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SIKKIM AWARDED FUTURE POLICY AWARD 2018 FOR ORGANIC FARMING POLICIES

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 OCT:**

Sikkim has been awarded the Future Policy Award 2018 co-organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Future Council (WFC) and IFOAM – Organics International.

“Sikkim is this year’s winner of the “Oscar for best policies”, beating 51 nominated policies from

25 countries,” states a press release from FAO, WFC and IFOAM. The State won the Gold prize while policies from Brazil, Denmark and Quito (Ecuador) took home Silver prizes.

The release adds, “The policy implemented a phase out of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and achieved a total ban on sale and use of chemical pesticides in the state. The transition has benefitted more than 66 000 farming families. The Sikkim

tourism sector has benefitted greatly from the state’s transition to 100 percent organic: the number of tourists increased by over 50 percent between 2014 and 2017. As such, Sikkim sets an excellent example of how other Indian states and countries worldwide can successfully upscale agroecology.”

Winners of this year’s Future Policy Award will be celebrated in a ceremony on 15 Oct at FAO headquarters during the World Food Week in Rome. A live

webcast is available at <http://www.fao.org/webcast/home/en/item/4874/icode/and> photos at: <https://flic.kr/s/aHskKjojGW>

The Future Policy Award 2018 is co-organised by the World Future Council, FAO and IFOAM – Organics International, with the support of Green Cross International, DO-IT – Dutch Organic International Trade and Sekem Group, Egypt.

Dussehra greetings from CM

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 OCT:**

Chief Minister, Pawan Chamling and wife Tika Maya Chamling have extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Sikkim on the festival of Dussehra or Dashain.

In his message, the Chief Minister has wished good health, happiness and prosperity to the people of Sikkim.

“May the festival light up the lives of the people and strengthen the bond between families and societies. May the festival bring us closer to our culture and help us overcome any differences in our relationships,” he has stated in his message.

“I wish the people of Sikkim unbounded happiness and may Goddess Durga bless us and our families with peace and prosperity. May the joyous festival bring us closer to each other and strengthen the special bond that the Sikkimese people share among different communities,” the Chief Minister has said in his message.

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Sikkim conferred 6th JRD Tata Memorial Award

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman lauds Sikkim’s Small Family Scheme

**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 OCT:**

Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today received the 6th JRD Tata Memorial Awards conferred by The Population Foundation of India which had selected Sikkim as the best performing State under ‘high focus category – North East’, a press communique received from the Resident Commissioner,

New Delhi, informs.

The selection was made on the basis of index of 35 indicators recommended by the Technology Advisory Committee for the awards with strong bearing on reproductive health, gender equity, family planning, water, sanitation and hygiene, women’s empowerment, gender-based violence and fertility of the population.

While delivering his JRD Tata address, the

Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Dr Rajiv Kumar, lauded Sikkim for its overall development and also in the health sector and made special mention of the Small Family Scheme.

He said, “I congratulate the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Shri Pawan Chamling for launching the Small Family Scheme to delay marriage of girl child providing also monetary incentives”.

Accepting the award, the Chief Minister said

that it was a great honour to receive the prestigious award and expressed his gratitude towards the Population Foundation of India for recognizing the strides made by Sikkim.

The Chief Minister further said that he found special privilege in accepting this second award on behalf of the Sikkim State and its people, the first being the 4th JRD Tata Memorial Award conferred on Sikkim in January, 2009.

Governor flags in ITBP Mountaineering Expedition team



**SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 12 OCT:**

Governor Ganga Prasad today flagged in the Frontier Level Mountaineering Expedition ‘Vijay 2018’ organised by Indo Tibetan Border Police at a special ceremony held at New Raj Bhavan, informs a press release.

Dy. Inspector General, Sector Headquarter, ITBP Gangtok, KD Dwivedi, Commandant 13th Bn ITBP, Anil Kumar Phool, Dy. Commandant and team leader of the expedition, Parikshit Shah, officers of Raj Bhavan, team members of expedition and other officials of ITBP were present on the occasion.

It may be mentioned that a special mountaineering team of ITBP had recently scaled a virgin peak of 6270 meter altitude in North Sikkim.

The Governor while addressing the team members of the expedition, lauded their achievement and said that adventure and sports add purpose to life of every individual and helps one set goals. Such adventure will greatly benefit the personnel’s self-confidence and builds trust and team spirit.

Sportsman spirit helps everyone to overcome anxiety, stress and helps face ups and downs in our life with positive

spirit. This is the reason why adventures, sports and games are made integral part of career in Armed Forces, the Governor added.

While mentioning about the sacrifices of ITBP to safeguard our motherland bracing extreme conditions along Indo China border, he also acknowledged their bravery and spirit of patriotism.

The Governor also underlined Sikkimese way of living in harmony with nature and expressed the pleasure that ITBP personnel posted in Sikkim have also imbibed this way of life. He also extended good wishes for their future expeditions and camps.

Maneka proposes panel to probe #MeToo allegations, Bollywood biggies speak out

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, OCT 12 (PTI): Union minister Maneka Gandhi and Congress chief Rahul Gandhi Friday strongly backed women who narrated their experiences of sexual misconduct and more as the #MeToo floodgates opened wider with high-profile directors Sajid Khan, Subhash Ghai and Luv Ranjan the latest to be ‘outed’.

While big Bollywood projects “Housefull 4” and “Mogul” faced an uncertain future with their stars saying they would not work with those accused of sexual harassment, Union Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi said she plans to set up a panel of legal experts to look into the allegations.

She also asserted that she believes in the “pain and trauma” of every complainant.

Rahul Gandhi said the truth needs to be told “loud and clear in order to bring about change”.

“It’s about time everyone learns to treat women with respect and dignity. I’m glad the space for those who don’t, is closing,” he said in his first comments on the #MeToo movement.

Neither of the two Gandhis spoke on the multiple allegations against Minister of State for Exter-



nal Affairs M J Akbar, who has been accused by several former women colleagues of sexual harassment when he served as editor at various media organisations.

More women should come out and address the issue of sexual harassment and narrate their experiences, Maneka Gandhi said.

“I believe in all of them. I believe in the pain and trauma behind every single complainant... I am proposing to set up a committee with senior judicial and legal persons as members to look into all issues emanating from the #MeToo campaign,” she told PTI.

Though Rahul Gandhi did not mention Akbar, Congress spokes-

person Shaktisinh Ghil questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s silence on the charges against the minister.

“Modi ji and morals travel in opposite direction. Modi ji will not seek Akbar’s resignation on moral grounds but if he fears his vote bank is affected and he will suffer politically... then he will even sack him,” Govil told reporters.

As demands escalated for action against Akbar, Bollywood grappled with its own demons.

Farah Khan, Farhan Akhtar, Ajay Devgn and Bipasha Basu were among the big stars who backed the movement against sexual exploitation.

After Aamir Khan dropped out of

“Mogul” because its director Subhash Kapoor faced sexual harassment charges in 2014, the shooting of “Housefull 4” was postponed following the allegations against its director Sajid Khan and actor Nana Patekar. Akshay Kumar, 51, said he wouldn’t work with “proven offenders”.

“I will not work with any proven offenders and all those who have been subjugated to harassment should be heard and given the justice they deserve,” he said. Director Farah Khan also spoke out against her brother Sajid, saying she doesn’t endorse his behaviour and stands in solidarity with any woman who has been hurt.

“If my brother has behaved in this manner, he has a lot to atone for,” she said.

The anguished response came after three women actors and a journalist shared graphic details of the sexual harassment they faced at the hands of Sajid, who announced he is stepping down as director of “Housefull 4” till he can allay the allegations.

Sajid’s cousin, actor Farhan Akhtar, said the allegations were shocking.

“I cannot adequately stress how shocked, disappointed and heartbroken I am to read the stories

about Sajid’s behaviour,” he tweeted.

Bipasha, who worked with Sajid in “Humshakals”, said she always found his behaviour towards women offensive.

“Pyaar Ka Panchnama” director Ranjan and Ghai are the two other big names to be accused of rape and harassment.

Recounting what had happened when was called for an audition for “Pyaar Ka Panchnama”, an anonymous actor told Mid-Day that Ranjan asked her to strip down to her inner wear because he wanted to see how she would look in a bikini scene.

She said she got the role but things did not improve as Ranjan kept asking her details about her love life. Eventually, she said she decided not to be a part of the film. Ranjan has denied all the allegations. It is not clear whether the allegations will impact his upcoming project with Devgn and Ranbir Kapoor.

Devgn, however, said his production house will not tolerate harassment. “My company and I believe in providing women with utmost respect and safety. If anyone has wronged even a single woman, neither ADF nor I will stand for it,” he tweeted.

Writer Mahima Kukreja shared

an anonymous post of a woman levelling rape charges against Ghai on Thursday, saying she was a “very credible media/lit personality, who does not want to be named”.

In the post, the woman claims Ghai, 73, harassed her while she worked with him on a film and one day during a late music session, he spiked her drink and raped in a hotel. Ghai, who denied the allegation, issued a fresh statement Friday.

“I am deeply pained to be gripped in this movement but thank those who know me and respect I shower to women and their dignity,” he tweeted.

Clearly, the storm, which started with Tanushree Dutta’s allegations against Patekar last fortnight and has felled big names such as Alok Nath, Vikas Bahl and his production house Phantom Films and comic collective AIB, shows no signs of abating.

Police is investigating Dutta’s complaint while Patekar has denied the allegations.

There were also allegations of harassment against an executive of Tata, which released a statement saying the matter has been taken up by an internal panel. ‘Appropriate action will be taken as soon the enquiry is completed.’

SKM expels Tarachand Logun

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha today expelled Tarachand Logun from the party and also stripped him of his primary membership. This, as per a resolution passed by the Constituency Level Committee and decision taken by party high command, an SKM Press release informs. Mr Logun has been expelled due to his antiparty activities, the release informs.

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Leadership training for women at Chujachen

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GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

A two-day training on leadership development for women was organised by Hariyali Udyog Club and Ward Development Society [WDS] of Markang Chujachen, East Sikkim at Chujachen Government Senior Secondary School auditorium on 09-10 Oct. The training was supported by the Ministry for Minorities and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan [NYKS], Gangtok, a press release informs.

