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Season-2 of Jorethang Premier Badminton League in Jan 2020



SAGAR CHHETRI

GANGTOK, 23 NOV:

Badminton Association of Jorethang [BAJ] has announced plans to organize the second edition of Jorethang Premier Badminton League [JPBL] in January next year.

JPBL is Sikkim's first franchisee-based sporting event. After getting an encouraging response to the first edition of JPBL, BAJ has now geared up to organize JPBL-2 on a grander and even bigger scale. The event is also being supported by the sports wing and labour front of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha.

Addressing a press conference here today, BAJ president Jigmey Namgyal shared that after the grand success of the first edition, BAJ is excited about organizing JPBL-2 in the last week of January 2020.

He informed that auction of shuttlers will be held on 07 December at Jorethang and that this time, the auction will be of the State-ranking players maintained by Badminton Association of Sikkim [BAS].

Mr Namgyal informed that the auction will be held in two categories.

The first category will be of "Stars," which has the base price of Rs

3,000, and other category is of "Heroes," which will have the base price of Rs 2,000.

Each franchise has been given the liberty to spend Rs 60,000 to buy 10 players in the auction.

Speaking on the last edition of the league, he informed that the last edition of JPBL had six teams with 60 shuttlers from Sikkim. The champion, Unique Shuttlers received a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh while the runners-up, Namchi Shuttlers, got a cash prize of 1.25 lakh.

Mr Namgyal informed that BAJ is one of the oldest sports body of the State and is affiliated to Badminton Association of Sikkim and has more than 150 active members.

He stated that the main objective of the association was to promote sports among the youth of Jorethang and its surrounding areas and encourage the general public towards sporting and healthy living.

He informed that BAJ organizes tournaments, coaching camps and derby on a regular basis and that the current top-ranking players of the State in junior category were from BAJ.

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Allotment of burial ground to truck stand brings Namchi's Muslims to the streets DISTRICT ADMN ASSURES TALKS AND RESOLUTION



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 23 NOV:

Already upset with their cemetery buried under excavated mud from road widening works, the Muslim community of Namchi was driven to protest today when news arrived that their burial ground was being allotted for development as a truck stand. Although the matter has been resolved for now, it was only after the community registered a strong protest.

The burial ground in question, located at 12th Mile on the Namchi-Jorethang road, was earlier a gentle slope below the road. Recently however, this section was used to dump excavated mud from road widening works in the area and even as the people watched, the burial ground was lost under tonnes of mud. The community was suddenly left without a proper burial ground in Namchi and some recent funerals

were actually held in Sili-guri for this reason.

It is learnt that after the existing burial ground was lost to dumping, the community, in the hope of retaining the site, constructed a boundary wall marking the area and locked the gate. Recently, the police authorities asked for the keys without specifying why they needed it, and on Friday, the community learned why when they saw excavators working on the site.



Upon enquiry, they learned that the site had been allotted to the truck drivers association to be used as a truck stop.

Caught off-guard, the community, which had made some noise when the site was lost to dumping, decided to register a stronger protest and all Muslim business establishments remained closed in protest today.

Later in the day, the community also took out a protest rally under

the banner, "Save our Graveyard."

The protest was coordinated and powered by the youth of the community and received universal support not just from the community elders but also well-wishers from other faiths.

The matter was eventually resolved for the time-being when the DC [South] met with the community representatives and handed back the keys along with the assurance that status quo

would be maintained for now and the matter discussed in more detail in the coming days.

The community has been using this burial ground since the pre-Merger days and have kept their hurt over recent developments mostly to themselves thus far but now that the matter is out in the open. The coming days will bear out how the administration handles the issue and what resolution is worked out.

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SKM THANKS MARTAM-RUMTEK Gave Martam-Rumtek to BJP to work with Centre: CM

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 23 NOV:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party's constituency level committee for Martam-Rumtek constituency organized a thanks-giving programme at Ranitar in East Sikkim on Saturday.

The meeting was attended by SKM president and Chief Minister, PS Tamang [Golay] accompanied by Ministers, Sonam Lama and Bhim Hang Subba, Area MLA, Sonam Tshering

Venchungpa, Political Secretary to the CM, Jacob Khaling, other dignitaries, senior leaders and workers of the party.

An SKM press release issued by its publicity secretary, Ranjana Pradhan, informs that the CM said that SKM gave two Assembly seats to BJP in order to work with the Centre so the by-poll victory is Sikkim's victory.

He thanked the people of the constituency for electing Sonam T Venchungpa with a huge mar-

gin. He assured to thank the people with the overall development of the constituency.

The SKM president stated that the government has changed but the system has to be changed and assured to change the system in the State so that it can work for every section of the society. Alleging that the state has been mismanaged by the earlier state government, he assured to work on every is-

sue of the State.

SKM has created history by supporting the opposition party in the State, he added.

The release informs that the programme started with the grand welcome of the CM by the people of the constituency and welcome address by general secretary, SKM Zone No 1, Nilu Chettri. The programme was also addressed by Chewang Dadul Bhutia and Minister Sonam Lama.

Rift within Pawar family helped BJP execute its Plan B

MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

Nov 23 (PTI): The BJP leadership seems to have cashed in on a simmering feud within NCP patriarch Sharad Pawar's family by managing an overnight coup just as final contours of a coalition between the Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena to form government in Maharashtra were emerging.

The dramatic swearing-in of BJP's Devendra Fadnavis as chief minister and Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar as his deputy was preceded by days of talks between key party leaders and the junior Pawar, who was facing probe in corruption cases being investigated by central agencies.

The BJP central leadership dispatched party general secretary Bhupender Yadav, a trusted confidant who was also the party's in-charge for the state polls, to Mumbai to execute its plan on ground in coordination with Fadnavis.

The decision to form

government at the earliest was taken to trump the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress alliance, which appeared set to stake claim to power, as BJP leaders were of the view that the charm of power would help pull many fence-sitter independent MLAs and those from rival camps to its camp.

As the leader of NCP legislative party, Ajit Pawar had collected letters of support from its MLAs and used them to back the BJP's claim to power.

NCP leader Nawab Malik has said these letters were meant to support the government formation claim of the Sena-NCP-Congress alliance.

Senior BJP leaders declined to comment on queries about whether Sharad Pawar, a crafty politician with a history of backing alliances of different ideologies in the past, was in the know. He has himself affirmed his support to a Sena-led alliance and said his nephew acted on

his own.

The BJP leadership was quiet as the three parties were discussing their unlikely alliance all through last week, but it had a Plan B ready.

On Friday night, the Sena, Congress and NCP finalised nitty-gritty of government formation, and were to meet again on Saturday and then approach the governor.

Congress general secretary Mallikarjun Kharge told reporters that Ajit Pawar was present at the meeting of the three parties at Nehru Centre here on Friday evening.

However, the President's rule, imposed on November 12 when no party could form government after the October 21 elections, was revoked at 5.47 am on Saturday.

Fadnavis was back as chief minister with NCP legislature party leader Ajit Pawar taking oath as deputy chief minister.

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AURANGABAD, NOV 23

(PTI): Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama on Saturday said the world needs ancient Indian values of non-violence and compassion.

The global peace icon was speaking to reporters ahead of the three-day Global Buddhist Congregation

being held in Maharashtra's Aurangabad city.

Non-violence and compassion are helping people of many religions in India to live with peace and mutual respect, he said.

"We can see conflicts everywhere. Whenever I hear about such conflicts, it pains me.

At this moment, the world can live in peace if they follow values of compassion and non-violence," Dalai Lama said.

Speaking about ideological differences, he said, "These philosophical differences are there, but tolerance is needed to live peacefully. If the community is happy, then an individu-

al will be happy."

Western education is more material oriented. India should follow this system, but also start reviving its ancient knowledge, he said.

Dr Babsaheb Ambedkar started social reforms in 1956.

This act of Dr Ambedkar was a strong step towards annihilation of

caste system, which is India's drawback, the spiritual leader said.

"I always call myself as a son of India. Journalists from China questioned me about this. I said, though I am Tibetan physically, I have spent 60 years of my life in India.

My mind is full of thoughts of Nalanda," he said.

Sikkimese entrepreneurs pitch for NE economic zone Curtain raiser for NE Food Show held in Gangtok

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 23 NOV:

The need for the entire North East to be developed as a special economic zone was pitched by entrepreneurs from Sikkim who had gathered at Commerce and Industries Department today in the capital.

The entrepreneurs had gathered for a curtain raiser program in Gangtok for the North East Food Show to be held in Shillong, Meghalaya, from 04 to 06 Dec.

North East Food Show is part of an initiative by Meghalaya CM, Conrad Sangma, a collaborative venture between the state government of Meghalaya



and the SAIL Group, the world's largest food innovation network.

Dr HP Paul, Officer on Special Duty, Meghalaya Institute of Entrepreneurship, Government of Meghalaya was present in the program and highlighted various commonalities shared by North Eastern states

for collective growth.

The 2019 edition will see participation of over two hundred brands and a range of investors, agribusinesses, multinationals and entrepreneurs from many states of the country along with wide participation by many countries across the world.

Sikkimese entrepreneur, Rewaj Chettri, while pitching for a North East economic zone stated that with the advent of projects like Asian highway and many broad areas of convergence among various states, there are many opportunities to turn North East into an economic power hub.

He further stated that in order to come together for a common market platform for various products of NE this food festival can boost entrepreneurship and innovation in the entire region.

Additional Chief Secretary, Thomas Chandy, while congratulating the organisers for the novel initiative has urged entrepreneurs to take advantage of such programs. He also stressed on the need for the entire NE to learn and grow together.

Sikkim will also take part in the North East Food Show which includes entrepreneurs and many government agencies.

Minister inaugurates Full Gospel Fellowship Church



BERMIOK, 23 NOV (IPR): Agriculture Minister, Lok Nath Sharma inaugurated Full Gospel Fellowship Church (FGFC) at Bermiok Daring, South Sikkim, today.

The programme was

also attended by Pastor Dhurba Sishga, president, United Christian Welfare Society (UCWSS), Elder Patrus Gurung, Reverend Joshep Tamang, Sr. Pastor, Arbor Kharshyantiew from Shillong, general secretary

(UCWS) Pastor Peltos Sunsav, Pastor Silas Rai, Pastor Ratan Rai, Pastor Jonathan Muletan and Pastor A.K. Aron.

On the occasion, Minister Sharma was also felicitated by the committee of the Church.

