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Advisors appointed; Dr Doma is Addl Advocate General

### SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

The State Government today appointed four persons to Cabinet rank posts.

While Sonam Gyatso Kaleon and Tek Nath Dhakal have been appointed Political Advisors to the Chief Minister, CL Denzongpa has been appointed Economic and Financial Advisor to the Chief Minister. Mohan Prasad Subba Administrative Advisor to the CM and Dal Bahadur Gurung the Chairperson, State Bank of Sikkim.

Also today, advocate Dr Doma T Bhutia was appointed Additional Advocate General of Sikkim with immediate effect.

The terms and conditions, remuneration, fees and other facilities to be extended to her will be determined through a separate notification, a notification issued by the Law, Legal, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Department informs.



**THE STAR ARRIVES:** The multi-faceted Ram Krishna Dhakal, one of the most popular stars of Nepali music, arrived in Gangtok today. He is here to headline the Gopal Yonzon Smriti Saanjh organized by Sikkim Pragya Patishthan. The soiree is scheduled for 21 June at Manan Kendra. Doors open 5PM. "I had come in Gangtok a long time back in the year 2000 and I am very excited to perform in Gangtok again," said Mr Dhakal on arrival. Meanwhile, speaking on behalf of the organizers, Puran Tamang, the SPP general secretary said, "This is for the first time that we are organising such a grand event in the memory the legendary Gopal Yonzon who had made enormous contributions to Nepali Music." Mr Dhakal and his team were received by the members of the Sikkim Pragya Prathistan at Chandragadi Airport, Bhadrapur in Nepal today.

## Govt blinks, withdraws OFOJ cancellations

### SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

A little over a fortnight since joinings by candidates appointed under the One Family, One Job scheme during model code of conduct were cancelled, the State Government today decided to accept the joining of all such candidates.

The Chief Secretary conveys this in a circular issued today, directing all Secretaries to accept the joining of candidates who had reported for duty on or

before 31 May 2019.

This move, the Circular informs, is an "interim measure, subject to thorough review of their appointments by the District Level Committees."

While the latest Circular comes from the Chief Secretary, the circular arguing that joinings while MCC was in effect were illegal hence cancelled, had been issued by the Secretary, Department of Personnel.

Almost immediately, Departments had start-

ed laying off such employees, most of whom were from the second OFOJ list. The affected youth had protested and have been demanding that if the appointments were to be scrutinized, it should be done while they were still in service and so summarily removed from service.

Most OFOJ employees have also not been receiving their salaries on a regular basis with many of those in the second list not having received any thus far.

## Govt school timings changed to 9-4

### SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

The Human Resource Development Department has restructured government school timings. In a notification issued on 18 June, the Department declares that government schools will now operate from 9AM to 4PM with immediate effect. Govt schools used to earlier work on a 9:15AM to 3:45PM schedule. The changed school timings were necessitated because of the 5-day work week declared by the State Government recently. "The changed school timing will help Government schools in maintaining the required instructional hours of various classes," the notification explains.

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## Villagers on Saga Dawa visit to Tholung gumpa stranded



### WANGCHUK BHUTIA DZONGU, 19 JUN:

The Zilla and Gram Panchayats of Sakyang-Pentong GPU along with the staff

from BAC, Passingdong visited areas that have been cut off after the Mantam bridge was washed away under Sakyang-Pentong GPU of Upper Dzongu, North Sikkim.

The suspension foot bridge at Bey that connected Bey-Tholung and Sakyang and Pentong vil-

lages had collapsed due to flooding of Rongyoung Chu on Monday night. Meanwhile, the people are compelled to use a rickety bamboo bridge which is in pathetic condition and could be easily washed away if the water level increases.

More than 10 persons are stranded at Tholung Monastery that includes local

villagers and labourers. The local villagers from Pentong and Bey

villages had gone to the monastery to celebrate Saga Dawa on 17 June and have since been stranded as the bridge that connected Tholung monastery was also swept away.

At least four bridges between Bey and Tholung have been washed away.

Today around 15 villagers from Sakyang-Pentong went to rescue the

stranded people at Tholung.

## North administration coordinates evacuation of stranded tourists

### SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

District Collector, North, Raj Yadav, visited landslide affected area at Munshithang for proper coordination of transshipment of stranded tourists today, a press release informs.

It was found that the Lachen to Chungthang road is blocked at three or four places and it is not possible to open the road soon.

It may take approximately 4 to 5 days to clear the road for vehicles. Therefore, the Administration has decided to tranship all the tourists through SNT buses and hired vehicles.

For this purpose SNT buses arrived at Chungthang today. From Lachen to Chaten, tour-



ists have to cross the road on foot, after which hired vehicles will be available for Chungthang. From Chungthang to Gangtok, SNT buses will be used.

All tour operators have been informed to send vehicles on Thursday to ferry the tourists. Proper coordination has been ensured with Army, Police, ITBP and GREF for transshipment, medical facilities and other requirements.

Advisor and president, Travel Agent As-

sociation of Sikkim, also visited the area and after a meeting with hotel owners, fooding and lodging for all tourists have been made free at Lachen.

Due to power supply disruption, mobile connectivity is one issue at Lachen, therefore, contact numbers of family members of all stranded tourists have been collected and all are being informed about the tourists' safety, the release states.

## Sikkimese women invited to join Military Police

### Rajya Sainik Board extends deadline for applications

### SAGAR CHHETRI GANGTOK, 19 JUN:

Rajya Sainik Board Secretary, Col DN Bhutia, has appealed to Sikkimese women to take advantage of a unique opportunity opened to them to join the Indian Army under the Women Military Police. He informs that a large number of vacancies have been released by the Army Headquarters for this new arm of the forces.

Online application opened on 25 April, and while the last date was 08 June, on the special request of the Rajya Sainik Board, the last date of submission of online applications has been extended to 30 June.

Addressing a press conference here today, Col Bhutia stated that only 87 girls from Sikkim have successfully submitted online applications thus far.

Believing this low number to have been

caused by the recent elections in the State, "On a special request from the Rajya Sainik Board, the last date of submission of applications has been extended to 30 June," he informed.

Col Bhutia has appealed to all interested women eligible for the force to submit their online application without further delay.

"In case of any difficulties, Rajya Sainik Board will extend all possible assistance without any costs," he assured.

Those who have appeared for or passed class XII can apply. Online registration and submission of applications is mandatory and can be done through the website, [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in).

Candidates born between 01 October 1998 to 01 April 2002, at least 142 CMs tall and having weight proportionate to their height can apply online. The docu-

ments required during online submission are class X marksheet and certificate with 45% aggregate marks, birth certificate, Certificate of Identification, Aadhar card, passport size photograph, email id and mobile number.

The RSB Secretary further informed that the Air Force was also conducting a special recruitment rally for Sikkim in Indian Air Force [Security] Trade on 28 August at Paljor Stadium.

Candidates born between 19 July 1999 to 01 July 2003 and having educational qualification of 10+2 equivalent from any board or institute listed in the Council of Boards for Education website as member and in any stream/ subject with minimum 50% marks in aggregate and 50% marks in English are eligible.

Col Bhutia has appealed to the youth of Sikkim **turn to pg02**



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## MG-NREGA wages hiked

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 19 JUN:**

The State Government yesterday revised the daily wage of skilled and semi-skilled labourers working under MG-NREGA.

Skilled labour will now receive Rs 335 per day while semi-skilled labourers will be paid Rs

320 per day.

The revised wages are based on the Sikkim Minimum Wage notified by the Labour Department in September 2017, the Circular issued by the Rural Management & Development Department.

The new wages will come into effect from 01 July 2019.

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# IPR Minister tours West District

**GYALSHING, 19 JUN (IPR):**

Minister, LN Sharma, visited various Departments of West District which fall under his portfolio.

The Minister visited Fisheries Department and interacted with the Assistant Director Fisheries and other officials. He along with BH Limboo and DC West, Karma R Bonpo visited the fish farms whilst addressing the staff that all their lack and shortages would be done.

He then visited the Animal Husbandry Veterinary Officer's Office at Gyalshing. He urged the Addition-

al Director and other officials to train the beneficiaries of poultry on proper management of the poultry presented to them by the department along with an undertaking to be signed by the beneficiaries to avoid the misuse of Government schemes.

Also he visited the KVK Office where Senior Scientist, Dr Tsering Norbu Bhutia presented a indepth understanding of the various works of the KVK West Sikkim. The Minister mentioned that all required help will be given to the KVK which will in turn benefit the farmers of



Sikkim as whole. He also asked that the Animal Husbandry, Agriculture and Horticulture to cooperate

with the KVK which can benefit the farmers of Sikkim through their collaborative work.

He also visited the

with the public.

Later, he visited the Pema Yangste Monastery and interacted with the monks in regards to the progress of the Gyalshing and Pelling areas.

Whilst proceeding towards Gyalshing the Minister met with aggrieved public of 6th Mile and 8th Mile area where they were facing problems due to the constant rainfall.

The Minister along with SE Roads, Thupden Bhutia and his officials inspected the areas where the SE Roads in the presence of the Minister agreed to take necessary measures to avert disasters as soon as possible.

## Migration a multi-billion dollar industry: Amitav Ghosh

**ZAFRI MUDASSER NO-FIL**

**NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI):**

The migration network is extensive and has gone on to become a multi-billion dollar industry linking organisations in Europe to those in Africa and Asia, says author Amitav Ghosh who has been focusing on this topic in several of his books including his latest, "Gun Island".

Migration, according to him, is happening on such a big scale that it is almost impossible to control.

He says, one of the things that led him to write this novel is the refugee crisis, specifically the European refugee crisis of 2014-16.

"Lot of the people coming across were from Libya, Tunisia and Egypt. These are countries where I have spent time. I found myself quite hypnotised by the unfolding of this crisis. I started looking at the pictures that were on the front pages of newspapers. There were many South Asian faces in the boats - people from this part of the world," he says.

In some months among the refugees who were crossing the Mediterranean, one of the largest groups was from Bangladesh, he says.

"I began to wonder what is it that is making this happen. I spent a lot of time in Italy visiting the refugee centres, visiting migrant camps and talking to migrants and refugees. And try to find out what had made them undertake this long and dangerous journey. It was kind of a revelation seeing what was happening," Ghosh told PTI in an interview.

For the research of his book, published by Penguin, while speaking to the migrants, he found out interesting details about this kind of migration and movement: "what lies behind is a very well organised industry, very powerful industry with a lot of

money involved."

He talked not only to the migrants but also to the directors of the camps.

"Inside Italy, there are many people who worked in NGOs and others who try to help and support the migrants. I talked to a lot of them. It's interesting to see how this whole thing is playing out."

Ghosh, who was conferred with the Jnanpith Award last week, says the whole network that has risen around migration is very interesting.

It sort of transformed in many ways many Italian cities, he believes.