The inaugural event was attended by Principal, Chujachen SSS, Yangchuk Donka Bhutia, as chief guest along with Member Secretary, Sikkim State Women Commission, Kabita Chettri, and Health Educator Officer of Rongli PHC, Pasang Lhendup Sherpa, as resource persons. Ms Donka appreciat-

ed the work of Hariyali Udyog Sangha and WDS.

The event was also addressed by Secretary, Ministry for Minority [Gol], Prabesh Khan, who spoke on reservation of minority women in government jobs.

Resource person Ms Chettri spoke about the women's commission and empowerment in Sikkim while Mr Sherpa delivered a speech on women's health.

The valedictory programme today had Ward Panchayat, Tika Prasad Uprethi, as chief guest along with resource persons, Bal Krishna Sunwar [social worker, NGO YODESS] and Rongli Sub Center Childline Services Coordinator, Manita Rai.

The resource persons highlighted on development of women leadership in the State and Childline helpline number 1098.



NPS wins ARCEIS Inter-School TT Tournament

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

Namchi Public School's Table Tennis team of Boys and Girls were crowned the Champions of this year's ARCEIS (Association of Roman Catholic Educational Institutions in Sikkim)

Inter-School Table Tennis Tournament, informs a press release.

This year's tournament was organized by NPS, at their state-of-the-art multipurpose Auditorium.

NPS team's Aron Portel Biswakarma and Don Bosco School's Nima Yangchen Sher-

pa bagged the Most Valuable Players' honours in Boys and Girls categories for their scintillating performances. Don Bosco School, Malbaisey, was the first runner-up and St. Francis' School, Jorethang, was the second runner-up.

The other team in the tournament was St. Xavier's School, Pakyong. NPS Principal, Rev. Fr. George A. D'Souza, thanked the players, coaches, managers and the School Principals, for making this tournament a great success, the release mentions.



All Sikkim Christian Churches prepares for Sikkim Christmas Festival 2018

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

All Sikkim Christian Churches is all set to organize Sikkim Christmas Festival 2018 (SCF 2018) at MG Marg, Gangtok on 22 and 23 Dec, a press release informs.

To prepare for the festival, SCF 2018 organizing committee was formed on 11 Oct in a meeting held in Gangtok BFC hall.

The meeting has appointed Satish Chandra Rai (Advisor Food and Civil Supplies Department) as chief patron, Pastor RK Stephen Karki (president), Pastor Smile Gurung (gen. secretary) and Pastor David Budha Tamang (treasurer), Elijah Arjun Thatal (finance secretary), Sumati Chettri (vice presi-

dent) Pastor Andrew Chettri (publicity secretary) and other members in the working committee to make this event a grand success.

At the outset of the meeting, chief patron, Satish Rai addressed the gathering and spoke about the purpose of the festival. Pastor RK Stephen encouraged all churches to come forward for the festival.

Pastor Andrew Chettri urged everyone to maintain transparency in accounts and encouraged everyone to work in harmony and love as Christmas itself is the festival of love and harmony.

Pastor Solomon Shankar, vice president of the committee prayed for blessings and benediction was given by Bishop GB Rai.

Victim can also file appeal in criminal case, says SC

NEW DELHI, OCT 12

(PTI): In a historic verdict, the Supreme Court on Friday ruled that besides the State, a victim of a criminal offence can also file an appeal under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) in superior courts challenging acquittal of the accused without prior nod of the appellate court.

In a 2:1 majority judgement, a three-judge bench headed by Justice M B Lokur held that section 372 of CrPC (which deals with provision of appeals in criminal cases) has to be given "realistic, liberal, progressive" interpretation to benefit the victim of an offence.

Justice Lokur, who wrote the judgement for himself and Justice S Abdul Nazeer, said "there is no doubt that the proviso to Section 372 of the CrP.C. must be given life, to benefit the victim of an offence" and also referred to the United Nation's General Assembly's resolution to hold that besides the State, the victims are also entitled to appeal against the acquittal of the accused.

Third judge Justice Deepak Gupta dissented with the majority on sole issue as to whether victims can file the appeal without the prior leave or sanction from the appellate courts and took note of the rights of the accused in this regard.

"I am unable to agree with my learned brother that a victim can file an appeal in the High Court without seeking leave to appeal in terms of Section 378(3) of CrPC," Justice Gupta said.

The majority verdict lamented the fact that Parliament, judiciary and civil society have only given "sporadic attention" to the rights of the victim of a crime and there was more to be done for them. "The rights of victims of crime is a subject that has, unfortunately, only drawn sporadic attention of Parliament, the judiciary and civil society. Yet, it has made great progress over the years. It is our evolving and developing jurisprudence that has made this possible.

"But we still have a long way to go to bring the rights of victims of crime to the centre stage and to recognise them as human rights and an important component of social justice and the rule of law," the majority judgement said, adding that, unfortunately victims of crime are still facing difficulties in getting the FIRs registered. In a serious criminal offence, the trials and appeals are pursued by the State and victims of offences can file and appeal under CrPC only after seeking sanction from the appellate court.

Singtam all set for Durga Puja celebration



YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 12 OCT:

Singtam is all set to welcome everyone to offer prayers for their families and friends as 2018 Durga Puja

begins. A pandal for Goddess Durga has been set up at Lal Bazaar, Singtam by the Lal Bazaar Durga Puja committee headed by its president, Sundar Rai.

NYK Mangan organizes District Level declamation contest

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

District Level declamation contest on "Patriotism and Nation Building" was held today at Ringhim Nampatam Panchayat Hall, Pentok. Block Development Officer of Mangan BAC, KT Bhutia presided over the program organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra of Mangan, North Sikkim.

At the outset program started with welcome speech by Sangkit Lepcha, National Youth Volunteer. Thereafter, District Youth Coordinator, N.T. Sherpa informed the participants about the aims and objectives of the program, a press release informs.

The contest began with rules and regulations laid down in the guidelines which was read out by the Judge of the contest Jikme Norbu Bhutia. Altogether, there were 8 contestants from four blocks of the district.

Pemzang Tenzing [social worker], Royan Lama [P.O, NSS from Mangan Sr. Sec. School] and State Youth Awardee,

Jikme Norbu Bhutia were judges of the declamation contest. Judges decided to allot marks as per content and substance, communication/oratory skills, presentation skills, clarity of ideas and thoughts and confidence level of the contestant.

On the basis of this subject, Sancha Man Limboo of Mangshila stood first, Payden Bhutia of Malling stood second and Engmit Lepcha of Bay Tholung, Upper Dzongu stood third position in the declamation contest. They were given certificates and cash award of Rs. 5000, Rs. 2000 and Rs. 1000 respectively. The winner will get opportunity to contest at State Level to be held at Gangtok later this month.

The Block Development Officer in his address appreciated the activities of NYK, Mangan. He further informed that in all developing activities of the block there will be convergence program with NYKs and Panchayats in future.

Programs ended with vote of thanks by Sangkit Lepcha, NYV, NYK, Mangan.



**Gangtok on
Saturday,
13 Oct**

Temp: 25°C/10°C

Forecast: Sun and clouds; a morning thundershower in parts of the area, then a couple of showers.

Sunrise: 05:33 AM
Sunset: 5:12 PM

Ward level farmer's training at Gupti

GANGTOK, 12 OCT [IPR]: Ward Level Farmer's Training program was conducted at Gupti Ward under Turuk Ramabong GPU, South Sikkim.

The program was attended by VLW Agriculture, Srijana Rai along with the progressive farmers and field staff of SIMFED.

Demonstration of Pest Management and nutrient was shown by the field staff to the farmers along with its benefits and uses followed by an interaction session with the farmers.

The same program was also conducted at Upper and Lower Maneydara Ward under Maneydara GPU on 09 Oct.

Seed treatment with EM Solution was demonstrated by the field staff to the farmers where the staff also elaborated on its importance and long term benefits.

18 more Zika virus cases detected in Jaipur; total 50

JAIPUR/NEW DELHI, OCT 12 (PTI): Eighteen more people in Rajasthan's Jaipur district have tested positive for Zika virus, taking the total number of such cases to 50, a Union Health Ministry official said Friday.

At least 10 of the news cases were reported from Jaipur's Shashtri Nagar locality.

The figures were issued after a review meeting chaired by Rajasthan Health department's Additional Chief Secretary, Medical and Health, Veenu Gupta on Friday.

The first case had surfaced on September 22. Fogging and other anti-larvae activities are being carried out in the Shastri Nagar area to prevent the spread of the virus.

Earlier, a department official had said that 30 of the total cases were doing fine after treatment.

Temi Tea Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt finalists

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

The 22 finalists of the Temi Tea Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt now vie for the coveted subtitle Summit Times Mr Multimedia presented by the official print partner Summit Times.

This subtitle is decided by the audience on total number of likes their pictures get on the Mr Sikkim Manhunt page on social networking sites like Facebook and Instagram.

Get to know the finalists a little better with these short bios:

Contestant's name: Akhilesh Pradhan
Father's name: Om Pradhan Pradhan
Mother's name: Raj Laxmi Pradhan
Residential address: Diesel Power House, Bhanu gram, Gangtok, East Sikkim

Hobbies/Interests: My hobbies are playing basketball and swimming. But I also love all the activities related to sports and fitness. I like playing my guitar during my free time and I love to travel.

Q) Why Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt?

I want to be a part of Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt not only because it's about me winning the title, but it would be how I choose to impact others. A platform to gain more exposure and to express what I feel. It will help me as in person to improve my personality and then I can showcase myself to the world. It's odd how I studied science when I was in school, and now I'm pursuing my studies in fashion and lifestyle business management so that I can continue my career in what I love doing. Winning this title will be a huge responsibility, but also a blessing to be a role model and impact many people in so many ways.

Q) What are the qualities that make you stand out in the crowd?

