective "market value" of Rs 130 crore.

With the latest action, the total value of assets seized in this case stands at about Rs 4,400 crore, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) said in a statement.

The agency had registered an FIR against the firm, its Chairman

Gautam Kundu and others in 2014 under the PMLA. Kundu was arrested by the agency in Kolkata in 2015. At present, he is in judicial custody.

Multiple charge sheets have been filed in the courts in Kolkata and Bhubaneswar by the ED in this case.

The group had allegedly floated a total of 27 companies for running the alleged chit fund operations out of which only half-a-dozen were active.

The agency has alleged that the firm had floated the scheme promising inflated returns on investments between eight and 27 per cent to gullible investors in various states.

The company had allegedly pledged astronomical returns to depositors on land properties and assets and bookings done in the real estate sector.

The company has also been accused of making "cross investments" in its various sister firms to suppress its liabilities towards investors.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) had probed the company before the ED and the CBI registered cases against the group.

The ED has pegged the total volume of the alleged irregularities at Rs 15,000 crore, including interest and penalties.

MYM Gangtok felicitates Gangtok Beautifiers

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 03 OCT:

Marwari Yuva Manch, Gangtok branch, felicitated 14 Gangtok Beautifiers working under Gangtok Municipal Corporation on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti here on 02 Oct.

MYM Gangtok City president, Ajay Periwal, informed that the organisation decided to recognise and respect the hard work and contributions of Gangtok Beautifiers in keeping the city neat and clean.

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Laxmi & Rajveer adjudged Star Face of the Month

SANDEEP PRASAD GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

The valedictory function of "Star Face of the Month", a social media event organized by a group of youth hailing from Gangtok who go by the name "Yes I'm Bihari & I'm Proud of It" on Facebook, was held in a grand manner at Hotel Golden Pagoda in the capital today.

The programme was attended by Central Committee member of Sikkim Bihari Jagran Manch [SBJM], Birendra Prasad, as chief guest accompanied by SBJM president [MG Marg branch], Prem Gupta, as guest of honour along with president of International Human Rights & Crime Control

Organization, Sikkim, Jitendra Byahut.

Prizes were distributed to the winners of the event under male and female categories. Laxmi Giri from Singtam was adjudged winner of the competition in female category while Rajveer Byahut from Gangtok was adjudged winner in the male category.

It may be mentioned here, the winners of the 'Star Face of the Month' were selected based on the number of likes that the contestants received on their photographs on Facebook page of Yes I'm Bihari & I'm Proud of It. The group will be holding the similar event for kids in the month of Nov this year.

Mass cleanliness drive by FCS&CA Deptt

GANGTOK, 03 OCT (IPR): With the aim of accomplishing the vision of a clean India under the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department carried out a mass cleanliness drive at Secretariat Annexe-I here today.

The cleanliness drive was led by Commissioner-cum-Secretary, FCS&CA, SK Shilal, accompanied by officers of the department.

The cleanliness drive commenced at 10 AM and concluded at 2:30 pm. The initiative was supported by the Gangtok Municipal Corporation.

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ADB sanctions USD 180 million to improve Nepal's major highway

KATHMANDU, OCT 4 (PTI): The Asian Development Bank has sanctioned a soft loan of USD 180 million for the upgradation of Nepal's 1,000 km-long East-West Highway, the main domestic and international trade route in country's Southern plain bordering India.

Landlocked Nepal's road network, which includes eight north-south and three east-west corridors, carries more than 90 per cent of the passengers and goods in the country.

The project will improve and rehabilitate about 87 kms between Kanchanpur and Kamala on the East-West Highway, and will upgrade the highway section to a four-lane dual carriageway to cater to the projected increase of traffic demand, including a new road surface and drainage, the ADB said in a statement here.

"The highway's road surface-Nepal's busiest route-is in fair to poor condition and does not segregate oncoming traffic or slow-moving vehicles and pedestrians," said ADB staff Johan Georget, who looks after the transport sector.

The project road carries an average of 8,600 vehicles daily, with more than a quarter of them heavy vehicles, according to an estimate. The average is ex-

pected to grow to 25,400 vehicles per day by 2033.

According to the ADB, improvement of the road will boost the efficiency of Nepal's transport system.

"Improving the road will boost the efficiency of Nepal's transport system, strengthen national and regional connectivity to promote growth and trade, and improve road safety," he said.

The project will also finance civil works and equipment packages to improve road safety along the entire 1,027 km of the East West Highway, and support road safety campaigns.

The construction is expected to start in the first quarter of 2019 and will be completed in 2022.

The total project cost stands at USD 256.4 million, of which the government will provide USD 76.4 million.

The loan will also finance preparation of detailed designs for future road projects along the corridor.

The ADB will also provide technical assistance grant of USD 750,000 to help prepare a national road safety policy and action plan, strengthen the road safety council, carry out a road safety assessment of the corridor, and promote gender equality measures in the transport sector.

ANTHYESTHI KRIYA



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

Bal Kumar Chettri (son) Bikash Chettri (grandson) OP Chettri (grandson) and all family members.

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MISSING MISSING



Name: Mukti Psd Giri (RAM)

Age: 17 yrs

Address: Melli Bazar, South Sikkim.

Last seen: Salugara, Siliguri, West Bengal, India, on 3.09.2018 around 1:30PM.


Missing since: 28.08.2018 around 4:30pm from Melli, Sikkim.

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Physical: Thin and tall.

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

Reconciliation, Not Recrimination

See past the false narratives and open uncomfortable conversations

A communal divide is the easiest to cleave and the hardest to bridge. We live in a country which has still not repaired the damage caused by the Partition Riots of 1947 and remain infiltrated by agent provocateurs at all levels who are resolute in their mission to paint monsters and fan paranoia, keeping people on edge and distrusting. These are people, leaders and groups perennially suspicious of the other and fearful of losing their privileges even as they imagine slights and denials. They live in a world of imagined persecution even as they project nefarious intentions on others and then marshal the scared and the fearful into pliant foot soldiers carrying forward their insular agendas. It is usually easy to see through their conspiracies and call them out, but the world is now becoming increasingly segregated, whispering fears in their respective echo chambers and consuming information filtered to suit their world view. Now, with elections circling around, expect these efforts to become more frenetic.

The diversity of opinions and analysis necessary to “understand” issues will now be increasingly sacrificed at the altar of selective information and pre-packaged explanations. Some years ago, this misdirection was seen in the political and communal uproar over botched Census figures which accorded the nation's Muslims an astronomically high rate of growth. Although it was almost immediately clarified that the Census officials had announced the figures based on wrong calculations, the data, even though wrong, suited the false narratives of the alt-Right in our country and remained in circulation. Unfortunately, technology, which was once expected to deliver as a tool to dispel falsehoods and “fake news”, has ended up reinforcing these problems. It is now widely accepted that technology, like power and money, takes what is already inside you and amplifies it. As a result, the resentful and the easily scared become even more so when they play in the world wide web. Of course, the same is true for the liberal and the tolerant as well, but the problem is that each side ends up becoming more convinced of their respective positions because they end up preaching among the converted instead of bridging the divide.