"For example, in Palermo, the capital of Sicily, there are some Bangladeshi mosques. There are two Hindu temples - one of them is a Bangladeshi Hindu temple and the other is a Mauritian temple. It is interesting to see how the nature of these cities is changing. So if you walk through the old parts of Palermo, you can smell Bengali food being cooked. It's a strange sort of transformation that is happening," he says.

He also says migration has been an important issue in India for a long time, especially in the east.

Ghosh has been talking of migration and displacement for a long, long time. In fact, his first books -- "The Glass Palace" and "Ibis Trilogy" explored these topics.

And now in "Gun Island", he talks of a world on the brink, of increasing displacement and unstoppable transition.

"Gun Island", according to him, is a book about a man who stumbles into a kind of mystery and follows that mystery through.

In his book, a large part is played by a Bengali legend Manasa Devi, the goddess of snakes, and Chand Sadagar, a merchant.

The characters in this book are not based on real people as such or on any one person, he says.

"In thinking of a character you almost invariably find yourself drawing little bits from someone you have met or someone you remember. They are not real characters as such, they are absolutely fictional but they draw upon certain aspects of reality, certain figures you encounter," he says.

Ghosh likes writing both fiction and non-fiction, not at the same time of course.

"I think in some ways, fiction and non-fiction are not as different as people think. The same techniques are used, or else why would journalists call a news report a story. Because, it is a story; it is a way of creating a narrative that would interest people," he says.

Ghosh, a Padma Shri and Sahitya Akademi awardee, has authored novels like "Shadow Lines", "The Hungry Tide", and Ibis Trilogy -- "Sea of Poppies", "River of Smoke", "Flood of Fire".

In "Gun Island", Dinanath aka Deen, a dealer of rare books, is used to a quiet life spent indoors, but as his once-solid beliefs begin to shift, he is forced to set out on an extraordinary journey; one that takes him from India to Los Angeles and Venice via a tangled route through the memories and experiences of those he meets along the way.

There is Piya, a fellow Bengali-American who sets his journey in motion; Tipu, an entrepreneurial young man who opens Deen's eyes to the realities of growing up in today's world; Rafi, with his desperate attempt to help someone in need; and Cinta, an old friend who provides the missing link in the story they are all a part of.

It is a journey which will upend everything he thought he knew about himself, about the Bengali legends of his childhood and about the world around him.

## PM to set up panel to look into simultaneous polls, says Rajnath after all-party meet

**NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI):**

A committee for giving "time-bound" suggestions on the issue of 'one nation, one election' will be set up by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced Wednesday after a meeting of chiefs of political parties.

In a bid to build a consensus on holding simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, Modi convened the meeting of presidents of all political parties for which 40 were invited. 21 parties attended the meeting while three shared their views on the subject in writing.

Addressing media persons after the meeting, Singh, who moderated the gathering, said most parties supported the 'one nation, one election' idea.

However, Left parties such as the CPI and the CPI-M had "difference of opinion" on how the exercise of joint elections will be held and that they were "not opposed (to the idea)", he said.

Among the notable absentees were Congress president Rahul Gandhi, West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC leader Mamata Banerjee, BSP supremo Mayawati, SP president Akhilesh Yadav, DMK's M K Stalin, TRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao, Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Admi Party(AAP) convenor Arvind Kejriwal.

TRS was represented by its working president K T Rama Rao.

"Most of the parties supported 'one nation one election'. There was some difference of opinion from CPI(M) and CPI that how it will be done. And both Left parties didn't directly oppose

it rather expressed apprehensions that how it will be implemented," he said adding, "prime minister will form a committee which will hold discussions with all stake holders in a time-bound manner."

According to sources, this panel is likely to be political in nature that will include leaders from various political parties.

Singh said Modi made it clear at the meeting that the "simultaneous polls is not government's agenda and that it is the nation's agenda."

Quoting Modi, Singh said he told presidents of the political parties that if there is any difference of opinion it is welcome.

Modi had invited the heads of all political parties which have at least one member either in the Lok Sabha or the Rajya Sabha for the meeting to discuss several issues, including the "one nation, one election" idea, celebration of 75 years of Independence in 2022 and the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi this year.

Singh said on the issue of increasing the productivity of Parliament all parties were in agreement on this. Those leaders who were present in the meeting were of the opinion that there should be cordial atmosphere for communication and discussion in the House.

Leaders of various parties emphasised that the young generation should be aware about the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi, Singh said.

Those who attended the meeting included NCP leader Sharad Pawar, CPI-M's Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary S Sudhakar Reddy, Bihar Chief Minister and JD (U) leader Nitish Kumar, SAD leader Sukhbir Singh Badal, Odisha Chief Minister and

BJD leader Naveen Patnaik and National People's Party leader Conard Sangma.

PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti, National Conference patriarch Farooq Abdullah and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owais also attended.

Besides Modi and Singh, the government was represented by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, his cabinet colleagues Nitin Gadkari and Pralhad Joshi. BJP's new working president JP Nadda was also present.

Mayawati tweeted on Tuesday that she would have attended the all-party meeting if it was on electronic voting machines (EVMs).

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Yechury described the concept of simultaneous polls as "anti-democracy and anti-federalism" and said "the BJP is trying to bring in president form of government structure through back door."

On celebrations of 150 years of birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Yechury said the best tribute to the Father of Nation could be by taking stringent action against those who are glorifying his assassin and enacting a strong law against mob lynching.

BJD's Naveen Patnaik, who supported the government's idea of simultaneous polls, demanded the inclusion of the words peace and non-violence in the preamble of the Constitution.

Sources said that the Opposition parties want proper discussion before going ahead with simultaneous polls.

Last August, the Law Commission had recommended holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies to save public money.

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Preparations on for 5th International Day of Yoga

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 19 JUN:**  
In preparation for the upcoming 5th International Day of Yoga on 21 June, a rehearsal of Mass Yoga Demonstration following the Common Yoga Protocol issued by Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, was successfully held here at Paljor stadium on Wednesday.  
School students from in and around Gangtok and participants from NSS, NCC, Sikkim Police, ITBP and SSB along with

representatives from different NGOs joined in the rehearsal. It is informed that approximately 2500 participants were present today for the rehearsal.  
Officials from Health Department, Human Resource Development Department, Sports & Youth Affairs Department and all other concerned departments were present at the venue.  
Like previous years, people from all walks of life have been invited to be part of



this Mass Yoga Demonstration on the 5th International Day of Yoga on 21 June at 6 AM at Paljor Stadium to make it a grand success.

ICFAI ties up with Govt of Nepal

**SUMMIT REPORT**  
**GANGTOK, 19 JUN:**  
Vice Chancellor, Dr Jagannath Patnaik and Assistant Registrar, Rohit Rathii, ICFAI University, Sikkim visited Kathmandu to discuss the strategic alliance with Government of Nepal to establish a chair to protect Nepali Language, Research Culture and tradition in Sikkim and to help promote Nepal in aid of providing scholarships education to economically backward students, a press release informs.  
President of Nepal, Bidhya Devi Bhandari has agreed and accepted the proposal and will initiate dialogue between two countries diplomatic channel to establish the chair at ICFAI University Sikkim.  
The delegates from ICFAI University also met the first President of Nepal, Dr Rambaran Yadav who also appre-



ciated the efforts of ICFAI University Sikkim to establish the chair and help students from Eastern Part of Himalaya. The Ambassador of India to Nepal, Manjeev Singh Puri appreciated the effort and agreed to cooperate and provide all possible facilitation from the Government.  
It was also agreed that one of the brilliant

students of 7 provinces will be offered with full scholarship at ICFAI University Sikkim to pursue their chosen programs. It was also proposed to have a workshop and seminar at Gangtok Sikkim on the topic of Nepal-India relationship. The President of Nepal has agreed to chair the meeting.

Cong, many opposition parties skip all-party meet on simultaneous polls

**NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI):** Opposed to the idea of simultaneous polls to the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, several opposition parties, including the Congress, on Wednesday skipped an all-party meeting convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of 'one nation, one election'.  
Those joining the Congress in not attending the meeting included the Samajwadi Party (SP), the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), the DMK, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Trinamool Congress.

Sources said the NDA constituent Shiv Sena did not attend the meeting as it was the party's foundation day.  
Congress president Rahul Gandhi, who was invited at the meeting, wrote back to the government expressing his inability to attend. He also wrote a note to the government, the contents of which were not known.

The Congress took the decision of staying away from the meeting after consultations with other parties on the issue. The party had convened a meeting of all opposition leaders Wednesday morning to discuss the issue but it was cancelled in view of Rahul's birthday.

Congress spokesperson Gaurav Gogoi later slammed the BJP over the issue alleging it is an attempt at "diverting attention" of people from real issues. He also accused the ruling party of remaining inconsistent on the issue. He said a party that cannot hold simultaneous assembly polls to two states or for two Rajya Sabha seats has no right to talk about holding all elections together.

The Left parties, represented by CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury and CPI's D Raja, attended the meeting but vehemently opposed the idea, saying it is against the spirit of federalism. AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi also opposed the idea for being against the federal structure.

The "one nation, one election" proposal is fundamentally anti-federal and a "backdoor way of replacing our parliamentary democracy", Yechury said.  
The meeting was held in the library building of Parliament.

Asked why the Congress did not attend the all-party meeting, Gogoi said, "We have explained that the Congress president expressed regret regarding 'one nation, one election' meeting."  
"We have said, our legal experts, our con-

stitutional experts have also said that this is perversion of the Constitution; the framer of our Constitution envisioned flexibility and envisioned federalism. So this brings in a sense of rigidity, this brings us constitutional change.

"There has not been enough study into it and the party which is proposing the idea itself is being inconsistent. When they can't hold two state elections simultaneously - forget about states, they can't hold elections to two Rajya Sabha seats simultaneously. My request is please show your willingness and hold the two Rajya Sabha elections in Gujarat at the same time," Gogoi said.

"Hypocrisy at best and diversion from issues of unemployment, Muzaffarpur, farmers suicides at least," the Congress leader said, adding that the government was not serious on the issue.

"It is a way to distract people from real issues," he said, adding that 'one nation, one election' is a constitutional process and dared it to bring a constitutional amendment.

Gogoi claimed that when it suits the BJP, it opts for multi-phase elections, when it feels something new should be done, then it talks about 'one nation, one election'.

"It has not shown consistency in its functioning," he said, wondering if it is really serious about 'one nation, one election'.  
BSP chief Mayawati tweeted saying she would have attended the meeting had it been on electronic voting machines (EVMs).

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal did not attend the meeting.

The Telangana Rashtra Samithi was represented at the meeting by its working president K T Rama Rao, the son of K Chandrashekar Rao.

On Tuesday, West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee declined the invitation to attend the meeting and asked the Centre to instead prepare a white paper on the "one nation, one election" issue for consultations.

Modi has invited the presidents of all the political parties that have at least one member either in the Lok Sabha or in the Rajya Sabha to discuss the issue.

Sources said Opposition parties feel there needs to be greater discussions among various stakeholders before taking the issue further.

