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Cabinet Sanctions

GANGTOK, 02 AUG: A Cabinet meeting held today at Samman Bhawan sanctioned the following:-

DEPARTMENT OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

1. Approval and sanction of Rs.2 crores as Grants-in-aid to State Institute of Capacity Building.

FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

2. Approval and sanction of Rs.479 lakhs for the construction of three food storage godowns under Border Area Development Programme at 13th Mile JN Road, Talkharka and Lachen.

FORESTS, ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

3. Approval and sanction of Rs.45, 99,764/- for purchase of uniform for field staff for the year 2017-18.
4. Approval of the draft bill for State Amendment to the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 and the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

5. Approval for annual grant of Rs.12 lakhs to multiple grade Sports Clubs/Associations in disciplines such as, football, badminton, boxing, archery, table tennis and some other disciplines where the State bags gold medals and 5% reservation to National and International players.

FINANCE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT

6. Approval and sanction of Rs.47.98 lakhs for procurement of two rack servers and a SAN Storage device to be utilized for development and testing of SIFMS 2.0 along with backup system at NIC, Sikkim.

ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

7. Approval and sanction of Rs.53, 62,132/- for procurement of furniture for 10 Monastic Schools.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

8. Approval to amend the eligibility criteria of the beneficiary for Chief Minister's Startup Scheme (CMSSS) by extending the

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Cabinet sanctions Rs 170.42 cr for construction of fair weather roads in Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

Like every year, the rains have hit the roads of the State badly and those in and around the capital are in a mess. The National Highway too is in deplorable condition and recently even prompted the DC East to issue a showcause notice to the National Highways Development Corporation Limited, in charge of maintaining the highway, regarding the poor condition of the portion of the highway that lies in the East district.



At the same time, funds for road upgradation and construction have been sanctioned in a Cabinet meeting held today at Samman Bhawan. The State Government

has approved and sanctioned Rs. 19.8 crore and additional sanction of Rs. 3.7 crore for up-gradation, carpeting, protective and drainage works of Sang Khola Sumin Road

in East Sikkim.

Rs. 170.42 crore has been sanctioned for construction of fair weather roads in the State.

The State Cabinet approved and sanctioned

Rs. 170.97 lakhs for up-gradation of approach road to Dikchu Mines in East Sikkim while Rs. 38.9 lakh was sanctioned for construction, strengthening and carpeting of approach road to Food Corporation of India (FCI) Godown site at Paiyong in South Sikkim.

For surface improvement work along Rangka Dhajey to Ani Gumpa in East Sikkim, an amount of Rs. 118.18 lakh has been sanctioned and Rs. 44 lakh for strengthening of approach road to Lingdum Monastery in East Sikkim.

Two dead, two missing and one injured in Kabi road mishap

WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 02 AUG:

Two persons were killed in a road mishap which occurred here at Devi Dara near Kabi, North Sikkim, on the Gangtok-Mangan highway this evening.

Two other people believed to have been in the vehicle at the time of the accident remain untraced while another person was rescued from the spot and rushed to medical assistance in Gangtok.

The Mahindra Commander vehicle bearing registration No SK 03P-0657 was plying to Labi from Gangtok when it plunged off the road at Devi Dara.

The deceased have been identified as Chogay Lepcha, the panchayat of Shardong ward under Phensong GPU, and Passang Namgyal Lepcha of Labi, North Sikkim.

The accident occurred at around 5 pm.

Another person was injured in the mishap and has been referred to Central Referral Hospital, Gangtok.

The accident occurred about 30 metres from the Devi Dara spot where the road had been blocked for the past one week and was opened only a couple of days back.

Upon hearing of the accident, people from nearby villages rushed to the spot for rescue along with the police personnel from Kabi Out-Post.

According to the survivor, there were five occupants in the car, but only three occupants, two of them dead, had been found till the late tonight.

Gold Cup Inter School Girls' Football Tourney kicks off in Soreng

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

The 2nd State Level Gold Cup Inter School Girls' Football Tournament kicked off today at Soreng Senior Secondary School in West Sikkim in the presence of Yangthang MLA, Chandra Maya Subba, as chief guest.

The 13-day tournament is being organised jointly by Human Resource Development Department, Sports & Youth Affairs Department in collaboration with Soreng Independence Day Celebration Committee



tee 2018, a press release informs.

The inaugural match was played between Soreng SSS and Hee-Gyathang SSS wherein Soreng SSS bagged a comfortable victory by 8-0 goals. Yozna Rai from

Soreng SSS was adjudged the player of the match.

On 03 Aug, Machong SSS [East Sikkim] will take on Sadam SSS [South].

During the programme, renowned girl footballers from Sikkim namely Lakhu Phuti Bhu-

tia, Nimita Gurung, Aita Hangma Subba and Nim-

kit Sherpa were also felicitated by the organizing committee for their contributions towards girls' football in the State.

It may be mentioned here, the winner of the 2nd State Level Gold Cup Inter School Girls' Football Tournament will be representing the State at the Subroto Cup scheduled to be held in New Delhi next year.



Govt raises revenue, but has not done enough for drivers, SKM alleges

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

The driver's front of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha today demanded that since the State Government was collecting substantial revenue from the drivers here, it should also work genuinely in the interest and welfare of drivers of Sikkim. The front alleged that the State Government has "totally failed" in providing better facilities and infrastructure to drivers.

Addressing a press conference here today, SKM driver's front chief coordinator, Phula Bhutia, informed that while earlier, the concerned department was charging Rs 50 as special permit from commercial vehicles for three destinations outside the State, drivers are now paying Rs 100 just for a single destination as the special permit.

He demanded that the government immediately bring down the special permit charge.

While mentioning that local driv-

ers are still facing some problem in the counter-sign issue required for those plying outside Sikkim, he stated that as it was an inter-state matter with West Bengal, the government should immediately hold a meeting with its counterparts in West Bengal and resolve the issue in the interest of local drivers.

On the cost of high security number plates, Mr Bhutia informed that while drivers in other states have been paying around Rs 600 for high security number plates, vehicle owners in Sikkim initially paid Rs 2,250 and are presently paying Rs 1,450 for high security number plates.

He contended that this was "total injustice and looting" of local drivers and demanded that either local drivers should be given liberty to install high security number plates outside the State or the charges be brought down like in other States.

Mr Bhutia also demanded that the

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Families from Lower Maneydara join BJP

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG: Sixteen families from Lower Maneydara under Namthang-Ratepani constituency joined Bharatiya Janata Party at the party office in Golitar, Singtam, on Thursday.

A BJP press release informs that frustrated by the failure of the SDF government to develop even basic facilities of electricity, drinking water, road, health centre and school in Maneydara village in the last 25 years, these families joined BJP today.

