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## School safety advisory committees to be formed at dist and sub-division levels

**State Level Advisory Committee on School Safety holds first meeting**

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

The Chief Secretary, after reviewing the State Action Plan on School Safety, instructed that advisory committees on school safety be formed at the district and sub-division level as well, and official press communiqué informs.

His observations were made at the first meeting to the State Level Advisory



Committee on School Safety convened today.

The state-level advisory committee was constituted recently and is chaired by the Chief Sec-

retary (School Education) are its Members.

The CS chaired the first meeting of the Committee during which various aspects of school safety and steps taken by the State Government were reviewed.

Various steps on school safety are being taken jointly by Human Resource Development Department and Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority, the release states.

A detailed presenta-

tion on the activities conducted under the School Safety Programme was made by the Director, School Education.

Apart from his instructions to form school safety advisory committees at the district and sub-division level as well, the Chief Secretary further directed that meetings of the advisory committee be conducted twice a year to monitor the implementation of the guidelines.

The State Level Advisory Committee was notified in July earlier this year following directions of the Supreme Court

and as per guidelines received from the National Disaster Management Authority on School Safety Policy.

The Chief Secretary further directed that fire extinguishers be installed in all the schools and structural safety of the school building to be included as one of the preconditions by HRDD while granting recognition to any private school.

He also desired that more training on preparedness to be imparted to school teachers in association with NDMA, preferably at the state level.

## Horticulture Dept lifts restrictions on import of five items

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

The State Government has temporarily lifted restrictions on the import of cauliflower, capsicum, bhendi [lady's finger], pointed gourd [potol] and banana from outside the state. In a notification issued on Thursday, the Horticulture Department has said that the restrictions have been lifted for a period of three months.

## Future Policy Gold Award not given by UN, contends SKM

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha has alleged that the recent Future Policy Gold Award 2018 received by the Chief Minister at Rome was not provided by the United Nations Organisation. The award was presented by World Future Council [WFC] of Germany and not UNO, the party has claimed also alleging that WFC is completely dependent on donations.

Addressing a press conference here today, SKM spokesperson, Jacob Khaling stated that the CM and his party have been misleading the people by claiming that the award was presented by UNO. He added that the party has been trying to earn political mileage by claiming that the award was presented by the UN.

Mr Khaling said that the presence of Vandana Shiva in all award functions of the CM in and outside the country has also raised doubts. Claiming that Vandana Shiva has been connected with many controversies, he added that her presence in the CM's programmes also raises suspicions.

He further alleged that the Horticulture and Forest Departments of Sikkim had spent around Rs 40 lakh in the recent International Biodiversity Seminar held at Dehradun.

SKM has demanded that the State Government issue a White Paper on the expenses incurred by the State in such award functions. Mr Khaling further stated that Sikkim needs a leader who works towards solutions and not awards.

## Namchi Mahotsav to be held from 03-05 Nov

**NAMCHI, 26 OCT (IPR):** DC (South), Prabhakar Verma chaired a co-ordination meeting for the upcoming Namchi Mahotsav at the conference hall of DAC Namchi, today. Present during the meeting were Chairperson (STDC), R. N. Rai, Chairperson Power and Energy Department, Gagan Rai, ADC (South), Satyen Pradhan, SDM (Hq), Hemant Rai, ADC (Dev), Milan Subba, ASP (South), Linda Palmu alongside HODs and stakeholders.

Addressing the gathering, DC (South) informed that Namchi Mahotsav will commence from 03 to 05 Nov. He said that the three day long affair will be organised by DAC South in coordination with the South Sikkim Tourism Development Society.

Additionally, he also outlined in detail about the significance of holding Namchi Mahotsav, which in the past has garnered a huge success. The DC also allocated various roles and responsibilities to the respective departments and issued directives for effective par taking from all line departments to make the celebrations a grand success.

During the course of the meeting the DC briefly allocated the various responsibilities to each department and to the Namchi Mahotsav Management Committee in order to transform the event into a successful one. It was decided in the meeting that utmost importance should be given to showcasing of unique ethnic traditions and culture of the state, setting up of traditional stalls, decorations and beautification of venue. The meeting also emphasized that there should be uninterrupted supply of power and water and that the upkeep of law and order should be focused upon. Moreover, a brief interaction session was held wherein various suggestions and proposals were put forth by the attendees.

**SAGAR CHETTRI**  
**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Calcutta Customs has also entered the quarter-final round of the ongoing 38th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2018 here at Paljor Stadium. In the last pre quarter-final match this afternoon, Calcutta Customs edged past Rainbow SC, Kolkata in a tie-breaker.

This is the second match in the tournament which has been decided in a tie-breaker after Sikkim Aakraman Football Club defeated Sogolband United, Manipur 4-2 in a tie-breaker on Thursday.

With equal possession of the ball throughout the match, both the teams maintained pressure on each other with constant attacks and counter-attacks but missed some golden opportunities to take the lead. The first half ended in a goalless draw. Both the teams again failed to capitalise some good op-



portunities in the second half and the full time of the match concluded in a goalless draw.

Twenty minutes extra-time game also ended without any goals. Finally, the match entered the tie-breaker through pen-

alty shoot-out.

In the tie-breaker, Rainbow SC players managed to score just two goals in five shots while Calcutta Customs players converted three shots into goals.

With this 3-2 win, Cal-

cutta Customs will take on Manang Marsyangdi Club, Nepal in the quarter-final on 30 Oct.

The first quarter-final match will be played between Sikkim Premier Division League 2018 champion, United Sikkim

Football Club and Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Club 2018 champion, Army XI [Red].

## CVC to complete inquiry against Verma within two weeks, Rao can't take policy decisions: SC

**ABHISHEK ANSHU, MANOHAR LAL & SANJEEV KUMAR**  
**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):**

The Supreme Court Friday set a deadline of two weeks for the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) to complete the inquiry against CBI Director Alok Kumar Verma, who has been divested of his duties and sent on leave in view of the feud between him and Special Director Rakesh Asthana.

The court directed that the inquiry be conducted under the supervision of a retired apex court judge and

also barred IPS officer M Nageswara Rao, who has been given interim charge of looking after the duties of the CBI Director, from taking any policy decision or any major decision.

It said a list of decisions taken by Rao from October 23 till today, including transfer of investigations and change of investigating officers, be placed before the court in a sealed cover by November 12 - the next date of hearing - after which it would pass appropriate orders.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said that the CVC's

inquiry into the allegations made in the August 24 note/letter of the Cabinet Secretary with regard to Verma would be supervised by retired apex court judge Justice A K Patnaik.

"We make it clear that entrustment of supervision of on-going enquiry by the CVC to a former judge of this court is one-time exception which has been felt necessary by this court in the peculiar facts of this case and should not be understood to be casting any reflection on any authority of the Government of India," said the bench, also comprising Justices

S K Kaul and K M Joseph.

It further said that a list of all the decisions taken by Rao between "October 23, 2018 and up to this hour including decisions with regard to transfer of investigations, change of investigating officer(s) etc will be furnished to the court in a sealed cover on or before November 12, 2018 whereafter orders as would be appropriate will be passed by the court."

The court made it clear that from now on Rao, who is a Joint Director of CBI, would only perform the routine tasks.

"Rao who has been entrusted with the task

of looking after the duties of the Director of the CBI by the impugned order dated October 23, 2018 of the Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, shall, as of from now, not take any policy decision(s) or any major decision(s) and will only perform the routine tasks that are essential to keep the CBI functional," the bench said.

During the hearing, the court at first remarked that decisions taken by Rao since October 23 are not to be implemented but later it refrained and ordered that it would decide on that aspect only after perusing the decisions

taken by him.

The bench sought responses from the Centre and CVC on the plea of Verma who has also sought a stay on the Centre's order giving interim charge of his post to Rao. However, this prayer was not raised during the hearing.

The bench also dealt with the separate plea by NGO, Common Cause, which has sought a probe by special investigation team against CBI officers including Asthana, and issued notices to the Centre, CBI, CVC, Asthana, Verma and Rao asking them to respond to it by November 12.

"The enquiry in re-

spect of the allegations made in the note/letter of the Cabinet Secretary dated August 24, 2018 as regards the present Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Alok Verma shall be completed by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) within a period of two weeks from today," the bench noted in its order.

"The enquiry will be conducted under the supervision of a retired judge of this Court Justice A K Patnaik who is requested to accept the assignment and ensure that enquiry is completed within the time frame

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# BAM organizes North Sikkim Badminton tourney to promote fitness



**MANGAN, 26 OCT (IPR):** Badminton Association of Mangan [BAM] is organizing the second edition of North Sikkim Open Badminton Tournament from 25-27 Oct on the theme "Khelo India - Hum Fit Toh India Fit". The event is co sponsored by NHPC Stage IV Power Project.

The tournament was inaugurated on 25 Oct by Minister for Forest Environment & Wildlife Management Department, TW Lepcha.

The semifinal matches of the tourney was held today in Under 16

Girls and Boys, Open Men and Women Single, Open Women Double and Veteran Double categories at the auditorium of Mangan Nagar Panchayat.

Chief Engineer of NHPC Stage IV who is also the president of BAM welcomed the participants and the guests and stated that the tournament was being organized to encourage interest in the sport and promote physical activity.

District Collector, North, Karma R Bonpo, who attended the event as chief guest today, in his address, stated that

sports play an important role in the development of the nation. He urged the participant to use the platform to further refine their talents and strive for higher goals.

Senior Superintendent of Police, South, Shammi Rai, attended the tournament as special guest. The organizers felicitated Mr Rai for his contribution towards development of sports in the district.

The finale of the tourney is scheduled to be held on 27 Oct.

## NYK Namchi holds monthly meeting



**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

The second monthly meeting of Nehru Yuva Kendra was held between District Youth Coordinator (DYC) and National Youth Volunteer (NYV) of South District and NYK Office.

DYC also gave charge of Temi-Tarku Block to Rojan Pradhan, Ravangla Block to Jyoti Sharma, Jorethang Block to Hemant Rai, Namthang Block to Milan Subba, Namchi Block to Chandan Rai, Sikkip Block to Elishibha Gurung, Sumbuk Block to Suyog Pradhan and Basanti Rai as office assistant, a press

release informs.

Meeting also decided to celebrate NYKS Foundation Day on 14 Nov.

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will be organized at Sumbuk in collaboration with Kanchanjyoti Youth Club, the release mentions.

Interstate Youth Exchange Programme will be organized at Namthang in collaboration with Amardeep Club and Yuva Sunakhari Club on 07-08 Nov where 60 youths from Delhi will attend the programme along with the local youth, the release further adds.

# Rahul leads march to CBI HQ, courts arrest

**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):** Congress chief Rahul Gandhi courted arrest on Friday after leading hundreds of his party's workers in a march to the CBI headquarters against CBI Director Alok Verma being divested of his powers and to demand an apology from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Every institution in India being ruined by the prime minister," Gandhi said as the Congress took to the streets and marched from Dayal Singh College on Lodhi Road to the Central Bureau of Investigation headquarters about a kilometre away.