Animal Husbandry Minister visits Sikkim Hatcheries



BERMIOK, 23 Nov (IPR): Animal Husbandry Minister, Lok Nath Sharma visited Sikkim Hatcheries Limited at Bermiok, South Sikkim, today.

He was accompanied by Additional Director Animal Husbandry and Veterinary

Services (S), Dr. Mala Bajgai, Veterinary Officer, Suman Chettri, In-Charge Poultry and Bull Farm Bermiok.

Minister Sharma thoroughly inspected the Hatchery farm and directed the con-

cerned department to submit the status report.

During inspection, the Minister also discussed at length the required manpower, necessary equipments and other infrastructure to make it properly functional.

NISHTHA training concludes at Soreng



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 23 Nov:

The third phase of NISHTHA programme for school heads and teachers of Soreng sub-division concluded at Senior Secondary School Chakung on Friday.

The programme which started on 18 Nov had the participation of 130 teachers of elementary level including 07 Heads of Primary and Junior High School from Soreng, Chumbong and Daramdin BAC, a press release informs.

Pradeep Bhutia, the senior most teacher who is set to retire by the end of this year was unanimously nominated as chief guest for the valedictory programme organised

in the hall of Chakung SSS.

Principal Soreng SSS, S P Sharma and Principal Chakung SSS, Mamta Rani Rai, were the guests of honour along with Assistant Directors and AEOs from three BACs.

Mamta Rani Rai and S P Sharma addressed the participants and urged them to implement the inputs received by them during the programme.

Earlier, Headmaster, I K Rai and In-charge Gelling SSS, Erastus Lepcha, presented the feedback of the 5 days training session. The participants offered traditional scarves (Khadas) and gifts to the members of State Resource Groups (SRG). The participants were also presented certificates by the guests.

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Season-2 of Jorethang Premier ..

SKM sports wing chief convener, Rinzing Wangyal Chopel, congratulated BAJ for introducing a unique concept to bring professionalism to the sport in Sikkim.

He assured to provide all support to the second edition of JPBL and also urged business houses in the State to come forward to support the event.

While appreciating the efforts of BAJ, SKM labour front general secretary, Prem Raj Gurung, expressed that such leagues would help players become more competitive and to earn through the sport.

Likewise, SKM sports wing advisor, Shambu Pradhan, expressed that the league was in the interest of local players and to help them make careers from the sport.

BAS general secretary, Sukanta Das, in turn stated that league has been successful in providing exposure to local sporting talent and said that BAS has been providing technical support to the league.

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Listen to needs of people, work towards uplift of SCs, minorities.: PM tells governors, lieutenant governors

NEW DELHI, NOV 23 (PTI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked governors and lieutenant governors to listen to the needs of the people and work towards uplift of the underprivileged sections of the society, including minorities.

He made these remarks at a conference of governors and lieutenant governors here.

He also made a special mention of healthcare, education and tourism sectors where there were new opportunities waiting to be harnessed for job generation and betterment of the poor and downtrodden, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said.

Modi said as they work to discharge their constitutional responsibilities, the governor and LGs should listen to the needs of the common man.

The prime minister urged the governors to work towards uplift of the underprivileged sections of the population, including the scheduled tribes, minority communities, women and the youth, which includes working with state governments and utilising the exist-

ing schemes and initiatives," the statement said.

He said that the institution of governor has a special role to play in realising a cooperative and competitive federal structure.

Modi observed that as India celebrates the 75th anniversary of its independence in 2022 and the 100th anniversary in 2047, the role of the governor in bringing the administrative machinery closer to the people of the country and showing them the correct path becomes even more important.

"As we celebrate 70 years of the framing of the Indian Constitution, governors and state governments should also work towards highlighting the service aspects of the Indian Constitution, in particular the duties and responsibilities of the citizens. This will help to bring about participatory governance in the truest sense," he was quoted as saying.

He pointed out that governor's office could also be used for specific objectives like spreading awareness about tuberculosis and making India

free of this disease by 2025.

In their roles as chancellors of universities, governors could help inculcate the values of nation building among our youth and help to inspire them towards greater achievements, the prime minister said.

He was of the view that due to their administrative structure, Union territories can emerge as a role model in terms of development.

The prime minister expressed happiness that the latest edition of the conference would see innovative detailed 'break-out' discussions in five sub-groups on specific issues and challenges -- tribal issues, reforms in agriculture, Jal Jeevan Mission, New Education Policy and Governance for 'Ease of Living'; whose reports will then be discussed in the larger format by the participants.

At the 50th annual governors' conference, 17 first time governors and lieutenant governors, including the Lt. Governors of the newly formed union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, participated.

Maha developments opportunist politics, says Kumaraswamy

BENGALURU, Nov 23 (PTI): Former Karnataka Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy on Saturday termed the ongoing developments in Maharashtra as opportunist politics and said no one in countrys politics, including him, has morality left in them and can discuss about it.

During the recently concluded Maharashtra polls, NCP had continuously fought against the BJP, Kumaraswamy pointed out.

"Government is being formed with the NCP that had worked against the BJP. No one in this countrys politics have morality left in them and no one can discuss about morality, including me, he said.

Speaking to reporters here, he said So every one is doing opportunist politics..it is opportunist politics that is happening in the country."

In Bihar, Nitish Kumar joined hands with

Lalu Prasad Yadav during the assembly polls and got clear majority but later he sided with BJP, Kumaraswamy said.

"So with these kinds of political developments, in my opinion there is no use in discussing about them, he added.

BJP's Devendra Fadnavis and NCP leader Ajit Pawar took oath as the Maharashtra chief minister and deputy chief minister respectively on Saturday, an unexpected development a day after Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray emerged as the Sena-NCP-Congress' consensus candidate for the top post.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar, however, said it was his nephew Ajit Pawar's own decision, and not that of the party, to support the BJP to form the government.

Ajit Pawars politi-

Indian wrestlers win 6 gold in U-15 Asian C'ships

NEW DELHI, NOV 23 (PTI): Indian wrestlers continued to shine at the Under-15 Asian Championships in Taichung, Chinese Taipei, as they bagged six gold medals on Saturday.

Led by 2019 cadet world champion Komal (39kg), the gold rush ensured that the Indian contingent now has a total of eight gold medals after beginning their campaign with a couple of gold on Friday.

While Komal, one of the fastest-rising Indi-

an wrestling stars, lived up to the expectations, the other girls also impressed with both Saloni (33kg) and Babli (36kg) performing brilliantly to finish on the top podium.

All the three girls gave dominating display to stay undefeated in their respective categories.

The exploits of Indian freestyle wrestlers continued on Day 2 also as Akash performed brilliantly to beat Daiki Ogawa of Japan in the 48kg category. Akash's quick reflexes did not give any

chance to the Japanese in the bout, as the Indian emerged 8-3 victorious.

Debutant Udit Kumar brought home a silver in 57kg to add to the bronze he won earlier in the year at the Cadet World Championships.

With Kapil too winning a bronze medal in 52kg, all the six Indian freestyle wrestlers in the squad have won a medal each. This has resulted in India leading the team rankings list with 125 points, followed by Kazakhstan with 120.

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Sikkim United Cup quarter final round begins

SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 23 NOV:
Gitang Dagbari, West Sikkim, has secured its berth in the quarter-final round of the ongoing Sikkim United Cup 2019 here at Paljor Stadium. In the last pre-quarter final match on Saturday, Gitang Dagbari defeated EPCS Sang 6-1 to enter the quarter-final round.

The quarter-final round of the tournament will be starting on

Sunday. Shiloh Church, Lower Martam will take on Abad in the first quarter-final on Sunday at 1 PM, which will be followed by the second quarter-final between ABYF Baptist Church, Sikkim and Mazzaroth at 2:30 PM.

Earlier, a friendly match was also played between Pastors XI and Elders & Deacons XI, in which the former edged past the latter 3-2.



Sikkim signs MoU with Delhi for Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 NOV:
The Department of Education, Government of Sikkim and the Department of Education, Government of NCT Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Delhi today.

A press release informs that the two State Departments signed the MoU to carry out programmes under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat being initiated by the Government of India. The MoU was signed by Additional Chief Secretary, Sikkim, GP Upadhyaya and Principal Secretary (Education), NCT Delhi, Sandeep Kumar.



As per the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme, different States are paired up with other States. Sikkim has been paired up with Delhi for the year 2019-20 for this programme.

The two States have agreed to:

(1) Celebrate the Unity in Diversity of our Nation and to maintain and strengthen the fabric of traditionally existing emotional bonds between the people of our Country

(2) To promote the spirit of national integration through a deep and structured engagement between all Indian States and Union Territories through a year-long planned engagement between the States;

(3) To showcase the rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either State for enabling people to understand and appreciate the diversity that is India, thus fostering

a sense of common identity;

(4) To establish long-term engagements and

(5) To create an environment which promotes learning between the States by sharing best practices and experiences

Through the Memorandum of Understanding for the calendar year 2019 till June 2020 the activities to be undertaken between these two States are indicated below:

- 01. Student Exchange between paired States
- 02. Sharing of best practices in governance in the field of health care, education, sanitation, tourism, Panchayati Raj, and use of technology.
- 03. Organising Essay Competition and Online Quizzes on Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat State specific themes
- 04. Sponsoring literature translation

- and literature visits
- 05. Teacher Exchange Programme
- 06. NCC Cadets exchange through Directorate of NCC
- 07. Exposure of students of one state to alphabets, songs, proverbs and 100 sentences in the language of the partner State
- 08. Dance festivals: dances can be further popularized by conducting contests in schools and colleges with specific themes of partner States
- 09. Cultural festival with opportunity to learn culinary practices and photography competitions highlighting culture and heritage in schools and colleges of partner States
- 10. Organising Mountaineering/ Trekking and camping expedition for Students of the States to their paired States
- 11. Student exchange, study visits at Higher Education level and exchange in the fields of vocational, technical and organic farming sectors.
- 12. Any other activity during the period specified as per mutual convenience of the partner States.

Army holds Epic Run for NOK in Pedong



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 23 NOV:
The Army conducted 'Epic Run 2019' at Pedong, West Bengal, today to celebrate soldiers and their Next of Kin [NOK], an official press release informs.

The Army is commemorating the Year 2019 as the 'Year of NOK' (YoNoK).

Today's event was

held with the aim to reach out to the Next of Kin and also to make students, youth and lay citizens aware of the unsung sacrifices and hardships of the families of soldiers.

The run was big success with over 1,500 participants.