The sixteen families were welcomed by the BJP-Sikkim president, DB Chauhan.

The release informs that Mr Chauhan lashed out at the SDF government for failing to provide basic minimum needs to the people.

He alleged that all promises of the State government were limited to speeches but nothing had happened at the ground level. He further alleged that the government has now started to make promises as elections approach nearer but nothing had done in the past 24 years.

RailYatri adds new Rush-o-meter feature in its app

GANGTOK, 02 AUG: RailYatri, a popular travel app, has added a new useful feature named Rush-o-meter to its app. This feature makes sure that eager passengers do not miss out on buying confirmed tickets. With use of historic data and Machine Learning algorithms, RailYatri predicts the speed of ticket booking in all long distance trains, a press release informs.

This feature is a major innovation in train travel as getting a confirmed ticket is still the biggest struggle for one and all. This insight can be checked for all trains and route on the RailYatri app.

Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of RailYatri, Manish Rath, said, "This feature significantly increases the chances of getting a confirmed ticket. Travellers will now know the exact time within which they have to book the available tickets. The feature will predict how soon these seats would be sold out. This will work as an alarm for travellers who are planning to buy tickets for future travel."

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Tata Motors' next-generation SUV christened as 'Tata Harrier'

GANGTOK, 01 AUG: Tata Motors is gear-

DC South pays surprise visit to Namchi District Hospital

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG: DC South, Prabhakar Verma along with Additional District Collector, Sub Divisional Magistrates and District Medical Superintendent conducted a surprise inspection at District Hospital in Namchi, South Sikkim at 8.30 p.m. on the night of 01 Aug to ensure improvement in the working conditions of the hospital, a press release informs.

During the inspection, the DC and the officers interacted with the patients and the duty staff present.

It was observed that almost all the patients had, on an average, 04-05 visitors attending to them during night time. They have been using the same toilets and at times, misusing it thus causing difficulties for the administration to clean it up. This also resulted in over consumption of water by them eventually



causing shortages of water in the hospital, the release informs.

The DC has issued strict instructions to the hospital administration and the patients to restrict visitors for their own safety and also for the convenience of other patients.

In addition, the DC stated that due to lack of security personnel, the flow of visitors becomes uncontrollable especially during night time. The DC has sought action

plan from the DCS to ensure that the flow of visitors is strictly regulated.

In order to meet the regular requirement of water in various wards in the hospital, it was decided to arrange Syntax water tanks for water storage with proper management system in all the toilets for the patients so that the cleanliness of the common toilets can be regularly maintained.

The cleanliness of the hospital more particularly in the toilets of the

various wards was found satisfactory.

The hospital management authorities have been directed to restrict the number of visitors strictly which will help maintain the cleanliness of the hospital and the toilets.

The DC also enquired about the quality of medicines being supplied to the hospital with the DCS and the General Duty Officer and advised them to be proactive in saving the lives of people.



HPV VACCINATION AT MAMRING SSS

GANGTOK, 02 AUG: Principal of Mamring Government Senior Secondary School, Prahlad Sharma, and health nodal teacher, Nerisha Rai, conducted counselling session on Human Papilloma Virus [HPV] Vaccination Programme for guardians and beneficiary students at the school premises in East Sikkim today. Out of 41 girl students, the vaccine was administered to 37 students with 02 students missing the vaccination due to their absence while the parents of the other two students refused vaccination, a press release informs.

HPV vaccination drive begins in North Sikkim; 310 girls vaccinated

MANGAN, 02AUG (IPR): The HPV vaccination campaign was launched in North District today by District Collector North, Karma R Bonpo.

The campaign kicked off from Mangan Senior Secondary School and was simultaneously carried out in several schools across the North District.

The launch campaign at Mangan SSS was also attended by Jt. Director HRDD, State HPV Nodal Officer Dr. Phumsay Denzongpa, DRCHO, President, Mangan Nagar Panchayat, teachers, parents and guardians of the children.

Dr Denzongpa sensitized the participants about the benefits of the vaccine and informed that it was not a new vaccine as 270 million doses of HPV vaccine has been administered worldwide with no major side effects and it has been recommended even by WHO



and UNICEF.

She informed that many nations have made HPV vaccination a part of the routine vaccination schedule. The vaccine is administered in two doses in a gap of six months. The second dose will be administered in February next year and also simultaneously cover the girl child who have attained the age of nine years.

The District Collector, in his address, said that the HPV Vaccination was a path breaking initiative of the State Government and will lay the foundation for a strong and healthy Sikkim.

He said that the vaccine was available in private sectors at a price of around Rs 6,000 and that in Sikkim it was being provided free of cost.

He urged the health workers, teachers and parents and other stakeholders to make the campaign a success.

Around 310 girls in the age group of 9 to 14 years received the protection against Human Papilloma Virus today in the District. The HPV vaccination campaign will continue till 14 August.

Hotel construction affecting studies in Tadong school: SKM

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party team led by Vice President [Zone-I], Anand Lama, visited Tadong Senior Secondary School today.

An SKM press release informs that the school building built back in 1980s has developed massive cracks due to vibration of the machines which are being used at the construction site of a hotel beside the school.

The school authorities informed the SKM team that they were not informed regarding the construction which had to be notified as per



the rule. As a result, the school building had to be vacated and shifted to another location due to massive cracks which have developed at places. At present, the classes are being held in makeshift classrooms made

with tarpaulin sheets which is causing a lot of discomfort to students and the faculty as well.

SKM has demanded immediate solution for these problems so that the school can operate properly.



Rhenock College conducts Swachh Bharat Summer Programme

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

Government College, Rhenock today conducted the Swachh Bharat Summer Internship Programme at the Adopted Village of Rungdung in East Sikkim under the direction of Assistant Professor/Head, Department of Economics, Santosh Basnett, who is also

the appointed Nodal Officer. During the programme, household surveys, door-to-door awareness campaign and cleanliness drives were conducted in the area. A peaceful rally from Rhenock College to the bazaar was also carried out to conclude the programme with the participation of 150 students, a press release informs.



Rangpo I-Day Football Tourney

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

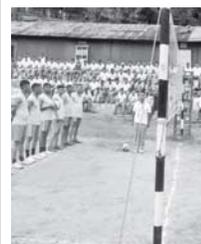
On the 4th day of the Rangpo Independence Day Open Football Tournament organised by Independence Day Celebration Committee, Rangpo, two matches were played at Rangpo Bazaar playground, a press release informs.

The first match was played between Emporium Football Club and Himalayan Sporting, Dar-

jeeling wherein Himalayan Sporting emerged victorious in a tie-breaker.

