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NOW, A GAARI THELAU PARTY

MANGAN, 21 SEPT: Tired of watching vehicles have a hard time in making the climb at Ambithang in North Sikkim every day, some sections of the youth here have decided to form a team called 'Gaari Thelau Party' and will charge Rs 500 per vehicle for their sweat. The bad roads do bring some opportunities, it appears. [from WANGCHUK BHUTIA]

LTVC-called Sikkim Bandh postponed

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT:

The All Sikkim Bandh proposed by Limboo-Tamang Voluntary Committee [LTVC] scheduled for 25 Sept has been postponed till further notice. An LTVC press release informs that this decision was taken due to "some differences" in views among different political parties and organizations which were to be part of the bandh call.

On 16 Sept, a section of political parties and organizations had gathered at Chokasum hall in

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Governor visits organic farms

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT [IPR]: Governor Ganga Prasad along with Additional Chief Secretary to the Governor, Dr. K. Jaya Kumar, and other senior officials from Raj Bhawan visited various sites of organic farming at Assam Lingzey, Sikkim State Cooperative Union [SICUN] and ICAR Complex today.

In the morning, the Governor visited Organic Farm of DN Sapkota, a leading farmer in organic vegetables at Assam Linzey, and inspected the farm including the chili pepper green house and various other organic crops including its



preparation and how it is being used in every farming household of Sikkim.

The Governor also had a look at manuf-

turing of vermi compost and manually produced organic fertilizers.

The major objectives for visiting the farms was

to know about the methods of Organic Farming in Sikkim and to study about the processing ac-

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SDF will not come to power next year: HSP



WILL NOT GET EVEN ONE SEAT FROM WEST SIKKIM, CLAIMS BHAICHUNG

REBYNA RANA

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT:

Hamro Sikkim Party held its first public meeting for East Sikkim at Singtam Bazaar today in the presence of party leaders, party workers and supporters.

Addressing the gathering, HSP vice president, Bhaichung Bhutia, contended that Sikkim Democratic Front president, Pawan Chamling, has failed to create a new set of leaders to lead the party in these 25 years.

"Mr Chamling is both the SDF president and also the Chief Minister and has not allowed any new leader to grow in his party following a one-man rule. Our party will not allow any person to hold dual posts. Our CM and party presidents will be different," said Mr Bhutia.

He stated that HSP will also abolish par-

ty-based Panchayat election if it comes to power.

"Let people choose their own independent Panchayats who will work for the development of the villages," said Mr Bhutia while accusing SDF Panchayats of working for the party instead of the people.

"The CM takes credit when things are going well and ends up blaming Panchayats and MLAs when things go wrong. When he formed his government in 1994, he was the poorest CM in the country and now after 25 years, he is the richest. SDF is also the richest political party in the country as per the Election Commission of India," added Mr Bhutia while accusing the SDF government of rampant corruption in developmental funds.

"Sikkim has around 30 hydel power projects but power supply is disrupted even if there is a minor storm. The roads are in bad shape and are being repaired now because the elections are coming. SDF receives donations from the pharma

companies operating in Sikkim. We will not take donations but force these companies to give employment to our youth. We will train our youth as per job requirements in these companies," he stated.

Lashing out against the SDF supremo for calling Mr Bhutia an outsider, he said, "He paints me as an outsider after I started protesting against corruption and mis-governance. I am ready for an open debate with Mr Chamling on developmental issues. The CM also said that I played for money during my football career. This is not only an insult to me but to all the footballers of Sikkim who are playing outside the State and earning a livelihood with their hard work and talent. It is also an insult to all those Sikkimese who are working outside the State and country in corporate and hospitality sector."

The HSP vice president also alleged that SDF has approached a national party in Delhi

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CS and officials inspect preps at Pakyong for PM's visit

PAKYONG, 21 SEPT [IPR]: Chief Secretary AK Shrivastava, along with Director General of Police, SD Negi, Secretary [Buildings & Housing Department], Secretary [Roads & Bridges Department], Special Secretary [Urban Development & Housing Department] and other officers visited and inspected the ongoing preparations at St Xavier's School in Pakyong, East Sikkim for the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from 23-24 Sept, 2018.

Also present at the venue were area MLA, Hemendra Adhikari, Additional District Collector [Development], Pakyong, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pakyong, Additional Chief Engineer, Energy & Power Department, Airports Authority of India officials and engineers from the concerned line departments.

The CS took stock of the preparations at St Xavier's School, Pakyong. Arrangements at the ground were expected to be completed by later today to accommodate around 8000 people.

The Bazaar area was also inspected where cleaning works were underway.



Special Secretary, UDHD, informed that white-washing on the walls and maintenance of street lights have been taken up. General notices have also been issued in this regard by the department directing prohibition on hanging dry clothes alongside the road and rooftops in and around Pakyong Bazaar.

Likewise, all shopkeepers and households have been directed to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings while owners of under construction structures are to ensure removal of construction materials/ debris from sites along the

road. The area was found to be clean.

The road works were also inspected en-route to the airport. The damaged and trouble spots have been taken care of and the stretch was found smooth for conveyance.

Later, the preparations at the airport were also inspected by the team. Directions regarding placement of the Airport Model, Plaque, etc were also given. The works being taken up was inspected and directions were given in line with the programme to the concerned executing agencies.

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Tumin students impress at Ministry of Steel marathon in Delhi

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT:

Two students from Tumin Secondary School, East Sikkim, have given an outstanding performance in the marathon held on 16 September at Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.

In the 10 Kilometres long marathon organised by the Ministry of Steel in association with Health Fitness Trust, Man Kumari Dulal stood on third position while Gayatri Luitel finished sixth.

The marathon was participated in by around 8,000 runners from different parts of the country.

Man Kumari Dulal covered the distance of 10 KMs in 37 minutes.

The duo have expressed happiness over their performance in the marathon and further expressed their desire to work harder to win medals for the State and the country in national and international events in the future.



Governor visits organic...

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tivities, the methods of cultivation of different fruit crops and to have an understanding of the economic activities of a self processing farming unit.

The Governor was also briefed about how the mix crops including fruits, vegetables and cash crops are cultivated as organic vegetation.

Farmers and villagers of Assam Lingzey, GPU and senior officials from Agriculture and Horticulture Departments shared details about organic farming and its various methods. Further the Governor was explained about the importance of organic farming, packaging practices of various crops and also about its production and marketing.

During the interactive session, senior officials from concerned departments also briefed the Governor about the schemes and initiatives provided to the farmers by the State Government. Representatives from local Self Help Groups also shared their experience of organic farming and its benefits.

In the afternoon, the Governor visited SICUN and met with the Panchayats and public gathered there where he was informed and briefed about the function of SICUN and

its role in the State.

The Governor also visited the ICAR Complex in Tadong. During his visit, a power-point presentation was made on upgradation of ICAR as a National Organic Farming Institute.

The Governor also gave away Vanaraja chicken to two tribal beneficiaries under Vanaraja Chicken Farming scheme.

The Governor on his visit to local areas expressed his gratitude and appreciated organic farming practiced by the farmers in Sikkim.

Talking about organic farming, he appreciated and congratulated the State and said that the reason behind the attraction of tourists/outsider in Sikkim is because of practices which have made a mark throughout the globe.

He also urged the public and concerned officers to disseminate and create more awareness about the benefits of organic farming as much as they can and assured them all possible help from his side.

During the visit, the Governor was welcomed with token of affection in the form of organic vegetables and organic products manufactured by SHGs.

SDF will not come to power...

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for alliance for the 2019 election and has offered 10 seats to the national party.

He further assured to approach the Centre regarding Limboo-Tamang seats, Nepali seats and Tsong seat.

On the upcoming election, Mr Bhutia said, "I guarantee that SDF will not form its government in 2019. It needs 17 seats to form a government. This time things will change. The party used to get all 16 seats from South and West districts but this time, it will not get even one seat from West district. It may win only one or two seats from South district. In East and North districts, SDF had won only 5 seats in last election and this time it will not even win that much."

Speaking on his experience in politics till date, Mr Bhutia said, "I do not have experience like Mr Chamling. But what I have is honesty which he lacks. I played for Indian football team for 16 years. This success is solely due to my honesty and hard work and the same honesty and hard work will be

portrayed in my politics. I have created a name for myself in the country and abroad. I will not let it go in vain."

Bhaichung also said that after coming to power, HSP will make Sangha seat free from politics.

"We want independent candidates to contest for the Sangha seat," he added.

Vice president, HSP, Ran Bahadur Subba, in his address asserted that the HSP is firm in its movement to oust the SDF government.

"We have made a good start and in these 3-4 months, the party has grown. We want to bring together all the Sikkimese communities who have been fragmented by the SDF government. We will give regular government employment to our youth for which we have a strategy," said Mr Subba.

He further stated that after the Singtam meeting, HSP will intensify its activities in East and North districts while continuing its ongoing party activities in South and West districts.

During the meeting today, Rudra Narsingh Sakya was appointed as vice president of HSP.

RMDD hands over 13 National Awards to CM



GANGTOK, 21 SEPT [IPR]: National awardees of Rural Management & Development Department called on Chief Minister Pawan Chamling at his official residence today.

The group, led by RMDD Minister, SB Subedi, and including Secretary DR Nepal, handed over 13 National Awards won under various categories during Financial Year 2018-19 to the CM. The national awards were received in all State, District, Gram Panchayat and Institutional level during various National award distribution ceremonies.

The awards include National Award under MGNREGA, State Award for Transparency & Accountability, Best Performing Gram Panchayat by Kitam Manpur Gram Panchayat, Skoch Gold Award for Dhara Vikas, Skoch Award of Merit for Dhara Vikas, Best State for E-Panchayat by Directorate of Panchayat, State Institute of Rural Development [SIRD], Karfector for Capacity Building, Deen Dayal Upadaya Panchayat Shashaktikaran Puraskar for South District Zilla Panchayat, Namphing Gram Panchayat [Temi Block, South District] & Martam Gram Panchayat [Hee-Martam Block, West Sikkim], Best Gram Panchayat Development Plan [GPD] by Maniram Phalidara Gram Panchayat, Nanaji Desmukh Rastrya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar by Tingvong Gram Panchayat [Dzongu Block, North Sikkim], Best Performing SHGs and Village Organizations [Federation] under National Rural Livelihood Mission [NRLM] by Khamdong Block SHG and Nanaji Desmukh Rastrya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar by Tingvong Gram Panchayat.