The event was divided into three categories- a 2 Km Walk & Run which included 290 senior citizens

and children, the 5 Km Walk & Run open to children in the 13-17 age group and people up to 60 years of age. This was the most popular category with an overwhelming response of more than 1,000 people participating.

The 10 Km Walk & Run, the most challenging category of this event, had 213 participants.

Sena should take to streets in Mumbai, says Digvijay

BHOPAL, Nov 23 (PTI):
Congress veteran Digvijaya Singh on Saturday advised the Shiv Sena to "take to the streets" of Mumbai to protest against the formation of a new BJP-led government in Maharashtra.

He also claimed that NCP leader Ajit Pawar, who took oath as deputy chief minister along with CM Devendra Fadnavis, had joined the new government alone, and no other NCP MLA was with him.

The Sena "should hit the streets to protect the Constitution", Singh said.

"This is a challenge before (Shiv Sena chief) Uddhav Thackeray, that he show the Shiv Sena's strength in Mumbai,"

Singh told reporters here.

Asked if the Congress will participate in the protests, he said, "Yes, Congress will also join in."

"None of the NCP MLAs are going to join Ajit Pawar, who has gone with them (the BJP) alone," the senior Congress leader claimed.

"Fadnavis often raised the issue of corruption cases against Ajit Pawar during the election campaign. Now they have come together. What will happen to these corruption cases?" he asked.

The formation of government in Maharashtra on Saturday morning was unconstitutional, and the BJP had

adopted similar tactics in Goa, Meghalaya and Manipur, he said.

"The governor had invited the BJP, it being the largest party (after assembly poll results in Maharashtra on October 24). But it refused to form a government.

"What transpired last night that he administered the oath to Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar in the morning? This is unconstitutional," Singh said.

The Congress leader also demanded that governor B K Koshiyari clarify whether he has a letter of NCP's support signed by its Maharashtra unit president Jayant Patil.

"He (governor) should also clarify whether he has a letter of support by NCP MLAs," Singh said.

Delhi court dismisses complaint seeking FIR against Rahul

NEW DELHI, NOV 23 (PTI): A Delhi court on Saturday dismissed a complaint seeking an FIR against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for allegedly making defamatory remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016.


The court took into record an action taken report filed by Delhi Police which had said that no "cognisable offence" was made out against Gandhi.

The report said Gandhi allegedly made the defamatory statement against the prime minister for which a suit may be filed, but "no police action was made out".

The complaint, filed by advocate Joginder Tuli, sought direction to the police to register an FIR against Gandhi for his remarks against Modi, accusing him of hiding behind the blood of soldiers and cashing in on their sacrifice.

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Against Gender Violence

Recognise the problem, and then address it

Each year, from 25 November to 10 December, the United Nations and women's groups around the world gather forces to organize "Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" to draw attention to the continuing violence against women, at home, out in the open and at the work-place. The dates include 25 November, designated by the UN as "Day Against Violence Against Women"; 01 December, "World AIDS Day"; 06 December, "anniversary of the Montreal Massacre" when 14 women engineering students were gunned down for being feminists and 10 December, "Human Rights Day".

A Day is earmarked for issues demanding consistent governmental and people's support so that at least once a year, they take centre-stage and force everyone to take notice. The fact that violence against women demands 16 Days of Activism in the public domain [with those involved in curbing it working at their own levels the rest of the year] says a lot about how much this underbelly of the society continues to haunt. The 16 Days are not just marked for India or the Middle East which are notorious for their incessant insult of women, but are observed across the world. The choice of 'Days' which fall during these 16 days is also telling. It is important to remember abused women on World AIDS Day, because a victim of abuse is not in a position to demand safe sex. The carnage of Montreal remembered on 06 December is important because it brings home the point that violence against women is not just a Third World aberration, it is a social concern all over the world. Rounding up the 16 Days of Activism against gender violence with the Human Rights Day is apt for obvious reasons – human rights are infringed upon not only by the establishment, but also by people at home, by husbands who beat up their wives and families which sanction female foeticide and look the other way when an abused lady needs support.

In the context of Sikkim, as far as the official policy goes, women's issues are not ignored here, but the establishment can only ensure the Rights, it cannot prick social conscience. For something like that, women, at least for some days in the year, need to come out on the streets, they need to be contacted in the bastis and the towns, they need to gather ranks and understand what their rights are, realize how some of them are still victims at home and at the work place and decide how things can be improved. In any society where alcoholism and substance abuse is high and where parochial nationalism is not frowned upon, domestic violence can be expected to be high as well. There was a time a few years ago when concerted efforts were made by concerned agencies to reach out and encourage more victims of domestic violence say enough and fight back.

It goes without saying that domestic violence is not rare in Sikkim, or anywhere for that matter. What is also a fact is that domestic violence is loud and vicious, meaning that neighbours in the cheek-by-jowl tenements of Sikkim are also in the know of these violent episodes. But no one intervenes. Even if one is to accept that domestic disputes are uncomfortable situations to intervene into, surely, when violence comes into the mix, someone should have done something... called in the cops at least. Societal indifference is actually an instigator for domestic violence. All these factors are at work in Sikkim and domestic violence is rather high. According to a report recently released by the World Health Organisation [WHO], one in six women around the world suffers from domestic violence. What is the statistic for Sikkim? We have not even bothered to find out. That is how uncaring Sikkim is because it is comfortable being so un-informed. Violence against women is an issue that needs to be addressed and it is not the government's job to do even this for the society – it has to be the civil society, social bodies and women organizations that have to stand up to the task and address the problem. Unfortunately, we did not notice any announcements made for the 16 Days of Activism in Sikkim. With even the tokenism missing, expecting genuine interventions might be a bit too much.

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Don't despair if your teen wants to major in history instead of science

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It might be your worst nightmare. Your child, sitting at the kitchen table, slides you a brochure from the local university.

"I've been thinking of majoring in history."

Before you panic and begin calling the nearest computer science department, or worse, begin to crack those tired barista jokes, hear me out. This might just be the thing that your child, and our society, needs.

Choosing to become a history major is a future-friendly investment. A history degree teaches skills that are in short supply today: the ability to interpret context, and — crucially — where we've been, so as to better understand the world around us today and tomorrow.

We've never needed knowledge of history and the skills that come with the discipline more than we do now. Not only is it a good choice of a major for all the usual selfish reasons — you'll likely get a good job, even if it takes a bit longer than the STEM disciplines, and more importantly you'll probably be very happy with it.

But for our society more generally, we need a generation with deep capacities to acknowledge context and ambiguity. This idea of ambiguity not only pertains to interpreting the past based on a diverse body of incomplete sources, voices and outcomes, but also how our contemporary judgements of that record shape our choices today.

Our whole society hurts when students turn their back on history. A sense of history — where we have come from, the shared anchors of democratic society, the why and how of our current moment in time — is critical.

NOT ENOUGH HISTORIANS

"Won't you be lonely as a history major?"

When you're visiting a campus library, take a look: you'll see a lot of students reading their engineering notes, maybe some doing computer science exercises, even some English literature or political science essays being written. What you won't see is many students flipping through their history books.

That's because there aren't all that many history majors left in many North American universities: York University has gone from 1,217 majors in 2011-12 to 527 seven years later; at the University of Waterloo, where I teach, we've gone from 227 to 89.

This is part of the broader decline in histo-

ry majors which has seen enrolments essentially crash.

Why? On the face of it, it's surprising that students who play Assassin's Creed, listen to historical podcasts and watch historically themed television have turned their backs on the history major.

There are three reasons. First, education and law have seen tightening labour markets and falling applications. Traditionally history was seen as a good preparation for being a teacher or a lawyer. Second, there's the overall "crisis of the humanities," where STEM is seen as leaving liberal arts behind within universities more generally.

But also, historians (and their university departments) simply haven't made the case for why history matters.

We stress critical thinking and writing — which, sure, a history degree does get — but often fail to get to the heart of why a history degree just might be the best training for the 21st century.

MACDONALD ANALYSIS

"History? Is that so you can learn how to write?"

You can certainly learn how to write in history. But you can do that in any other arts discipline, and they'll also teach you similar critical thinking skills.

Historians can put these skills to work to understand our world today. Take John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister. The question for historians is not simply how he should be judged and commemorated today, but also how he should be understood within the context of his time.

In the 1990s, historians such as Timothy A. Stanley debated Macdonald's legacy, pointing out the inherent racism of the 1885 Chinese Immigration Act; others such as Jack Granatstein lamented that students were likely to learn more about Louis Riel than Macdonald himself, despite, in Granatstein's view, the latter's accomplishments being "more important and much longer lasting."

But those in wider society began to truly grapple with Macdonald's legacy only in the last five or so years.

FORCED RECONSIDERATION

The 2014 publication of James Daschuk's *Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the Loss of Indigenous Life*, convincingly argued that Macdonald used a deliberate policy of starvation to help "clear the plains" of Indigenous people.

This book, along with the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report, forced a reconsideration of how historians and society should teach or commemorate Macdonald today.

In some cases, municipal governments have removed statues (as in Victoria), or fostered ongoing conversations with Indigenous communities (as in Kingston, Ont.).

Historians and their arguments have been at the heart of these debates over Macdonald's legacy.

In historians' professional disagreements we can see the importance of history at work: it looks like meaningful disagreements around how to grapple with an ambiguous, complicated past.

DEBATE THAT STRIPPED NAME

In 2018 there was a debate within the Canadian Historical Association that resulted in stripping Macdonald's name from its long-standing best scholarly book award.

On the one hand, some historians saw the honour bestowed on Macdonald's legacy by naming the highest prize as inappropriate given Macdonald's record; others, highlighting Macdonald's nation-building role, opted to vote in favour of keeping the prize name as it was.

Same historical record, different judgements. The ultimate vote was to — correctly, in my view — strip the name from the prize.

The weighing of historical context and grappling with ambiguity, on display during the Macdonald debate but even more so everyday within classrooms across the country, lie at the heart of what makes history as a discipline special.

CHANGE THE WORLD THROUGH HISTORY

"I'm still not convinced. Why does what happened in the past matter for today?"

Historians don't study history so they can know the future. Yet knowing where our society has been — and how to grapple with ambiguity and context — means that a historian is well equipped to interpret the world around us and where it might be going.

Put down the science brochures. If your high schooler really wants to be a history major, don't panic. Smile, knowing that they're taking the first step to a deeper understanding of the world around them.

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Christians have lived in Turkey for two millennia – but their future is uncertain

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Following to better protect Christians, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan told media at the White House recently that Turkey will restore churches damaged during the civil war in northeastern Syria.