The Congress president courted arrest along with senior leaders such as Ashok Gehlot and Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

The Congress will not allow the "chowkidaar" (watchman) to do "chori" (theft), Gandhi said, reiterating his charges of corruption against the prime minister and saying he had "deposited Rs 30,000 crore in Anil Ambani's pocket".

"He has stolen money from the Indian Air Force and the youth, and the entire country understands this. The prime minister can run but he cannot hide from the truth," Gandhi told reporters after court- ing arrest at the Lodhi Col-

ony police station.

There were no immediate reactions from the Prime Minister's Office on Gandhi's allegations. While Ambani has been consistently denying the allegations, the BJP has accused Gandhi of manufacturing lies everyday on the Rafale deal.

"The truth will come out," Gandhi said, adding that removing the CBI director will not impact the truth.

Addressing the gathering of Congress protesters earlier in the day, Gandhi accused Modi of destroying institutions such as the CBI, the Election Commission and the

Enforcement Directorate.

Senior Congress leaders, including Gehlot, Ahmed Patel, Motilal Vora, Veerappa Moily and Anand Sharma, took part in the march that culminated in a demonstration ahead of the CBI headquarters.

Loktantrik Janata Dal leader Sharad Yadav, CPI leader D Raja and TMC's Nadimul Haque joined the protest.

Carrying placards against the prime minister, the protesters walked the distance with scores of police personnel maintaining vigil and camera crews jostling with each other to capture the moment.

One protester carried a placard depicting the CBI in a cage.

Gandhi got on to a truck in front of the police barricades put up ahead of the CBI headquarters in the CGO complex to prevent the marchers from reaching the building.

Gehlot said the deci-

sion to remove the CBI director was "illegal".

"The chief justice of India, the leader of the opposition and the prime minister can together take a decision to remove him, but not the prime minister alone," he told reporters.

"Our demand is to reinstate the CBI director..The prime minister should tender an apology to the nation for destroying the image of the premier investigating agency," Gehlot added.

The government has strongly defended its decision, saying it was "absolutely essential" to maintain the CBI's institutional integrity and the move was based on recommendations by the Central Vigilance Commission.

The Congress' protests in the national capital were replicated in other parts of the country. State Congress leaders led demonstrations in their regions against what

the Congress described as the "illegal, unconstitutional and illegitimate removal of the CBI director by the Modi-Shah duo that has shamed India and its premier investigative agency".

In Patna, for instance, Congress workers, including scores of women, sat on a dharna outside the gate of the CBI office at Bailey Road, carrying placards, reading 'Save CBI Save Democracy'.

Alleging that the prime minister is experiencing 'Rafale-o-Phobia', the opposition party said the "demolition of the CBI" was prompted by fears that the director was going to conduct a probe into the fighter jet deal.


Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has dismissed as "rubbish" the allegations by the Opposition that Verma was removed because he was collecting documents on the Rafale fighter jet deal.

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| 4.   | Micheal Ranpal           | Shri Padam Lal Ranpal       | SC       | Namphong, East Sikkim               |
| 5.   | Rahul Rai                | Late Rauduraj Rai           | MBC      | Sichey, East Sikkim.                |
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| 9.   | Sonam Doma Lepcha        | Lt. Azong Lepcha            | ST       | Shipthang, North Sikkim             |
| 10.  | Saron Lepcha             | Mr. Budha Tsh. Lepcha       | ST       | Rumbuk, West Sikkim.                |
| 11.  | Sujan Chettri            | Shri Dil Kumar Chettri      | OBC      | Tadong, East Sikkim.                |
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| 15.  | Uma Gurung               | Lila Man Gurung             | OBC      | Lungchok, South Sikkim              |
| 16.  | Suman Rai                | Gorkhaman Rai               | MBC      | Burtuk, East Sikkim.                |
| 17.  | Punal Lepcha             | Mr. Pempa Lepcha            | ST       | Paney Phempong, North Sikkim.       |
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| 34.  | Anjulee Lohar            | Harka Bdr. Lohar            | SC       | Sang-Chalamthang, East Sikkim.      |
| 35.  | Manisha Manger           | Kabi Chand Manger           | MBC      | Roang Khanigaon, South Sikkim.      |
| 36.  | Jigme Bhutia             | Karma Bhutia                | ST       | Sajong, Rumtek, East Sikkim.        |
| 37.  | Pokh Raj Subba           | Gyan Bdr. Subba             | ST       | Sakyong Sang, East Sikkim.          |
| 38.  | Passang Lhamu Lepcha     | Bahadur Lepcha              | ST       | Nampong, East Sikkim.               |
| 39.  | Diki Choden Bhutia       | Tshering Wangyal Bhutia     | ST       | Lower Tathangchen, East Sikkim.     |
| 40.  | Ramon Rai                | Dewaraj Rai                 | MBC      | Namdok, East Sikkim                 |
| 41.  | Dil Kumar Chettri        | Bhim Bdr. Chettri           | OBC      | Kewsa Busty, South Sikkim.          |
| 42.  | Phur Lhamu Sherpa        | Lt. Phurba Sherpa           | ST       | Daragaon, Tadong, East Sikkim.      |
| 43.  | Kul Bdr Chettri          | Puma Bdr. Chettri           | OBC      | Bermiok, West Sikkim.               |
| 44.  | Anikesh Lepcha           | Chewang Lepcha              | ST       | Kopi Bari, Syari, East Sikkim.      |
| 45.  | Sancha Raj Limboo        | Ash Bdr. Subba              | OBC      | Assamlingzey, East Sikkim.          |
| 46.  | Binu Chettri             | Krishna Bdr. Chettri        | MBC      | Bhusuk, East Sikkim.                |
| 47.  | Kunal Chettri            | Hari Kumar Chettri          | OBC      | Phewa Busty, East Sikkim            |
| 48.  | Rupen Manger             | Man Prasad Manger           | OBC      | Upper Lingzey, East Sikkim          |
| 49.  | Pema Ongchuk Lepcha      | Passang Tshering Lepcha     | ST       | Thasa Khamdong, East Sikkim.        |

No TA/DA is admissible for attending the interview.

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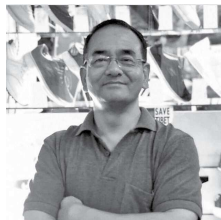
**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee has lashed out against the Central Government for removing Director, Central Bureau of Investigation [CBI], Alok Verma and CBI Special Director, Rakesh Asthana. The party has alleged that the Narendra Modi government has failed to be answerable to the people of the country on the Rafale deal so it suddenly sent two top officials of CBI on leave overnight.

Addressing a press conference here today,

SPCC president, Bharat Basnet, stated that the Centre is still silent on the Rafale deal and on some other issues as well. He stated that these CBI officials were removed for investigating the Rafale deal.

He further added that people of the country have been suffering due to many decisions of the Central Government. SPCC strongly condemns and protests the decision of the Central Government and people of the country should come forward to save democracy, he said.



## Kutse Shegu

The 49th Day Kutse Shegu of late **Tshewang Dorjee Bhutia**, who left for his heavenly abode on the 13th of September 2018, falls on **31 October 2018**.

All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at Bojoghari, behind the SBI building.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement.

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Gangtok on Saturday, 27 Oct

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SHRC submits annual report

GANGTOK, 26 OCT: The Sikkim Human Rights Commission has sent its statutory Annual Report prepared by its Chairperson, Justice Narendra Kumar Jain, to the State Government for the year 2017-18 as required under Section 28 (1) of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 to be placed before the house of State Legislature, an official press communiqué informs.

First Level Checking of EVMs and VVPATs

SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT: The First Level Checking of 1020 EVMs and 1020 VVPATs of East district commenced from today at warehouse, CEO office, Baluwakhani, a press release from DC East informs. Those present in the opening of the warehouse were District Election Officer (DEO) cum District Magistrate, East Sikkim, Additional District Collector/HQ, Under Secretary Election/East, representatives from various political parties, personnel from IPR, BEL engineers and election staff. D.E.O briefed and highlighted the background and importance of the FLC to the representatives of the political parties before the start of the FLC process.

The warehouse will be under strict security supervision of one section of the armed police (3rd IRBn) for 24X7 starting from today till the Upcoming Poll day (General Election-2019). Door Frame Metallic Detector (DFDM) has been installed in the FLC hall with proper security personnel of Special Branch deployed for this purpose.

The FLC shall start from 9 am till 7pm on all days including holidays as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India (ECI). The political parties have been requested to be present and witness the procedures involved in all FLC days including mock poll in randomly selected machines. The first level checking exercise is being undertaken under technical expertise of 10 BEL engineers and is expected to finish in next 8-10 days, the release mentions.

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State level Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition

GANGTOK, 26 OCT (IPR): A three-day "State level Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition for Children, 2018-19" was held from 24 to 26 Oct at Brihaspati par-sai SSS, Ranipool which was organised by State Council of Educational Research and Training, Human Resource and Development Department, Govt of Sikkim in association with National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi.

The main theme of the exhibition was "Scientific Solution for challenges in life" and a total of 47 students from different schools participated in the exhibition.

Today being the last day of exhibition, the programme was chaired by M.P/Lok Sabha, PD Rai who was accompanied by Additional Chief Secretary HRDD, GP Upadhaya, Assistant Professor NCRT, Dr.C.V. Shim-



ray, guest dignitaries, teachers and students from various districts.

While addressing the gathering, PD Rai stated that young minds should be vibrant enough to un-

derstand the problems plaguing the society and they should envisage solutions with skilled minds and recreate positive thoughts. He added that Sikkim is an organic

state and the youth and the future generations should focus on maintaining the organic culture through the help of science and newer technologies. He congratulated the teachers and students for taking part in this exhibition.

Later GP Upadhaya Additional Chief Secretary HRDD said that students should come

up with more ideas and solutions to the problem that society is facing and should inspire everybody. "For future growth of Sikkim we need young men and women to lead the society" said Mr. Upadhaya. He expressed happiness in seeing students and teachers coming from some remote area despite facing a lot of difficulties.

Dr.C.V.Shimray said that one can't always expect Scientists to bring the solutions for the problem we are facing, so students should innovate and devise ideas without depending upon scientists and engineer. She suggested that students should first understand the problem then come up with ideas and implement them. Later in the programme MP Lok Sabha, PD Rai distributed the trophies and certificates to the winners and other participants were given certificates.

A total of 47 schools participated in the three day long exhibition; 20 from East, 06 from North, 17 from South and 17 from west. Out of the 47, 10 schools have been selected for the Eastern India Science Fair which is going to be held on 8th to 12th January 2019 at Kolkata.

The ranking of the participating school in the exhibition were adjudged as follows; 1.Tashi Namgyal senior secondary school, 2.Rangpo senior secondary school, 3.Ranipool school, 4.modern school, 5.Deorali Girls school, 6.Namchi Girls school, 7.Magan senior secondary school, 8.Mamring school, 9.Tadong senior secondary school, 10.Sadam senior secondary school.

Lastly, the vote of thanks was given by Joint Director SCERT which concluded with a group photo.

