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**School Principal  
booked under  
POCSO at  
Nandugaon**

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 16 JUN:**

A 54-year-old man from Nandugaon, South Sikkim has been booked under Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences 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 reportedly 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.

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

## Incessant rain floods residences with debris in Dzongu

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA  
MANGAN, 16 JUN:**

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

The houses of Lakpa Lepcha, Lakit Doma Lepcha, Ongden Lepcha and Pema Wangyal Lepcha 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.

Incessant rainfall 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:**

The first batch of the 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 Tourism 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 Mansarovar Yatra had been cancelled last year due to the Doklam controversy. The pilgrims last year had to return from Nathula.

This is the fourth year of the pilgrimage from Sikkim. The batch has 35 pilgrims including 24 male, 09 female



and 01 Liaison Officer in the batch. This year, 10 batches will be flagged off for the Yatra via Nathula in Sikkim. The final batch will reach Gangtok on 24 Aug.

In a special function held at a local hotel here in Gangtok, the yatis were provided with various useful information and tips for the yatra. The programme was organised to provide information on various rules and regulations, health related issues and the dos and don'ts that the yatis need

to be aware of.

Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, Mr Gupta, congratulated the yatis and wished them a successful and blessed journey.

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

Tourism Secretary, Mr Dhakal, while addressing the function said that the Tourism

Department and STDC are hopeful and positive that this year, the yatis will complete the Mansarovar Yatra on time with good health and return with blessings.

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

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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 following 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, dharma devotees, individuals and organisations for their constant and unconditional support.

The programme was

attended by heads and monks 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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**DIRECTOR BRITISH COUNCIL INDIA MEETS HRD MINISTER**

## British Council Master's Scholarship awardee Bishalta Pradhan felicitated

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 16 JUN:**

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 Debanjan Chakrabarti, today met with Minister for Human Resource Development, Government of Sikkim, RB Subba.

The meeting reaffirmed British Council's commitment to be a knowledge partner to support the Sikkim government's ambitions through education, art and culture and



sports-related opportunities for the youth of Sikkim and the entire North East, a press release informs.

The British Council is now working to realize a proposal with the Sikkim Government on a Teacher Training project

which will train 100 Master Trainers who will in turn train 3,869 Primary school teachers in the state in specified learning-centred approaches and techniques, for developing learners' English language proficiency.

As part of its 70th anniversary celebrations, British Council awarded fully-funded scholarships to 100 Indian women to study Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics [STEM] subjects at UK's premier, higher education institutions.

Minister for HRDD, Mr Subba, also felicitated Bishalta Pradhan from Gangtok who was among the six women from NE India to have been awarded the British Council Master's Scholarships. Through the scholarship programme, Bishalta will pursue Master of Science

[Data Science] at Liverpool Hope University.

Last month, the British Council unveiled India's first garden at the prestigious RHS Chelsea Flower Garden in London. The cricket-themed garden included the Himalayan blue poppies, a signature Sikkim flora. At the Garden, the poppies reflect the blue of the Indian cricket team's jerseys, a nod to the UK and India's shared love of cricket. The garden also marked the launch of Changing Minds, an international education programme devised to

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## AAP to lead protest march to PMO on Sunday

**NEW DELHI, JUNE 16 (PTI):**

Accusing the Centre of misusing 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 PMO under the party banner to support Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his ministers' sit-in at the lieutenant governor's office for the last six days in their fight against the "dictatorship" of Modi government, the AAP leaders said.

"Modi government is shamelessly misusing its powers and institutions to stop Delhi government from working for the people," 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 Cabinet colleagues are sitting at the office of Lt Governor Anil Bajjal 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 thousands of children in India through integrated dance and sports lessons that encourage equal participation by girls and boys in the classroom.

Earlier this year, British Council launched Mix the City Northeast, showcasing 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, English language and leadership 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, scientists 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 State."

# Dzongu MLA and North DC visit Sakyong & Pentong villages

## SUMMIT REPORT

**MANGAN, 16 JUN:**

Deputy Speaker SLA cum MLA Dzongu, Sonam Gyatso Lepcha, along with the North District Administration led by District Collector North, Karma R Bonpo, Chairperson, SNT Division, Pintso Namgyal Lepcha, and other district officials from line departments visited the remote villages of Sakyong and Pentong in Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim on 14-15 Jun.

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

The entourage met the people of Sakyong-Pentong Gram Panchayat Unit and interacted with them to learn



about their grievances.