With this statement, Erdoğan might have hoped to send signals addressing western concerns about the vulnerabilities of Christians in his own country, too. The percentage of Christians in Turkey declined from nearly 25% in 1914 to less than 0.5% today.

As I write in my recent book on religious minorities in Turkey and France, international events and domestic political interests improved the status of Christians in the 2000s.

Yet, the current international and domestic context makes their future uncertain.

IMPORTANT CENTER OF CHRISTIANITY

Christians have lived in the region that is modern-day Turkey since the first century when Christianity emerged.

Many Christians escaping persecution in Jerusalem fled north and settled in cities across western, central and southeastern Turkey.

Some of the Christian apostles traveled and even settled in regions in Turkey. These included Saint Paul, Saint Peter and Saint John. Saint Peter established one of the first Christian Churches and Saint John is said to have taken Virgin Mary to Ephesus, which is two miles southwest of present-day Selçuk in İzmir Province in western Turkey.

Constantinople, modern-day Istanbul, and Antioch, modern-day Antakya, in Turkey were two of the five centers of Christianity along with Rome, Alexandria and Jerusalem. Istanbul was long home to the largest cathedral in the world, the Hagia Sophia.

From its construction in the sixth century until the conquest of Istanbul by the Turks in 1453, Hagia Sophia served as a religious center for Eastern Christianity and the Byzantine Empire. The grand building became a mosque under the Ottomans and was converted into a museum in 1935 after Turkey became a secular republic.

Today, the Hagia Sophia remains a top destination for Christians and Muslims alike from all over the world.

CHRISTIANS UNDER THE OTTOMANS

Under the Ottomans, who ruled Turkey and the surrounding region between 1299 and 1923, the government employed a multi-legal system to manage religious diversity.

While Muslims were in power, judicial autonomy was granted to recognized religious minorities, including Christians. They were allowed to decide civil matters such as marriage and inheritance through their own religious laws.

Christians, though, had an inferior position to Muslims during the Ottoman Empire, and were required to pay a special tax. Compared to religious minorities in Europe, however, Ottoman Christians were treated with tolerance.

With the weakening of the Ottoman Empire beginning in the 18th century, European powers gradually used coercion to secure rights for Christian minorities and used it as an excuse to intervene in domestic politics of the Ottoman Empire. To gain leverage against the European strategy, Ottoman sultans implemented new reforms in the 19th century. These reforms granted equal rights to Christians.

However, the reformist era did not last long. During the rule of the Ottoman Sultan Abdulhamid II, from 1876 to 1909, Christians felt alienated by pan-Islamist policies that pursued unity among

Muslims globally. This was a departure from the sultan's predecessors' principle of equality between Muslims and non-Muslims.

The Young Turks, a group of reformists who overthrew Abdulhamid II and took control of the Ottoman state between 1909 and 1918, embraced a new form of Turkish nationalism that discriminated against non-Turkish ethnic and religious minorities. Their exclusionary policies went so far that they caused massacre of Armenian Christians during World War I.

CHRISTIANS UNDER THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

After the disintegration of the Ottoman Empire after its defeat in World War I, the Republic of Turkey replaced it. The new state guaranteed the protection of the rights of non-Muslim minorities in the Treaty of Lausanne.

Yet Christians have seen discriminatory treatment in Turkey, especially during times of political conflict with non-Muslim countries. In 1942, the Turkish state taxed the non-Muslim minorities with high rates. It deported those who were not able to pay taxes to forced labor camps in eastern Turkey. In the 1960s, at the height of a dispute with Greece over the status of the island of Cyprus, the Turkish state confiscated some properties owned by non-Muslim community foundations. Later in 1971, it closed down the Theological School of Halki, an important school of Greek Orthodox Christians in the island of Heybeliada in the Sea of Marmara.

In the 2000s, the status of Christians improved thanks to Turkey's efforts to join the European Union. Erdoğan's Justice and Development Party won 2002 elections, and used Turkey's European Union membership bid as an opportunity to expand political and civil freedoms. This move

helped Erdoğan strengthen his position against the bureaucratic authoritarian institutions such as the army.

The European Union reforms undertaken in this era also improved the religious rights of Christians. The state returned their properties confiscated after the 1960s, the construction of churches in Turkey became relatively easier and the right to publish and broadcast in the mother tongue was expanded to include all minorities.

Before the reforms, only Armenian and Greek Christians, along with Jews, had the right to publish and broadcast in their languages.

DECREASING TOLERANCE

The conditions that produced the reformist moment in the 2000s radically changed in the 2010s.

Erdoğan reversed the liberal policies that he once initiated and took a populist authoritarian path. The rising populist nationalism changed the reformist attitude toward Christian minorities.

Today, conspiracy theories about non-Muslim minorities dominate the public sphere. At the root of these stories, Christians are depicted as collaborators with foreign powers to undermine the Turkish identity.

Andrew Brunson, a U.S. priest who lived in Turkey for more than two decades, was arrested for being a traitor in October 2016 and released only after the U.S. intervened in October 2018.

Debates that are often part of the public conversation such as converting the Hagia Sophia into a mosque make Christians feel that their heritage is overlooked.

Turkey is an an important country for the history of Christianity, yet the future of Christian presence in Turkey, I believe, is under threat.

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Fieldwork Reflections

Khengjang: Just Our Story



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“Tshering, can you light the fire? I will go with Himangshu to fetch some clean water.”

Well, this is how our day started in Khengjang. It had been nearly four days since we had reached there and we were slowly getting accustomed to this new place, a place where we would forge new relationships, make an attempt to understand “their” culture and introspect our own lives and perspectives.

There was much discussion about where we wanted to go for our fieldwork study, but we all knew we wanted to go “away” just “somewhere away from here”.

Finally, our Professor suggested Khengjang.

Khengjang is a small village in the Chandel district of Southwest Manipur, located near the Indo-Myanmar border.

It took us four days to reach our destination. The journey was long and tiring, yet, the excitement of visiting a new place, the wonder of conducting the much talked about “anthropological fieldwork” made this journey a sweeping moment. We travelled by train from NJP to Dimapur and took a taxi from Dimapur to Moreh switching around three taxis on the way. Finally, towards the end of the journey from Moreh to Khengjang, all of us got on the back of a truck and huddled together like sheep for our final ride to our long-awaited destination - Khengjang.

As we hiked towards this new village, it felt strange yet thrilling. The Village Chief, Mr Sylvester Thongpum, and his family members received us warmly and had also arranged for our accommodation. Initially, we would go round the village to familiarise ourselves with the new surroundings and people. As the days passed, the unfamiliar faces of the village became our companions. Soon, we were going fishing and for picnics by the rivers bank, riding bamboo rafts with the children, playing football and crossing the border to see the Burmese markets. It all happened so quickly. We would also make observations and collect data as that was the prime objective of our stay amidst all these activities.

As we lounged on the football ground situated at the centre of the village and would



get surrounded by small children who would narrate their stories and give us fair warning about the spirits and the pathways that we should avoid while going to the nearby stream. The youth of the village would scurry around as they made arrangements for post-Christmas celebrations. Sometimes we would help them with the decorations, but I doubt we were of much help to them. The celebration lasted a few days till the New Year. During that time, at nightfall we all would go to the small temporary shed where all the villagers were assembled for the program. With keen interest we would watch the dance, listen to their songs and also take part in their social activities. By the time the program ended, small children would have fallen asleep, and their parents or an elder sibling would carry them on their backs and everyone would slowly disperse.

Every morning we would get up, light the fire, fetch water from the nearby well and prepare breakfast. We had divided ourselves into three groups and assigned groups performed their duties of cooking and fetching water. We would disperse after breakfast, join our Kuki friends who would help us with data collection. Some of my friends would get invited for dinner or gatherings while some would just go to the nearby river and cool off. By the end of the day, everyone returned tired and would share their experience. My personal favourite was the time after dinner. We all would huddle around the fire and share what we had seen, heard or

observed. Sometimes, our new friends would join us in the conversation, confide to us about the sensitive topics that should be avoided with certain people or in certain situations.

The village didn't have electricity so we used to charge our phones on solar powered equipment since we needed it to take pictures and videos. Also, the area didn't support Indian mobile networks and only the Burmese network worked here, so once in a while we borrowed our local friend's phone to make some swift emergency calls back home. The greatest advantage of this “technological disadvantage” was that we could make the best use of our time. We could make deep meaningful conversations without getting distracted or interrupted by a phone call or a notification. One person would talk and everyone would listen intently. Rather than updating on any social media we would update the days account on our field diaries at the end of the day.

The whole experience of our 21-day journey was an incredibly powerful one. When we bid our farewell to the village, there were strong emotions exhibited as we were leaving. We felt thankful as they had warmly accepted our presence and our curious minds. We are still in touch with some of them, some of them have settled down while a few of them have joined the army and some are working in the village school. I wonder how things have changed over time, how the little kids have grown up and if they would recognize us if some of us revisited.

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MoU signed with Sydney university to promote Ayurveda

NEW DELHI, Nov 23 (PTI): The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Western Sydney University, Australia aimed at promoting collaboration in research and developing guidelines for integrating Ayurveda principles with modern medicine.

Professor Barney Glover, Vice Chancellor of Western Sydney University, Australia and Prof Tanuja Nesari, Director, All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) signed the MoU on Friday during the visit of the delegation led by Dan Tehan, Minister for Education, Australian government.

The memorandum was agreed and ex-

changed on the occasion of the event ‘India- Australia International Education and Research Workshop’ held at the Ambedkar International Centre here.

“Combining data-driven precision-based technologies and Ayurvedic medicine will be a valuable contribution to the current goals for providing a better and safe health care system to the Universe, specifically towards developing a safe and effective integration of traditional and complementary medicine,” said Professor Glover.

Complementing the traditional Ayurveda medicine with conventional concepts of modern medicine is expected

in generating scientific evidences that further help in contributing to the global healthcare, a statement issued at the workshop said.

Both institutions are committed to take the collaboration to the next higher level by identifying specific areas for collaboration in education, research and practices of traditional medicine while ensuring the quality standards and also by encouraging investment in traditional medicine related infrastructure,” it said. India is a priority country among Australia's international partnerships. The memorandum is another milestone in the history of health care industry, the statement said.

4 Chinese tourists on security agencies' radar



Shimla, Nov 23 (PTI): Four Chinese nationals, who visited India on a tourist visa a few months ago, have come under the scanner of security agencies.