I believe it's my passion and loving myself, it has nothing to do with ego but being confident in what I love doing



will inspire others and elevate relationships with everything else. I got great feedbacks while shooting with the Mr. Sikkim team and learned what I need to work on and I took it very positively and tried to improve, plus being serious about everything.

Q) What if you win or lose the competition of Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt?

If I, fortunately, win the Mr. Sikkim Manhunt 2018 title, I would make my family and my state proud. Winning is one way I can have many more opportunity open to me. I would be able to bring the title wherever I go with me. That allows me to showcase the culture and beauty of my hometown and what makes us unique. However, if I don't win, it's okay to lose because I will be able to self-reflect and improve myself even more.

Q) Define yourself?

I belong to Gangtok, Sikkim. I'm a very hard working person. No matter how hard the work or the situation, I always try to find a way for that and give my best and complete it. Integrity and authenticity are essential to me. I do what I can to continue to improve and be the best I can be at whatever I do." I started getting into fashion and modelling when I was at the age of 14. My parents and my brother always supported me. I always used to look up to my brother



er and also looking at some of the top models on social media and magazines inspired me a lot. For me, my family always comes first. Moreover, I also want to inspire others to dress & live the way they want to express themselves authentically.

Q) What is that one thing that can unite humanity?

One thing that can unite humanity is Compassion. It reminds me of the term "We are One" by his holiness the Dalai Lama where he talks about compassion and love.

Q) Your message/appeal?

"Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard." I just wanna say whatever you do in life, do it with passion and love. Don't listen to any other people's comments, just keep doing your thing because at the end of the day, you're gonna be doing it for yourself and not for anyone else. So just believe in yourself, love yourself and keep doing what you love.

Contestant's Name: Sonam Gyatso Bhutia

Father's name: Karma Thendup Bhutia

Mother's name: Diki Bhutia

Residential address: Rabongla, South Sikkim

Hobbies/Interests: Sports (football, volleyball, table tennis,) and fitness

Q) Why Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt?

Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt is an history on its own as we all are very lucky to

be a part of this huge event a platform where a youth like us gets to showcase our talents and build our confidence which will help us life long as it's not only about having a good face but also about discipline and ethics we as individual get to learn and groom everyday an experience to be a better man. And I wanted to be a first Man to be a part of this history a lovey journey of Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt.

Q) What are the qualities that make you stand out in the crowd?

Well I want say that I am an extra ordinary person but I believe we all are special and unique on our own ways and for me I love myself because that helps us to learn improve and loving yourself first makes easier to avoid negativity criticism and boost you to be better version of you that's why I love to stay fit and healthy having good body makes you stand automatically out in the crowd and also having a good heart thinking positive gives that glow added point I guess my smile wrinkles too is a best thing that people notice in the crowd.

Q) What if you win or lose the competition of Mr. Sikkim 2018 Manhunt?

Well like I have mentioned it before that I am already a winner to participate and to be the first ever man among other fellow contestant as a first batch of Mr. Sikkim Manhunt 2018 proudly I can say to the upcoming generation that we created history for which I would like to thank the organizers and people behind this wonderful initiative. Everyday has been a learning experience for me so i loose nothing and I know everything happens for a better tomorrow so i regret nothing i am very honored and blessed to be a part of Mr. Sikkim Manhunt 2018 and in every competition one has to take that position so it's okay.

Q) Define Yourself?

It's not easy to define ourselves as we

are learning and growing and changing with lots of experience we get in our life but things that I have learned growing up will always remain the same valuing people respecting loving and equality. I am an emotional person at the same time we as human we are not perfect even I have lots of flaws which I accept and try to improve and best thing is I don't judge people because as I mentioned we are learners so we get that chance to change and improve ourselves.

Q) What is that one thing that can unite humanity?

Well I always thought about this question myself for me i believe humanity can never be united as I think Religion is one main cause for humans to be separated into groups. Thus to unite humanity we must demolish religion. And another strong reason we can be united as humanity though it's tough as a human we are made in such a way that in one way or other find something differentiate us from each other by its colour of skin wealth, caste, nationality, gender etc. so to stay united as humanity one should not be selfish and education will help somewhere or the other to understand that humans can live in harmony despite their differences.

Q) Your message/appeal?

My message will be if there is a will there is a way and if you have missed any opportunity in your life in any field don't worry always keep an option and be creative and make yourself a person to give and help others with good platform and opportunity. Love yourself value time respect and love and if you step up to successes stay grounded and humble.

Stay positive and happy work hard and don't give up hope, be open to criticism and keep learning surround yourself with happy, warm and genuine people.

We have equally worked hard for this and may the best one win.



Nukkad Natak on Swachhhta

GANGTOK, 12 OCT (IPR):

Ministry of Tourism organized a Nukkad Natak programme on "Swachhhta Action Plan" at MG Marg here this afternoon. The aim of the programme was to spread awareness among the people and tourists on cleanliness which was performed by the children of Nukkad Natak.

Message/Slogans on cleanliness, sanitation and hygiene were widely displayed by the Nukkad Natak team and volunteers (students) from Sikkim University.

Central official of the Tourism Ministry, Sunil Kumar informed that team of Nukkad Natak performed at Rangpo on 08 Oct and on 11 Oct at Lingding Primary School which was appreciated by local people and stakeholders.

The programme was attended by Deputy Director of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Lee Pandi N Targain, Project Coordinator, Dr. Rinzing Lama and officials from Ministry.

During the programme Caps and Placards were also distributed to audience and tourists. It was informed that under Nukkad Natak programme, all the 29 States and 7 Union Territories of India will be covered.

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SMU special lecture on Banking Services and Customer protection



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 OCT:

A special lecture cum interactive session was organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sikkim Manipal University today on the theme "Banking Services and Customer protection" at SMIMS Building, a press release informs.

Dr. PD Shenoy, former IAS Officer and Advisor, Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG), who is widely acclaimed as a Turnaround specialist and an expert in Industrial Relations, Banking Services and Customer Protection was present as the Resource Person.

He focused on case studies relating to customer protection in banking services and different credit institutions. Students of Bcom/MCom and the Faculties of the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Sikkim Manipal University attended the program.

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Tender Form can be obtained from the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Checkposts Branch Stationed at Police Headquarters, Gangtok w.e.f 22nd October to 3rd November, 2018 by producing SBI Challan for Rs. 10,000/- (Cost of Form) to be credited to 0055-Police, 103-fee and forfeiture and deposited in favour of Sr.SP/CP.

The sealed tenders should reach the office of the Sr. SP/CP&HQ, Police Headquarters, Gangtok latest by 17th November, 2018. The Uniform Procurement Committee shall open the tender on 17th November 2018 at 2:00 pm in the Headquarters of Checkposts Branch, 3rd Mile, JN Road in presence of the bidders or their representatives.

The approved samples can be inspected at Checkposts Branch Headquarters, 3rd Mile, JN Road during working hours.

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For Education

Figure out why, and the how will then follow

The definition of literacy in India is grossly under-achieving. Anyone with an elementary knowledge to read and write is counted as literate; at times, even just being able to write and read their names is considered enough, and that is hardly what literacy should be about. If this were the yardstick to measure literacy, then handing over smartphones to the unlettered will get the job done. It is after all not rare to find preschool toddlers who have figured out how the play and pause commands on video games look different and work their way around it.

So, aiming for literacy is really aiming too low.

The aim has to be to deliver learning even if it does not include reading and writing so that the quality of human resource is improved. Governments choose the easier option of literacy when the more productive and necessary approach should be to create better educated citizens. Do that, and one need not even worry too much about employable skills, because if education does its job well, it will infuse an inquisitiveness and a confidence which will make the “educated” ready for every job and every challenge. And this has to be approached with the education policy is approached. Sikkim is thankfully on track since there are deep meditations and consultations already underway to understand what is missing from its schools, what works and what needs to be done to inject quality into the school system here.

Education has been held up as a thrust area of governmental engagement, with ‘quality’ as the watch word. It is heartening for Sikkim to learn that education is receiving a relook. The density of schools in Sikkim leaves no room for complaint and the free textbooks and uniform scheme of the government ensure that at least the tools required to remain in school are in place. Schemes like the mid-day meal are pegged as incentives to keep students in school, but the only effective incentive long-term will be the quality of education that is imparted in the classrooms, not the quality of food served during breaks or the quality of uniforms. That said, enrolment is handsome in Sikkim’s schools and kids here can complete education if they so desire. But what also needs to be accepted that nowadays, most kids are in school because their parents don’t know what else to do with them... because sending children to school is the done thing.

Worryingly, most enroll in colleges for much the same reason (or rather, the lack of one). Not too many of us have really figured out why we send children to school. There are vague notions of “a better future” and employment, but come on, we should not be signing off the first two decades or more of our lives for pursuits without any clear idea of why. Hence, the first task for any enquiry into how schools can be improved should be to build consensus on why we have schools, and let’s scratch employment from the reasons because imparting “employable skills” does not require such a long time – you can prepare people for most jobs with a basic 3-month course and the rest they can learn on the job. Once Sikkim has figured out “why”, the how will be easy to work out.

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For years, Facebook grew in size and influence at a staggering rate. But recent reports suggest its hold on users — particularly in the developed world — may be weakening.

Globally, Facebook’s user numbers continue to rise steadily as more people in the developing world connect. In the United States, two in three adults use Facebook but that number has not changed for the past two years. In particular, the number of U.S. teens using Facebook is in decline.

According to the non-partisan Pew Research Center, 71 per cent of U.S. teens who are online used Facebook in 2015. Now, barely half say they do. Among those who remain, an increasing proportion seem to be trying to minimize their Facebook use, even as their use of other social media platforms such as Instagram appears to be on the rise.

As a researcher who studies the “digital divide,” I am concerned about how internet use varies from group to group and whether these differences have important consequences for society.

WHY DOES THIS SHIFT MATTER?

Many concerns have been raised about Facebook: it’s addictive, it collects (and distributes) too much personal data and it breeds jealousy and depression. It’s understandable that Facebook’s comeuppance is a cheery prospect to some. But as with any shift in behaviour, there will be winners and losers — and some surprises.

The shift away from Facebook to other social media is important because each service allows or encourages its users to do different things.