LTVC-called Sikkim Bandh postponed

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Gangtok to deliberate on the issue of LT seat reservation in the Assembly.

SDF and SILTAC stayed away from this meet. On this absence, the LTVC has stated in the release, "It is very surprising to know that SDF and SILTAC blames others for misguiding regarding LT seat reservation issue but runs away from debate when called for meeting on the said subject. If SILTAC could call for a press conference to condemn us then could not they spare their time to place their views in the meeting? This clearly proves that SILTAC and SDF are anti-LT"

The release further informs that the all political parties and organisations meet has unanimously passed various resolutions pertaining to LT seat reser-

vation [Dzongu Block, North Sikkim], Best Performing SHGs and Village Organizations [Federation] under National Rural Livelihood Mission [NRLM] by Khamdong Block SHG and Nanaji Desmukh Rastrya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar by Tingvong Gram Panchayat [Dzongu Block, North Sikkim].

The CM, while receiving the awards, congratulated everyone for their hard work which has resulted in such recognition.

"The State is front runner in many sectors at the National level. However, the department should strive to be the best in all spheres and set a benchmark for ourselves. All officials, individual and Institutions should work hand in hand to ensure the last mile delivery of public services," he said.

Secretary, RMDD, Mr Nepal, while handing over the National Awards said that Sikkim is among the best performing States in many sectors under rural development and these National Awards are the result of hard work and dedication.

He added that the awards and accolades received by the department are all because of the pro-people, pro-development and good governance initiated under the visionary leadership of the CM.

vation in Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

"State Government must pass a fresh LT seats reservation resolution-bill in upcoming State Assembly Session. Limboo-Tamang seats reservation must be done before 2019. Also the State and Central Governments must bring LT seats reservation bill in Parliament in the upcoming winter Parliament session," the LTVC release states.

The LTVC has extended gratitude to all political parties, organisations and individuals for participating in the meeting on 16 Sept and sparing their valuable time for the cause of LT communities of Sikkim. The LTVC will be organising more of such events in the coming days for the welfare of Sikkimese society.



Exposure visit of Excise team for e-Abkari

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT:

Excise [Abk] Department is in the process of computerization of its activities by setting up a robust e-Abkari system for the purpose of simplifying the processes of grant of licenses/permits as well as ensuring an efficient monitoring system. The department had earlier approached the West Bengal Excise Department for replicating their e-Abgari module, for which a real-time study tour to Kolkata had been suggested, a press release informs.

Following the same, a team of officers led by Additional Commissioner, Joint Director [IT] and two Inspectors of Excise Department along with an official of NIC Gangtok were on a two-daylong exposure visit to Kolkata recently.

The team visited the State Excise Directorate in West Bengal wherein meetings were conducted with the Excise Commissioner and other officials. A detailed day-long technical session was held for the benefit of the visiting officers by the senior officers of the Excise Directorate. Field visits

to manufacturing units including a micro brewery were also carried out.

The State Excise Department has requested the West Bengal Excise Directorate to depute resource persons for preparation of a DPR and Gap Analysis Report at the earliest in order for the West Bengal e-Abgari module to be customized with Sikkim-specific requirements. The resource persons will also be imparting training to the Excise officials who will be assigned charge of handling the e-Abkari system, the release adds.

Secret meeting with BJP leaders a baseless allegation says SDF

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 20 SEPT:

Sikkim Democratic Front has refuted allegations leveled by Hamro Sikkim Party about an alliance being forged with Bharatiya Janata Party on 10 Assembly seats for the 2019 elections.

An SDF press release issued by publicity secretary, Amber Rai, states that these are totally baseless statements.

"SDF will never take any step against the party which has interest of Sikkim and its people. The party has a balanced relationship with BJP since it is a member of NEDA. The

other relationship is that of a State with the Centre. Being a border State, it is important for Sikkim to always maintain peace," the party states in the release.

Chief Minister and party president, Pawan Chamling, has full support of the people of Sikkim and does not require alliance with any national or regional party to win the upcoming election, the release mentions.

"Biraj Adhikari has leveled false and baseless allegations of a secret meeting between the SDF president and BJP leadership. Mr Cham-

ling can officially meet the Prime Minister and Union Ministers as he is the CM. There is no need for him to maintain any secrecy to meet anyone at the Centre. Only those political parties and leaders need to meet secretly and divide seats who have been rejected by the people. All allegations of HSP are totally false, baseless and fabricated. People of Sikkim will never believe such baseless statements. HSP has once again proved that it is a party without any relevant issues to discuss," the party adds in the release.



Lingi Paiyong School observes International Peace Day

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT:

The 38th edition of International Peace Day was observed at Lingi Paiyong School in South Sikkim at the school premises today with the theme "The Right To Peace: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70", a press release informs.

The Headmaster of the school along with staff lit candles and prayed for peace in the world while students recited prayers from different religions to

show secularism and unity.

One of the school teachers, Jyoti Gurung, outlined various measures to maintain peace and harmony for oneself and for the world.

Students led by Punol Lepcha demonstrated yoga which is considered as one of the paths to attain peace and contentment.

It may be mentioned here, International Peace Day is observed annually on 21 Sept since 1981 by the United Nations.

Gangtok on Saturday, 22 Sept

Temp: 28°C/15°C
Forecast: A morning thundershower in parts of area; otherwise, time of clouds and sun.
Sunrise: 05:24 AM
Sunset: 5:33 PM

Denzong Sherpa Association unhappy with CM's remarks

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT: Although the State Government withdrew the amendments to the Regulation of Transfer of Land [2nd Amendment] 2018 in the Assembly session on 20 Sept, Denzong Sherpa Association has strongly condemned the concluding remarks of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling against the land protection of Sherpa under Revenue Order No. 1.

The demand of inclusion of Sherpa under Revenue Order No. 1 is not limited to "sale and purchase" of land but it is the "fundamental and historical rights of the Sherpas", a DSA press release states.

The release further adds, "The Sherpas of Sikkim have been protesting against the new Act and demanding land protection under Revenue Order No. 1, 1917. The removal of the new Act is a major breakthrough towards achieving historical and fundamental rights of the Sherpa community in Sikkim. Thus, the conspiracy of the CM to eliminate the Sherpa from the historical facts by advocating existence of Sherpa only after the Scheduled Tribe Order 1978 will not be tolerated anymore. His explanation regarding the old laws and constitutional provision of Article 371F is as baseless as the Regulation of Transfer of Land Act 2018."

The DSA has further stated that the CM should be aware that one of the most important old laws "the Registration of Companies [Sikkim] Act 1961" is repealed by the Companies Act 2013.

"If he is so concerned about the sanctity of old laws, he must explain how and why the Old Company's law got repealed in his regime," the DSA has further said.

Husband-wife duo Poojan & Anupama on their musical journey

NITESH R PRADHAN/ YOGAN TAMANG

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT: Husband-wife duo from Jorethang, South Sikkim, Poojan Lohagan and Anupama Pradhan, have been pursuing music and have steadily rose as successful artists in their own rights.

Born to Dhurba Lohagan and Bal Kumari Lohagan, Poojan Lohagan married Anupama Pradhan in 2014. Poojan has been actively working in music dedicatedly with some of his music related details including his first recording "Natak Aandhi Aaye Pachhi" and "Aafnai Sabda Sangetma Dui Wata Geet" recorded at Ears Studio in Darjeeling.

In his debut solo album, "Ninaad" [2011], Poojan sang compositions of Rajen Ghimirey, Madhav Ghimirey, Shanti Thatal, MB Gazmer, Ram Bista, Nhyoo Bajracharya, Sachin Singh Biswaz Gurung and Pushkar Parajul.

His long list of credits also include composed songs for Gyan Subba, Banika Pradhan, Anupama Pradhan, Nikhita Thapa, Biswa Nepali, Sunita Thegim, Tayahangma Rai, Pranoy Lama, Manoj Rai, Binay Lama, Suman Ghimirey and Sharada Gurung.

Many artists including Ka-



mal Regmi, Pavitra Lama, Rabin Bantawa Khahong Rai, Manu Kandangwa, Parajit Pomu, Pratik Chamling, Tayahangma Rai, Chewang Lama and Hem Kumar Lawat have sung songs written by this creative genius.

Teaming up with his wife Anupama in the year 2016, he recorded their first solo number "Farkiyen Feri Ma Jiwna" which was followed by their second music video "Haawa Gharaima" [2018].

He now eagerly awaits their upcoming video "Mann ko Saathi".

Poojan's better half, Anupama is a lecturer of English Literature at Darjeeling Government College. Born to parents Devil Pradhan and Radhika Pradhan at Singbulli Tea Estate in Mirik, Darjeeling, Anupama was inspired by her mother to start singing at the mere age of eight years with a folk song written and composed

by her own mother.

Her singing career accelerated when she won Nepal Television's reality show, "Timro Sur Mero Geet" in Nepal in 2001.

In the year 2006, she acquired the title of "Sarvashreshtha Pop Gayika" at Swarshree 2006 singing contest. She later went on to book a berth as the top-5 finalists in most popular event "Himalayan Idol" presented by SK Audio Vision.

Starting her studio recording in 2008, Anupama has given voice for more than 200 songs and has playback records in Nepali, Hindi, Sadari, Bhojpuri and Surjapuri films.

The most remarkable event of her musical career was when she released her debut solo album "Dakshina" under the production of Rhythm Music, Darjeeling in the year 2011 which established her in the entire Nepali music fraternity.

The husband-wife duo is currently in a joint musical venture and their album "Mannko Saathi" is soon to be release.