India-Nepal Economic Partnership Summit

**NITESH R PRADHAN**  
**GANGTOK, 19 JUN:**  
Progress Harmony for Development Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCI) & Embassy of Nepal is set to organise "India-Nepal Economic Partnership Summit" at Gangtok on 28 Jun, 2019.

In order to explore trade and investment opportunities and to participate in the economic development of both, India's Northeast Region and Nepal, PHDCCI under the aegis of its India-Nepal Centre (INC)/State Development Council (SDC) and in association with the Embassy of Nepal, New Delhi, India will organise "India-Nepal Economic Partnership Summit" at Hotel Lemon Tree, Gangtok, Sikkim on 28 June.

The Summit will focus on the sectors where India-Nepal co-operation can be further boosted through proactive "East Connection" to achieve the desired

goals for Nepal's economic development - Tourism; Agriculture & Food Processing; Energy; Infrastructure; Healthcare; Education, Skill Development & Start-ups and Services, informed Deputy Secretary and coordinator SDC, Atul K Thakur, India Nepal Centre.

The Summit is aimed to host key industry and government stakeholders from both the countries who are either already involved with the industrial development of Nepal or have genuine urge to be a part of it.

Also, the Summit will facilitate two-way investment opportunities between India and Nepal through sensitising the Indian industry and investors (especially those located in India's Northeast and neighbouring countries) and Nepalese counterparts to come to terms with the strong possibilities that Nepal offers for businesses

and investments.  
PHDCCI has been closely working with the Government of Nepal and the leading industry bodies of Nepal. PHDCCI's India-Nepal Centre promotes two-way bilateral economic and business relations between India and Nepal.

Former Ambassador to India in Nepal, Amb K V Rajan is the Chairman of India-Nepal Centre and Atul K Thakur is its Coordinator. Vice President, Nirvana Chaudhary, Confederation of Nepalese Industries is the Chairman of Centre's Nepal Chapter.

Summit's Objectives & Takeaways is to bring closer the policymakers in government and industry captains to discuss and ideate for the way forward on aforementioned themed covered in Summit and broaden the base of Nepalese economy through next-wave of economic and governance reforms.

Goa and Oman set to revive their Portuguese-era ties

**PANAJI, JUN 19 (PTI):**  
Goa and Oman will revive their ties dating back to the Portuguese era through archives as a part of the Central government's initiative to foster relations between the two countries, an official said here Wednesday.

Officials of the National Records and Archives Authority, Sultanate of Oman, are in Goa to interact with various government agencies, including state Archives and Archaeology department, as a part of understanding between both the governments.

"The relations between Goa and Oman dates back to the Portuguese era. Portuguese had trading relations with Oman," said Balaji Shenoy, Archivist, Department of Archives and Archaeology, Goa.

The state Archives department, which was originally established by the Portuguese in the 16th Century, has several records related to Oman-Goa trade links, which has become an important part of the history.

"There are rare records in Swahili language which are focused on details about trade that used to happen during that particular time," he said.

Shenoy said one of the important documents preserved by his department is the letter by Queen of Kilwa written to Portugal in the year 1711.

"This letter is one of the rarest documents that has attained importance for archivists from

Oman, who would be researching on it.

"The Queen mentioned in the letter that in the current year (1711), a captain of Mascate, named Mahamed Bunumuburaca Libocar, had arrived with an order of Imam of Muscate," Shenoy said.

The Arabic letter was translated into Portuguese language by Prince Ampaze Benedao of Banaxeque, Shenoy said.  
The team of Omani officials in Goa comprises Hamed bin Mohammed Al-Dharwyani, the chairman of the delegation which also has two other experts.

Goa and Oman will also exchange their expertise on the conservation methods adopted by both the regions, Shenoy added.

DRI seizes black pepper worth nearly 4 cr smuggled in from Singapore

**KOLKATA, JUN 19 (PTI):**  
The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized black pepper worth Rs 3.92 crore smuggled in to India from Singapore.

The commodity was mis-declared as plywood to be sent to Nepal via India under the provisions of the Indo-Nepal Treaty on Trade and Transit, according to an official statement issued on Wednesday.

Acting on inputs, DRI officials seized from a godown here two containers carrying 56 metric ton of black pepper, it said.

Explaining the modus operandi, a DRI official said that the black pepper was smuggled


in from Singapore for its illegal sale and consumption in India.

"A syndicate, which is being probed in this case, would swap the goods with other items. Ultimately, the goods don't reach Nepal and downloaded in Indian market. In some cases, even if they go to Nepal, they come back in some form or other from that country. Usually the goods are grossly mis-declared," he said.

Nepal being a landlocked country sources its imports through different sea ports of India under the provisions of the treaty. Several sea ports are earmarked by the government of India

to handle Nepal-bound cargo. These containerised cargo are sealed with Indian customs seal to ensure safe passage through India. The transit routes from the landing port to the Nepal border points are also chalked out so that the goods would follow the defined route and reach Nepal without posing any economic threat to the Indian economy.

In the case at hand, it is seen that high-valued black pepper of foreign origin was loaded in the containers coming from Singapore, instead of the declared cargo of plywood of Indonesia origin, the DRI said in the statement.



## GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM

### BUILDINGS & HOUSING DEPARTMENT

No: 36/ETENDER/BHD/2019 Date: 10/06/2019

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

On behalf of the Governor of Sikkim, Superintending Engineer (Project), Buildings & Housing Department, Government of Sikkim invites percentages rate tenders' from qualified Class IIB contractors, within the East District, enlisted with the SPWD in single cover system through e-procurement. The bids should be submitted online through the website [www.sikkimtender.gov.in](http://www.sikkimtender.gov.in) for the work as listed below:


Sl.No.	Name of works	Bid security 2.5% of the bid value (Rs. In Lakhs)	Bid Value (Rs in Lakhs)	Cost of tender/ bid form (Rs in Lakhs)	Completion period.
1.	Construction of Sainik Rest House cum Office at DPH Road Gangtok, East Sikkim.	8.67	346.61	0.30	30 months.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

i)	Publishing of Online Tender in e-procurement portal	:	10 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019
ii)	Uploading of bidding documents in e-procurement portal	:	10 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019
iii)	Document download/sale state date and time	:	11 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019 11:00am onwards.
iv)	Last date & Time for seeking clarification regarding bids	:	18 <sup>th</sup> June, 2019 up to 1500 Hrs.
v)	Last date for online Submission of completed bids	:	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019 up to 1600 Hrs.
vi)	Date of opening of Tender bids	:	16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at 1300 Hrs.

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## Stay Longer With Seasonal Concerns *Understand climate change, make conservation a habit*

The monsoon is building severe in the Northeast even as it has paused and stalled when it comes to central and western India. Assam and other states of the NE will soon be wading through floods, even as North India remains blistering as it waits for the rains to take hold. Elsewhere in the country, summer holidays were extended into monsoon season because it was too hot to be safe for children to be outdoors. The rains have now arrived all over the country, but that is still no guarantee that they will stay despite projections that monsoon will be normal this year. Of course, the Met officials insist that these are cyclical events and that it is too early to ring alarm bells, but should the rains fail mainland India, agriculture will fail as well. Yes, living in a region which has seen a very wet start to the monsoons, this scenario appears almost unbelievable, but in these times of climate change, it is a very likely scenario. But what will eventually get the Delhi media buzzing will be the power cuts that become routine once the hydel projects find no hydro to power supply to the metro cities and the industries or are too inundated by silt and flood-spill to keep the turbines turning. At present, national media is busy with over-heated cities and that can be misleading, because very soon the same cities will be wading in knee-deep water along with scare-mongering anchors and what will be forgotten is that it is not really too much rain that causes the floodings but too much unplanned expansion that clogs everything up.

Meanwhile, agriculture and farmer woes continue to receive token references, and monsoon and drought continue to remain urban situations for most media. That said, should the season continue playing in extremes, at least it will make news, some of which might even be insightful and detailed.

In these times of climate change, it is important the media reports more on climate patterns. This is important for India because the impact of climate change will be compounded by the over-exploitation of natural resources which has already taken place. Take for example, the Assam floods. Some years ago, the headlines screamed that it was the worst in a decade, and since then, every flood has been the worst in a decade and every summer the hottest in recorded history. Delhi is already hitting record highs in what the mercury can climb. As for the floods, it is uncertain whether the rainfall has been the heaviest in 10 years. Get the point, it is not always the worst flood just because it was the heaviest monsoon. Other factors make things worse, things which the academically inclined call anthropogenic factors. Assam has realized the ineffectiveness of its dyke-building exercises to combat floods. These embankments are now crumbling away and unleashing heavier damage than a more gradual rise in water levels would have claimed. Closer home, could a staircase of dams and constructions right up to the riverbank have amplified the scale of panic and scare that two days of rain in the upper reaches poured along Teesta's course?

Then there is also the toying with nature aspect in which the embankments and dams end up raising the river-bed by keeping silt trapped and settled in the river, and also robbing the flood plains of their usual quota of alluvial silt which have made them so fertile. Assam is now talking of bringing in interdisciplinary experts to help the State understand Brahmaputra better. They would also be well advised to invest in reliable advance warning systems instead of trying to fight the river. It should also look into the factors which could be contributing to more intensive floods of late. And this is something [the intensity, not the flooding] that even Sikkim could do well to look into in more detail. Surface run-off has consistently increased in the recent past much to the chagrin of farmers living around or below the urban slopes. Even a strong drizzle has the jhoras around Gangtok running big and roads turning into rapids. Most of the rainfall that the Gangtok hill receives nowadays follows the quickest course to empty into the Rani Khola. Gangtokians might not notice it, but the few farmers who still hold on to paddy terraces below town are feeling it. The rains in Sikkim have been only slightly higher than normal for this period. Speak to the farmers around the Capital and they will counter that the rains have not been that good this year. For reference they will point out some of the terraces in their land holdings which are still not very wet even though paddy planting season is fast arriving.

Farmers here will also inform those interested that the village springs which used to start flowing with the first rains and remain in strength at least a month into winters, are now spewing water only in fits and starts – flowing big when it rains and drying up if it does not rain for even two days. This is not because of climate change, it is because of human disruption of the catchment areas. This might hold true for rural Sikkim as well, which is why the spring rejuvenation programme underway in the State needs to be guaranteed effective monitoring and flawless delivery. These are more important than awards. It will be through efforts like this that Sikkim will cushion the more damaging effects of urbanisation and also the impact of climate change. Conservation is more important now.

# Pressure Builds With More Protests in Hong Kong, But What's the End Game?

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The latest protests in Hong Kong on Sunday, which organisers said brought some 2 million people to the streets, represented yet another striking show of “people power” in the semi-autonomous Chinese city.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam's efforts to bring calm to Hong Kong included an uncharacteristic about-face on her position over the week-end, a rare apology and the indefinite suspension of the proposed changes to the city's extradition laws, which sparked the initial protest against the government last weekend.