We already live with stories of the horror created by divisions on religious and communal lines and still allow ourselves to be drawn in the same direction. This cannot be healthy. And the collective health suffers even more when technology is boosted by power because then begins the mission to homogenise a remarkably diverse people and force independent thought to conform to a narrow ideology. Take for instance the beef ban which continues to obsess some leaders and although not making headlines, has not been exorcised yet and swims under the surface still. As per data collected by the National Sample Survey Office, around 80 million people in our country eat beef. This number, believed to be under-reported, suggests that one in every 13 Indian is a beef eater. What needs to also be borne in mind that of the remaining 12, not everyone has a problem with others eating beef even if they don't do so themselves. Most of the beef eaters are Muslims, Scheduled Tribes, OBC and Scheduled Caste. Now, reflect this against the anti-reservation, “anti-appeasement” belligerence and false narratives that have been hammered by a certain group, and the real targets of the Gau-Raksha drama becomes obvious. It thus becomes important for us, as free citizens of a free country, to challenge claims more often and demand better explanations.

There are several issues kept alive in Sikkim as well by those who want to tap into the inherent parochial nature of the people to whip up fear and suspicion in hopes of creating a situation where people start believing every conspiracy theory that is peddled to them. This provides these agent provocateurs with a weapon that can be deployed at will to earn them the political clout and mileage that they crave. The people, however should know better. History shows that many crises have been the results of lack of simple reconciliation between parties. The parties involved will never come to the discussion table because their very existence in the public mindset is threatened if touchy issues are resolved and there are no enemies left to protect against. We use the word “resolved” not solved. Issues which threaten the social fabric cannot be solved by a third party, they have to be resolved by the parties involved so that there are no lingering hard feelings which would bring us back to square one. The approach has to be one of reconciliation, not recrimination, and for that we need to have difficult and uncomfortable conversations with those who do not think like us or believe in what we do. Simply put, to move ahead, we need to step outside our segregated circles.

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Aung San Suu Kyi's extraordinary fall from grace

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Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's civilian leader and de facto president, is under fire from all sides. Domestically, she is facing growing criticism for stalled economic and political reforms, glacial progress on policy and service improvements, and the suppression of freedom of expression and press freedom.

But it is her international reputation that is most in tatters.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate, imprisoned for 15 years over a 21-year period in her struggle for human rights and democracy, has suffered a swift and dramatic fall from grace as a global icon. She is now widely seen as an enabler of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

In just the last few days, Canada stripped Suu Kyi of her honorary citizenship and the Malaysian prime minister stated publicly that she has lost his support.

As the Brussels-based International Crisis Group put it recently:

“Rarely has the reputation of a leader fallen so far, so fast.”

FAILURES OF SUU KYI'S GOVERNMENT

Suu Kyi has been the subject of much criticism since taking power 2½ years ago, but the most recent and vociferous condemnation has centred on two events: the jailing of two Reuters journalists who exposed a massacre of Rohingya civilians by the military, and her government's failure to respond to international investigations into allegations of ethnic cleansing and genocide.

In September, the two Reuters journalists were convicted of possessing official secrets, despite testimony by a policeman that they had been entrapped.

The journalists had reported on a 2017 massacre of Rohingya Muslims by security forces, which resulted in the eventual conviction of seven soldiers for murder.

It is notable that it was Suu Kyi's civilian government that prosecuted the journalists, not the military. Suu Kyi could have ordered the charges dropped, as she did for student protesters during her early days in office. Instead, before the trial was over, she commented that the reporters were guilty of violating the Official Secrets Act, and once even allegedly referred to them as “traitors”.

The second great disappointment has been the government's response to the UN Human Rights Council's report into the violence that drove almost 700,000 Rohingya Muslims to flee to Bangladesh last year.

The report, released in full in September, found

conclusive evidence that security forces had indeed engaged in mass killings and gang rapes of Rohingya, with genocidal intent. It went on to accuse Suu Kyi and her government of contributing to the atrocities through “acts and omissions”.

The HRC recommended the UN Security Council refer the Myanmar commander-in-chief and five generals to the International Criminal Court (ICC). The UN Human Rights Council also set up a body to prepare evidence for trials.

Rather than pledge to cooperate with the investigation, however, Suu Kyi has consistently defended the military action against the Rohingya and repeatedly pointed to a lack of understanding of the complexities of the situation.

Her only concession to the increasing international condemnation of her government has been this muted statement:

“There are, of course, ways in which, with hindsight, we might think that the situation could have been handled better.”

LIMITATIONS ON SUU KYI'S POWER

The military remains a very powerful force in Myanmar. It has the power to appoint its own personnel to a quarter of the seats in parliament and oversees the three powerful ministries of Home Affairs, Defence and Border Affairs.

The government has no power to hold the military accountable for actions against the Rohingya. Suu Kyi is therefore in a very weak position.

She has nonetheless gone out of her way to not just defend the military, but praise it. In Singapore last month, she made headlines when she declared that the three generals in her cabinet were “rather sweet”.

Suu Kyi has stressed that her government's aim of removing the military from politics would eventually be achieved through negotiation, keeping in mind the need for national reconciliation. However, her dream of constitutional reform depends entirely on military approval.

This would appear to inhibit any ability for her to censure the military. She also has no means to compel the military to cooperate with international investigators.



A PATH TO REDEMPTION

Suu Kyi still has considerable moral authority within Myanmar, and the military is still widely unpopular. Thus, despite the severe limitations on her power, she does have other options to lead effectively on issues like human rights, the Rohingya and press freedom.

Suu Kyi and her government should start by recommitting themselves to a belief in universal human rights. She should also express empathy with the victims of the atrocities in Rakhine state, which may begin to shift popular

opinion against the actions of the military and engender more public sympathy for the Rohingya.

Further, Suu Kyi needs to pledge full cooperation with the ICC investigation into the serious allegations of ethnic cleansing and genocide, and call for a genuinely independent domestic inquiry to pave the way towards true reconciliation.

Suu Kyi may not be able to compel military cooperation with the ICC investigation, or even unfettered access to the country for investigators. But drawing on her moral authority could go a long way to help. She could pave the way for visas and travel approval, for instance, both of which were denied to investigators by her government.

Finally, the government must develop robust, urgent repatriation plans for the Rohingya – in cooperation with Bangladesh and the UN – that guarantee their security, human rights, a pathway to full citizenship and an end to segregation in Rakhine. They need a plan for inclusive development policies in the state, and to restore both media freedoms and humanitarian access to the region.

The opportunity for such moral leadership is quickly evaporating.

Suu Kyi and her government were elected by a landslide in 2015, winning about 80% of seats up for election. Polling released last week showed that only about half those surveyed believe the rights of people have improved in the 2½ years that she has been in power and less than half the population feel there has been any political or economic improvement.

There have also been increasing complaints about the performance of the government.

With her support eroding both home and abroad, Suu Kyi appears to have a limited window to adequately address the Rohingya crisis and regain her moral authority. Otherwise, Myanmar risks slipping back into isolation and again becoming a pariah state.

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Responding Lombok and Donggala-Palu earthquakes: Lessons from public initiatives in Semarang

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Situated in the Pacific Ring of Fire, Indonesia is prone to earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis and floods. But despite being constantly at risk of various catastrophic natural events, Indonesia's disaster management is still poor. This is mainly triggered by a lack of coordination between government agencies. In disaster-prone Indonesia, this kind of bureaucratic mishap takes its toll on victims and prevents them from getting help.

Last month, a lack of coordination from local governments disrupted the distribution of aids and logistics for the victims of earthquakes in North Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara.

The latest series of earthquakes that rattled Central Sulawesi and killed thousands are a reminder on the importance of effective disaster management.

Our recent research on disaster management in Semarang, Central Java, showed that effective disaster management is possible with the support of the public.

