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School Principal booked under POCSO at Nandugaon SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK. 16 IUN:

A⁵⁴-year-old man from Nandugaon, South Sikkim has been booked under Protection Of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012 on charges of molesting a nine-year-old minor girl,

reports Jorethang police.

The mother of the victim lodged a police complaint against the accused on 14 Jun claiming that he had molested her daughter several times.
The accused is report

edly a school Principal.

The victim is said to have narrated the incident to her mother who filed a police complaint against the accused. The victim was medically examined and handed over to child line unit.

accused The the other hand has absconded. Efforts are being made to trace him. nwhile, a case under POCSO POCSO was registered against the accused.

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GANGTOK, 16 JUN: ↑ s part of British Coun-

As part of British Council's 70 years celebration in India, British

Council Director for India, Alan Gemmell OBE, and

Director British Council East and North East India,

Dr Debanian Chakrabarti,

today met with Minister for Human Resource De-

velopment Department,

Government of Sikkim, RB Subba.

The meeting reaf-firmed British Coun-cil's commitment to be

a knowledge partner to support the Sikkim

tions through educa-

tion, art and culture and

government's

ambi-

Incessant rain floods residences with debris in Dzongu

WANGCHUK BHUTIA

Continuous downpour on Friday night has caused havoc at Pheedang village in Lower Dzongu, North Sikkim Dzongu, North Sikkim where the overflowing water pushed debris into several houses in the area.

The houses of Lak-pa Lepcha, Lakit Doma Lepcha, Ongden Lepcha and Pema Wangyal Lep-cha have been majorly affected. The downpour brought piles of debris into their houses follow-

ing which they not only had to vacate their residences but also had to battle all night diverting water to the roadside with the help of neighbours.

The residents have complained that they have several times requested the GREF for the construction of proper drainage system in the area but the GREF till date has not paid heed to their requests.

Adding to their grievances, the water from Namphong Khola has been diverted by the new cutting of PMGSY road leading to Sangtok village under PWD Department. The public here have requested for the safety of their lives and properties and have urged for a permanent solution to the problem. The heavy rain also damaged the drinking water supply in the area

in North district had also damaged several roads resulting in Gangtok-Mangan road blockage at several places like Namok Khola, Tumlong, etc. However, traffic resumed after restoration work done today.



Kailash Mansarovar Yatra '18 flagged off from Gangtok

35 pilgrims including one Sikkimese in first batch

ARPAN PRADHAN GANGTOK, 16 JUN:

he first batch of the

The mist back.
Kailash Mansarovar Yatra 2018 that arrived in Gangtok last night was flagged off today from Gangtok by Additional Chief Secretary, SC Gupta, in the presence of Tour-ism Secretary, CP Dhakal, Chief Executive Officer, Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation, Suman Thapa, Director in General Indo Tibetan Border Police, KD Dwivedi, and other officials.

The Kailash Man-sarovar Yatra had been cancelled last year due to the Doklam contro-versy. The pilgrims last year had to return from . Nathula.

year of the pilgrimage from Sikkim. The batch has 35 pilgrims includ-ing 24 male, 09 female



final batch will reach Gangtok on 24 Aug.

In a special function held at a local hotel here in Gangtok, the yatris were provided with var-ious useful information and tips for the yatra. The programme was organ-ised to provide information on various rules and regulations, health relates and the dos and don'ts that the yatris need

DIRECTOR BRITISH COUNCIL INDIA MEETS HRD MINISTER

British Council Master's Scholarship

awardee Bishalta Pradhan felicitated

ect which will train 100 Master Trainers who

will in turn train 3,869

Primary school teachers in the state in spec-

approaches and techniques, for developing learners' English lan-

guage proficiency.

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to be aware of.

Speaking on the ocspeaking on the oc-casion, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr Gupta, congratulated the ya-tris and wished them a successful and blessed journey.

He apprised them of the importance of keeping the rules and regula-tions in mind and urged them to co-operate with each other and the supporting staff.

Tourism Secretary, Mr Dhakal, while ad-dressing the function said that the Tourism

As part of its 70th an-

niversary celebrations, British Council award-

ed fully-funded schol-

arships to 100 Indian women to study Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics [STEM] subjects at UK's

premier, higher educa-

Minister for HRDD, Mr Subba, also felici-

tated Bishalta Pradhan from Gangtok who was

among the six women from NE India to have been awarded the Brit-

Scholarships. Through the scholarship pro-gramme, Bishalta will

pursue Master of Science

Council Master's

tion institutions.

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Department and STDC are hopeful and positive that this year, the yatris will complete the Man-sarovar Yatra on time with good health and re-turn with blessings.

The function was also addressed by presi-dent of Sikkim Amateur Mountaineering Association [SAMA], Kalzang Gyatso, who through his power point presentation, presented brief information about the Yatra and informed all the yatris about the dos

[Data Science] at Liver-

ool Hope University.

Last month, the Brit

ish Council unveiled In-

dia's first garden at the prestigious RHS Chelsea

Flower Garden in Lon

don. The cricket-themed garden included the Hi-

malayan blue poppies, a signature Sikkim flora. At the Garden, the pop-

pies reflect the blue of

the Indian cricket team's jerseys, a nod to the UK

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programme devised to

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Denzong Lhadey calls off relay hunger strike after 707 days

SAGAR CHHETRI GANGTOK, 16 JUN:

Thank You Meet [Kadin Gah Jom] of the Denzong Lhadey has thanked the Central Government and its leaders for granting permission to the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje to visit Sikkim

A programme was organised today at BL House on Tibet Road wherein the Denzong Lhadey also unanimously decided to call off the relay hunger strike by monks today, on its 707th day. The strike has been called off fol-lowing the request of the Union Home Minister, it



was informed. The relay hunger strike was started on 10 July in 2016.

The monk body thanked all monks, dhar ma devotees, individuals and organisations for their constant and unconditional support.

The programme

attended by heads and from different monasteries from across the State, members of various social organisations along with presidents and representatives of different regional and national political parties.

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and India's shared love of cricket. The garden also marked the launch Moves Changing Minds, an in-

is now working to real-ize a proposal with the Sikkim Government on a Teacher Training proj-

sports-related sports-related oppor-tunities for the youth of

Sikkim and the entire North East, a press re-lease informs.

The British Council

education

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AAP to lead protest march to PMO on Sunday

New Delhi, June 16 (PTI): Accusing the Centre of mis using its powers to stop Delhi government from working, the Aam Aadmi party today said it would lead a massive protest march to the Prime Minister's Office on Sunday evening.

The Delhiites will assemble at Mandi House at 4 pm and march to the at 4 pm and march to the PMO under the party banner to support Chief Min-ister Arvind Kejriwal and his ministers' sit-in at the lieutenant governor's office for the last six days in their fight against the "dictator-ship" of Modi government, the AAP leaders said.

"Modi government is shamelessly misusing its powers and institutions to stop Delhi government from working for the peo-ple," said AAP national secretary Pankaj Gupta.

People are going to protest in favour of the Delhi government which has provided them with free water, low cost electricity and good education system, Gupta claimed. Kejriwal and his Cab-

inet colleagues are sitting at the office of Lt Governor Anil Baijal demanding his direction to the IAS officers to end their "strike" and approve doorstep ration delivery scheme, since last Monday.

British Council Master's Scholarship awardee Bishalta Pradhan felicitated

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enrich the lives of thou-sands of children in India through integrated dance and sports lessons that encourage equal participation by girls and boys in the classroom. Earlier this year, Brit-

ish Council launched Mix the City Northeast, show casing 14 Northeast based musicians and bands and featured the Sofiyum band from Sikkim.

British Council's global partnership with English Premier League, "Premier Skills", builds capacity among community leaders and coaches through face-to-face football coaching, En-glish language and lead-

ership skills.

Earlier this year
in March, the Council brought Premier Skills to the NE in partnership with the Sport Authority of India. In Guwahati, 62 coaches and referees from the eight states of NE India received expert training from qualified Premier League coaches from the UK, giving them the skills and support to develop their own community football projects. Five of the coaches were from Sikkim.

Director of the British Council in India, Mr Gemmell, said, "We've been inspired every day of the last 70 years by the artists, students, scien-tists and policy makers we've worked with in India. This year we want to inspire young people across India to build a relationship with the UK for the next 70 years. I'm delighted to have an opportunity to meet the Chief Minister to discuss the British Council's work to train teachers across Sikkim and see how our work in education can support his ambitious vision for the

Dzongu MLA and North DC visit Sakyong & Pentong villages

MANGAN, 16 IUN:

Deputy Speaker SLA cum MLA Dzongu, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha. Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, along with the North District Administration led by District Collector North, Karma R Bonpo, Chairperson, SNT Di-vision, Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, and other dis-trict officials from line departments visited the remote villages of Sakyong and Pentong in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim on

It may be mentioned here, Sakyong and Pen-tong are located on either side of Dzongu and are the last villages with human habitation.

The entourage met the people of Sakyo-ng-Pentong Gram Panchayat Unit and inter-acted with them to learn



Deputy

tion with the public of Bey Ward, which falls on the sented the demand letter for road construction and recruitment of ASHA for the Ward.

At Pentong village, a meeting was held with the public and Panchayat where the Ward Panchayat placed demands regarding the recruitment of ward boy at Pentong Primary Health Centre among other demands. Likewise, on 15 Jun,

a meeting was held with the public and Panchayat

Sakyong village. Panchayat president, Phurmit Lepcha, high-lighted the demands pertaining to construction of a waiting shed, guest house and eco-friendly footpath along with provision of network con-nectivity and repair of

ropeway. She further added

supply is a major problem in the area and urged that the villagers should be exempted from paying the electricity bill. She also informed that reaching essential com-modities to their village is a big challenge as the people of Sakyong have to pay Rs 1500 as head load to reach one bag of cement to their village

The DC North assured to fulfill the genuine demands placed by the public of the GPU in a phase wise manner while taking up immediate restoration works through NC fund. He also stressed on increasing the enrollment at Pentong School. The network connectivity issue will be solved through Bharat net which is under BSNL, he added.

active youth of the villages will be trained on disaster management in case of emergencies and assured to the ropeway within one month for the convenience of the people. He further urged people to complete the under construction CMRHM houses as early as possible.

The SLA Deputy Speaker, while addressing the public of Sakyong, said that the State Government has been working relent-lessly to bring development across Sikkim.

He spoke about con-necting the footbridge from Pentong to Sakyong

villages.

"It is sanctioned at a total cost Rs 6 crore. Once the Sakyong-Pentong footbridge is constructed the area will ex-

ism as well. Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has always been concerned about the development of Dzongu and its peo-ple," he stated.

He also extended gratitude to the DC North and all the officials for making their visit to the

area successful.

The North District Administration also distributed safety kits to the GPU while the Horticulture Department North distributed polypipes to the people.