Meghalaya court acquits B'desh ex-minister in trespassing case

SHILLONG, OCT 26 (PTI): A court here on Friday acquitted former Bangladesh minister Salahuddin Ahmed who was arrested three years ago for allegedly trespassing into Indian territory.

The trial in the case had concluded in August in the court of Judicial Magistrate D G Kharshing, who reserved October 26 as the date for pronouncement of the judgment.

"My client has been acquitted of all charges as the prosecution failed to provide any evidence against him," Ahmed's le-

gal counsel S P Mahanta told PTI.

The court has also directed the Meghalaya Police to deport Ahmed to his "country of origin", but the process will take some time, he said.

Altogether 11 witnesses, including police officers, were examined during the course of the trial, which lasted for over three years.

Bangladesh National Party (BNP) leader, Ahmed, was found loitering at Golflinks area of Shillong on May 11, 2015, reportedly two months after he went

missing in Dhaka.

The police arrested him on the charge of trespassing into the country without valid documents. He was hospitalized soon after as the officers apparently found him "mentally unstable".

Later, Ahmed was shifted to North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Science at Mawdiangdiang near here, as he complained of "chest pain".

The court of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Judicial) B Maw-

riedad granted him bail in June, 2015, on a bond of Rs 2 lakh, under three conditions -- he should not leave the jurisdiction of the court (Shillong), he should report at the office of East Khasi Hills superintendent of police, and appear before the court when summoned.

Ahmed, who had served as the communications minister from 2001 to 2006, claimed he was abducted from Bangladesh and had no idea how he reached Shillong.

His family members, too, corroborated the claim and said the BNP leader was picked up from Dhaka's Uttara area on March 10, 2015.

Second meeting for Sikkim Christmas Festival held

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GANGTOK, 26 OCT:

A second round of Meeting of All Sikkim Christian Churches was held on 25 Oct at Word of Life Church here in Lal Bazaar to discuss the Sikkim Christmas Festival 2018 (SCF 2018) scheduled to be held at MG Marg, Gangtok on 22 and 23 Dec, a press release informs.

The meeting was chaired by general secretary of the organising committee, Rev. Smile Gurung. At the outset of the meeting, chief patron, Satish Kumar Rai addressed the gathering and spoke about the purpose of the meeting.

Pastor R.K. Stephen Karki who is president of



the committee urged everyone to come forward to make the event successful. The house discussed about the funds and other requirements to make this festival successful.

More members were added in the working

committee to make this event a grand success, the release mentions. Advisor of committee, Rev. Zongmit Pakhrin concluded the meeting with prayer and benediction by Bishop. G.B. Rai.

Festival to showcase NE handlooms, food, culture to begin Saturday

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series, is being organised by North Eastern Council (NEC), DoNER in collaboration with the IIC.

The event aims at showcasing the diverse culture and heritage of North East all under one roof and it will highlight the strengths of the re-

gion, he said.

The festival will be inaugurated by former Jammu and Kashmir governor N N Vohra. It will be followed by the Shillong Chamber Choir Concert.

The event will have weavers from across the North East Region who

will display their skill and wonderful creations.

Handlooms of the region which has caught the attention of many will be displayed along with the exotic and organic local produce, processed food, multi-cultural and diverse cuisine of the region, Pradhan said.

CVC to complete inquiry against Verma within two weeks...

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fixed by this court," it said. Asthana has also moved the Supreme Court with a separate petition in the matter.

The bench told Attorney General K K Venugopal, appearing for the Centre, that it would examine the matter and CVC's inquiry should be completed within 10 days under the supervision of a sitting apex court judge.

"We want to see preliminary probe report in 10 days to decide whether it requires further probe," the bench said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for CVC, said the commission was under the process of conducting inquiry and keeping

in view the large number of documents involved, 10 days time would not be sufficient to complete the inquiry.

"We should get some reasonable and realistic time for the inquiry," he said. The bench said, "Okay, then 240 hours. We do not want this to go on. This is not in the interest of the country".

"We do not want this to linger on," the bench told Mehta, adding, "We are confident that CVC will do it".

Later, the court granted two weeks to CVCV to complete the inquiry.

Mehta also urged that for the time being, the apex court could consider that the issue be examined by the CVC only.

Senior advocate Fali

S Nariman, appearing for Verma, said that the CBI director was appointed for a two year tenure with the approval of a selection panel comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of Opposition and the Chief Justice of India.

"The question is whether the tenure could be breached at any time?," Nariman told the bench and referred to the apex court's 1997 Vineet Narain judgement and amendments in the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act under which the CBI was constituted.

The Vineet Narain decision, delivered by the apex court in 1997, relates to investigation of allegations of corruption against high-ranking public officials in India.

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## Not Honking? Good!

*Let's try and curtail mobile phone urges now*

Drive out to any section of road in Sikkim where traffic cops are unlikely to spy on the driving habits of the hands controlling the wheels, and you are bound to come across drivers chatting away on their mobile phones. An occasional driver might have the hands-free option to service his telecom-dependence, but a majority will have a hand pressed to their ears to keep conversations going. The frequency of such sightings is unnerving, but the practice continues. As the town limits approach, so do the artful dodges to evade detection. And this is only one of the risks and irritations one suffers on Sikkim roads.

Driving into Gangtok is not an experience recommended for those short on patience. The windfall of EMI-option ownerships has littered the roads with more vehicles than can move unhindered on the capital's hemmed by buildings roads. For a highway, a national one at that, NH10 in Gangtok is ridiculously ambushed by bottlenecks in its course up the Gangtok hill, and any drive to town needs lurching and stalling through serpentine stretches of idling vehicles and groaning engines and moaning passengers. What is now noticeably missing from the experience is the harassment of near ceaseless honking by the more impatient drivers who used to believe that the horn helps clear jams. Well, they didn't, at least not in Sikkim, but the relative calm of reduced honking on Gangtok roads has made the traffic snarls slightly less stressful. This, largely thanks to the bordering on facetious sight of traffic police personnel who went to town to discourage honking. Initially, of course, like most things in Sikkim, it started with an outright ban. Drivers and commuters are not used to traffic cops making 'appeals', given that its reprimands or tough traffic management that they are normally seen doing, and it was perhaps for that reason that the placard effort was initially either not noticed, or suspected of being even a prank. But the uniform is a powerful medium to convey messages it seems, and thus, without any challans being cut or drivers embarrassed on the highway, the Gangtok propensity to honk every time the vehicle ahead so much as slowed down, has been quelled. Of course, the occasional instinctive pressing of the horn still happens, but more and more drivers are learning to control their urge only because the cops have been strict.

The honking on Gangtok roads has come down for this reason and not because of a realisation that it is irritating, disturbing, unnecessary or [noise] pollution-causing, and with that is reinforced the dejection that despite everything, even etiquette, unfortunately, needs to be enforced. Since the traffic personnel have achieved so much so quickly for Gangtok and Sikkim's other towns, it is hoped that they also fashion some means of saving commuters from irresponsible driving common on Sikkim roads, the perpetually talking on phone syndrome requiring immediate attention. And this effort needs to move beyond the city roads and needs interventions along the otherwise not-policed stretches.

## What Turkey's Erdoğan is seeking to gain in wake of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi's murder

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Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan initially referred to the disappearance of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi on October 2 as "very, very upsetting". Three weeks later, he told the Turkish parliament that Khashoggi was killed in a premeditated and savage murder. Saudi Arabia has belatedly admitted that Khashoggi was murdered at its consulate in Istanbul, but has blamed a "rogue operation" and denied the involvement of the crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman.

Khashoggi's elimination on Turkish soil was a political trigger that may provide Erdoğan with ammunition against Saudi Arabia – his main rival for political leadership of the Muslim world. With Islam's two holiest cities of Mecca and Medina under their guardianship, the ruling Saud family boasts the title Custodians of the Two Holy Mosques and govern the Hajj and Umra, pilgrimages that all Muslims are expected to make.

Yet shortly after accusations about Khashoggi's alleged murder were drip-fed by Turkish authorities, Erdoğan spoke at a meeting with faith leaders as part of his bid to cement his religious legitimacy. He was quoted by Turkish agencies as saying that Turkey "is the only country that can lead the Muslim world".

From his 2002 election as prime minister to his current presidency, Erdoğan has eroded Turkey's historically secular framework. The Islamisation of Turkey has tilted it away from the West and toward the Middle East. Erdoğan "is focused on making Islam the centrepiece of Turkish politics and sees the country's foreign policy role as being primarily anti-Western", explains Soner Cagaptay of the Washington Institute.

While Saudi Arabia's royal family may be custodians of the two holy mosques, Erdoğan is drawing on the glory of the Ottoman past, investing in the expansion of Ottoman ports that served as transit hubs for Mecca and Medina, while also increasing his leadership activities in the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

### CROWN PRINCE'S IMAGE DAMAGED

In so doing, it's inevitable that Erdoğan will clash with Saudi Arabia's Mohammed bin Salman. Colloquially known as MBS, Saudi Arabia's crown prince presents Islam as a "sensible, simple religion that is being hijacked", arguing that his domestic reforms are an attempt to counter radicalisation and return Islam to a liberal stance. Domestic reform, however, is contrasted with disastrous military operations in Yemen and Syria, as MBS seeks to prove

his military might and leverage regional conflict to counter Iranian influence.

Despite the humanitarian costs of regional battles, MBS has cultivated the image of a liberal young leader for Western audiences. So while Erdoğan pushes an Islamic Turkey to lead the Muslim world, MBS prefers courting the West while treating how he handles domestic affairs, whether through arrests or worse, as separate from his US and British alliances.

With the disappearance of Khashoggi, however, the liberal image palatable to Western audiences is under threat. The Washington Post, where

### ERDOĞAN SEIZING OPPORTUNITY

Erdoğan is moving quickly. As the Saudis cancelled their annual diplomatic reception in Washington, Erdoğan received US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in Ankara. The meeting gave Turkey a chance to push its perspectives on Syria and its demands that the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, abandon Syria's narrow Manbij region near Turkey's border; a request the US has been slow to acknowledge.

Having returned US pastor Andrew Brunson from Turkish imprisonment to US soil, Khashoggi's death and the pressure it is placing on Trump is providing Erdoğan with a springboard to gain a closer relationship with the United States while using the incident to deflect Saudi portrayals of Turkey as a security threat.

Erdoğan is using the Khashoggi incident to gain closer relations with the US and push Turkey's interests. On October 22, the Turkish press reported that Erdoğan and Trump shared a phone conversation and agreed that Saudi Arabia must come clean on all details of Khashoggi's death.

Yet Erdoğan's dreams of leading the Muslim world may not be realised by the Khashoggi affair. Saudi investment in Turkey at a time when the Turkish lira remains weak must be balanced with Erdoğan's ambitions and rivalry. The OIC, headquartered in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, has officially sided with Saudi Arabia in the wake of the Khashoggi affair, praising the proposal of a joint Turkish-Saudi investigation and arguing that Riyadh is "above suspicions".

The world seems to disagree with the notion that Riyadh is "above suspicions". However, commentators have pointed to Iran as the main beneficiary of a Saudi exile's death on Turkish soil. With Saudi Arabia's reputation on the line, Riyadh is in no position to portray Iran as a threat to the region.

