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## Gangtok Smart City employees protest sudden termination from service

**SAGAR CHHETRI  
GANGTOK, 11 AUG:**

A section of employees terminated recently from the Gangtok Smart City project have protested in the manner in which their employment was scratched in what they see as "grave injustice." They have appealed to the State government to intervene in the matter and rescind the termination of their services.

It is informed that out of the 52 employees hired under the Gangtok Smart City project, 45 were served with termination orders on the evening of 07 August without any prior notice.

Addressing media persons here today, they said that all field supervisors, office assistants and office helpers have been removed from service and only junior engineers remained in the project.

Addressing a press conference here today, Suman Rai, one of the terminated employees informed that the CEO of Gangtok Smart City



handed over the termination orders to 45 employees after the office order was issued at around 7 PM on 07 August.

"We were handed sudden termination orders without any prior notice that also after office hours. On enquiring about the reason for the sudden termination, we were informed that non-availability of funds to pay salaries forced this

decision," he said.

He today demanded that the CEO provide the reasons why funds are not available to even pay salaries. In keeping with the mood of the times, the protesting group has demanded a white paper.

"Smart City is the dream project of the Prime Minister, so we will approach him with this written document," Mr Rai said when asked

what they will do with the details they are seeking.

He also alleged that the officials have been mentally harassing them by constantly asking them for details of who recommended them for their jobs.

Mr Rai also alleged that political color was being added to the whole issue.

Binita Chettri, another terminated employee, added that when they

were hired, their appointment letters said that their jobs will continue for the duration of the project - five years.

On the same, she asserted that if there were no funds, the Smart City Project itself should be stopped and wondered why the JEs were still being retained. Challenging the excuses being offered, she also asked how the

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## Governor appeals for more join organ donation movement



**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 11 AUG:**

Governor Ganga Prasad today attended the International Organ Donation Day function at Patna as chief guest, a press release from Raj Bhawan informs.

He was joined by Union Minister for Law and Justice, Ravishankar Prasad, Deputy Chief

Minister of Bihar Sushil Modi, Ministers, MLAs and other dignitaries at the function organised by Dadhichi Dehadaan Samiti, a Non Governmental Organisation working to promote organ donation.

Addressing the function, the Governor exhorted everyone present to commit to the

service of mankind even after death.

He underlined the importance of organ donation and said that one body can give or save the lives of as many as 50 people if donated in time.

Stressing the need to spread the goodwill and benefits of organ donation, the Governor highlighted

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## CBSE hikes exam fees for SC/ST pupils by 24 times, general category to pay double

**NEW DELHI, AUG 12 (PTI):**

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has increased the fees of Class 10 and 12 board examinations for SC and ST students from Rs 50 to Rs 1,200, while the amount has been doubled for those from the general category, who will now have to pay Rs 1,500.

The students appearing for the Class 10 board exams are registered for it when in Class 9, and those appearing for Class 12 are registered when in Class 11. The board notified the changes in the fees last week and has asked the schools who had already begun the registration process and charged students as per the old fee structure, to now collect the differ-

ence in amount.

According to the revised norms, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students will have to pay Rs 1,200 for five subjects, while earlier they were supposed to pay Rs 50 for the same, a hike of 24 times. The general category students who were paying Rs 750 earlier, will now pay Rs 1,500 for five subjects.

"The fees is applicable for both Class 10 and 12 examinations," a senior CBSE official said.

For appearing for an additional subject in Class 12 board examination, the SC and ST students who were earlier not supposed to pay any extra fee, will now have to pay Rs 300. General

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## CM greets Sikkim on Bakri Eid



**GANGTOK, 11 AUG [IPR]:** Chief Minister PS Tamang [Golay] has conveyed warm greeting to the people of the State on the occasion of Bakri Eid.

"On this auspicious occasion of Bakri Eid or Eid al-Adah, let us redeem our pledge to respect the dignity of human beings, the sanctity of life and the solemnity of all faiths," the CM conveys in his message.



## Gangtok Girls in I-Day football finals in Namchi

**NAMCHI, 11 AUG [IPR]:** The first semifinal of the 73rd Independence Day Women's Open Football Tournament was played here at Singithang playground today with Gangtok Girls taking on Soreng

Football Academy and winning 3-0. The match had Bikash Basnett, confidential secretary to the Chief Minister, as the chief guest accompanied by ADC [South], Satyan K Pradhan, and other dignitaries.

## Susmita Lama emerges champion of Smart Girls FIDE Rating Chess Tournament



**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 11 AUG:**

Susmita Lama of Sikkim emerged the champion of the Smart Girls FIDE Rating Chess Tournament 2019 held here at 5th Mile Tadong. Priya Chettri, also from Sikkim, came second while Vaani Agarwal from West Bengal secured the third position.

The five-day tournament was organised by Sikkim Chess Association for the first time not only for Sikkim by the entire north-east region. The tournament was participated in by 64 chess players from different parts of Sikkim and a few from West Bengal.

Pushpa Gurung finished the tournament

on the fourth position, Emetha Limboo on fifth, Amisha Kumari on sixth, Anusha Chettri seventh, Nameirakpam Bewan Devi eighth, Jenisha Gurung ninth and Shriya Agarwal on tenth position.

In U-07 Girls, Manasvi Acharya bagged the first position with Atisha Chettri on second position and Weshar Chedup Bhutia on third position.

In U-09 Girls, Chawangmit Lepcha emerged the champion, while Yashita Sharma and Dinikshi Subedi stood on second and third positions respectively.

Yangchen Lama came first followed by leaving Priya Kumari on second and Smruti Sneha Sahu on third position in U-11 Girls.

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## ARC-Shillong to play Aakraman in semis of Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 11 AUG:**

Defending champions, ARC Shillong, secured a berth in the semi-final round of the ongoing Independence Day Football Tournament for Chogyal Sir Tashi Namgyal Memorial Cup here at Paljor Stadium today.

Playing the last quarter-final match, ARC Shillong outplayed Sikkim Police 3-nil and became the final team to enter the semi-final round of the tournament.

Both teams played an attacking game from the start but failed to capitalise any of the several good chances in the initial minutes.

Finally, Maitshaphrang scored for ARC Shillong in the 29th minute and with another goal from the boots of N

Rakesh in the 37th minute, the defending champions ended the first half with a 2-0 lead.

Sikkim Police, despite the energy of its players, had been played out of the match and remained unable to break the ARC defence. ARC also missed some good chances and just when the match appeared to be headed to a 2-0 win for ARC, H Vijesh extended the lead in the 84th minute and that is how the scoreline stayed until the final whistle.

ARC Shillong will now take on Sikkim Aakraman Football Club in the second semi-final match scheduled for 13 August.

The first semi-final match will be played between Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club and Kalimpong XI on Monday.

## Sikkim's Rajeshwari is Mega Miss North East 2019



**ARPAN PRADHAN**

**GANGTOK, 11 AUG:**

Sikkim's Rajeshwari Chakraborty was crowned Mega Miss North East 2019 at the recently held grand finale of the Sunsilk Mega Miss North East 2019 in Guwahti.

This was the 17th edition of the beauty pageant organised by Mega Entertainment.

During the event on Friday, Langpoklakpam Melody from Manipur, Rajeshwari Chakraborty from Sikkim and Tanvi Raksam Marak from Meghalaya were crowned.

This year, all the top-three girls were crowned as Mega Miss North-East as the organiser had decided to drop the idea of

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## Gorkhas in Jammu welcome revocation of provisions of Article 370

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JAMMU, AUG 11 (PTI):

The Gorkha community living in Jammu is upbeat since the government scrapped provisions of Article 370 as they feel they will now get permanent resident certificates which will allow their children to apply for jobs and seats in professional courses of their choice.

Their ancestors had shifted to Jammu and Kashmir from Nepal decades ago to fight alongside the erstwhile Dogra Army and even now most families boasted of at least one war veteran, but they say they had been facing several challenges.

While the members are allowed to vote in assembly and local bodies elections, since three decades they have been demanding permanent residentship, representation in legislative council by nomination, scheduled tribe status and five per cent reservation in Sainik schools for their children.

"The decision of the central government came as a big relief for us as our dream is finally getting fulfilled after a long and painful wait," Sher Bahadur Rana, 81, a war veteran, told PTI at his residence in the thickly populated Gorkha colony near Bahu Fort here.

Over 2,000 community members are living in this colony where the houses are built close to each other, only separated by narrow lanes.

Five hundred Gorkha families, settled in different parts of Jammu and Kashmir, were allotted three 'marlas' (816.25 square foot) of land per family by the state government in 1960. They still speak in their mother tongue, Nepali, and hope that one day it will be included in the eighth schedule of the Constitution.

"I was not sure that I would hear this good news in my lifetime... But I still don't believe that our miseries will end," the octogenarian said in a choked voice as he recalled the contribution of his forefathers who came here from Nepal on the request of the Dogra dynasty which enjoyed friendly ties with the king of Nepal.

## TMC sees red over Shah's letter mentioning 'Gorkhaland'

**KOLKATA, AUG 11 (PTI):** The mention of Gorkhaland by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in a letter to Darjeeling MP Raju Bista, who had sought protection for Gorkhas in the national capital, has kicked up a row, with West Bengal's ruling TMC seeing in it a "plot" to divide the state.

The BJP, which has emerged as a major political force in the state after the Lok Sabha polls, however, rejected the charge as "baseless".

According to sources in the saffron party, Bista wrote a letter to Shah in July, where he voiced concern over Gorkhas being left out of the purview of the special cell formed by Delhi Police to counter acts of racism, particularly against people from the northeast.

Shah, while replying

to Bista's letter, said his concern over the people of "Gorkhaland and Lada-kh area" is being looked at.

The use of the word of "Gorkhaland" by Shah drew criticism from the TMC, which accused the Centre and the BJP of plotting to divide the state.

"Why did he use the word Gorkhaland? There is no place called Gorkhaland in the entire area. It seems after dividing Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP is planning to bifurcate Bengal.