But laden with qualifications and a subtle rebuke of the protesters, Lam's repositioning of the issue has had limited impact, suggesting that she may have seriously underestimated the anger and determination of her constituency. The protesters are now calling for nothing less than her resignation, making her the “lightening rod” for public anger in the face of growing resentment towards Chinese influence in Hong Kong.

As the people of Hong Kong continue to take to the streets, one wonders whether the real struggle has only just begun.

HOW THE FIGHT OVER THE EXTRADITION BILL MUSHROOMED

For many, Lam's controversial extradition bill represented the “thin edge of the wedge” of Chinese control. If passed, the proposed law could have seen local and foreign criminal suspects sent to mainland China to stand trial in a judicial system that is opaque and vastly unpromising.

But there's much more at stake for the people, identity and prospects of Hong Kong. For those concerned about China's rising influence in the city, the legislation represented a dangerous break in the firewall that has preserved civil liberties for the people of Hong Kong within the “one country, two systems” framework.

While its proponents claim the bill has a narrow application, many fear it would enable China's leadership to target political opponents, entrepreneurs and activists as part

of its wider strategy for exercising control over the region. The implications for Hong Kong's reputation as a vibrant global financial, business and transit hub would be significant.

Of course, the latest demonstrations cannot be viewed in isolation – they are the latest chapter in Hong Kong's longstanding tradition of public dissent. And there have been some notable successes in the past, including the indefinite suspension of plans to implement a national security law in 2003 and the reversal of a proposed comprehensive national curriculum in 2012.

Yet, as the 2014 Umbrella Movement protests revealed, the mood in Hong Kong appears to be taking on a more sombre tone. Much of this reflects the changing mood within China.

Under President Xi Jinping, civil protests — even those organised in the special autonomous region of Hong Kong — are increasingly fraught. Xi himself set the tone with a particularly hard-line speech during his 2017 visit to the city for Lam's swearing-in.

Flagging new levels of intolerance for activities that might be interpreted as encouraging Hong Kong independence from China, Xi noted:

“Any attempt to endanger China's sovereignty and security, challenge the power of the central government ... or use Hong Kong to carry out infiltration and sabotage activities against the mainland is an act that crosses the red line and is absolutely impermissible.”

Despite the efforts of China's state-run Global Times newspaper to lay blame for the “uncontrolled street politics” on “Western forces” and “malice from afar”, however, Chinese political authorities have remained relatively quiet on the Hong Kong protests this week.

This is unsurprising. Coming just a week after the 30th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square protests, China was never likely to take an openly provocative stance against the protesters.

But it is clear Beijing is keeping a close eye on the situation, pushing back on criticisms from abroad and



now possibly wavering in its support for Lam. Ever sensitive to external critiques that relate to questions of sovereignty, the Chinese government may decide to take a harder line should the protests continue to gather momentum.

### LACK OF FOREIGN PRESSURE

Thus far, the response to the protests has been relatively muted. The European Union has called for the rights of the Hong Kong people to be respected, noting its concern for the “potentially far-reaching consequences” of the extradition bill. UK Prime Minister Theresa May, meanwhile, has called on authorities to ensure the extradition arrangements “are in line with the rights and freedoms” set forth in the joint declaration when the British handed Hong Kong back to China in 1997.

US President Donald Trump has remained ambivalent so far, saying only last week, “I'm sure they'll be able to work it all out.” But according to his secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, Trump is now expected to raise the issue when he meets Xi at the G20 Summit at the end of the month. This is only significant insofar as it reminds us of Trump's transactional interest in the region.

As for Australia, Foreign Minister Marise Payne issued a fairly neutral statement in support of the Hong Kong people's right to protest. It left many, including those in Sydney, Melbourne and elsewhere who protested in support of Hong Kong last

week, somewhat underwhelmed.

Beyond the protests, how the current tensions unfold will have serious implications for Australia's engagement in the region and our ongoing relationship with China. The 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper reinforces the core values underpinning our international engagement, including support for political, economic and religious freedoms, liberal democracy and the rule of law.

How and when we articulate our commitment to these values, and reinforce their place in our region, will be the key test of our diplomacy going forward.

WHERE DO THE PROTESTS GO FROM HERE?

Lam's decision to suspend consideration of the extradition bill offers a necessary moment for pause. But it hasn't taken the heat out of the protests.

At this stage, Lam hasn't backed away from her intent to revive the bill at a later stage. It's also likely the Chinese government will continue to press towards that outcome, though perhaps in a different form and even under different leadership. Much hangs in the balance.

Hong Kong's protesters appear galvanised by their cause. But whether they can sustain the necessary momentum for the long game — where crossing red lines may come at a cost — is another matter altogether.

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# Meat is masculine: how food advertising perpetuates harmful gender stereotypes

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The UK Advertising Standards Authority has introduced a new rule in its advertising code which bans adverts which feature gender stereotypes “that are likely to cause harm, or serious or widespread offence”.

This is a welcome step towards challenging the everyday normality of patriarchy in popular culture. But gender stereotypes in advertising cannot be untangled from human oppression of other animals. Consuming other animals is normalised in our culture, so those sorts of “stereotypes that are likely to cause harm” go unnoticed, and aren't usually judged to have caused “serious or widespread offence”.

In recent years there has been an increase in the popularity and visibility of veganism – and there are more new vegan products being launched in the UK than anywhere else in the world. While animal ethics remains a core reason for adopting vegan practices, increasingly health concerns and the climate crisis are prompting people to switch to veganism.

We have previously written about adverts that reproduce harmful gender stereotypes while normalising human oppression of other animals. For example, in a 2015 Father's Day TV advert for Aldi supermarket, a girl's voiceover says her favourite thing is cooking her father a roast dinner.

The accompanying visual shows a woman's hand serving a roasted chicken's carcass. This is followed by a voiceover from a boy explaining his favourite thing is watching his father eat a “juicy steak”. This communicates a subtle message – girls aspire to prepare and serve cooked animals and sons aspire to share the adult male pleasure of consuming those animals.

Is that “likely to cause harm”? Obviously consuming animal products is harmful to the animals – but it harms humans too, especially women. This isn't just about reinforcing gender stereotypes, like in the Aldi advert. Research has shown that some married women

are deterred from vegetarianism because of the disapproval, rejection and even violence from their husbands. But are boys also being harmed by these stereotypes? Certainly insofar as they are encouraged to identify with a version of masculinity that depends on power over women and over other animals.

We have argued elsewhere and here that “humour” is a defensive response that attempts to insulate oppressive power relations from critique. But we should remain alert to the potency and power dynamics of jokes in advertising.

### JUST A BIT OF FUN?

Like many adverts, Cravendale's “Milk Me Brian” uses comedic armour to deflect criticism of its gender stereotypes. It features a spoof origin myth of the human consumption of cows' milk. The advert begins with a modern man gazing through a kitchen window at a field of contented-looking cows, while a woman is busy with housework in the background. “Brian” daydreams a bygone version of himself – lying beside a sleeping woman and being visited by a spectral cow inviting him to “milk me Brian”. The voiceover then heralds Brian as a “lion among men”, for having solved the “problem” of expropriating cows' milk for human consumption.

“Milk me Brian” naturalises male dominance as resulting from controlling female reproductive processes. That is, Brian is lionised for successfully milking a cow. Comparing men to lions in particular, is a common tactic for normalising rigid and immutable hierarchical social relations. This is because patriarchal cultural meanings tend to associate masculinity with charismatic carnivorous animals, who are used to symbolise masculine power and authority.

Cultural Studies researcher Vasile Stanescu wrote in 2016 about the highly successful 2008 Burger King campaign “The Whopper Virgins”. It featured “blind” taste testing by people in countries who had been “deprived” of American fast food. The campaign used the tag line: “Real locations. Real burgers. Real

virgins.” These adverts play into shared understandings of links between meat eating, gender and western superiority. Here, lack of familiarity with Western fast food is equated with sexual immaturity (“virgins”) and inferior masculinity.

### THE MALE APPETITE

Feminist scholar Carol J Adams has written about connections between gender and animal products for 30 years. Her work illustrates the symbolic links between the consumption of meat and the oppression of meat and the oppression of women – and the way that adverts are never only promoting products, but also promoting dominant cultural meanings.

Foremost among these are gender stereotypes that harm women and harm non-human animals. The packaging of dead flesh and female flesh have long been connected in advertising. Adams has collected a massive archive of advertising imagery in which both meat and women are presented as wanting to be ravished/consumed.

In advertising images such as “Chick It Out”, which advertised a new menu at a self-styled “eatery and funhouse” in Nottingham in the Midlands, anthropomorphic images of animals as human women are presented in sexually provocative ways. They position both women and animals as purposed for the enjoyment of appropriate male appetites for food, sex and power. Eating and fun, therefore, at this venue (and many others using similar imagery) is aimed at the straight male meat eater and, by association, communicates this space as a place for men.

If the advertising watchdog really wants to remove harmful gender stereotypes, it needs to recognise and address how the invitation to consume any bodies as objects for enjoyment reinforces these destructive power relations and objectifies both animals and women.

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## 19 persons engaged as bonded labourers rescued by police

**GOLAGHAT, JUN 19 (PTI):** Altogether 19 persons, including a woman and a child, working as bonded labourers were rescued by police in Golaghat district of Assam, a police officer said Wednesday.

In a joint operation carried out by Barpathar and Ghiladhari police stations, the 19 persons were rescued from

Ghiladhari village on Tuesday night, the officer said.

The rescued persons were engaged for various works at one Anundoram Bora's house in the village. A case has been registered against Bora for engaging the persons in his house and farm fields, the police said.

After receiving inputs

provided by a person who was rescued on Tuesday the joint operation was launched and the 19 persons were rescued.

Bora was absconding and his son was picked up for interrogation, the police said.

As per the complaint, brokers had supplied the labourers to Bora in exchange of money from various places of Assam.

## Tripura now exporting power to Nepal



**AGARTALA, JUNE 19 (PTI):** Power surplus state, Tripura in now exporting electricity to Nepal, Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Devvarma said Wednesday.

Devvarma who is also the Power minister said "We have been selling 190 MW power to Bangladesh for last so many years and now we have started exporting 40 MW power to Nepal from our surplus power since April last".

"The proceeds earned from selling surplus power is being used for developing the state power corporation," the deputy chief minister said.

ONGC Tripura Power Company-run Palatana gas thermal power plant produces 726 MW power. However, this plant has power sharing agreements with different NE states.

The Union Ministry of Power has allocated more than 58 per cent of power from the project to the Northeast states with Assam (240 MW), Tripura (196 MW), Meghalaya

(79 MW), Manipur (42 MW), Nagaland (27 MW), Arunachal Pradesh & Mizoram (22 MW each), while 98 MW is allocated to OTPC for merchant sales.

The Rs 4,047 crore power plant is capable of injecting 8.7 million units per day in the power grid which can be beneficial for the entire Northeast region.