SEMARANG'S SITUATION

Having the longest coastline in the world, Indonesia is prone to tidal flooding, and cities in the northern coast of Java have been severely impacted. A 2007 study by Muhammad Arif Marfa'i of Gadjah Mada University



shows that tidal flooding in Semarang is more intensive and destructive compared to other cities in the northern coast of Java, such as Pekalongan.

The flood has disturbed various social and economic activities. One sub-district in Semarang has suffered a loss of Rp 7 billion annually since 2016.

Following the 2004 tsunami in Aceh, Indonesia has established local agencies to handle natural disasters. In 2008, Central Java provincial administration established disaster management offices at provincial and municipal level.

However, our interviews and focus group discussions between April and July 2018 with the related agencies in Central Java showed a lack of coordination between these local government bodies.

For example, the local agencies differ in interpreting tidal flooding as a disaster. This leads to a slow response in handling the aftermath of

tidal floodings.

The disagreement also represents tension between the provincial government and the municipality. It seems that the provincial government, with its budgeting constraints, intends to pass the responsibility to the Semarang municipality. Meanwhile, the city administration demand more supports from the Central Java government.

THE POLITICS OF DISASTER

Our interviews with the Center for Coastal Rehabilitation and Disaster Mitigation Studies (CoREM) at Diponegoro University in Semarang, Indonesian Journalists Association and a local newspaper, Tribun Jateng, showed that local politicians did not really care about tidal flooding.

Most political candidates visited the flooded areas only to sell promises. Once elected, they suffer no political consequences even though they fail to keep their promises in tackling coastal flood. Issues on disaster are

not influential enough to sway votes.

CIVIL SOCIETY SAVES THE DAY

Until the government improves its disaster management, the solution may come from the public.

Our research in Semarang shows how public's initiatives responding to tidal flooding can provide solutions to problems arising from the local governments' lack of coordination in disaster management.

Local civil society organisations have carried out projects to prevent the

floods from getting worse. Non-profit institutions such as Kasemat and Ikamat have voluntarily planted mangroves to reduce damage caused by floods and tides on coastal areas.

Meanwhile, young people have joined Lentera Pasir to voluntarily work in educating children living in Tambak Lorok, an area affected by the floods.

Young startup entrepreneurs called Barcode help CoREM in developing a mobile phone application called Rob Calendar (Rob is a Javanese word refers to tidal flooding). The application can warn people living in Semarang coastal area if the disaster is coming. This application can be downloaded for free at Google Playstore.

These initiatives are possible due to support from local media institutions. Local media in Semarang such as Suara Merdeka and Tribun Jateng

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Assam: Man gets death penalty for rape-murder of minor girl

HAILAKANDI (ASSAM), OCT 4 (PTI): A local court here on Thursday awarded death penalty to a man for the rape and murder of a 13-year-old tribal girl.

District and Sessions Judge Debasish Bhat-tacharjee announced the quantum of punishment days after he convicted Jashimuddin Borbhuyian in the case.

Borbhuyian was held guilty on Monday under sections 376 (rape) and 302 (murder) of the IPC read with section 4 of PCO Act.

The incident took place on March 14 this year.

On the fateful day, the victim was alone at her residence in Hailakandi district's Betcherra Purabshree village along the Assam-Mizoram border.

A case was filed by the girl's parents at the Jamira police station, following which the accused was nabbed on March 16 and the murder weapon, a matchete, recovered, police said.

The incident led to public outrage and rallies and protest marches were held to demand stringent punishment for the perpetrator.

Bangladesh seeks revival of silk industry

RAJSHAHI, OCT 4 (AFP): Bangladesh's silk industry is one of the oldest in the world, with farmers in the northwestern border district of Rajshahi producing some of the most sought-after silk yarns.

They specialise in high-quality mulberry silk—widely known as Bengal or Rajshahi silk -- produced by the larvae of moths fed on fresh mulberry leaves and used for luxurious items of clothing.

After around 40 days, the worms start to form cocoons -- by spitting out saliva around their bodies -- which are then placed in bamboo frames before being harvested.

The cocoons are then boiled in hot water, killing the worm inside and separating the ultra-thin threads, which are coiled on huge bobbins and hung out to dry.

"Each cocoon contains around 500 metres (1,600



feet) of thin thread," said Akhi Akter, a supervisor at the Sopura silk factory, one of the country's key silk producers.

The dried threads are sent to a mill where workers join several threads together and put them onto looms to make

cloth.

This material is then boiled, washed and waxed before being sent to tailors to make mostly sarees, tunics and "dupattas", a kind of shawl-cum-scarf.

Bangladesh's silk industry was hit hard in the 1990s and

2000s by what officials called faulty government policy which flooded the market with cheap Chinese silk imports.

But now the country has initiated a multi-million-dollar plan to revitalise the industry and create hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

"Sericulture has a huge prospect if we could nurture it properly," Abdul Hakim, the head of the country's Silk Development Board, told AFP.

He said the number of silk farmers has plummeted to around 2,000 from 10,000 only a few years ago.

"Our plan is to bring in Chinese experts and train our farmers. It will increase our silk production," he said.

With the booming of the Bangladesh economy -- it grew over 7.5 percent last year -- demand for Rajshahi silk has increased several fold, Akter said.

An average quality Rajshahi silk saree now sells for some 100 and premium silk items can go for over 250 in the local market.

"There is a huge potential export market for our silk," she said.

"We just need to do it right."



Groundwater of 24 Assam districts arsenic contaminated

GUWAHATI, OCT 4 (PTI): The groundwater of 24 districts of Assam has been contaminated by arsenic, while that in 13 districts affected by fluoride, the state assembly was informed on Thursday. Assam has 33 districts.

Replying to a query by AGP MLA Ramendra Narayan Kalita during Question Hour, Public Health Engineering Minister Rihon Daimary said groundwater in 6,881 areas of 24 districts are contaminated by arsenic.

Fluoride has also been found across 930 areas in 13 districts, he added.

The government has established 227 and 40 schemes for arsenic and fluoride free water respectively at various locations, Daimary said.

"The Centre has also approved 122 schemes for arsenic free water in the state. But we have not been able to implement these as we have not got land for them. I request all the MLAs to help us in acquiring land for this purpose," he added.

Lapang appointed chief adviser to Meghalaya govt

SHILLONG, OCT 4 (PTI): DD Lapang, who quit Congress, was Thursday appointed chief adviser to the NPP-led government in Meghalaya with perks and facilities as enjoyed by top political appointees in the state, an official said.

Lapang, a four-time chief minister who had been associated with the Congress for over four decades, had headed the party

in the state till December when its president asked him to hand over charge to younger leaders.

The planning department secretary Pravin Bakshi in a notification issued here said the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to appoint DD Lapang, former chief minister as chief adviser to the government of Meghalaya with perks and facilities under category A+.

Under the category various political appointees who are made chairmen of government bodies are entitled two grade IV staff in the office apart from other allowances as specified by the planning department.

Earlier, Leader of Opposition Mukul Sangma had met Lapang at his residence but failed to convince him to remain with the Congress.

In a rarity for Assamese film, 'Village Rockstars' to go into second week

GUWAHATI, OCT 4 (PTI): 'Village Rockstars', India's official entry to the Oscars, has had a "very successful run" since its release last Friday, and in a rare case for an Assamese film, would go into second week, the movie's distributor said on Thursday.

The film is scheduled to be released tomorrow in five major cities across the country -- Kolkata, Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Bengaluru, Pawan More of Kamakhya Films said.

"It is having a very successful run. Till yesterday, 'Village Rockstars' had grossed an estimated Rs 40 lakh. After a long time, an Assamese film has been commercially so successful," More told PTI.