But, as long the TMC is here, nobody can break the state," senior Trinamool Congress leader and minister Gautam Deb said.

Reacting to the TMC's allegation, Bista said the use of the word Gorkhaland has nothing

to do with creation of a separate state.

He said he wrote about the residents of the Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) - the autonomous body that looks after the development of the Darjeeling hills.

"The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) was set up through a tripartite agreement between the TMC government, Gorkha Janamukti Morcha (GJM), and the Congress government at the Centre in 2011. So, if they can use the word Gorkhaland, why can't we use it to refer to the residents of the area. This is political hypocrisy of the TMC," Bista told PTI.

The development comes against the backdrop of the Centre's decision to revoke provisions

# CM attends semifinals of Late Tara Man Chettri Memorial Open Football Tournament

**NAMCHI, 11 AUG [IPR]:** Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang [Golay] attended the first semifinal match of the Late Tara Man Chettri Memorial Open Football Tournament at Melli playground today.

The match was played between Kanchenjunga Football Club and Melli Football Club in which the former emerged victorious 3-2. Suman Hazra, the KFC goalkeeper, was named man of the match.

On 12 August, the second semifinal will



be played between Real Football Club of Siliguri and Forest Melli.

Addressing the gath-

ering, the Chief Minister extended I-Day best wishes to the people and also spoke about

the importance of playing sports.

He said that budding sportspersons should

be encouraged to realize their dreams.

The CM cited examples of international football players from Sikkim Sikkim Nirmal Chettri, Robin Gurung and Bikkash Jaiu to highlight for the younger players that sports offered golden opportunities.

The CM emphasised that major sporting events should be adopted as business models in Sikkim and said that the State Government will provide the basic amenities for development of this model.

## Dzongu Football Federation in semis of Lachen Mangan Area MLA Challenge Cup

SUMMIT REPORT

MANGAN, 11 AUG:

The last quarter-final match of the Lachen Mangan Area MLA Challenge Cup Football Tournament 2019 was played today between Dzongu Football Federation and Dream Team at Mangan Public Ground today.

Regulation time of the keenly contested match ended in a 1-1 draw and Dzongu Football Federation eventually won 4-3 after a penalty shootout.

On Monday, the first semifinal match will be held between Singhik SA and Super Nova.

## CM prays at Sang Zingla Shivalaya Mandir



**GANGTOK, 11 AUG [IPR]:** Chief Minister PS Tamang [Golay] visited Shree Shree Karuneshwar Shivalaya Mandir at Sang Zingla, East Sikkim, on Saturday and offered prayers there.

He was accorded a warm welcome by executive members of the Shivalaya Mandir com-

mittee and local residents. People of the locality also placed their grievances before the Chief Minister which he assured to render every possible support for.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by his Political Advisor TN Dhakal, DC East and SP East.

## Parasmani Udayan developed in Kalimpong



**SUMMIT REPORT KALIMPONG, 11 AUG:**

Kalimpong today received a 'Parasmani Udayan,' a park developed in the memory of Parasmani Pradhan, Hiran Pradhan, Uday Mani Pradhan and Devendra Mani. Other guests at the event included former Principal of Kalimpong College, GS Yonzon, BR Chhetri, Manindra Bhujel and councilors from different wards of the municipality.

The park was developed by the Kalimpong Municipality under the Green City mission and has been landscaped in the Chest Clinic area.

91-year-old Bina Pradhan, daughter-in-

law of the Late Parasmani Pradhan, was present as the chief guest accompanied by the educationists grandson Bharat Mani Pradhan, Hiran Pradhan, Uday Mani Pradhan and Devendra Mani. Other guests at the event included former Principal of Kalimpong College, GS Yonzon, BR Chhetri, Manindra Bhujel and councilors from different wards of the municipality.

The program was held under the banner of Sangrila Readers Club.

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## International Youth Day celebrated in Namchi



**NAMCHI, 10 AUG [IPR]:**

On the occasion of International Youth Day 2019, a youth conclave themed "Transforming Education" was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Namchi, in collaboration with United Nations Volunteer India and Voice group of youth, Namchi, here at the Officers Club today.

A major highlight of the activities was an open panel discussion on the topic, "Role of Youth in Transforming Education."

Additionally, there was an extempore competition for students from Namchi Senior Secondary School, Namchi Girls Senior Secondary

School and Tendong Education Institute.

Sangita Dahal spoke on the significance of observing International Youth Day, while the chief guest, Ravi Khaling, a youth entrepreneur and motivational speaker, urged students to excel in all fields.

Present among others were Robin Acharya, the first State Youth Awardee from Sikkim, United Nations Volunteer District Youth Coordinator, Sangita Dahal, Dillip Sharma of NYK Namchi team Voice and other participants from youth clubs and national youth volunteers under NYK Namchi and students.

## Pragatisheel Yuvas of Lingi Payong support school



**SUMMIT REPORT**

**GANGTOK, 11 AUG:**

Pragatisheel Yuva Club of Lingi Payong donated four white boards and stationary items like marker pens and dusters to their alma mater, Lingi Payong School, today. The president of the club, Suman Rai, accompanied by other members handed

over the materials to the Headmaster at a somber programme held during Independence Day celebrations at the school today. Pragatisheel Yuva Club has been actively supporting the school on various occasions. The school is on a mission to make all classrooms chalk and dust free.

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270	JIT BAHADUR GHATANEE	2013-41-05734	LIVE	POLICE
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## Need NGOs

*Not just to solve problems, but also to acquire confident pride*

There are many problems that only non-governmental volunteers can solve. Discomforting situations, especially the ones that are social in nature, require agencies from outside to find deliverance. The State can at best play the role of a facilitator by putting in place the right laws and making available the required funds to aid the process.

In contrast, when the government takes on the role of the NGOs, there is too much tokenism and too little engagement which does not help anyone. This is not for want of intent, but more a fallout of the lack of commitment caused by haphazard prioritisation. Government officials are after all in transferable jobs and have other considerations weighing on their minds like career progression to get too involved with the social cause they might at a given time be only ex-officio or otherwise involved in. Without complete involvement and felt understanding, social problems cannot be solved and this commitment can only be guaranteed by committed volunteers of an NGO. Government functionaries will be satisfied with an elaborately staged “World Day” observance of their present responsibility or the odd workshop and seminar talking down to corralled audience, but that does nothing for the issue or problem at hand beyond feeding a press release. Real work involves getting the hands dirty and that is too much to expect from individuals with temporary responsibility of the problem. The government is also handicapped by the red tape they wrap themselves in and the procedures and hierarchies they are habituated to. Work on the field demands instant decisions and improvisations which government officials are either not trained for or unwilling to risk.

In Sikkim, unfortunately, the NGO culture is still nascent. There is something definitely wrong with the picture when governments and project developers float their own organizations to do “social work” which should ideally be undertaken by well networked “local” NGOs. Without taking anything away from the efficacy of the present kind of NGOs, a fact which cannot be ignored is that under the present structures, the NGOs become an extension of the bureaucratic system of chakari in which political masters [or funding company] gain primacy over the people among whom the organisations should be working. This subverts the whole role of a social engagement from being one of linking aspirations and concerns from the grassroots up, to becoming handling agents of dole trickling down from above. What this awkward arrangement also delivers is government-NGO relationship which is not one of mutual respect. Since most NGOs here are completely dependent on the State for funds and directions, their independence is restricted. It is time the NGO culture developed into a viable deliverer of services and information to the Sikkimese, especially those in the rural areas.

Many changes are afoot at present and NGO involvement in cushioning their impact is an urgent need. Absent of committed and informed social workers, a fatalistic streak is created among the people who start losing faith in their ability to solve problems on their own. If this notion is allowed to take roots, very soon, a society mistakenly convinced of its incompetence will even stop trying very hard to improve its situation. A responsible network of NGOs will go a long way in combating this defeatist trait and help in reacquiring the confidence which slips away fast in a welfare state.

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# India's colossal blunder in Kashmir

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In a stunningly dangerous, undemocratic and secrete move, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government repealed Articles 370 and 35a of the Indian Constitution using a presidential order. The government failed to involve all stakeholders in the restive state of Jammu and Kashmir before making its move.

What's known as President's Rule in India — the suspension of state government and imposition of direct central government rule in a state — was imposed in Jammu and Kashmir in December 2018. It was used as the rationale to stealthily push through this latest policy in parliament.

Since there's no legislative assembly in Jammu and Kashmir, the Modi government and Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah cleverly used Article 367 to make the argument that any changes to the status of the state could be considered legitimate under presidential decree.

Article 370 was created to bind the state of Jammu and Kashmir to India in 1947, after Maharaja Hari Singh signed what was known as the Instrument of Accession. The article gave the region significant autonomy.

The state could have its own constitution, flag and make laws. New Delhi had control over matters of foreign affairs, defence and communications. Article 370 states that Article 1 of the Indian Constitution applies to Kashmir.

However, under the Indian constitution Article 370 cannot be amended without the approval of the constituent assembly. Article 370(3) states that “... the President may, by public notification, declare that this Article shall cease to be operative or shall be operative only with such exceptions and modifications and from such date as he may specify, provided that the recommendation of the Constituent Assembly of the State ... shall be necessary before the President issues such a notification.”

Without any warning, India's parliament in New Delhi increased troop levels, arrested elected

representatives and effectively imprisoned approximately eight million Kashmiris. Indian parliament divided the state into two separate Union Territories — Ladakh, without a legislature, and Jammu and Kashmir, with a legislature.

In the days since this draconian measure was passed, Kashmir remains under lockdown, effectively under siege, with a heavy military presence and no sign of normalcy. This development will likely have disastrous consequences for India and the region.

### UNILATERAL ACTION

This recent move was made without deliberating with Kashmir's representatives. The Modi government's decision to turn a state into a union territory in a single unilateral stroke, without seeking the approval of all Kashmiris, carries serious legal ramifications and constitutional questions.

Does revoking Article 370 make Jammu and Kashmir an independent state? And in that case, does it make India an occupier? Because as long as Article 370 was tied to the Indian Constitution, India could still maintain its legitimate claims to Kashmir.