A 400 KV double circuit transmission network which is 661 km in length has been created from Palatana power project up to Bongaigaon in Assam through a special purpose vehicle called North-East Transmission Company Limited (NETCL) to evacuate power from the plant.

Tripura generates 115 MW power from its own power generation units including Rukh-Gas Thermal Power plants, Baramura Thermal Power plants and Gomati hydro-electric power plant.

Tripura also has got two thermal power projects run by NEEP-

CO.

These include a 130 MW power plant at Ramchandranagar in West Tripura and a 100 MW power plant at Manarchak in Sepahijala district.

As per Power department statistics, Tripura currently needs around 300 MW power daily for its domestic consumers.

Devvarma said, after the BJP-IPFT government came to power one and half years ago the state government has provided 1.36 lakh new power connections under Saubhagya scheme.

A new scheme called 'Apar Dorgoray' (At Your Doorstep) was also launched recently to provide uninterrupted power services 24x7 to consumers.

Devvarma said the state government is now laying importance on generating solar power and plans are afoot to convert the state secretariat, Assembly, High Court and other major government offices to fully solar-powered.

## Assam BJP MPs urge Sawant to reopen defunct mills of Hindustan Paper Corp

**GUWAHATI, JUN 19 (PTI):** Union Minister of State for Food Processing Rameswar Teli Wednesday urged Heavy Industries Minister Arvind Ganpat Sawant to reopen PSU firm Hindustan Paper Corp's two defunct mills in Assam by either PPP route or privatising them.

HPC's Cachar unit in Panchgram stopped working from October 20, 2015, while the Nagaon mill in Jagiroad has stopped functioning on March 31, 2017.

No salary was paid to the staff of Cachar and

Nagaon units since January and March of 2017 respectively.

Teli wrote a joint letter along with Assam Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Pijush Hazarika and all the BJP MPs from the state.

"We strongly believe that the scope of making HPC a viable company still exists, if it is run by efficient professional management with proper modernisation, technological upgradation and financial re-structuring.

"This can be carried

out by either implementation of PPP model or private takeover initiative," the BJP lawmakers demanded in the joint letter to Sawant.

The letter pointed out that there are nearly 1,200 full-time workers across the two paper mills and they have not received salaries for more than two years.

"Both the paper mills' closure have rendered not just the employees destitute, but also a large number of people whose livelihood indirectly depended on it," it added.

The letter highlighted

the fact that the Nagain Paper Mill was the first paper mill in the world to produce kraft pulp with 100 per cent bamboo as raw material, while Cachar unit was the only major industrial undertaking in south of Assam.

"We would like to request you to kindly look into the matter and resolve the crisis by reviving both the paper mills, which were once the backbone of industrial prosperity in the state," they said in the appeal.

The other signato-

ry BJP MPs are Topon Kumar Gogoi, Pallab Lochan Das, Pradan Baruah, Queen Oja, Dilip Saikia, Rajdeep Roy, Kripanath Mallah and Horen Sing Bey.

Earlier in February, Assam Commerce and Industry Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary had informed the Assembly that a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process was going on as per directions of the National Company Law Tribunal.

He also stated that HPC had submitted a Rs 1,995-crore revival proposal to the government.

## William Dalrymple's new book on rise of East India Company; to hit stands on September 10

**NEW DELHI, JUN 19 (PTI):** Eminent historian and writer William Dalrymple is coming out with a new book, this time with the tale of the East India Company and how it became the first global corporate power by conquering an entire subcontinent.

"The Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of the East India Company" will hit stands on September 10, publishers Bloomsbury have announced.

Calling it Dalrymple's "most ambitious book to date", the publishers said the book discusses one of the most supreme acts of "corporate violence" in world history.

"The Anarchy" tells the remarkable story of how one

of the world's most magnificent empires disintegrated and came to be replaced by a dangerously unregulated private company, based thousands of miles overseas and answerable only to its shareholders," Bloomsbury said in a statement.

The award-winning author took to Twitter earlier this week to announce that the book would come in three different covers for the US, the UK and India, with "slightly different images and subtitles".

His last novel "Koh-i-Noor: The History of the World's Most Infamous Diamond" came out in 2017. He also has titles like "White Mughals" and "The Last Mughal" to his credit.

## Anti-dumping duty imposed on jute sacking cloths from B'desh



**KOLKATA, JUN 19 (PTI):** India has imposed anti-dumping duty on the import of jute sacking cloths from Bangladesh which will have a positive impact on West Bengal's ailing jute sector.

"Anti-dumping duty on sacking cloth from Bangladesh was our long standing demand to save the Indian jute sector.

With active efforts of Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani, this has been achieved," jute industry veteran Sanjay Kajaria said in his reaction.

"It will be applicable

for 5 years effective from June 18, 2019," he said.

This will help jute farmers and the jute mills of West Bengal which are ailing or running in a very low capacity, Kajaria said.

The IJMA had filed an application for initiation of anti-circumvention investigation concerning import of the product exported from Bangladesh.

It has requested for extension of the existing anti-dumping duties on the imports, alleging circumvention of the duty.

Countries carry out

anti-dumping probe to determine whether their domestic industries have been hurt because of a surge in cheap imports.

Jute sacking accounts for the lion share of the total jute goods. The notification showed anti-dumping duty imposed between USD 125.21 and 138.97 per tonne.

Currently, the duty exists on jute yarn, sacking bags and hessian fabric (made from skin of jute plant) and imposed in the range of USD6.3-351.7 per tonne.

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## Agri-Horti Society signs with Singapore Botanical Gardens



**KOLKATA, JUN 19 (PTI):** The 100-year-old Agri-Horticultural Society of India (AHSI) has signed an MoU with Singapore Botanical Gardens to work together on shared objectives for environmental protection and sustainable development.

Under this partnership, the unit of the National Parks Board, Singapore, and AHSI will extend mutual cooperation to foster capacity building and training in horticulture through knowledge sharing on management and appreciation of the living heritage, a statement said on

Wednesday.

The organisations will work together on multiple fronts such as public interpretation, educational outreach activities and skill development for staff.

The AHSI and Singapore Botanical Gardens will also collaborate towards implementing joint horticulture projects of mutual interest. Founded in 1820 by Rev William Carey, an English Baptist Missionary, the Kolkata-based AHSI was set up with the objectives of development and promotion of agriculture and horticulture

in India.

"AHSI is excited about the partnership with Singapore Botanical Gardens. It is not only one of the best park attractions in Asia, but also the only tropical garden to be honoured as a UNESCO World Heritage Site," the statement said.

Founded in 1959, Singapore Botanical Gardens showcases the best and most spectacular of tropical flora set in stunning verdant landscape.

It possesses an array of botanical and horticultural attractions with a rich history and a wonderful plant collection of worldwide significance.

## Bus service between Mizoram and Myanmar on cards

**AIZAWL, JUN 19 (PTI):** Mizoram transport minister T J Lalnunluanga Wednesday informed the Assembly that the state government has proposed to operate buses between Mizoram and Tahan township in Myanmar.

Replying to a question from V L Zaithanzama of the Zoram People's Movement (ZPM), Lalnunluanga said that the state government has discussed the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs.

"The Ministry of External Affairs conveyed its intention to take up the matter with the Myanmar government so that a bus service between the two countries could be a reality soon," he said.

Tahan is a township in Kalaymyo city in Sagaing region of Myanmar and a sizable number of Mizos reside there, he informed.

He also said that efforts are on to run buses from Aizawl to Jampui hills in Tripura and Churachanpur in Manipur.

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# Women's football has come a long way but misogyny is still not beaten

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Here is something I was unaware of until recently. When England took part in the second unofficial women's World Cup in Mexico in 1971, they played in front of crowds of 80,000 and 100,000. More staggeringly still, their squad included two 16-year-olds, a 15-year-old and two 14-year-olds. In some ways the tournament was 50 years ahead of its time. But even as England's players were enjoying the greatest moment of their careers they knew it was an oasis.

Two interviews with England players in 1971, dug up by the academics Claire and Keith Brewster in the latest issue of History in Sport, illustrate that bluntly. "I never thought I'd be a professional footballer and play for my country," one tells the Mexican paper Excelsior. "They don't like women's football [in England]. Everyone criticises us. They think that football is for men and has nothing to do with us".

The next interview is even more sad, with a 16-year-old admitting that while her boyfriend had never opposed her taking up football he had been angry to learn that she would be competing for England in Mexico. "They had reached a compromise," the academics write.

## Guerrero, Farfan put Peru on brink of Copa America knock-outs

**RIO DE JANEIRO, JUNE 19 (AFP):** Captain Paolo Guerrero and forward Jefferson Farfan each scored one and created another as Peru took a huge step towards qualifying for the Copa America quarter-finals with a 3-1 Group A victory over Bolivia.

Bolivia took the lead from the penalty spot when Marcelo Moreno sent goalkeeper Pedro Gallese the wrong way from 12 yards.

But Guerrero equalized before half-time and Farfan gave Peru a deserved lead before Edison Flores put the seal on Peru's victory in stoppage time at Rio de Janeiro's iconic Maracana stadium on Tuesday.

With four points from two games ahead of their final group encounter with hosts Brazil, Peru can rest assured that no team has ever failed to qualify for the knockout rounds with that total since the current 12-team format was adopted in 1993.

Bolivia face a must-win clash with Venezuela in their final game to stand any hope of reaching the quarter-finals.

Peru took control of the match early on with pacey right-winger Andy Polo carving out the opening chance, although his left-footed shot was tame and easily saved by Carlos Lampe.

Farfan earned a free-kick that he then fired high and wide on 20 minutes and at that time Peru had enjoyed 70 per-



"She would give up the game at the end of the year."

Just imagine it: your partner gets to represent her country and your first instinct is for your blood to boil and to choke her ambitions.

Times are at last changing. Attitudes too. But we need to hear these stories, especially when the women's game is getting lift-off with record TV audiences in France, Britain, China and Australia in recent days – partly to appreciate how far we have come but also as a warning against the neanderthals who sneer about the quality of the matches, how uncompetitive the tournament is and incessantly whine about women's football be-

ing shown at all, as if we have tumbled back to the misogynist ages again. Most of these arguments can be picked apart with the ease of the USA team waltzing through Thailand's defence.

Rubbish games? Guilty as charged, some of the time. But World Cups always have games that work as a slow-acting sleeping tablet. My favourite two World Cups, Spain 82 and Mexico 86, had many stinkers and shellackings – but several bone fide classics too. That is the nature of the beast. There have been some fine matches at this World Cup, particularly Australia's thrilling victory over Brazil.

Uncompetitive matches? Sure, no one wants to see a 13-0

drubbing. But as Sophie Tomlinson, an analyst at the football consultancy 21st Club, points out, when World Cups expand that is what tends to happen at first. Eventually weaker teams catch up and make the tournament even more competitive. "Teams finishing top of their groups are also dominating less than they used to," says Tomlinson. "And the gap between the very best teams and the chasing pack – those teams that are looking to make the quarter-finals – is narrowing."