'Village Rockstars' will be screened for the second week in 35 theatres across the state and this is a rarity for an Assamese film, he said.

The film's director-Producer Rima Das said she is overwhelmed by the people's response

to the film and hoped that they would continue to watch it in theatres.

"I am overwhelmed and speechless by the love Village Rockstars is receiving in Assam. I cannot thank the people enough and I would love to hear from all who have seen the film," she said in a tweet.

"Village Rockstars was a dream that I carried in my heart and I have no words to express the way people have also embraced it wholeheartedly," she added.

Govt slaps fresh ban on two insurgent groups of Tripura

NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI): The government has imposed a fresh ban on two insurgent groups in Tripura for their violent and subversive activities, which aim at establishment of an independent nation.

In a notification, the Home Ministry said the central government is of the opinion that the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and the All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) have been engaging in subversive and violent activities, undermining the authority of the government and spreading terror and violence among people for achieving their objectives.

The ministry said the NLFT and the ATTF have, as their professed aim, establishment of an independent nation by secession of Tripura from India through armed struggle in alliance with other armed secessionist organisations of Tripura and to incite indigenous people of Tripura for such secession.

"In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the central government hereby declares that the NLFT along with all its factions, wings and front organisations and the ATTF along with all its factions, wings and front organisations as unlawful associations," the notification said.

The rebel outfits in Tripura, formed in 1990 with the objective of "expulsion of all foreigners who

entered the state after 1956", were first banned in 1997. The fresh ban will continue for five more years, an official said.

The home ministry also said both the groups have been maintaining close nexus with other unlawful associations of North East with the aim of mobilising their support, in pursuance of their aims and objectives in recent past, engaging in violent and unlawful activities which are prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India.

The central government is also of the opinion that their violent and unlawful activities include, killing of civilians and personnel belonging to the police and security forces, extortion of funds from the public including businessmen and traders in Tripura, establishing and maintaining camps in neighbouring countries for the purpose of safe sanctuary, training, procurement of arms and ammunitions, etc.

"The central government is also of the opinion that the aforesaid activities of the NLFT and the ATTF are detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India and that they are unlawful associations," the notification said.

The central government is also of the opinion that if there is no immediate curb and control of the NLFT and the ATTF they will take the opportunity to mobilise

cadres for escalating secessionist, subversive, and violent activities, propagate anti-national activities in collusion with forces inimical to India's sovereignty and national integrity, indulge in killings of civilians and targeting of police and security force personnel, procure and induct illegal arms and ammunition from across the international border, extort and collect huge funds from the public for their unlawful activities.

"The central government, having regard to above circumstances, is of further opinion that it is necessary to declare the NLFT and the ATTF along with all their factions, wings and front organisations as unlawful associations with immediate effect; and accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred by the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 3 of the said Act, the central government hereby directs that this notification shall, subject to any order that may be made under section 4 of the said Act, have effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette," the notification issued Wednesday said.

The NLFT and ATTF were first banned in 1997 following large-scale ethnic riots involving tribals and non-tribals in Khowai subdivision in Tripura, in which both outfits intervened on behalf of the tribals.

Tripura shares an 856 km boundary with Bangladesh.

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have reported the tidal flooding from different angles to keep people well-informed. More media exposure can increase public awareness so people will hold politicians accountable for their promises on disaster issues.

Economist and philosopher Amartya Sen states in his book, Development as Freedom that a society with a more vibrant democracy is more likely to succeed a catastrophic crisis than one living under a dictatorship. He posits that well informed people can disseminate warnings or important notices.

In the case of disaster management, a well-informed society can launch numerous initiatives to support the government in handling natural disasters.

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He came, He Shaw, He conquered: Prithvi's debut ton headlines India's dominance

RAJKOT, OCT 4 (PTI): Teen-age sensation Prithvi Shaw announced his arrival in top-flight cricket by becoming the youngest Indian to score a Test century on debut, headlining the home team's march to 364 for four against West Indies on day one of the series-opener here.

Shaw (134 off 154) and Cheteshwar Pujara (86 off 130) laid the foundation for a big score with a 206-run partnership after the early loss of K L Rahul (0).

Skipper Virat Kohli (72 not out off 137) and his deputy Ajinkya Rahane (41 off 92) then took the innings forward with a 105-run stand in the final session, putting India in the driver's seat before the latter was caught behind off spinner Roston Chase.

Kohli looked set for another hundred and was batting alongside Rishabh Pant (17 not out off 21) at close of play. Eighty nine overs were bowled on day one with India scoring at 4.08 runs per over.

The West Indies, handed a big setback even before toss with the last-minute withdrawal of captain Jason Hold-



er, looked ordinary at best on the field. Barring pacer Shannon Gabriel (1/66), none of the bowlers troubled the Indian batsmen on a greenish surface which did not seem to do much.

The opposition attack was far from threatening but due credit must be given to Shaw, who batted like a seasoned campaigner in his first match for India. His back-

foot play off the pacers was a treat to the eyes and when spinners were deployed, he was not afraid to use the long handle.

At 18 years and 329 days, Shaw reached the milestone off just 99 balls, adding to a host of records he holds in his blossoming career. He had earlier made waves by reaching three figures in his first Ranji Trophy appear-

ance and was the youngest to hit a century on Duleep Trophy debut.

In the process, Shaw also became the second youngest Indian to score a maiden Test ton after the legendary Sachin Tendulkar.

Shaw, who was 75 not out at lunch, reached the three figures in the afternoon session with a typical punch to the cover, the same way he

got his first runs in international cricket.

More than half of his runs came through boundaries, 19 in total. Unfortunately, Shaw fell at the stroke of tea, in what was a soft dismissal as he chipped one straight into the hands of leggie Devendra Bishoo.

He was not facing one of the best attacks but he gave ample evidence of his bril-

liance on way to a memorable hundred. Pujara too looked at ease at the other end until he was caught behind off debutant Sherman Lewis, missing out on a 16th Test ton.

In the morning, Shaw, who became the 293rd cricketer to represent India in Tests, showed supreme confidence from ball one, on which he offered a watchful leave.

The Mumbaikar punched the second ball he faced towards the cover boundary for a three, his first runs in international cricket, easing whatever nerves left inside.

Gabriel was clocking in the higher 140kph but that did not faze Shaw. Gabriel trapped his opening partner Rahul in front with a sharp incoming delivery to give the West Indies an early breakthrough. Rahul was better off not taking the DRS as the ball was clearly crashing into the stumps.

Shaw, however, continued batting with confidence and his first boundary came in the second over bowled by Keemo Paul, another back foot punch towards the point

boundary.

He got more aggressive in Paul's following over, hitting him for three fours as the pacer was duly punished for bowling far too many looseners. After Rahul's dismissal, Shaw and Pujara gave the innings a move on and did not look in any sort of trouble.

While Shaw punched and drove effortlessly off pacers, he was equally comfortable against the spin duo of Bishoo and Chase.

The teenage prodigy collected two fours off Bishoo in the 11th over and did the same to Chase in the 20th over. He also produced a delightful straight drive on way to reaching his half-century which came off 56 balls.

The West Indians looked listless on the field as boundaries came at will for India. Their troubles had mounted even before the start of the game as Holder pulled out with an ankle injury, giving Kraigg Brathwaite a chance to lead the team.

Their lead pacer, Kemar Roach, was already ruled out of the series opener due to a bereavement in the family.