The last meeting was held at Lingzya village where the Ward Panchayat, Pemtuk Lepcha, disbursement of compensation for houses damaged by the explosion at Himagiri magazine house three months back

SKM ward-level meet in Thamthok

SUMMIT REPORT

Krantikari Sikkim Krantikari Morcha conducted a Ward level meeting Thamthok under Chota Samdong [Soreng Chakung Constituency], West Sikkim in the presence of CLC president, Binod Basnet, CLC senior advisor, MB Rai, and Nari

convenor, Dil K Gurung.

An SKM press release informs that during the meet it was alleged that only a handful of people had benefited under the

regime. The Ward has been facing major problems of water supply, irregular electricity supply, benefit distribution discrimination, lack of proper CC footpath access and people living in poverty, the release adds.

SKM, in the release,

has challenged SDF to visit villages like Thamthok and learn about the ground reality rather than making false claims of prosperity.



Farmers training on pest and soil management at Upper Mabong

GANGTOK, 16 JUN:

Mevedir, a service provider for Internal Control System for Organic Certification organized a daylong ward level training programme for the farmers of Upper Mabong in West Sikkim on 15 Jun, a press release informs.

The training programme focused on 'Pest and Disease Management' and preparation of fermented plant extract and amritjal from locally available resources.

Field assistant, Dil Kumar Rai, Ward panchavat. Shasita Rai and Mevedir master trainer, Yashoda Rai were key officials present at the pro-

The first technical session of the day educated farmers on the preparation of fermented plant extract by using locally available

plant resources like Eupatorium (Banmara), Artimisea (Titeypati), Dhatura

The resource persons also explained the usage of the fermented plant extract and informed that the plant extract is very effective in controlling pests.
In the next

geri), Hatibar (Agave).

preparation of amritjal

the resource persons using cow dung, cow urine, jaggery (gur), water and soil from the farmer's field. Usage and method of application were also explained to the farmers.
Ward panchayat, Ms

Rai addressing the farmers informed them about different government schemes dedicated for ers. She asked the gath-ered farmers to leave no land barren and con-tribute in making Sikkim self-reliable in terms of vegetable production

She thanked Mevedir for organizing such awareness programmes and requested the farmers to cooperate with the service providing agency.

The training was attended by more than 20 farmers, the release in-

covers Maneybong-Dentam

SKM's Nari Ekikaran Yatra



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK 16 JUN:

The ongoing Nari Eki-karan Yatra of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha's Nari Morcha wing reached Maneybong-Dentam constituency in West Sikkim today. The team led by Nari Morcha chief convener, Mingma Tamang was accompanied by other women leaders

of the party.

An SKM press re-

lease informs that wo en leaders alleged that the ongoing tour of the Chief Minister was not 'Jan Sewa Yatra' but 'Gali-Galawach Yatra'. They further alleged that the tour is just an excuse for SDF to level allegations against the opposition

The release adds that the CM's speeches are of misinformation

BJP team interacts with rainfall affected families at Lower Karek

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Ateam of Differences Pradesh led by South District general secre-tary, Damber Gurung and East District president, YT Lepcha met around 15 families affected by heavy rainfall of 14 Jun at Lower Karek in Namthang-Rateypani constituency on Friday.

The team inspected the situation and interacted with the affected families and assured to provide all possible support from Bharatiya



Janata Party, informs a

lief materials to the affected families in Lower

Ideology at play - as people jockey for power their talk and action give away their stands

VIEWPOINT

ecently, Arun Recently, Arun Jaiuey, the senior BJP leader and Union Finance Minister wrote a scathing article with the title "Is Congress Becoming Ideologyless? Anti-Modism it's only ide-ology?' (Ref: https://m. ology?' (Ref: https://m. facebook.com/notes/ arun-jaitley/is-congress-be-coming-ideologyless-is-anti-modism-its-only-ideology/798638486991368/)

He argues that different political leaders of the Congress as senior as P. Chidambaram and Rahul Gandhi are espousing different sets of arguments and coming from different positions in ideological terms. He goes on to say that the only common thread amongst the two is that it is directed at the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. His scathing attack on the

'clueless', perhaps hapless Rahul Gandhi, president of the Congress, is even more telling. He writes and I quote "Two days ago, while ad-dressing a gathering of what they claimed were their OBC supporters, Rahul Gandhi spoke on the entrepreneurial skills of the Shikanjiwalas, dhabawalas and the mechanics. Though factually what he stated was incorrect, the larger point is that he saw virtues in these professions which can act as a launch pad for many start-ups. The great grandson of the man who au-thored "The Discovery of India" could with his customary inaccuracies one day give to this country his monumental work on "The Rediscovery of Coca Cola".

ill-informed instincts become the ideology."
On reflection, after read-

ing Jaitley's piece I turned my

gaze to all the wannabe parties here in Sikkim and their 'ill-informed' leaders and find a chilling parallel.

Their only ideology is An-

ti-Chamlingism. One sees it day in and day out in every medium which includes our

very own dailies.

Let us see how ideology is at play within the SDF Party. The ideological reference is the Party's Green Book. On page 53 it says:

"Go to the People and learn from them and love them" – it is taken from a Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu's writings. An ideology driven lead-

er follows the ideology and

is the case with the Jan Sampark Abhiyan or the 32 day meeting the people tour in every district, by Chief Minister Chamling. Thousands throng his meetings. Many of them want to meet him one on one He meets them after the public meeting. Sometimes it gets as late as midnight. This is one of the principles as writ-ten in the Green Book in play. Whilst opposition leaders are whining away in their loca-tions and giving press statements or getting to social media, our leadership is finding out more about what is ailing our people. People contact

r Jan Sampark is part of our ideological mooring. But when we only see

press releases of negativism and direct attack on the Chief Minister, including, I am afraid, from the BJP chief in Sikkim, it smacks of 'Anti Chamlingism' qua Jatiley's refrain.

Perhaps time has come for all our baiters to take a look at the Finance Minister's thoughts, read and reflect.

People will, ultimately, hold you accountable on the basis of your ideological moorings.

[The writer is the Spokes-person of the SDF Party and Member of Parliament

Gangtok on Sunday, 17 June

Temp: 25°C/16°C Forecast: Cloudy, some can be heavy early in the day. **Sunrise:** 04:40 AM Sunset: 6:32 PM

Rajiv assassination convict's mother seeks 'mercy killing' of son CHENNAI, JUN 16 (PTI): With President Ram Nath Kovind reportedly rejecting Tamil Nadu govern-ment's plea to release seven Rajiv Gandhi assassination convicts, the mother of one of them has demanded "mercy killing" of her son.

Arputhammal, mother of A G Perarivalan, recalled the recent assertion by the Tamil Nadu government that it was for the release of the convicts including her son. The seven convicts

Murugan, Perarivalan, Santhan, Javakumar, Robert Payas, Ravichandran and Nalini have been in iail for over 20 years now.

Speaking to report-ers in Vellore district, Arputhammal said "we are now frustrated" following the prolonged legal battles and the latest devel-

HRDD West discusses plans to improve school education in district

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 16 JUN:

Office of the Additional Director, Human Resource Development Department, West Sikkim organised a daylong meeting to work out the strategies and plan for transforming West district in the field of school education at District Institute of Education and Training [DIET] in Gyalshing, West Sikkim on 15 Jun. A press release

second meeting after the West district was identified as an Aspirational Dis-trict by NITI Aayog. Further, NITI Aayog requires West district to improve its performance on eight ameters including education within five years.

The meeting was chaired by Director, State Council of Education Research and Training [SCERT], Dr Rabin Chhetri, in the presence of Ad-

Tshering Eden Bhutia, Deputy Director, SCERT, Dr Shanti Ram Adhikari, faculty of SCERT, officials Sub-Division and of West Sikkim, Principal and faculty of DIET West and EQUIP Director, Komal Chamling.

At the onset, Principal, DIET, Lata Sharma, presented a brief report about the programmes and activities of DIET, West. The report was sup-

tion given by Lecturer, Navuma Rai, who deliber ated on School Internship Programmes and on-site support to schools being carried out by DIET West.

In her introductory In her introductory address, HRDD Addition-al Director, Ms Bhutia, highlighted the key per-formance indicators un-der education sector on which the West district required to improve, arning outcomes at el-

Coordinator, SCERT [Mathematics], Suraj B Singh, presented the findings of National Achievement Survey [NAS] conducted in Oct last year which highlighted the performance of students of the State in subjects like English, Environmental Science and Mathematics at elementary level.

The meeting also held

brainstorming session on ways and means to improve the quality of school education in West district which invited inputs from

all the participants.

Director, SCERT, Dr Chhetri, not only responded to the queries from the participants but also analyzed and synthesized inputs received from various functionaries in different areas.

The meeting unan-imously decided that a

programme on Learning Outcomes for KRPs of ganised by SCERT.

Further, SCERT will also share findings of Quality Monitoring Tools analysis to each BAC of West district while preparing a tool for capturing preliminary infor-mation from school for assessment of their status and functioning, the release adds.

Trees and boulders halt traffic at Topa Khani

SINGTAM, 16 JUN: Trees and boulders loosened by a slide fell on the road at Topa Khani near Singtam halting traffic for 10-15 min-

utes today. Drivers and passengers com ing through the highway took it upon themselves to clear the road. [Pic: LAKPA SHERPA]

Mobile internet services suspended in 7 districts of Meghalaya

SHILLONG, (PTI): The June 16 (PTI): The Meghalaya government today suspended mobile internet services in seven districts of Khasi-Jaintia Hills region after intelligence inputs raised concerns over the law and order situation in those areas.

The suspension or-der was issued at 3 pm today, three days after it was lifted, and will remain in force for 48 hours, Secretary, Home (Police) Department, S Kharlyngdoh said.

The decision was taken based on Direc-tor General of Police S B Singh's report, which suggested that "serious law and order situation concerns" still remain in the seven districts of Khasi-Jaintia Hills region, he told PTI.

"Mobile internet, in that case, can likely be

used to transmit information that has potential to incite violence in the region again," Kharlyngdoh said.

The state capital came in the grip of violence for five days fol-lowing clashes between Sikhs and Khasis in the city's Punjabi Lane area on May 31.

The tension spread to other areas, after ru-mours related to the clashes were circulated on social media.

The administration

had to impose curfew on Shillong and suspend In-ternet services to control the situation.

The suspension was, however, lifted on June 13 after the government was convinced that the situation has improved, 12 days after it was banned on June 1.

Kailash Mansarovar Yatra '18 flagged off...

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It may be mentioned here, SAMA will be provid-ing technical support to the pilgrims during the vatra. He touched upon the importance of communication while commuting.