According to police, the Chinese nationals had come to India on a tourist visa but worked at a factory in Himachal Pradesh's Baddi police district before leaving

the country.

A case under the relevant sections of the Foreigners Act was registered in this regard, Baddi Superintendent of Police (SP) Rohit Malpani said.

The SP told PTI that the case was registered on the basis of secret information received from an intelligence agency.

A probe was on to as-

certain which factory the Chinese nationals had worked in and whether they had violated the norms of tourist visa, he added.

However, the SP denied any espionage angle.

According to the FIR, the Chinese nationals worked in a leading power company in Baddi and stayed in a local hotel.

Odisha FC face high-flying ATK in ISL

PUNE, Nov 23 (PTI): Odisha FC play their first home game when they square-off against high flying ATK as Indian Super League resumes after a short break here on Sunday.

Josep Gombau's side have amassed four points from as many fixtures and have scored and conceded six goals so far. The Spanish coach had plenty of time during the international break to work with his squad, given that only one player, Vinit Rai, had to report for national duty.

After suffering back-to-back defeats in their opening two games, they came back strongly to pick an important win in Mumbai. However, they followed it up with a draw in Kerala.

“We were playing good football in the first three games. The

last game was not that good (against Kerala). We did well in the first two matches, but did not get the result. That is football,” said Gombau. “Tomorrow is an important game. ATK are a very good team and are at the top of the table. They have good footballers in their squad. But we are ready to compete and have the mentality to get all three points,” he added. Table-toppers ATK will be hard-pressed to ensure they do not lose the momentum gained after three consecutive wins before the break. Roy Krishna and David Williams have set the league on fire with their combination upfront, having scored six goals between them.

Odisha's defence will have to be at their best to blunt ATK's talented forwards. However, the Kolkata-based



side will be without the services of midfielder Pronay Halder who suffered a shoulder injury in India's away game against Oman earlier this week.

ATK have the firepower to play as per the situation demands. For example, in their away game against Chennaiyin FC, they preferred to hit on the counter, in-

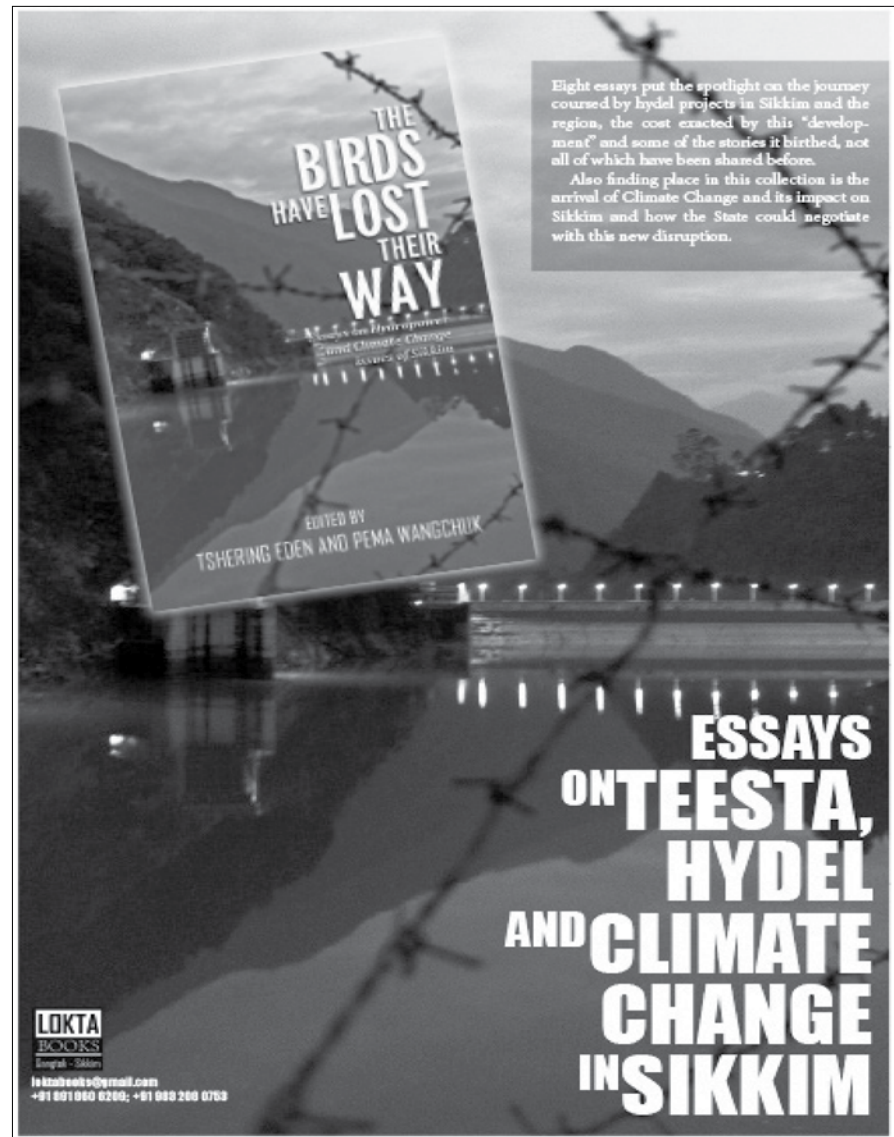
stead of taking the game to the opponent. While in their home matches, they have always dictated terms and have played on the front foot.

“We have a style of football. Our philosophy is that you respect the opponent and play the 90 minutes. We always focus on the next three points. You can't win every match. But

we focus from match-to-match. We have to run and not jump,” said coach Antonio Habas.

The wily Spaniard, who is no stranger to the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, will look to mastermind a fourth win on the bounce for ATK while his compatriot will be busy trying to arrest the visiting side's momentum.

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Nadal powers Spain into Davis Cup semis, Djokovic's Serbia ousted

MADRID, Nov 23 (AFP): Rafael Nadal won back-to-back matches to propel Spain to a 2-1 victory over Argentina and a place in the semi-finals of the new-look Davis Cup on Friday.

World number one Nadal thrashed Diego Schwartzman 6-1, 6-2 to pull Spain level after Guido Pella put the Argentines ahead with a 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/4), 6-1 win over Pablo Carreno.

Nadal then teamed with Marcel Granollers to beat Maximo Gonzalez and Leonardo Mayer 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 in a must-win doubles match to see Spain into a final-four clash with Great Britain.

"I had a good singles match, but the doubles came down to a few balls because the game was very close," Nadal said.

"It's a great victory, but we don't have time to enjoy it -- we have to rest because tomorrow it will be difficult again." Britain meanwhile eased into the semis with an efficient 2-0 effort over Germany.

Andy Murray was rested on Friday but will likely feature in the semi-finals. In his absence Kyle Edmund beat Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-3, 7-5 in the first rubber with Daniel Evans taking three sets to see off Jan-Lennard Struff 7-6 (8/6), 3-6, 7-6 (7/2).

Earlier Russia beat Novak Djokovic's Serbia to reach the semi-finals following a cliff-hanger match that went all the way to a deciding tie-breaker.

With the quarter-final level at 1-1 following the singles, the Russian pairing of Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev faced Djokovic and Viktor Troicki in the deciding rubber.

After a see-saw match of high drama the Russians came out 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (10/8) winners and face Canada, quarter-final victors over Australia, in Saturday's semi-finals.

"It was heads or tails and the coin fell on our side," Rublev said.

"God gave me a chance to be a hero," he added.

Kachanov was already looking forward to the next match. "We'll have to get it together for Canada," he said of the semi-final.

"Luck was on our side here, but this was one of the biggest games of either our careers." Earlier in the day Rublev won the first singles over Filip Krajinovic 6-1, 6-2 to give Russia a lead, cancelled out later by Djokovic, who overcame Khachanov 6-3, 6-3. The world number two Djokovic, winner of 16 Grand Slams said the match had been "a real roller-coaster of a game, very, very emotional and very tense".

"Sport is not all about winning and losing but this hurts me personally," said the 32-year-old.

"Anyway the season is over now, we'll get over it. Tomorrow is another day." - DJOKO PAIN -

In the absence of Daniil Medvedev, the Russian star who pulled out of the event citing exhaustion, captain Shamil Tarpishev placed his faith in Rublev and Khachanov for both singles and doubles.

No stopping Vijender, claims 12th successive professional win

DUBAI, Nov 23 (PTI): Indian boxing star Vijender Singh demolished Ghana's former Commonwealth champion Charles Adamu to claim his 12th successive win and ensure that his four-year unbeaten streak in the professional circuit remained intact.

The 34-year-old former Olympic bronze-medallist, who holds the WBO Asia Pacific and Oriental super middleweight belts, prevailed in a unanimous verdict in an eight-round contest against the 42-year-old Adamu on Friday night.

The Indian's right hand was just too precise and powerful to handle for Adamu, who looked intimidated, kept a shell guard, and was thrown off-balance more than once.

"It was a good fight, Charles Adamu is a good fighter but I was fully prepared to tackle his punches and landed my



punches perfectly on him. It's great to be here in Dubai and to get this win. It was really exciting," Vijender said after the bout.

"I wanted to finish this fight in three-four rounds, it went into late rounds but I am happy with how I performed," said the boxer from Bhiwani.

The Ghanian also

copped a point deduction in the fourth round for excessive bending. To Adamu's credit, he fought through despite the onslaught and ensured that the bout went the full distance.

Adamu came into this fight with an experience of 47 bouts, of which he had won 33 (26 knockouts).

The Ghanian is also an Olympian and won a bronze medal for his country in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur during his amateur days.

But Adamu's wealth of experience didn't seem enough against an opponent, who was quicker and more powerful.

"I tried my best. I

had made strategies after watching his videos but he was quite tough. I never expected him to be this good. I wish him the best for his coming bouts," Adamu said.

Vijender, who is promoted by Hall of Famer Bob Arum's Top Rank Promotions in the USA and IOS Boxing in India, is hoping to fight for a world title next year.

Icardi, Di Maria hand PSG victory on Neymar's latest return

PARIS, Nov 23 (AFP): Neymar made his latest comeback from injury for Paris Saint-Germain on Friday as first-half goals by Mauro Icardi and Angel Di Maria saw the Ligue 1 leaders ease to a 2-0 win over Lille at the Parc des Princes.

The in-form Icardi opened the scoring from close range in the 17th minute with his 10th goal in PSG's last nine games, and Di Maria doubled their lead just after the half-hour mark.

Despite not being near their best, Thomas Tuchel's side were too strong for the team who finished runners-up behind them last season.