BFI President Ajay Singh to contest for position in world boxing body's EC

NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI): Boxing Federation of India President Ajay Singh is in fray to be Asia's representative in the AIBA Executive Committee when the under-fire world body goes to polls where controversial interim President Gafur Rakhimov is set for re-election to the top post.

Singh's nomination was approved, along with 10 others from the Asian bloc, by the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) election committee chairman Jost Schmid on Wednesday in Lausanne.

The elections are scheduled to be held on November 3 during the AIBA's annual conference in Moscow starting November 2.

Currently, India does not have representation in the AIBA EC. Veteran technical official Kishan Narsi was the last Indian to find a place in the EC but his tenure ended after the BFI came into existence in 2015.

Singh will face competition from nominees of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Nepal, Qatar, Singapore, Thailand and the UAE.

Singh, also co-founder of low-cost



airline Spicejet, is currently a member of the Asian Boxing Confederation's EC.

The AIBA, which is in International Olympic Committee's line of fire right now, is set to defy the IOC and elect Rakhimov as President after his was the lone nomination approved for the position by Schmid.

The IOC has warned that boxing's future in Olympics would be in jeopardy if Rakhimov is re-elected. The Uzbek has been linked to organised crime by the US Treasury Department and is

fighting a legal battle to get his name cleared, insisting that he is innocent.

He took over as AIBA's interim President after the long-serving Dr Ching Kuo-Wu was forced to step down following a revolt last year owing to allegations of financial mismanagement during his tenure. AIBA has been struggling to end the turmoil that followed his ouster.

Its funding has been stopped by the IOC, which spoke of "significant concern" over key areas including its

governance and ethical and financial management.

The IOC has warned that should the AIBA fail in addressing all its concerns, boxing would be axed from the biggest stage of all. The popular combat sport has been contested at every Olympics since its introduction at the 1904 Games, barring Stockholm 1912.

The most recent IOC warning came on Wednesday after an executive board meeting in which it expressed concerns about the "grave situation within the AIBA and its current governance."

"These include the circumstances of the establishment of the election list and the misleading communication within the AIBA membership regarding the IOC's position," read a statement issued by the IOC.

"Therefore, the IOC reiterates its clear position that if the governance issues are not properly addressed to the satisfaction of the IOC at the forthcoming AIBA Congress, the existence of boxing on the Olympic programme and even the recognition of AIBA as an International Federation recognised by the IOC are under threat."



climbs to career-best ranking of 11

CHENNAI, OCT 4 (PTI): India's top squash player Saurav Ghosal has climbed to his career-best world ranking of 11 while Joshna Chinappa jumped four places to be placed 14th.

As per the October rankings released by the PSA, Ghosal moved up a spot from the previous month's 12th.

Chinappa improved to 14th, which is four

short of her career best of 10 she had reached less than two years ago.

However, Dipika Pallikal Karthik dropped four rungs to be on 23.

As for the rest, Harinder Pal Sandhu has improved to 57 from 60, Ramit Tandon is on 59 from 64, Mahesh Mangonkar is on 64 from 68 and Vikram Malhotra is on 72 from 84.

SC clears hurdles for first ever deportation of 7 Rohingyas to Myanmar

NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI): The Supreme Court Thursday cleared last minute hurdles leading to the first ever deportation of seven illegally migrated Rohingyas, staying in Assam, to Myanmar by dismissing the plea which sought to thwart the government's move.

Just after the court's order, the authorities concerned deported the seven illegal immigrants, who had migrated to India in 2012.

The top court said that these Rohingyas were convicted by the competent court under the Foreigners Act and were held to be as illegal immigrants.

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and K M Joseph said that even the country of their origin Myanmar has identified them and accepted them as its citizens.

"Having considered the prayer, we would not like to interfere with

the decision taken. The petition is dismissed," the bench said.

The bench rejected the plea made by one of the Rohingyas, who had filed an application seeking to restrain the Centre from deporting to Myanmar the seven Rohingyas lodged in a detention centre at Silchar in Assam.

Those deported were Md Jamal, Mohbul Khan, Jamal Hussain, Md Yonus, Sabir Ahmed, Rahim Uddin and Md Salam -- all in the 26-32 year age bracket.

The top court took the case as first matter after advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for

petitioner Jaffarullah, informed the court that it is an urgent issue as the seven Rohingyas were taken to the Indo-Myanmar border from where they will be deported.

During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre said that these Rohingyas illegally migrated to India in 2012 and were convicted under the Foreigners Act.

He said that after the conviction they were sent to a detention centre and the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had contacted the Myanmar embassy for identification of these seven Rohingyas.

"Following the verification, Myanmar government issued a certificate of identity to the seven Rohingyas along with one month visa to facilitate their deportation," he said, adding that after getting the travel documents they were taken to the border.

The bench, asked Mehta that does his submissions made before the court were on an affidavit.

Mehta replied in an affirmative and read out the relevant paragraphs saying that these seven Rohingyas had illegally entered into the territory of India.

He said that authorities con-

cerned caught them and put them in detention centre following their conviction by a competent court.

Mehta said that after the MEA contacted embassy of Myanmar and they confirmed the Myanmarese citizenship of the illegal immigrants following which one month visa and relevant documents were issued.

The bench then told Bhushan, "First of all they have been held as illegal immigrants by the concerned court and secondly the country of their origin has accepted them as its citizens. Now what remains".

Ex-CEA Subramanian's book to talk about policymaking, his tenure



NEW DELHI, OCT 4 (PTI): Former Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Subramanian will open up about his tenure and critically expand on his previous articles and essays in his new book which will be out next month.

In Of Counsel: The Challenges of the Modi-Jaitley Economy, Subramanian provides an inside account of his roller-coaster journey as the CEA to the government of India from 2014 to 2018.

With an illustrious cast of characters, this part-memoir, part-analytical writings candidly reveal the numerous triumphs and challenges of policymaking at the zenith, while appraising India's economic potential through comprehensive research and original hypotheses, publishers Penguin Random House India said.

Subramanian's trusteeship saw the country through one of the most hotly

contested and turbulent periods of economic governance and policymaking in recent decades - from the controversial recall of 85 per cent of circulated currency during demonetisation to a complete overhaul in taxation with the introduction of the GST.

He also addresses the overleveraging of public-sector banks, the fraught links between the state and private sector (stigmatised capitalism), the changing relationship between the state and the individual, and the ever-pervasive, life-threatening issues surrounding climate change.

I am excited to share my thinking on India and my experience as CEA - a sort of first draft of history - with a wide readership, hopefully as wide as that of the last few Economic Surveys, he said.

Meru Gokhale, Editor-in-Chief, Literary Publishing at Penguin Random House In-

dia, said, In his work on changing balances in global power, as well as in his position as the Chief Economic Advisor, Subramanian had a ringside view of the economy - and indeed the state of the nation.

Much has happened in this country in recent times that many of us grapple with in our everyday transactions. From demonetisation to GST, from the budget to tax reforms, this is the book that we need to read if we are to understand our own place as citizens in the economy.

Subramanian is currently a visiting lecturer of public policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. He has authored several books, including Eclipse: Living in the Shadow of China's Economic Dominance and India's Turn: Understanding the Economic Transformation.

S Korea
renews call
for Japan to
remove ‘rising
sun’ flag

SEOUL, OCT 4 (AP): South Korea on Thursday reiterated a demand that Japan should remove its “rising sun” naval flag from a warship participating in an international fleet review at Jeju Island next week.

Many South Koreans associate the symbol with Japanese military aggression during World War II and have expressed anger over the potential display of the alleged “war-crime flag” during the October 10-14 event.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha on Thursday said Japan should be more considerate about how South Koreans remember its brutal colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula before the end of the war.