This talented musical duo recently earned a nomination at 20th Tuborg Image Awards, Nepal in the category of Best Vocal Performance [group or duo] for their song "Haawa Gharaima".



4 dead, 3 injured in two accidents

SUMMIT REPORT

KALIMPONG, 21 SEPT:

Four people have died and three injured in two different accidents that occurred on 19 Sept and 20 Sept.

The first accident occurred on the evening of 19 Sept at Soreng Teesta Valley under Rangli Rangliot division in Darjeeling wherein a truck bearing no WB 73 E 1706 while turning a sharp bend turned over killing three labourers from Chapra, Uttar Dinajur on the spot. The deceased have been identified as Arifal Islam [24], Hafiz Rahman [19] and Osman Gani [18]. The dead bodies have been sent for

post mortem at Kalimpong District Hospital. The truck was returning from Taktung to Teesta.

In another accident that took place on 20 Sept, one pick up vehicle fell approximately 1000 ft below the road at Birik Dara along NH 10 wherein Bikram Shyabai, the helper of the driver was killed on the spot. Himalayan Highway Disaster Management Society along with Riyang Police recovered the body and sent it for post mortem at North Bengal Medical College in Siliguri. Police informed that the accused driver has absconded from the scene.

Darj Towns Club and Siliguri Royal Veterans score wins at Veterans Football Tourney

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT:

Darjeeling Towns Club thrashed United Fitness Club, Gangtok, 7-at the ongoing Sikkim Veterans Football Tournament 2018 here at Paljor Stadium today.

Tashi Bhutia scored a hattrick for Darjeeling TC while his teammates Fijo Wangdi Sherpa scored a brace and Pramod Rai and Sanjay Singh contributed a goal each in the team's victory.

The other match of the day was much more contesting with Royal Veterans Siliguri beating

Maneybong-Dentam in a tie-breaker.

The full time of the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Ves Raj Limboo scored the lead for Maneybong-Dentam in the 8th minute but Manjit Singh scored the equaliser Royal Veterans in the 37th minute to end the match with 1-1 draw. The match was then decided in a tie-breaker.

The first semi-final match of the tournament will be played between Snow Lion and Darjeeling United on 22 Sept at 2 PM.



DIKCHU-MANGAN ROAD STILL BLOCKED

MANGAN, 21 SEPT: Traffic along the Mangan-Chungthang axis resumed today after restoration of the last trouble-spot, the one at Wang Khola. However, the Dikchu-Mangan road is still blocked as there have been incidents of continuous shooting stones and slides hampering the restoration. Commuters have been requested to avoid taking this route. Light vehicles are plying from Dikchu to Mangan from Dzongu via Sangakalag.

SJE&WD conducts workshop on Poshan Abhiyaan

GANGTOK, 21 SEPT [IPR]: The Nutrition Cell of Social Justice Empowerment & Welfare Department conducted a daylong orientation workshop on Poshan Abhiyaan for Nodal Officers, Child Development Project Officers, Supervisors and DEOs at the conference hall of the department in Lumsey today.

The department organised the workshop with the participation of all stakeholders from Human Resource Development Department, Rural Management & Development Department and Health Department to provide complete orientation on Poshan Abhiyaan to explain the key components of the Abhiyaan and to provide hand holding in using the software involved and to augment the convergence with the different line departments in implementing the Abhiyaan for improved nutritional outcomes.

Zilla Adakshya, East, Sasher Rai, at-



tended the event as chief guest in the presence of Special Secretary, SJE&WD, Dhanjyoti Mukhia, Mission Director/ ICDS, Phuchung Bhutia, line depart-

ment officials, District level officers and Block level functionaries of ICDS and Nutrition Cell.

Detailing on the implementation

strategy, State Project Director, PhuchungBhutia, enumerated on ICDS-CAS, Convergence, BCC/ IEC advocacy, Training and Capacity Building and Incentives.

The technical session included implementation details on Poshan Abhiyaan conducted by State Project Coordinator, Bharati Basnett. She highlighted on IYCF, Immunisation, Institution Delivery, Water Sanitation & Hygiene [WASH], Deworming, ORS/Zinc, Food fortification with the IFS, Adolescent Nutrition, Convergence and Maternal Health & Nutrition.

It may be mentioned here, Poshan Abhiyaan was launched on 08 Mar, 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan. The Abhiyaan targets to reduce stunting, under nutrition, anaemia, and reduce low birth weight. The target of the mission is to bring down stunting any children in the age group 0-6 years from 38.4 % to 25 % by 2022.

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Sonam Palzor Lepcha, S/o. Ching Lepcha, R/o. Hee-Gyathang, Dzongu, North Sikkim have lost his CBSE board Class X Pass Certificate bearing No. 00305368, Roll No: 3120242 and Mark Sheet of AISSCE bearing No.: 101095, Roll No.: 3211270 while on way from Gangtok to Mangan. If found please kindly contact: **9609861871**.

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ON TOP OF THE NEWS

No Longer About If

...but planning still stuck for scenarios after 'when'

The monsoon is in retreat, and as has been typical for the past few cycles, it is reiterating the human-induced fragility of the mountain slopes with some forcefulness; time for everyone to pause and take stock.

When natural disasters stop being about 'if' and get reinforced with the certainty of a 'when', you know that it is time to get worried. As far as Sikkim is concerned, this 'when' has been a 'now' for a while now. When it comes to nature, it is obvious that its violent turns cannot be prevented. However, centuries of living in a particular region grooms people to instinctively respect the brute force of nature and adopt lifestyles which mitigate their impact. This preparedness of indigenous communities needs to now be resurrected and used to guide how the deployment of the best available modern technology can make Sikkim more natural disaster resilient. The urgency to wake up to such a realisation is rung in every year when the monsoon holds Sikkim hostage to its ferocity. In the recent years alone, this urgency should have entered the red band of alarm of public consciousness with the monsoon-imposed landslides of 1997 in the heart of Gangtok and then the temblor trailer of Valentine's Day 2006 which bookmarked the destruction which followed on 18 September 2011 with the rattle of an earthquake and the rumble of landslides. Sikkim has suffered extensive devastation to slides and quakes through history but has preferred a bury-in-the-sand approach towards preparedness of late.

This is not an attempt to instigate panic - although a little panic for the right things might not be a bad idea for disaster preparedness - but a wondering aloud on when the realization will arrive that development need not always involve the destruction of something and ignorance is not something that only government-sponsored awareness programmes can dispel. One wonders what happened to the hill people's pragmatism which streamlined lifestyles over centuries to bring it in sync with nature, only to lose it all in less than half a century of concrete-crafted development. The people of Sikkim have traditional identified the best and most secure ridges to settle their villages in, and in the past five decades, gone ahead and assaulted everything in the neighbourhood to compromise the stability of their own settlements. Reckless construction - of buildings and roads - has delivered traps which spring every monsoon and collapse too often. Neither landslides nor earthquakes are new to Sikkim; they have been around since much earlier than these hills were populated and people learned to live with it and survive the occasionally furious events. In the very recent, pre-2011 rattle, that of 2006, several buildings were damaged, and although suggestions were made to retrofit all important buildings - religious, cultural and administrative - of Sikkim, that idea found no takers. At that time, only structures which had suffered substantial damage and were too significant to be allowed to remain weak were retrofitted thanks to some aggressive lobbying by those who matter. In Gangtok, the Raj Bhavan [which had to be vacated after Valentine's Day 2006] and Enchey Monastery received this technological assistance. These works completed just in time, it appears, to validate the need for refitted reinforcements, because when the 18 Sept 2011 quake rattled Sikkim, even though a building near Raj Bhavan collapsed and huts in the Enchey compound came down, both structures made it through the 18 September earthquake with no noticeable damage. Similarly, the State Archives Building which had been retrofitted after taking damage in the 1988 Bihar earthquake, weathered the 2006 earthquake rather well despite its proximity to Raj Bhavan which suffered substantially at the time. Tashiling Secretariat should have been considered for such reinforcement after the 2006 earthquake, but was ignored and then an entirely new building had to be constructed after the 2011 event left the secretariat to unstable.

There is still time for some other structures. The Government should invest in retrofitting the more important buildings and then promote them as examples of what can be done. The technology can then be passed on to private citizens to adopt for their own constructions.

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CM writes to Sikkimese on his birthday

AN ABRIDGED VERSION OF THE LETTER FROM CHIEF MINISTER PAWAN CHAMLING TO THE PEOPLE OF SIKKIM.

Date: 22 September, 2018

My dear people of Sikkim,

I am writing this letter to you on my birthday as a token of my remembrance in deep appreciation of your valuable and inseparable association with my life's mission. I believe that a birthday is a time to indulge in honest retrospection of one's life and a time to assess one's actions and thoughts. At this moment in life, when I re-examine my past, I suffer no sense of guilt or remorse. I trust that I have made my life worthwhile by fully dedicating myself in the service of the Sikkimese people. It is my desire that I would be able to continue to dedicate the rest of my life for the same purpose that brings such a deep sense of meaningfulness to me. I am writing this letter to share those thoughts and experiences with you. You have seen how I have given myself over to the service of the Sikkimese people and the development, security and betterment of Sikkim. I have been working with all my heart for the last 24 years, fully investing my life, dreams and work into the mission of building Sikkim. I am completely dedicated to the task of translating the dream of the empowerment of the poor, advancement of the backward and the transition of low-income groups into self-reliant individuals, into a reality. I have left no stone unturned in my sincere efforts in the service of the Sikkimese people and development of Sikkim ever since you all entrusted me with the responsibility of your Chief Minister in 1994. Except for the daily five hours rest, I have devoted every day and night working for the people. I have taken no vacation during my entire chief ministerial term. I have had no leisure hours for myself. I have invested every second of my life, making every possible effort and exploring every possible way to alleviate people's sufferings, overcome their struggles, solve their problems and lighten their burdens. My life hitherto has been spent in handling a gruelling and often suffocating burden of looking for ways to fulfill people's dreams and aspirations. You are probably aware that I have sacrificed my personal and family life in the service of the people. The rapid advancement of Sikkim has been my consuming thought.