"Iran has repeatedly seized on Saudi miscalculations to gain leverage and protect itself from regional isolation," says Chatham House's Sanam Vakil. While Saudi Arabia is cornered and the world distracted by the brutality of what happened to Khashoggi, Iran can continue quietly building its missile program, rework the nuclear agreement and sell its oil before US sanctions resume in November. Tehran may even consider relations with Saudi Arabia, its Sunni counterpart. After all, how many friends will Saudi Arabia have left?

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US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in Ankara on October 17.

Khashoggi was a columnist, is now writing about the crown prince's "dark and bullying side". MBS is a split royal, friendly to the West but ruthless in the Middle East.

The pattern is clear: MBS's Saudi Arabia uses reforms as cover to purge rivals of status and wealth. This was clear during the Ritz Carlton Roundup in November 2017, in which princes and investors were detained in a luxury hotel as part of an anti-corruption purge until agreeing to forego much of their assets. Other reforms serve to distract international media by letting women drive while female activists remain jailed.

Saudi Arabia has led the ongoing blockade of Qatar, which Turkey opposed. Turkey and Qatar's mutual investments are not the sole reason. Both countries maintain relations with Iran and support the Muslim Brotherhood, which Saudi Arabia regards as a threat to traditional monarchy.

Investors, sponsors and media partners of Saudi Arabia's Future Investment Initiative conference, on 23-25 October in Riyadh have pulled out. The IMF has followed suit and even US President Donald Trump is being pressured by senators to punish Saudi Arabia for Khashoggi's fate.

## The fear making Chinese women reluctant to have more children

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I was waiting in a fashionable café for Tang Xiaohu\* in the Dongzhimen district in Beijing. Every bit of the décor in the café signalled the prosperity of China's capital city. So did the price of a cup of cappuccino.

Xiaohu is a 35-year-old mother-of-one who works in a large tourism company. She contacted me when I put a call out via WeChat seeking women born under China's one-child policy in the 1980s who were willing to talk about their transitions to employment and parenthood for my ongoing research. Xiaohu chose this café, which is two miles away from her office, to avoid any lunchtime haunts frequented by her colleagues.

So far, I've interviewed 82 women, and I always ask them how many children they have – and if they want another one. Xiaohu gave a resounding no. But this was hardly a surprise. According to the National Bureau of Statistics, the overall birth rate increased by 0.9% between 2015 to 2016, after the end of the one-child policy in late 2015. Although there was a rise in second births in 2017, there is little prospect of a new baby boom now couples are allowed two children. Urban Chinese fam-

ilies no longer want more children.

In recent months the Chinese government has even hinted that it may relax the current two-child policy even further as way to solve problems caused by an ageing population.

### HEMMED IN

Women born under the one-child policy between 1980 and 1987 are the first generation of Chinese women in many years to be given an opportunity to have more than one child. Yet this is a generation sandwiched between the responsibilities of child rearing and looming old-age care for elderly family members.

Xiaohu was born and raised in a small county in Hebei, northern China. Like many girls of her generation, she passed China's gaokao university entrance exam with flying colours, went to university and subsequently worked in Beijing, which she now calls home. Like many generations before her, she manages the childcare for her six-year-old daughter with help from her parents and in-laws and is committed to looking after them in old age. Looking after her daughter

and a mother in a wheelchair, on top of a senior management role, is challenging but manageable.

But these are not the main reasons she gave me for not having another child. It was her fear.

Her fear of poisoned milk powder and of lead-covered toys. Her

ever-rising property value, the urban hukou or residency permit, and the associated benefits such as access to good-quality schools and healthcare. These so-called "pocketbook" factors keep them loyal to the state. The middle class tend to resist social reforms that would

to regulate them after a string of scandals related to children's welfare. This trust deficit is best captured by a Chinese saying which translates as: "Don't get involved in anything not relating to my own interests and stay aloof like a lamppost from trouble".

Instead, people often mobilise their own resources or networks to solve any problems. Xiaohu turned to a university friend who was studying in the UK and asked her to ship milk powder regularly from the UK. She also begged her relatives or friends to buy foreign-made nappies when they travelled abroad. She paid much higher premium for all these products and also owed people for their help, known as "returning favours". Xiaohu explained that this was a common strategy taken by members of the middle class – to solve problems by dipping into their own pockets.

She thought money could make any problem disappear – until a recent vaccine scandal. Her daughter was given the standard vaccines for children against diphtheria, tetanus, polio and hepatitis B made by the pharmaceutical com-



fear of dermatologically untested nappies, unsafe vaccines and child abuse in nurseries, followed by cover-ups. Under the glossy metropolitan lifestyle and outward appearance of having made it in the big city, Xiaohu confessed her anxiety and the worries which sometimes keep her awake at night.

It's the urban middle class who have been the main beneficiaries of China's economic growth. It has led to increasing personal income,

bring down the barriers between urban and rural citizens, between wealthy eastern and poorer western regions, or would introduce changes to the education system that might undermine their privileges.

### BROKEN CHAIN OF TRUST

Underneath unquestioning support of the state, there is a pathological distrust in the ethics of businesses and manufacturers and the power of local institutions

pany Changchun Changsheng. But in July 2018 it emerged hundreds of thousands of the vaccines were faulty.

"My daughter was vaccinated by this product. I was so angry but I am helpless. I thought I could avoid this. I avoided the nursery and the milk powder. But there is no escape no matter how much money you have."

She added: "Why do I want to bring another child in the world like this? You just cannot trust anyone or anything."

The Chinese state has engineered one of the most successful economic transformations in the 20th century, keeping much of the population on-side in the process. Yet, it might have difficulty in mending the broken chain of trust between people and business, local institutions and society. The state can use every trick in the book to encourage Chinese citizens to have more children, either for the sake of the nation or for the nation's economy. But if couples are worried that their children's welfare will be at risk, they won't see any point in having more children.

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# Guwahati to be connected with capital cities of six South Asian countries: Minister

**GUWAHATI, OCT 26 (PTI):** Assam Government Friday said the state capital will be connected to six capital cities of South Asian countries by the end of December to boost connectivity in the region.

While inaugurating the ASEAN section of the 2nd Guwahati International Film Festival (GIFF), Assam Act East Policy Affairs Minister, Chandra Mohan Patowary said films are bridges between two cultures.

"We are very focused to increase connectivity between the South Asia. In this direction, Guwahati will be connected with six capital cities of South Asian nations by the end of December," he said addressing the gathering.

Patowary also informed that an inter-country pact was signed yesterday to augment waterways in the region.

"A tri-lateral highway has also been planned and construction is almost done. The bridges are only left. This will be from Afghanistan to Burma (Myanmar) via India," he added.

The initiatives like the GIFF are very positive in the cultural arena that will help know each other, the minister said.

"We are trying to develop the relation between India and South East Asian countries in the field of trade, commerce and other segments. GIFF can play an important role in that direction," he added.

During the inauguration of the ASEAN segment, the Myanmar Ambassador to India, Moe Kyaw Aung was also present.

In this year, the ASEAN countries are the focus region of the 2nd GIFF with 14 films from 10 countries of the region instead of having

any focus country.

The ASEAN segment began with showing of 'In the Life of Music' by Caylee So and Sok Visal.

Some other films from the South East Asian nations will be 'Woman of the Weeping River' by Sheron Dayoc, 'The Seen and Unseen' by Kamila Andini, 'Father and Son' by Luong Dinh Dung, 'Poppy Goes to Hollywood' by Sok Visal and 'Smaller and Smaller Circles' by Raya Martin and 'Mudras Calling' by Christina Kyi.

The 2nd Guwahati International Film Festival began with much fanfare on Thursday with a collection of 108 acclaimed films from over 50 countries that is likely to attract nearly 5,000 domestic and foreign delegates in the next one week.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the seven-day long film extravaganza saying that the festival is aimed to integrate the world as a family.

The ceremony was also attended by Lithuanian Ambassador Julius Pranevicius, Serbian Ambassador Vladimir Maric and Latvian Ambassador designated Artis Bertulis.

# CPI to suspend its Bengali mouthpiece 'Kalantar'



**KOLKATA, OCT 26 (PTI):** The Communist Party of India (CPI) has decided to suspend publication of its Bengali mouthpiece 'Kalantar' from next month due to financial constraints, a senior party leader said.

'Kalantar', first published as a daily newspaper in 1966, played a vital role in helping the CPI to expand its political base post the party's split which led to the formation of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI(M) in 1964.

"Due to financial constraints, we have decided to suspend publication of 'Kalantar' from November one. It is not possible for us to run the newspaper by providing a heavy subsidy," CPI state secretary Swapan Banerjee told PTI.

"Earlier we used to get both state and central government advertisements. But for the last few years, advertisements have stopped coming from both the governments. It has only augmented our financial problems," he said.

Banerjee said that during its 52-year-old journey, the party was twice forced to suspend the publication of its mouthpiece due to financial issues.

"Earlier also we had to close down the newspaper but we had, later on, bounced back and had reopened it. We hope this time too we would be able to reopen it," he said.

Earlier 'Kalantar' was a weekly newspaper since 1965.

A senior official of information and cultural affairs department said government advertisements were being given after careful consideration of various parameters including the budget of the government.

"The claim that just because they are not getting government advertisements they can't run a newspaper is ridiculous. How can a newspaper which is run by a private entity claim that government has to give them advertisements. It is the prerogative of the government to decide on it," he said.

Several calls and messages to the Minister of State for Information and Cultural Affairs Indranil Sen went unanswered.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee holds the cabinet portfolio of the department.

# Kidney transplant gives life to four terminally ill patients

**CHANDIGARH, OCT 26 (PTI):** Four terminally ill renal failure patients received a new lease of life after receiving kidneys of two men who died of cardiac arrest at a hospital here.

Paramjit Singh (45), a resident of Mohali's village Jatot was fatally injured after he was hit by a vehicle while crossing the road. He was admitted to PGIMER in an extremely critical condition, head of the hospital's department of renal transplant surgery Dr Ashish Sharma said on Friday.

After struggling for 10 days, Paramjit died of

a cardiac arrest on October 22, he said.

Considering the prognosis, his wife, Jaswinder Kaur had already consented to donate his organs, he added.

Paramjit's kidneys benefitted two renal failure patients who had been on the waiting list for donors for long and were undergoing painful dialysis, Dr Sharma said in a statement.

The kidneys of the second man ended the suffering of another two renal failure patients.

Recently, Mukhtiar Singh (56), a resident of village Tasrauli was referred to the PGIMER in

a precarious condition from Civil Hospital in Ambala after he fell down from his bed and had been unconscious ever since, Dr Sharma said.

While attending to Mukhtiar, the doctors told his family that he wouldn't pull through.

His son-in-law Kuldeep Singh decided to donate his organs in case of his death and conveyed it to the transplant coordinators at PGIMER, he said.

Doctors retrieved his kidneys and transplanted them, Dr Sharma said.