South Korea’s navy has asked all 14 countries participating in the fleet review to display only their national flags and the South Korean flag on their vessels, a request apparently aimed at preventing the invited Japanese destroyer from flying the “kyokujitsuki.”

The Foreign Ministry also conveyed Seoul’s position to Tokyo through diplomatic channels.

But Japan has balked at the demand, with Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera saying last week that the ship’s display of the red-and-white flag would be mandatory under Japan’s laws.

The flag, portraying a red disc with 16 rays extending outward, has been used as the ensign of Japan’s Maritime Self-Defense Force since its launching in 1954.

When asked whether South Korea could raise the issue of Japan’s usage of the flag with the United Nations, Kang said her ministry will review the “possible and appropriate options” before deciding whether to take stronger international action.

Trump shrugs off report revealing fortune
in tax dodges, parental gifts

NEW YORK, OCT 4 (AFP): US President Donald Trump has shrugged off an investigation by a prominent newspaper that concluded he made his fortune with the help of more than USD 400 million from his parents, partly through tax schemes, as a boring, rehearsed “hit piece.”

Trump has often boasted that he built a multi-billion dollar real estate empire from a USD 1 million loan from his father, Fred, himself a prominent New York builder.

But the New York Times reviewed more than 100,000 documents including confidential tax returns and financial records that it said showed he actually received at least USD 413 million in today’s money, in part through schemes to avoid taxes.

“They used the concept of ‘time value of money’ in doing a very old, boring and often told hit piece on me,” he tweeted.

“Added up, this means that 97% of their stories on me are bad. Never recovered from bad election call!”

Forbes magazine, meanwhile, estimated Trump’s fortune at USD 3.1 billion -- the same as last year, but a third smaller than it was in 2015.

Forbes ranked Trump’s fortune at 259 in the world, down from 248



the year he was elected president.

The Times story said that from the time Trump was a toddler, his father funneled millions of dollars to his four children through a sham corporation to avoid gift taxes.

The Times said the records also indicate that Trump helped his father take millions more in improper tax deductions.

And he helped devise a scheme that undervalued his parents’ real estate holdings by hundreds of millions of dollars, sharply reducing taxes on those properties when they were transferred to their children,

according to the paper.

A lawyer for Trump, Charles Harder, called the account “100 per cent false, and highly defamatory.” “There was no fraud or tax evasion by anyone. The facts upon which The Times bases its false allegations are extremely inaccurate,” he added.

“President Trump had virtually no involvement whatsoever with these matters.”

Addressing a press conference, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders rubbished the article’s main claims, but said it was right in one important aspect: Trump’s business

acumen.

“I will say one thing the article did get right was that it showed that the president’s father had a great deal of confidence in him.

“The president brought his father into a lot of deals and they made a lot of money together. His father went on to say that everything he touched turned to gold.”

The paper’s contention that Trump was earning as much as USD 200,000 a year in today’s money by the time he was three years old, and was the equivalent of a millionaire by the age of eight, drew considerable attention.

The assertion was pounced on by several late night talk show hosts, including comedian Stephen Colbert, the host of “The Late Show” on CBS.

“So, let me get this straight: At one point, Donald Trump was an extraordinarily wealthy toddler. And today? He is still that,” he said.

Not everything, however, was a laughing matter: The Times said Trump’s tax-hating father used various methods to funnel his wealth to his children and shield it from the Internal Revenue Service, some of which tax experts said was improper or possibly illegal.

Following the article’s publication, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance announced it was “reviewing the allegations in the NYT article and is vigorously pursuing all appropriate avenues of investigation.”

Speculation about the source of Trump’s wealth has mounted since 2015, when he declared his candidacy for the nation’s highest office but broke with long-standing tradition by refusing to release his tax returns.

He has been repeatedly rebuked over ethics violations for refusing to divest his assets in the Trump Organization, instead turning over control of the entity to his sons, Donald Jr and Eric.

The president also continues to stay or make use of hotels and golf clubs he owns, leading to conflict of interest allegations and multiple lawsuits.

In July, a federal judge allowed to proceed a suit accusing Trump of violating the constitution by maintaining his interest in a hotel that does business with foreign governments.

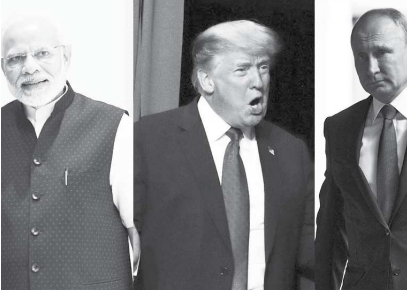
It marked the first time a court interpreted anti-corruption clauses in the constitution, known as emoluments clauses, and applied them to a sitting president.

S-400 deal with Russia focus area for sanctions:
warns US ahead of Putin’s visit to India

WASHINGTON, OCT 4 (PTI): The US has urged its allies to forgo transactions with Russia, warning that the S-400 missile defence system that India intends to buy would be a “focus area” for it to implement punitive sanctions against a nation undertaking “significant” business deals with the Russians.

The US administration is required under a domestic law, Countering America’s Adversaries through Sanctions Act or CAATSA to impose sanctions on any country that has significant transactions with Iran, North Korea or Russia.

The Act primarily deals with sanctions on Russian interests such as its oil and gas industry, defence and security sector, and financial institutions, in the backdrop of its military intervention



in Ukraine and its alleged meddling in the 2016 US Presidential elections.

“We urge all of our allies and partners to forgo transactions with Russia that would trigger sanctions under CAATSA,” a State Department Spokesperson said on Wednesday when asked about India’s plan to purchase multi-billion S-400 missile defense system from Russia.

“The Administration has indicated that a focus

area for the implementation of CAATSA Section 231 is new or qualitative upgrades in capability - including the S-400 air and missile defense system,” the spokesperson said.

According to a media report, India and Russia will sign a deal for the multi-billion-dollar S-400 surface-to-air missile system this week.

Moscow has been negotiating to sell the S-400 long-range surface-to-air missiles to India for

months.

The signing of the deal for Moscow’s most advanced air defence system will be overseen by Russian president Vladimir Putin, who is visiting New Delhi on October 4-5 for the annual India-Russia summit, the report said quoting a top Kremlin official said.

“The President is trying to develop a relation-

ship and change that, but we’ve not been successful, at least to date,” US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told NBC news in an interview.

In September, a senior administration official told reporters that purchase of major military system like multi-billion S-400 missile defense system would be considered as a “significant transaction and thus has

a potential” for CAATSA sanctions. The official emphasized that the ultimate target of these sanctions was Russia.

The CAATSA sanctions in this context are not intended to undermine the defence capabilities of any particular country.

“They are instead aimed at imposing costs upon Russia in response to its malign activities,” the official had said.

Toll from
quake, tsunami
now 1,424

PALU (INDONESIA), OCT 4 (AP): Indonesia’s disaster agency says the death toll from the earthquake and tsunami that struck a central island last week has increased slightly to 1,424.

National disaster agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho provided the updated figure Thursday at a news conference in Jakarta. The disasters struck Palu and surrounding districts in Central Sulawesi province last Friday.

‘First exomoon may have been found’

NEW YORK, OCT 4 (PTI): Astronomers may have discovered the first known moon outside our solar system, orbiting a gas-giant planet 8,000 light-years away.

According to the finding published in the journal Science Advances, the candidate exomoon -- moons orbiting planets in other star systems -- is unusual because of its large size, comparable to the diameter of Neptune.