Facebook offers a very broad range of types of data that can be shared — links, text, photos, videos and more. It serves a very wide range of functions. It is often used for simple interpersonal communication, but is also useful for forming discussion groups, sharing news and organizing events.

Despite the controversy over Facebook’s role in the spread of “fake news” the platform plays an important role in exposing young people to the news. There is evidence to suggest that those who use social media to get their news are more likely to



become politically active.

Instagram and Snapchat, by contrast, are strongly focused on image sharing. Sharing text or links or facilitating discussion are not easy to do on those platforms. While news and current events are featured on their services, they do not have a central role.

THE WEALTHY LEAVE FACEBOOK

Teen use of Facebook appears to be declining most sharply among wealthy teens in the U.S., and is being replaced by other social media services like Snapchat and Instagram. Although we do not really know much about why, the class-based change in communication patterns raises questions about their broader social consequences.

Take into consideration all of the potential positives of Facebook use as compared to other social media tools. It has a broader range of expressive tools and functions.

It keeps acquaintances in touch with one another, aids informal networking and enables organization of political and social groups. As well-to-do teens leave Facebook, they will no longer benefit from those tools.

On the other hand, if future power and influence rests with those wealthy teens, and they withdraw from Facebook, it may be one more way society is fragmenting, with the better-off seeking more exclusive ways to network.

Facebook’s algorithms do tend to expose users primarily to the lives and interests of those they are closest

to, but nonetheless offers a window from time to time into the lives of other friends who are more distant. By leaving the network, the wealthy may lose a means of learning about the lives of those less fortunate.

VIDEO IS THE NEW TEXT

It is also worth looking at the broader social and educational impacts of the shift away from sharing text towards sharing images and videos.

When the internet was first widely adopted, email and online discussion forums were largely text-based, boosting everyday literacy. Gradually, however, the amount of text used in online communication has dropped.

The average tweet, for example, is around 50 characters long, and even though Facebook offers a wide choice of ways to interact, posting a video improves the likelihood that others will see it, which encourages a shift away from text there. With the exception of optional hashtags, images posted to Instagram and Snapchat may have no accompanying text at all.

Of course, image and video production have their own “literacies,” and video can be an effective form of communication for political and social change. However, it is possible that this shift away from text will have the unanticipated side effect of dis-empowering poor social media users.

Early researchers thought text-based communication via the internet would let those with lower social status participate in discussion and debate on a more equal basis, be-

cause readers could not judge posters by their gender, race or social class. Now, of course, social media profiles usually provide readers with indications of race and gender and other social cues, weakening this effect, but text-based messages may still reach across class barriers more effectively than video.

It’s also important to consider how easy it is to craft messages designed to have social impact using different media. It is easy to create a basic video message with a smartphone, but it can have a steeper learning curve (and equipment cost) if you want to employ editing, lighting, sound design and other persuasive techniques. It much harder to conceal status indicators like gender, race and class on video than it is in text, making it easier for those who discriminate (whether consciously or unconsciously) to ignore or downplay video messages.

THE FUTURE

Video tools and techniques may become accessible to all. With that comes the risk that a video-centric social media environment will consist mostly of people sharing videos and photos for easy, unpolished interpersonal chatter. This may leave commercial forces and the better off to dominate the online public sphere of video. Educators can help young people understand social media and learn how to use it more effectively (and safely).

Scholars, educators and policy makers struggle to keep up with the speed at which people’s online behaviour is changing. As social media has emerged as one of the most important ways people communicate with one another and with the world, we must have more nuanced conversations about possible changes in the way we understand one another and the balance of power between social groups.

Rather than debating whether social media (or social media companies) are good or bad, a key question we should be asking is: how do different groups use social media differently and how are those differences affecting society? There is much we need to learn.

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Could cheese help prevent type 2 diabetes?

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Many people believe that low-fat dairy products are healthier than high-fat dairy products. Indeed, many public health guidelines recommend low-fat dairy over high-fat dairy. However, our latest research, published in PLOS Medicine, found that people who had higher levels of biomarkers of dairy fat had a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

Dairy products contain calcium and other nutrients that are important for our health, but they are often high in saturated fat — which is considered to be bad for cardiovascular health. Although food manufacturers have created many low-fat dairy products, such as yogurts and flavoured-milk drinks, they often have lots of added sugar. Sugar, of course, is also bad for our health. So which dairy products should we choose: high-fat or low-fat?

Studies on dairy consumption have reported mixed results. The recent evidence shows no clear differences between high-fat and low-fat dairy in terms of the risk of developing type 2 diabetes or cardiovascular diseases.

However, most studies have relied on self-reports of dietary consumption by study participants. And self-reports are notoriously unreliable as people often misjudge how much they have eaten. With dairy consumption, for example, participants may fail to report baked goods, such as cakes and savoury pies, that contain dairy.

AN OBJECTIVE MEASURE

Some scientists have shown that certain

types of fat in our body tissue reflect dairy fat consumption. These biomarkers are more reliable than self-reports of dairy consumption.

Using this method, a couple of studies and one systematic review have found no link between dairy fat consumption and a higher risk of heart disease.

And summary evidence from our

group, published in 2014, found an inverse association between dairy fat biomarkers and type 2 diabetes risk. In other words, the more dairy fat biomarkers found in a person’s blood, the lower their risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

To produce more definitive evidence, we conducted a global study which included data on nearly 64,000 adults from 16

countries. We evaluated the biomarkers we previously examined, but we also included additional dairy-fat biomarkers.

The results of our study further support the evidence that higher concentrations of the dairy-fat biomarkers are associated with a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

LIMITATIONS

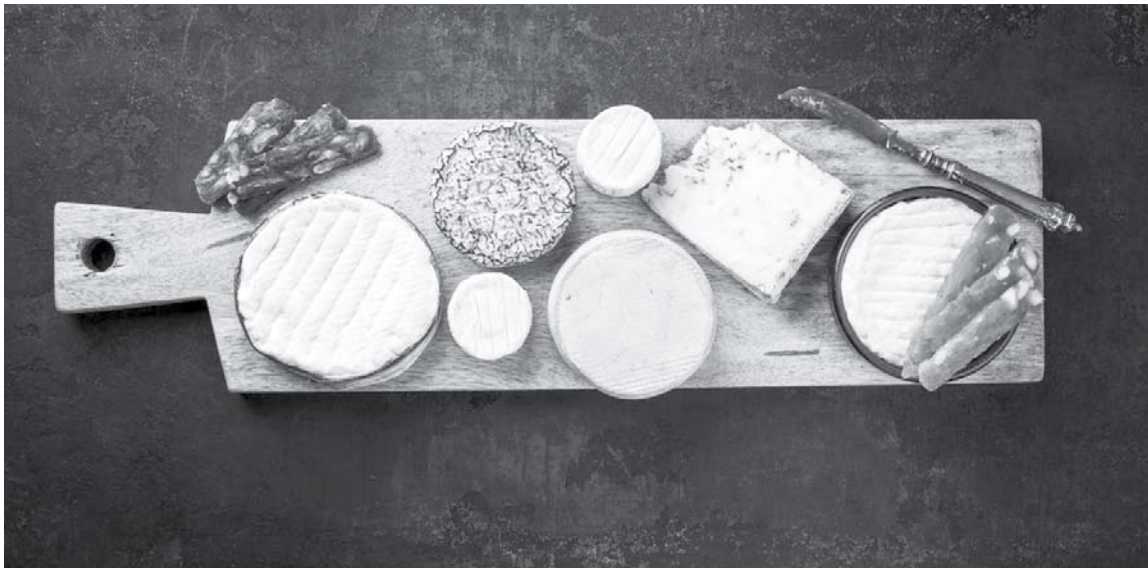
As with all studies, there are limitations. Biomarkers do not distinguish different types of dairy products, such as milk, cheese and yogurt. Also, our findings were mostly from white populations in the US and Europe — evidence for other populations remains limited.

Dairy products are one of the main sources of saturated fat, but we can’t draw conclusions about other sources of saturated fat, such as meat and oil, and the risk of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. This complexity should also be discussed in different contexts such as how dairy products are consumed with different foods in different cultures and populations, and how dairy fat consumption is linked to other health outcomes, such as cancer and bone health.

Despite the limitations, our new research highlights how objective assessment using biomarkers can help to increase understanding between dairy consumption and health risks. This research indicates that dairy fat may not be harmful, indeed, it may be beneficial. But more work needs to be done to understand the overall effects of dairy, over and above its fat content.

There isn’t enough evidence, yet, to change dietary guidelines, which in the UK recommend that saturated fats should make up less than 11% of all calories consumed from food. We hope that our research will further stimulate clinical and public health research and a dialogue to promote an optimal diet, focusing more on foods than nutrients, including dairy.

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16 trains cancelled by ECoR for cyclone Titli

BHUBANESWAR, OCT 12 (PTI): At least 16 trains have been cancelled and several others rescheduled by the East Coast Railway (ECoR) Friday due to submergence of track following heavy rain triggered by cyclone 'Titli', an ECoR official said.

The water on the railway track in Berhampur-Palasa section, submerged since Thursday night, is yet to recede due to continuous rain, the official said.

The water level has touched the danger mark at a bridge between Ichhapuram and Jhadpudi stations in Berhampur-Palasa railway section, the official said.

Therefore, several trains have been cancelled, diverted and rescheduled on Friday.

Among the 16 trains cancelled are 12893 Chennai-Bhubaneswar Express from Chennai, 22819/22820 Bhubaneswar-Visakhapatnam-Bhubaneswar Inter City Express from both the directions, 22873 Digha Visakhapatnam from Digha, 22801 Visakhapatnam-Chennai Express from Visakhapatnam.

Also cancelled was 18447 Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur Hirakhand Express from Bhubaneswar. The same train was cancelled on Thursday also, he said.

The railway also cancelled 12510 Guwahati-Bangalore Cant Express from Guwahati on October 14.

While at least 11 trains were rescheduled, three others were partially cancelled and 9 trains diverted, he said.