The domestic game, too, is on the up. That is obvious not only in the standard of play, as reflected by English sides' performances in Europe, but in Opta's data for the Women's

Super League. In the 2011-12 season, for instance, the pass accuracy across the league was 60%. Last season it was 72%. According to Opta, teams are now taking more shots per game (26.3 compared with 14.5), are more accurate with it (50% shooting accuracy in 2018-19 compared with 39% in 2011-12) and have a higher conversation rate (12% compared with 9%).

But when it comes to altering attitudes with-

in the game there is still some way to go. That much is clear from a 2015 study by three academics from Liverpool John Moores University who asked 10 women's coaches, four of whom were studying for Uefa A or B badges, for their experiences of

the Football Association's coach education process. Sadly the responses were almost uniformly depressing.

"Because I was a female he made me feel a bit silly and useless," said one. "I was made to make a show of myself most of the time, which just killed my confidence. I was starting to ask myself: 'Why am I putting myself through this?'"

Another said she "overheard one of the lads say I'd love to give her one, and then he made a humping action with one hand on the back of his neck and the other on his hips ... But it's strange; there is a nothing you can do. You are made to feel as though you just have to accept it."

A third said that what really wound her up was "that as soon as it was my turn to coach, all the men seemed to take it in turns to mess about. You know, mess things up on purpose. Make you look stupid. I don't know why the course tutors team allowed them to get away with it but they did."

Yet we should be optimistic. One of the more interesting conversations I had following England's men in Porto was with a former Gillingham player who had a 10-year-old daughter that his mates promised was a future star.

## Never thought I could play a knock like that: Morgan on six-hitting record



**MANCHESTER, JUN 19 (PTI):** England skipper Eoin Morgan, who smashed a world record 17 sixes in his side's 150-run crushing of Afghanistan in a World Cup game, said he never thought a knock like that could come from his bat.

Morgan blasted an incredible 17 sixes -- the most in ODI history -- during his game-changing knock of 148 at Old Trafford Tuesday, breaking the previous record of 16 held jointly by AB de Villiers, Chris Gayle and Rohit Sharma.

His knock helped England post 397/6 -- their highest in any World Cup -- and they eventually recorded a 150-run triumph to return to the top of the table.

"Never have I ever thought I could play a knock like that but I'm delighted that I have. It's

weird. It's very strange to have that sixes record. It's something, along with the innings, I never thought I'd do. It's a nice place to be," he said after the match on Tuesday.

"The last four years, I've probably played the best in my career but that hasn't involved a 50 or 60-ball hundred. I thought I would have it in the locker somewhere but it's never happened, so I sort of gave up on it a little bit," said the 32-year-old batsman.

Morgan brought up his century off 57 balls, although that was 11 slower than Jos Buttler's England record of 46 deliveries against Pakistan in 2015 -- meaning the skipper does not have complete ownership of bragging rights. That was why he said his England teammates still won't be impressed by the six-hit-

ting feat.

"I think I'm probably just becoming a target for the guys in the changing room to take down. The hundred I scored is considered a slow one in our changing room guys talk about it all the time. So it's a tough school!" Morgan said in lighter vein.

"When I came to the crease, it was a 50/50 shout whether myself or Jos (Buttler) went in and that probably helped because after I faced a few balls, I had no choice. I had to start taking risks because of him coming in next and then after I got dropped (on 28), it was a matter of just keep going. It was one of those days."

Morgan's knock was made more remarkable by the fact that he struggled with back spasms

during the last game against West Indies and had to face a late fitness test in order to play against Afghanistan.

Morgan also praised his pace attack, headlined by Jofra Archer taking 3/52 and Mark Wood an impressive 2/40 from ten overs.

"They were very good on a wicket that did not offer a great deal. It had good bounce and turned a bit for the spinners but seam movement or swing it had none. So when guys execute hitting a good length and using their bounce well, it is satisfying because it's very hard to do," said the captain.

"When the ball doesn't move around, it obviously means your pace is important and all three guys' (Wood, Archer and Chris Woakes) pace looked good.

## Marta dedicates World Cup record to 'anyone fighting for equality'

**Valenciennes, France, June 19 (AFP):** Marta secured her place among the legends of football after the Brazilian become the World Cup's all-time leading scorer in the 1-0 win against Italy in Valenciennes.

"This record doesn't belong to me, it belongs to all of us," said the 33-year-old after crashing home a penalty with 16 minutes left to score her 17th World Cup goal Tuesday.

"I share it with anyone fighting for more equality."

Brazil set up a knock-out stage clash with either hosts France or Germany after the 74th-minute strike moved Marta one goal ahead of the German Miroslav Klose in the record books.

"Do you think he'll change his mind about retiring and play at the next World Cup?" Marta joked.

Brazil finished third on goal difference in Group C behind Italy and Australia -- who beat Jamaica 4-1 -- after all three ended level on six points.

Marta wasn't fazed by the possibility of facing France, who topped Group A with a perfect nine points after scrapping past Nigeria on Monday.

"To play against the host nation would be a privilege. The stadium would be full of fans singing," she said.

"I love playing in front of a big crowd whether it's supporting me or is against me. I just want there to be fans who are watching us."

Marta is widely considered the greatest player in the history of the women's game and was hailed by her teammates as an inspiration for others wanting to take up the male-dominated sport.

"She is like an icon for us and I think every year she is breaking records and that's no just important for us but for all of women's soccer. I'm so happy she is Brazilian," said centre-back Monica.

## VAR denies Brazil as Venezuela battle to draw

**SALVADOR, BRAZIL, JUNE 19 (AFP):** Brazil were held to a 0-0 draw against Venezuela in the Copa America as a late strike from Philippe Coutinho was disallowed after a controversial VAR decision.

Coutinho thought he had fired Brazil into the quarter-finals in the 87th minute when he bundled home a finish from Everton Soares' driving run down the left wing at Salvador's Arena Fonte Nova Tuesday.

But for the second time in the match, Chilean referee Julio Bascunan ruled out the Brazilian goal after being alerted to an infringement by the video assistant referee.

The goal appeared to have been disallowed due to a touch by Liverpool striker Roberto Firmino, although it was not clear that Firmino had been offside as the ball grazed him on the way into the net.

Fellow defender Tamires added: "We have a lot of young players coming up and I hope they look to her and how she plays, what makes her so special and so incredible and follow her."

- FOUR-STAR KERR -

The defeat wasn't enough to dislodge Italy from top spot and a match with one of the four best third-placed finishers.

"It's a shame about the result because we didn't want to lose but we played well enough to have drawn it," said Juventus attacker Babara Bonansea, who twice went close for Italy before Marta claimed her record goal.

"We knew that today was going to be difficult but we were good. Let's see who our next match is with." Marta's winner overshadowed another historic feat for Sam Kerr, who became the first Australian to score a World Cup hat-trick as she crashed four past eliminated Jamaica in Grenoble.

"It's one to tell my kids about," Kerr said. "Any time you break a record, especially for your country, it is an amazing feeling." The Matildas will play Norway in Nice in the last 16 on Saturday.

England need a point against Japan on Wednesday to ensure they top Group D and avoid a potential last-16 clash with European champions the Netherlands.

Topping the group would, however, also put them on the same side of the draw as both France and potentially the World Cup holders USA.

Coach Phil Neville said Tuesday admitted there were "pitfalls in finishing first and second" as he reported that his squad was fully fit with striker Toni Duggan available after missing the wins over Scotland and Argentina.

Brazil left the field to boos but remain top of Group A with four points from two games, and one game to play.

Venezuela have two points from two games and will fancy their chances of advancing with their final game coming against Bolivia, who suffered their second straight defeat earlier Tuesday in a 3-1 loss to Peru.

Brazil, who had made hard work of beating Bolivia in their opener, once again struggled to find a creative spark against well-organized opponents.

Firmino was kept quiet by Venezuela's defence with Yordan Osorio and Mikel Villanueva neutralizing the Liverpool striker.

The tale of the first half lay in the statistics from the opening 45 minutes, with Brazil recording only one shot on target despite enjoying 75 percent possession.



‘India to generate over 2 million outbound tourists annually by 2020’



**DUBAI, JUN 19 (PTI):** India is estimated to generate over 2 million outbound luxury and MICE tourists annually by 2020, reinforcing the country’s influence as a key source market for MICE and luxury travel, according to a new report by the organisers. According to figures published ahead of the 7th Annual MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) India and Luxury Travel Congress (MILT), the tourism market is expected to reach USD 9 billion by 2025. The MILT Congress will be held from July 17-18 in Delhi and from July 23-24 in Mumbai. India’s outbound MICE tourism market is expected to reach US\$ 9 Billion by 2025, and in 2020 India is expected to generate more than 2 Million outbound MICE

tourists, according to the organisers of the MICE India and Luxury Travel Congress. Emphasizing on the growth trends of the MICE industry, Stephanie Tanpure, VP Sales, Sands Resorts Macao said, “We are projecting a very buoyant 2019 as far as meetings and events. I think the Global meeting and events industry should also expect some great results next year. We are not only seeing more and more events, but the average size of these events are growing.” Commenting on how Indian corporates continue to spend big on corporate travel and the immense potential of exploring great opportunities in Geneva, Jonathan Willi, Corporate Sales Manager, Geneva Convention Bureau said: India is one of the fastest

growing outbound tourism markets in the world and the MILT Congress is an ideal platform to provide great networking opportunities within the industry experts. Touted as India’s premier business platform, the 7th Annual MICE India & Luxury Travel (MILT) Congress will gather global suppliers who are looking to capitalise on India’s booming outbound travel and tourism sector. “Last year alone more than 30,000 tourists from India visited Kazakhstan, which is double of what we witnessed in 2017. As the world is getting closer to each other, modern aviation is making the world a smaller place. Kazakhstanis growing economically, owing to the rising number of MICE and Luxury travels, said Assem Kozbagarova, Director, Skyway Travel.

Russia, China block UN from saying NKorea violated sanctions

**UNITED NATIONS, JUN 19 (AP):** Russia and China have blocked the U.N. Security Council committee monitoring sanctions against North Korea from declaring that Pyongyang breached the annual limit for importing refined petroleum products which are key for its economy, two U.N. diplomats said Tuesday. The diplomats said the Russians and

Chinese notified the committee before Tuesday’s deadline for objections. The United States and 25 other countries accused North Korea of violating U.N. sanctions by importing far more than the annual limit of 500,000 barrels of refined petroleum products. A US-led complaint had asked the sanctions committee to rule that

Pyeongyang breached the cap and demand an immediate halt to deliveries. It said most of the excess petroleum products were obtained from dozens of illegal ship-to-ship transfers. A Security Council diplomat said North Korea is believed to have obtained 3.5 million barrels of refined petroleum in 2018, seven times the limit. This year, North Ko-

rea has already imported more than the limit and is “on pace” to obtain about the same amount as last year through illegal ship-to-ship transfers, the diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly. The complaint said the 500,000-barrel annual limit on refined petroleum products “is critical


to maintaining pressure” on North Korea to achieve the denuclearization of the country. Last July, Russia and China blocked a similar request from the U.S. to get the U.N. sanctions committee to publicly accuse North Korea of violating the annual quota. The Russians and Chinese are key suppliers of petroleum products to North Korea.