Such gargantuan moons do not exist in our own solar system, where nearly 200 natural satellites have been catalogued, said researchers from the Columbia University in the US.

“This would be the first case of detecting a moon outside our solar system,” said David Kipping, an assistant professor of astronomy at Columbia University.

“If confirmed by follow-up Hubble observations, the finding could provide vital clues about the development of planetary systems and may cause experts to revisit theories of how moons form around planets,” Kipping said.

In looking for exomoons, the researchers analysed data from 284 Kepler-discovered planets that were in comparatively wide orbits, with periods greater than 30 days, around their host star.

The observations measured the momentary dimming of star-



light as a planet passed in front of its star, called a transit.

The researchers found one instance, in Kepler 1625b, that had intriguing anomalies.

“We saw little deviations and wobbles in the light curve that caught our attention,” Kipping said.

The Kepler results were enough for the team to get 40 hours of time with Hubble Telescope to intensively study the planet, obtaining data four times more precise than that of Kepler.

The researchers monitored the planet before and during its 19-hour-long transit across the face of the star.

After it ended, Hubble detected a second and much smaller decrease in the star’s brightness 3.5 hours later, consistent with “a

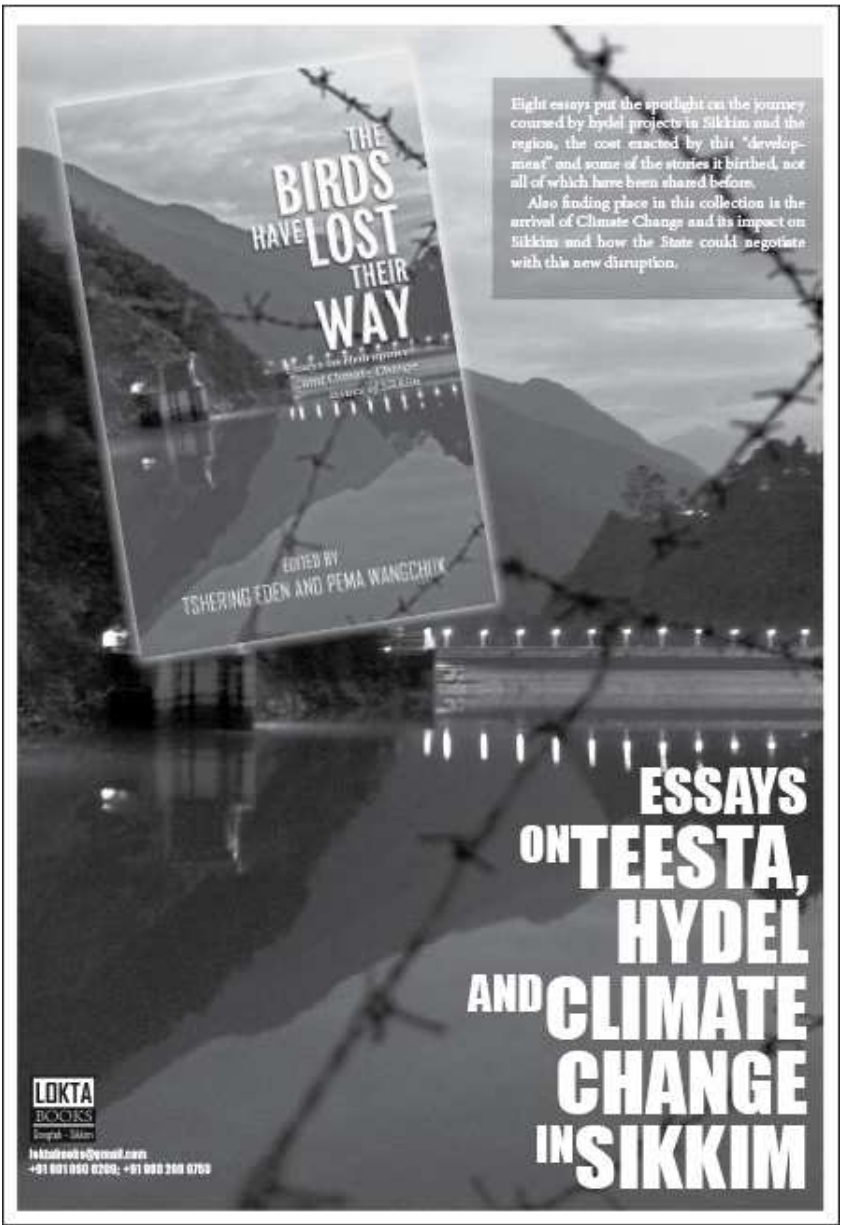
moon trailing the planet like a dog following its owner on a leash,” Kipping said.

“Unfortunately, the scheduled Hubble observations ended before the complete transit of the moon could be measured,” Kipping said.

In addition to this dip in light, Hubble provided supporting evidence for the moon hypothesis by measuring that the planet began its transit 1.25 hours earlier than predicted.

This is consistent with the planet and moon orbiting a common centre of gravity (barycentre) that would cause the planet to wobble from its predicted location.

“An extraterrestrial civilisation watching the Earth and Moon transit the Sun would note similar anomalies in the timing of Earth’s transit,” Kipping said.



Up close and personal with contestants of Temi Tea Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt

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GANGTOK, 04 OCT:

Twenty two finalists of Temi Tea Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt, each uniquely different in their own ways, now vie for the coveted subtitle 'Summit TIMES Mr Multimedia' presented by the official print partner of the mega event, Summit TIMES.

This subtitle will be decided by the audience based on the total number of likes on their pictures on social networking sites of Mr Sikkim Manhunt namely Facebook and Instagram.

• CONTESTANT NO. 3: MILAN LIMBOO

Father's name: Bir Bahadur Limboo
Mother's name: Late Sancha Maya Limboo

Residential address: Khechuperi, West Sikkim

Hobbies/Interests: Cooking and playing volleyball

Q) Why did you join Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt competition?

Milan: Because since from my childhood days I was interested in modeling and acting. So this is the first ever manhunt competition that is happening in our Sikkim. It is the right place and opportunity for me to showcase my talent and make my dream come true. Don't want to miss out on this opportunity.

Q) What are the qualities that make you stand out in the crowd?

Milan: Experience, confidence and I always listen my heart.

Q) What if you win or lose the competition?

Milan: Since my childhood days, I was very much interested in social work. I belong from a place where most of the people don't know about glamour world. I know there are more talented people in our area but due to lack of some facilities and resources they are dumping their talents and making them isolated from those opportunities. Likewise, there are also some areas in Sikkim where they are lacking behind those facilities and opportunities. So if I win this competition then firstly I will bring up those talented people in the ring and guide them with what they needed for pursuing their dreams. After that I will keep grooming myself and help needy people and contribute some points to my country.

As we all know that 'learning is a life long process and life will never stop teaching'. So if I lose this competition then I will never take it in a negative way rather I will make it my motivational lesson to move forward. The best part is I will learn and experience many things that will help me to look forward in making my dream true. Whatever I will learn surely I will take it as my life lesson and keep motivating myself and keep motivating others.

Q) How would you define yourself?

Milan: I m a frankly and open hearted person who loves to help people always.

Q) What is that one thing that can unite humanity?

Milan: Equality and trust.

Q) Your message/appeal?

Don't wait for opportunity, let the opportunity wait for you. Whatever happens in your life, don't lose hope, don't be disheartened because everything happens for a reason. Keep motivating yourself and always inhale the positive vibes inside your soul. Trust yourself and listen your heart. Be your own hero.