In the 2nd match played today, Himalayan FC, Gangtok won against 8th Assam Regiment in another tie-breaker.

APEX Kalimpong will take on Sikkim Police in the first match to be played on 03 Aug while the second match will be played between Rongbool FC and United Brothers, Kalimpong.



ITBP conducts inter coy volleyball tourney at Pegong

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

11th bn of Indo Tibetan Border Police organized an inter coy volleyball tournament at Pegong, Chungthang in North Sikkim today, informs a press release.

The opening ceremony of the tournament was conducted in the presence of chief guest, Commandant, 11th bn, Rajesh Kumar Tomar. The tournament was organized with the aim of increasing the physical efficiency of force personnel, the release mentions.

The first match has played between 'A' coy and 'C' coy in which the latter emerged victorious. The chief guest, Mr Tomar, passed directions to the all ranks of the unit to indulge in sporting activities. He also declared rewards for the best players.

SKM forms Block Level Committee for Nagi Ruchang

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha held its co-ordination meeting at Nagi under Namthang Ratepani Constituency in South Sikkim with regard to the formation of Block Level Committee for Nagi Ruchang Block, an SKM press release informs.

The meeting was led by CLC president, Bimal Kharel, in the presence of Nari convenor, Kavita Sapkota, and other party workers.

During the meet, a resolution forming Block Level Committee for Nagi Ruchang Block was unanimously passed with Anil Rai as its president.

Gangtok on Friday, 03 Aug

Temp: 23°C/18°C
Forecast: Cloudy, showers and thunderstorms becoming more widespread.
Sunrise: 05:00 AM
Sunset: 6:23 PM

SDF lashes out against Gram Sewa Samaj

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 02 AUG: Sikkim Democratic Front has lashed out against Pema Chulzim Bhutia of Rabongla based NGO, Gram Sewa Samaj, accusing him of giving false press statements.

In a press conference on Wednesday, Mr Bhutia had accused the SDF government of deceiving the people of Sikkim by making false claims of development in the State.

SDF today countered the allegations by stating that the state government has built houses for more than 15000 families in rural Sikkim. The party has further said that the Nirmal Rajya title was given to the State after thorough surveys were done and Pema Chulzim Bhutia cannot change the truth.

After failing to make any dent on the SDF government through social media, Pema Chulzim is trying to make false allegations through press conferences, SDF has said.

SCA takes three teams to National Cities Team Chess Championship

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 AUG:

Three teams of Sikkim Chess Association [SCA] participated in the 19th National Cities Team Chess Championship which started yesterday in Siliguri.

A total of fifteen players making up three teams of five players each - Gangtok A, Gangtok B and Gangtok C - are representing the State in the championship which is scheduled to continue till 05 August.

Gangtok A team comprises of Sushmita Lama, Rohit Gurung, Rahul Gurung, Thendup Tamang and Suraj Gupta, while Urgan Thimlay Sherpa, Rick Gupta, Chewang Dorjee Bhutia, Anusha Chhetri and



Yangchen Lama are in Gangtok B. Likewise, Gangtok C has Prakhari Dhangar, Panshul Dhangar, Aradhya Raj

Pokhrel, Shaurya Srivastava and Abhiraj Parajuli as team members. The State teams are being accompanied by

Sikkim Chess Association general secretary, Mahendra Dhakal, who is also an international arbiter.

SFA PREMIER DIVISION SIKKIM LEAGUE 2018

Unicorn FC hold USFC to goalless draw



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 02 AUG:

Unicorn Football Club held defending champion, United Sikkim Football Club, to a goalless draw in the ongoing Sikkim Football Association

Premier Division Sikkim-League 2018 here at Paljor Stadium today. With this draw, both teams shared a point each.

Desperate for their first victory in the league, Unicorn FC players played

their hearts out but could not convert any of the several good chances they created into a goal.

United Sikkim players also failed to capitalise on some wonderful opportunities to contin-

ue the team's winning streak in the league.

Next, Sikkim Aakraman Football Club will take on Boys Club, Gangtok, in their fourth match of the ongoing league on Friday.

Sikkim Dental Registration Tribunal launches official website

GANGTOK, 02 AUG [IPR]: Minister for Health Care, Human Service & Family Welfare Department, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, launched the official website of Sikkim Dental Registration Tribunal [Sikkim Dental Council] in a function organized at Health Secretariat in Gangtok today.

The function also had the presence of Health Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Vishal Chauhan, Principal Director, Mission Director-National Health Mission, Medical Superintendent [STNM Hospital] and other officials.

The Health Minister congratulated the dental fraternity for putting extra effort to ensure strong working mecha-



nism through launch of the website. He marked the event historic for the Health Department and advised concerned officials to keep updating various kinds of facilities available for the public under dental section.

He expressed his gratitude to the health professionals for their dedicated service and further urged them to work with inter-sectoral cooperation and coordination so that people of Sikkim receive the best

health services.

He also informed that the academic classes in newly established Pharmacy College at Sajong has commenced from 01 Aug, 2018.

Further, the 1000-bedded Multi Specialty Hospital at Sichey and Nursing College are on the verge of completion which can be considered as the most noteworthy infrastructural development in the health sector of the State, he added.

"With the recruitment of 47 General Duty Medical Officers, two doctors have been deputed in every Primary Health Centers in all districts and additional four specialists have joined the District Hospital in Gyalshing," he stated.

Earlier, the Minister inaugurated the office of the SDRT within the premises.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Mr Chauhan, also congratulated the Dental Council for launching the website and assured to leave no stone unturned to deliver requirements of dental fraternity in order to ensure best medical services to the patients.

Principal Director, Dr SK Rai, who is also the Registrar of SDRT, in his

welcome address, gave an overview on various properties of the websites. He also mentioned that the website will assist in dissemination of information among dental professionals and educate on work ethics.

Thereafter, the Health Minister visited different sections of the Health Secretariat along with the Commissioner-cum-Secretary. He instructed concerned official of Treatment Outside State [TOS] to enlighten patient party about various provisions of referral facilities and to ensure smooth flow of files. He also urged for internal coordination so that people face no difficulty with the official processes and work is delivered smoothly and on time.



CRU Homoeopathy proposes permanent land for Gangtok unit

GANGTOK, 02 AUG [IPR]:

Delegates comprising of three members from Central Research Unit Homoeopathy led by Chairperson of Northeast Advisory Committee, Dr M Nara Singh, who is also the former Culture Minister of Manipur, called on Minister for Health Care, Human Services & Family Welfare Department, Arjun Kumar Ghatani, at his office at State Guest

House in Gangtok today.