Absent this article, there's now a question mark on India's legal claim to Kashmir. Another legal snag the government is likely facing is that Article 370 was considered a temporary provision only to be changed or amended by the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly. However, this assembly was dissolved in 1957, effectively making Article 370 permanent.

In 2018, the Indian Supreme Court further stated that Article 370 had acquired permanent status, making its abolition almost impossible.

### SECURITY

Second, this terribly ill-conceived step emboldens Pakistan's claims to Kashmir. It plays right into the hands of terrorist groups like Hizbul Mujahideen, Lashkar-e-Taiba and al Qaida's local unit, Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind, providing them with the ideal cause to radicalize Kashmiri youth.

By holding its own citizens hostage, the Modi government has turned previously pro-India

Kashmiris against India. From a national security perspective, this is a stunningly ill-advised and appalling step.

Further, the Modi government has repealed Article 370 on grounds that “integration” of Jammu and Kashmir is the goal to bring peace, stability and economic prosperity in the region. Contrary to the stated objective, the evidence proves otherwise.

Now that Kashmir is a union territory of India, will it still be treated separately from the rest of India with a continued massive military presence remaining in the state? The case for integration, peace and prosperity cannot be made through brute force.

But that's exactly what the Modi government has accomplished. As far as development is concerned, who will invest in a heavily militarized region?

### HINDU NATIONALISM

Fourth, revoking Article 370 has always been part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) manifesto. Essentially, the party's intent to revoke Article 370 is to redress the wrongs done to Kashmiri Pandits, the Hindu minority that was ethnically cleansed at the start of the Kashmir insurgency against the Indian government that began in the late 1980s. While Pandits are well within their rights to ask for resettlement, this latest order aims to accomplish the insidious goal of creating a predominantly Hindu majoritarian state.

Revoking Articles 370 and 35a will now allow any Indian to reside in the state. This will potentially change the demographics heavily in favour of India's Hindu majority.

The failure to include Kashmiri Muslims in deliberations and discussions on the matter will prove costly, and there will likely be catastrophic consequences for India. There is no reason for Kashmiri Muslims to trust India ever again. Violence, rebellion, dark days and a war with Pakistan are, in all likelihood, on the near horizon as a result of India's latest move against Kashmiris.

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## UN climate change report: land clearing and farming contribute a third of the world's greenhouse gases

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We can't achieve the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement without managing emissions from land use, according to a special report released today by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Emissions from land use, largely agriculture, forestry and land clearing, make up some 22% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Counting the entire food chain (including fertiliser, transport, processing, and sale) takes this contribution up to 29%.

The report, which synthesises information from some 7,000 scientific papers, found there is no way to keep global warming under 2°C without significant reductions in land sector emissions.

### LAND PUTS OUT EMISSIONS – AND ABSORBS THEM

The land plays a vital role in the carbon cycle, both by absorbing greenhouse gases and by releasing them into the atmosphere. This means our land resources are both part of the climate change problem and potentially part of the solution.

Improving how we manage the land could reduce climate change at the same time as it improves agricultural sustainability, supports biodiversity, and increases food security.

While the food system emits nearly a third of the world's greenhouse gases – a situation also reflected in Australia – land-based ecosystems absorb the equivalent of about 22%

of global greenhouse gas emissions. This happens through natural processes that store carbon in soil and plants, in both farmed lands and managed forests as well as in natural “carbon sinks” such as forests, seagrass and wetlands.

There are opportunities to reduce the emissions related to land use, especially food production, while at the same time protecting and expanding these greenhouse gas sinks.

But it is also immediately obvious that the land sector cannot achieve these goals by itself. It will require substantial reductions in fossil fuel emissions from our energy, transport, industrial, and infrastructure sectors.

### OVERBURDENED LAND

So, what is the current state of our land resources? Not that great.

The report shows there are unprecedented rates of global land and freshwater used to provide food and other products for the record global population levels and consumption rates.

For example, consumption of food calories per person worldwide has increased by about one-third since 1961, and the average person's consumption of meat and vegetable oils has more than doubled.

The pressure to increase agricultural production has helped push about a quarter of the Earth's ice-free land area into various states of degradation via loss of soil, nutrients and vegetation.

Simultaneously, biodiversity has declined globally, largely because of deforestation, cropland expansion and unsustainable land-use intensi-

fication. Australia has experienced much the same trends.

### CLIMATE CHANGE EXACERBATES LAND DEGRADATION

Climate change is already having a major impact on the land. Temperatures over land are rising at almost twice the rate of global average temperatures.

Linked to this, the frequency and intensity of extreme events such as heatwaves and flooding rainfall has increased. The global area of drylands in drought has increased by over 40% since 1961.

These and other changes have reduced agricultural productivity in many regions – including Australia. Further climate changes will likely spur soil degradation, loss of vegetation, biodiversity and permafrost, and increases in fire damage and coastal degradation.

Water will become more scarce, and our food supply will become less stable. Exactly how these risks will evolve will depend on population growth, consumption patterns and also how the global community responds.

Overall, proactive and informed management of our land (for food, water and biodiversity) will become increasingly important.

### STOPPING LAND DEGRADATION HELPS EVERYONE

Tackling the interlinked problems of land degradation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and food security can deliver win-wins for farmers, communities, governments, and ecosystems.

The report provides many exam-

ples of on-ground and policy options that could improve the management of agriculture and forests, to enhance production, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and make these areas more robust to climate change. Leading Australian farmers are already heading down these paths, and we have a lot to teach the world about how to do this.

We may also need to reassess what we demand from the land. Farmed animals are a major contributor to these emissions, so plant-based diets are increasingly being adopted.

Similarly, the report found about 25-30% of food globally is lost or wasted. Reducing this can significantly lower emissions, and ease pressure on agricultural systems.

### HOW DO WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

Many people around the world are doing impressive work in addressing some of these problems. But the solutions they generate are not necessarily widely used or applied comprehensively.

To be successful, coordinated policy packages and land management approaches are pivotal. Inevitably, all solutions are highly location-specific and contextual, and it is vital to bring together local communities and industry, as well as governments at all levels.

Given the mounting impacts of climate change on food security and land condition, there is no time to lose.