Twenty four years ago, living in a hopelessly dark Sikkim, I had cherished a dream of a bright and beautiful morning. I had resolved to fight for happiness, peace and justice of the beleaguered people who were living under the crushing experience of crisis, poverty, injustice and oppression of the heartless oppressors. My dream was to create a Sikkim where no Sikkimese would be hungry, naked, illiterate, uneducated and would face death for the lack of health care. My first and foundational political objective was to fulfill the basic minimum needs of every single Sikkimese citizen. It was shaped by my personal



desire to see every Sikkimese family living above petty struggles to meet basic needs and living to the fullest in prosperity, peace and happiness. These challenges kick-started my political journey. I took my politics as the highest mission of my life and therefore pursued it with utmost self-sacrifice, discipline and dedication. The last 24 years of my life is marked with these things. I never abused power for my personal gain and pleasure. Such power to me is a means of public service and my perspective about it will never change. Every one of you in every little village across the state has been a witness to the marks of development and prosperity achieved during our governance for the last 24 years.

...Let me tell you that I did not spend my time merely doing my routine work as Chief Minister. That would have never satisfied me. My focus was beyond the normal activities of government. I was determined to reach out to the people to fulfill all their needs and devise ways to take a most backward Sikkim to the forefront of development. My preoccupation has always been the thought of what role the state government can play in raising the standards of life of the Sikkimese people. My concern and love for the people became the source of my strength and inspiration to work harder. I never took my position in the government for granted, foolishly thinking that no one can now do anything against me. I have always been deeply aware of the fact that it is the people who brought me here. I therefore worked to the best of my abilities, hoping to achieve the best results for people in the best way possible.

...Lots of sincerity and commitment have gone into making Sikkim a state where peace, security and serenity can live and thrive. At this point it must be noted that if, at any moment, irresponsible and destructive forces or enemy of Sikkim come to power, these unique achievements that we have created will be destroyed in an instant. There is very little room for doubt in this. I am confident that you, as a conscientious Sikkimese citizen, will appreciate the value of peace, security and stability that have been achieved through diligent efforts and perseverance and I am sure that you will play a proactive part in preserv-

ing these core values of Sikkim. The peaceful environment and the sense of security that mark the present day Sikkim had never been experienced earlier. The critical point is if you are not on your guard, the peace and security that we enjoy today may be gone tomorrow. This calls for a proactive role on the part of every single citizen. Given the fact that peace and security can be lost, they should never be taken for granted. Let us avoid complacency lest, peace will give way to unrest, and security will lead to insecurity.

...My experience as a public representative during the past 35 years have given me a significant insight and it is this- the superstructure of an advanced society or a nation is founded on the substructure of committed and sincere leadership, responsible and accountable bureaucracy and disciplined citizenry. A slip on the part of one of these will have a disastrous result impeding the progress of society. True prosperity will elude us. All the three have their own significance and respective part to play in the advancement of a society. Whichever of these three groups we belong to, as a lover of Sikkim, each one of us must grasp this reality and seriously commit to his/her responsibility. You are also aware that Sikkim's merger with the Republic of India was premised on the claims introduced under Article 371F of the Indian Constitution which grants special security to Sikkim. This article also safeguards the distinct identity of Sikkim. Nothing can knock us out of our conviction that Sikkim exclusively belongs to the Sikkimese and Sikkim should always be governed by Sikkimese people. Driven by this deep conviction we have left no stone unturned in preserving the essence of this cornerstone Article. Our successful lobbying for the exemption of the central taxes to the Sikkimese people is a proof of our commitment to the Article. You would appreciate that securing the exemption, however, was far from being an easy task. It involved a protracted and complicated political struggle. The exemption of central taxes would go a long way in preserving Sikkim's distinct identity for centuries to come. Everyone must realize that we have done everything to preserve this constitutional armour presented to Sikkim and we will nev-

er lack in preserving its immutability even in the future.

The objective of my political mission is to attain a better Sikkim and better future for the Sikkimese people. The promises and claims I made at the inception of Sikkim Democratic Front 27 years ago have not changed one bit. My stance and views have remained rock solid. I have held on to the same ideology, same conviction, same party and same flag. I have dug in my heels in the same position entrusted to me by you 24 years ago and I have been working hard to translate my principles into reality. I have not changed my language. Giving due respect to the mandate you gave me, I have been toiling day in and day out. I strongly feel that the only way to achieve our desired goals is by holding fast our policies and ideologies. Our rise to this height is attributable to your unwavering cooperation and support. It is our policies and ideologies and your sheer commitment and steady support that have helped Sikkim attain this level of advancement and our bonding must get only stronger in the future. Let us keep at focusing our dedicated attempt to realize our dream of taking our Sikkim to newer heights of success. The oppressors have started visiting the homes of our innocent people seducing them to a religious or communal commonality. They tempt you with all kinds of allurements and enchantments. My only request to you would be- please revisit their past and compare their words against their deeds. Review their contribution to our society and evaluate them. When they stand at your door shaming humility, forget not to think of their social and political image. Many of them who come to you are desperately driven by their ulterior motives. It is the responsibility of all the right thinking people to guard them from the ploy of these calculative men and women. Now many of those self-proclaimed leaders who were discarded by history, rejected by people are deceitful personalities, the enemies of people with disreputable image have shamelessly come to you. People must tell them right in their face what their true colour is and where they belong. Attainment of great success depends entirely on the ability of its citizens to differentiate between good and evil and distinguish between truth and lie. Unity and mutual trust between people and leadership are an absolute must to steer Sikkim in the right direction. We will continue to do our best to remain your worthy friends and true companions. We deeply value your continued companionship and cooperation and I trust that you will remain rock solid in your commitment in the days to come. Let us join our hands together in preserving and building Sikkim. A better Sikkim will benefit us all. Destruction of Sikkim will harm us all. This reality must unite us together in our pursuit of uplifting, advancing and preserving Sikkim. With best wishes for your happy and prosperous life!

Always wishing to be a centre of your trust and confidence,

Your well-wisher,

Pawan Chamling

New laws help juries understand why victims of sexual violence struggle to recall their assaults

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In June, the New South Wales parliament passed new laws to strengthen protection for children from sexual abuse and enact harsher sentences for their abusers.

The reformed laws were in response to the recommendations of the final report by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, handed down in December 2017.

One of the most significant changes to the NSW

laws is in the directions that judges are permitted to give to a jury - one that could impact how victims of sexual assault are viewed by juries.

In a meaningful shift, the amendment allows the trial judge to explain to the jury that it is common for both child and adult victims of sexual assault to forget the details of the trauma they have endured.

The judge may also tell the jury it is common for there to be differences in the retelling of accounts of sexual assaults. The judge can explain that trauma affects people differently, including their recall of events. And this could result in differences between pre-court statements and what victims say during a trial.

The judge may also point out that both truthful and untruthful accounts of a sexual offence may contain differences.

It is up to jury members, therefore, to decide the relative importance of the differences in a complainant's accounts when they are assessing his or her

truthfulness and reliability.

However, there remains an important caveat to the revised laws: the new directions by the judges are entirely discretionary. This means that individual judges in individual sexual assault trials will decide whether to invoke the new provision.

THE DIFFICULTIES IN PROSECUTING SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES

This provision is largely aimed at victims of childhood sexual abuse, as set out plainly in the act's title. Royal Commission research found that victims of child sexual abuse often experience symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder. This might include the inability to recall important aspects of the traumatic event.

These amendments may prove to be beneficial to women who are the victims of sexual offences, as well.

Of sexual assaults of women reported to the police, prosecution rates remain stubbornly low: fewer than 50% of cases brought to court in NSW result in conviction. At the same time, reports of sexual assault in the state have increased by 12% in the last year, with women representing 82% of

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West Bengal: Another student dies in Islampur clash

RAIGANJ (WB), SEP 21 (PTI): A college student, injured in a clash between a mob and the police in North Dinajpur, died Friday, pushing the death toll to two.

The BJP observed a 12-hour bandh in the West Bengal district over the incident on Friday.

Tapas Barman, a third-year student, succumbed to injuries in North Bengal Medical College and Hospital, officials said.

Rajesh Sarkar, an ITI student, died in the clash Thursday.

Locals alleged that the two students were killed in police firing but the SP of North Dinajpur, Summit Kumar, said the police did not open fire.

The SP, however, admitted that the deceased students had received bullet injuries and said the police were investigating who fired the gunshots.

Kumar said people in the mob were carrying illegal arms and bombs, and 14 police constables were injured in the clash. He said seven people, including some BJP supporters, were detained in connection with the incident.

Both Barman and Sarkar were area residents and former students of Daribhit High School in Islampur area.

Trouble brewed over recruitment of Urdu teachers for the school as students said they needed science and English teachers.

The students and area residents stopped three newly-recruited Urdu teachers from entering the school Thursday, demanding that all vacant teaching posts be filled.

Bengal will not celebrate Surgical Strike Day: Minister

KOLKATA, SEP 21 (PTI): The UGC direction to universities to mark September 29 as "Surgical Strike Day" is a part of the BJP's "political agenda" and educational institutes in West Bengal will not observe the day, state Education Minister Partha Chatterjee said Friday.

Chatterjee criticised the BJP-led central government for trying to "malign and politicise" the Army.

The BJP said the TMC government has made it a practice to oppose each and every decision of the central government.

On September 29 in 2016, the Indian Army carried out "surgical strikes" on seven terrorist launchpads across the LoC as a response to an



attack on its base in Uri earlier that month. The Indian Army had said its special forces inflicted "significant casualties" on terrorists waiting there to cross onto the Indian territory.

"This is an agenda of the BJP and it is trying to push this agenda by using the UGC ahead of

elections. It is a matter of shame that they are using the UGC to achieve their political agenda. We won't abide by the directions of UGC," Chatterjee said.

The University Grants Commission yesterday directed varsities and higher educational institutions across the country

to observe September 29 as "Surgical Strike Day".