Dr Nara put forth his proposal for permanent land/accommodation of existing Clinical Research Unit [Tribal] for Homoeopathy in Gangtok.

During the meeting, the Minister informed that the Department of Health has already apprised the Union Minister of AYUSH in that regard and also assured to extend full support and

cooperation from the government to fulfill the requirements.

Dr Nara was accompanied by Assistant Director [Homoeopathy], Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy [New Delhi], Dr Goutam Rakshit, and Research Officer [Homoeopathy], S-1, Officer In-charge, Clinical Research Unit [T], Gangtok, Dr Santosh Tamang.

Ward Development Society office inaugurated at Tingzey

SUMMIT REPORT MANGAN, 02 AUG:

In a series of inaugurations of Ward Development Society [WDS] offices under Sikkim State Rural Livelihood Mission of Mangshila-Tibuk GPU in North Sikkim, the final WDS office for Tingzey Ward was inaugurated today at Tingzey village.

The function was attended by Block Development Officer, Mangan, Karma Thendup Bhutia, as chief guest accompanied by Block Project Manager, Youl Lepcha, Community Organiser, Tashi Tongden Lepcha, Panchayat Vice President, Dilliram Limboo, Ward Panchayat, Dilman Limboo, Panchayat members and Self Help Group members. The WDS offices for four other Wards of Mangshila-Tibuk GPU have already been inaugurated.

Block resource person, Bal Kumari Limboo, underlined the activities



of SHGs under Mangshila-Tibuk GPU.

Likewise, BPM [SSRLM], Mr Lepcha, stressed on proper implementation of the WDS office in the area and also informed about utilisation of funds. He apprised the gathering about various trainings scheduled to be held for SHG members of the GPU.

Block Development Officer, Mr Bhutia, in his address, informed that

the SHG members will be sent for exposure tours. He also urged all SHG members to be active and dedicated and work in unity for development. He also requested SHG members to exchange ideas with SHGs of different GPUs.

The BDO further directed the Ward Panchayat and SHGs to identify the LPG distribution points in the GPU and submit it before 05 Aug.

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3. That the name of my daughter had been recorded as "Leezum Rinchen Bhutia" in her passport bearing no. R4876594.
4. That I am swearing this affidavit to state and declare the person by the names "Leezum Rinchen Bhutia" and "Leezum Rinchen Dolkar Bhutia" are the names of one and the same person i.e. my daughter.
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Govt raises revenue, but has not done enough...

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parking spaces in Singtam shopping complex be opened immediately to address the serious parking problem of the area.

Driver's front general secretary [north/east], Raju Thatal, in turn, mentioned that local drivers have been facing acute problems of parking. He mentioned that the Motor Vehicles Division has continuously been issuing new numbers without reviewing availability of parking places. On the same, he stressed that MV Division should work in close coordination with Gangtok Municipal Corporation and Traffic Division before issuing new numbers to address the parking issue.

Mr Thatal stated that the concerned authority should notify the parking rates to regulate random parking fee. He also stressed that the concerned authorities should

also talk to parking contractors to make security arrangements for parked vehicles in parking lots.

Likewise, the driver's front executive member, Mohan Rai, mentioned that during registration the Motor Vehicle Division was charging Rs 7,000 from luxury vehicles for all Sikkim route permits for five years till the end of 2017, but now the MV Division has been charging Rs 2000 from a luxury vehicle for a year.

He also mentioned that apart from increase in route permit rates, the administration has been compelling luxury vehicles to pay extra for the permits to restricted areas from the upcoming tourist season onwards.

On the same, Mr Rai urged the State government to immediately give relaxation in these taxes if it was serious about making local youth self-employed in this sector.

He alleged that due to repeated system failure in the Motor Vehicle division for paying different fees drivers were compelled to pay late fees for no fault of theirs.

SKM spokesperson, Jacob Khaling, alleged that the government has been collecting a good amount of revenue from drivers but has not given any good facilities or infrastructure to drivers.

Referring to the SKM 2014 election manifesto, Mr Khaling stated that the party had promised life insurance for all drivers, complete free treatment of drivers in the event of any accident, reduction in rate of high security number plates and drivers guest houses in all districts and at all major tourist spots.

He mentioned that the party also has a programme for government drivers to provide grade system for government drivers, family quarters and guest houses and risk allowances.



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Tendong Lho Rum Faat

Everyone should thank
Mount Tendong

Next Wednesday is Tendong Lho Rum Faat, a festival unique to Sikkim, and which, even though exclusive to the Lepchas, is a propitiation which should find observance among more communities and across wider areas. The Lepchas were hunter-gatherers until modernity forced itself on them and development required them to settle down, and it is on occasions like Tendong Lho Rum Faat, or any other Lepcha festival for that matter, that we realize the connection that people of the region have lost with nature.

Every Lepcha ritual is rooted to the land of Sikkim and the neighbouring hills. Some rituals are located in scared spaces and even to stories exclusive to individual families, but some celebrations like Tendong Lho Rum Faat paint a much wider canvas of myths and touch the entire community. In the end, whether a localized observance or a "state-wide" celebration, every such festival is located in this space and directly linked to landscapes and landmarks here, locations they can visit and marvels of nature they can see for themselves. Such a close awareness of the land and its special elements most probably ensured that the community displayed instinctive conservation and intuitive protection of nature. After all, if the Lepchas of the land thanked Mount Tendong every monsoon for having saved them from drowning in the great deluge, it is only expected that for the remainder of the year, they treaded with care in its shadow, mindful of the need to keep the environs in robust health so that the mountain could rise in their protection in future as well if such a need arose again.

Such sentiments are strongest in situations when there is a direct connection between the land and its people – like in the case of a hunter-gatherer community. No one lives that life any more, hence the need to force closer connections through wider celebrations. If more communities were drawn into celebrating Tendong Lho Rum Faat, not only would this festival of the vanishing tribe grow grander, even other people now living on Lepcha Land will emerge more sensitive to the environment they inhabit because attracting their veneration will be a physical entity they can all see instead of the esoteric powers which otherwise command their faith. This is not to challenge anyone's faith, but a suggestion that if more festivals of the indigenous people were made more secular, conservation concepts will become much more comprehensible and forceful.