Record 70.8 million people displaced at end of 2018: UN

**GENEVA, JUN 19 (AFP):** More than 70 million people were counted last year as displaced from their homes, a record that underestimates the real number of refugees and asylum seekers, the UN said Wednesday. In its annual global trends report, the United Nations refugee agency (UNHCR) described the figure of 70.8 million at the end of 2018 as “conservative”, particularly because the number of people who fled Venezuela’s devastating crisis is undercounted. At the end of 2017, by comparison, 68.5 million people were counted as being forcibly displaced by violence or persecution. The UNHCR attributed the increase partly to surging displacement in Ethiopia caused by inter-ethnic conflict, and in Venezuela, where thousands are fleeing every day amid an economic collapse that has triggered shortages of basic food and medicine. An estimated 3.3 million people have left Venezuela since the start of 2016, according to the UN. UNHCR head Filippo Grandi told reporters in Geneva the figure of 70.8 million only includes Venezuelans who had officially applied for asylum -- roughly half a

million people. Overall, the number of displaced people in the world has doubled over the last 20 years and now exceeds the population of Thailand. The trend, Grandi said, continues to go in “the wrong direction”. According to Amnesty International, a refugee is a person who flees their home country and cannot or will not return due to conflict or fear of persecution. The report lists 41.3 million internally displaced people (IDPs), 25.9 million refugees, and 3.5 million asylum seekers -- those awaiting a decision on their bid for official refugee protection. The countries with the most internally displaced people -- fleeing within their own countries -- are Syria, wracked by conflict since 2011 and Colombia, plagued by decades of violence, said the UNHCR. The group of refugees, it added, included 5.5 million Palestinians scattered across several countries, notably Lebanon and Jordan. The best solution for a refugee is to be able to return home once their country stabilises, but Grandi noted that 20 percent have been in exile for more than two decades.

“We have become almost unable to make peace,” the UNHCR chief said. “It is true there are new conflicts, new situations producing refugees..., (but) the old ones never get resolved,” he added. “When is the last conflict that you remember was resolved?” The UNHCR has at times sought to push back against the phrase “migrant crisis”, especially as it has been applied to an influx of people into Europe via the Mediterranean sea. The agency has argued that while mass migration does pose serious challenges, it can be managed, particularly by wealthier nations. Grandi praised Germany for its acceptance of migrants and its efforts to “demystify” the notion that migration is unmanageable, “even when the numbers are very big.” “I usually don’t like to praise and criticise but I think in this case, I’d like to praise Germany for what it has done,” said Grandi in Geneva, ahead of the report’s launch in Berlin. He noted that Chancellor Angela Merkel had paid a “heavy price” politically for her openness to migration, arguing this made her actions “even more courageous”.



GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
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(SNT DIVISION)  
“VEHICLE AUCTION NOTICE”

Sealed tender are invited from interested person(s)/parties for purchase of **41(Forty-one)** nos. of Condemned Government vehicles of various Departments of the Government of Sikkim on “as is where is basis” with the detailed specifications tabulated as under:

Sl No.	Vehicle No., Type/Make & (Year of Purchase)	Department Attached	Vehicle location	Government Valuation (in Rupees)	T.D.R. towards Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)
1	SK-01G-0007 Jaguar Land Rover/Free Lander (2014)	State Legislative Assembly	Chintan Bhawan	19,32,755.00 (Depreciated Value)	96,650.00
2	SK-01G-2584 Mahindra & Mahindra/Scorpio (2008)	High Court of Sikkim	SNT Complex	2,01,969.00 (Depreciated Value)	10,100.00
3	SK-01G-2078 Mahindra & Mahindra /Scorpio (2009)	Water Security & P.H.E.D	VIP Colony Complex	1,84,722.00 (Depreciated Value)	9,300.00
4	SK-01G-0478 Mahindra & Mahindra/Scorpio (2008)	UD&HD	Development Area	1,64,206.00 (Depreciated Value)	8,300.00
5	SK01G-1662 Mahindra & Mahindra /Bolero (2007)	RMDD	Rangpo, I.B.M	70,630.00 (Depreciated Value)	3,500.00
6	SK01G-1496 Mahindra & Mahindra /Bolero (2005)	Health Department	SHMW	57,742.00 (Depreciated Value)	3,000.00
7	SK01G-0450 Mahindra & Mahindra /Bolero (2004)	UD&HD	Development Area	61,095.00 (Salvage Value)	3,000.00
8	SK-01G-1886 Mahindra & Mahindra/Bolero,(2003)	State Legal Authority	SNT Complex, Gangtok	52,795.00 (Salvage Value)	2,500.00
9	SK-01G-1550 Mahindra & Mahindra/Bolero,(2002)	Health Department	SHMW	64,410.00 (Salvage Value)	2,500.00
10	SK01G-0127 Maruti SX4,(2007)	Buildings & Housing	Old Museum, Zero Point	94,525.00 (Depreciated Value)	4,800.00
11	SK01A-0052, Mahindra Marshal,(2008)	Health Department	SHMW	89,501.00 (Depreciated Value)	4,500.00
12	SK01G-0160 Mahindra Marshal,(2003)	F.R.E.D	SECRETARIAT	46,947.00 (Salvage Value)	2,400.00
13	SK01G-1225 Mahindra Marshal,(2001)	Forest	Deorali	37,399.00 (Salvage Value)	2,000.00
14	SK01B-0203, TATA 709 BUS,(2007)	State Jail	Jail Complex	1,02,202.00 (Depreciated Value)	5,200.00
15	SK01B-0401, TATA 709 BUS,(1995)	Health Department	SHMW	57,985.00 (Salvage Value)	3,000.00
16	SK01A-0060, Tata Ambulance(2008)	Health Department	SHMW	1,42,677.00 (Depreciated Value)	7,200.00
17	SK-01P-0185, Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy HT,(2006)	Sikkim Vigilance Police	SNT Complex	80,251.00 (Depreciated Value)	4,000.00
18	SK-01G-0126, Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy ,(2005)	F.C.S & C.A.	F.C.S & C.A. Complex	55,736.00 (Depreciated Value)	2,800.00
19	SK01G-0501, Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy,(2004)	Commerce & Industries	Commerce & Industries Complex	60,825.00 (Salvage Value)	3,000.00
20	SK-01G-0272 Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy ,(2003)	F.C.S & C.A.	F.C.S & C.A. Complex	57,280.00 (Salvage Value)	2,800.00
21	SK-01G-1512, Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy ,(2003)	Health Department	SHMW	48,816.00 (Salvage Value)	2,500.00
22	SK-01G-0510 Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy ,(2002)	Commerce & Industries	Commerce & Industries Complex	42,261.00 (Salvage Value)	2,200.00
23	SK-01G-1766 Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy,(2000)	F.C.S & C.A.	F.C.S & C.A. Complex	55,152.00 (Salvage Value)	2,800.00
24	SK-01G-1594 Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy ,(2000)	Health Department	SHMW	43,806.00 (Salvage Value)	2,200.00
25	SK01G-1155 Maruti Suzuki/ Car ,(2004)	Transport	S.N.T Complex	29,132.00 (Salvage Value)	1,500.00
26	SK01G-0557 Maruti Suzuki/ Car ,(2001)	F.C.S & C.A.	F.C.S & C.A. Complex	23,616.00 (Salvage Value)	1,200.00
27	SK01G-1666 Maruti Suzuki/ VAN ,(1994)	Health Department	SHMW	18,276.00 (Salvage Value)	1,000.00
28	SK-01G-0022 Mahindra & Mahindra /Scorpio	Law Department	S.N.T Jalipool	15,822.00 (Scrap Value)	800.00
29	SK-02/1569 Mahindra & Mahindra Jeep ,(n.a)	AHLF&VS	Deorali	7,560.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00
30	SK02/4278 Maruti Suzuki/ Hardtop Gypsy	-----	S.N.T Jalipool	8,298.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00
31	SK01/0515 Maruti Suzuki/Hardtop Gypsy	-----	S.N.T Jalipool	8,298.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00
32	SK-01G-1171 Maruti Suzuki/Gypsy ,(n.a)	AHLF&VS	Krishi Bhawan Complex	8,298.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00
33	SK02/7249 Ambassador Car	-----	S.N.T Jalipool	8,298.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00
34	2(two) Softtop Maruti Gypsy without registration numbers	-----	S.N.T Jalipool	16,596.00 (Scrap Value)	850.00
35	1(one) Hardtop Maruti Gypsy without registration number	-----	S.N.T Jalipool	8,298.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00
36	SK-01G-0356 Mahindra & Mahindra/ Bolero (2008)	Irrigation & Flood Control	Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok	1,44,985.00 (Depreciated Value)	7,500.00
37	SK01A-1618 Mahindra & Mahindra/Marshall(2006)	Health	SHMW,TADONG	69,983.00 (Depreciated Value)	3,500.00
38	SK01B-0395 Eicher Bus/(1995)	Health	S.N.T, Jalipool	73,332.00 (Salvage Value)	3,700.00
39	SK-01G-1134 Maruti Suzuki/Wagon-R (2004)	Ecclesiastical Affairs	SNT Complex	38,993.00 (Depreciated Value)	2,000.00
40	SK-01G-0341 Maruti Gypsy (2002)	Irrigation & Flood Control	Nirman Bhawan, Gangtok	56,425.00 (Salvage Value)	2,800.00
41	SK-01G-1834 800 Car(2002)	Pay & Account	Syari	7,529.00 (Scrap Value)	400.00

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  - Tender Forms can be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer (Mechanical), Car Workshop, SNT, Gangtok, during the working hours from **18th June 2019 to 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**
  - The interested bidder(s) shall deposit “**Earnest Money**” in the form of Temporary Deposit Receipt (TDR) the amount as indicated in the **column- 6** of the above table for each vehicle, to be drawn from any branch of the State Bank of Sikkim, in favour of the Assistant Engineer (Mech.), SNT Division, Transport Department, Govt. of Sikkim.
  - The Tender Form(s) with quoted offer(s) must be placed in a sealed cover/envelope and duly accompanied by the relevant TDR(s) of the Earnest Money(s) should reach the office of the undersigned and deposited in a sealed **Tender Box** before or on **18<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 by 4:30 pm.**
  - The tender(s) shall be opened on **19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at 11:00 am** in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives by the “**Tender Opening Committee**” formed by the Government for the purpose. Incomplete/conditional Tender(s) as well as Tender(s) without the TDR(s) shall be rejected.
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  - The first highest successful bidder(s) will have to lift/remove the above mentioned Govt. vehicle(s) after full payment within 15(fifteen) days at his/her own risk and own cost, failing which the TDR towards Earnest Money(s) Deposit shall be forfeited abruptly without any prior notice. Thereafter, if necessary, allotment to the next eligible bidder(s) will be decided by the Government based on the merit of the case whereupon the non-committal/evasive first highest bidder(s) shall have no any rights of claims.
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**GOING RETRO! The model, Gigi Hadid snaps pics with an old school disposable camera during a fashion show in Paris.**

## Madame Tussauds unveils Priyanka Chopra figure in UK

ADITI KHANNA

**LONDON, JUNE 18 (PTI):** Madame Tussauds London on Tuesday revealed its first figure of Bollywood star Priyanka Chopra Jonas, completing her presence at the world-famous wax museum across four continents.