Apart from this, some trains are being controlled enroute till position improves and it is declared safe to run trains in the cyclone affected area, he said.

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Expelled Mizoram Cong leader Lalzirliana gives up assembly membership

AIZAWL, OCT 12 (PTI): Former Mizoram home minister R. Lalzirliana Friday submitted his resignation as a legislator as part of his intention to join opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) in the poll-bound North-Eastern state.

He submitted his resignation letter to state assembly secretary S.R. Zokhuma in the absence of Speaker Hiphei, who is on a tour to southern Mizoram.

Mizoram will go to vote on November 28. Politically it would be interested to watch if Congress manages to hold power in the only state under its rule in the North-East at present.

Lalzirliana, second-in-command in the Congress government headed by chief minister Lal Thanhawla and also vice president of the state PCC had resigned from



the council of ministers on September 14 after he was served a show cause notice by the party disciplinary action committee on September six.

He was expelled from the party for an indefinite period on September 17 after which he announced his intention to join the opposition Mizo National Front (MNF).

He told PTI that he resigned after consulting constitutional experts and that he would soon join the MNF and contest from Tawi seat, his

home turf as a nominee of the MNF.

Lalzirliana, in his resignation letter to Lal Thanhawla, which was accepted on September 17, said that he resigned due to the government's refusal to implement the creation of Saitual district comprising his Tawi constituency during the last ten years.

Lalzirliana was soon followed by another ruling Congress legislator Lalrinliana Sailo, who also resigned as the Congress government refused to implement the Khawzawl district created along with Saitual district by the MNF regime in 1998.

Sailo would be contesting from Chalfihl constituency in Aizawl district as MNF candidate and would be pitted against former state IG of Police, L.T. Hrangchal, a retired Indian Police Service (IPS) officer.

Action against Rohingya should not be seen through prism of human rights: Rajnath

NEW DELHI, OCT 12 (PTI): Home Minister Rajnath Singh said Friday that action against the Rohingya and other illegal immigrants should not be viewed through the prism of human rights as India has never ill-treated foreigners.

Addressing the silver jubilee foundation day event of the National Human Rights Commission in New Delhi, Singh said India is a secular country and the human rights are not based on any religion.

"I believe there is no place for inhuman actions in the name of strict action. But it is also my firm belief that actions taken in the national and societal interest should not be seen from the viewpoint of human rights violation," he said, in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the chief guest at the function.

The home minister said on many occasions, some people express concern over the human rights of criminals or terrorists.

"I want to ask when such a criminal or terrorist not only violates the human rights of others but also takes away their right to live, in such a situation how we can raise the issue of human rights of such criminals," he said.

Singh said action against illegal immigrants in India should not be seen from the point of view of human rights. "There was no inhuman behaviour towards them. I am happy

to note that the Supreme Court's recent decision was in favour of deportation of seven Rohingyas (from Assam), he said.

The home minister said human rights should be seen in proper perspective as human rights means everyone has a right to a dignified life.

"In this direction, our government has implemented many significant

schemes for the benefit of crores of people and provided them food, housing, health and education for girl children," he said.

Singh also emphasised the importance of women's safety in India.

He said the NHR, since its inception 25 years ago, has achieved many milestones and secured a place for itself in the institutional frame-

work of the country.

He also said the human rights have been ingrained in the traditional ethos of India. "In our country, we pray for the welfare of all, wish good for all and desire no harm for anyone. India is the first country in the world to have considered not only human rights but also took care of animal rights".

SIKKIM STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, DEVELOPMENT AREA, GANGTOK PHONE & FAX – 03592-2027753 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Sikkim State Legal Services Authority invites sealed 'Expression of Interest' (E.O.I.) (tender) from interested registered local firms for printing 720 (Seven Hundred and Twenty) copies of Sikkim SLSA Calendars for the year 2019 with the following specifications:

1.	Product	:	Offset printed custom made SLSA Calendar for the year 2019
2.	Theme	:	(To be decided)
3.	Quantity	:	720
4.	Size	:	16x24 inches, final bound size
5.	Binding	:	Spiral bound with heavy duty metal hanger & hanging type
6.	Binding Size	:	Shorter side i.e. 18 side
7.	Photographs	:	To be provided by Sikkim SLSA
8.	No. of sheets	:	Total fourteen (14)-12 sheets of 200 GSM art board consisting of 12 pages of dates and pictures printed in 4 colour offset process and two sheet of fly leaf (front and Rear Side), 120 GSM single side printed in four colours.
9.	Taxes	:	Party must quote rates inclusive of all taxes and transportation charges applicable.
10.	Last date and time for submission of E.O.I.	:	12.11.2018 (12:00 Hrs) Monday
11.	Date and time of opening of E.O.I.	:	12.11.2018 (14:00 Hrs) Monday
12.	Date of completion of the work	:	1 month after receiving of order
13.	Venue	:	Office of the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok

Interested parties may submit their "Expression of Interest" addressed to The Member Secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok.

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- No. E.O.I shall be entertained after the scheduled date and time.
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- Only local printers having their own established printing press may apply.
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- The successful tenderer(s) shall collect the sample copy of the Calendar from the Office of the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok within two (2) days of receipt of the work order.
- Once the order is placed, the party should submit the final layouts along with holiday listing (provided by SLSA) for approval of the Authority before actual printing within a week. The proof of which can be of a smaller size.
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i)	Last date for submission of a quotation	:	10 th November, 2018 till 12:00 noon
ii)	Opening of Quotations	:	10 th November, 2018 at 02:00 pm in the Office of Sikkim SLSA.
iii)	Period of completion of work	:	10 th December, 2018
iv)	Venue	:	Office of the Sikkim SLSA.

The Interested parties may submit their "Expression of Interest" addressed to the Member Secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok.

Terms & Conditions

- No E.O.I shall be entertained on any ground whatsoever after the scheduled date and time.
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- The successful bidder shall collect the sample copy of the text books from the office of the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok within two (2) days of the receipt of work order.
- Payment shall be subject to the deduction of 3% commission at source creditable under the head "0058 Ptg & Sty".
- All papers as will be submitted by the bidders shall be properly signed with dates and the rates quoted be expressed in words as well as in figures.
- The successful bidder on being awarded the allotted work shall have to execute papers accepting terms and conditions as will be imposed by the Sikkim State Legal Services Authority.
- Once the order is placed, the party should submit the proof within 7(seven) days for approval of the Authority before actual printing.
- The Authority shall forfeit the Earnest Money of the successful bidder for non-compliance of any of the terms & conditions without any reason thereof.
- The Authority reserves the full right to accept or reject any or all the "Expression of Interest" (EOI) or modify the terms thereof without assigning any reason and reserves the right to award the work to any party/ bidders found competent and competitive.

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			ST	7 ½ %
			Domicile (Assam)	25% of domicile & other state category
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			Defence seats (Serving / Ex Servicemen)	25% of Domicile & other state

Exam Schedule (OMR based examination)

Class VI			Class IX		
Duration of Examination			Duration of Examination		
Sl.No	Subject	No. Of Ques/Marks	Sl. No	Subject	No of Ques/ Marks
(a)	Maths	50 x 3	(a)	Maths	50 x 4
(b)	Gen Knowledge (SC & SST)	25 x 2	(b)	English	25 x 2
(c)	Language	25 x 2	(c)	Intelligence	25 x 2
(d)	Intelligence	25 x 2	(d)	Gen Science	25 x 2
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Chase-ing Shadows: Roston Chase defies India as West Indies score 295/7

HYDERABAD, OCT 12 (PTI): Indian spinners went off the boil in the final session as all-rounder Roston Chase hit a gutsy unbeaten 98 to take the West Indies to a respectable 295 for seven on the opening day of the second Test, here on Friday.

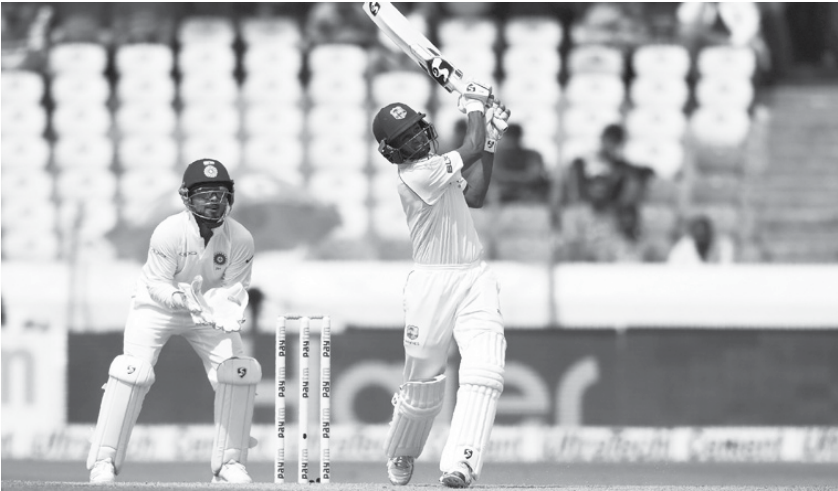
Chase, who scored 137 to deny India a victory in a Test match in Jamaica back in 2016, showed the much-needed application with requisite technique as Indian bowlers struggled after polishing off the top half for only 113 runs.

Chase, along with skipper Jason Holder (52), did enough to ensure that the West Indies will have a good first innings total to fight against a heavyweight Indian batting line-up.

Not being able to dismiss the middle and lower-order was a problem in England and it once again turned out to be the bowling unit's bane as the Chase-Holder duo added 104 runs for the seventh wicket.

In England, it was the pacers, here it was the spinners and only one wicket fell for 102 runs in last session.

Nonetheless, Umesh Yadav (3/83 in 23 overs) bowled his heart out on a good batting track



while left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav (3/74 in 26 overs) was also impressive during the first two sessions.

Debutant pacer Shardul Thakur left the field complaining of groin strain after bowling merely 10 deliveries and the Indian attack was reduced to four men.

It seemed good enough till tea time but the lack of a fifth bowler did have its effect in the final ses-

sion as the two senior spinners Ravichandran Ashwin (1/49 in 24.2 overs) and Ravindra Jadeja (0/69 in 20 overs) lacked a Plan B to dismiss a set Chase.