What should also be considered is not only inclusion of such indigenous festivals into the curriculum of schools here, but also school excursions to places like Tendong. Almost everyone in Sikkim knows why the Lepchas thank Mount Tendong every year, but it will not come as a surprise if even many Lepcha children cannot point out the mountain for you. And therein lies one of the biggest challenges facing every effort at conservation – a disconnect because of which people have lost the perspective on nature. Even rooted-in-the-land festivals like Tendong Lho Rum Faat have become detached rituals for most people; to the extent that some might even think it to be a mythical summit even though the mountain can be spied from just about every high ridge in Sikkim! Take children to the mountain, have them hike around its sacred groves, teach them to "leave behind only footprints", and within a few academic years, a generation will be at hand aware of the special place nature enjoys in their traditional knowledge base. Once they make this introduction, they will discover more places, respect more cultures and make more informed decisions about protecting the environment. Don't make this connection for them, and they might become expert debaters at interschool competitions on climate change and global warming, but their Wikipedia-researched arguments will fail to even convince them. Take them to Tendong and have a Bongthing tell them the story of the grasshoppers or about why the cane of a particular grove make the best flutes, and they will notice when these insects and forests come under stress. And when that happens, they will also be moved to instinctively collaborate to protect. Is that not the kind of collaboration we want the young to be able to craft... for their own futures?

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What businesses can learn from teamwork at the World Cup

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Sport and business often seem to share common ground when it comes to performance. It's not uncommon for businesses to use sports metaphors such as "down for the count," "the ball's in their court," or "full court press." As an Olympian, I'm often invited to speak at corporate events to inspire employees on setting goals or resiliency.

But only recently has there been a burgeoning body of researchers in the field of sport psychology and organizational psychology exploring the parallels between sports and businesses.

One study compared and contrasted the perceived factors of organizational success from the viewpoints of leaders in the fields of sport and business. The results revealed sport and business leaders identified more similar factors (e.g., leadership, communication and team cohesion) than differences.

Many parallels exist between sports and business when it comes to success. The recent FIFA World Cup provides a unique opportunity to examine some of these parallels and provide lessons for both business and sport.

Few would have predicted France versus Croatia in the final match. If you glanced at the FIFA world rankings a week before the first match, you may have anticipated the 2018 World Cup champion to be Germany or Brazil, respectively ranked first and second.

It would have also been easy to assume the two teams with the greatest players in the game — Argentina with Lionel Messi and Portugal with Cristiano Ronaldo — might also be contenders for the title.

However, true to the nature of sport, this year's World Cup delivered unpredictable results.

THE TEAM, THE TEAM, THE TEAM
"No man is more important than The



Team. No coach is more important than The Team. The Team, The Team, The Team, and if we think that way, all of us, everything that you do, you take into consideration what effect does it have on my Team?" Bo Schembechler, former University of Michigan football coach

One of the most powerful lessons from the 2018 World Cup is the positive relationship team cohesion had with performance.

More than 40 years ago, Canadian sports psychologist Albert Carron wrote that team cohesion is "a dynamic process which is reflected in the tendency for a group to stick together and remain united in the pursuit of its goals and objectives." It still holds true today.

There's evidence that better team cohesion results in better performance, and better performance results in better team cohesion.

Studies on Olympians in team sports have identified team unity and trust among the most important factors for success, while teams that failed to achieve their expected results attributed it to planning and team cohesion problems.

Belgium surprised many World Cup fans by making it to the semi-

finals and eventually winning the third-place match. Team manager Roberto Martinez attributed Belgium's success to "the notion of being a team. Individual skills and talent are important, but in these tournaments, it's absolutely necessary to play as a team."

SHARED GOALS

Integral to team cohesion is a shared goal among all group members.

While each team consists of individuals with different roles and interests, their individual goals must support the team goal and not supersede it. Teams will struggle when an individual within the team places their needs above the rest.

Recognizing the importance of the team's needs, Croatia's coach, Zlatko Dalic, made a difficult decision when he sent striker Nikola Kalinic home after their opening game in the World Cup. Kalinic had refused to go on the field in the 85th minute of the game, saying he had back pain. However, it's believed he may have been demonstrating his displeasure for being benched in the game.

Acknowledging some problems in the camp, Dalic refused to elaborate or discuss Kalinic, simply stating "... since I need my players fit and ready

to play, I have made this decision."

In this example, the coach took action to preserve the team chemistry and commitment to their shared goal by removing a player who appeared to place his own wants ahead of the team. Croatia was an example of a team in which the whole was greater than the sum of its parts.

When team members understand their role as it relates to the team goal, it can assist with buy-in and commitment. In business, it has been found to be associated with greater job satisfaction.

THE IMPORTANCE OF RESILIENCY

Researchers have established resiliency to be a characteristic demonstrated by successful athletes and teams. A British study in 2015 of a rugby union World Cup-winning team found team resiliency to be supported by five main psychosocial processes: Transformational leadership, shared team leadership, team learning, social identity and positive emotions.

This was also a theme cited by soccer analysts in the 2018 World Cup — most notably when Belgium overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Japan in the quarter-final match. Belgium scored three goals in the final 30 minutes. Such a comeback means the players stayed focused and avoided getting down on themselves. Additionally, controlling one's composure and providing positive feedback to teammates can further bolster the teams' collective confidence.

Anchored in their pursuit of excellence, it is easy to see the link between sport and business. Understanding your role on a team, aligning behind a common objective and putting team goals ahead of individual needs are strategies that work on the field of play — in the boardroom.

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How a traditional justice system could help resolve the conflict between India and Pakistan

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The Pakistan-India conflict has been raging for 70 years and there have been many international attempts to get the countries to sit down and work out their differences. All have failed because they have not properly assessed the psychological nature of the problem and have largely ignored traditional conflict resolution systems in the subcontinent. If they were to delve deeper, international peacekeepers could take hope and inspiration from a smaller, older and more local justice system which has been mediating disputes in warring territories for centuries.

Conflict resolution is a cultural phenomenon and is dependent on any society's relevant norms, practices and institutions. While conflict is universal, the ways in which it is expressed and managed are not. There are a variety of techniques and processes for handling conflict around the world which take in the culture of the warring groups. Different cultures develop their own formal and informal ways of handling conflict — such as Ubuntu/Gacaca and Mato Oput in Africa, Jirga in Afghanistan and Sulah in the Middle East.

This can make conflict resolution seem complicated as each specific cultural model has its own perception of conflict and the techniques for resolving it. For example, adultery can receive different types and scales of punishment in different cultures.

Interestingly, a large number of interstate conflicts in the world are between culturally similar groups, such as North and South Korea, Serbia-Croatia-Bosnia and Palestine and Israel. Therefore, the study of indige-

nous models for conflict resolution is crucial before proposing a peacemaking agenda for such nations.

THE PANCHAYAT SYSTEM

Rural societies in India and Pakistan are structurally similar, if not identical in every detail. Both are agrarian societies and basic needs, including justice, have always been provided to people at village level. These village communities have been termed "little kingdoms" and "little republics", being self sufficient and almost independent of any foreign relations.