Speaking to Summit-Times, CEO, STDC, Mr Thapa, informed that a series of high level talks have been made before the initiation of the yatra

this year. "The high level meeting between the officials of India and China was attended by senior officers from Beijing and se-nior Indian official. The meeting was successful as the Chinese authorities assured to provide all possible help and showed positive attitude towards the Mansarovar Yatra," said Mr Thapa.

Deputy Commandant, ITBP, Ganesh Rohtela, talked about the safety and medical measures. He also gave a detailed account of the route mentioning the distance and altitude of the various stops to Mount Kailash. He asked the pilgrims to be cautious on the mountain terrain and stressed on starting early and maintaining a steady

pace during the trek.

The first batch of yatris will halt for two days at 15th Mile and two days at Sherathang for acclimatization. There will be a final medical check at Nathula on 20 Jun before the pilgrims finally cross the border.

As per information, there is only one Sikkimese yatri participating in KMY 2018.

The yatris were seen in full fervor and excitement and expressed complete satisfaction over the hospitality received in the State of Sikkim.

Speaking to Summit-Times, one of the pil-grims, Ravindra Kumar Sharma, who was also a part of the KMY team last year, extended gratipart of the KMY team tude to the State Tourism Department and STDC for the support they had provided last year and

this year as well.

"Last year the yatra
was cancelled due to international issues but I have no regrets as we enjoved the great hospitality of the STDC. They had a ranged for sightseeing and other tours and we had a great time back then," ex-pressed Mr Sharma.

Other pilgrims also extended their gratitude to STDC for their support and arrangements while appreciating the quality of services provided by them.

One 68-year-old yatri said that he is grateful to the State Government for initiating the Mansarovar Yatra route via Nathula which is much easier for senior citizens.

The first batch also

includes Arbind Kunar Asthana from the State of Bihar who has already completed Mansarovar Yatra as many as six times. He appreciated the efforts of STDC and State Government and expressed his excitement to complete the yatra for the seventh time.

Mr Asthana said that

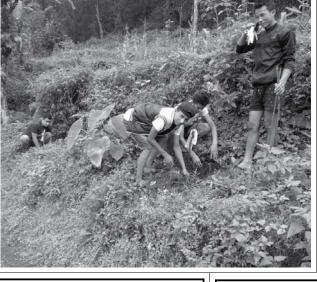
he has traveled and com-pleted the Mansarovar Yatra through various other routes from Nepal and this is his first time via Nathula.

second batch of KYM 2018 will reach Gangtok on 20 Jun and cross the international border on 25 Jun, it is inPlantation drive at Lower Paiyong

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 16 JUN:

Desidents of

Residents of Lower Paiyong, South Sikkim today conducted a plantation drive from Kaw Khola to Suntaley.



Anthyesthi Kriya



Maya Khati who left for heavenly abode on 07 June falls on 19 June. All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to join wen wishers are requested to John for the prayer at our residence at Upper Syari, above co-operative, taxi stand.

Govind Khati, Ashok Khati (sons) Sarita, Laxmi, Neelu, Munna Khati (daughters)

Suraj & Mukesh Khati (grandsons) 9732426291, 9476271747, 9832046831



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TASHILING, GANGTOK - 737103

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NOTICE

RIPANS, Mizoram has allotted State quota seats for the courses B. Pharmacy, B.Sc Nursing and Paramedical with the stipulation that the last date of admission in the college is 30th June 2018. In order to ensure that there is no inconvenience caused to the students for reaching the institute within the last date of admission, the counselling of these courses have been fixed for 25th and 26th June 2018. Therefore, the Directorate is constraint to pre-pone the date of submission of documents for the above courses as under:

20th - 23rd June 2018. B. Pharmacv. D. Pharmacv-20th – 23rd June 2018. Paramedical 20th - 25th June 2018. B. Sc, Nursing

> D.K. PRADHAN, SCS. **DIRECTOR**

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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS & YOUTH AFFAIRS GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM GANGTOK - 737101

Sealed Tenders is invited from the local contractor for the work "Upgradation of Chungthang public stadium under Chungthang GPU, North Sikkim". Interested firms may apply in writing to obtain the Tender form from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Sports & Youth Affairs Department, Whitehall, Gangtok.

Application should be accompanied with the following documents

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till 12:00 noon at the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYA, Whitehall, Gang

3. Opening of the Tender Documents on 06/07/2018 from 2.30 pm in the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYA, Whitehall, Gangtok.

The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders

without assigning any reason thereof. NOTE: Competitive bidders within technical jurisdiction of the Gram Panchayat unit where the work is to execute.

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Approach the Addiction Menace Afresh

Invite counsellors to nuance Sikkim's anti-drugs campaign

Sikkim has had a customised anti-drugs law for twelve years now. This law was brought in to make peddling in prescription drugs not covered by the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act but abused commonly, and dangerously, in the State, a much more 'criminal' offence. Prescription drugs like Spasmoproxyvon and a range of cough syrups are extensively abused in Sikkim, but did not attract any severe enough penal punishment to deter their peddling. This loophole was addressed by the Sikkim Anti-Drugs Act of 2006 and the rules which were subsequently noti-

That said, those who were expecting substance abuse to decrease with SADA have expectedly been let down. Although individuals caught with prescription drugs of abuse can now be tried and sent away for jailterms, substance abuse has definitely not come down in Sikkim; not because the law is inadequate in itself, but because laws, no matter how strong, cannot combat a social challenge in the absence of complementing initiatives. This collaboration is normally expected of the civil society, but since there is none in Sikkim, it is time that the government approached the challenge of substance abuse afresh and catalysed the required involvements and interventions.

One needs to bear in mind that SADA was necessitated by the peculiar nature of substance abuse in Sikkim and it is to the State Government's credit that it recognised the situation and took the first step, but it has been too many years since and a second step to-wards addressing addiction needs to be taken. And no, the latest amendments to the law do not cut it. SADA, in its present form, is deployed exclusively as a law and order device – by cops carrying out 'drug busts'. In its original Bill, the Act was more holistic in its approach and sought to make clear delineation between peddlers and addicts, between punishment and help. The limitations of the legal system have clearly not measured up. To achieve this, the Act's implementation needs to be nuanced with compassion and wider understanding about addiction and the traumas of the drug-dependent. For this, a wider engagement is required to address the challenge. Peddling can remain a law and order issue, but individual addiction needs more considerate handling [as was also envisaged in the original Act], and this understanding can be gained only if more minds are invited to address the implementation and suggest required course-corrections in Sikkim's efforts to contain addiction.

A good place to begin will be in the reconstitu-tion of the Sikkim Anti Drugs Authority Committee [established under the Act] to include those who are working with addicts and helping rehabilitate all they can reach out to. At present, this Committee almost exclusively includes only government officers, most of who find themselves in the committee ex-officio and cannot be expected to make any substantial contributions because of their ignorance of the issue at hand and the many other responsibilities which compete for their attention. Those who have dedicated their lives to help repair the damage of addiction among others, if included in such a committee, will definitely table practical suggestions and effective interventions through SADA to give Sikkim a fighting chance at combating addiction among its young. Allowing such engagement will not be easy for the bureaucracy to recommend, but is a leap of faith which will land Sikkim in a better place..

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Is Russia Worthy of Hosting the World Cup?

ith the FIFA World Cup upon us, I have been chatting with people on my travels through central and northern Europe to

gauge their opinions about Russia being the host.
Several people have simply sighed, resigned to
the fact that nefarious FIFA politics won the day. One Prague taxi driver, remembering the Soviet-led invasion of his country in 1968, hated the idea, but another Czech shrugged and said that most people,

especially those too young to remember Communist rule, would just focus on the football. Indeed, many football fans will be thinking only of stoppage-time goals, dubious penalties and defence-splitting passes when the tournament kicks off on Thursday. But it's also worth reflecting on Russia and the ethics of selecting hosts for major events in to-day's commercially driven and politicised sports world.

THE CASE AGAINST RUSSIA

Every time there is a contest to host a World Cup or Olympics, debate ensues about the criteria for selection. These include technical matters like the econ ic and infrastructural capacity to stage a massive spectacle, and an overarching

belief in spreading sports like football to new corners of the world. But non-sporting matters also come into consideration. Organisers always consider the potential that awarding hosting rights to the wrong country could bring a major sporting event into disrepute.

Cases have been made against a

string of host cities and countries over the years.
These include the 1978 Argentina World Cup (military coup), the 1968 Mexico City and 1988 Seoul Olympics (popular demonstrations and violence), the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics (bribery), the 2008 Beijing Olympics (human rights and crackdowns in Tibet) and the 2010 South Africa and 2014 Brazil World Cups (financial mismanagement and lack of preparedness).

So, Russia is by no means the first country to be faced with threats of boycotts or being stripped of its hosting rights. But it is something of a standout case, because of the spectrum of its egregious behaviour since being awarded the World Cup (and 2014 Winter Olympics). What's remarkable is that Russia has stains on its record both in and outside the sporting world.

Inside sport, Russia is most notorious for its

wide-ranging state-sponsored doping programme, which included swapping positive-testing urine samples for negative ones through a "mouse hole" in the wall of the anti-doping laboratory at the 2014 Sochi Games, Russian athletes were subsequently banned from flying their national flag and competing under the Team Russia name at the 2018 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics and Paralympics

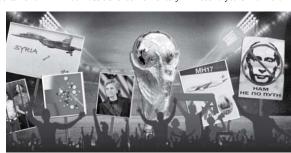
When it comes to Russia's misdeeds outside the sporting world, the list is lengthy:

'For foreign football fans visiting Russia, there are additional concerns over hooliganism and the has been well-documented in Russian football. FIFA'S CULTURE OF MONEY AND INFLUENCE

Russia, of course, has furiously denied everythi making much outraged noise while pointing out the hypocrisy of its most vocal detractors. The latter re-

action has some legitimacy – Russia does not have a monopoly on external aggression, calculated corruption and internal repression.

And although the process by which Russia and Qatar won their World Cup bids was undeniably flawed, there is more than a whiff of hypocrisy among the losers who played their part in the whole charade. Few of the bidding countries for the 2018 and 2022 tournaments came out of American prosecutor Michael Garcia's lengthy but imperfect investigation of the decisions unscathed. This includes Australia, which burned a cool \$Al45 million of public money on a futile attempt to work its levers of access and persuasion. But Russia's sheer effrontery in recent years



makes it an especially conspicuous target for those wondering what it would take for a country to be barred from hosting the world's largest sports party on ethical grounds.

That it hasn't been stripped of the World Cup

says much about global sport's intensely commercial and political imperatives. Nothing exemplifies this state of affairs more than the emergence of FIFA as a machine of money, influence and subterfuge under the presidencies of João Havelange and Sepp Blatter from 1974 to 2015.