Chopra, who married American singer-songwriter Nick Jonas last year, has been working closely with Madame Tussauds' team on the epic project since a private sitting at her New York City apartment.

"Fans have been waiting to see the hotly-anticipated London arrival since the first figure was revealed earlier this year in Priyanka's adopted hometown of New York. Madame Tussauds London joins its sister sites in Sydney and Asia in unveiling their figures to long-awaiting fans," the museum said in a statement.

Styled to match the actress' appearance at the 2017 Golden Globes, Priyanka's figure will stand out in its exquisite gold sequin gown by Ralph Lauren. The only update to the look is the addition of replica diamond wedding and engagement rings in a nod to her newly-wed status, the museum noted.

"I love London, it has such an energy and spirit to it. Working with Madame Tussauds



London's team has been so much fun. It's incredible to think that my fans can now meet my figure in one of my favourite cities in the world," the 36-year-old actress said.

Visitors to Madame Tussauds London will find the actress in the attraction's "Party" area, where they can sip their drink of choice alongside Priyanka and her fellow A-Listers at the Tussauds Bar.

Steve Davies, General Manager at Madame Tussauds London, said: "Priyanka Chopra Jonas is an obvious choice as the latest addition to our star-studded line-up.

"We welcome guests from around the globe each year and we've seen Priyanka's fan base continue to grow worldwide. It's been an honour to work with Priyanka and we're sure fans will be excited to meet her new figure at Madame Tussauds London.

## Biopic on singer Jenni Rivera announced

**LOS ANGELES, JUN 19 (PTI):**

A film on the life of late singer Jenni Rivera has officially been announced.

The revelation was made by Jenni Rivera Enterprises, Mucho Mas Media and De Line Pictures, reported Variety.

Kate Lanier of "What's Love Got to Do With It" fame will pen the script for the film.

The yet-to-be-titled film will try to capture the essence of the Mexican-American superstar who was as admired for her soulful voice as she was for her openness about her experiences with abuse, sexual assault and finding success in a male-dominated industry.

"My sister dreamt of a biopic of her life for many years. We are thrilled it will come to fruition. We never imagined such an amazing producing and writing team like Donald De Line and Kate Lanier would join together with us to help make her dream a reality.

"We are overjoyed and excited to begin this process and we are confident that we made the best partnership with Mucho Mas Media and this creative team," her sister Rosie Rivera said.



Rivera died in December 2012 at the age of 43 in a plane crash that also killed six others.

Born in Los Angeles, California, Rivera was at the peak of her career as perhaps the most successful female singer in grupero, a male-dominated regional style influenced by the norteno, banda and ranchero styles.

A mother of five children and grandmother of two, the singer was called the "Diva de la Banda" and known for frank talk about her struggles to give a good life to her children despite a series of setbacks.

## Kriti Sanon to star in Rahul Dholakia's next

**MUMBAI, JUN 19 (PTI):** Kriti Sanon will be playing the lead in filmmaker Rahul Dholakia next directorial.

The yet-to-be-titled thriller film will be produced by Sunir Khetarpal for Azure Entertainment, the makers said in a statement.

Kriti, who delivered back-to-back hits with "Bareilly Ki Barfi" and "Luka Chuppi", said she was yearning to do a female-centric thriller for a long time.

"I have been waiting for the right female-driven thriller to come my way and this film ticked all the boxes and has all the elements of a commercial film. It's an entertainer that has a powerful core idea and will connect with the audiences without being preachy about the subject.

"I play a media professional for which the research has already started and I am looking forward to beginning this journey in August," Kriti said in a statement.

Kriti has her hands full with three more releases this year including "Arjun Patiala" with Diljit Dosanjh, "Housefull 4" and Ashutosh Gowariker's "Panipat".

The project marks the first collaboration between Azure Entertainment and Rahul, who is co-producing.

"Azure pitched this idea to me



which was being developed and all of us realized that there was an exciting, real-time thriller format that this story lends itself to. This is a cracker of a script and Kriti is the ideal choice for the protagonist," the director said.

Dholakia last directorial was Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Raees". He also has films such as "Parzanian" and "Lamhaa" to his credits.

Khetarpal, who most recently produced Amitabh Bachchan and Tapsee Pannu-starrer "Badla", says he is delighted to back Dholakia's film.

"The core idea behind this taut thriller has excited all of us. The film

is in pre-production with Rahul, Kriti and the team doing a week long workshop in end July before embarking on a start to finish schedule in August," he added.

The new film is being written by author Bilal Siddiqi, whose novel, "The Bard of Blood" is currently being adapted into a series for Netflix.

The makers said there will be heavy use of visual effects in the film and they are planning to rope in a top South Korean VFX Studio for it.

The project will go on floors in August and will be shot in a single schedule. The makers are looking at an early 2020 release date.

## Michael Fassbender to star in spy thriller 'Malko'

**LOS ANGELES, JUN 19 (PTI):** Actor Michael Fassbender is all set to star in and produce Lionsgate's spy thriller "Malko".

According to Variety, the film is based on Gerard de Villiers' action-spy novel series "S.A.S" and studio intends to launch a franchise with it.

The 42-year-old actor, who most recently reprised his role of Magneto in "X-Men: Dark Phoenix", will portray Malko Linge, an Austrian nobleman and freelance CIA operative who spent his formative years in a special Nazi work camp for captured spies.

The character is described as a gentleman warrior without a country who works according to his own moral code and lives with a wicked wit and a lust for life.

The studio has bought the rights to de Villiers' catalog of espionage thrillers, serialised through 200 books that have sold throughout the world.

The first film will be based on de Villiers' book "Checkpoint Charlie", with Eric Warren Singer, the Oscar-nominated scribe of "American Hustle", adapting the script.



Fassbender will produce via his company DMC Film alongside Black Magic's Lars Sylvest, Kingsgate Films' Greg Shapiro and Rocket Science's Thorsten Schumacher, who developed the property with Sylvest and de Villiers.

Singer will also executive produce along with Jason Clark and Conor McCaughan.

**ARIES:** If you choose to ignore every bleeping device and message thread for the next 48 hours, don't apologize, Aries! This is a restful, "me first" kind of weekend. Taking care of yourself and enjoying a few scintillating one-on-ones is all you need to focus on! The moon is in private, internal Scorpio and your eighth house of strong emotions, intimacy and eroticism!

**TAURUS:** With a Scorpio moon activating your partnership realm all weekend, two heads (and hearts) are better than one! What you don't want, however, is another half who can't hold their own next to you. When you're on, you're a force of nature, Taurus, and anyone who's going to team up with you needs to be an equal.

**GEMINI:** You might have to assume the mantle of authority today, Gemini, so be ready to step up to the plate. Someone is NOT carrying their weight, and if you don't say something, nothing is going to change. Ack! Rather than pretending it's not the case or tiptoeing around the issue, address it directly.

**CANCER:** Even if you're just running out for coffee or a quick grab-and-go at the farmer's market, spruce yourself up a little. With the moon in aesthetic Scorpio and your amorous, glamorous fifth house, you could be in for a weekend of surprises. You never know who you might run into at the beekeeper's honey stall—or where a random conversation might lead.

**LEO:** Home is where your head, heart and hustling hands are all weekend, as the Scorpio moon hovers in your domestic fourth house. Don't rush to do work that can hold till Monday—and don't be too quick to tend to a friend who needs a pep talk. You've got a dozen household projects that have been in the pipeline for too long already, and now is the perfect time to put your desires front and center. Change that light fixture; put the new bedding on and maybe shop for your dream sofa.

**VIRGO:** Whatever was dragging you down last week, let it go, Virgo! The Scorpio moon is beaming down in your playful third house, beckoning you to get out and

interact with your favorite band of merry-makers. Link up with friends who have the pulse of the cultural scene and mix it up with some let-your-hair-down fun like karaoke or a burlesque show.

**LIBRA:** Are you waiting for this magic moment to arrive where your schedule just opens up? Reality is, you're the one setting the pace for your life. If you keep go-go-going at breakneck speed, you're going to burn out eventually. Preempt that from happening, asap. This weekend dangles the perfect carrot. The moon will be in introspective Scorpio both days, giving you a chance to hit reset on those wildly tipping scales.

**SCORPIO:** With la luna floating through your sign all weekend, you have planetary permission to take all the "Scorpio time" you need! Start by looking at your calendar. What do you wish you could magically erase? It's okay that you've come down with a case of reverse-FOMO and want to sit everything out until next week. Anyone who adores you or cares about your wellbeing will understand!

**SAGITTARIUS:** Clear the excess from your calendar and plan to put your own needs and desires first this weekend, Sagittarius. The moon is hunkered down in introspective Scorpio and your internally focused twelfth house for the next two days, and anything too crowded or cacophonous will fry your circuits. Apologize to anyone you might disappoint—or ask if they're open to shifting plans around!

**CAPRICORN:** Hole up at home base and unplug for the next two days? Sorry, Capricorn—not with the Scorpio moon lighting up your communal eleventh house. People are your priority this weekend, especially the ones whose sense of adventure is matched only by their amazing taste in food and bands! Take the reins and play social director or let your innermost circle know that the Sea Goat is down for whatever fun is in the offing.

**AQUARIUS:** With the moon beaming in your career zone on both Saturday and Sunday, you'll find it hard to leave work at the office. Even if you're physically engaged in

other activities, mentally you'll still be mulling something you didn't finish (or complete to your standards) when you logged out on Friday. So here's a thought: Instead of being an apparition at brunch or your friend's gallery opening, duck home and devote a finite amount of time to getting this done.

**PISCES:** Get up and get OUT! With the Scorpio moon jetting through your nomadic ninth house, the weekend is like a two-day treasure hunt for all the coolest hangouts. And guess what, Pisces? They might not be found in your zip code. Maybe it's time to pack a bag for a quick road trip or perhaps a cheap, last-minute flight to a friend two states away. (Cough, cough: Do we feel a Monday sick day coming on?) Or just stay home and play tourist in your own town. Any change of scenery would be an instant mood booster. Check out a different live-music venue; eat at an authentic restaurant in another part of town. Are there any foreign films showing or outsider-art shows you could patronize? On Sunday, indulge your interest in the mystical side to life.