# BJP asks Tripura unit to woo Chakma, Bru voters in Mizoram

**AGARTALA, OCT 26 (PTI):** The BJP has entrusted its Tripura unit with the responsibility of wooing Chakma and Bru voters in five Assembly constituencies of Mizoram, dominated by people belonging to the two ethnic communities, a senior party leader said.

The five Mizoram Assembly constituencies have been identified as West Tuipui, Mamit, Tuichawng, Hachhek and Thorang, vice-president of BJP's Tripura unit, Pratima Bhowmick, said on Friday.

Elections to the 40-member Mizoram Assembly are scheduled for November 28.

"We have been given the responsibility of the overall campaign in the five constituencies where the maximum voters are from Chakma and Bru communities. We are hopeful of winning all the five seats," Bhowmick told PTI.

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb, Social Welfare Minister Santana Chakma, state BJP vice-president Pratima Bhowmick and MLAs Sambhu Lal Chakma and Promod Reang on Tuesday began their campaign in Mizoram for the Assembly elections.

Biplab Kumar Deb, Santana Chakma and Sambhu Lal Chakma addressed a poll rally at Kamalanagar, the headquarters of the Chakma Autonomous District Council.

The Tripura chief minister has been given special responsibility to campaign for the Mizoram elections, Bhowmick said.

"We conducted the first round of campaign at Kamalanagar and other constituencies and received overwhelming response from voters there. People of the Chakma community gathered in large numbers at the helipad to receive us.

"We found Santana Chakma and our chief minister to be very popular among them," Bhowmick said.

Bhowmick, along with MLA Dilip Das on

Friday left for refugee camps in North Tripura district, where at least 35,000 Bru inmates are sheltered.

"We will campaign among the Bru inmates there, because they are voters in Mizoram.

Many refugee leaders are now campaigning for us in Mizoram compact areas in the state," she told PTI before leaving for the refugee camps.

Bhowmick said 96 per cent of the population in the Chakma district council area in Mizoram are from the Chakma community.

About 50 per cent voters in Mamit are from the Bru community and 5 per cent from the Chakma community.

In Hachhek constituency, the Brus constitute 68 per cent of the total voters, in Thorang constituency Chakmas constitute 30 per cent and Brus represent 27 per cent and in West Tuipui, the Chakmas constitute 80 per cent of the voters, Bhowmick said.

Ninety-eight per cent of the voters in Tuichawng seat belong to the Chakma

community, she said.

BJP spokesperson Subrata Chakraborty said, chief ministers of many northeastern states will campaign for the Mizoram Assembly elections, including Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

BJP president Amit Shah had visited Aizawl on October 17 to kick off the party's election campaign.

# Congress activists stage dharna outside CBI office in Assam

**GUWAHATI, OCT 26 (PTI):** Activists and leaders of Assam Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) staged a dharna outside the CBI office here on Friday, as part of the party's nationwide protest against the decision of the Centre to send the probe agency's director, Alok Verma, on leave.

Slamming Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly "degrading the autonomy of the nation's top investigating agency", APCC president Ripun Bora, who led the demonstrators, said Verma was divested of powers to "stifle probe into allegations of corruption in Rafale jet deal".

"We are protesting against Modi's disgraceful attempt to prevent an investigation into the Rafale scam by removing CBI chief Alok Verma," he said.

The Centre on Wednesday divested Verma and special director Rakesh Asthana of their powers and sent the two feuding officials on leave.

Verma had reportedly opposed Asthana's elevation as the special director of the premiere agency on the ground that he was being probed in a graft case.

In a memorandum submitted to President Ram Nath Kovind, Assam Congress Legislature Party Debabrata Saikia demanded Verma's immediate reinstatement.

Verma was removed from his office "arbitrarily and illegally", at the behest of PM Narendra Modi, he said.

Seeking Kovind's intervention into the matter, the memorandum said, "The Modi-led NDA government has sent CBI director Alok Verma on leave to protect its handpicked officer Rakesh Asthana, against whom serious charges of corruption have been leveled.

"Such malafide action of the Modi government is an attempt to save the skin of BJP leaders, who are involved in the corruption case along with the accused officer," it contended.

# Maneka inaugurates Women of India National Organic Fest

**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):** Union minister Maneka Gandhi Friday inaugurated the fifth edition of the Women of India National Organic Festival at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA).

The festival is aimed at boosting organic culture and promoting women organic farmers and entrepreneurs.

The Woman and Child Development minister said woman entrepreneurs and farmers from across the country are participating in the event and selling their produce.

"And for the first time, vegan food and a food court have been introduced. Woman farmers and entrepreneurs from across the country are participating in the festival," she said, adding that the festival is anticipating a sale of Rs 3 crore this year.

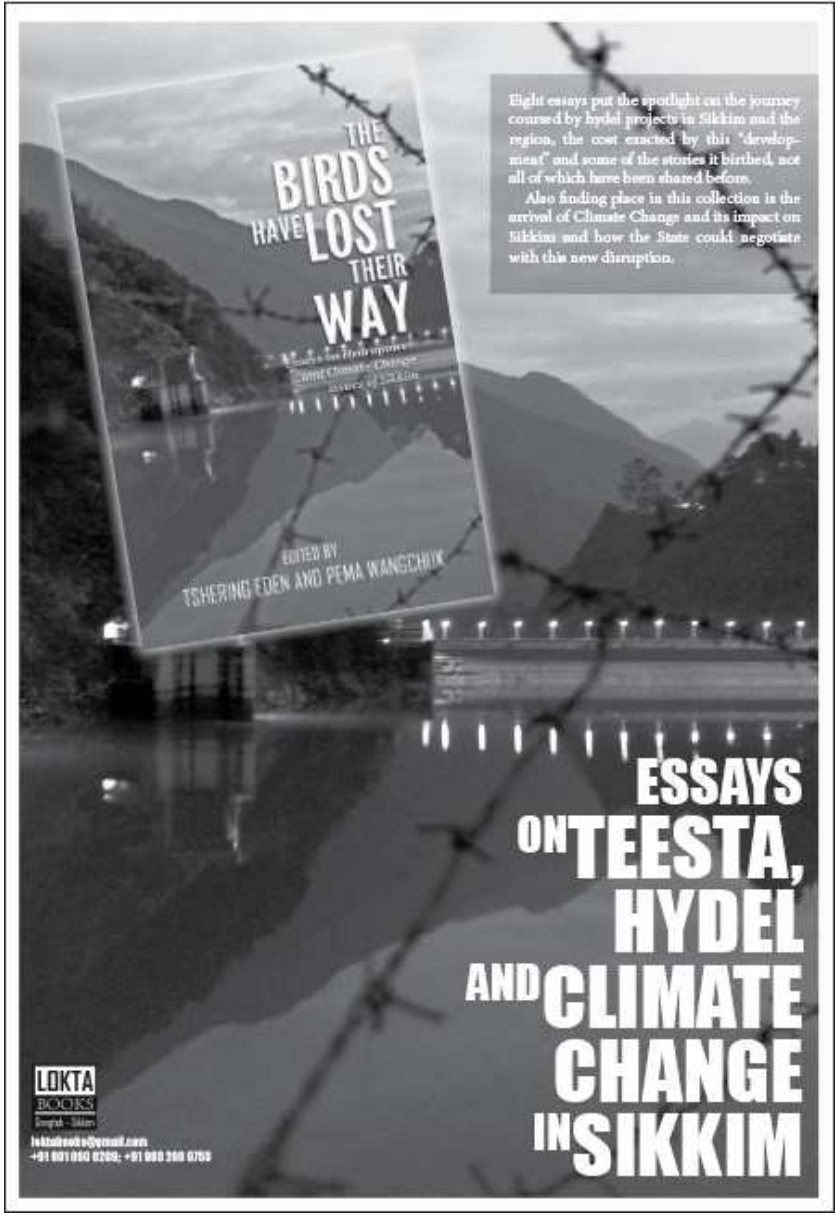
Last year, there was a business worth Rs 2 crore.

Being the country's largest organic festival, it bears witness to the fact that women are the torchbearers of the nation's organic movement, Gandhi said.

The 10-day long organic festival, which will be held till November 4, will showcase producers and manufacturers of organic products from 26 Indian states.

Over 500 women entrepreneurs from Leh to Kanyakumari and from Kohima to Kutch have participated at the fest with their organic products, including 1,200 varieties of rice, several varieties of millets, cereals, pulses, spices, chilli chocolates, pumpkin seeds, cookies, pickles, dry fruits, oils, honey, tea, coffee, mushrooms, herbs, cosmetics, aromatherapy products, organic seeds, organic cotton fabrics, linen fabrics, seeds jewelry and fruit wines, among others.

There will also be cultural performances during the 10-day festival





# Pooja lights up day for India at World c'ship with bronze

**BUDAPEST (HUNGARY), OCT 25 (PTI):** Pooja Dhanda became only the fourth Indian woman grappler and first in six years to win a medal at the World Championship, grabbing a bronze with a stunning 10-7 win over the 2017 European champion Grace Jacob Bullen, here on Thursday.

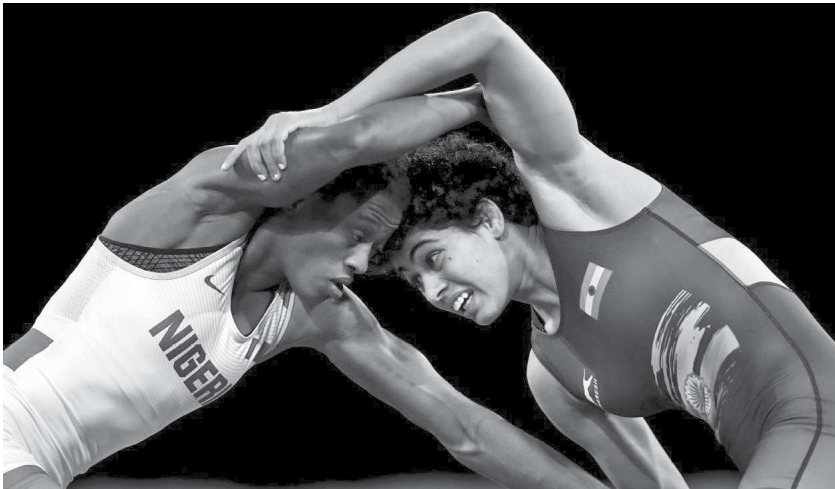
One of the two wrestlers in a medal contention, the 24-year-old Pooja executed a four-point throw in each of the two periods in the 57kg contest to deliver the best performance of her career.

It is second big medal for Pooja this season, having won a silver the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast.

Only Alka Tomar (2006), Geeta (2012) and Babita Phogat (2012) have won bronze medals for India at the Worlds before Pooja's memorable medal victory.

It is India's second medal at the ongoing championship after Bajrang Punia's silver medal performance in the men's freestyle 65kg category.

"It's a proud feeling for me. I have done my country proud with this



medal. I am very happy with this effort. In the beginning, I had a chance for a counter attack and I got a good lead. I was confident that I will pull it off," said an elated Pooja Dhanda.

Asked about her opponent, Pooja said she came prepared to tackle her.