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437	DEEP JAI RAI	2014-32-07899	LIVE	RMDD
438	DHURBA RAI KARKI	2014-32-08048	LIVE	RMDD
439	RIKESH SINGH	2014-32-08139	LIVE	RMDD
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441	CHURAMANI CHETTRI	2014-32-09279	LIVE	RMDD
442	JAYANT DULAL	2014-32-09511	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
443	LAXMI GURUNG	2014-32-09672	LIVE	RMDD
444	PURAN KUMAR BHUSAL	2014-32-09699	LIVE	RMDD
445	DHAN BAHADUR SUBBA	2014-32-09836	LIVE	WATER RESOURCE
446	SARAN KUMAR TAMANG	2014-32-09843	LIVE	RMDD
447	MAN BAHADUR PRADHAN	2014-32-09862	LIVE	RMDD
448	GYATSO LEPCHA	2014-32-09923	LIVE	RMDD
449	SHRI MAN RAI	2014-32-09956	LIVE	RMDD
450	RAGHU BIR THAPA	2014-32-09964	LIVE	RMDD
451	LALL BHADUR SANYASHI	2014-32-10118	LIVE	RMDD
452	HARI LALL SHARMA	2014-32-10122	LIVE	RMDD
453	PRAKASH CHHETRI	2014-32-10204	LIVE	RMDD
454	TULSI PRADHAN	2014-32-10325	LIVE	RMDD
455	KARCHEN LEPCHA	2014-34-09516	LIVE	LEGISLATURE
456	SUBASH CHANDRA KHAREL	2014-34-09558	LIVE	SLA
457	DEEPA KHAREL	2014-34-09606	LIVE	LEGISLATURE
458	SUDAN LEPCHA	2014-34-10410	LIVE	LEGISLATURE
459	KRISHNA BAHADUR CHETTRI	2014-35-09655	LIVE	SOCIAL WELFARE
460	GOPAL RAI	2014-35-09663	LIVE	SOCIAL WELFARE
461	LUCKY PALMO BHUTIA	2014-37-08086	LIVE	FR & ED
462	KISHAN RAI	2014-38-08021	LIVE	SNT
463	DIPEN DARJEE	2014-38-09017	LIVE	SNT
464	KIRAN BARDEWA	2014-38-09040	LIVE	SNT
465	PHU TSHERING BHUTIA	2014-39-09875	LIVE	UD & HD
466	KUMAR BARAILY(SUNAR)	2014-39-09881	LIVE	UD & HD
467	SUNIL KUMAR PRADHAN	2014-39-10090	LIVE	UD & HD
468	BAL BAHADUR LIMBOO	2014-39-10155	LIVE	UD & HD
469	BIPIN RAWAT	2014-39-10158	LIVE	UD & HD
470	TENZING RAI	2014-39-10188	LIVE	UD & HD
471	SHYAM BAHADUR RAI	2014-39-10190	LIVE	UD & HD
472	JITAY TAMANG	2014-39-10191	LIVE	UD & HD
473	KAMAL KUMAR SHARMA	2014-39-10374	LIVE	UD & HD
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475	LANGCHHING BHUTIA	2014-40-08846	LIVE	PHE
476	KAZI MAN SUNAR	2014-40-09139	LIVE	PHE
477	DHAN BAHADUR RAI	2014-40-09185	LIVE	PHE
478	TASHI CHODEN BHUTIA	2014-40-09436	LIVE	PHE
479	RANJU SEWA	2014-40-10088	LIVE	PHE
480	RAMITA DEVI CHETTRI	2014-41-07905	LIVE	HOME
481	CHANDRA KALA SUNWAR	2014-41-07906	LIVE	HRDD
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483	TARA BIR CHETTRI	2014-41-10382	LIVE	POLICE
484	SWATI BHANGALIA	2015-00-10487	LIVE	POLICE
485	SWADHA DEV SINGH	2015-00-10681	LIVE	DOPART
486	TULSI PRASAD THAPA	2015-01-10437	LIVE	AHLF & VS
487	TULSHI PRASAD THAPA	2015-01-10518	LIVE	AHLF & VS
488	SONAM TSHTEN LACHENPA	2015-01-10737	LIVE	AHLF & VS
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491	RAJ TAMANG	2015-10-10488	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
492	TULARAM BASNETT	2015-10-10489	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
493	NAR BAHADUR CHETTRI	2015-10-10704	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
494	NARENDRA RAI	2015-10-10759	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
495	PRAVIN RAI	2015-10-10788	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
496	KHUSENDRA KUMAR LIMBOO	2015-13-10622	LIVE	FOOD
497	MINGMA LEPCHA	2015-15-10449	LIVE	FOREST
498	DUGAY BHUTIA	2015-15-10450	LIVE	FOREST
499	SONAM GYALTEEN BHUTIA(LACHENPA)	2015-15-10463	LIVE	FOREST
500	SONAM TSHERING BHUTIA	2015-15-10653	LIVE	FOREST
501	KINGA SHERAP BHUTIA	2015-16-10582	LIVE	HEALTH
502	UJJWAL GURUNG	2015-16-10584	LIVE	HEALTH
503	KISHOR DHAKAL	2015-16-10599	LIVE	HEALTH
504	CHANDRA JIT SINGH CHETTRI	2015-16-10604	LIVE	HEALTH
505	PRASED SHRESTHA	2015-16-10608	LIVE	HEALTH
506	ANUP KHAREL	2015-16-10713	LIVE	HEALTH
507	SUNIL KUMAR GURUNG	2015-16-10738	LIVE	HEALTH
508	SOM BAHADUR SUBBA	2015-17-10698	LIVE	JUDICIARY
509	NAMGYAL GURUNG	2015-17-10733	LIVE	District & Session Court
510	NIRMAL PRADHAN	2015-17-10739	LIVE	JUDICIARY
511	JIGMEE DORJEE WANGCHUK BHUTIA	2015-17-10768	LIVE	JUDICIARY
512	NILENDU DATTA CHOUDHURI	2015-17-10777	LIVE	JUDICIARY
513	RAHUL	2015-18-10685	LIVE	HOME
514	SHINA TAMNAG	2015-19-10618	LIVE	HORTICULTURE
515	SAROJ MANGER	2015-19-10740	LIVE	HORTICULTURE
516	MANGAL HANG SUBBA	2015-20-10414	LIVE	HRDD
517	CHULTIM ZANGPO LACHENPA	2015-20-10494	LIVE	HRDD
518	SHANTI SUBBA	2015-20-10523	LIVE	HRDD
519	ANMOL PRADHAN	2015-20-10679	LIVE	HRDD
520	SURYA LIMBOO	2015-20-10693	LIVE	HRDD
521	RAKESH DHAKAL	2015-20-10728	LIVE	HRDD
522	DAULAT KHATIWODA	2015-20-10732	LIVE	HRDD
523	BIKASH SUBBA	2015-20-10734	LIVE	HRDD
524	RASHMI RAI	2015-20-10781	LIVE	HRDD
525	BHARAT SUBBA	2015-23-10515	LIVE	WATER RESOURCE
526	BIMAL KUMAR BHUIEL	2015-23-10642	LIVE	WATER RESOURCE
527	TASHI ONGMU BHUTIA	2015-24-10509	LIVE	LRDM
528	GITANJALI GURUNG	2015-31-10572	LIVE	HEALTH
529	SANJEEV KUMAR RAI	2015-31-10574	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
530	KHEM BAHADUR SUBBA	2015-31-10609	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
531	MAYA SUBBA	2015-31-10727	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
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534	TOPDEN NORZANG LACHUNGPA	2015-32-10466	LIVE	RMDD
535	BIR BAHADUR MANGER	2015-32-10490	LIVE	RMDD
536	SAGAR PRADHAN	2015-32-10493	LIVE	RMDD
537	BHAKTI MAN SUBBA	2015-32-10512	LIVE	RMDD
538	AKAL BAHADUR SUBBA	2015-32-10576	LIVE	RMDD
539	MAHESH TAMANG	2015-32-10754	LIVE	RMDD
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541	SARITA SUBBA	2015-35-10761	LIVE	SOCIAL WELFARE
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543	NORBU TSHERING BHUTIA	2015-38-10478	LIVE	SNT
544	PINTSO LEPCHA	2015-38-10534	LIVE	SNT
545	BHUPENDRA THAPA	2015-38-10605	LIVE	SNT
546	KHARKA BAHADUR CHETTRI	2015-38-10613	LIVE	SNT
547	DIRGAMAN BISWAKARMA	2015-38-10675	LIVE	SNT
548	NARENDRA DARNAL	2015-38-10687	LIVE	SNT
549	MAN BAHADUR RAI	2015-40-10464	LIVE	PHE
550	JOY GURUNG	2015-41-10499	LIVE	POLICE
551	SONAM THENDUP BHUTIA	2015-41-10506	LIVE	POLICE
552	SHRUTI SINGH	2016-00-11727	LIVE	AGRICULTURE
553	BIKASH UPRETY	2016-01-10798	LIVE	AHLF & VS
554	Susma Tiwari	2016-01-11380	LIVE	AHLF & VS
555	Tshering Thandup Bhutia	2016-01-11431	LIVE	AHLF & VS
556	Durga Prasad Rai	2016-01-11474	LIVE	AHLF & VS
557	LEEZUM LEPCHA	2016-05-10801	LIVE	CULTURE
558	Arun Kumar Rai	2016-10-11386	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
559	ANINITA GHATRAJ	2016-10-11587	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
560	RUPA GURUNG	2016-10-11606	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
561	TARCHUNG LEPCHA	2016-10-11622	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
562	MAN BAHADUR GURUNG	2016-10-11625	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
563	SURESH KUMAR RAI	2016-10-11657	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
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565	RAN BAHADUR SUBBA	2016-10-11725	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
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567	PALTSEN BHUTIA	2016-10-11744	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
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571	SANGDEN LEPCHA	2016-15-11696	LIVE	FOREST
572	Dup Tshering Lepcha	2016-16-11106	LIVE	HEALTH
573	Hukum Raj Sewa	2016-16-11381	LIVE	HEALTH