FIFA's moment of truth came with the arrests of a coterie of top officials at its 2015 Zurich congress a very different image of the organisation than the one propagated in FIFA's absurdly self-aggrandising 2014 docudrama film United Passions. Blatter and many of his associates have since been

swept away. But there's been little appetite for voiding the controversial Russia and Qatar victories and re-open-ing the bidding process, despite the efforts of politicians like former British Prime Minister David Cameron.

Nor have there been realistic calls for team boycotts of the 2018 World Cup. Australian Foreign Min-ister Julie Bishop briefly flagged the idea of a World Cup-related action against Russia, but said a boycott was not under consideration. So far only a few countries have confirmed boycotts by dignitaries, such as the UK, Poland and Iceland.

NEW STANDARDS FOR SELECTING HOSTS

Has FIFA reformed itself sufficiently under new President Gianni Infantino to ensure that a country like Russia will never again be rewarded after fuelling so much international condemnation with its actions? We may soon get an idea. On June 13, the day be-

fore the opening match, the 68th FIFA Congress meets in Moscow to decide the 2026 World Cup host. There are new rules in place, including a more stringent bid appraisal process and an open ballot of all FIFA mem-

ber associations. Among the stipulations are:
"Whoever ends up hosting the FIFA World Cup
must prove that they know and have what it takes to
deliver the tournament. Not only that, they must also formally commit to conducting their activities based on sustainable event management principles and to respecting international human rights and labour standards according to the United Nations' Guiding

There are only two bids for 2026 – Morocco and a North American joint bid submitted by Canada,

Mexico and the United States. The former has its own human rights issues, while the latter has US President Donald Trump's proposed travel bans and implied threats to countries who do not support the bid.

Will the new process result in a fair,

transparent outcome? Not according to Bonita Mersiades, the whistle-blowing former head of corporate and public affairs at Football Federation Australia and author of Whatever It Takes: The Inside Story of the FIFA Way, and her fellow campaigners at the reform advocacy group New FIFA Now.

New FIFA Now, and the recently formed Foundation for Sports Integrity, argue that a new FIFA governance model under the control of fans and players is required. Among New FIFA Now's guiding principles for FIFA reform is this recommendation on selecting future hosts:

"Establish a one-off committee of relevant experts from around the world to investigate and rec-ommend on the staging of future men's World Cup tournaments. The objective would be to ameliorate the World Cup as a vehicle for geopolitical soft power and brand building of nation states, as well as the construction of 'white elephants' and the demands of government guarantees made by FIFA to host nations that compromise and jeopardise international

Reformist proposals like these are gaining traction as part of widespread push-back against the excessive demands and massive costs of hosting mega sport events. The questions posed by Russia's win ning bid should only add to the calls for change.

It's expected that over 3 billion people will catch at least some of this year's World Cup over the next month. Let's hope they look beyond the spectacle to ponder how the beautiful game made its way to Russia at this point in its history and whether it was worth the ethical price. [the writer is Emeritus Professor of Cultur-al Research, Institute for Culture and So-

ciety, Western Sydney University]

US and South Korea (the most recent

exercises nearly derailed the inter-Korea summit a few weeks ago). This is

an important step toward confidence building for both sides of the summi

But it is important to note that Trump's rationale was to scrap the war games, not because they offend and wor-

ry the DPRK - but, as he himself stated

to the media, because they cost a lot of money. And money – especially the way Trump thinks the rest of the world takes

and one that should be praised.

Trump-Kim summit: North Korean leader emerges a clear winner as Donald Trump reverts to type

VIRGINIE GRZELCZYK

At first glance, it is easy to call the meeting between US president, Donald Trump, and his North Korean counterpart, Kim Jong-un, "historic" and "unprecedented". It was the first meeting between sitting leaders of the two countries, which are still techni-

cally in a state of war.

You could also call it a success –
preparations and schedules were respected, the media had ample oppor-tunity to take shots of the two men shaking hands in front of the colourful display of 12 intermingled American and North Korean flags – and they were also privy to comments by the two leaders, including Kim in one of his very rare appearances in front of

the foreign press.

The meeting was also a success from a security and optics points of view: smiles were exchanged, in-depth discussions took place between cabinet members, nobody went off script and there were no security breaches thanks to ironclad preparations by their Singaporean hosts. Now that both leaders are on their

way back to their own countries, we are left with many photos of the bro-mance du jour, as well as a signed statement – and a plethora of questions. What should we take away from this historic moment? Here are three

key points: 1. ULTIMATELY IT WAS NORTH KO-REA'S DAY

Kim has managed to build upon the work of his father and grandfather and secured the highest form of recognition that there is – a bilateral meeting

with the president of the most powerful country on the planet.

And North Korea did not have to pay a cent for it: China furnished a plane, Singapore footed the US\$15mplus bill for the summit, and the media distributed images of the North Korean leader parlaying on equal terms with the US president to the entire world. It's a resounding success for Kim - and one that is likely to be exploited back

3. WHAT IS NOT WRITTEN IN THE AGREEMENT

The agreement shows a clear miss from the United States, as there are no mentions of CVID ("complete, verifiable, irreversible dismantlement") of North Korean nuclear capabilities - something that was talked about a great deal in the run up to the meeting.



WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE

The joint document signed by both parties shows the craftiness and hardline approach the DPRK has taken to the summit. Though the agreement commits both parties to the denucle-arisation of the Korean peninsula – removing all nuclear weapons from the region, including potential American weapons – the DPRK has only reiterated, in writing, its commitment to work towards" this aim.

This is certainly not the pledge for the unilateral dismantling of North Korea's nuclear programme that the US

Given that Trump and his secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, and national security adviser, John Bolton, have sig-

> advantage of the US - was a theme the US president returned to repeatedly in the post-summit press conference.
>
> Trump also talked about real estate development opportunities in the DPRK. In essence, Trump's money-fo-cused transactional nature took only a few hours to surface after his handshake with Kim. But peace has a cost and, given the current US narrative that seeks to avoid foreign entanglement and is fed up with spending money on international commitments, it will require the United States to man-age its shaky alliances if this is to be a

realistic prospect.

And as reactions are starting to pour in from world leaders, it is important to remember that the summit has given the DPRK legitimacy on the world stage, while there was little talk of how this legitimacy was acquired: essentially by developing nuclear weapons.

Kim is a dictator who has purged a mber of rivals while starving and oppressing his own population. Ultimate ly, Trump has just willingly sat down with a villain and not gained much in the way of concessions in return.

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AGREEMENT

The agreement provides very vague concepts for a new US-DPRK relation-

has always pushed for.

short of CVID, this is a giant omission. Essentially, this should be read as a re-fusal from the DPRK to state that they would denuclearise unilaterally. 4. PUTTING WORDS INTO ACTION

nalled that they would accept nothing

- one that will without a doubt also change the nature of balance and geopolitics in East Asia and relation-ships with other regional actors such as South Korea, Russia, China and Japan.

The first concrete action was for the American president to announce he intends to call a halt to the annual war game exercises organised between the

World Cup Nostalgia

odka 5 – Petrol 0. My friend texted after the opening match of FIFA World Cup 2018. What a clever way to tell of the opening match outcome I thought.

Indeed, the Saudis suffered an embarrassing loss to host Russia on the first day of World Cup 2018. The Russians clearly had a home crowd advantage but they also seemed big-ger, better and stronger. They looked more like Rugby players while the Saudis seemed to disappear with their green jerseys that matched the pitch. Apparently it was a big problem for the color blind people. "I've waited four years for the World



even watch because it's red vs green jerseys. How does no one ever think ut color blind people??? body tweeted. I, meanwhile, thought it was too Christmas-y with the red and the green but it marked a lukewarm start to the much awaited

sporting event.

The only consolation was perhaps Putin's reaction after every goal. He actually looked more an-imated and seemed to enjoy the game as he sat next to the Saudi crown prince who had no option but to concede defeat. Although they actually looked like they were making vodka and petrol deals. Having said that, I am glad the

World Cup is here. I look forward to this event every four years although it has gotten less exciting as I grow older. This year -at least the first few days has been the most disappointing thus far. I am disappointed firstly because this hill town (Shimla) does not care about football. Whenever I would ask the locals if they were looking forward to seeing the match, they would say we don't watch football. We like cricket.

True, but this is world cup and



a part of me wanted to find at least someone who would share my en-thusiasm. So I walked around Mall road on June 14 hoping to see at least an Argentina jersey or a Brazil flag but nada. Nobody bothered and even the weather gods refused to lighten up. The day was dreary and poured that evening. So I looked for a restaurant or a bar that would have the opening match in big screen but same story -there were no takers.

The only indication that World Cup had arrived was at the window of a bookshop selling "The Mammoth Book of The World Cup -The Definite Guide 1930-2018" at 50% off. This town was not party to the biggest football party (in my head).

But a few friends decided to meet for the opening match so I went to buy a cake to celebrate the event. I asked the guy at the counter to write "World Cup 2018". He wrote "wel-come". I gave up.

But for me World Cup is full of

memories. It is a bit of nostalgia try-ing to remember the players that scored, players that cried and players that were killed (RIP Escobar). I don't remember seeing Pele play but I had learned he was known as the black pearl in my GK class. I re-member Goyochochea and Maradona from 1990 finals when they lost and I cried along and perhaps this is where my lasting loyalty for Argentina stems from, World Cup meant that family was divided into differ ent teams and we would have midnight snacks ready so we can stay up, scream all night, and go to school with sleepy eyes the next morning.

World Cup used to be stylish too. In the hair department, Baggio's pony tail remains unmatched and Beckham had popularized the Mohawk. After scoring a goal, we rejoiced at Roger Miller's dance and Bebeto's baby celebration remains in our memories. I remember these because I used to sit in front of the TV taking notes in case they asked these questions in the Bournvita quiz contest. Although I knew the following week's Sportstar would detail every game and include a poster of the highest scorer or the best goalkeeper.

World Cup was better when

we were younger. As we grew old-er, we didn't have time to watch all the matches and enjoy every game. We would only watch from quarter finals onwards but wouldn't know the players because we had not been acquainted with them in pre-vious matches. If at all, we would watch when our teams would play but would not recognize everyone in the starting eleven.

The point is, if you want to enjoy World Cup you have to stay young and be excited about it -watch every match even if it means staying up late or catching the matches ly morning. Good news is, world Cup 2018 games work well for our time zone. We just need to have time or need to make time for it. We need to get into the spirit and if we give the benefit of the doubt to Russia 2018, I know will be better than what we expected.

Therefore, this world cup, I hope I don't grow too old and watch most of the matches. Thankfully, I am not stuck in Shimla throughout the World Cup and shall try catch the world cup fever elsewhere in the world too.

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Mizoram flood situation improves

AIZAWL, JUN 16 (PTI): The flood situation Mizoram improved today with the water level of river Tlawng and Langkaih receding, officials said.