After just 14 games, PSG are 11 points clear of second-placed Marseille, who play on Sunday.

Neymar had not played for his club since October 5, having suffered a hamstring injury playing for Brazil against Nigeria a week later.

It was just the latest spell on the sidelines for the world's most expensive player, who has featured in barely half of PSG's matches since signing from Barcelona in 2017.



His decision to fly to Madrid to take in the Davis Cup tennis this week did not go down well with Tuchel, but the German coach still handed Neymar a start here.

On just his sixth appearance of the campaign, Neymar lasted 65 minutes before being replaced by Kylian Mbappe, who had been struggling with illness in recent days.

"I didn't expect too much from him because he has been out for six weeks. He lacked precision and his usual sense of timing but that is how it is," said Tuchel of Neymar.

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The Brazilian only produced brief glimpses

of his class and headed straight to the dressing room after being taken off, with some supporters jeering the 27-year-old as he departed.

"It's normal, lots of players do that," insisted Tuchel, dismissing any controversy.

"Others go to the bench, but I didn't see it because I was focused on making changes on the field. There is no need to make a big thing about it."

The main reason for Neymar's withdrawal, however, will have been to keep him fresh for next Tuesday's trip to Real Madrid when he will hope to make his first Champions League appearance this season.

Lille had beaten PSG

5-1 when the sides last met in April, but they came here on a run of just one win in nine and without an away victory since March.

They were without their top scorer, Nigerian striker Victor Osimhen, due to suspension, and coach Christophe Galtier had been left reeling when two of his assistants -- Portuguese duo Joao Sacramento and Nuno Santos -- left 48 hours before this game to team up with Jose Mourinho at Tottenham Hotspur.

They still almost took a second-minute lead through Xeka, but the midfielder's shot was saved by Keylor Navas.

Instead it was PSG who went in front from

their first chance, Icardi converting at the far post after Jose Fonte had failed to cut out Idrissa Gueye's low centre.

Mike Maignan saved well from Gueye before the home side scored again in the 31st minute through another of their Argentine contingent.

Both Di Maria and Icardi had scored in PSG's last game, a 2-1 win at Brest, and both were fresh here having not featured in the Argentina squad for their friendly matches against Brazil and Uruguay.

On form they surely deserve to be playing for their country, however.

Di Maria controlled Julian Draxler's pass and beat Maignan to make it 2-0. That was the end of the scoring, although Draxler and substitute Edinson Cavani both squandered excellent second-half chances.

"They didn't play for Argentina and that was good for us because it meant we were able to manage their workload and keep them fresh," Tuchel said of his two goal-scorers.

"I'm delighted because they got their goals and worked hard for the team.

are some problems in the future. I have to speak to Mo."

Klopp, who confirmed he will be in Qatar for the Club World Cup when Liverpool play their Carabao Cup tie at Aston Villa on 17 December, has several injury issues for Palace with Andy Robertson and Joe Gomez also doubtful.

But he insisted: "If you are at the level we are it is not allowed to look for excuses. There are always things that happen. One guy is ill overnight and you could say tomorrow before the game: 'How can deal with that?' We have to deal constantly with these kind of problems. No need for excuses. Try whatever you can to be as a successful as you can."

What makes José Mourinho special? Former players give Spurs an insight FABRIZIO ROMANO

THEGUARDIAN
AMANTINO MANCINI (INTERNAZIONALE, 2008-10)

José Mourinho is sincere, clear and says things to your face. He always gets the most out of his players. But the most impressive thing about José is his tactical preparation – he knows every player and every opponent perfectly. He always has the solution.

When you see him for the first time, if you haven't worked with him in the past, he has an amazing impact. I remember the first meeting when he arrived at Inter, I heard him talk and I was shivering. At every word I thought: "Jesus, this guy is really amazing." In training you need to go a thousand miles an hour and always be concentrated. If not, José will realise within 30 seconds and starts to look at you from far away. Then it's your problem ... but he's also such an expert he can figure out if someone is tired. He always has everything under control, on the pitch and off: this gives his player a rare level of confidence.

It was almost mythical to enter his office. He would call you and tell you everything he thinks to your face: he can be thrilled with how you are working or very angry because you aren't giving your best or even give you news about your future. He says everything to your face which in football is rare.

One time Mourinho called me and he asked: "What is happening Amantino? You don't feel well?" He always notices from a player's face, by how they practise, if something isn't going well. The result is you have a manager who is like a shrink, an open book who is never fake. This transmits strength and calmness.

I remember the day he told me I had to leave. He called me in his office and he said: "Amantino, I see you don't play often and you aren't happy. I think it's best if you leave." I understood him completely and we agreed, like men. He understands every situation.

One time we were playing in the Champions League against Panathinaikos. The first half ended, we were winning 2-0 in Athens. I had scored, I was very happy, I entered the locker room and José cornered me: "OK, you are playing like crap. You have to improve some more, don't think you gave everything with that goal." He made me focus 300%, but I had just scored and we were winning.

NUNO VALENTE (UNIÃO LEIRIA, 2001-02 AND FC PORTO, 2002-04)

José has an intense way of working and is tactically very strong. Through his words he is able to convince players that he's the coach who can make them win titles. He likes to joke around a lot and, if the team wins – like we did at Porto – then even more. There is always pressure at clubs like these who are the top of the table but, when things are going well, the environment is different. José is happy.

But when he needs to criticise a player, he has no issues about doing it in front of the whole squad. Sometimes José has had problems with players because the mentality is different from the 1990s, for example, and egos collide. But as a person and coach, he's spectacular, and I'm sure the Tottenham players will like him. I know that José is very happy to be back in business and has found a project that should seem interesting to him. It's the kind of challenge he likes.

For now he will fight to put Tottenham back in the top four. Going for the title is very difficult but in the coming years, with some signings, it will be a goal. He likes challenges and Tottenham don't win titles for a long time. They picked him up to put the bar at the highest level. Pochettino has done a good job but José can give the final touch for Tottenham to start winning titles.

After almost a year out he has had a long time to reflect. We could see a different Mourinho, perhaps even with a different way of playing. Surely he learned from what happened at Manchester United?

ÁLVARO ARBELOA (REAL MADRID, 2010-13)

The first time I saw what José was all about came in a pre-season game in Los Angeles when we were losing 2-0 and, wow, he gave us a real going-over. That was the moment when you see that he doesn't care who you are, who the star names are in a dressing room: he makes the same demands of everyone; you're all treated the same way. That's when we realised what he was like, who he was. I imagine that at Tottenham they'll see that when they see the demands that he makes of all of them.

When there is change made in a bad situation, there's always a positive response, this current of optimism, and I think José will try to take advantage of that. I have spoken to him a little bit over the last few months when he wasn't coaching and I think he is very conscious of all the good things he has: he is a coach who prepares games really well. When you turn up for a match, you understand very clearly why you're playing with this system, why you're playing with these players, what it is you're trying to do, which parts of your team he is trying to strengthen, how he wants to go about finding the weaknesses of the opposition. You have a very clear gameplan and you understand very clearly what the mission is. And, above all, why. He's very good at that, he knows. And that won't change.

José's also capable of reading a game very well and making you see at half-time where your errors lie, what the other team are doing, what's going right, what's going wrong, and how to change that. That's the thing I would most highlight about him: of all the coaches I have had, in that aspect he is definitely the best.

ANDY HUNTER
THEGUARDIAN

Jürgen Klopp has said Mohamed Salah must continue to play with pain but allayed concerns the Liverpool forward needs surgery on the ankle injury that has troubled him for seven weeks.

Salah has trained during the international break although remains a doubt for the Premier League leaders' visit to Crystal Palace on Saturday. The 27-year-old suffered the injury when fouled by Hamza Choudhury in the win over Leicester on 5 October and missed the following league game at Manchester United as a consequence. The problem was aggravated by a challenge from Fernandinho in the defeat of Manchester City before



the international break and, despite a period of rest and rehabilitation, Salah has yet to make a full recovery. His manager, however, believes the injury can be managed game-by-game and without an operation.

Klopp said: "No [he doesn't need surgery]. It is from the Leicester game. It was getting better and better but after the City game, another tackle, it flared up again.

"It is not serious but in the short period we

have to let it settle. It is always tight for the game. We will see. He trained completely yesterday, a full session, but we have to see how he reacted."

The Liverpool manager added: "He has trained the whole time he has been here [during the international break] but only the things we have wanted him to do.

"It's not that it has got worse, but it's still kind of there. That's the problem. We have to be sensible with things like this."

A more distant problem for Klopp with Salah concerns his possible inclusion in the Egypt squad for next summer's Olympics in Tokyo. Egypt are likely to want their biggest star to feature as an over-age player in the under-23s tournament, which takes place from July to early August. "I only knew about this an hour ago," admitted the Liverpool manager. "I only just found out that Egypt have qualified for the Olympics and there

FBI lawyer suspected of altering Russia probe document

WASHINGTON, Nov 23 (AP): An FBI lawyer is suspected of altering a document related to surveillance of former Trump campaign adviser Carter Page, a person familiar with the situation said Friday.

President Donald Trump, who has long attacked as a hoax and a witch hunt the FBI's investigation into ties between Russia and his 2016 presidential campaign, immediately touted news reports about the accusation to allege that the FBI had tried to overthrow the presidency.

The allegation is part of a Justice Department inspector general review of the FBI's Russia investigation, one of the most politically sensitive probes in the bureau's history.

That election interference probe was ultimately taken over by special counsel Robert Mueller and resulted in charges against six Trump associates and more than two dozen Russians accused of interfering in the election.

Inspector General Michael Horowitz is expected to release his report on Dec. 9.

Witnesses in the last two weeks have been in-

vited in to see draft sections of that document.

The inspector general report centered in part on the use of a secret surveillance warrant to monitor the communications of a former Trump adviser is likely to revive debate about an investigation that has shadowed Trump's presidency since the beginning.

It will be released amid a House impeachment inquiry into Trump's efforts to press Ukraine's leader to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden at the same time as military aid was being withheld from the country.

Trump and his supporters are likely to seize on any findings of mistakes or bad judgment in the report to support their claims of a biased investigation. Supporters of the FBI, meanwhile, are likely to hold up as vindication any findings that the investigation was done by the book or free of political considerations.

The allegation against the lawyer was first reported by CNN. The Washington Post subsequently reported that the conduct of the FBI employee didn't alter Horowitz's finding that the surveillance applica-



tion of Page had a proper legal and factual basis, an official told the Post, which said the lawyer was forced out.