574	TENZING NIMA LEPCHA	2016-16-11665	LIVE	HEALTH
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576	Anmol Subba	2016-17-11394	LIVE	JUDICIARY
577	DIKI UDEN KALEON	2016-17-11423	LIVE	JUDICIARY
578	Dushyant Gurung	2016-17-11425	LIVE	JUDICIARY
579	Tshering Thendup bhutia	2016-17-11426	LIVE	JUDICIARY
580	Santa Kumar Rai	2016-17-11427	LIVE	JUDICIARY
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586	Anuka Bajjal	2016-20-11444	LIVE	HRDD
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588	BIJAY SUBBA	2016-20-11486	LIVE	HRDD
589	MICHAEL LEPCHA	2016-20-11500	LIVE	HRDD
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594	DEBOSHREE SHARMA	2016-20-11651	LIVE	HRDD
595	RUMSOM LEPCHA	2016-20-11668	LIVE	HRDD
596	NAINA CHETTRI	2016-20-11674	LIVE	RMDD
597	SUJA SANTOSH BISTA	2016-20-11695	LIVE	HRDD
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610	Sagar Kumar Rai	2016-41-11108	LIVE	POLICE
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612	Kiran Rai	2016-41-11135	LIVE	POLICE
613	Sudhir Sharma	2016-41-11137	LIVE	POLICE
614	Sudeep Tamang	2016-41-11358	LIVE	POLICE
615	Rinchen Lepcha	2016-41-11445	LIVE	POLICE
616	CHANDRAWATI GAUTAM	2017-01-12038	LIVE	AHLF & VS
617	SHWETA SUBBA	2017-01-12203	LIVE	AHLF & VS
618	TEK MAYA SUBBA	2017-01-12321	LIVE	AHLF & VS
619	ATTANG LEPCHA	2017-01-12413	LIVE	AHLF & VS
620	SUK MAYA SUBBA	2017-01-12445	LIVE	AHLF & VS
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623	DHAN BDR LIMBOO(SUBBA)	2017-14-12409	LIVE	AGRICULTURE
624	SURESH KUMAR BAGDAS	2017-14-12427	LIVE	AGRICULTURE
625	RAJESH BISWAKARMA	2017-15-12007	LIVE	FOREST
626	SANOJ KUMAR	2017-17-11862	LIVE	JUDICIARY
627	ROJI RAI	2017-20-12207	LIVE	HRDD
628	RINZING ONGMU BHUTIA	2017-20-12212	LIVE	HRDD
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633	KAILASH GURUNG	2017-20-12378	LIVE	HRDD
634	LOK BAHADUR KAMI	2017-20-12394	LIVE	HRDD
635	SUK DHOJ LIMBOO	2017-20-12406	LIVE	HRDD
636	GUETEN LEPCHA	2017-20-12422	LIVE	HRDD
637	NIKITA MUKHIA	2017-21-12396	LIVE	IPR
638	MANDEEP CHETTRI	2017-21-12419	LIVE	IPR
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640	BINDHYA RAI	2017-31-12306	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
641	PUSHPA CHHETRI	2017-31-12307	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
642	ANU MAYA RAI	2017-31-12308	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
643	PRADEEP KUMAR RAI	2017-31-12350	LIVE	ROADS AND BRIDGES
644	DEVI MAYA CHETTRI	2017-32-12234	LIVE	PRI
645	PUNAM RAI	2017-32-12415	LIVE	RMDD
646	PURNA BHADUR CHETTRI	2017-36-12284	LIVE	SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS
647	SANTOSH BARAILY	2017-39-12310	LIVE	UD &HD
648	KARMA BAHADUR SUBBA	2017-39-12381	LIVE	UD &HD
649	TAPAN SHARMA	2017-39-12414	LIVE	UD &HD
650	DHAN PATI SHARMA	2017-39-12473	LIVE	UD &HD
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652	HARI PRASAD POKHREL	2017-40-12465	LIVE	PHE
653	NIMA ONGMOO LEPCHA	2017-40-12480	LIVE	PHE
654	LAKHING TAMANG	2017-40-12493	LIVE	PHE
655	ASHOK TAMANG	2017-40-12499	LIVE	PHE
656	JAK TSHERING LEPCHA	2017-40-12501	LIVE	PHE
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658	BISHNU PRASAD SHARMA	2018-01-12752	LIVE	AHLF & VS
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661	SAMDEN LACHENPA	2018-01-12849	LIVE	AHLF & VS
662	SACHO LHAMU LACHENPA	2018-01-12850	LIVE	AHLF & VS
663	KEZANG RITHA BHUTIA	2018-01-12851	LIVE	AHLF & VS
664	PEM TSHERING LEPCHA	2018-01-13054	LIVE	AHLF & VS
665	ROSHAN RAI	2018-01-13180	LIVE	AHLF & VS
666	MAHESH KHATI	2018-01-13392	LIVE	AHLF & VS
667	KALA TAMANG	2018-02-12801	LIVE	BUILDING & HOUSING
668	KAZI TAMANG	2018-02-12922	LIVE	BUILDING & HOUSING
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670	GANESH GURUNG	2018-02-13085	LIVE	BUILDING & HOUSING
671	AITA BAHADUR LIMBOO	2018-02-13624	LIVE	BUILDING & HOUSING
672	PUNYA PRASAD DAHAL	2018-02-14192	LIVE	BUILDING & HOUSING
673	GVALPO TSHERING BHUTIA	2018-03-13604	LIVE	SIKKIM KHADI &VIB
674	UNARAYAN RAMUDAMU	2018-05-12907	LIVE	CULTURE
675	TEJ SINGH LIMBOO	2018-10-13497	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
676	BINOD THAPA	2018-10-13644	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
677	KUMAR CHETTRI	2018-10-13650	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
678	DURGA TAMANG	2018-10-13653	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
679	GYATSO BHUTIA	2018-10-13660	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
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681	PRAKASH SHARMA	2018-10-13748	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
682	LAXUMAN SHARMA	2018-10-13759	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
683	RITA TAMANG	2018-10-13763	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
684	LADEN LEPCHA	2018-10-13786	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
685	LAXMI DEVI SHARMA	2018-10-14190	LIVE	ENERGY AND POWER
686	DEPENDRA THAPA	2018-11-13909	LIVE	EXCISE
687	SUSHIL CHETTRI	2018-12-13654	LIVE	MOTOR VEHICLES
688	BALA SUBBA	2018-12-13936	LIVE	FR & ED
689	PEMPA LEPCHA	2018-14-12832	LIVE	AGRICULTURE
690	PADMA GURUNG	2018-14-14256	LIVE	AGRICULTURE
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695	PROMODH TAMANG	2018-15-12790	LIVE	FOREST
696	NETRA BAHADUR CHETTRI	2018-15-12842	LIVE	FOREST
697	BIJAY KALIKOTAY	2018-15-12844	LIVE	FOREST
698	PADAM PRASAD PANDEY	2018-15-12870	LIVE	FOREST
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700	LADUP LEPCHA	2018-15-13106	LIVE	FOREST
701	INDRA BAHADUR BASNETT	2018-15-13109	LIVE	FOREST
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703	REENA BHUTIA	2018-15-13136	LIVE	FOREST
704	TEK BDR GURUNG	2018-15-13257	LIVE	FOREST
705	SARASWATI SHARMA (OLI)	2018-15-13695	LIVE	FOREST
706	KHEM KUMAR THAPA	2018-15-13698	LIVE	FOREST
707	NARKEE BHUTIA	2018-15-13699	LIVE	FOREST
708	NIRMALA DARJEE	2018-15-13939	LIVE	FOREST
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710	DAWKIT LEPCHA	2018-16-12739	LIVE	HEALTH
711	SUMITRA GURUNG	2018-16-12741	LIVE	HEALTH
712	DAWGAY LEPCHA	2018-16-12755	LIVE	HEALTH
713	SRIMAN TAMANG	2018-16-12756	LIVE	HEALTH
714	MEEKA KAMI	2018-16-12758	LIVE	HEALTH
715	SURAJ RAMUDAMU	2018-16-12785	LIVE	HEALTH
716	ONGCHUK BHUTIA	2018-16-12925	LIVE	HEALTH
717	ANUSHYA LIMBOO	2018-16-12926	LIVE	HEALTH
718	NAREN THAPA MANGER	2018-16-13090	LIVE	HEALTH
719	MUKTIMBA LIMBOO	2018-16-13367	LIVE	HEALTH
720	SUMIRAN CHETTRI	2018-16-13514	LIVE	HEALTH
721	DEEPAK DHAKAL	2018-16-14573	LIVE	HEALTH



# Own man Frank Lampard ready to prove Chelsea doubters wrong

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Frank Lampard is under no illusions about the size of the task facing Chelsea. The youngest manager in the Premier League has lost Eden Hazard to Real Madrid, David Luiz joined Arsenal on deadline day and Lampard has not been able to strengthen his squad after arriving at a club operating under a transfer embargo.

Gone are the days of heavy spending under Roman Abramovich. Uncertainty clouds the picture at Stamford Bridge and Lampard accepts that it will be difficult for his side to close the gap on Manchester City and Liverpool.

Chelsea finished 26 points behind City and 25 behind Liverpool last season and their inability to enter the market has made it hard for them to deal with the weaknesses that frustrated Maurizio Sarri. In different circumstances Lampard might have demanded a replacement before deciding to sell David Luiz, especially as Antonio Rüdiger's knee injury means Andreas Christensen and Kurt Zouma are likely to form a slightly unconvincing partnership in central defence against Manchester United on Sunday afternoon, and there are also doubts over whether there will be enough creativity now that Hazard wears the white of Real Madrid.



Yet Lampard is not bothered by people writing off his side. The 41-year-old has dealt with criticism from a young age and the former Chelsea midfielder grinned and pretended to make for the exit when one of his interrogators began a question by suggesting that he was regarded as inferior to Joe Cole and Rio Ferdinand when they were in West Ham's academy all those years ago.

"At the top it is tough and you have to prove people wrong," Lampard said. "Even more in the modern day, with social media where everyone has a comment, really strong opinions. It certainly feels sweeter if you do manage to prove someone wrong or just get to where you want to be.

"I use it as motivation. I'm not stupid. We have a transfer ban. There were

two teams very clear out in front last time. The Premier League is more competitive at the top end than it's ever been. It shouldn't be and won't be 'Chelsea are clear favourites to win the league this year'. I don't think that's the case for anybody going forward. Even Manchester City, who are a fantastic team, Liverpool pushed them to the wire.

"You should be aware of these things. They make me determined to do the job as well as I can. And I don't mind it. I like to be considered maybe not quite a favourite."

An obvious comparison to make is with Sir Alex Ferguson winning the Double with Manchester United after selling Andrei Kanchelskis, Paul Ince and Mark Hughes in 1995. Although Lampard has mirrored Ferguson by showing faith in young

players, he insists that he did not think about how the former United manager would have handled the David Luiz situation.

"I've gone out of my way not to make any parallels with anyone else's era," he said. "I certainly don't go out to make marks. I go out to make decisions that will help the club. You can't get them all right. At a big club you have to make them. I'm trying to grow a group here that have a good spirit, focus and dedication to where we want to go and who are a really good team."

Lampard plans to be his own man – he has not asked José Mourinho for advice since being appointed by Chelsea – and has spoken about wanting a team capable of playing fast, aggressive football in and out of possession. Callum Hudson-Odoi, who is close to

the flanks and Lampard does not have a Didier Drogba or Diego Costa to lead the line. Judging by pre-season Tammy Abraham will get the nod over Olivier Giroud and Michy Batshuayi against United, with the 20-year-old midfielder Mason Mount stationed behind a striker whose 25 goals helped Aston Villa win promotion last season.

Abraham is unproven at this level and there are issues for Lampard to resolve in defence. Allowing David Luiz to leave feels risky. Christensen needs to improve his concentration, Zouma spent last season on loan at Everton and Fikayo Tomori, another youngster in talks over a new deal, lacks experience.

United will expect Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial to trouble Christensen and Zouma, while Ole Gunnar Solskjær is bound to have noticed that Chelsea conceded 22 shots during last week's friendly draw with Borussia Mönchengladbach. Lampard is yet to find the right balance between defence and attack.

This is the reality for a team in transition. Patience is required. Even Lampard, hired after one encouraging year at Derby, understands why people are saying this is the right job at the wrong time for him. He is listening to all the criticism and using it to fuel his fire.

## Nadal eyes second straight Canadian crown

MONTREAL, AUG 11 (AFP): Rafael Nadal is homing in on a second straight ATP title in Canada after reaching the Montreal Masters final without hitting a shot on Saturday.

The top-seeded world number two was handed an extra day of rest when Gael Monfils withdrew from their semi-final -- scheduled to start just hours after the French player defeated Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7/2) in a rain-delayed quarter-final.

Nadal will aim for his fifth Canadian trophy on Sunday when he faces Daniil Medvedev, who dominated Russian compatriot Karen Khachanov 6-1, 7-6 (8/6).

Monfils and Bautista, rained out on Friday night, were delayed a further two and a half hours by rain on Saturday.

Although 16th-seeded Monfils outlasted the Spaniard, he rolled his ankle in the process. A few hours to prepare for Nadal was too much for the French showman -- especially with the US Open coming up at Flushing Meadows this month.

"I was happy that I fought no matter what. As I say, I felt good this week, tried to give my best," Monfils said. "I showed today that I'm still a fighter.

"I love these matches, night session, I play tennis for the big moments, big shows. But maybe it was a safest decision not to play tonight," Monfils said he felt his ankle early in the second set.



"At 6-4, 2-1 I had a pain moving backwards, my ankle was already painful, I hurt it again," he said. "It was OK because I was able to run a lot in the next game. But very quickly you could see that physically I was not fit as I was during the beginning of the week.