That Jadeja didn't even have a Plan A was evident as he bowled flat out but wasn't even restrictive like Ashwin.

Prior to the match, when Chase was asked about doing a Jamaica encore, he replied: "Anything is

possible."

He walked the talk and read the pitch better compared to his top-order colleagues.

He understood that it was a flat track and played most deliveries on the front-foot to meet the ball early. When the spinners fired in the faster ones, he was quick to lean on his backfoot.

In all, he hit seven boundaries and a six during his 174-ball

knock.

However, it was India, who had started the post-lunch session on a dominant note with signs that another batting debacle from the Caribbeans looking imminent.

Shimron Hetmeyer (12) offered no stroke to a googly and was adjudged plumb in-front. Sunil Ambris (18) played a loose shot as the Caribbeans were left stuttering at 113 for five.

Chase and Shane Dowrich (30) then added 69 runs for the sixth wicket before Umesh got the ball to reverse trapping the keeper leg-before. While the umpire initially gave not out, skipper Virat Kohli had a successful DRS review.

Earlier, Ashwin and Yadav struck early in the session as West Indies lost their top-order in the first session in which they scored 86 runs.

At the stroke of lunch, Shai Hope (36) was dismissed by Yadav as India gained the upper-hand.

Opener Powell, who scored 83 in the second innings at Rajkot in the first Test, struck four boundaries. He successfully reviewed a leg-before call off Ashwin's delivery as TV replays showed a big inside edge.

But Powell did not survive long

as Ashwin flighted one and the batsman, trying the inside-out lofted drive, failed to get the elevation to be caught by Ravindra Jadeja at cover.

Powell's opening partner Brathwaite showed better application compared to the first Test as he was ready to dig in his heels and defend doggedly.

However, not scoring runs did put pressure as he looked clearly uncomfortable at not being able to pick Kuldeep's wrist-spinners.

In fact, he was facing problems with Kuldeep's incoming delivery -- the stock ball for a chinaman.

One such delivery ended his 68-ball vigil with a delivery that spun sharply into Brathwaite as the batsman played to a wrong line.

Youngsters Hope and Shimron Hetmeyer (10 batting), however, batted with grit, punishing the odd loose balls for boundary.

Both were ready to defend Ashwin off the front-foot primarily and it worked to their advantage as they added 34 runs for the third wicket.

The stand-out shots of the first session were a couple of back-foot punches by Hope off Umesh Yadav's bowling.

Manu wins silver, men's hockey team progresses to semis at YOG



BUENOS AIRES, OCT 12 (PTI): Young shooting sensation Manu Bhaker became the second Indian after judoka Tababi Devi to win two medals at the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) after winning a silver while the men's hockey team moved to the semi-finals with a 4-2 win over Poland here on Friday.

In a unique format, Manu combined with Tajikistan's Behzan Fayzullaev in the 10m air pistol mixed international and settled for a silver after losing the gold medal match 3-10 to Germany's Vanessa Seeger and Bulgaria's Kiril Kirov.

The India-Tajik pair had on Thursday come through qualification with a score of 751. They then beat an Egyptian-Thai pair 10-4 in the round of 16 at the Parque Polideportivo Roca shooting range in the Argentine capital.

They beat a pair from Lithuania and Moldova 10-8 in the quarterfinals and then overcame Andria Ibarra of Mexico and Dymtro Honta of Ukraine 10-3 in the semifinals. The German-Bulgarian pair howev-

er struck strong in the finals and was 3-0 ahead at one stage before winning 10-3 to emerge champions.

According to the format, the gold medal winner of the individual event is paired with the athlete who finished 20th in the final.

India thus wrapped up their shooting campaign with two gold and three silver medals.

Of the eight medals won by the Indian contingent so far, five are from shooting. Manu and Saurabh Chaudhary had won gold in the men's and women's 10m air pistol events, while Shahu Mane and Mehuli Ghosh had won silver in the men's and women's 10m air rifle events, earlier in the Games.

On the hockey turf, Shivam Anand (1st, 8th minutes) sounded the board twice while Maninder Singh a(3rd) and Sanjay (17th) were the other goal scorers for India in the quarterfinals of the Hockey 5s competition at the Parque Polideportivo Roca.

Poland's goals came from the sticks of Eryk Bembenek (16th) and Michal Nowa-

kowski (18th).

The Indian women's hockey 5s team beat South Africa 5-2 in their final Pool A match to advance to the quarterfinals of the Youth Olympic Games here.

The Indians finished in the second spot in their pool with 12 points, behind leaders Argentina.

Mumtaz Khan (2nd, 17th minute), Reet (10th), Lalremisiami (12th) and Ishika Chaudhary (13th) scored in India's convincing victory over South Africa on Thursday as the team ended the pool stages on a winning note after Wednesday's defeat to hosts Argentina.

On the badminton courts, title favourite Indian Lakshya Sen recovered from a game deficit to beat Kodai Naraoka 14-21 21-15 24-22.

Swimmer Srihari Natraj failed to qualify for the finals of the men's 200m backstroke after finishing sixth in Heat 1 with a timing of 2:04.80, which was overall 13th best. Only eight best made it to the final.

After more than 2 decades: An India-China clash on football field

SUZHOU (CHINA), OCT 12 (PTI): Billion-plus populations but laggards in a truly global sport -- India and China will go head to head in a football friendly for the first time in 21 years on Saturday with the home team a firm favourite despite poor recent form.

The Indian team is playing an international match for the first time in China though their senior sides have faced each other 17 times in the past. China have played in India seven times, all of them in the invitational tournament Nehru Cup.

India will be led by star defender Sandesh Jhingan, coach Stephen Constantine revealed in the pre-match press conference here.

"I think he is going to be one of the leaders for India going forward. Keeping the magnitude of the game in mind, I believe he deserves to lead the team," Constantine said.

India has not won a single match out of the 17 while China has come out trumps 12 on occasions.

Five matches have ended in draws. The senior teams of India and China last played in the 1997 Nehru Cup in Kochi which the 'Red Dragons' won 2-1.

Saturday's match at Suzhou, around 100 km from Shanghai, has attracted a lot of interest among the football fans and the media in the backdrop of the competition between the two countries in several spheres as well as the fact that they are playing a football match for the first time after 1997.

Neighbours India and China account for one-third of the world's population and they are the fastest growing and competing global economies but they have remained "sleeping giants" with nothing much to show at the world stage.

This is more true for India as the country has not featured in a single FIFA World Cup while China has done so once -- in 2002 when they exited from the group stages after losing all their three matches.



Despite being a lesser force on the global stage, China, nonetheless, is one of the established football countries in Asia. The 'Red Dragons' have been consistently among the top-10 in Asia and in the top-100 in the world.

The country is now 76th in FIFA rankings and seventh in Asia.

China has played 11 times in the Asian Cup, the continent's top-flight competition and has finished runners-up twice and third as many times.

India, on the other hand, has played only thrice in the Asian Cup (1964 runners-up; 1984 and 2011) and recently

broke into the top 100 in the FIFA rankings after a long time. The country is now 97th in FIFA rankings and 15th in Asia.

It is a bold move on India's part to play against China as they have not played in the recent past against a top side in the continent except in the Asian Cup or the World Cup qualifiers and it is also fraught with consequences.

The match, being played by both sides in the FIFA international friendly window as part of preparations for the AFC Asian Cup in January next month, will test India's 'real' progress and its stake as a country hoping to be among the Asian elite.

"We are fully aware that China are a big side in the region. They will be a very difficult side. They want to play possession football, attacking football," Constantine said.

"We will go all out for a win. But if we lose, we will try to find out the positive aspects."

Lead striker and regular skipper Sunil Chhetri, who will take the field as the country's lead striker, wondered just why it took so long for the two countries to play each other.

"We should not afford them much space. At the same time, whenever we find

a little room of opportunity, we have to construct the moves and counter them," said Chhetri.

China are the favourites to win tomorrow's match but the home side would know that it cannot be complacent as it has been struggling of late after a 0-1 loss to an inexperienced Qatar last month and then a 0-0 stalemate with Bahrain.

The home team's 2006 World Cup winning Italian coach Marcello Lippi cannot afford to anything other than a win on Saturday with less than three months left for the Asian Cup, which will be his last tournament with the Chinese national side.

Saudi delegation in Turkey for talks on missing journalist

ANKARA, OCT 12 (AFP): A Saudi delegation has arrived in Turkey for talks on missing journalist Jamal Khashoggi, officials said on Friday, with Riyadh and Ankara sharply at odds over how he disappeared last week from the kingdom's Istanbul consulate.

As the controversy intensified, the Washington Post reported Turkey had recordings made from inside the building that allegedly proved their claims Khashoggi had been tortured and killed at the consulate.

His case risks hurting not just fragile Turkish-Saudi relations but also damaging the image of the kingdom and its ties to the West as powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman promotes a reform drive.

Saudi journalist and Washington Post contributor Khashoggi vanished on October 2 after entering the consulate to obtain documents ahead of his upcoming marriage.

Turkish government sources say police believe he was killed but Riyadh denies that.

The Saudi delegation, whose composition was not immediately clear, is expected to meet with Turkish officials at the weekend, state media said on Friday.



The Turkish leadership has so far stopped short of accusing Saudi Arabia, although sensational claims have been published in pro-government media including that an "assassination team" was sent to Istanbul to eliminate Khashoggi.

In a rare public comment on

the case by a Saudi official, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Britain, Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf al Saud, told the BBC that Riyadh was "concerned" about its citizen.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called on Riyadh to prove Khashoggi left the building, challenging Saudi Arabia to provide

CCTV images to back up its account.

Khashoggi, a Saudi national living in the United States since September 2017 fearing arrest, criticised some policies of Mohammed bin Salman as well as Riyadh's intervention in the war in Yemen.

The Washington Post reported the Turkish government has told

US officials it has audio and video recordings which show how Khashoggi was "interrogated, tortured and then murdered" inside the consulate before his body was dismembered.