Disaster Management and Rehabilitation department officials said though the water level of Tlawng and Langkaih river in Lun-glei district has started receding but still 500 families were displaced and a number of houses still under the water.

Meanwhile, Aizawl to Lunglei (via Thenzawl) road, was again blocked at Mualthuam village in Lunglei district a few hours after the PWD offi-cials cleared the massive landslide near Ramlaitui last night.

Summer vacation in schools extended to June 21 in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR, JUN 16 (PTI): The Odisha government today extended the summer vacation in schools by three more days owing to the intense heat, an education department official said.

The schools, which were scheduled to reopen after summer vacation on June 18, would now open from June 21, said School and Mass Education Department Secretary PK Mohapatra.

Mohapatra said the de cision was made in view of the prevailing heat wave condition across the state.

"If required, the vacation may be extended be-yond June 21 also, keeping in view the weather condition," he said.

Hot and humid condition is prevailing in Odis ha even after the onset of South-west monsoon on June 8.

The Regional Mete-

orological Centre, Bhubaneswar, has predicted that the monsoon will that the monsoon will remain weak in Odisha till that the Iune 20.

HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

Flood situation improves in Tripura

situation has slightly im proved in Tripura even as over 40,000 people continue to remain stranded in 189 relief camps across the state, official sources said here today. Chief Minister Biplab

Kumar Deb, who visited the worst-hit Kailashahar and Kumarghat subdivisions of Unakoti district yesterday, has called for a review meeting later today with heads of all line departments - PWD,



Water Resources, Health and Family Welfare - Sankar Chakraborty, the dep-uty secretary of Revenue Department, said. The CM also asked the state officials to reach out to the marooned people with relief materials and medical aids at the said, adding that two IAF choppers have already been pressed into service to distribute food. water and medicines in 'flood-battered" Kailashahar subdivision, where 21,000 people were rendered homeless. "The NDRF, Assam Ri-

fles, Tripura State Rifles personnel are engaged in providing post-flood relief services and search is still on to find out if there is anybody stranded in the flood-affected areas,"

An official of North east Frontier Railway said train services in Lumding - Badarpur section continue to remain suspended as landslides, triggered by heavy rain, damaged the tracks and tunnels on that route.

"At present, work is in progress to reinstate services in the affected locations. As per preliminary estimates, the total restoration work is likely to take 2-3 days," he added.

Flood toll rises to 7 in Manipur



IMPHAL, JUN 16 (PTI): The flood toll in Manipur climbed to seven today, with one more death reported from Imphal West district, official sources said.

The intensity of rain-fall decreased in the state capital this morning, but the situation was yet to im-prove in the valley districts of Thoubal, Imphal West

and Bishnupur, they said.
One fisherman drowned in a swollen river in Imphal West dis-trict yesterday, a report issued by the Relief and Disaster Management Department noted, addng that more than 1.8 lakh people have been affected by the floods.

The number of dam-aged houses across the state has increased to 22,624 yesterday from 12,500 on Thursday, 12,500 on Thursday, necessitating the setting up of 48 new relief camps, it said. "The floodwaters

the heavily-inundated localities of the state capital have receded, facilitating movement of vehicles on the thoroughfares. However, water level in important rivers of Thoubal, Nambol, Imphal and Irilbung continues to flow above the danger mark.

the report added.

A released issued by the state govern-ment said yesterday that around 550 people have heen rescued from Arap ti and Kiyamgei areas Imphal East district by the Assam Rifles.

The paramilitary force has also been providing medical assistance and necessary medical aids to flood-hit areas of Thoubal district,

YC organises bike rally to protest inflation

ITANAGAR, JUN 16 (PTI): Members of the Arunachal Pradesh Youth Congress took out a bike rally from Niriuli to the state capital today to pro-test against inflation and other issues.

Shouting Bharat Bachao slogans, hun-dreds of Youth Congress members participated in the rally from Nirjuli, 19 kilometre from here, despite a drizzle.

State Congress president Takam Sanjoy and AIYC national secre-tary Monalisa Banerjee, in-charge of the state, flagged off the rally at 8 am after a heated ex-



change of words with the police, as it was prohibit-ed from taking off from the original venue, the party leaders said.

The police prohibited the rally from taking off from Nyokumniya hall at Nirjuli along the NH-415

The second resolu-

on the ground that the magistrate had refused it permission.

The state Congress president who had an argument with the police officers on duty said that permission for taking out the rally had been sought ing permission on the spot without prior intimation amounted to provocation."

"It is a democratic country and we cannot be prohibited from taking out a rally just because the vice president has arrived here a day in advance. It is injustice," Sanjoy said.

The partcipants went a few metres ahead of the original venue and began the rally, he said.

"With no governance, rising inflation and continuing negligence of the downtrodden sections of the society, it is time to awaken the masses," San-

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu had can-celled his Sikkim visit due to inclement weather yesterday and arrived here from Bagdogra yes-

joy and Banerjee said.

terday afternoon The vice president is scheduled to lay the foundation stone of a seepage management system and storm water drainage system of Itanagar.

He would then pro-ceed to the North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST) to interact with its faculty and research

Denzong Lhadey calls off relay hunger strike after 707 days reached its logical end

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The programme has also adopted two resolutions. The first reads, "In view of the final clearance granted by the Cabinet Committee on Security of the Govern-ment of India that enable free movement of HH the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje across India, we, the Sikkimese monks and monasteries unanimously resolve to extend our gratitude to the Gov-ernment of India for this most compassionate ges-ture. We further express out indebt thanks to all those dharma devotees, organizations and indi-viduals, both within and outside Sikkim who have extended their uncondi-tional support in all man-

ners at the time of need."

tion reads, "Panchayati Raj system is the basic talisman to ensure a wel-fare State in any society. It in fact is the spinal cord for a functional democra cy. In Sikkim there are 32 Assembly Constituency while the people belong-ing to the 31 Assembly constituencies have long been availing the fruition of the Panchayati Raj system. Unfortunately, the 32 Sangha Constituency has not been able to reap the fruition of Panchavati Raj system till date. Under the circumstances, we, the Sikkimese monks and monasteries resolve that the 32 Sangha Assembly constituency is immediately brought

under the purview of Panchayati Raj system by bringing in necessary

amendment to the ex-

isting Sikkim Panchavat Act thereby constituting three or a two tier Panchayat bodies for the 32 Sangha Constituency by instituting immediate delimitation."

On behalf monks, the Denzong Lhadey also felicitat-ed Sangha MLA, Sonam Lama for his tireless and constant efforts in pursuing the acquiring of permission for Karmapa's visit to Sikkim. Lhadev

Denzong coordinator, Chewang Lama expressed his grat-itude to monks of different monasteries of the State for their constant and unconditional support to the demand. He added that the move-ment of monks led by the Sangha MLA, Sonam Lama with his honest and constant efforts has

He thanked the Centre and union leaders for granting the permission.

However, Mr Lama

urged political parties of Sikkim to request the Central government to allow the Karmapa not only to visit Sikkim but also allow him to take his seat at Rumtek in the State In his address, Sang-

ha MLA stated that the permission to the Karma-pa to visit Sikkim was a long pending demand of the State and the Centre has finally relented due to the efforts of the peo-ple of Sikkim. He thanked regional and national political parties and social organisations of Sikkim for their unconditional support in pursuing the

Mr Lama thanked

matter at the Centre.

Prime Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh and Union Home Minister of State, Kiran Rijiju for fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Sikkim. He also thanked Denzong Lhadey and monks of the State for their support and sacrifice for the cause. He further informed

that responding to an invitation from Denzong Lhadey, the Karmapa, in a letter dated 14 June, expressed that he wants to be with the people of Sikkim at the earliest and will consult with the Centre after returning to India from the United State was also read out during the programme.

Thangmuansang moves to Neroca FC PUNE. IUN 16 (PTI): FC

Young defender

Pune City and Neroca FC have reached an agreement for the transfer of Manipur-born Sebastian Thangmuansang.
The 19-year-old has

been with the Pune-based club for a while and was a part of the club's junior teams.

Having won the IFA Shield in 2017, the young defender was loaned to Chennai City FC in the I-League's last season I-League's last season where he notched up 12 appearances.

His performances caught the eye of Neroca FC and the Imphal-based club have now signed the player on a permanent transfer, a media release

said today.
Gaurav Modwel, CEO of FC Pune City, said, "While there was interest from a couple of I-League clubs Sebastian's desire was to play for Neroca FC since he

hails from Manipur.
Our best wishes are with him and I am confident that he will do well for Neroca." Sebastian expressed

his delight on making the

"I feel it is the right time and the right move for me. I really enjoyed my time at FC Pune Cit. While there was an opportunity to play in the club's re-serves team, I decided to come to Neroca as I feel I can get a lot of game time.

'It was a great season for Neroca last year and being a local Manipuri boy, I can't wait to get started and play in front of the home fans," he added.

Neymar begins assault on World Cup with injury woe behind him

Sochi (Russia), Jun 16 (AFP): For three months a whole nation feared it might not happen, but Nevmar will take to the teammates when they kick off their World Cup campaign against Switzerland tomorrow.

The world's most ex-pensive player appears to have recovered fully from the fractured foot that required an operation in March, with the only slight concern being his possible lack of match fitness.

Since suffering the injury in Paris Saint-Germain's game against Marseille in late February, Neymar has managed just 129 minutes on the field.

But those minutes came in Brazil's recent warm-up friendlies, with a goal from the bench against Croatia and then a brilliant strike in a win in Austria last weekend

"After three months, and having played just a game and a half, he is already playing at a high level. Nobody expected

Smith battles for

Windies on soggy,

of frequent interruptions but Smith took advantage

of the opportunity to compile his first Test half-cen-

tury since the opening match of the home series

against England in Anti-

region over the recall of

the 36-year-old Grena-dian three years after he played his last Test match.

Following a double-failure in the first Test, notwith-standing a comprehensive

226-run victory for the

cially their three seamers, challenged the duo under overcast skies.

Lahiru Kumara, who impressed with a seven-wicket haul at the

Queen's Park Oval, again proved a handful with the

pace and bounce extract-

ed from a pitch which con-tinues to offer assistance

at unbridled aggression came at the expense of spinner Akila Dananjaya,

who was hoisted over long

on and deep midwicket for a four and a six off consecu-

tive deliveries.

Smith's only attempts

to the faster bowlers.

gua in 2015.

slow going day



that. Not even him," Thiago Silva, a close friend of Neymar's and a club teammate at PSG, said in a report on Brazilian website Globoesporte.

The 26-year-old, who saw his time on the side-lines as one of the lowest points in his career so far, has looked in excel-lent spirits this week as Tite's Brazil squad settle into their Russian base -- the speculation about his club future, and links

with Real Madrid, seem far away right now.
- Home from home

Neymar has been laughing and joking with his teammates on the training pitch in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, and took time to sign autographs and pose for pictures with supporters at an open training session on Tuesday.