Traditionally, the panchayat system has acted as the justice-providing/conflict resolution organ in South Asian villages (mainly in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal). The word "panchayat" literally means a gathering of five but technically it is used to represent a council of respected village elders. The term has been used for centuries to describe traditional village assemblies.

The panchayat system is still practised in many parts of the subcontinent for conflict resolution. And despite massive urbanisation during the last three decades, around 70% of people still live in villages in both India and Pakistan.

INDIGENOUS PSYCHOLOGY

I believe the main reason international conciliators have failed to bring peace to this emotionally charged region is their ignorance of indigenous psychology. International

peacemakers need to know what the secrets behind the success of the panchayat system are before delving into statewide issues.

The success of panchayatees (the five members of panchayat jury) largely depends upon both their respect and status within communities. It is not only the standing of jury members that enables them to impose their verdicts but the honour bestowed upon them by the parties in dispute. As an indigenous saying explains: "Even the prostitutes have money and power, but no prestige." This could explain why superpowers like the former USSR and the US have failed to permanently resolve the conflict.

The panchayat system deals with both emotional and material aspects of conflict. One strategy involves hearing the grievances of those in dispute repeatedly to help desensitize the problem. The prolonged discussions covering all potential perspectives facilitate a kind of emotional catharsis. The history of conflict and past wounds are often of more concern to the warring parties than the actual conflict itself. The material part of the dispute is only a minor expression of a longstanding antagonistic relationship between two groups.

Long hearings in the presence of the entire community help to dissipate much of the emotion through this repeated recalling and re-experiencing of the grievance. The psychology behind this is to resolve the enmity and address the root causes.

RELATIVE JUSTICE

In contrast to universal principles of equality, the panchayat system provides relative justice based on the individuals and their community. The honour (Izzat) and status of the clashing parties has a strong bearing

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No Chinese mining ops in Arunachal: Govt

NEW DELHI, AUG 2 (PTI): The government today said China was not carrying out any mining operations in Arunachal Pradesh and asserted that the border state is an "integral" and "inalienable" part of India. Replying to a question in Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh also said the government keeps a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security. "No such activity has been carried out by China inside the territory of Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh," he said.

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NZ extends technical expertise to Nepal for re-measuring Mt Everest

KATHMANDU, AUG 2 (PTI): New Zealand will extend technical expertise to Nepal for re-measuring the height of Mt Everest - the world's highest peak - after many geologists argued that the two powerful quakes in 2015 may have shrunk the mountain, a media report said today.

The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is supporting Dr Chris Pearson, a New Zealand geodesist, who is spending four weeks working with Nepal's Survey Department to assist them in planning the project and processing data from its early phases, the Kathmandu Post reported.

Many geologists say the massive quakes in 2015 may have shrunk the mountain by about 3 centimetres. The current officially recognised height of Mt Everest is 8,848 metres.

The survey department launched a two-

year survey of re-measuring Mt Everest this year which also coincides with the 65th anniversary of the first successful ascent of the peak by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, the paper said.

The project involves the use of both conventional surveying techniques similar to those used by George Everest (who surveyed Mt Everest in the 19th century) and a modern global positioning system receiver that will be taken to the top of the mountain to measure its height, the paper said, citing a statement issued by the New Zealand High Commission.

The project is expected to be completed by mid-2019.

"The legacy of this historic achievement on 29 May 1953 continues to underpin New Zealand's close and warm relationship with Nepal, as well

as support its further growth. It is therefore a proud moment for us at the New Zealand Embassy to support this important initiative that will help us ascertain the correct height of this renowned geological landmark," said Joanna Kempfers, New Zealand's Ambassador to Nepal.

New Zealand's Honorary Consul to Nepal Lisa Choegy also expressed her pleasure at being able to provide technical support to Nepal following the earthquakes.

"It is an honour for New Zealand to be assisting the survey department and the government of Nepal with this important and high-profile task of re-measuring Mt Everest, the highest mountain in the world and an iconic tourism attraction for Nepal," she said in the statement.

Niraj Manandhar,



Deputy Director General of Nepal's Geodetic Survey Division Department

of Survey, said thanked the New Zealand government for the assistance.

"We are absolutely delighted to have New Zealand's help and Dr

Chris Pearson's expertise has been very valuable to our department," Manandhar said.

Prior to this project, Dr Pearson led a successful post-earthquake survey mapping project along with Nepal's survey department in 2015 to help the country rebuild after the two massive earthquakes earlier that year.

The earthquakes caused the ground to move by about 2 metres, sending co-ordinates in geographic information system and geodetic databases "well off" their actual locations, the paper said.

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upper age limit to 45 years from existing 40 years. **CULTURAL AFFAIRS AND HERITAGE DEPARTMENT** 9. Approval and sanction of Rs.79,39,400/- for distribution of "Samajik Sewa Bhat-ta" for the year 2017-18. **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** 10. Approval and additional sanction of Rs.15.67 lakhs for the infrastructure development at Tharpu Senior Secondary School, West Sikkim.

11. Approval and additional sanction of Rs.21,74,888/- for construction of four- roomed school building at Upper Luing Senior Secondary School in East Sikkim. 12. Approval and additional sanction of Rs.96.94 lakhs for construction of Late C.S Rai Memorial School Building at Aritang Junior High School, Gangtok. **HORTICULTURE AND CASH CROPS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT** 13. Approval and sanction of Rs. 2777.78 lakhs for implementation of Horticulture Mission for Northeast and Himalayan States (HMNEH) under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for 2018-19. **ROADS AND BRIDGES DEPARTMENT** 14. Approval and sanction of Rs.170.97 lakhs for the work "Up-gradation of Approach Road to Dikchu Mines in East Sikkim". 15. Approval and sanction of Rs.38, 97,936/- for the work "Construction, Strengthening and Carpeting of Approach road to Food Corporation of India (FCI) Godown site at Payiong in South Sikkim". 16. Approval and sanction of Rs.118.18 lakhs for the work "Surface Improvement work along Rangka Dhajey to Ani Gumpa in East Sikkim". 17. Approval and sanction of Rs.44 lakhs for the work "Strengthening of Approach road to Lungdum Monastery in East Sikkim". 18. Approval and sanction of Rs.170.42 crores for the work "Construction of fair weather roads in the State of Sikkim". 19. Approval for Rs.19,84,49,000/- and additional sanction of Rs.3,77,47,000/- for the work "Up-gradation, Carpeting, Protective & Drainage works of Sang Khola Sumin Road in East Sikkim". **ENERGY AND POWER DEPARTMENT** 20. Approval and sanction of Rs.2074.04 lakhs for implementation of Integrated Power Development Schemes (IPDS) in eight statutory towns of Sikkim, viz Namchi, Jorethang, Nayabazar, Gyalshing, Rangpo, Singtam, Gangtok and Mangan. 21. Approval and sanction of Rs.98 lakhs for providing protective work to the