Talk sessions by ex-servicemen about sacrifices by the armed forces, special parades by NCC and visit to exhibitions are among the prescribed events by the University Grants Commission for the celebration.

Chatterjee said, "We

would have understood it had they asked us to observe the day in the name of sacrifices made by our soldiers. We have full respect for our soldiers and their sacrifices."

"The Indian Army has always been kept above politics and controversies. But now we are seeing that the BJP is trying to malign and politicise the Indian Army. This is not right and we won't support it," he said.

Reacting to the allegations, BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said the TMC government has made it a practice to oppose each and every decision of the Centre.

"Earlier also, we had seen Bengal government opposing directions by the UGC. This is not new," he said.

Gauhati HC asks owner of 'Super 30' to reply to PIL

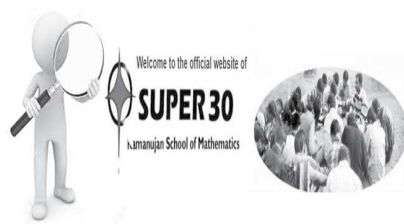
GUWAHATI, SEP 21 (PTI): The Gauhati High Court Friday issued a notice to Anand Kumar, founder of the educational programme 'Super 30', to reply to a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by four students of IIT-Guwahati.

The high court also issued a notice to former Bihar director general of police (DGP) Abhiyanand who had co-founded 'Super 30' in 2002.

A division bench of the high court, comprising Acting Chief Justice Arup Kumar Goswami and Justice Ajit Borthakur, issued the notice to Anand Kumar and directed him to reply to the allegations made in the PIL.

Senior advocate Ashok Saraf, appearing for the four IIT students, submitted before the court that "Because of the wrong projection given by Anand Kumar each year a large number of students from the northeast and other parts of the country approach him with full faith and hope that Anand Kumar, who seems to be an IIT Baba, will help them in qualifying the IIT entrance exam."

"But after reaching there, Anand Kumar made the students take admission in



his coaching institute namely Ramanujan School of Mathematics by charging Rs 33,000 per student in the name of teaching them," Saraf said.

Amit Goyal, who is the advocate-on-record for the petitioners, said it is mentioned in the PIL that "Most of the time, Anand Kumar travels to different places in the country and outside India. He does not devote sufficient time to the IIT aspirants who took admission in Ramanujan School of Mathematics."

"On being inquired by the four IIT-G students it is revealed that after 2008, Anand Kumar is not running any so called 'Super 30' classes. Whenever, IIT entrance exam results are announced, Anand Kumar appears before media with some of the stu-

dents of Ramanujan School of Mathematics and other students claiming that they are Super 30 students and have qualified in the IIT entrance exam," Goyal said.

Saraf submitted before the court that the false propaganda created by Anand Kumar is not only cheating the IIT aspirants and their guardians but also others. "Wrong information has been uploaded by Wikipedia in its website in an unedited version and the same is also published by a national newspaper and it is easily available in the social media," Goyal said.

According to the petition, this year too, Anand Kumar had claimed that 26 out of 30 students from his 'Super 30' group had cleared the IIT entrance exam.

"But till now, he has not disclosed the names of the 26 students who had qualified for the IIT entrance," he said.

After hearing the petitioners, the high court issued the notice to Anand Kumar and former Bihar DGP Abhiyanand, the co-founder of 'Super 30'.

The matter will be taken up by the high court after eight weeks for further orders.

Bill to protect people from fraudulent intention of financial institutions in Meghalaya

SHILLONG, SEP 21 (PTI): The Meghalaya Assembly Friday introduced the Meghalaya Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Bill, 2018 to protect the public from any fraudulent intention of financial institutions.

Introducing the bill during the first day of the Autumn session, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, in a statement said, it has become necessary to have a strong law in the state in order to protect the interest of the depositors in financial institutions operating in the state.

"(This is) considering the fact that some of these financial institutions are unauthorised and mobilising funds from the public/depositors with suspect or fraudulent intention," Sangma said.

The chief minister also pointed out that the objective of introducing the new bill was because the existing Act is not equipped to deal with such institutions.

"Since the present law, that is, the Meghalaya Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Institutions) Act, 2006 is not fully equipped in dealing with such institutions, therefore, there is a need to repeal the existing Act with a new Act. Hence this bill," he stated.

According to the bill, the government may pass an ad-interim order attaching the properties purchased either in the name of the financial establishment or any other persons on default of return of deposits.

It also stated that where any financial establishment defaults, the return of the deposit or defaults the payment of interest on the deposit, every person including the promoter, manager, director or partner or an employee of the financial establishment will be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to ten years and with fine which may extend to Rs 1 lakh or both.

The bill further makes it mandatory for every financial establishment which commences or carries on its business in the state of Meghalaya on or after the commencement of this Act, to submit a report relating to the details about its authority to the district collector and superintendent of police (SP).

Any person or public in general aggrieved against any financial establishment receiving deposits from public may also file a complaint in writing specifically mentioning the nature of allegations against the financial establishment to the deputy commissioner or office not below the rank of the Superintendent of Police, CID for causing inquiry and investigation.

According to the chief minister, the financial expenditure will be involved from the consolidated fund of the state for implementing the provisions of the proposed legislation on account of creation of special court, special public prosecutor and such other connected matters.

India, China need to work together: Maa Zhanwu

KOLKATA, SEP 21 (PTI): Consul General of People's Republic of China in Kolkata Maa Zhanwu has said his country along with India needed to work together for greater welfare of the world.

The relations between the two countries have seen much progress and the meeting with India Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in July opened a new chapter in bilateral ties, he said.

"We need to further promote exchanges and cooperation between the two great nations to contribute significantly to promoting world peace," Zhanwu said while addressing the 69th anniversary of inception of People's Republic of China on Thursday night.



Talking about his country, he said, "China was a poor country and there was poverty. But now China is changing into a developed country."

At the 19th Congress of Communist Party of China, the footprint for becoming a "strong, prosperous and a beautiful country" had been already laid down.

Zhanwu said, "This year is the 40th anniversary of reforms in China. China is now number one in foreign exchange reserves with the economy growing steadily."

New laws help juries understand why victims of sexual violence struggle to recall their assaults

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The Victorian law later became the basis for the NSW provision. However, unlike in NSW, the Victorian statute is mandatory: if judges determine there are inconsistencies that would call into question a complainant's credibility or reliability, they must direct the jury that this can be consistent with trauma.

Though mandatory, the onus is still on the judge to identify when such directions are needed. There appears to be only one reported case where a judge has done this in Victoria since the law was amended.

These new laws are important steps in the right direction to encourage the reporting of sexual crimes to the police and help juries understand why victims sometimes fail to recall certain aspects of the traumas they've endured.

Ensuring a fair trial for all parties to a criminal case is a paramount concern. These new laws go further than previous procedural changes in levelling the field for complainants in sexual assault cases. However, their efficacy will necessarily be limited by giving individual judges the discretion when to act.

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PRECEDENT SET IN VICTORIA
New South Wales is not alone in its attempts to create more equitable trials for sexual abuse victims. In 2017, the Victorian parliament responded to an interim report by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This report found that in a sample study of sexual assault trials, defence lawyers raised inconsistencies in the complainant's evidence in more than 90% of cases.

To address this, parliament amended the laws relating to the directions that judges are permitted to give to juries in sexual assault cases.



Tearful Ronaldo picks himself up for Juve trip to Frosinone

MILAN, SEPT 21 (AFP): Cristiano Ronaldo picks himself up and gets back to business in Serie A against promoted Frosinone on Sunday after his return to Spain in the Champions League ended in a tearful sending off against Valencia.

The former Real Madrid star collapsed dramatically on the pitch after being handed a controversial red card just days after his first goals for Juventus saw the champions keep their 100 percent record to pull three points clear at the top of the Serie A table.

Juventus beat Valencia anyway thanks to two Miralem Pjanic penalties.

And after securing a winning start to the European campaign which is their focus this season, the Turin giants look to keep their quest for an eighth straight domestic title on track with a trip to Frosinone.

Coach Massimiliano Allegri is confident that Ronaldo, 33, will be back to business against a side from outside Rome who are second from bottom of the league with one point.



“He was upset and he needs time to calm down. He needs to rise above it and focus on Sunday, even if these things leave a bitter taste in the mouth,” said the coach.

The champions will be without German midfielder Sami Khedira who suffered a thigh muscle injury in Spain.

Douglas Costa also suffered an

adductor injury, but the Brazilian would have missed Sunday's league game as he sits out a four-match ban for spitting last weekend.

“He's picked up an adductor injury from virtually his first sprint,” said Allegri.

“Unfortunately I was expecting this because the last few days have

been draining for him mentally.

“When these things happen, the risk of injury is very high. It was a tactical decision that he would only come on for the last 20 minutes, but that was still enough for him to get injured.”

- 'SELF-BELIEF' -

Inter Milan also return from Champions League duty on a high

after a last-gasp 2-1 win over Tottenham in their return to Europe for the first time since 2012.

But Roma fell 3-0 to holders Real Madrid in Spain with Napoli playing out a goalless draw at Red Star Belgrade.

Luciano Spalletti's Inter scored two goals in a seven-minute spell, sparked by captain Mauro Icardi who scored his first goal of the season on his Champions League debut.

Inter -- floundering in 15th in Serie A with just four points from four games -- head to fourth-placed Sampdoria looking for just their second win in the fifth round of action.

“This result gives us self-belief around the work we are doing. Getting players like Icardi to break their ducks is fundamental, as we need his goals,” said Spalletti.

“We have many great players, though and sometimes we must learn how to win even without Mauro. We can't have the same XI in every game.” Roma -- last year's Champions League semi-finalists -- are reeling from their defeat to

Real Madrid.

Eusebio Di Francesco's side have not won since their opening game against Torino in August, and travel Sunday to Bologna.

“I'm concerned but I'm not pessimistic,” said Roma sporting director Monchi.

“I remain confident that the coach will find the right path.”

Serie A runners-up Napoli, three points behind Juventus, visit Torino after a lacklustre European stalemate in Belgrade.