He will be in the starting line-up in Rostov-on-Don, for what will be his first game at a World Cup since being taken off with a fractured vertebra in Brazil's win against Colombia as hosts in the

2014 quarter-finals. And Neymar's importance in this new-look team -- he is one of only six survivors from four years ago -- is clear from the comments of his teammates in Sochi.

"Neymar is great, thanks to God," goalkeep-er Alisson replied to one

man, while Gabriel Iesus spoke of his admiration for the former Barcelona man.

"I got to know Ney-mar personally at the Olympics. He treated me very well, and not only me, also my family and friends too," he said.

"He is important off the field as well. He is always giving advice. That is very important. I really believe that having a good relationship, considering one as a brother, lifts you on the field. You run more for your friend."

Brazil came to Russia among the favourites as they look to put firmly behind them the 7-1 semi-final humiliation against

Germany four years ago. While fellow contenders Spain have threatened to implode with the sack-ing of coach Julen Lopetegui on the eve of the competition, Neymar and the Brazilians are relaxed and at home in pleasant

surroundings here.

The lush green coastline and sea views are reminiscent of Brazil, the Selecao have been enjoying dining with views out over the Black Sea, and they also have access to the beach.

augurs well Tite's side as they prepare to face a Swiss out-fit ranked sixth in the world in their first Group E game before tackling Costa Rica and Serbia.

Winning a sixth World Cup is the objec-tive, but Neymar will also

have personal aims.
Last weekend he scored his 55th international goal, moving level with Romario in Brazil's all-time list. There are now only two players left ahead of him.

A great tournament and he could catch Ronaldo's tally of 62, before eventually targeting the

77 scored by Pele.
"I would say that it's going to happen. Neymar doesn't just have playing well as an objective, he is always looking to score goals," Ronaldo, in Russia on media duty, told Bra-

pay the Spanish taxman 18.8 million euros to set-

The agreement, which is still to be ratified, will likely come with

a two-year jail term -- al-though sentences of up

to two years are not gen-

erally served in Spain.

But Ronaldo was
clearly not distracted by

that. His focus is fully on the World Cup, with

Portugal's next match

against Morocco in Mos-cow next Wednesday.

only just begun. Portugal

are hoping to get through

"The World Cup has

"We are not the fa-

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tle a tax fraud claim.



Uruguay strike late to beat Egypt as Salah sits out match

YEKATERINGBURG (RUS-SIA), JUNE 15 (AFP): Jose Gimenez was the unlikely 89th-minute match winner as Uruguay defeated an Egypt side shorn of star man Mohamed Salah 1-0 in their World Cup opener on Friday.

Uruguay's deserved last-gasp victory leaves them and Russia in early control in Group A after the hosts' 5-0 mauling of Saudi Arabia in the tournament opener on Thursday.

A poor game looked likely to end in stalemate but with Uruguay cranking up the pressure late on, defender Gimenez rose to power a header into the top corner and break Egypt hearts.

Aside from Liverpool ace Salah failing to get off the bench with his shoulder injury, another major talking point was also off the pitch -- large portions of empty seats in one main stand at the Yekaterinburg Arena were an embarrassing sight for FIFA and local organisers.
Paris Saint-Ger-

main striker Edinson Cavani had a couple of half-chances for Uruguay in the first half, the best made by himself when he juggled the ball and lashed it on the volley from outside the box, but it was deflected over.

Attacking partner Luis Suarez -- in his first World Cup appearance since his biting ban of 2014 -- was largely quiet in an unremarkable first period, doing his best work when he drifted be-tween the lines of Egypt's defence and midfield.

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for Egypt, but with Salah missing and Uruguay skipper Diego Godin imperi-ous, he hardly had a sniff.

One of the biggest cheers came after minutes when the sta dium screens showed Salah happily chatting away on the bench but that is where the birthday boy -- who turned 26 on Friday -- remained. With Egypt coach

Hector Cuper saying on the eve of the clash that Salah had recovered from the injury sustained three weeks ago in the Champions League final, Egyptians will be desperately hoping their talisman is back for the game with Russia on Tuesday, now a must-win.

The north Africans. contesting their first World Cup since 1990, were for the main part fairly comfortable in defence and Arsenal's Mohamed Elneny was a constant presence at the base of Egypt's midfield.

Suarez, who had a frustrating afternoon, forced goalkeeper Mohamed Elshenawy into a decent stop straight after half-time, the Barcelona striker slamming his boot into an advertising board in anger.

He thumped the turf on 73 minutes when Elshenawy smothered at his feet, and seven minutes from the end the stopper was at it again, palming Cavani's drive over.

Cavani then struck a

post with a free-kick as Egypt held on with increasing desperation, before Gimenez's dramatic late intervention

Ronaldo toasts new career mark after hat-trick against Spain

GROS-ISLET (SAINT LU-CIA), JUN 16 (AFP): Dev-on Smith battled disci-plined bowling and fre-SOCHI (RUSSIA), JUN 16 (AFP): Cristiano Ronal-do expressed his delight quent stoppages for rain to compile an unbeaten half-century as the West Indies reached 118 for at setting another record in his remarkable career as his hat-trick against two in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 253 on a truncated second day Spain on Friday allowed him to become just the of the second Test at the fourth player to score in Darren Sammy Stadium in St Lucia on Friday.

Less than 43 overs
were possible on a day

four World Cups.

"I am very happy,
it's a nice personal record to have, one more in my career," said the Portugal captain, whose goals secured a 3-3 draw for the European champions in a remarkable World Cup Group B clash with neighbours Spain in Sochi.

He resumes on the third morning, weather permitting, on 53 in part-Ronaldo had twice put Portugal in front, and vet he was required to nership with Shai Hope.
There has been much discussion through the score a superb 88th-min-ute free-kick to grab a point after Spain had



The 33-year-old joins an elite cast of players who have scored in four World Cups, following in the footsteps of Pele and German duo Uwe Seeler and Miroslav Klose.

But he added: "For me the most important thing is to emphasise what the team did against one of the favourites to win this World Cup.

"It was a fair result, we are very happy be-cause the game was about to finish and then we managed to grab a

Ronaldo had only scored three goals in total in his last three World Cups, so managed to double his tally in one

He has also now scored in eight consecu-tive major tournaments, going back to Euro 2004. when as a teenager he helped Portugal all the way to the final as hosts.

gal sources in Spain said Ronaldo had agreed to

the first round, and we know how hard the group stage is," he said. Yesterday's hat-trick came just hours after levourites but we are con-tenders and we will do as

field goal through young

striker Lalremsiami in

the 32nd minute. Forward Vandana Katariya also got an open chance in the 42nd minute but could not score in her 200th Inter-

national cap.
A tense final few moments of the match saw the hosts put the Indian defence under constant pressure, winning two penalty corners, the first of which was saved by goalkeeper Savita.

However, Spain's Lola Riera continued her fine goal-scoring form and remained calm under remained calm under pressure to converted the next penalty corner in the 58th minute and level the scores.

But just when it looked the two teams are set to share the spoils, India captain Rani scored a wonderful field goal just a minute from the final hooter to hand the visitors a well deserved win.

Griezmann hits historic VAR penalty as France squeeze past Australia

KAZAN, Jun 16 (AFP): Antoine Griezmann scored from the first VAR-assisted penalty awarded in the history of the World Cup as title hopefuls France battled to a 2-1 win over gutsy Australia in Kazan on Saturday.

Griezmann, expected to make a huge impact on Russia 2018 after topping the Euro 2016 scorers with six goals, was left frustrated by a solid Socceroos defensive display in a tight first half.

The Atletico Madrid star wrote his name into the history books after he went down under a tackle from Josh Rishdon in the penalty box in the second half of the Group C fixture.

Referee Andres Cunha from Uruguay did not initially award a spot-kick but after viewing the VAR footage, ruled it was a penalty and Griezmann coolly slotted past Socceroos' goalkeeper Mathew Ryan at the Kazan Arena

But French celebrations were short-lived, Australia captain Mile Jedinak levelling only four minutes later after a clear hand ball by Barcelona defender Samuel Umtiti.

In a match that saw Didier Deschamps' men frustrated throughout by a gutsy Australian defensive dis-play, French pride was only restored in the 81st minute.

Chelsea striker Olivier Giroud, still wearing a bandage around a recent head injury, had replaced Griezmann only minutes before playing a one-two with Paul Pogba on the edge of the area.

The Manchester United midfielder's shot took a deflection off the boot of defender Aziz Behich before creeping over the outstretched hands of Ryan and

bouncing over the goalline France are hoping to join tournament favourites Brazil, Germany and Spain in the latter stages as they look to make amends for losing the Euro 2016 final to Portugal.

Rani Rampal's late strike hands India 3-2 win over Spain

home side in Trinidad, Smith would have been acutely aware of MADRID, JUN 16 (PTI) the attention he was at-Skipper Rani Rampal scored a late winner as tracting from critics ques-tioning the wisdom of continuing with a player team dished out a spiritaveraging less than 25 runs per innings over his previous 39 Tests. ed performance to beat Spain 3-2 in the third game and register their first win of the five-match series at the Consejo Su-Together with opening partner Kraigg Brathwaite, he played with exaggerated care perior de Deportes Hockthrough a testing morning session when the Sri Lankan bowlers, espe-

ey Stadium here.

By virtue of this win late last night, India and Spain are now tied 1-1 in the series. While Spain beat India 3-0 in the opener, the second game between the two sides finished 1-1.

The fourth match of the series will be played later tonight.

In last night's game Spain took an early lead through Maria Lopez's strike from their second penalty corner in the third minute.

The hosts continued to test the Indian defence in the first quarter and goalkeeper Savita was called into action soon

when she made a fine reflex save to deny Spain.

The Indians started

get into the game in e second quarter as both teams battled for possession.
The visitors defended

their lines well, keeping out Spain's third penalty corner in the 19th min-

in the closing stages of the quarter, forcing Spanish goalkeeper Melanie Garcia to make a fine save in the 25th minute.

The Indians kept up the pressure on the Spanish defence and won

a penalty corner which was converted by Gurjit Kaur in the 28th minute as both the teams went into the half-way break tied at 1-1.

score a well constructed

India started on a bright note after the change of ends and produced a great move to

China slaps additional tariffs on USD 50 bn worth of US goods

KIM VARMA BEIJING, JUN 16 (PTI):

In a tit-for-tat action, China today imposed additional duties on USD 50 billion worth of American products, a day af-ter US President Donald Trump slapped a stiff 25 per cent tariff on Chinese goods worth simamount, triggering a full-fledged trade war between the world's two largest economies

Trump yesterday ac-cused China of intellectual property theft and un-fair trade practices as he announced 25 per cent tariff on USD 50 billion worth of Chinese goods.