The SLA Deputy Speaker held an interac-

tion with the public of Bey Ward, which falls on the way to Pentong, wherein

the Ward Panchayat presented 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 of Sakyong village.

Panchayat president, Phurmit Lepcha, highlighted the demands pertaining to construction of a waiting shed, guest house and eco-friendly footpath along with provision of network connectivity and repair of ropeway.

She further added

that irregular electricity 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 commodities 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.

The DC informed that active youth of the villages will be trained on disaster management in case of emergencies and assured to repair 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 relentlessly to bring development across Sikkim.

He spoke about connecting 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-

perience a boom in tourism as well. Chief Minister Pawan Chamling has always been concerned about the development of Dzongu and its people," 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, stressed on the delay in disbursement of compensation for houses damaged by the explosion at Himagiri magazine house three months back.

# SKM ward-level meet in Thamthok

## SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 16 JUN:**

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha conducted a Ward level meeting at 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

Sikkim Democratic Front 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

## SUMMIT REPORT

**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 panchayat, Shasita Rai and Mevedir master trainer, Yashoda Rai were key officials present at the programme.

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 (Dhokray), Lyonia (Angeri), Hatibar (Agave).

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 session, preparation of amritjal was demonstrated by

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 the welfare of the farmers. She asked the gathered farmers to leave

no land barren and contribute 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 informs.

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## BJP team interacts with rainfall affected families at Lower Karek

## SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 16 JUN:**

A team of Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim Pradesh led by South District general secretary, 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 BJP press release. The release informs that the BJP team distributed re-

lief materials to the affected families in Lower Karek today.

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

## VIEWPOINT

**PD RAI**

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

He argues that different political leaders of the Con-

gress 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 addressing a gathering of what they claimed were their OBC supporters, Rahul Gandhi spoke on the entrepreneur-

ial skills of the Shikaniwalas, 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 authored "The Discovery of India" could with his customary inaccuracies one day give to this country his monumental work on "The Rediscovery of Coca Cola".

He adds "The leader's ill-informed instincts become the ideology."

On reflection, after reading Jatley'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 Anti-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 leader follows the ideology and

goes to the people to learn as 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 written in the Green Book in play. Whilst opposition leaders are whining away in their locations and giving press statements or getting to social media, our leadership is finding out more about what is ailing our people. People contact

or 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 Jatley'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 Spokesperson of the SDF Party and Member of Parliament]



Gangtok on Sunday, 17 June

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Forecast: Cloudy, thunderstorms, some can be heavy early in the day.  
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Rajiv assassination convict's mother seeks 'mercy killing' of son

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

Arputhammal, the 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, Jayakumar, Robert Payas, Ravichandran and Nalini have been in jail for over 20 years now.

Speaking to reporters in Vellore district, Arputhammal said "we are now frustrated" following the prolonged legal battles and the latest development.

Kailash Mansarovar Yatra '18 flagged off...

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It may be mentioned here, SAMA will be providing technical support to the pilgrims during the yatra. He touched upon the importance of communication while commuting.

Speaking to SummitTimes, 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 senior 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

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 in-

forms that this was the second meeting after the West district was identified as an Aspirational District by NITI Aayog. Further, NITI Aayog requires West district to improve its performance on eight parameters 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-

ditional Director, HRDD, Tshering Eden Bhutia, Deputy Director, SCERT, Dr Shanti Ram Adhikari, faculty of SCERT, officials from Sub-Division and BACs 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-

plemented by a presentation given by Lecturer, Nayuma Rai, who deliberated on School Internship Programmes and on-site support to schools being carried out by DIET West.

In her introductory address, HRDD Additional Director, Ms Bhutia, highlighted the key performance indicators under education sector on which the West district is required to improve, learning outcomes at el-

ementary level being the key concern.

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 an open group discussion/

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 unanimously decided that a

district level orientation programme on Learning Outcomes for KRPs of West district will be organised 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 information 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 commuting through the highway took it upon themselves to clear the road. [Pic: LAKPA SHERPA]



Plantation drive at Lower Paiyong

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 16 JUN:

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

hospitality received in the State of Sikkim.

Speaking to SummitTimes, one of the pilgrims, Ravindra Kumar Sharma, who was also a part of the KMY team last year, extended gratitude 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 enjoyed the great hospitality of the STDC. They had arranged for sightseeing and other tours and we had a great time back then," expressed 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 completed the Mansarovar Yatra through various other routes from Nepal and this is his first time via Nathula.