“It's a tie that leaves us bitter, but there's no reason to be dramatic, there are another five games to go,” said Napoli coach Carlo Ancelotti.

Lazio host Genoa after their Europa League win over Apollon Limassol at the Stadio Olimpico, with AC Milan hosting Atalanta after Gonzalo Higuain scored the only goal against Dudelange in Luxembourg.

SPAL -- who are three points behind Juventus in second -- host Fiorentina, with Sassuolo, in sixth, hosting Empoli in Friday's early match.

Women’s boxing world championships from Nov 15 in Delhi

NEW DELHI, SEP 21 (PTI): The World Women's Boxing Championships, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, will be held from November 15 in the national capital, a top official of the international body said Friday.

The teams will have to be here by November 13, with the competition starting a couple of days later.

“The AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships will be held in New Delhi in November 13-25,” an official of the International Boxing Association (AIBA) told PTI.

The marquee tournament was last held in India in 2006 and remains the best for the country in terms of performance. India had topped the medal tally with four gold, three silver and one bronze medal.

The celebrated MC Mary Kom, who

has been nicknamed ‘Magnificent Mary’ by the AIBA, will be gunning for a sixth world title at the event which would conclude with the finals on November 24.

She won successive gold medals in 2002, 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2010 editions.

“The deadline for registration in the AIBA Database to the AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships is October 5,” the official said.

In the last edition of the event, which started in 2001, India won just a silver,

through Sonia Lather in the featherweight (57kg) category.

The first edition of the women's world championship was held in the Unites States in Scranton in 2001.

All participating countries would be required to land in New Delhi before November 13.

“All boxers must be accompanied by at least one AIBA certified coach at ringside during the bouts.”

November 20 has been set aside as the rest day after the quarterfinal stage winds up on November 19.

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Memo No: 885/ED/R&B

Date: 19/09/2018

RE-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Assistant Engineer, Roads & Bridges Department, Singtam , invites sealed tenders under single bid system from the eligible contractors of Class IV Grade enlisted with Sikkim Public Works Department vide Notification No. 515/R&B/Secy, dated 12.06.2018 and notification no. 556/R&B PWD/Secy dated : 28.08.2018 for the construction of fair weather roads, through competitive bidding within the territorial jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat unit of 17 Khamdong – Singtam Constituency where the work is to be executed. This re-tender notice supercede the earlier published NIT vide memo no:- 96/AES/R&B Dated:- 23/07/2018.

The details of works and time schedule are as under:

SL. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Work put to tender (in Rs)	Earnest Money @ 2.50% (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender documents (in Rs.)	Completion Time.
1.	Construction of Road from Lingzey PMGSY Road to Pengring via Chandehy JHS	Sumik Lingzey GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
2.	Construction of Road from Ganesh mandir to Sanskrit Patshala/ Milk collection centre at Aritar, East.	Sumik Lingzey GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
3.	Construction of Road from Dangeythang to Chukhim (Tourist spot).	Sumik Lingzey GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs.52,981.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months.
4.	Construction of Road from Badang to Sumik Linzey GPK.	Sumik Lingzey GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs.52,981.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months.
5.	Construction of Road from Ganesh mandir to Upper Thasa via Subedi Gaon.	Sumik Lingzey GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
6.	Construction of Road from KLT Road to Neopanay Gaon via PMGSY Road at Patuk	Sumik Lingzey GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
7.	Construction of Road from Khamdong Linzey road to Beng via Bhirkuna.	Khamdong GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 4 th	Rs.29,66,947.00	Rs.74,174.00	Rs. 1,500.00	12 months.

8.	Construction of Road from 4 th Mile Church via Beng-Thangsing School to Ramitey Gaon, Upper Khamdong.	Khamdong GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
9.	Construction of Road from Maney Gumpa to Thangsing.	Khamdong GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 4 th	Rs. 12,71,549.00	Rs. 31,789.00	Rs.500.00	12 months.
10.	Construction of Road from Badang to Sumik Linzey GPK.	Khamdong GPU			
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
11.	Construction of Road from Singtam Makha Road Near Panchayat Office Rangtu to Sibakothi Gaon, East..	Dung Dung Thasa GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
12	Construction of Road from Singtam Dikchu Road to Linkho at Ralap.	Dung Dung Thasa GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 4 th	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs.52,981.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months.
13.	Construction of Road from Ramitey Dungdung to Pradhan Gaon.	Dung Dung Thasa			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs. 52,981.00	Rs. 1,500.00	12 months
14.	Construction of Road from Rangdu to Namgaythang via Beech Gaon.	Sirwani GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 3 rd	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs. 52,981.00	Rs. 1,500.00	12 months
15.	Construction of Road from Dokey Chisopanay Road to 16 th Mile Khapparay.	Chisopani GPU			
	Km 1 st	Rs. 42,38,496.00	Rs. 1,05,970.00	Rs.1,500.00	12 months
	Km 2 nd	Rs. 21,19,248.00	Rs. 52,981.00	Rs. 1,500.00	12 months

TIME SCHEDULE:-

1.	Date of submission of application with Bank receipt and TDR (as Earnest money) for issue of Tender Documents including Tender Form.	4 th October 2018 (10.00 am to 4.00 pm) at the Office of the Assistant Engineer, Roads & Bridges Deptt. Singtam.
2.	Last Date and Time for submission of Tender	5 th October 2018 (10.00 am to 1.00 pm) at respective Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.
3.	Date and Time for Opening of Tender	5 th October 2018 (2.00 pm) at respective Gram Prashashan Kendra where work is to be executed.

CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. The conditions of contract remains the same as published in NIT vide memo no:- 96/AES/R&B Dated:- 23/07/2018 except the bank receipt for issue of tender form may be drawn in the account of respective GPU's where the work is to be executed. For any queries i/c condition of contract, Office of the Assistant Engineer, R&B Singtam and Divisional Engineer, R&B, East – II may be contacted during office hours.

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Afghan journalists dying in record numbers to report the war

KABUL, SEP 21 (AFP): Moments after Afghan journalist Samim Faramarz wrapped up his live report on the latest suicide attack in Kabul, a car bomb exploded just metres away, killing him and his cameraman Ramiz Ahmadi.

Their colleagues at Tolo News choked back tears as they reported the deaths live on air -- cracking open a divisive debate on how Afghan journalists should operate in such a dangerous environment.

The deaths of Faramarz and Ahmadi on September 5 took the number of journalists and media workers killed in Afghanistan this year to 14, making the country the deadliest in the world for the media.

Among the dead were 13 journalists -- the highest number killed in Afghanistan in a single year since the start of the war.

The losses have devastated the tight-knit community that faces the real prospect of tragedy every time they go to work.

"When we leave our homes we don't know whether we will go back alive," said 1TV report-



er Hamid Haidary, who keeps a photo shrine of fallen journalists on a shelf above his desk.

Haidary had gone to the scene of the explosion that killed Faramarz and Ahmadi, but returned to his office minutes before the second bomb detonated.

"It is already too much for us," agreed Lotfullah Najafizada, director of Tolo, which is Afghanistan's largest private broadcaster.

As security in Afghanistan continues to deteriorate, the fear and anxiety is ever-present, he added.

"It is not just about the blast site, it is going to a province, it is coming to the office or being in the office -- they all are attached to risks and it is difficult sometimes to minimise all of them to zero."

Sixty journalists and media workers have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led in-

vasion in 2001 that toppled the Taliban regime and enabled independent media to blossom in its wake -- an average of around three a year, according to Reporters Without Borders (RSF).

Afghan media support group NAI gave an even higher toll of 95.

But the departure of NATO combat troops at the end of 2014 marked a turning point, RSF figures show: 39 journalists and media workers -- over

half of the total -- have been killed since then as a resurgent Taliban and the newly-emerged Islamic State group terrorise the country.

Media outlets have already scaled back coverage on the battlefield. But until this year, suicide attacks in urban centres remained a staple for newsrooms.

A double bomb attack in the Afghan capital on April 30 changed that.

Nine journalists, including Agence France-Presse chief photographer Shah Marai, were killed in the twin blasts -- the most lethal attack on the media since the fall of the Taliban.

Less than three months later AFP driver Mohammad Akhtar was killed in another suicide attack on his way to work, followed in September by Faramarz and Ahmadi.

The deaths are forcing outlets to ask themselves hard questions about how they work, especially as the country braces for more violence ahead of parliamentary elections in October.

Much of the blame for the journalist deaths has been heaped on the Afghan government and its beleaguered security forces for failing to protect them.

But media outlets also have been criticised for repeatedly putting their staff in danger.

"Losing journalists in similar events one after another and not learning from the mistakes is bad management both on the part of the media organisations and the government," said Sayed Ikram Afzali, executive director of Afghan advocacy group Integrity Watch.

Militants make headlines for killing civilians, security forces and first responders, including journalists.

But a total ban on covering suicide attacks "would be disrespecting the fallen," said BBC bureau chief Shoaib Sharifi.

The British broadcaster goes to great lengths to minimise the risks. "We literally evaluate and monitor every step outside the office," he said.

For now Afghan broadcaster 1TV, which has had several people killed or wounded in

this year's bombings, will continue to go to the scene of suicide attacks, said head of news and current affairs Abdullah Khenjani.

"I think people deserve to know what is happening in their country," he added.

But they no longer rush to be the first at the scene, and wearing flak jackets and helmets is mandatory.

The New York Times' "default position is 'don't go' unless ... we agree there is some exceptional reason why you should," bureau chief Rod Nordland said.

"In most cases we're saying there is no exceptional reason." The newspaper instead goes to hospitals or the homes of victims' families to show the human suffering caused by such attacks, as it continues to seek ways of telling the story even without going to the scene.

Agence France-Presse has adopted a similar policy.

"The risk now of going to a bomb site, of getting hit by a second bomb... outweighs the journalistic value in doing that," Nordland said.