damaged area along the water conductor line at Bhusuc in East Sikkim. 22. Approval and sanction of Rs.182 lakhs as Grant-in-Aid to Sikkim Renewable Energy Development Agency (SREDA). **URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT** 23. Approval for revision of monthly honorarium of elected representatives other than Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Urban Local Bodies at the following rates wef 1st April,2018:- i) Councillors of Municipal Corporation(excluding Mayor, Dy Mayor & Chair-man)- from Rs 4800/- to Rs 10000/- ii) Councillors of Municipal Councils(excluding Chair-man & Vice -Chairperson)- from Rs 4400/- to Rs 9000/- iii) President of Nagar Panchayats- from Rs 4800/- to Rs 10000/- iv) Vice-Presidents of Nagar Panchayats- from Rs 4400/- to Rs 9500/- v) Councillors of Nagar Panchayats (excluding President & Vice President) from Rs 4400/-to Rs 9000/- 24. Approval and sanction of Rs.2,07,18,000/- for beautification and development of Parking Yard at Sang Bazaar. 25. Approval and sanction of Rs.7,34, 66,300/- for up-gradation of following roads :- i)Up-gradation & carpeting of Chaar Dham Road, Namchi ii) Up-gradation & carpeting of road from DAC to Blind School, Namchi iii) Up-gradation of roads in and around Gangtok. 26. Approval and sanction of Rs.1,75,82,000/- for construction of link road from NH10 to Tiny Pearls School via Rajgram Village, East Sikkim. **HEALTH CARE, HUMAN SERVICE & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT** 27. Approval and sanction of Rs. 225 lakhs to implement the "Proud Mother" Scheme in the State for the year 2018-19. 28. Approval and sanction of Rs.1 crore for implementation of Chief Minister's Comprehensive Annual and Total Check-up for Healthy Sikkim (CATCH). 29. Approval and sanction of Rs. 415 lakhs towards TB- free Sikkim . 30. Approval and sanction of Rs. 5935 lakhs towards implementation of National Health Mission (NHM). **DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND VETERINARY SERVICES** 31. Approval for creation of Livestock Check Posts / Disease Screening Centres at the following inter-State border: Manpur and Majhitar (South District), Raman, Budang, Ribdi- Bhareng, Naya Bazar and Akar Bridge (West District). 32. Approval and sanction of Rs.23.35 lakhs for construction of Sub-Division-

al Veterinary-cum-Staff Quarters at SDM Complex, Pachey, Pakyong in East Sikkim. **TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT** 33. Approval and sanction of Rs.30,97,400/- for acquisition of 28093.81 sqft land for tourism infrastructure at Tingchim in North Sikkim. **LABOUR DEPARTMENT** 34. Approval to amend Rule 20 of the Sikkim Labour Protection Act, 2005 duly incorporating various provisions under new Sub-Rules for industrial progress in the State as also for the welfare of workers/labourers working in Sikkim. Under these new provisions, the establishments /employer has to provide:- i) To and fro conveyance to the workers or grant conveyance allowance ii) In-house skill development programmes to enhance the skill of workers for their career progression iii) Annual increments based on their performance iv) Paid 10 days' casual leave v) House Rent Allowance in case of non-adherence of provisions contained in Rule20(1)(b) of Sikkim Labour Protection Rules,2006 vi) Janta Personal Accident Insurance Policy in addition to the existing ESIC benefits to all workers vii) Preferentially employ 90% local Sikkimese persons ,provided that non-Sikkimese persons may be appointed only when suitably qualified and experienced Sikkimese persons are not available for the said employment. However, the Notification issued by the State Government in respect of manufacturing industrial units shall continue to be applicable viii) Constitute Grievance Redressal Committee with representatives of workers of the said establishment and management **DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, TRAINING AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES** 35. Approval for cadre revision of Fisheries Block Officer and Assistant Fisheries Guard in the Sikkim State Sub-ordinate Fisheries Service and creation of 12 additional posts of Feed Mill Operator and Feed Mill Helper. **BUILDINGS AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT** 36. Approval of the following with regards to establishment of 100- seater Medical College at Sochaya-gang Sichey in East Sikkim: i) To include the area of three 'A' Grade bungalows at Sichey so as to facilitate 100-seater Medical College and handover the same to Government Medical College, Sikkim. ii) To shift the occupants of above bungalows to any other available quarters. iii) To acquire additional

plot of land belonging to private individual measuring 1.30 acres (approx) at Government approved rates. **HOME DEPARTMENT** 37. Approval and sanction of Rs.264.34 lakhs for purchase of equipments and vehicles under Modernization of Police Force. **HEALTH CARE, HUMAN SERVICE & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT** 38. Approval and additional sanction of Rs.62,37 ,953/- to complete the work and make ANM school and hostel functional on time. 39. Approval and sanction of Rs.10,20,53,338/- for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for various high end equipments installed at various health facilities including STNM. **SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEPARTMENT** 40. Approval and sanction of Rs.400 lakhs as Central Share and Rs.40 lakhs as State Share for implementation of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY). **TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT** 41. Approval and sanction of Rs.3, 82,75,171/- for additional new work for depot up-gradation. **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** 42. En-bloc sanction of Rs.300 lakhs and approval to transfer it to Centre for Research and Training in Informatics (CRTI), State Data Centre account. **HEALTH CARE, HUMAN SERVICE & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT** 43. Approval and sanction of Rs.2,28,01, 245/- purchase of medicines and drugs by the Central Health Store Organization. 44. Approval and sanction of Rs.6,50, 52,738/- for purchase of hospital medical consumables. **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, LIVESTOCK FISHERIES & VETERINARY SERVICES** 45. Approval and sanction of Rs 50 lakhs for piglet distribution to 580 beneficiaries at ratio of 1:1 (Male : Female) in 29 territorial constituencies. 46. Approval and sanction of Rs.221.57, 496/- for implementation of Five -Year project under National Livestock Mission 2017-2022. **FINANCE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE DEPARTMENT** 47. Approval of the Memorandum of State and its Local Bodies submitted to the 15th Finance Commission amounting to Rs 65343.37 crores. **SOCIAL JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT AND WELFARE DEPARTMENT** 48. Approval and sanction of Rs.940.62 lakhs for construction and establishment of Drug-De-Addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centre together with Livelihood School at Kitchudumra in South Sikkim.