"In the third set, I only played on my service games. On return games I didn't have enough energy to win. I was afraid for my ankle," added Monfils who lifted a title in Rotterdam this season but retired injured in the first round at Wimbledon. Medvedev won the first Masters 1000 semi-final ever played between a pair of Russians to line up a first career meeting with Nadal.

"It's extra special, but there is some extra pressure," Medvedev said, noting that he's played matches against Nadal's fellow superstars Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer. "But this is what I have been working for all my life. I would never expect to play against them (the ATP elite), especially in the finals of a Masters 1000.

"I won't be intimidated. I want to win every match I play. Hopefully I can do it tomorrow.

## Raheem Sterling hits hat-trick as Manchester City thrash West Ham

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Welcome to the new world. Which looks, it must be said, quite a lot like the old world. On a breezy afternoon in east London, Manchester City's two-times champions kicked off the new season with a defeat of West Ham that barely required a shift out of second gear.

Raheem Sterling made it four goals in a week with a wonderful hat-trick. Riyad Mahrez was involved throughout, passing, moving and dribbling with a familiar elan, and taking a decisive hand in the first four goals. Kevin De Bruyne looked close to his hard-running best in midfield.

Inbetween this, VAR kept up a regular commentary on City's dominance, disallowing one goal, retaining another and ordering a penalty retake. This will surely become a feature of City's matches given the rhythm of their attacks, the way cut-backs from the flanks and cute runs along the defensive line are key to their best moments. Otherwise it was a breathtaking show of controlled strength. Their opponents may come forewarned of the way City attack and facing essentially the same set of players. Trying to stop them is another matter altogether.

The stadium was full at kick-off, the skies above an autumnal grey, the atmosphere inside largely undetectable beneath the brain-mangling volume of the pre-match PA.

West Ham had seven players in their starting lineup who have joined the club in the past year. This included their record signing Sébastien Haller, who had previously mused on whether he might get a touch of the ball.

But West Ham did start brightly, with Jack Wilshere prominent in midfield, and Haller was sharp in the opening minutes, dropping deep at times and playing neatly with his back to goal. Steadily, City began to exert their own patterns.



With nine minutes gone, Mahrez had their first shot at goal, grooving in from the left and drawing a low save from Lukasz Fabianski.

After 20 minutes Manuel Pellegrini appeared for the first time on his touchline, a small, sharp-suited figure in the middle of all that branded claret carpet, gesturing anxiously towards West Ham's left. Perhaps he was asking Michail Antonio to offer a little cover to his full-back. If so it went unheeded. Almost immediately Mahrez did his Mahrez thing, sitting Aaron Cresswell down on the turf inside his own area with that same old shimmy, but shooting into the side-netting. The first goal arrived two minutes later courtesy of a lovely move down that side. De Bruyne carried the ball across from the left. Mahrez played a delightful through pass for Kyle Walker, tearing down the right. The cut-back was deflected on to Gabriel Jesus, who finished neatly.

It was a move City repeated throughout the first half. It seems odd that opponents still set up against them as though in fear of being pierced down the middle.

One day someone is going to say hang it all and just play two full-backs instead. On 32 minutes, there was a first intervention from VAR as a bored-sounding voice said: "They're checking for a red card." Followed, a few moments later, by "No red card".

Ten minutes before half-time the home team had their first shot at goal, a hooked effort over the shoulder from Haller and City went to the break having barely broken into a collective sprint. It was 2-0 five minutes after half-time. This was a glorious move down the right. Mahrez fed De Bruyne on the charge. He glided into space and played a perfectly weighted ball to Sterling, who veered in on goal and finished with ease. Two minutes later it was 3-0, then 2-0 again as VAR scrubbed off the goal for a very narrow offside against Sterling's shoulder; a moment of technical offside-dom that offered no advantage and a decision that penalised a fine piece of movement. Clearly the offside rule needs to be tweaked for the post-VAR world. The best suggestion being: you are onside until the whole of you is offside.

For a while West Ham pressed hard again and after 72 minutes they should have pulled one back. Ryan Fredericks whipped in a cross from the right and Ederson pulled off a fine double save, first from Javier Hernández's left thigh, then from Manuel Lanzini's header. Moments later it was finally 3-0. Mahrez cut inside and lofted a beautiful little pass over the defence. Sterling read it, stayed onside, then produced a lovely lobbed finish.

There was time for Fabianski to save a weak 83rd-minute penalty from Sergio Agüero, on as a sub, before VAR ordered a successful retake for encroachment by Declan Rice and as the stadium began to empty Sterling completed his hat-trick with a lovely low finish after fine work from Rodri.

## SAI set to hire nutritionists, chefs to provide personalised diet to athletes

NEW DELHI, AUG 11 (PTI):

In a first, the Sports Authority of India is set to hire top-of-the-line professionals -- nutritionists, chefs and managers -- to ensure that athletes are given personalised diets at its centres. The personalised diets will be provided at its centres in Delhi, Patiala, Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Kolkata, Bhopal, Gandhinagar, Lucknow, Imphal, Guwahati, Mumbai, Sonepat, Aurangabad, Rohtak and Alleppey. SAI has already sought applications from nutritionists, assistant nutritionists, chefs, assistant chefs and mess managers, to put in place an in-house system by September 15, 2019.

To ensure that the best resources can be hired, remunerations have been kept at par with industry standards,

with a thrust on technical competence and experience in a related field. Chefs and nutritionists will be hired at a salary of up to Rs 1 lakh.

In the new system the diet for each athlete, irrespective of age and category, will be drawn up without any financial ceiling by the nutritionist in consultation with the coach training the athlete and on-campus sports science experts.

A series of checks have been put in place to ensure that the best quality food is served to athletes. Sudden checks by the head of institute and daily checks by the nutritionists will be part of the quality control process, along with a weekly consultation session by nutritionists and coaches with the athletes for their first-hand feedback.

### Gangtok Smart...

project could function without office assistants or helpers or even field supervisors.

Likewise, Yogen Subba and Jasbir Limboo alleged "great injustice" over the manner in which they were removed and appealed to the State government to resolve the issue immediately "in the interest of the youth of Sikkim."

"We are hopeful that with the new government we will get the justice," they said.

Responding to media queries, they informed that they were appointed under the Gangtok Smart City project on recommendations in April last year and received appointment orders stating that their jobs will continue till the end of the project or until availability of funds.

"Non-availability of funds to pay salaries is just an excuse and there must be a conspiracy to replace us with other candidates," they alleged.

### Governor appeals...

the existing laws in the country for such lawful donations.

The initiative needs to be expanded to make it a people's movement with proper orientation of the masses towards this cause, the Governor stressed.

As responsible citizen, we can serve society during our lifetime and beyond, he added while urging hundreds of prospective donors to join the movement.

The Governor, the release adds, is himself registered to donate his body and has been an active executive member of Dadhichi Dehadaan Samiti for over a decade.

### Sikkim's Rajeshwari...

runners-up from the beauty contest.

Speaking to SummitTimes, the 20-year-old Rajeshwari Chakraborty expressed happiness over her victory and said that it was a matter of pride for her to represent her state.

Rajeshwari, the daughter of Raja and Shashi Chakraborty, is currently pursuing her graduation.

She shared that the experience was wonderful over all and that the competition was tough.

"When my name was announced as the winner, I was happy but at the same time I was missing my parents as they were not present at the event to witness my victory. I was specially missing my mom," said Rajeshwari.

Rajeshwari had earlier won the Miss Sikkim 2018 beauty pageant organised by Positude.

Rajeshwari is presently in Guwahati, busy with her photo-shoot, interviews and other assignments in keeping with her contract with Mega Entertainment.

Gyurmila Bhutia, the Chief Executive Officer of Positude, has meanwhile expressed pride over the fact that Rajeshwari is a product of Positude.

"We are happy and proud that our Sikkim girls are proving themselves at national level events," she said.

### Susmita Lama...

In U-13 Girls, Shraddha Sharma bagged the first prize while Rozila Pradhan and Bidhya Rai stood on the second and third positions respectively.

The valedictory function of the tournament was held here on Sunday afternoon.

Upper Tadong in-charge of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha, Anand Lama, was present as chief guest today.

### CBSE hikes...

category students will also have to pay Rs 300 for an additional subject, instead of Rs 150 earlier.

"100 per cent visually impaired students are exempted from paying CBSE examination fees. The student, who fails to deposit the difference in CBSE examination fee before the last date, will not be registered and will not be allowed to appear in the 2019-20 examination," the official added.

The migration fees which was Rs 150 earlier, has also been increased to Rs 350.

The students enrolled in CBSE schools abroad will have to pay Rs 10,000 for five subjects for both Class 10 and 12. Earlier it was Rs 5000. For them, the fees for an additional subject in Class 12 has been fixed at Rs 2,000, as against Rs 1,000 earlier.



## Afghan leader rejects foreign interference in country's fate

**KABUL, AUG 11 (AP):** Afghanistan's president is urging the nation to determine its fate without foreign interference as the United States and the Taliban appear to near a peace deal without the Afghan government at the table.

President Ashraf Ghani spoke during the Muslim holiday Eid-al-Adha and as US and Taliban negotiators continue their work in the Gulf nation of Qatar.

Ghani insisted on Sunday that next month's presidential election is essential so that Afghanistan's leader will have a powerful mandate to decide the country's future after years of war.

Meanwhile, the lead US negotiator has sought a peace deal by September 1. It is expected to agree on the withdrawal of some 20,000 US and NATO troops and secure Taliban guarantees that Afghanistan would not be a base for other extremist groups.

## Indian embassy to impart free Hindi classes at US university

**LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, AUG 11 (PTI):** Aiming at promoting Hindi in the US, the Indian embassy in Washington will impart free Hindi classes to the students of the prestigious George Washington University here on popular demand. The six-week non-credit Introductory Hindi Language course, beginning August 28, will be conducted by Dr Moxraj, a teacher of Indian Culture at the embassy.