"This was spying on my campaign something that has never been done in the history of our country, Trump told Fox & Friends on Friday.

They tried to overthrow the presidency." A person familiar with the case who was not authorized to discuss the matter by name and spoke to AP only on the condition of anonymity confirmed the allegation.

Spokespeople for the FBI and the inspector general declined to comment Friday.

The New York Times and the Post have reported

that the investigation is expected to find mistakes by lower-level officials within the FBI but will not accuse senior leaders of being motivated by political bias.

The FBI obtained a secret surveillance warrant in 2016 to monitor the communications of Page, who was never charged in the Russia investigation or accused of wrongdoing. The warrant, which was renewed several times and approved by different judges in 2016 and early 2017, has been one of the most contentious elements of the Russia probe and was the subject of dueling memos last year issued by Democrats

and Republicans on the House Intelligence Committee.

Republicans have long attacked the credibility of the warrant application since it cited information derived from a dossier of opposition research compiled by Christopher Steele, a former British spy whose work was financed by Democrats and the Hillary Clinton campaign.

They got my warrant a fraudulent warrant, I believe to spy on myself as a way of getting into the Trump campaign, Page said in an interview with Maria Bartiromo on Fox's Mornings with Maria.

There has been a continued cover-up to this

day. We still don't have the truth, but hopefully, we'll get that soon."

FBI Director Chris Wray has told Congress that he did not consider the FBI surveillance to be "spying" and that he has no evidence the FBI illegally monitored Trump's campaign during the 2016 election. Wray said he would not describe the FBI's surveillance as "spying" if it's following "investigative policies and procedures."

Attorney General William Barr has said he believed "spying" did occur, but he also made clear at a Senate hearing earlier this year that he had no specific evidence that any surveillance was illegal or improper. Barr has appointed U.S. Attorney John Durham to investigate how intelligence was collected, and that probe has since become criminal in nature, a person familiar with the matter has said.

But Trump insists that members of the Obama administration at the highest levels were spying on his 2016 campaign. Personally, I think it goes all the way. ... I think this goes to the highest level, he said in the Fox interview.

I hate to say it. I think it's a disgrace.

Trump impeachment: released documents reveal Giuliani-Pompeo links

NEW YORK, 23 Nov [AP]: Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani was in contact with secretary of state Mike Pompeo in the months before the US ambassador to Ukraine was abruptly recalled, according to a cache of documents released by on Friday.

The state department released the documents to the group American Oversight in response to a freedom of information lawsuit. They show that Pompeo talked with Giuliani on 26 March and 29 March.

Austin Evers, executive director of American Oversight, said the documents reveal a clear paper trail from Giuliani to Trump to Pompeo in order to enable the smear campaign against the now ousted envoy in Kyiv, Marie Yovanovitch.

"We can see why Mike Pompeo has refused to release this information to Congress. It reveals a clear paper trail from Rudy Giuliani to the Oval Office to secretary Pompeo to facilitate Giuliani's smear campaign against a US ambassador," he said.

Last week, Yovanovitch told House impeachment investigators she felt kneecapped by a smear campaign Giuliani led against her. She was withdrawn from her post in Ukraine in May.

The documents released late on Friday also include a report, apparently on Trump hotel stationery, that appears to summarise an interview on 23 January 2019 with Ukraine's former prosecutor general, Victor Shokin. The summary says Giuliani and two business associates, Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, were present.

Parnas and Fruman were arrested last month on a four-count indictment that includes charges of conspiracy, making false statements to the Federal Election Commission and falsification of records. The men had key roles in Giuliani's efforts to launch a Ukrainian corruption investigation against Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

In the document, Shokin claims he was removed from his position under pressure from Biden.

A second memo appears to be a summary of an interview with Yuri Lutsenko, also a former prosecutor general of Ukraine, conducted in the presence of Giuliani, Parnas and Fruman. Lutsenko is quoted raising questions about compensation that Hunter Biden received from the Ukrainian oil company Burisma.

Francis fulfills dream, goes to Japan as missionary pope

TOKYO, Nov 23 (AP): Pope Francis will fulfill his dream to be a missionary in Japan when he arrives for a three-day visit with two main aims: to appeal for nuclear disarmament and minister to a tiny Catholic flock with a rich but bloody history.

Francis traveled Saturday from Thailand to another Asian country where Catholics are a minority less than 0.5% of Japan's 127 million people, most of them loosely affiliated with Buddhism or Shinto, or both.

The community he will find has changed dramatically in recent years with an influx of foreign workers. Today, these temporary workers make up more than half of Japan's Catholic population of 440,000, according to the Archdiocese of Tokyo's international center.

Francis will minister to them at various points over the coming days, including in Nagasaki, which remains a center of Catholicism



centuries after St. Francis Xavier first brought Christianity to the archipelago in 1549.

One of the highlights of the trip will be Francis' prayer Sunday at the memorial of the 26 Nagasaki Martyrs, who were crucified in 1597 at the start of the two-century wave of anti-Christian persecution by Japanese rulers.

Francis will also greet descendants of the Hidden Christians,

who persevered in their faith for generations despite the threat of death and absence of priests.

Their courage helped inspire a young Jesuit priest named Jorge Mario Bergoglio to be a missionary in Japan. The future pope was denied due to health issues.

Francis' Japanese agenda is somewhat upside down compared to a usual papal trip, when meetings with

the head of state in the capital come first, followed by other events out of town.

In Japan, Francis instead will head to Nagasaki and Hiroshima first thing Sunday, visiting the sites of the atomic bombings. It doesn't appear an accident of the itinerary.

Francis has gone further than any other pope by saying that not only the use but the mere possession of nuclear weapons is to

be condemned. He's expected to issue a strong appeal for total nuclear disarmament Sunday, and will likely repeat that message when he meets with victims of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster on Monday before he calls on Emperor Naruhito or Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"He is a super diplomat who extends secular global messages that go beyond religious messages," said Kagefumi Ueno, former Japanese ambassador to the Holy See.

"Those issues are universally shared by the international community." But Francis' key aim is to tend to his tiny flock, which has grown exponentially more diverse in recent years.

Japan had long kept its door closed to immigrants, but the country last year adopted a new policy to open up unskilled jobs to temporary foreign workers, a major revision to the country's policy to deal

with its rapidly aging and declining population.

Many of the newcomers hail from the Philippines, Vietnam and Brazil and are Catholic, rejuvenating local churches which now offer Masses in English, Tagalog, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Francis has made welcoming migrants a hallmark of his papacy, so he will likely refer to these newcomers in at least some of his speeches including on Saturday evening when he addresses Japanese bishops.

Japan has accepted only an extremely small number of refugees and has fallen far behind global standards, so I'm hoping the pope will touch on the issues, said Kanae Doi, Japan director of Human Rights Watch.

It would be great if he discusses those issues and raise awareness about the role Japan is expected to play as part of the international community.

Samoa measles epidemic kills 20



SAMOA, 23 Nov: Deaths related to measles have risen to 20 in the past week on the Pacific island of Samoa, the government has said, eight days after declaring a state of emergency over the outbreak.

The island state of 200,000, located south of the equator and halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, declared a measles epidemic late in October after the first deaths.

Suspected cases of measles have more than doubled over the past week to 1,644, the government added on Friday. Children under five accounted for all but one

of the deaths.

Staff from the UN agency Unicef have delivered 110,500 doses of vaccines this week as they fanned out across Samoa to boost its mandatory immunisation effort, the agency said. It has also worked with governments of other tiny Pacific nations to run immunisation campaigns and develop preparedness plans to combat a regional outbreak, it added.

Australia is sending a specialist team of doctors, nurses and public health experts to Samoa, along with equipment and supplies, the foreign ministry said.

23 dead as violent unrest in Chile enters fifth week

SANTIAGO, Nov 23 (AFP): The death toll from violent unrest in Chile rose to 23 on Friday as the country entered its fifth week of social unrest.

Looting and demonstrations took place in cities across the South American nation, and an agreement on a political roadmap that will see Chile draft a new constitution has halted neither the anger, nor the bloodshed.

Furious Chileans have since October 18 been protesting social and economic inequality, and against an entrenched political elite that comes from a small number of the wealthiest families in the country, among other issues.

The crisis is the worst

in three decades of Chilean democracy and has led to around 2,000 injuries, including some 280 people who suffered eye damage from shotgun pellets.

The latest death was a 13-year-old boy who an interior ministry official said was run over by a van during protests in Arica, about 1,300 miles (2,100 kilometres) north of the capital Santiago.

Thousands of people gathered again on Friday in Plaza Italia, the centre of the demonstrations in Santiago and the site of weekly rallies that have seen massive turnout since the social upheaval broke out.

"We cannot ease up. We have to keep expressing ourselves because we have not achieved

anything, because the repression continues and also (the government) keeps signing fake agreements, like the peace deal," Claudia Ortolan, a young protester, told AFP.

Nearby, hooded men were squaring off against police, who broke up the crowd with tear gas and water cannons.

Meanwhile, about a hundred people protested outside the Costanera Centre, the largest mall in South America, as around twenty riot police guarded the entrance to the building.

While protests earlier in the week not been huge, the outbursts of violence multiplied in the capital's metro area on Thursday and Friday.

The anger in the streets had eased after

last week's agreement by Congress to draft a new Constitution.

But with people back on the streets in force again, President Sebastian Pinera's government again appealed for calm.

Interior Minister Gonzalo Blumel issued a "deep and sincere call to all political forces" to end the unrest.

But in Quilicura, north of Santiago, a shopping center was set on fire and looted by a crowd while in Puente Alto, another working-class area, a gas station, a police headquarters and businesses were attacked.

In the northern city of Antofagasta, a motorist injured five people when he ran down protesters, while a supermarket was ran-

sacked.

Looting, barricades and fires were also recorded in the port of Valparaiso and the city of Vina del Mar, and in Concepcion in the south.

"This situation...affects our offer to take charge," said police general Enrique Basseletti, after complaints from people irate that they had not seen police on their streets.

Blumel said 2,500 trainee police officers would be put on the streets early to bolster the force.

On Thursday, authorities arrested 700 people in the unrest. That followed the police decision to suspend the use of birdshot against protesters, following an outcry over eye injury victims.

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Ben Affleck to direct historical drama 'King Leopold's Ghost'

Ben Affleck has set "King Leopold's Ghost", a true story of rebellion against genocide in the Congo in the late 1800s, as his next directorial project.