"Bullen is strong with her upper body, I had seen her bouts, so my coaches planned that I block my arms and work on lower body. So

attacked on the legs and got points," she explained her strategy.

Pooja said being in the brackets of world beaters made her job tough but having a win over Olympic and World champion Helen Maroulis at the start of the year, had boosted her confidence.

"I was in the lower bracket, which had Olympic and world champions. But I had beaten Olympic gold medalist (at Pro Wrestling League in January), so my confi-

dence was high"

Pooja said she now wants to win an Olympic medal.

"My next target is Olympics. I feel very confident. I need to work on little things. I will come back to the mat with proper preparation."

Pooja opened up a 4-1 lead with a throw, which she found on counter attack. She consolidated it with a roll and took a 6-1 lead after the end of first period.

After conceding a

point for a step out, Pooja Stunned the Norwegian with another four-point throw, to zoom to a 10-2 lead.

Grace reduced the gap with a take down and a couple of push outs to put pressure on the Indian, who was cautioned twice. She somehow managed to avoid a third caution, holding off to lead.

She had earlier erased a three-point deficit to win her repechage round 8-3 against Alyona Kolesnik from Azerbaijan

Before, Pooja's bout Ritu Phogat lost her bronze medal bouts and none of the four Greco Roman grapplers could win even a single match.

Ritu had a chance to emulate her elders sister -- Geeta and Babita -- to win a Worlds medal but she lost the 50kg bronze play-off 5-10 to Ukraine's Oksana Livach.

Coming from behind, she had beaten Romania's Emilia Alina Vuc in the repechage but the Ukrainian proved too strong for her.

Rio Olympic bronze medalist Sakshi Malik yet again failed to reach the medal round at a big-ticket event, losing the repechage round 2-3 to Hungary's Marianna Sastin. Sakshi had a 2-1 lead but failed to defend it for last seven seconds, playing too defensive.

The Greco Roman competition began today but none of the four wrestlers could win a match.

Vijay (55kg), Gaurav Shara (63kg), Kuldeep Malik (72kg) and Harpreet Singh (82kg) all crashed out after losing their Qualification rounds.



## Sindhu enters quarters, Praneeth bows out of French Open

**PARIS, OCT 26 (PTI):** India ace PV Sindhu advanced to the quarterfinals with a straight-game win over Japan's Sayaka Sato but B Sai Praneeth crashed out of the French Open BWF World Tour Super 750 tournament here.

Sindhu, seeded third, dished out a compact game to outwit Sayaka 21-17 21-16 in a second round match on Thursday to set up a clash with seventh seeded Chinese He Bingjiao.

However, Praneeth was no match for Asian Games champion Jonatan Christie of Indonesia, going down 16-21 14-21 in a men's singles match.

The men's doubles pairs of Satwiksairaj

Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy too put up a good show, progressing to the quarterfinals with straight game wins.

While Satwik and Chirag defeated China's He Jiting and Tan Qiang 21-13 21-19, Manu and Sumeeth stunned third seeded Chinese combination of Liu Cheng and Zhang Nan 21-14 21-16 in another match.

However, it was curtains for Meghana Jak-kampudi and Poorvisha S Ram as the duo went down 15-21 13-21 to fourth seeded Indonesian pair of Greysia Polli and Apriyani Rahayu.

## WTO ministerial calls for reform, vows to fight protectionism

**WASHINGTON, OCT 26 (PTI):** Asserting that the current situation at the World Trade Organization is no longer sustainable, the Ottawa Ministerial on WTO reform Thursday vowed to fight against protectionism.

Among other things, the group comprising top trade officials of 12 countries and the European Union sought for urgent action to develop 21st century trade rules at the WTO.

"The current situation at the WTO is no longer sustainable. Our resolve for change must be matched with action: we will continue to fight protectionism; and we are committed politically to moving forward urgently on transparency, dispute settlement and developing 21st century trade rules at the WTO," said a joint communique issued by Ottawa Ministerial on WTO Reform.

Ministers and Heads of Delegation representing a dozen "like-minded" WTO members and the European Union met in Ottawa on October 24 and 25 to discuss ways to strengthen and modernise the world body, which of late has been at the receiving end of President Trump.

The meeting was chaired by Jim Carr, Canada's Minister of International Trade Diversification. Other countries represented in the group were Australia, Brazil, Chile, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore and Switzerland. The group is scheduled to meet next in January 2019. India, China, and the US are not part of the meeting.

Acknowledging that concerns that have been raised about the functioning of the dispute settlement system, the group said it is ready to work on solutions, while preserving the essential features of the system and of its Appellate Body.

Asserting that WTO must reinvigorate its negotiating function, the group underscored the need to conclude negotiations on fisheries subsidies in 2019 consistent with instructions from WTO Ministers at the 11th ministerial conference (MC11) held last year in Buenos Aires.

Expressing their concern with the overall record of compliance by WTO members with their notification obligations, the group agreed that improvements are required.

# India look to plug gaps; extend lead against West Indies

**NIKHIL BAPAT**

**PUNE, OCT 26 (PTI):** Handed a reality check after West Indies salvaged a morale-boosting tie in the second game, India will be hoping to put up an improved bowling show with their frontline pacers Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah back in action for the third ODI here on Saturday.

A well-oiled India hammered the Windies in the lung opener in Guwahati by eight wickets, but the gritty visitors indeed, made a statement of sorts in Visakhapatnam, by denying the hosts a victory and a chance to go 2-0 ahead in the five-match rubber.

However the absence of Bhuvneshwar and Bumrah saw Indian bowling unit being clobbered for 320 plus runs in both games.

With more variations in their repertoire in white ball cricket compared to the profligate Umesh Yadav and an inconsistent Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar and Bumrah are expected to



make a significant difference, especially in the first Powerplay and the death overs.

India also have issues to ponder over with only 16 games are left before the World Cup in England next year -- the fragile middle-order and lack of consistency from the lower-middle order batsmen -- when they take field at the MCA International stadium.

Skipper Virat Kohli, who surpassed iconic Sachin Tendulkar to score fastest 10,000 runs, has always been the backbone of the team.

His back to back hundreds (140 and 157 not out) is just a testimony to it. The skipper, who has scored 297 runs so far in the series, will be aiming for a big knock again.

Ambati Rayadu, whose 73 consolidated his claim for No 4 spot and a good show on Saturday, will only help him make the position his own.

But questions remain on a stable numbers 5, 6 and 7.

Veteran Mahendra Singh Dhoni (20) again looked out of sorts in the second ODI and with his ability to finish innings

on the wane, the stumper will be under immense pressure to perform.

A big score is expected from young Rishabh Pant, who has got the ability to go all guns blazing. The team management is expected to persist with him for his game-changing ability.

The dew is a big factor during day-night matches in India, something that will worry Kohli since both his wrist spinners Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal were finding it difficult to grip the wet ball.

Senior spinner Ravin-

dra Jadeja will have to pull up his socks and can't afford to be inconsistent with only a few places up for grabs going into the World Cup.

For the visitors, their biggest asset is young Shimron Hetmyer, who scored a scintillating 94 in the last game after an attractive 106 in the opening encounter.

The 21-year-old southpaw would be raring to go at the Indian bowlers once again.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Shai Hope with his hundred in Visakhapatnam has proved that there is more to his game than the attractive 30's.

But apart from these two, West Indies would be hoping that the others like Kieron Powell, Chanderpaul Hemraj and Rovman Powell step up and deliver.

Their senior pros like experienced Marlon Samuels (13 runs) and skipper Jason Holder (50 runs) haven't really played to their potential. The duo will look to make amends.

The bowling attack will

be spearheaded by Kumar Roach but he has been leaking runs along with their spinners Devendra Bishoo and Ashley Nurse.

The trio, along with the others including Holder and Oshane Thomas will need to come up with something special to restrict a ruthless Indian skipper and the others, who can hammer any bowling attack.

### SQUADS

**India:** Virat Kohli (Captain), Rohit Sharma (vice-captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Ambati Rayudu, Rishabh Pant, MS Dhoni (wicket-keeper), Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Khaleel Ahmed, Umesh Yadav, KL Rahul, Manish Pandey.

**West Indies:** Jason Holder (Captain), Fabian Allen, Sunil Ambris, Devendra Bishoo, Chanderpaul Hemraj, Shimron Hetmyer, Shai Hope, Alzarri Joseph, Evin Lewis, Ashley Nurse, Keemo Paul, Rovman Powell, Kumar Roach, Marlon Samuels, Oshane Thomas.

# FIFA president: new events will protect soccer's relevance

**KIGALI (RWANDA), OCT 26 (AP):** FIFA President Gianni Infantino says he is pushing for support of new competitions despite Europe's opposition because it is his duty to protect the "relevance of football."

On the eve of the soccer governing body's council meeting, Infantino revealed other investors are interested in backing a revamped Club World Cup and a new worldwide Nations League.

So far, only a consortium featuring Japan's SoftBank that has offered 25 billion in guaranteed revenue has been identified.

But European soccer's federation remains a thorn in the side of Infantino, who wants council members on Friday to agree in principle to replace

competitions that lack commercial appeal. UEFA clubs are opposed to adding more games to their schedule, especially any that threaten the popular Champions League.

"I really think we have to think out of the box to think about new models to preserve football and the relevance of football," Infantino said in an interview with The Associated Press and New York Times on Thursday afternoon.

"I don't think there is anything that dramatic or wrong to discuss about competitions, to discuss about how to commercialize these competitions," he said.

"I don't understand this hype." The relationship between FIFA and UEFA was

tense ahead of Friday's meeting in the Rwandan capital.

UEFA representatives discussed walking out of the meeting when the new competitions are discussed, according to a person with knowledge of the situation.

But FIFA officials late Thursday floated the possibility to UEFA of a task force being created to explore the merits of the new formats, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the conversations were private.

As successor to Sepp Blatter, the FIFA president of 17 years, Infantino said he is championing "modern ways" in the world's most popular sport.

That includes scrapping the Club World Cup in its current, unappealing annual

seven-team format and the Confederations Cup, which is a little-regarded World Cup warmup tournament.

But several council members were irritated by Infantino's secrecy surrounding the proposal for the new competitions particularly the financials.

"Maybe (there is) some misunderstanding," Infantino said. "I don't know what the reasons are and I'm still confident that we will find the right kind of solution."

Infantino wants members, at least, to back the idea of the global Nations League and a bigger, annual Club World Cup or quadrennial version.

"He is not already lost or not," Infantino said of UEFA head Aleksander Ceferin. "I am confident we can speak."

But Infantino said he has not spoken to Ceferin in a few months despite both of their governing bodies being based in Switzerland.

"We don't agree ... so far on essentials," Infantino said. "This isn't the end of the world. You can have opinions and agree we have different interests. ... Hopefully everyone, or a majority, sees and agrees (the new competitions) are something that will benefit football. Then if it doesn't then you do something else."

The lack of consensus prevented Infantino from calling a special council meeting to secure the backing he hoped to get ahead of the World Cup in Russia. He even wrote to council members warning a "change in the financial terms"

could result from not accepting the full proposition.