Turkish officials contacted by AFP refused to comment on the veracity of the report.

Ankara and Riyadh have been on opposing sides in the region on key issues, including the ousting of the Islamist Egyptian government and last year's Saudi-led blockade on Turkey's key regional ally Qatar. Yet as key Sunni Muslim powers they have maintained cordial relations.

But despite Riyadh's agreement on Tuesday to let Turkish authorities search the Saudi mission, the probe has not yet taken place.

Pro-government Turkish newspaper Sabah said the search of the consulate had not yet taken place because Saudi officials would only allow a superficial "visual" probe.

The Turkish side did not accept the offer and Sabah said officials wanted to search the building with luminol, a chemical that allows forensic teams to discover blood traces.

The daily reported there had been intense diplomatic contacts between the two sides to resolve the issue.

Officers were looking into sound recordings sent from a smart watch that Khashoggi was wearing when he was inside the consulate to a mobile phone which he gave to his Turkish fiancée waiting outside, Hatice Cengiz.

Milliyet daily reported that "arguments and shouting" could be heard on the recordings, but Sozcu newspaper said only "some conversations" could be heard.

Pro-government daily Yeni Safak reported that police were also investigating the possibility that Khashoggi's body was taken out via the sewage system.

Amnesty International demanded the Saudi authorities reveal what happened to Khashoggi as it said Riyadh was "responsible at a minimum for enforced disappearance".

Heba Morayef, Middle East and North Africa regional director at Amnesty, noted that assassinations of dissidents abroad did not happen "very frequently" in the Arab world.

But she suggested to AFP in Beirut the killing, if true, would have "a huge chilling effect on the Saudi dissident community" overseas and those of other Arab countries.

Jetliner lands in US after world's longest flight

NEW YORK, OCT 12 (AFP): An Airbus jetliner arrived in Newark on Friday after a nearly 18-hour trip from Singapore, completing the world's longest commercial flight.

It marked the revival of a route that had been eliminated in 2013.

Singapore Airlines Flight SQ22 arrived at 5:29 am (local time), the Newark Liberty International Airport website said. That made for a flight of 17 hours and 52 minutes.

The flight had been scheduled to take 18 hours and 25 minutes. Flying from New York to Singapore would be a longer journey.

The plane was carrying 150 passengers and 17 crew members as it travelled 16,500 kilometres.

"I feel perfectly well rested," said



Kristopher Alladin, a 37-year-old Canadian. "I'm lucky because I'm able to sleep on the plane," Singapore Airlines only offers premium economy and business seats on this flight -- no regu-

lar economy seats.

"Although you're in premium eco, you feel like you're in first class," said Alladin, adding that he had taken the same flight in 2008. "The flight was

very smooth, very quiet."

A one-way ticket from Singapore to New York on this flight costs about USD 2,150 in premium economy and USD 3,500 for a roundtrip itinerary, according to the Singapore Airlines website.

Singapore Airlines originally flew the route for nine years using the gas-guzzling, four-engine A340-500 plane before abandoning it in 2013 because high oil prices made the service unprofitable.

This trip was made with the new and more fuel efficient Airbus A350-900ULR.

It topped the previous longest direct air link between cities -- Qatar Airways Flight 921 from Auckland to Doha, which takes 17 hours 40 minutes.

India needs to expedite structural reform process by building consensus: IMF officials

WASHINGTON, OCT 12 (PTI):

India should expedite the structural reform process by working to build consensus, according to senior IMF officials who said the country needs land and labour market reforms to achieve sustained growth.

Changyong Rhee, Director of the Asia and Pacific Department at the International Monetary Fund, said that India has some of the world class economists and there is no dearth of good policies, the issue is with their implementation.

"I don't know whether my Indian colleagues will like it or not. Just do it. Stop talking," Rhee told PTI in an interview when asked what India needs to do to achieve high sustained growth.

Rhee quickly explained stating that "just do it" might be too simple a line.

"India is, of course, a democratic society, so consensus needs to be first built. It is in that context, though, that India needs to expedite the reform process first, by working to build consensus and agreement and then followed by implementation," he explained.

"I think, the real issue is whether India is ready to implement; even though gradually, even though one by one. That is why I liked the Modi Government because it is starting to implement it."

Rhee said that "reaching consensus" is much harder in India than in China, but it should not be an excuse for "not doing the reforms".

Overall, the IMF sees positive sign of the structural reforms and believes that it will be an important for India to continue with them.

"If you look at the other reforms that India has to do, there is a more daunting task," he said.

In its latest Asia Pacific Regional Economic Outlook on October 9, the IMF has projected the Indian economy to grow at 7.3 per cent



in FY2018/19 and 7.4 per cent in FY2019/20. It was revised down by 0.1 and 0.4 percentage points, respectively from its previous projections, due to higher oil prices and further monetary policy tightening.

Near-term growth will be underpinned by strengthening investment and robust private consumption. The current account deficit has been revised up to three per cent of the GDP in FY2018/19 because of rising oil prices and strong demand for imports, the report said. Ranil Salgado, another IMF official said, that the Modi government has done a number of structural reforms.

"We have the inflation targeting framework. We have the insolvency and bankruptcy code and also importantly the national Goods and Services Tax. Those are some of the key reforms and then they've done a bunch of smaller reforms including improving the business climate, liberalising FDI investment regime," Salgado, the IMF's mission chief for India, said.

"Then finally they had been focused on macroeconomic stability. Overall, we rethink that this has improved the underlying fundamentals of the economy," Salgado said.

He said that India had also been able to build some of the buffers like foreign reserves have gone up substantially for most of the time, except in the last six months or so.

But some of the key structural challenge remain, he said, adding that "product market type reforms" are needed as well as for land and labour

market reforms.

"That's what we think will be important going forward to raise investment, job growth and productivity," Salgado said.

Responding to a question on recent depreciation of the Indian rupee, Salgado said India has faced some of the volatility seen in other emerging markets.

"For India, we think it's primarily reflecting the widening of the current account, which primarily reflects higher oil prices and also the relative strengthening of the Indian economy," he said.

At the same time, the emerging market volatility, has led to slow down for some months of capital inflows and in some months actually a reversal, the top IMF official said.

"So overall India has run a balance of payments deficit and that the RBI has allowed the exchange rate to be flexible and that's in line with our own recommendations to act as a shock absorber," he said.

In the last couple of weeks, India has taken a few other steps, some of which the IMF thinks are quite positive, such as further liberalising capital inflows.

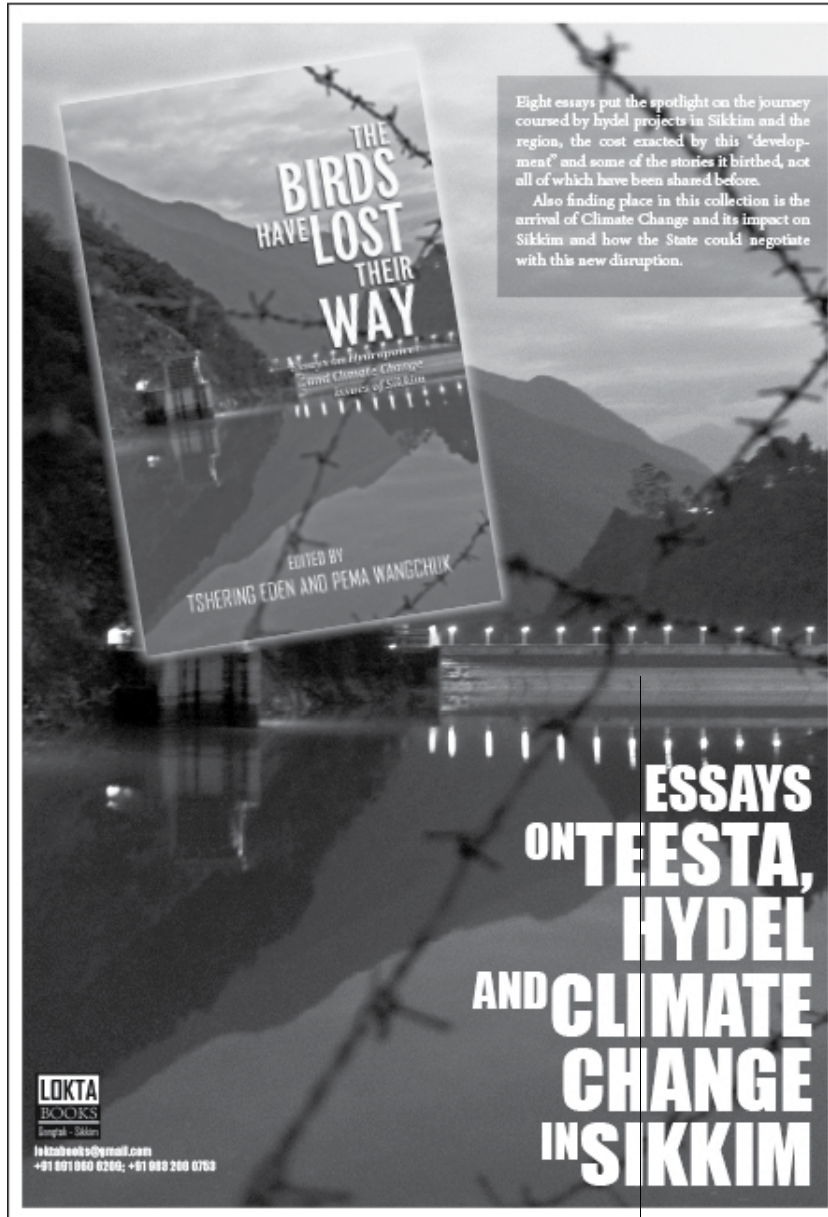
India, he said, is committed to trade liberalisation as well as quite committed to the global trade system.

Rhee said China maintained well over seven, sometimes 10 per cent, growth rate for more than a decade. So the issue is can India actually maintain this seven plus growth rate for more than a decade.

So the real question is that whether India can actually maintain this high growth rate, he said.

"As we mentioned that India, finally the elephant is started to run, our view is quite optimistic because when we want to really commend the structurally formed part, the macro economic performance, growth is result of this structure reform," he said.