Earlier this year, the embassy had conducted free weekly Hindi classes of one hour duration in its premises. The course generated an impressive interest, with 87 candidates from seven countries registering for the classes on short notice.

"This indicates that there is a strong interest in Hindi language learning... and encourages us to build on the successful introductory course," said Benjamin D Hopkins, Director, Sigur Centre for Asian Studies and Deepa M Ollapally, Associate Director, Sigur Centre for Asian Studies at the University in a recent letter to the Indian Ambassador to the US.

In the Introductory Hindi Language course, students will be familiarised with the various basic aspects of the language, including alphabet, and will be taught to speak in Hindi. "As the Sigur Centre has in the past and continues to support language learning and engagement, we were quite excited to be able to offer an opportunity for students to be introduced to Hindi, a critical language and one that is less commonly taught," Hopkins and Ollapally said. They hope that the course will help lay the foundation for full credit Hindi classes in the university.

# 'We're still here': Hong Kong protesters return to streets

**HONG KONG, AUG 11 (AFP):** Thousands of pro-democracy protesters hit the streets of Hong Kong on Sunday for the 10th weekend in a row, once again defying police after a night of "hit-and-run" rallies across the city.

Activists calling for greater democratic freedoms in the city have shown no sign of standing down, despite Hong Kong's leader insisting she will not meet their demands.

Early Sunday afternoon, hundreds of protesters were gathered in the city's Victoria Park, braving hot and humid conditions and a police ban on the demonstration following a planned march route from the park. "The police should try their best to maintain public security instead of rejecting our request to march," said a 25-year-old protester who gave only her family name, Wong. "We're still here... and we'll see if we feel like marching later. We won't worry that much about illegal assembly. We still have our rights," she told AFP.

Police have given protesters a permit to gather at the park, but denied their request to stage a march through an eastern part of Hong Kong Island.

They also denied protesters a permit for a second protest in the city's working class neighbourhood of Sham Shui



Po, but a rally was also underway there. "It will be no good for Hong Kong if everyone is scared and no one dares to come out," Wong said. "We should have freedom from fear." The fresh protests come after a night of cat-and-mouse demonstrations around the city, with protesters taking their mantra of flexible action

-- "Be Water" -- to new heights.

Groups of protesters sporting helmets and gas masks, dressed in their movement's signature black, blocked intersections across the city for hours throughout the night. In several locations riot police fired tear gas, and 16 people were arrested, but the rallies largely avoided the

lengthy pitched battles between the two sides that have been seen in recent weeks. Protesters said they were adopting a new strategy to try to minimise direct confrontations with police.

"Our aim is no injuries, no bleeding and not getting arrested," said a 17-year-old student protester who gave

his family name as Chan. "I think our previous tactics of staying in one place led to many arrests and injuries... We need to 'be water' to avoid injuries," he told AFP at the Victoria Park gathering.

Protesters were also on their third and final day of a sit-in at the city's airport that was billed as way to explain

their movement to sometimes bemused arriving visitors.

The demonstrations that began more than two months ago in opposition to a bill allowing extraditions to mainland China have morphed into a broader bid to reverse a slide in democratic freedoms in the city. The movement has been seen as the biggest threat to Beijing's rule of the semi-autonomous Chinese city since its handover from the British in 1997. And the city's Beijing-appointed leader Carrie Lam has made clear she will not grant the protesters' demands, which include a full withdrawal of the now-suspended extradition bill, direct election of the city's leader and an investigation into police violence.

On Friday she ruled out concessions "in order to silence the violent protesters," saying what the city needed was "to stop the violence."

On Saturday, she addressed students at Hong Kong army cadets camp and warned that the city was "suffering from external worries and internal perils, and the risk of an economic downturn is very high."

"Every person who cherishes Hong Kong and loves peace should work hard together and safeguard our beautiful home."

## 18 killed in rain-related incidents in Pakistan

**PESHAWAR, AUG 11 (PTI):** Flash floods and landslides triggered by the monsoon rains have killed at least 18 people, including women and children, in northwest Pakistan, an official said on Sunday.

At least 12 people were killed and over 22 others injured in different parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa due to flash floods, landslides and

rain-related accidents, said a spokesman for the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). Three people were killed each in Bajaur and Swat district.

One person was killed each in Dir Lower, Buner, Malakand, Shangla, Aurakzai and Torgar districts, the spokesman said, adding that the deceased included two women and two children.

In Chitral district, the colony setup for Chinese engineers working on Lawari tunnel was also inundated by flash floods, the official said. However, the engineers were evacuated to safer places.

At least six people were killed when their vehicle fell in the Indus river in Kohistan district.

The passengers were travelling from Gilgit to lower dir district for Eid

vacations when they met the accident took place at Janchal area. Rains and snowfall often cause landslides and flash floods in northern Pakistan where millions live in mountainous areas.

Last month, at least 28 people were killed in heavy rains and flash floods that wreaked havoc in the Neelum Valley in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

## Myanmar troops help flood rescue after landslide kills 51

**MAWLAMYINE, AUG 11 (AFP):** Myanmar troops deployed to flood-hit parts of the country on Sunday to help with relief efforts after rising waters left thousands stranded and the death toll from a landslide jumped to 51. Every year monsoon rains hammer Myanmar and other countries across Southeast Asia, submerging homes, displacing residents and triggering landslides.

But this year's deluge has tested the government's ability to respond after a fatal landslide on Friday in southeastern Mon state was followed by heavy flooding that reached the roofs of houses and the tops of street signs in nearby towns. Hundreds of emergency response workers were still pulling victims out of the muddy wreckage in Paung township on Sunday.

"Three more dead bodies were found at 11:50 am. The total death toll has reached 51 people," the Myanmar fire services department said on its Facebook page.

Heavy rains pounded other parts of Mon, Karen and Kachin states, flooding roads, destroying bridges and forcing



people to flee by boat. As the rainy season reaches its peak, the country's armed forces are pitching in. "Our regional military commands are working to help with the search and rescue process in disaster areas," Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun told AFP.

"Helicopters will be used to supply food." The bulk of the effort is focused on hard-hit Mon state, which sits on the coast of the Andaman sea. "This year is the worst," a resident of Ye township told AFP.

"There are some casualties at nearby villages. But we can't reach those villages yet." Pictures from the area show residents swimming away or bundling their possessions onto small

boats and rowing to higher ground. Floodwaters have submerged more than 4,000 houses in the state and displaced more than 25,000 residents who have sought shelter in monasteries and pagodas, according to state-owned Global New Light of Myanmar.

Vice President Henry Van Thio visited landslide survivors in a Paung township village on Saturday and "spoke of his sorrow" while promising relief assistance, the paper reported.

Around 89,000 people have been displaced by floods in recent weeks, although many have since been able to return home, according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.



**SEOUL, AUG 11 (AFP):** North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised a "new weapon" test, state media reported Sunday, the latest in a series of launches that US President Donald Trump has played down as Washington seeks to restart nuclear talks with Pyongyang. The report carried by the Korean Central News Agency followed Trump's comments that Kim had expressed a willingness to meet once the US-South Korean exercises are over and apologised for the slew of missile tests.

Saturday's launch was the North's fifth test in two weeks as it protests the annual military drills under way between Seoul and Washington which always infuriates Pyongyang. Defence officials in Seoul said Pyongyang fired what appeared to be two short-range ballistic missiles Saturday, flying 400 kilometres (250 miles) before splashing down in the sea between the Korean peninsula and Japan.

KCNA provided no technical specifications but said Sunday they were a "new weapon" developed to suit the country's "terrain condition". The official Rodong Sinmun newspaper carried several photos showing a broadly grinning Kim surrounded by his aides as he observed the test. Kim Dong-yub, a researcher

at the Institute for Far Eastern Studies, said the weapons were likely to be new short-range ballistic missiles that are part of Pyongyang's modernisation of its military capabilities.

They were the "North Korean version of a low-cost, high-efficiency retaliation system" aimed at "incapacitating missile defence systems" in the South, Kim added.

In a statement issued by KCNA on Sunday, the North's foreign ministry said the South's refusal to cancel its joint drills with the US had effectively scuppered any prospect of future talks with Seoul.

"They had better keep in mind that this dialogue would be held strictly between (North Korea) and the US, not between the North and the South," it said. Trump has appeared determined to secure a denuclearisation agreement with North Korea ahead of next year's US presidential elections, despite a breakdown in talks since he first met Kim in a historic summit in Singapore in June 2018.

Even after their abortive second summit in February -- and as Pyongyang has continued to test short-range missiles -- Trump has been reluctant to criticise the North Korean leader. On Friday the US president said he agreed with Kim's opposition to the war games -- albeit for fi-

nancial rather than military reasons -- and indicated the missile launches were not important. "I'll say it again. There have been no nuclear tests. The missile tests have all been short-range. No ballistic missile tests, no long-range missiles," Trump said.

Then on Saturday, Trump said Kim had expressed in a letter his willingness to meet and resume negotiations once the US-South Korean exercises are over.

Kim also offered a "small apology for testing the short range missiles," the US leader noted, and said the tests would end once the military drills wrap up on August 20.

The pair last met in late June for brief talks in the Demilitarised Zone separating the two Koreas -- and Trump became the first sitting US president ever to step inside the North. Shin Beom-chul, an analyst at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul, said Trump's downplaying of the launches were equivalent to endorsing the missile tests. "If Kim felt the missile tests could jeopardise the dialogue momentum, he would refrain. But right now, it's as if North Korea has a licence to fire short-range missiles," Shin told AFP.

The foreign ministry in Pyongyang said Trump's comments effectively recognised the North's "self-defensive rights" as a sovereign state to conduct "small" missile tests. Leif-Eric Easley, a professor at Ewha University in Seoul, said by appealing directly to Trump, Kim was "trying to drive a wedge between Washington and Seoul" as Pyongyang seeks to break the alliance.