The Chinese govern-ment has decided to impose additional duties of 25 per cent on 659 items of US products worth about USD 50 billion, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

The government also unveiled a list of US products which will be subjected to additional

tariffs, it said.

Additional tariffs for 545 items worth about USD 34 billion including agricultural products, vehicles and aquatic products will be effective from July 6, 2018, a statement issued by China's Customs Tariffs commission said.

The implementation date for imposing addi-tional tariffs on the remaining 114 items, covering chemical products, medical equipment and energy products will be announced later, it said.

The decision has been made in line with rele-vant stipulations of the

Foreign Trade Law of China and the Regulations of the People's Republic of China on Import and Export Duties, as well as the fundamental principles of international laws, the statement said.

On Friday, the US announced additional tariffs of 25 per cent on Chinese imports worth approximately USD 50 billion.

fely USD 50 billion. From July 6, additional tariffs will be levied on some USD 34 billion worth of Chinese products. Meanwhile, the oth-USD 16 billion worth of Chinese products will undergo further review in a public notice and comment process.

"The US move violates the relevant rules of the World Trade Organization, goes against the con-sensus already reached

bilateral economic seriously infringes upon the legitimate rights and interests of the Chinese side and undermines the interests of China and its people," the commission's statement said.

"The Chinese side firmly opposes that," it said.

An official in charge of the Office of the Customs Tariff Commission said that the additional tariffs that the additional tariffs targeting Chinese goods, once imposed, would "substantially change" the trade conditions of these goods, and affect relevant producers and trade companies as well as the production and operation of the upstream and downstream industries.

The official said the Chinese action was tak-

emergent circumstances caused by the US violations of international ob-

China has noticed the US statement which said Washington would continue to impose additional tariffs if China takes retaliatory measures. China reserves its rights to take corresponding measures, the unnamed official was quoted as saying in the report.

The moves to import tariffs came as the two countries held several rounds of talks following Trump's demand to slash bilateral trade deficit by USD 100 billion in a onth followed by USD 200 billion to address the USD 375 billion deficit.

In mid-May, both sides announced a cease both

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fire after two rounds of trade negotiations. The two sides had said in a joint statement that Chi-na would "significantly increase" purchases of US agricultural and energy products to reduce the trade imbalance, a top Trump demand.

Ten days later, the White House abruptly said it would proceed with the tariffs. A further round of trade talks in Beijing earlier this month failed to yield any

breakthroughs.

Trump's decision to impose fresh tariffs on China follows his recent imposition of steep tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and the Euro pean Union on national security grounds.

Outrage as UK excludes India from relaxed student visa rules

ADITI KHANNA London, Jun 16 (PTI):

The UK government has caused outrage with ts decision to exclude Indian students from a new list of countries con-sidered low risk in order to facilitate an easier visa application process to UK universities.

In changes to its immigration policy tabled in Parliament yesterday, the UK Home Office announced a relaxation of the Tier 4 visa category for overseas students from around 25 countries.

On a list already covering countries like the US, Canada and New Zealand, the Home Office has added on the likes of China, Bahrain and Serbia as countries from where students would face reduced checks on educational, financial and English language skill requirements to study at British universities.

The changes, which come into effect on July 6, aim to make it easier for international students to come to study in the UK.

However, India has been left out of this new expanded list, which means Indian students applying for similar courses will continue to face rigorous checks and documen-

tary requirements.

Lord Karan Bilimoria, Indian-origin entrepre-neur and President of the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA), described the move as an insult to India and another example of Britain's economically illiterate and hostile attitude to immigration .

I consider this an-

other kick in the teeth for India... This sends entirely the wrong message to India, to exclude it from these Tier 4 measures. The government has simply got it wrong, said Bilimoria, while welcoming the overall visa relaxation measures introduced by UK Home

Secretary Sajid Javid. Bilimoria, the founder

of Cobra Beer and founding-chair of UK India Business Council (UKIBC), added, It is completely hypocritical that this is announced at the same time that Britain is talking about doing a post-Brexit free trade agreement (FTA) with India. If this is the way they treat India, they can dream on about they can aream ... an FTA with India". "**- area has always

"India has always been one of Britain's closest allies and an emerging global economic superpower. Excluding India from this list is my short-sighted opically and is damaging what has always been a special relationship between our countries," he said.

The National Indi-an Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK also expressed disappoint-ment at India's exclusion from the list, which it said effectively categorises In-dian students as high risk

. The representative body for Indian students in the UK said it was unfair that Indian students should be treated differently from Chinese or other nationals on the list.

It is important to note that today's announcement makes no change to the process of application for Indian students, but it is the perception of this message among Indian students that worries us. And this raises another question will China continue to get even more favourable actions while India gets the rhetoric, questioned Sanam Arora, president of NISAU UK.

According to latest Office of National Statistics (ONS) data, India is among the top three countries from where overseas students come in to study at UK universities, after China and the US. While Indian students registered a hike of 30 per cent to hit 15,171 Tier 4 visas last year.



Saeed leads Eid prayers in Pak despite ban on his outfit

LAHORE, JUN 16 (PTI): Mumbai attack master-mind Hafiz Saeed today led Eidul Fitr prayers at the Qaddafi Stadium here amid high security even though the Pakistan government has outlawed his organisation JuD.

Police personnel and

Saeed's own security men were deployed in and out-side the stadium to secure the area

The Jamaat-ud-Dawah chief also delivered a ser-mon on the occasion and asked Pakistani citizens to extend their full support to the people of Kashmir. Saeed has been al-

lowed to hold public rallies and lead gatherings in Pakistan even though his organisation is banned in the country. His JuD was declared as a foreign ter-rorist organisation by the US in June 2014.

He carries a USD 10-million American bounty on his head for his role in terror activities.

Pakistan last year pro-mulgated an ordinance to amend the country's Anti-Terrorism Act to list JuD and the Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation (FIF) as terror organisations.

The JuD is believed to be the front organisation for the LeT which is responsible for carrying out the Mumbai attack that



controversial clampdown on immigration has caused nearly 2,000 children to be separated from their families at the US border over a A controversial clampdown on immigration has caused nearly 2,000 clinicien to be separated from their nature at the 60 both of 3 stars week period. The International Rescue Committee, a humanitarian aid group, said: "A policy of willing cruelty to those people, and using young sons and daughters as pawns, shatters America's strong foundation of humanitarian sensibility and family values." The Department of Homeland Security have said children are well cared for after being separated from their parents, with officials disputing reports of disorder and mistreatment. A battle in Congress is now brewing over the issue.

Saudi-led forces seize airport in Yemen port city of Hodeida

SANAA, JUN 16 (AP): Saudi-led forces heading an assault on Yemen's rebel-held port city of Hodeida seized control of its international airport today, officials loval to Yemen's exiled govern-ment said, as fierce fighting continued for the starving nation's main gateway for

food shipments.
Engineers worked to clear mines from areas around Hodeida International Airport, just south of the city of some 600,000 people on the Red Sea, the military of Yemen's exiled government said. Yemen's Shiite rebels

known as Houthis, who

hold the country's capital of Sanaa, did not immediately acknowledge losing e airport.

However, the Houthi-

run Al Masirah satellite news channel aired footage it described as being from near Hodeida showing a burned-out truck, corpses of irregular fight-ers and a damaged Emi-rati armored vehicle. The Iranian-aligned fighters rifled through a military ledger from the vehicle before chanting their slogan: "Death to America, death to Israel, damn the Jews,

victory to Islam!" The Saudi-led coalition began its assault Wednesday on Hodeida, the main entry for food into a country al-ready on the brink of famine. Emirati forces are leading ground forces mixed with their own troops their own troops, ular militiamen and soldiers backing Yemen's exiled government. Saudi Arabia has provided air support, with targeting guidance and refueling coming from the US.

International aid groups and the United Nations cautioned the Saudi-led coalition from launching the assault. Their fear is that a protracted fight could force

a shutdown of Hodeida's port at a time when a halt in aid risks tipping mil-lions into starvation. Some 70 percent of Yemen's food enters via the port, as well as the bulk of humanitarian aid and fuel supplies. Around two-thirds of the country's population of 27 million relies on aid and 8.4 million are already at risk of starving.

For its part, the Sau-di-led coalition says it had no choice but to launch the assault as the port provided millions of dollars for the Houthis through customs controls. They also accuse the Houthis of

using the port to smuggle weapons through, something a U.N. panels of exthing a U.N. panels of experts described in January as "unlikely" as incoming ships require U.N. permission and are subject to random searches.

The UN and Western particus cay Iran has supported to the control of th

nations say Iran has sup-plied the Houthis with weapons, from assault rifles to the ballistic missiles they have fired deep into Saudi Arabia, includ-ing at the capital, Riyadh. The coalition has

blocked most ports, let-ting supplies into Hodei-da in coordination with

Zipchu Shegu



The 49 days Zipchu Shegu of Late Lham Dupla Singhi Lama son of Late Kam Chezung Lama who left for his heavenly abode on **3rd** May 2018 falls on 19th -20th June 2018 (Tuesday - Wednesday). All families relatives and friends are re-

quested to join us in offering prayers for departed soul at our residence at **Sang Phelong, East Sikkim**. We also like to express our gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of bereavement.

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Trump threatened to send 25 mlnMexicans to Japan: report

WASHINGTON, JUN 16 (AFP): Donald Trump threatened Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe he would ship 25 million Mexicans to his country, one of a series of hizarre missives that jarred fellow leaders at last week's acrimonious G7 meet, ac-

cording to a report.

The Group of Seven summit gathering of top industrialized democracies finished in disarray after the US president abruptly rejected its consensus statement and bitterly attacked Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Behind the scenes, Trump's counterparts were dismayed by verbal



jabs on topics ranging from trade to terrorism and migration, The Wall Street Journal said, quoting European officials

At one point he described migration as a

big problem for Europe said to Abe: "Shinzo you don't have this problem, but I can send you 25 million Mexicans and you'll be out of office very soon," creating a sense of irritation in the room, according to an EU official.

The source added that when the topic turned to Iran and terrorism, Trump took aim at French President Emmanuel Macron, saying: "You must know about this, Emmanuel, because all the terror-ists are in Paris." European Commission

President Jean-Claude Juncker also came under fire and was repeatedly described by Trump as a "brutal killer" in reference to the bloc's antitrust and tax fines against US tech companies that have run into

billions of dollars.

Bitter differences over trade dominated the summit hosted by Canada, with leaders of the world's largest economies lining up against Trump's threats to impose stiff tariffs on imported steel and aluminum.

After rejecting the

joint statement, Trump and his top aides assailed Trudeau, accusing him of dishonesty and betrayal.