A 60-day negotiating period with a consortium of investors, who Infantino has not publicly named, expired in May. "Maybe that hindered a proper discussion about (the new competitions) but (the offer) was there," Infantino said.

Infantino is now trying to take the focus off the finances heading into Friday's meeting.

"It's not all a question of 25 billion," he said. "The question is do we want to do something for club football and national team football on a worldwide basis."

volved in the new tournaments.

"There were several discussions with several other potential investors, not state funds or anything similar but private global companies," Infantino said.

"We will see what, if anything will be decided on Friday, and then if something will be decided we will see what kind of offers we can get after that."

UEFA officials have been informed the consortium featuring SoftBank could withdraw from negotiations if progress is not made in Kigali, according to people with knowledge of the situation.

Asked about the other offers beyond the 25 billion proposal, Infantino said: "Nothing was rejected nothing was concretized."



## Saudi prosecutor to visit Istanbul over Khashoggi murder: Erdogan

**ANKARA, Oct 26 (AFP):** Saudi Arabia's chief prosecutor will visit Istanbul on Sunday for talks with Turkish authorities as part of the investigation into the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, Turkey's president said Friday. "They (the Saudis) are sending the chief prosecutor on Sunday to Turkey," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said, adding that Ankara had more evidence on the killing.

## Japan, China strike deals during Abe visit as ties improve

**BEIJING, Oct 26 (AFP):** Japan and China signed USD 2.6 billion in business deals and touted their warmer ties on Friday during a rare visit to Beijing by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as both face trade challenges from US President Donald Trump.

Premier Li Keqiang greeted Abe as Japan's flag flew outside the opulent Great Hall of the People across from Tiananmen Square, and they reviewed an honour guard before going inside for talks.

Relations between Asia's two biggest economies have improved in recent years after they sunk to new lows in 2012 when Tokyo "nationalised" disputed islands claimed by Beijing.

Addressing a joint press conference, Abe said that the two leaders had agreed to "play a constructive role for the sake of this region's peace and prosperity".

"I believe active trade will deepen ties between Japanese and Chinese peoples further," he said.

"Now, international conditions are unstable, and uncertainties have increased," Li said, adding that the countries' economic cooperation would "benefit the development of global free trade".

The relationship has rapidly warmed up as Trump has slapped massive tariffs on China while also targeting Japanese exports in his effort to cut US trade deficits, despite touting his personal bonds with Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Abe travelled with nearly 1,000 delegates from Japanese companies, who struck 500 deals worth a total of USD 2.6 billion, Li said, without providing details.

The companies are eager for increased access to China's massive market, while Beijing is interested in Japanese technology and corporate know-how.

"Though the US is quite an influential factor in China-Japan ties, the effect is limited," China's nationalistic Global Times said in an editorial.

"If Beijing and Tokyo intend to plan their future bilateral relationship based on Washington's attitude, they will only get lost," the state-run daily said.

The two leaders also oversaw the signing of several political agreements, including a currency swap deal and a mechanism to avoid accidental clashes between their militaries.

# Knife-wielding woman injures 14 children at China kindergarten

**KJM VARMA**  
**BEIJING, Oct 26 (PTI):** A woman armed with kitchen knife on Friday attacked children at a kindergarten in China's southwestern city of Chongqing, injuring at least 14 of them before she was stopped by teachers and guards, in the latest such incident on children in the country.

Police in the Chongqing city said, the children were slashed by the 39-year-old woman about 9:30 a.m. (local time) as they were returning to class after their



morning exercises at the Yudong New Century Kindergarten in the Banan district, police said.

The injured children were all sent to hospitals for treatment. There was

no immediate word on their condition.

The woman, identified only by her surname Liu, has been arrested, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post

quoted a local state-run Chongqing Broadcasting Group as saying.

The motive behind the attack is unclear, though some reports on social media say the woman had a grievance against the government.

A mobile recording shared by the broadcaster showed the alleged suspect being dragged away by police, as well as an injured child on a hospital stretcher.

Videos circulating on Chinese social media showed small children bleeding from severe cuts to

their faces at the entrance of the kindergarten as stunned adults looked on. A screenshot of a WeChat group said "a woman and her husband were arguing, and to take revenge against society she stabbed the children at the kindergarten with a knife", the report said.

A video from a hospital in the Chongqing showed adults wailing in grief as children covered in blood are rushed from ambulances into the building. In another video, a child with his head in bandages is rushed

past on a hospital bed, as crowds look on.

School security guards and staff managed to restrain the attacker. Video from the scene appeared to show angry onlookers attempting to hit and kick the woman after she was detained.

Large crowds gathered at the scene following the incident, and that the attack had shocked residents of the city, a metropolis of some 30 million people, the report said.

Violent crime is relatively rare in China, but it

has faced a string of unrelated knife attacks in school and kindergartens in recent years.

They have usually been carried out by people seeking revenge against officials or individuals, or who are suffering from mental health problems.

On June, a 29-year-old man fatally stabbed two children outside a primary school in Shanghai, while nine schoolchildren were stabbed to death in a county in Shaanxi province in April, the report said.

# Saeed-led JuD, FIF no more on list of banned outfits in Pakistan: Report

**SAJJAD HUSSAIN**  
**ISLAMABAD, Oct 26 (PTI):** Mumbai attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed-led Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) are no longer on the list of banned outfits in Pakistan as the presidential ordinance that proscribed them under a UN resolution has lapsed, a media report said on Friday.

In February this year, former president Mammooon Hussain promulgated an ordinance amending the Anti-Terrorism Act,

1997 to declare JuD and FIF as proscribed groups.

During a hearing on Thursday of a petition filed by Saeed, his counsel informed the Islamabad High Court (IHC) that the presidential ordinance had lapsed and it had never been extended, Dawn newspaper reported.

The petitioner had challenged the ordinance under which his organisations had been banned for being on the watch list of the United Nations Security Council.

Saeed contended in

the petition that he established JuD in 2002 and cut off all ties with the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, but India continued to malign the JuD for its past association with the banned outfit, the report said.

The petitioner said he was kept in detention in 2009 and 2017 due to India's pressure. He said that the UN Security Council had passed a resolution against the JuD after which the government of Pakistan put it on the watch list, it said.

India has been push-

ing Pakistan to bring to justice the planners of the November 2008 Mumbai attacks. Saeed is the co-founder of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, which was responsible for the attack in which 166 people were killed.

Saeed's counsel Raja Rizwan Abbasi and Sohail Warraich appeared before Justice Aamer Farooq of the IHC. On a query, Saeed's counsel informed the court that the current government did not extend the ordinance or table it in parliament to

convert it into an act.

Deputy Attorney General Raja Khalid Mehmood Khan confirmed that the ordinance has lapsed. He, however, declined the request of advocate Abbasi for giving a statement on behalf of the interior ministry about the lapse of the ordinance.

Khan told the court that since the petitioner did not cite the interior ministry as a respondent, he could not give a statement unless the petition was amended and the in-

terior secretary added as a party in the petition.

Justice Farooq held that the petition became infructuous since the ordinance challenged by the petitioner has lapsed.

The judge disposed of the petition with an observation that in case the government renewed this ordinance, the petitioner was at liberty to file another petition against the promulgation of the law.

The petitioner claimed that the promulgation of the ordinance

was not only prejudicial to the sovereignty but also contradictory to the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution.

He said that any law which was violative of constitutional provisions was liable to be struck down.

According to a list updated on September 5 on the National Counter Terrorism Authority's website, 66 organisations have been banned in the Pakistan and the JuD and FIF are not among them.

# Google fired 48 employees for sexual harassment: CEO Pichai

**NEW YORK, Oct 26 (PTI):** Google fired 48 employees, including 13 senior managers, over sexual harassment claims since 2016, CEO Sundar Pichai has revealed, asserting that the tech giant was taking an "increasingly hard line" on "inappropriate conduct" by people in positions of authority.

In a letter to employees, the Indian-American chief executive officer said Google was "dead serious" about ensuring a safe and inclusive workplace and emphasised that none of the sacked people got an exit package when they were



let go.

The letter was in response to a New York Times report that Android creator Andy Rubin received a whopping USD 90 million exit package despite facing misconduct allegations.

"Today's story in the New York Times was dif-

ferent to read," Pichai and Eileen Naughton, Google's Vice President of people operations, said in the letter made public on Thursday.

"We want to assure you that we review every single complaint about sexual harassment or inappropriate conduct, we

investigate, and we take action," they said.

In recent years, Google has made a number of changes, including taking an "increasingly hard line on inappropriate conduct by people in positions of authority," they said.

In the last two years, 48 people have been terminated for sexual harassment, including 13 who were senior managers and above. "None of these individuals received an exit package," the letter emphasised.

"Because we know that reporting harassment can be traumatic, we provide confidential

channels to share any inappropriate behaviour you experience or see.

"We support and respect those who have spoken out. You can find many ways to do this at go/saysomething. You can make a report anonymously if you wish," they said.

They said Google was committed to ensuring that it has a workplace where "you can feel safe to do your best work, and where there are serious consequences for anyone who behaves inappropriately."

According to the New York Times report, two unnamed Google executives said then-chief ex-

ecutive Larry Page asked Rubin to resign after the company confirmed a complaint by a female employee about a sexual encounter in a hotel room in 2013.

A Google investigation found the woman's complaint to be credible, the paper reported, but the company has not confirmed this.

Rubin said he did not engage in misconduct and left Google of his own accord.

A spokesman for Rubin denied the allegations, the newspaper said.

Sam Singer said Rubin decided to leave Google

# Trump imposes sanctions on Hezbollah

**LALIT K JHA**  
**Washington, Oct 26 (PTI):** US President Donald Trump has imposed new sanctions targeting Lebanese militant group Hezbollah to isolate it from the international financial system, as his administration continues its all-out economic squeeze on the Iranian regime that allegedly backs it.

Trump signed the Hezbollah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act (HIFPAA) of 2018 into law on the 35th anniversary of Hezbollah's 1983 truck bombing of the barracks in Beirut, which killed 241 US service members and 58 French peacekeepers.

The legislation ramps up reporting requirements and places further financial and economic sanctions on the group.

"The attack was carried out by Hezbollah, which Iran was instrumental in founding earlier to advance its radical agenda and remains its main patron today. And we're doing a big number on Iran today, in case you haven't noticed," Trump said.

"Hezbollah has kidnapped, tortured, and murdered American cit-



izens, including in its brutal attack in 1983 on our Marine Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, which killed 241 American Marines, Sailors, and Soldiers, wounded 128 other American service members, and killed a Lebanese civilian. Another bombing against the French barracks killed 58 French peacekeepers and 58 French civilians," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said.

The legislation, Sanders said, will further isolate Hezbollah from the international financial system and reduce its funding.

These sanctions will target foreign persons and government agencies that knowingly assist or support Hezbollah, and Hezbollah-affiliated networks that engage in drug trafficking or other transnational crime, she said.

Trump said over the

past year, his administration has levied the highest number of sanctions ever imposed on Hezbollah in a single year, by far.