The film is based on Adam Hochschild book "King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror and Heroism in Colonial Africa" that chronicles an atrocious piece of history that is every bit as bad as the subtitle infers.

According to Deadline, veteran filmmaker Martin Scorsese will produce the film alongside Affleck.

The 47-year-old actor has critically-acclaimed features such as "The Town" and "Argo" to his directing credits.

He will helm "King Leopold's Ghost" from a screenplay by "Apocalypse" scribe Farhad Safinia.

The story, set at a moment when European countries were racing to find ways to carve up the natural resources of Africa, is about Leopold II of Belgium, who became the world's richest man with billions stashed in secret bank accounts by gaining private ownership of the Congo Free State, and inserted a mercenary army to cruelly plunder rubber and ivory.

The story also deals with the Congolese who defied him



and fought back. The struggle sparked an unlikely alliance between a black American missionary, an English investigative journalist and an Irish spy, resulting in one of the first human rights movements in history.

Affleck last directorial effort was 2016's "Live By Night". On the acting front, he has films such as Ridley Scott's "The Last Duel", "The Way Back" and "Deep Water" in his kitty.

CNBLUE's Jung Yong-Hwa Announces Asia Tour After Military Discharge

Fans of K-pop and K-drama in the 2010s will definitely recognise the handsome of 30-year-old singer and actor, Jung Yong-Hwa. The lead singer of South Korean boy band, CNBLUE was recently discharged after completing his mandatory military service on 3 November this year.

It looks like Jung is not wasting any time, getting back into the swing of things as the star has announced his first solo Asia tour after the military, titled 2020 Jung Yong-Hwa 'STILL 622' Asia Live Tour: The tour kicks off in Seoul on 7 December before heading to Bangkok, Taipei and Manila in the first quarter of 2020.

More dates may be revealed in the future. So, BOICE (CNBLUE's official fandom name) don't lose hope yet.

Pop rock band, CNBLUE play a huge part South Korea's music industry, delivering massive hits in the 2010s such as their debut songs "I'm a Loner" and "Love" out of their first EP, Bluetory. The four-member band burst into the music scene with their debut EP nabbing the number one spot on the Gaon Album Charts and was certified platinum, selling over 200,000 copies in Korea alone.

Since then, CNBLUE and its lead singer, Jung Yong-Hwa went on to greater successes, selling out stadiums and winning multiple awards. Jung also made his acting debut in a big way with his first lead role being the hit 2009 K-drama,



You're Beautiful alongside Park Shin-Hye. Jung's role in the television series earned him the "New Star Award" at the SBS Drama Awards. He then went on to star in more dramas such as Heartstrings and Marry Him If You Dare.

Jung's popularity also grew enormously when he participated in the popular Korean variety programme, We Got Married, where he was paired with Girls' Generation's Seohyun. The star enlisted for military service on 8 March 2018 and is finally back to pick up where he left off.

David Tennant to play serial killer Dennis Nilsen in 'Des'



LOS ANGELES, NOV 23 (PTI): Actor David Tennant has been roped in to star as infamous Scottish serial killer Dennis Nilsen in an ITV drama.

Titled "Des", the three-part miniseries, is based on the Brian Masters book "Killing For Company", reported Deadline. Masters cooperated with Nilsen to get inside the mind of a man who murdered at least 15 men and boys between 1978 and 1983. Nilsen died in jail last year.

Jason Watkins of "The Crown" fame will play Masters and "Line Of Duty" actor Daniel Mays will feature as Detective Chief Inspector Peter Jay.

The story chronicles Nilsen's arrest and trial, through the prism of the three men.

"Des" was developed by Luke Neal and Lewis Arnold.

Ron Cook, Faye McKeever, Chanel Cresswell, Barry Ward, Tony Way, Bronagh Waugh, Laurie Kynaston, Ross Anderson, among others are part of the ensemble cast.

Colin Farrell will be great as The Penguin: Danny DeVito

LOS ANGELES, NOV 23 (PTI): Veteran actor Danny DeVito believes Colin Farrell will do a great job as The Penguin in Matt Reeves' "The Batman".

DeVito, who played the DC villain to Michael Keaton's Caped Crusader in Tim Burton's 1992 film "Batman Returns", said it would be "interesting" to see Farrell's take on the character.

"Colin's a great actor... He's a good friend of mine. I've known him for many years and I think he's going to do a great job as The Penguin. It's going to be really interesting to see his take on it," DeVito told ScreenRant.

"The Batman" will see Robert Pattinson in the title role, with Andy Serkis as Batman's loyal butler Alfred Pennyworth, Jeffrey Wright as Commissioner Gordon, Zoe Kravitz as Catwoman and Paul Dano as The Riddler.

It is being billed as a grounded take on the Dark Knight and will feature many of Batman's villains.

"The Batman" will hit the theatres on June 25, 2021.

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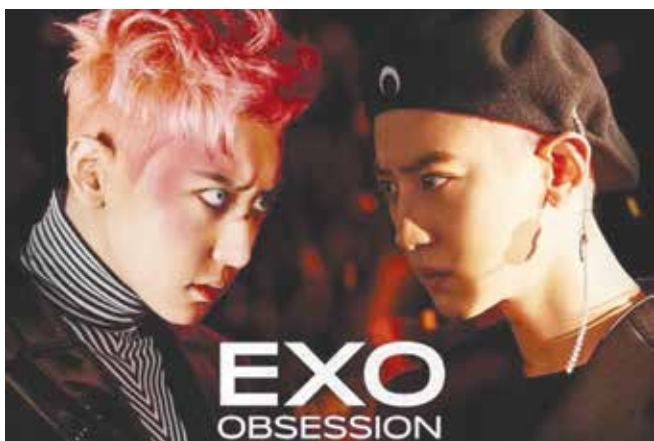
JENNIFER LOPEZ IS NEW FACE OF COACH: Get your wallets ready, people. Jennifer Lopez is the new face of Coach! The star announced the exciting collaboration in a glamorous Instagram post on Tuesday. Sharing a stunning black-and-white photo showing off a long trench coat, flowing scarf and, of course, a Coach bag, the actress wrote, "Thank you @coach! Exciting things coming soon!!!"

EXO Faces Off With X-EXO Leading Up To Their Comeback Album, Obsession

With EXO's comeback inching closer, SM Entertainment has been hyping up the release of the K-pop boy group's sixth studio album titled Obsession by teasing fans with concept photos and trailers starring each member. EXO's official Twitter page has been updated every six hours with new promotional content, until the 27 November, 6PM KST.

When the initial posters came out, many thought that the seven-member group will be coming back with an extraterrestrial concept. However, now that multiple teasers have been revealed, we see Suho, Baekhyun, Chen, Chanyeol, Kai and Sehun facing off with their sinister-looking doppelgängers called X-EXO.

The hashtag #EXODEUX, which in French means "EXO 2" was trending worldwide as fans discover this new group of mysterious clones. Even the photoshoots are divided into



two, one set with each EXO member looking like their handsome selves and another as X-EXO, a darker version of the members, looking rather battered with cuts and bruises.

SM Entertainment has also revealed the album cover and design on EXO's Twitter page. The album includes a bunch of freebies for fans such as a lyric book, photo book, photo slides, poster and picture card. Pre-orders are already coming in, as loyal fans are itching to get their hands on the physical copies.

ARIES: The future is promising, Aries. Trust. What the Universe is offering right now: a giant cup of blessings that are helping you align with the life you want to create for yourself. Let love continue to be the secret ingredient, wild one. An ingredient that fills you with joy and motivation every time you feel like you're losing the plot.

Tip: Be cognisant of the opportunities being offered to you.

TAURUS: The Universe is offering you the gifts of financial security, stability and steady growth. Dependability is a super power, one that is making you alluring to the right kind of opportunities. Teach your inner bull when to stay still and when to take charge.

Tip: You are experiencing steady growth.

GEMINI: What was once the centre of your Universe, may now seem lacklustre. The storm has served its purpose,

Gemini. The path has been cleared for you to make a fresh start. In order to walk down this road, you must leave the past behind. Internalise the lessons being taught to you. Continue to act from a space of higher wisdom rather than fear. Tip: A new pathway is opening up for you.

CANCER: If not now, then when? The air is rife with opportunities that will help manifest your dreams into your reality. Be creative, Cancer. Give yourself permission to visualise. Being cognisant of what is being offered to you will help you act in time.

Tip: The time to manifest your best life is now.

LEO: What a wonderful feeling to be in alignment, Leo. You are exactly where you need to be, and doing exactly what you are meant to do. The Universe is rewarding for the work you have put in. Keep an eye out for the big, fat pay-

check you deserve. Remember, this is your chance to up the money game.

Tip: Trust that you will be rewarded fairly for your efforts.

VIRGO: This week finds you exactly where you belong—on the top of your game. Expect many breakthrough moments, but don't get complacent about your long-term goals. You are in charge of manifesting those larger-than-life ideas in your reality.

Tip: This is the week to manifest those larger-than-life ideas in your reality.

LIBRA: Take a step back and survey what you have sown. This is a time to review rather than act. Which areas of your life have you been ignoring? What are the dreams that need to be nurtured? Realign with awareness, wild one. This is also a time of gestation for some.

Tip: Review your progress and make changes accordingly.

SCORPIO: What are you going to do with all that money in the bank? You have created both wealth and security for yourself. Now is the time to kick back and enjoy the fruits of your labour. Generosity is a virtue, wild one. Be sure to share the abundance with those who helped you get where you are today.

Tip: This is a time of financial security.

SAGITTARIUS: Your current energy brings the case of the great Norse God, Odin, to mind. He hung from the World Tree for nine whole days in order to gain wisdom and understanding. Of course, we are not suggesting you experiment with something as extreme, but you can embrace the delays and look for silver linings.

Tip: Find the silver lining.

CAPRICORN: Oh, the perils of micromanaging! See how and where you need to detach. This will help you focus on what's really important and put your

best work out. Thinking about expanding the team to take the load off?

Tip: Delegate where you need to.

AQUARIUS: Rest up, Aquarius. Let go of the idea of what productivity looks like. Understand the importance of doing nothing in order to create something. This is the secret to restore mental balance and be the most creative version of yourself.

Tip: Understand the importance of doing nothing at all every once in a while.

PISCES: You know that no great work of art can be created without retreating into 'shunya', the womb space, the beginning and end of all creation. This week, you are learning the importance of listening to your inner wisdom and being receptive to the cosmic currents of inspiration. Understanding the balance between 'doing' and 'being' promises to change your life, Pisces.