India, Pak foreign ministers' meeting in New York terrific news: US

WASHINGTON, SEP 21 (PTI): The US on Friday termed as a "terrific news" the proposed meeting between the foreign ministers of India and Pakistan on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly session in New York, expressing hope that the conditions will be set for a "good" and "strong" relationship between the two neighbours in the future.

The meeting between External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj with her Pakistani counterpart Shah Mahmood Qureshi will be the first such high-level engagement since suspension of dialogue between the two nations after the Pathankot air base terror attack in 2016.

India, however, made it clear that it was not the resumption of the Indo-Pak dialogue.

"We saw that (reports of meetings between Indian and Pak leaders). I think that's a terrific news for the Indians and Pakistanis to be able to sit down and have a conversation together," State Department Spokesperson Heather Nauert told reporters at her daily news conference.

Nauert also welcomed the exchange of messages between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan.

"We saw the reports about the positive messages being exchanged between Prime Minister Khan and



also Prime Minister Modi. And we hope that the conditions will be set for a good strong relationship, a good strong bilateral relationship in the future," she said.

The last meeting between the two foreign ministers was held during Swaraj's visit to Islamabad in December 2015 to attend the Heart of Asia Summit, where she had met her then Pakistan foreign minister Sartaj Aziz.

After the meeting, the two sides had announced resumption of Indo-Pak dialogue under the comprehensive bilateral format, but the initiative did not take off after Pakistan-based terror groups attacked the Pathankot air base.

The Indo-Pak ties have nose-dived since then in view of a number of terror strikes by Pakistan-based groups, which India retaliated by carrying out 'surgical



strikes' in September 2016 across the LoC. India has been maintaining that terror and talks cannot go together.

The US has traditionally welcomed any talks between India and Pakistan, the pace of which, it has noted would depend on the leadership of the two countries.

"In general, the United States supports dialogue between India and Pakistan that can reduce tensions, and we understand and had frequent conversations with the Indian partners on the expectations that there would be demonstrable reduction in cross-border terrorism or infiltration that will help create the confidence for dialogue to take place," Alice Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, had told reporters during a conference call last week.

Maldives leader looks to tighten grip as opposition muzzled

COLOMBO, SEPT 21 (AFP): Maldives strongman Abdullah Yameen seeks a second term as president Sunday in a tourist paradise that has become a battleground for influence between regional giants India and China, and a source of global alarm over political oppression and a muzzling of the media.

With all his main rivals in prison or in exile, the odds appear stacked in the Beijing-friendly incumbent's favour, and warnings of punitive action from the international community have been flowing in even before a single ballot has been cast.

The EU has said it is ready to slap travel bans and asset freezes on individuals "if the situation does not improve", while the US has warned it would "consider appropriate measures" against people undermining democracy and rule of law.

India, long influential in Maldives affairs -- it sent troops and warships in 1988 to stop a coup attempt -- has also expressed misgivings.

But with China bankrolling Yameen's regime to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars in loans, his grip on the honeymoon archipelago of nearly 1,200 coral islands appears unlikely to loosen.

Battered by years of violent intimidation, spurious arrests and enforced exile, the opposition has united behind a joint candidate -- the little-known Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. But voters would be hard-pressed to notice, with heavy-handed decrees and reporting restrictions stifling a media already fearful of doing anything to offend the president of the Muslim nation of 340,000 people.

The government has used "vaguely worded laws

to silence dissent and to intimidate and imprison critics", some of whom have been assaulted and even murdered, according to Human Rights Watch.

"The election campaign reporting is severely restricted by the defamation law. This is not fair reporting, but we have no choice," one local journalist told AFP, preferring to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions.

"We can't even use social media to talk about opposition politicians," the reporter said.

Even publishing photos of people wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the faces of jailed politicians is off-limits.

Few foreign journalists seeking to cover the election have been granted visas, and in many cases only at the last minute, anecdotal information suggests.

The opposition says that the result will be to reduce "independent scrutiny of the vote and President Yameen's likely attempts to steal it."

Activists told HRW that new rules could also hamper the ability of observers to follow the counting process, raising fears that the election will be rigged, the watchdog said.

The accusations follow a familiar pattern for Yameen, 59, who was accused of grabbing power in controversial circumstances in 2013 when the Supreme Court annulled a vote count he was losing.

A subsequent poll was then delayed twice as Yameen forged new alliances before narrowly winning a contested run-off against ex-president Mohamed Nasheed -- now in exile following a 2015 terrorism conviction.

Russia warns US it is 'playing with fire' with sanctions

MOSCOW, SEP 21 (AFP): Moscow said Friday Washington's latest raft of anti-Russian sanctions that also target China undermined global stability, warning the United States against "playing with fire."

"It would be good for them to remember there is such a concept as global stability which they are thoughtlessly undermining by whipping up tensions in Russian-American ties," deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov said in a statement.

"Playing with fire is silly, it can become dangerous," he added.

"We recommend that Washington's operators of the sanctions machine at least superficially ac-

quaint themselves with our history to stop going round in circles." On Thursday, the United States expanded its sanctions war against Russia to China, for the first time announcing punitive measures against a Chinese military organisation for buying Russian fighter jets and missiles.

The State Department also announced it was placing 33 Russian intelligence and military-linked actors on its sanctions blacklist.

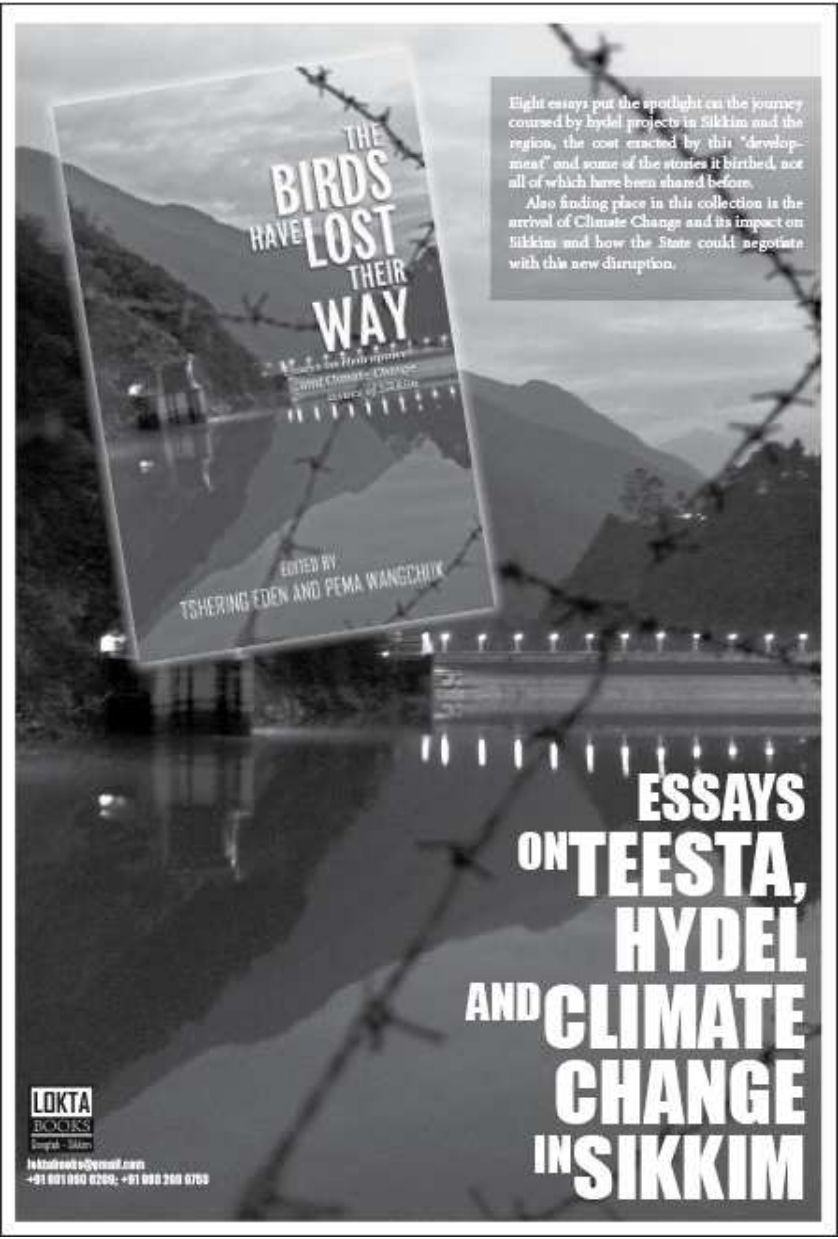
All of them -- defence related firms, officers of the GRU military intelligence agency, and people associated with the Saint Petersburg-based Internet Research Agency disinformation group --

have been on previous US sanctions lists and 28 of them have already been indicted by Robert Mueller, who is investigating Russia election meddling.

Ryabkov reiterated that none of the rounds of sanctions had managed to force Russia to change its course so far.

"The numerous American 'black lists' increasingly repeat each other. It is funny but it is so," he said.

"It appears that it has become a sort of national pastime there," Ryabkov said, adding that the latest round of anti-Russian measures was the 60th since 2011.





OUT AND ABOUT! Chris Evans was visited by his wife Natasha Shishmanian, 38, on his first day back at work following the birth of the couple's twins on Wednesday night.

Kareena Kapoor Khan: Saif Ali Khan has allowed me to live life the way I want

Kareena Kapoor Khan has turned a year wiser and sassier today. The 38-year-old has been an inspiration to many - be it in terms of fitness, her work life and motherhood. Khan is an independent woman and has lead life on her own terms always.

Being there as a constant support has been her better half, Saif Ali Khan, who has supported and stood by Kareena in every phase of her life. On the occasion of her birthday, Bebo had heart to heart conversation with Indian Express about Saif and her little munchkin Taimur.

Praising Saif, Kareena said, "There are many things that he adds to my personality and my life. I think the main thing is that he doesn't



take away my life from me. He has allowed me to be exactly the way I am. He has allowed me to live the life the way I want. It is a very big thing when a man can add to your life rather than subtract and

take it away."