The second batch of KYM 2018 will reach Gangtok on 20 Jun and cross the international border on 25 Jun, it is informed.

Mobile internet services suspended in 7 districts of Meghalaya

SHILLONG, 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 order 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 Director 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 following clashes between Sikhs and Khasis in the city's Punjabi Lane area on May 31.

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

The administration had to impose curfew on Shillong and suspend Internet 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.

Anthyesthi Kriya



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

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ii. Tax clearance certificates.

SL. NO.	NAME OF WORK	TOTAL COST	TDR (SECURITY DEPOSIT)	COST OF TENDER FORM
1.	Upgradation of Chungthang public stadium under Chungthang GPU, North Sikkim.	Rs.92,20,800/-	Rs.2,30,520/-	Rs.5000/-

Time Schedule:

1. Sale of Tender form 28/06/2018 to 30/06/2018 during office hours.
2. Receipt of Tender form along with the relevant documents on 06/07/2018 till 12:00 noon at the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYA, Whitehall, Gangtok.
3. Opening of the Tender Documents on 06/07/2018 from 2.30 pm in the office of the Assistant Engineer, SYA, Whitehall, Gangtok.

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# Neymar begins assault on World Cup with injury woe behind him

**SOCI (RUSSIA), JUN 16 (AFP):** For three months, a whole nation feared it might not happen, but Neymar will take to the field with his Brazilian teammates when they kick off their World Cup campaign against Switzerland tomorrow.

The world's most expensive 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



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 sidelines as one of the lowest points in his career so far, has looked in excellent 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," goalkeeper Alisson replied to one

question about their talisman, while Gabriel Jesus spoke of his admiration for the former Barcelona man.

"I got to know Neymar 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 sacking 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 rem-

iniscent of Brazil, the Selecao have been enjoying dining with views out over the Black Sea, and they also have access to the beach.

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

Winning a sixth World Cup is the objective, 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 Brazilian television.



## Uruguay strike late to beat Egypt as Salah sits out match

**YEKATERINBURG (RUSSIA), 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-Germain 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 between the lines of Egypt's defence and midfield.

Marwan Mohsen

played as a lone forward for Egypt, but with Salah missing and Uruguay skipper Diego Godin imperious, he hardly had a sniff.

One of the biggest cheers came after 30 minutes when the stadium 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.

## Smith battles for Windies on soggy, slow going day

**GROS-ISLET (SAINT LUCIA), JUN 16 (AFP):** Devon Smith battled disciplined bowling and frequent stoppages for rain to compile an unbeaten half-century as the West Indies reached 118 for two in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 253 on a truncated second day of the second Test at the Darren Sammy Stadium in St Lucia on Friday.

Less than 43 overs were possible on a day of frequent interruptions but Smith took advantage of the opportunity to compile his first Test half-century since the opening match of the home series against England in Antigua in 2015.

He resumes on the third morning, weather permitting, on 53 in partnership with Shai Hope.

There has been much discussion through the region over the recall of the 36-year-old Grenadian three years after he played his last Test match. Following a double-failure in the first Test, notwithstanding a comprehensive 226-run victory for the home side in Trinidad,

Smith would have been acutely aware of the attention he was attracting from critics questioning the wisdom of continuing with a player averaging less than 25 runs per innings over his previous 39 Tests.

Together with opening partner Kraigg Brathwaite, he played with exaggerated care through a testing morning session when the Sri Lankan bowlers, especially 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 extracted from a pitch which continues to offer assistance to the faster bowlers.

Smith's only attempts 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 consecutive deliveries.

## Ronaldo toasts new career mark after hat-trick against Spain

**SOCI (RUSSIA), JUN 16 (AFP):** Cristiano Ronaldo expressed his delight at setting another record in his remarkable career as his hat-trick against Spain on Friday allowed him to become just the fourth player to score in 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.

Ronaldo had twice put Portugal in front, and yet he was required to score a superb 88th-minute free-kick to grab a point after Spain had fought back brilliantly.



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 because the game was about to finish and then we managed to grab a draw."

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

night here.

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

Yesterday's hat-trick came just hours after legal sources in Spain said Ronaldo had agreed to

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

**MADRID, JUN 16 (PTI):** Skipper Rani Rampal scored a late winner as Indian women's hockey team dished out a spirited performance to beat Spain 3-2 in the third game and register their first win of the five-match series at the Consejo Superior de Deportes Hockey 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 to get into the game in the 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-

ute.

World no. 10 India made some good forays 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.

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

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 International 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 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 display, 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.