Trump yesterday re-jected reports of discord, blaming the "Fake News Media" on Twitter for portraying a false picture while posting several photos of himself appearing to get along well with fellow G7 leaders

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ABOUT! Chrissy Teigen made sure to spend some quality time with her eldest child as she carried little Luna to the grocery store with her husband John Legend.

Angelina Jolie 'is doing great' amid custody drama with Brad Pitt

She's locked in a bitter custody battle with ex Brad Pitt over their six kids. But despite the tension, 43-year-old Angelina Jolie 'is doing great', sources have told PEOPLE.

"Angie is doing great and

is focusing on her work," the source was quoted as saying.

The Tomb Raider actress, who is mother to kids Maddox, 16, Pax, 14, Zahara, Shiloh and 9-year-old twins Vivienne and Knox, will be involved in a UN mission this weekend for World Refugee Day.

"The children are proud of their mom. She teaches them to focus on others not on their own troubles," said the magazine's source.

another Meanwhile source told PEOPLE that 54-year-old Pitt 'has his energy back' despite the draining custody battle.

Maddox Jolie-Pitt does

not have to see his father Brad Pitt. The 16-year-old is the only one of the former couple's six children who can decide for himself which parent he wants to spend time with, and for how long.

The rest of his younger siblings have a strict schedule dividing their time between Brad and Angelina, which they must stick to by order of the court.

The actors recently agreed



to new custody terms which gives Pitt substantial time with the remaining kids while Angelina films in the UK.

The actress reacted angrily when the new details were leaked; her spokesperson slammed the 'selective' leak of information as 'deplorable' and not in the best interests of the children.

"This misleading leak is not in the best interests of the children. From the start. Angelina has been focused only on their health and needs, which is why it was so important that this last court hearing be conducted privately," they said in a statement.

"It's deplorable that someone, for their own selfish reasons, leaked selective portions of the confidential and sealed court record to create an inaccurate and unfair picture of what is really happening."

Jolie has primary physical custody of their six children and has been told by a judge that she

must let Pitt see the kids regularly while she films Maleficent 2 in the UK this summer.

According to court documents obtained by DailyMail. com, the Superior Court of Los Angeles County determined that 'not having a relationship with their father' would be 'harmful' to all six kids. The court believes the kids are safe with Pitt and that it's critical each of the kids have a healthy and strong relationship with

Race 3 gets biggest opening of 2018, earns Rs 29.17 cr!

Salman Khan starrer Race 3 has got off to a gigantic start despite getting negative reviews from critics and fans. The Remo'D Souza directorial has got the biggest opening of 2018 and earned Rs 29.17 crore on day 1.

Yes, if you count the Hol-lywood releases this year, it couldn't match up to Avengers Infinity War, but it still regis-tered the highest opening for any Hindi film this year.

The development was confirmed by trade and business analyst Taran Adarsh.

"#Race3 records a GI-GANTIC START, despite pre-Eid making a dent in its business... Emerges the BIGGEST OPENER of 2018 [so far]... Fri ₹ 29.17 cr. India biz... With #Eid festivities commencing today [Sat], #Race3 is expect ed to post MASSIVE NUM-BERS," he tweeted.

This is also Khan's third biggest opening on Eid. Sultan which released in 2016 got the biggest opening and had earned Rs 36.54 crore on Day 1 while Ek Tha Tiger in 2012 had earned Rs 32.93 crore. Race 3 has done better than Tubelight, Kick



and Bajrangi Bhaijaan.

Tiger Shroff's Baaghi 2 had taken the top spot all this while with Rs 25.10 crore on Day 1 but Race 3 has defeated it fair and square.

It's interesting to see how the young guns of this indus-try are catching up with the superstars who have ruled for more than two decades. Tiger's stunts, dance moves and his way of dialogue de-livery have won him a good number of fans who love to watch his films. He has also managed to tap into the kids' category by being their idol. That has added immensely to his star appeal.
Also Baaghi 2 was the se-

quel to the hit first part and had him paired opposite his rumoured real life ladylove Disha Patani. That also worked a lot for him. No wonder that the film managed to beat the mighty Padmaayat on its first day. The Sanjay Leela Bhansa li magnum opus had earned Rs 19 crore on Day 1. That proved Tiger has what it takes to change the box office game

Race 3 was supposed to break records and make many new ones. It has already begun its ride at the box office with those numbers. Sunday and Saturday will be even bigger because

with his action blockbusters.

Allison Janney in talks to join Hugh Jackman in 'Bad Education'

Oscar-winner Allison Janney is in negotiations to join the cast of the drama 'Bad

Education'.

According to a report, if finalised, the 58-year-old actor will join 'Logan' star Hugh Jackman in the project. The script for the film has been penned

by Mike Makowsky and is based on "I Think We're Alone Now" screenwriter's high school experience, according to a report.

The story follows a superintendent of the school district who works for the betterment of the student's education while embezzling public funds to live the life he wants

Jackman will portray the role of the superintendent while Janney will play the school district business manager who is in on the scheme and enjoying the same living large lifestyle while helping him (and her) to cover



Cory Finley, who recently directed 'Thoroughbreds' starring Olivia Cooke, Anya Taylor-Joy and Anton Yelchin, will helm the

'La La Land' producer Fred Berger will back the project along with Brian Kavana-ugh-Jones, Eddie Vaisman, Julia Lebedev, Oren Moverman and Makowsky

Tom Holland shared 'Jurassic World 2' spoilers with Pratt before director

Actor Chris Pratt has revealed his 'Avengers: Infinity War' co-star Tom Holland had spoiled the story of 'Jurassic World: The Fallen King-dom' for him before he could hear it from the director.

According to reports, Pratt aid Holland knew 'The Fallen Kingdom' director IA Bayona as the two had worked together on the film 'The Impossible'. The director had aparently told the 'Spider-Ma Homecoming' actor the whole

story of the film. "The first I heard about the plot was from Tom Holland, weirdly. I think I was shooting the sequel for 'Guardians of The Galaxy', maybe, and Tom was doing 'Spider-Man' on the same



lot..." Pratt said.

"He said, 'Hey mate, I just talked to JA, mate. He told me the whole plot of the story,' And I was like, 'What?' He said, 'Yeah, there's like a volcano,' and I said, 'You're messing with me.' He's like,

whole thing. So he told me the whole story, so I heard it right from Tom Holland first. And then, when I read the script, I was like, 'he wasn't messing with me. It was all real," he added.

During the interview, Pratt also said that his 'Jurassic World' co-star Bryce Dal-las Howard knows a lot about

upcoming 'Avengers 4'.

"She knows the whole thing. When I sign a non-disclosure agreement, at the bottom in parenthesis I say, Except for Bryce'," Pratt said.

"You guys don't even know what I know, but you'll know pretty soon," he added.

are likely to be very much on your mind today, Aries. Perhaps a new opportunity has come your way, or opportunity has come your way, or you're thinking of becoming involved in a new enterprise on your own or with a partner. This might not be a good day to make a decision, so don't rush it. Before you make any dramatic changes, think things through carefully. You may regret it otherwise.

TAURUS: Matters involving creativity,

TAURUS: Matters involving creativity, romance, and children could require considerable thought today, Taurus. Some exciting new options may be available to you and your loved ones. You might be inclined to mull over the possibilities. You could consult others to get more opinions. For the most part, you'll want to decide on your own. In the meantime, you could keep yourself occupied by ou could keep yourself occupied by

working on ongoing projects.

GEMINI: Matters involving the home

could suddenly grow serious. This is a positive development, Gemini, but new possibilities could be opening up and force you to make a decision. The and force you to make a decision. He value of your home could have gone up and you might consider selling it and moving. Or you could have the opportunity to work out of your home and save commuting costs. Whatever it is, you've reached a milestone. Weight the prese and core.

the pros and cons.

CANCER: Today you might consider CANCER: Today you might consider entering into a business partnership with a relative or neighbor. This could show promise of success, Cancer, and is definitely worth serious consideration. You'll want to be sure it's right for you, so caution is recommended. You might very get around to considering the nitty. even get around to considering the nittygritty of a possible agreement, but for the most part, it isn't likely that you'll be making any final decisions yet.

LEO: The value of any investment you

may have made in land, including your home, could come into your thoughts today. Whatever time and energy you've put into it is likely to pay off, Leo, and this might make a difference to you when formulating plans for the future. You might spend some time working outside, which should clear your head and enable you to get your thoughts together. A female friend could join you. VIRGO: A partnership of some kind, VIRGO: A partnership of some kind, perhaps business, perhaps romantic, pernaps business, pernaps romantic, is likely to be on your mind today. You might want to seriously consider whether or not it has a future, and if it does, what to do next. You could spend time socializing, Virgo, but you could be too preoccupied to participate much. A lot of serious decisions need to be made. lot of serious decisions need to be made The outcome is likely to be positive. Try to relax and have so ne fun

LIBRA: A lot of serious matters are on your mind, perhaps involving

plans for the future. It's likely that you'll want to stay home today and do some contemplating. Various new opportunities could be coming your opportunities could be coming your way, Libra, and you won't want to let them pass you by without serious consideration. Chores around the house could prove a valuable outlet for physical energy while allowing thoughts to churn in your mind.

SCORPIO: Contemplation is the word

SCORPIO: Contemplation is the word SCORTO: Contemplation is the word for today. At some point, you might receive a call from a friend wanting advice on a serious decision. Don't be surprised if you spend more time listening than advising, Scorpio. Goals of your own might need some thought and possibly reevaluation, as changes in your impediate environment could in your immediate environment could present new and exciting possibilities ou. Think about it

SAGITTARIUS: Today much of your mental - and possibly physical

matters. You might reevaluate goals and ambitions, Sagittarius, and consider other possibilities. The desire for more income might be the catalyst. but there's more to it than that. This is definitely a good day to think about a number of options. You might have to make a few decisions by this time

CAPRICORN: The desire personal and career advancement could personal and career advancement could cause you to consider furthering your education in some way, Capricorn. Someone close to you, probably a woman, could wake you up to the advantages of returning to school and getting an advanced degree. You may want to wait a little bit before deciding, but something here shifted within you. but something has shifted within yo It's time for some kind of change. Be

AQUARIUS: Today you're apt

to be a bit preoccupied, Aquarius. You might find yourself considering concepts that others think are strange and impractical. This might involve and impractical. This might involve metaphysics or the occult or unusual ways of making a living - or all of the above. You might want to discuss this with others. However, you should make a decision based on your preferences without influence from those who aren't directly involved. ren't directly involved.

PISCES: Today is likely to be a PISCES: Today is likely to be a gratifying day, Pisces, but perhaps more serious than you'd planned. A longtime friend might call and want to get together. This person or another might want to discuss a possible business enterprise that's apt to be worthy of consideration. Everyone around you might seem egocentric, and you could feel that your concerns are of no interest to anyone. Don't let that

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