• CONTESTANT NO. 4: KARMA LAMA

Father's name: Passang Lama

Mother's name: Shanthi Lama

Residential address: Jorethang, South Sikkim

Hobbies/Interests: Football, swimming and rapping.

Q) Why did you join Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt competition?

Karma: At this point of my life, I want to do something interesting. I want to meet new people and make new friends. To be honest, a part of me always wanted to be a model. This is the side of me I have been confining inside my psychic cocoon so Mr Sikkim is the platform where I can explore this side of me. I am here to try my luck in modeling.



MILAN LIMBOO



Q) What are the qualities that make you stand out in the crowd?

Karma: I am a quick learner, I am all about learning new things. When I get on to something I try my level best to do it like a professional, I take my time and get it done.

Q) What if you win or lose the competition?

Karma: If I win this title, I want to spread the message of quality, a positive message of peace, love, equality among all the human beings regardless of caste, colour, creed, race, religion and sexual orientation. I also want to pursue my modeling career and compete for the title Mr India.

If I lose the competition, I will take the failure in a positive way and work more hard on myself and I will definitely come back again next year.

Q) How would you define yourself?

Karma: I am the kind of person who gets

easily influenced and I believe that it is not a bad thing. I am constantly evolving as a better human being every day, a very friendly and welcoming person. I have a very staunch believe in the fact that in order to create a good life one has to enjoy the smallest pleasures of life rather than always chasing and running behind the materialistic pleasures.

Q) What is that one thing that can unite humanity?

Karma: Music.

Q) Your message/appeal?

Karma: To anyone who is suffering with addiction, depression, frustration or any kind of mental illness or anything that you are struggling with at a given point, please remember that it is not weak to seek help. Ask for help if you are hurt and help if you know those who are hurt. Peace and love...

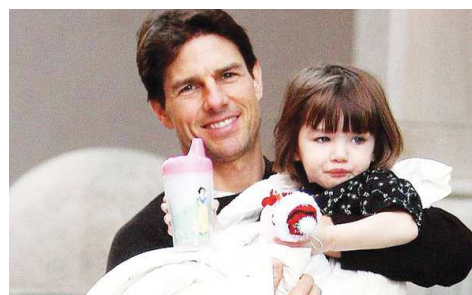
TOM CRUISE "HASN'T SEEN DAUGHTER SURI IN YEARS", REPORTS USWEEKLY

Tom Cruise hasn't seen daughter Suri for years, according to a new report in UsWeekly. The magazine, quoting an anonymous source, alleges that the Hollywood star is allowed to visit the 12-year-old up to 10 days a month but "chooses not to because she is not a Scientologist".

Cruise and third wife Katie Holmes divorced in 2012 after six years of marriage with the actress being granted primary custody of their daughter. Cruise has not been photographed with Suri since 2013, the magazine article noted.

He has been a devotee of Scientology for decades after being introduced to the organization by first wife Mimi Rogers. Following his divorce from Rogers in 1990, he married Nicole Kidman.

The couple adopted two children - son Connor and daughter Isabella, and when they split in 2001, the kids remained with their father and continued to be raised within Scientology.



"Katie and Nicole have moved on from their time with Tom and are leading their own lives outside of the church," Scientology critic Tony Ortega told UsWeekly.

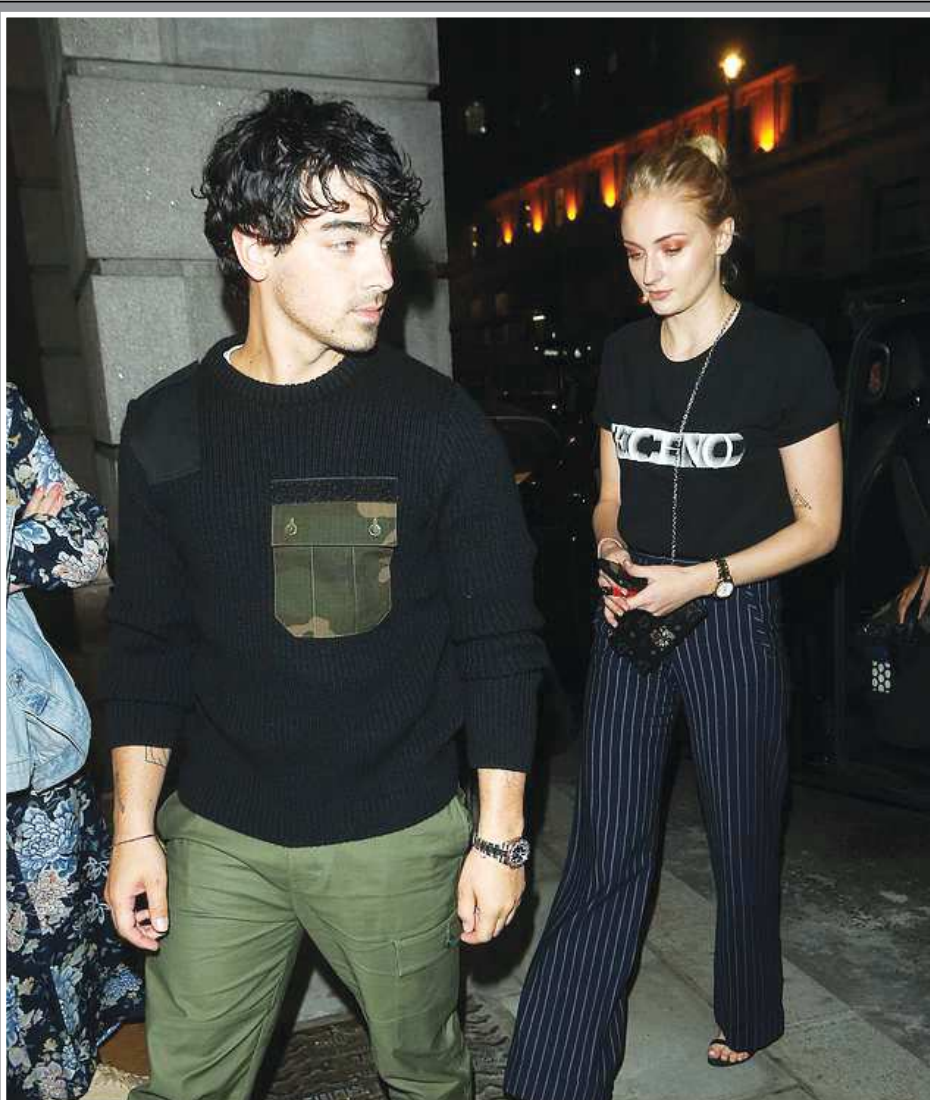
Last month, former Scientologist Leah Remini, who was a guest at Cruise and Holmes's wedding in Italy in 2006, claimed that the actress is not allowed to have a meal with her because it might cause her to lose custody of Suri.

"We used to be close friends," Remini said in an interview with LaPalme magazine. "It's quite sick, really."

The former King of Queens star currently stars in and produces the A&E series, Leah Remini: Scientology and The Aftermath.

In response to Remini's claims, The Church of Scientology issued a statement.

Their response read: "Ms Remini's ridiculous rants are unending and the myths and tales she and her co-producer spread are grown more bizarre by the day... They hire producers to rehash tired, preposterous myths invented and spread by the same handful of former Scientologists motivated by greed and anger."



LOOK OF LOVE! Sophie Turner looks effortlessly stylish in slogan tee and striped navy trousers as she joins fiancé Joe Jonas during dinner date in London.

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