Don't be judged by the short-term fluctuation with the market, Rhee said.



SELENA GOMEZ SEEKING TREATMENT AFTER SUFFERING EMOTIONAL BREAKDOWN

LOS ANGELES, OCT 12 (PTI): Singer Selena Gomez seeking treatment after emotional breakdown in hospital following "tough" few weeks.

According to the People magazine, the 26-year-old former Disney star was hospitalised twice within the last few weeks, both times for a low white blood cell count, which can be a side effect for kidney transplant patients.

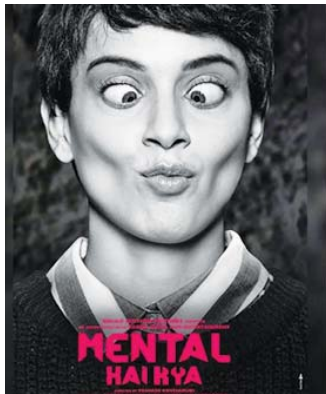
"She has had a tough few weeks and the panic attack in the hospital was the tipping point. She realised she needed to seek additional help for her ongoing emotional issues. She's surrounded by close family and has a lot of support. She's doing better now and is seeking treatment on the East Coast," a source said.

Gomez is undergoing dialectical behaviour therapy, a therapy method designed to help try to identify, and then change, negative thinking and behavioural patterns, the source added.

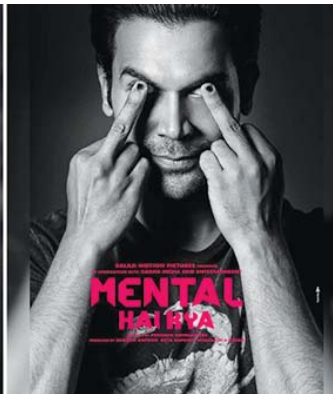
The news comes a few weeks after Gomez announced that she is taking a break from social media.



Kangana Ranaut, Rajkummar Rao's 'Mental Hai Kya' to release on March 29, 2019



MUMBAI, OCT 11 (PTI): Rajkummar Rao and Kangana Ranaut-starrer "Men-



tal hai Kya" will be hitting the theatres on March 29, 2019.

The comedy thriller, directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Prakash Kovelamudi, was earlier scheduled to release on February 22, 2019.

Rao also shared the news on Twitter and wrote, "Get ready for the ride. We are coming on 29th March, 2019. @ektaravikapoor #KanganaRanaut @ShaileshRSingh @RuchikaKapoor @pkovelamudi @KanikaDhillon"

The makers describes the film as a celebration of the "imperfections and the crazy within us and shouts out 'Sanity is overrated'".

The film also features Amyra Dastur and Jimmy Sheirgill in pivotal roles.

It is being produced by Karma Media and Entertainment and Ekta Kapoor's Balaji Motion Pictures.



Hologram of Amy Winehouse set for 2019 worldwide tour

LOS ANGELES, OCT 12 (PTI): A hologram of singer Amy Winehouse is to go on tour next year.

The estate of the late "Back to Black" singer, who passed away aged 27 in 2011, have teamed up with the BASE Hologram company to create a virtual likeness of the star, which will go out on the road with a live band and backing singers to perform 'digitally remastered' versions of her classic hits, reported Billboard.

"This is a dream for us. To see her perform again is something special that really can't be put into words. Our daughter's music touched the lives of millions of people and it means everything that her legacy will continue in this innovative and groundbreaking way," Amy's father, Mitch Winehouse, said in a statement.

The tour was announced by Mitch Winehouse and BASE Hologram CEO of productions Marty Tudor at the

Amy Winehouse Foundation's annual gala in London.

The Winehouse family and Base Hologram are also planning to incorporate fundraising and awareness campaign for The Amy Winehouse Foundation in concert with the worldwide tour.

The Winehouse hologram concert will join Base Hologram's current touring shows "In Dreams: Roy Orbison The Hologram Concert" and "Calas in Concert," in honour of opera legend Maria Callas.

It was his general attitude towards women that would disturb me: Bipasha on Sajid Khan

MUMBAI, OCT 12 (PTI): Actor Bipasha Basu Friday said she was glad that women were opening up about their experiences with Sajid Khan, whose attitude towards female cast and crew members on the sets of a film disturbed her.

Sajid has been accused of sexual harassment by two women -- actor Saloni Chopra and a journalist.

Bipasha, who worked with Sajid on 2014 film "Humshakals", said though she never faced harassment at the hands of the director, she always found his behaviour towards women rude. "I am glad that women are speaking up about the atrocities of these men with power and clout... But nothing of that sort happened with me... It was just his general attitude towards women that would disturb me on set- he cracked lewd jokes openly and was pretty rude to all girls."

"I was told by all not to say anything to him and stoop to his level- so I quietly finished



my work as a professional and explained my stance to the producers, that I couldn't associate myself with this film anymore as I could lose my temper any moment," she posted on Twitter.

Bipasha and Sajid had a fallout during the making of "Humshakals" and the actor decided not to promote the film. The movie also starred Saif Ali Khan, Riteish Deshmukh, Ram Kapoor, Esha Gupta and Tamannaah

Bhatia.

In another tweet, Bipasha praised Tanushree Dutta, who kickstarted the #MeToo movement in India after she alleged that actor Nana Patekar misbehaved with her on the sets of a 2008 film.

"Kudos to #tanushreedutta... Because of her so many women have the courage to speak out against these men who take advantage of women... Owing to their fame, power and clout," she wrote.



ON FIRE! The "I Did Something Bad" singer, Taylor Swift, puts politics aside to perform at the 2018 American Music Awards in Los Angeles.

Johnny Depp opens about 'Fantastic Beasts' casting row

LOS ANGELES, OCT 12 (PTI): Actor Johnny Depp has broken silence over his casting in the film "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald", saying he felt bad for author JK Rowling who had to defend him.

Depp's casting as Gellert Grindelwald in the franchise had led to a huge uproar as he was accused of domestic violence by his ex-wife Amber Heard.

In an interview with Entertainment Weekly, the 55-year-old actor said he was "falsely accused" and Rowling understood him.

"I'll be honest with you, I felt bad for J.K. having to field all these various feelings from people out there. I felt bad that she had to

take that. But ultimately, there is real controversy," Depp said.

"The fact remains I was falsely accused, which is why I'm suing The Sun newspaper for defamation for repeating false accusations. JK has seen the evidence and therefore knows I was falsely accused, and that's why she has publicly supported me. She doesn't take things lightly. She would not stand up if she didn't know the truth. So that's really it," he added.

According to EW, the "evidence" noted by Depp will be presented in court proceedings next month during The Sun defamation case.

ARIES: Too much partying could have you feeling a little under the weather. The food and drink may have been great, but today you'd better eat plain but nourishing food. You may not be inclined to exercise, but a brisk walk or yoga class might be just what you need. It will also clear your head. You should be yourself again by midafternoon.

TAURUS: Friends and lovers alike may take unfair advantage of your good nature. Some may want you to do them favors. Others might want to use you as a sounding board for their problems. You won't want to turn them away. If you can't avoid them, you should learn to say, "I'll help you later!" You can only be in one place at a time, and there are only 24 hours in a day.

GEMINI: Family members might

have too much on their minds today and ask you for more help than you're prepared to give. Make sure you stay calm and focused so you can decide which difficulties are most urgent and need to be handled first. Don't be afraid to tell others your decision. When possible, give advice rather than help. Sometimes that's all people really need.

CANCER: Today you might spend time helping a sibling or neighbor prepare for a trip. Or more than one person could ask you for advice on business matters, legal papers, investments, homework, or other intellectual concerns. Try not to spread yourself too thin or you won't be much use to anybody, least of all you. If it doesn't all get done today, there's always tomorrow.

LEO: Someone may approach you

talking about investments. This person may make whatever he's pushing sound like a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Remember the adage, "If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is!" If you're interested in what this person has to say, wait a few days and then check with an unbiased source. It always pays to be cautious!

VIRGO: Today you may feel like you're brimming over with physical energy. You have a lot of energy, but it isn't a good idea to go climbing mountains, running marathons, or swimming long distances right now. If you don't pace yourself, you could be exhausted by midafternoon. You may be temporarily operating on nervous energy and limited stamina.

LIBRA: Responsibilities may be

weighing on your mind today. Perhaps you've promised someone help but don't have the time and energy to come through right now. Don't be afraid to tell the person. Between the two of you, you can work something out that creates a win/win situation so your friend gets the needed help and you don't tire yourself out. A little ingenuity is all it takes!

SCORPIO: A tremendous burst of creative energy regarding a cherished project could hit today. Inspiration could strike, and you'll want to turn as much of that into physical reality as possible. Don't be disappointed if your insights are exhausted quickly and you hit a roadblock. Don't try to force it. Stop working for now and take it up later. The inspiration will come again!

SAGITTARIUS: Today you could

be in the public eye in some way. Perhaps you're teaching a class, giving a lecture, or leading a discussion group. Whatever it is, don't be surprised if you alternate between inspired and free-flowing articulation and total mental block. When the latter happens, ask for questions. That'll give them a chance to speak and get your brain going again.

CAPRICORN: Too many errands to run? Too many calls to make? Don't be surprised if you feel like you're running in circles. You might be trying to juggle career concerns while making plans for a journey of some kind. Take time to relax. Go to a movie and forget everything for a while. It isn't worth making yourself crazy.

AQUARIUS: Unexpected expenses,

perhaps for house repairs, might require some budgetary juggling. You might have to rob Peter to pay Paul. This will probably offend your practicality, but it's only temporary. With your sound financial sense, you'll be able to balance your budget again soon. Your diet over the next few days may include a lot of peanut butter sandwiches.

PISCES: Surliness on the part of a partner could catapult you into a gloomy mood. Your friend isn't communicating very well, and you probably wonder if it's something you said or did. Chances are it's not. All signs indicate that it's business. Don't try to force your partner to share these concerns with you, as this will only cause further retreat. Your friend will talk when the time's right.