Washington and Seoul pledged in March to scale down their joint drills in an effort to foster denuclearisation efforts. While past exercises involved extensive combat field training -- with thousands of American troops coming in from several countries to take part -- the current games are decidedly low-key, with the emphasis on computer-simulated scenarios.

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# Gurinder Chadha's Bruce Springsteen epic to hit Indian screens

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**LONDON, AUG 11 (PTI):** British Indian filmmaker Gurinder Chadha's new film set in 1980s England against the backdrop of popular American singer-songwriter Bruce Springsteen's songs will hit cinemas across India next week.

'Blinded By The Light', which first screened at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year and bagged a mega worldwide distribution deal, will release in India on Wednesday following a successful opening in the UK and US.

The film is a coming of age story based on the memoir 'Greetings from Bury Park' by British Pakistani author Sarfraz Manzoor and set in his hometown of Luton, near London.

"Sarfraz was a journalist but had not written for the screen, he really wanted to have a go so I gave him several one on one tutorials in my house and the screenplay process began," recalls Chadha, the award-winning director behind 'Bend It Like Beckham' and 'Bride

and Prejudice'.

"In the book I found that he often stayed away from getting to the real nubs of disagreement with his father or with members of his community, which was total-



ly understandable. So, my job was always to push him and to try and get closer to the truth because drama is conflict," she says.

The result was 'Blinded By The Light', which tells the story of a

British Pakistani teenager named Javed who learns to live life, understand his family and find his



own voice through the words and music of Springsteen.

The plot seeks to portray the South Asian immigrant experience in Britain during the era of former

ployment as a result of severe economic austerity of the period.

"Bruce's lyrics are very much

way. The lyrics drive the narrative somewhat. The film is not a musical but a film with music, rooted in reality where you hear the cast singing along to songs but not as professional singers more like their characters would," explains Chadha.

And Springsteen himself joined the team on the red carpet in his hometown of Asbury Park, New Jersey, earlier this week for its US premiere, having given his blessing to the project a few years ago.

The film's producer Jane Barclay says, "The idea of the hybrid musical" evolved over time, though the music was always key, as was the use of Bruce's lyrics to drive the narrative. The songs were worked into the script very cleverly.

"Gurinder is skilled at bringing just the right emotion and truth to a scene so was really able to work the lyrics in with just the right tone and narrative beats."

The India release next week will complete the comedy-drama's international journey, named 'Blinded By The Light' after one of Springsteen's popular tracks.

## BTS' film, 'Bring the Soul: The Movie,' opens this week to strong ticket sales

The K-pop phenomenon that is BTS has released their third documentary film titled Bring The Soul: The Movie and it's already on track to becoming a box office hit.

The seven-member boy group premiered their new film on Wednesday in South Korea and according to news outlet, The Korea Herald, the opening day had sold more than 164,000 presale tickets as of 12:05 pm. This makes the movie on track to being a hit in the South Korean box office with pre-sale tickets already outnumbering films such as Exit and The Battle: Roar To Victory.

Bring The Soul: The Movie will show the Bangtan Boys in their natural element as they go on their massive Love Yourself World Tour. The tour itself spanned over 13 countries, from the United States to Japan,

beginning in South Korea last August. Fans can experience the tour through the eyes of RM, V, Suga, J-Hope, Jimin, Jin and Jungkook and view exclusive behind-the-scenes footages and on-stage performances.

BTS recently took to their Twitter to share with ARMYs that they were all gathered to watch the premiere of the film, hyping up the release even more.

This will be the third film released by BTS, with the first being Burn The Stage: The Movie and then Love Yourself in Seoul. The last two films grossed over \$20.34 million and \$13.9 million respectively in box office sales alone. Hence, it would not be a stretch to say that the third instalment is likely to earn millions in ticket sales.

Bring The Soul: The Movie opened on 7 August worldwide.

## Hasn't been a stable moment: Kalki on 10 years in Bollywood

JUSTIN RAO

**MUMBAI, AUG 11 (PTI):** Kalki Koechlin describes her decade-long journey in Bollywood as "mercurial"; navigating through ups and downs and looking for calm in the unstable industry.

Having made her debut with Anurag Kashyap's "Dev D" in 2009, the actor went on to star in several acclaimed films, from "Shaitaan", "Margarita With A Straw", "Waiting" to the recent "Gully Boy".

"These ten years have been mercurial, lots of ups and downs. I don't think there has been a stable moment. It's all or nothing. There were years I had five releases and there were years I had none," Kalki told PTI. The actor says with time the mediums for an artiste have grown and she is making the most of it.

"I'm now doing web, podcast, theatre and films. There seems to be a lot on the platter. At the end of the day, I am not so concerned

about the medium. I'm concerned about the content and what kind of challenges I can bring for myself.

"There's so much stereotyping that happens that you've to really be like 'ok, can I do this in a different way?'"



A part of the challenge was when she was offered the second season of Netflix India Original "Sacred Games".

The show came her way when she was going through some changes in her personal life and was in the middle of dubbing for one of her other web series.



**IU IN HOTEL DEL LUNA: 26-year-old singer and actress, IU has been doing incredibly well in her drama that is currently airing, titled Hotel Del Luna. Since its premiere in July 2019, the drama has been gaining popularity steadily, with their last episode that aired on 4 August achieving the highest so far of 10%. People have fallen in love with not just the chemistry and visuals of IU and Yeo, but also IU's character in particular. This led to IU creating a brand new Instagram account under the alias of her character, Jang Man-Wol on 31 July. As of today, the account has amassed over 360,000 followers and steadily growing.**

»THE DAY AHEAD«

**ARIES:** If you're single, this is the weekend to swipe right and say yes to the many invites coming your way. You never know who you may lock eyes with when you are being the most magnificent version of yourself. Coupled rams could find themselves in a bit of a Vicky Christina Barcelona situation. Does the given person promise to add 'salt' to your relationship? It's all good in the hood as long as you've got consent on the table.

**TIP:** An unconventional romance is on the cards. **TAURUS:** One step forward, two steps backward. How long are you going to play this game, Taurus? Remember, you're the one who is getting hurt in the bargain. This week, you're being asked to take a good look at your relationships. Differentiate between the people who nurture you, and those who make you feel rejected. Learning to protect your sacred space is going to be an important theme for you in the days to come.

**TIP:** Protect your heart.

**GEMINI:** Gemini, you are a medicine woman, a healer, and a lightworker. You're blessed with the kind of sensitivity others cannot even wrap their head around. Tap into this place of

knowing, wild one. You have the power and potential to heal not just yourself, but also the world. What you need to keep in mind: you can only be a light unto others by empowering yourself first.

**TIP:** Your sensitivity is a gift.

**CANCER:** The worst is behind you, Cancer. You have emerged from the dark night of the soul as a stronger, more resilient version of yourself. Trust that this new chapter will bring you a greater degree of joy, laughter and togetherness. Quality time with the soul family is also on the cards. Don't wait for them to initiate plans. You be the proactive one.

**TIP:** This new chapter promises to be better than the last one.

**LEO:** It's okay to feel too many things at one time. It's okay to experience sadness, loneliness, grief and melancholy. Leo, you don't need anybody else to validate your feelings. What this phase of your life requires you to embrace: the duality that is synonymous with our existence. Beware of isolating yourself though. Reaching to a therapist, soul coach or mentor could help you process the heavy emotions.

**TIP:** There's no shame in reaching out for help.

**VIRGO:** It's all fun and games until somebody gets hurt. For the sake of your heart, maintain a safe distance from the non-committal types. Walk away from those who have too many tabs open. There's nothing wrong with their life choices. They are just not in alignment with what you are seeking at this moment. It's better to be independent than to settle for a love that is less than perfect.

**TIP:** Protect your personal space.

**LIBRA:** In a world that frowns upon singleness, you revel in your solo status. No, you're not shunning togetherness. You're simply refusing to settle for anything less than magic. You do you, Libra. Everybody will just have to get on board with it. The Universe is giving you a chance to curate a life that sparks joy and makes you feel like the most magnificent version of yourself. PS: Dinner for one, please!

**TIP:** Take pleasure in your solo status.

**SCORPIO:** Is love without passion, love at all? Thankfully, you'll never have to find out. On the cards for you this weekend: a raw and passionate connection. Revel in the joy of undressing each other. You are uncovering newer layers. Scorpions who have been coupled

for a while are likely to realise that what they have is rare and precious. What does the next phase of your relationship look like? Don't be afraid to take a step in the right direction.

**TIP:** A raw and passionate connection is on the cards.

**SAGITTARIUS:** What if your whole life was one long vacation and not just fragments of it? If you've been spending too much time in your head, come back to the present. Find the joy in each and every moment. As spiritual guru Osho once said, "Live your life totally, be drunk with the divine through life. Everything has to be celebrated; everything has to be lived, loved. To me, nothing is mundane and nothing is sacred." Spoiler alert: the Universe is giving you more than one reason to pop the champagne today.

**TIP:** Find the joy in each and every moment.

**CAPRICORN:** It's a 'watch your shadows' kind of day, Capricorn. To add to the fears and insecurities, anger and jealousy are likely to make an appearance. Where do you think this is stemming from? The voice that says you're not good enough or makes you question your own abilities deserves to be burnt at the stake. Come back to that space of love, joy and ac-

ceptance within yourself, and let the transformation begin.

**TIP:** You are one in a million.

**AQUARIUS:** If they don't know how to love you, it's because you haven't given them a chance to understand who you really are. Take the masks off, Aquarius. Allow your most authentic self to be seen and heard, no matter how vulnerable this makes you feel in the beginning. Old wounds are likely to show up in the process, and that's okay. The more compassionate you are towards yourself, the more compassion you will attract from others.

**TIP:** Your most authentic self is yearning to be seen and heard.

**PISCES:** You may be talking plenty, but are you talking about the real stuff? Don't shy away from broaching the subject that's been on your mind for a while now. Today also brings with itself the reminder that not everybody who clinks glasses with you is necessarily your friend. There's a difference between those who show up for you in real life, and those who only hype you on social media. This is your chance to be there for those who matter, Pisces.

**TIP:** Focus on the real connections.