"Just a few moments ago I signed legislation imposing even more hard-hitting sanctions on Hezbollah to further starve them of them of their funds. And they are starving of funds," he said.

"We will target, disrupt, and dismantle their operational and financing networks of which they had plenty. They don't have plenty now. And we will never forget what they did to our great Marines in Beirut. We will never forget," the US president said.

The US has designated Hezbollah a terrorist organization that also plays a major political role in Lebanon. The bill Trump signed Thursday also expands the list of those who can be sanc-

tioned for doing business with Hezbollah.

Iran, Hezbollah's main sponsor, also has been targeted by US sanctions in recent months. Since May of this year when the US withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran, the US has imposed a number of embargoes against Tehran.

In August, the US

re-imposed a set of sanctions prohibiting Iran's purchase of US dollars and precious metals, which is part of a larger US measure aimed at cutting the country off from the international financial system. A second round of US sanctions in November will target Iran's energy sector.

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# In solidarity with #MeToo movement, Anupama says on MAMI festival

**MUMBAI, OCT 25 (PTI):** Anupama Chopra Thursday said the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival was in solidarity with the #MeToo movement and understands the pain caused by its decision to drop some of the films from the event.

At the opening ceremony of the 20th edition of the event, festival director Anupama said they are starting this edition with "conflicted emotions".

After the #MeToo movement intensified in the entertainment industry, MAMI dropped AIB production's "Chintu Ka Birthday" from the festival's lineup over allegations of sexual misconduct against two of its members - Tanmay Bhatt and Gursimran Khamba.

Recently, filmmaker Anurag Kashyap, who has been accused of shielding director

Vikas Bahl in an alleged sexual harassment case, stepped down as the board member.

Rajat Kapoor's "Kadakh" was also dropped from the festival as the actor-filmmaker was accused of harassment.

Filmmaker Shazia Iqbal questioned the festival's decision to drop her short film "Bebaak", which had Kashyap as co-producers.

Anupama said, "It (#MeToo movement) has forced all of us to look within and ask 'what could I have done differently? What changes now?' We come to this edition with conflicted emotions. In solidarity with the movement, we decided to exclude certain films from the festival".

"As filmmakers and film lovers, we understand and regret the pain we have caused. I want to here personally apologise to all the people we have



disappointed," she said.

Anupama said the academy is hopeful that the decision will only bring in positive change.

"We are also charged and hopeful that the decision we took to stand with the women

who had the courage to raise their voice will lead to an environment that is constructive, inclusive and just," she added.

At the opening ceremony, filmmaker Shyam Bengal was given the Excellence In Cinema Award for his contribution

to Indian cinema.

Benegal, who is also one of the founding members of MAMI said he "dreaded" the day when one of their own will be acknowledged but appreciated the honour.

He was given the award

by Jaya Bachchan and Aamir Khan, who said the film industry owes a lot to the veteran filmmaker.

This year the Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival with Star will be commemorating the life and incredible career of Sridevi and honouring her with the MAMI Tribute for her exceptional contribution to Indian cinema.

The festival will also be honouring the renowned legacy and work of iconic Swedish auteur Ingmar Bergman.

The opening film of this year's edition is Vasan Bala's "Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota" which bagged the People's Choice Award in the Midnight Madness section at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The film chronicles the story of a young man born without pain receptors who longs to defeat 100 opponents

in a kumite tournament.

The closing film of the festival would be "Widows", directed by Steve McQueen.

The Dimensions Mumbai jury will be headed by Rajkumar Hirani. The jury members include Nambiar, Renuka Shahane and Parvathy.

International competition jury includes Vishal Bhardwaj, film editor Thom Noble and Jacqueline Lyanga. It will be headed by filmmaker Sean Baker.

This year the festival will also hold a series of master classes and conversations with several prominent people from the industry, including filmmaker Lucrecia Martel, Darren Aronofsky, Sean Baker, Netflix Chief Content Officer Ted Sarandos, Filmmaker, MUBI Founder Efe Cakarel.

## Alexander Skarsgard joins 'Godzilla vs Kong' cast

**LOS ANGELES, OCT 26 (PTI):** Actor Alexander Skarsgard has joined the cast of Legendary's "Godzilla vs Kong".

Adam Wingard is directing the film, which also stars actor Julian Dennison.

According to the Hollywood Reporter, plot details are unclear, but the actioner will feature the two titular classic monsters squaring off in some form.

Skarsgard is expected to play the leader of a military unit.

The film is the fourth in-

stallment in Legendary and Warner Bros' expanding universe about the two super-sized screen legends.

The first installment of Legendary's MonsterVerse was 2014's "Godzilla", followed by 2017's "Kong: Skull Island". A sequel to "Godzilla", titled "Godzilla: King of the Monsters", with Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga, and Millie Bobby Brown, is close to release.

"Godzilla vs Kong" hits theatres on May 22, 2020.



## 'Arjun Reddy' Hindi remake titled 'Kabir Singh', will release in June 2019

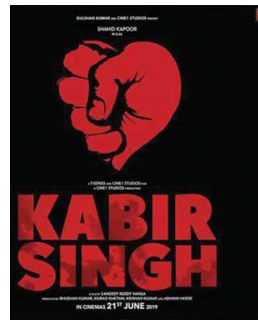
**MUMBAI, OCT 26 (PTI):** The Hindi remake of Telugu blockbuster "Arjun Reddy" is titled "Kabir Singh".

Starring Shahid Kapoor in the titular role, the film will hit the theatres on June 21, 2019.

The film is directed by Sandeep Vanga who was also the director of the Telugu version. Kiara Advani plays the female lead.

T-Series and Cine1 Studios are producing the project.

"When we started work on



the Hindi script, it was a very exciting journey. 'Kabir Singh', as the protagonist's name, came naturally, considering the character's graph. Kabir Singh has the same punch and madness of Arjun Reddy," Vanga said in a statement.

The film will be shot extensively in Mumbai, Delhi and Musoorie.

Shahid will sport four different looks in the movie and has been preparing for it over the last three months.

## Legacies Might Just Be Your Witch/Vampire/Werewolf Dream Show

This fall TV season might have saved one of its best for last.

The CW's Legacies finally makes its debut tonight, the last of the new broadcast shows to premiere this fall, and if you ask us, it's good. The show takes place in the Salvatore Boarding School established at the end of The Vampire Diaries, run by headmaster Alaric Saltzman (Matt Davis), and filled with supernatural kids, like Alaric's twins, Josie (Kaylee Bryant

and Lizzie (Jenny Boyd), and Hope (Danielle Rose Russell), the werewolf/vampire/witch hybrid whose miraculous birth spawned The Originals.

The show is technically a spinoff of The Vampire Diaries and The Originals but Davis, who has played Alaric since season one of TVD, likes to think of it more as the third in a trilogy.

"I've always [cringed] at the idea of these being spinoffs, so I've been actively pushing the concept that it ac-

tually completes the trilogy," Davis tells E! News. "It's interesting because you know The Vampire Diaries [was] the love triangle. It was Nina [Dobrev], Ian [Somerhalder], and Paul [Wesley], it was very much their show and the tone of the show was amplified by that love triangle. The Originals is very much Joseph [Morgan] and Daniel [Gillies] and Charles' [Michael Davis] show and amplified their voice and their tone and their style. And I'm very proud that this will

amplify sort of my style and Danielle's style."

Legacies is very much its own show, taking as much inspiration from Harry Potter and Buffy the Vampire Slayer than from its parent shows as its powerful supernatural teens fight off monsters-of-the-week while working to control the monsters they can also be themselves. That's not a new concept, but it does feel like a new version of that concept, one that takes place firmly in 2018.

**THE NORTH REMEMBERS!** The Game of Thrones co-stars, Kit Harington, Maisie Williams & Richard Madden, reunite at the opening night of Williams' new play I and You in London.

**ARIES:** Lack of contact with a close friend or romantic partner might find you feeling lonely and insecure, wondering if he or she has forgotten you or simply doesn't care to be around you anymore. This is more likely your insecurity than anything based in reality. Sometimes people are busy! Give your friend a call. Chances are the person will be very glad to hear from you.

**TAURUS:** Responsibilities at home may weigh on your mind today and interfere with other obligations. This could cause some inner conflict, but you have a personal life and it's important to take care of these things, too. Upsets in your circle of friends could distract and stress you. Make an effort to balance it all and you'll make it through the day.

**GEMINI:** Disappointing emails or calls could come your way today. Perhaps someone you were hoping to visit with won't be able to make it, or perhaps a friend had to turn down an invitation to a party. Don't let it spoil your mood. Things happen. Keep yourself busy with preparations and enjoy your day. Don't go to the opposite extreme and work too hard.

**CANCER:** You may feel worried about your financial situation today. You may have been expecting to receive some money that's now delayed. A temporary separation from a romantic partner could have you feeling a little blue. If you keep yourself busy and don't dwell on it, time will pass quickly until you're together again. In the evening, take some time to relax.

**LEO:** An unexpected event might cause you to be temporarily separated from the special person in your life. Confusion surrounding the incident and your mate's role in it might plague you, and you might doubt your friend's motives. Money may be on your mind, and the need for it may have you brainstorming ways to increase your income. Don't make any decisions now.

**VIRGO:** Mild cold symptoms could affect your ability to tend to your chores today. You're an active person, so this could affect your self-confidence and ability to do what you want to do. Upsets beyond your control within your circle of friends could also affect your concentration. Don't dwell on them. Dose yourself with juice and tea and

get through the day.

**LIBRA:** The special someone in your life might feel a little jealous of your friends now. Perhaps you've had a number of invitations that only involve you and your pals. It might be a good idea to turn down one in favor of being with your partner. Goals and projects may be blocked temporarily, which is frustrating. Let them ride for now.

**SCORPIO:** You likely want to take the day off, perhaps to take care of an unfinished creative project you've been working on for some time. But you aren't likely to get very far since disagreements within your friends keep your mind occupied and you may be upset. Despite it all, try to stay focused. That's the only way to get anything accomplished.

**SAGITTARIUS:** You're thinking about friends and family members who live far away and wondering what they're doing. You could feel a little nostalgic, longing for times long past. Don't dwell on it. Call your friends. They'll be glad to hear from you and you'll feel more positive about the day. In the evening, give some attention to those you love who live nearby.

**CAPRICORN:** Money matters might be tangled today. There could be a delay in receiving funds due you, which could prove frustrating but can be straightened out. This isn't a good day to make investments, buy property, or seek a loan. The strain of dealing with this might cause a few doubts about your money management skills. Don't despair.

This is temporary and probably beyond your control.

**AQUARIUS:** Troubles with friends and possibly a romantic partner over the past day or two could have you feeling unloved, insecure, and emotionally blocked. All signs indicate that these feelings aren't accurate. Your friends haven't changed their attitude toward you. There's still a lot of love directed your way. Whatever problems you may have had are just a bump in the road.

**PISCES:** You may have sniffles or a sore throat, possibly necessitating taking time off from work. This could be unwelcome, as it keeps you from going out on a date as well. Try to keep your mind occupied with activities that don't tire you physically. And take some vitamin C!