Coming to her baby Taimur who has become everyone's favourite kid, Bebo revealed that Saif was the one to decide his name.

And talking about the inspiration for the same, she said, "He [Saif] loves history. He is a fan of Mongol Taimur about whom he had read a lot as a child. He also had a neighbour whose name was Taimur. He was very fascinated with him and used to play with him a lot. That name kind of stayed with him. I think that along with that the fact that name means Iron. When he told me that and I read up on it. I was like if it's a boy then I would think of him nothing less than an Ironman and I would want him to face his life like that."

Justin Bieber "advised to get a prenup to protect his \$250 million fortune"

Lawyers for Justin Bieber are reportedly negotiating a prenup for the star ahead of his marriage to Hailey Baldwin.

TMZ report the singer's team has counselled him into getting paperwork drawn up to protect his reported \$250m fortune, with Hailey thought to be worth around \$2m.

The report claims the prenup is about to be signed, and the couple will not marry until all the paperwork is in order.

Despite both Justin and Hailey taking their vows seriously, thanks to their religious views, it's thought they have both agreed a prenup would be sensible.

Justin is currently vacationing in London with Hailey after the couple secured their marriage license at a New York courthouse on September 13.

Despite technically making it legal, the 21-year-old IMG Model insisted she was "not married yet" via Twitter on September 14.

According to TMZ, the Hillsong Church duo now have 60 days to make their nuptials official in New York



state, and then they'll move into the \$5M four-bedroom Ontario mansion mansion he bought.

Justin and the Drop the Mic co-host - who got engaged on July 7 - previously

dated off/on in 2015-2016, but they've been inseparable ever since June.

Eyebrows raised at the millennial duo (who first met in 2009) considering Bieber only split from his

on/off girlfriend since 2010, pop diva Selena Gomez, six months ago.

Meanwhile fans are fearing for Justin's health after a twitchy video surfaced earlier this month, showing the star greeting fans on the streets of Manhattan.

In the 18-second clip, the 24-year-old Grammy winner appeared to be larking around, while mimicking an unseen fan's over-excited enthusiasm upon recognizing him - however he then shook seemingly uncontrollably for a brief moment.

Once another fan embraces Justin for a photo, the star bizarrely pets her back with a shaky arm while his face goes from grimace to severe smile and back again.

In 2016, Bieber vowed never to pose for fan photos because meet-and-greets made him feel 'drained, unhappy, and mentally exhausted' to the point of depression.

Back in 2015, Justin's founder and mentor Scooter Braun admitted he was scared the star 'would die' when he briefly went off the rails.

LILY ALLEN INSISTS SHE'S BEEN "ROBBED" OF 2018 HYUNDAI MERCURY PRIZE!

She was flooded with praise for releasing her album critically-acclaimed No Shame in June, after a four-year hiatus. But Lily Allen appeared disheartened as she was pictured sobbing after losing out to alternative rock Wolf Alice at the 2018 Hyundai Mercury Music Prize at London's Eventim Apollo on Thursday evening.

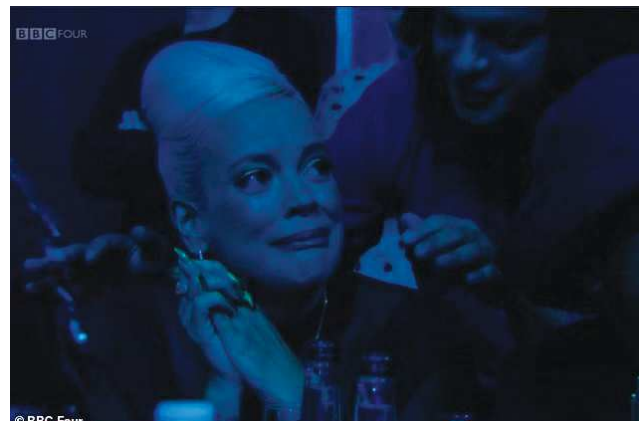
Detailing her disappointment, the singer, 33, took to Twitter to claim she was "robbed" of the award, and insisted she's determined to win the annual prize next year.

In the first tweet, the Trigger Bang hitmaker penned: "Someone call 999 I've been robbed", alongside a clip of her performance at the ceremony.

However, Lily later reached out to congratulate the band on their achievement as she wrote: "I adore @wolfallice tho, and they are very deserved winners."

The Mercury Prize honours innovation in music, celebrating the best 12 albums that showcase 'artistic achievement across a range of contemporary music genres' and aims to 'provide a snapshot of the year in music', created as an alternative to the BRIT Awards.

Lily, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Nadine Shah, Jorja Smith and Arctic Monkeys were among the nominees for this year's awards. Previous Mercury Prize winners include Sampha, Skepta,



Benjamin Clementine, Young Fathers and James Blake.

Lily's outing comes after she revealed details of her mile-high sex romp with former Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher, 45, in an excerpt from her tell-all autobiography My Thoughts Exactly on Sunday.

And the singer had another confession to make in her book, as she revealed that she kissed No Reservations actress Zoe Kravitz, 29, while on tour with her in 2014, when she was still married to Sam Cooper.

Detailing the experience in her book, the 33-year-old explained: "For my New York shows, Zoe Kravitz and her band Lolawolf supported me, so I got to know Zoe a bit. We became friends. Later in the tour, when we were in Washington, the girls and their nanny, Jess, came out to visit me for a few days, but I had to go back to New York for a day or so for work. Zoe and I went out partying and ended up kissing. I heard that later that same night she'd got down with A\$AP Rocky."

John Abraham's Batla House to clash with Brahmastra & Made in China in 2019

John Abraham who was last seen in Satyameva Jayate, has an interesting line up of films ahead. The actor has Romeo Akbar Walter and Balta House up for his fans. And the release date of Batla House is out as well. John Abraham announced the same on his Twitter handle a while back.

He wrote, "Every story

has two points of view. One WRONG. The other RIGHT. But what if the lines are blurred? Very very blurred!@itsBhushanKumar @nikkhiladvani @TSeries @EmmayEntertain @johnabraham @bakemycakefilms."

John will be seen playing the role of an officer named Sanjay Kumar Yadav who led the Batla House encounter. And with the announcement of Bat-

la House's release, we are sure that the makers of Brahmastra and Made in China will start figuring out a way to avoid a mega clash coming Independence day.

Only time will tell, whether it may happen or not. But as of now, it is sure that three big budget films are clashing on 15 Aug- Ayan Mukerji's superhero fantasy film Brahmastra, Made In China and Batla House.

ARIES: Too many people could be vying for your attention today. Aries. All of them want advice or help. This could be flattering, and you'll probably want to help them, but it can also be unsettling and make it hard to focus. Don't let this set your temper on edge and cause you to snap at your friends. Take each request one at a time, make no promises, and do your best.

TAURUS: There could be trouble brewing in the workplace, Taurus. Some of your colleagues neither like nor trust each other and find it impossible to work together. Adjustments are needed if everyone is going to work to the best of their abilities. If you're in a position to handle this, do it now. If you aren't, distance yourself from the situation. It's the only way to stay sane!

GEMINI: Squabbles may come up between you and a sibling or neighbor, Gemini. Your ability to compromise is definitely called for here. If you aren't careful, this could turn into a battle of wills. The minute the disagreement comes up, try to talk it out and turn it into a win/win situation. Otherwise, things may be said that shouldn't be, and feelings could remain hurt for a long time.

CANCER: Money matters might cause you a few headaches, Cancer. You could be torn between the desire to put money aside for the future and the impulse to buy something that you've wanted for a long time. There may be a way to have it both ways. Save a little less and try to find a bargain price for your item. Take everything into consideration and work it out before you make yourself crazy.

LEO: Too much rigorous exercise over the past few days might have you feeling a little sore and tired, Leo. Your nerves may be on edge, and you could be more likely than usual to snap at those around you. Try to ease both nerves and muscle aches by soaking in a hot bath. Herbal tea might also help. Accept that you should take it easy today and then do it!

VIRGO: Spiritual breakthroughs may have you feeling a little disconcerted, Virgo. Clearing away deadwood, such as past traumas, might tell you a few things about yourself you'd rather not face. It's vital to release them in order to progress as a human being. Even if tears are involved, this is a positive development. You'll feel happier once it's all set free. Onward and upward!

LIBRA: A conference of some kind could touch upon some pretty volatile issues, Libra. People could disagree to the point that the meeting turns into a shouting match. You probably have strong opinions on this as well, but don't get involved. You won't be able to stop the argument, and it can only cause you stress. If you can, avoid this meeting altogether. Think about it!

SCORPIO: Is your significant other caught up in family problems and unable to spend time with you? Don't let your insecurity get the best of you. Your partner needs to deal with family now. Relax, do what you want to do, and have confidence that you'll be spending more time together as soon as possible. After dealing with family quarrels, you'll be a peaceful refuge for your partner.

SAGITTARIUS: Matters involving communication seem to be fouled up, Sagittarius. Messages may not get delivered, emails may not go through, and people might misinterpret your words. This could create a mess that brings everything to a screeching halt. You need to speak to people directly, give detailed instructions, use simple language, and make sure they take notes, or beware of the consequences!

CAPRICORN: Your values could oppose those of a business or romantic partner today, Capricorn. One of you may be overly pragmatic and the other too idealistic. One seems callous, while the other seems to be living in a dream world. This could be a milestone in your relationship if approached properly. If you can't create a win/win situation, perhaps you should reconsider the partnership.

AQUARIUS: If you've been having trouble reaching a romantic partner, Aquarius, it might be a good idea to stop trying. Your friend is having a rough day and might not make the best company. In fact, your beloved could view a call from you as an unwelcome interruption and be short, if not downright rude. If you speak with your friend, keep it brief and plan to get together - just not today.

PISCES: You may feel a bit restless and unsettled without really knowing why, Pisces. Stresses on the job could churn up repressed resentment from the past that you need to release. Try to discern exactly what these stresses remind you of. If you're unable to do this, however, you'll probably still reap the benefits of the release. Stay focused on your work and just let it happen.