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

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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 after US President Donald Trump slapped a stiff 25 per cent tariff on Chinese goods worth similar amount, triggering a full-fledged trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Trump yesterday accused China of intellectual property theft and unfair trade practices as he announced 25 per cent tariff on USD 50 billion worth of Chinese goods.

The Chinese government 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 additional 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 relevant 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.

From July 6, additional tariffs will be levied on some USD 34 billion worth of Chinese products. Meanwhile, the other 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 consensus already reached

in bilateral economic and trade consultations, 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 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 taken in response to the emergent circumstances caused by the US violations of international obligations.

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 impose 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 month followed by USD 200 billion to address the USD 375 billion deficit.

In mid-May, both sides announced a cease-

fire after two rounds of trade negotiations. The two sides had said in a joint statement that China 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 European 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 its decision to exclude Indian students from a new list of countries considered 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 documentary requirements.

Lord Karan Bilimoria, Indian-origin entrepreneur 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 another 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 an FTA with India.

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

The National Indian Students and Alumni Union (NISAU) UK also expressed disappointment at India's exclusion from the list, which it said effectively categorises Indian 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 mastermind 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 outside the stadium to secure the area.

The Jamaat-ud-Dawah chief also delivered a sermon on the occasion and asked Pakistani citizens to extend their full support to the people of Kashmir.

Saeed has been allowed 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 terrorist 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 promulgated an ordinance to amend the country's Anti-Terrorism Act to list JuD and the Falah-e-Insaniyat Foundation (FIF) as terrorist organisations.

The JuD is believed to be the front organisation for the LeT which is responsible for carrying out the Mumbai attack that killed 166 people.



A controversial clampdown on immigration has caused nearly 2,000 children to be separated from their families at the US border over a six-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 loyal to Yemen's exiled government 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 the 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 fighters and a damaged Emirati 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 be-

gan its assault Wednesday on Hodeida, the main entry for food into a country already on the brink of famine. Emirati forces are leading ground forces mixed with their own troops, irregular 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 millions 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 Saudi-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 experts described in January as "unlikely" as incoming ships require U.N. permission and are subject to random searches.

The UN and Western nations say Iran has supplied the Houthis with weapons, from assault rifles to the ballistic missiles they have fired deep into Saudi Arabia, including at the capital, Riyadh.

The coalition has blocked most ports, letting supplies into Hodeida in coordination with the UN.

## Trump threatened to send 25 mln Mexicans 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 bizarre missives that jarred fellow leaders at last week's acrimonious G7 meet, according 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



jabbs on topics ranging from trade to terrorism and migration, The Wall Street Journal said, quot-

ing European officials who were present.

At one point he described migration as a

big problem for Europe then 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 terrorists 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 rejected 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.

## 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 requested 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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**OUT AND 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.

Meanwhile another 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 both parents.

## 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 Hollywood releases this year, it couldn't match up to Avengers Infinity War, but it still registered 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 expected to post MASSIVE NUMBERS," he tweeted.

This is also Salman 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 industry are catching up with the superstars who have ruled for more than two decades. Tiger's stunts, dance moves and his way of dialogue delivery 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 Padmaavat on its first day. The Sanjay Leela Bhansali magnum opus had earned Rs 19 crore on Day 1. That proved Tiger has what it takes to change the box office game with his action blockbusters.

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 of Eid!

## 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 their tracks.



Cory Finley, who recently directed 'Thor: Raghbreds' starring Olivia Cooke, Anya Taylor-Joy and Anton Yelchin, will helm the project.

'La La Land' producer Fred Berger will back the project along with Brian Kavanaugh-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 Kingdom' for him before he could hear it from the director.

According to reports, Pratt said Holland knew 'The Fallen Kingdom' director JA Bayona as the two had worked together on the film 'The Impossible'. The director had apparently told the 'Spider-Man: 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,

'No, mate, he told me the 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 Dallas 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.

**ARIES:** Career and business matters are likely to be very much on your mind today. Aries. Perhaps a new 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, 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 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 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. Weigh the pros and cons.

**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 even get around to considering the nitty-gritty 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, perhaps business, perhaps 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. The outcome is likely to be positive. Try to relax and have some 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 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 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 immediate environment could present new and exciting possibilities to you. Think about it.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Today much of your mental - and possibly physical

- energy could be directed at career 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 next week.

**CAPRICORN:** The desire for 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 has shifted within you. It's time for some kind of change. Be prepared.

**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 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.

**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 upset you.