NRC: TMC delegation stopped at Silchar airport, leaders claim they were manhandled

SILCHAR (ASSAM), AUG 2 (PTI): A Trinamool Congress delegation which reached here today to assess the situation in Assam in the wake of the publication of the complete draft of the citizen's register was stopped at the airport, officials said.

According to TMC MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, who is a member of the team, the police stopped them at the airport saying their visit might create trouble and manhandled them.

"It's murder of democracy. We were not allowed to go out," he said.

The TMC leaders were supposed to hold a meeting at an auditorium here.

Party supremo Mamata Banerjee claimed that members of the TMC delegation, including women, were manhandled at the airport and accused the BJP of imposing "super emergency" in the country.

The BJP was exposed by this incident, she said and sought to know under which law was the TMC delegation stopped.

The TMC delegation including six MPs were kept in the VIP lounge of Kumbhigram airport here in Cachar district under Barak Valley region, the officials said.

The deputy commissioner, the SP and five magistrates were in the airport to talk to the TMC delegation.

The Cachar district administration last night issued prohibitory order under Section 144 of the CrPC.

However, district administration sources said the prohibitory order has nothing to do with the visit of the TMC delegation.

The TMC team went there at the instruction of Mamata Banerjee.



ADGP (special branch) Pallab Bhattacharya said that security has been beefed up at Silchar.

"We will take whatever measures needed for maintenance of law and order," he said.

Wondering why they were stopped, MP Roy told a TV channel, "They manhandled us including our women members. I am a heart patient. We have come here to talk to those people whose names were deleted. We are not here to create any trouble. But they have not allowed us."

"BJP president Amit Shah will go to Bengal. We will not stop him," he said.

Another TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar alleged that they were stopped and police could not show us any order in this regard.

Echoing her, fellow MP Mamatabala Devi alleged that they were pushed and manhandled by the police.

"We have come here to assess the situation and talk to those people. We are on dharna at the airport", she said.

There was no immediate reac-

tion from the state administration regarding the TMC's allegations.

Reacting to the visit of the TMC delegation, student leader and AASU general secretary Lurinjyoti Gogoi claimed that Mamata Banerjee is playing votebank politics.

"She is trying to polarise the people of Assam and disturb the peaceful situation in the state. She should have sent the delegation before the NRC was published if she is so worried about the Bengalis and Muslims living here," he said.

"We have a chief minister here. No outside chief minister can decide the fate of the indigenous people of Assam," Gogoi said.

West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh also supported the Assam government's move to stop the TMC delegation.

"The TMC government did not allow us to go Basirhat in the past. They don't give us democratic rights. They have no business to talk about democracy. They have gone there to create civil war," he said, adding "They are enacting drama".

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on the final decision which aims to save the honour of both sides - rather than sticking very closely to the facts. This aspect may seem strange to "Western" peacemakers and could be why it has been largely ignored as an arbitration tactic, despite its success at village level.

Jury members know exactly that people in the subcontract can bear the material loss but not the loss of honour. Panchayat members provide both parties with "face-saving" resolutions, offering them different doses of honour and material benefits. The

weaker party is usually privileged in terms of material benefits while the powerful party is promised an elevation in status.

It is time for international arbitrators to understand the locally constructed and time-tested common sense of conflict resolution in both countries. The process must be placed firmly within the frames of reference of both feuding groups.

The psychology does not differ much between interstate conflicts and smaller disputes within towns and villages. Although the Pakistan-India conflict is at the top of

the scale when compared to village level quarrels, the characteristics are the same.

It is not to say that the panchayat system should replace the institutional layers of the modern international state system. But it should be used as inspiration to develop a workable model for interstate conflict resolution, one that appreciates the psychological and moral structures of this older and more humble form of justice.

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Saina, Ashwini-Satwik win; Srikanth loses in World Championship



FC Pune City sign ISL top-scorer Iain Hume

PUNE, AUG 2 (PTI): Indian Super League franchise FC Pune City today signed Iain Hume for the 2018-19 season.

Hume, who is the highest goal scorer in the history of Indian Super League, has plied his trade in ISL with Kerala Blasters FC and ATK, scoring 28 goals in four seasons.

Besides, his 59 appearances till date is the highest number of games played by any player in ISL.

As a part of the agreement, the club will have an option to retain the prolific Canadian forward for one more year at the end of the coming season, a media release issued here said.

In February, Hume suffered a knee injury that ruled him out of action for the rest of season.

Thereafter, he has undergone surgery on his right knee and has been undergoing rehabilitation in India and the UK.

FC Pune City CEO Gaurav Modwalsaid, "Iain Hume got injured during last season and he has now undergone almost 6 months of rehabilitation post his surgery.

He will continue his rehab under the supervision of our medical team and train with the team during pre-season.

If everything goes as planned, we estimate him to be back in 12-14 weeks time."

NANJING (CHINA), AUG 2 (PTI): India's star shuttler Saina Nehwal sailed into the women's singles quarterfinals but another medal hope, Kidambi Srikanth, crashed out of the World Championships after suffering a straight-game loss here today.

Saina, who had clinched a silver and a bronze at the 2015 and 2017 editions, downed 2013 champion Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand 21-16 21-19 to set up a meeting with Olympic champion and two-time world champion Carolina Marin of Spain.

The Indian mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa also stood one step away from a medal after pulling off a stunning 20-22 21-14 21-6 victory over the Malaysian world no.7 combination of Goh Soon Huat and Shevon Jemie Lai.

However, fifth seed Srikanth's dream of winning a medal came crashing after he was outwitted 18-21 18-21 by the experienced Malaysian Daren Liew in a 41-minute clash.

"I had my chances but couldn't



keep the shuttle in. Too many smashes out, too many mistakes. I should have handled it much better," said Srikanth.

Saina showed amazing retrieving skills against Intanon, who is on a comeback trail after recovering from an injury.

"It is a very good win. She is known for a deceptive game. Second game was going my way, but suddenly she played some difficult strokes, she was everywhere and made it 19-19. At that point, Gopi sir played a big role. He told me what to do and I followed that and the game turned in

my favour," Saina said.

"Pressure is less on me now because the last few tournaments I haven't been able to cross the quarterfinals but I have played well at the Commonwealth Games and Asian Championship. But I can see that the form sometimes goes here and there

but I am happy it is coming back in important events."

Talking about her next match against Marin, Saina said: "I have played her at Denmark Open last, she is quick and aggressive and it would be a challenging match for me and I will just look to give my best."

Earlier, Ashwini and Satwik showed great composure as they recovered from a game down to prevail over their higher ranked opponents.

It was an even battle in the opening game where the Malaysian pair managed an 11-8 lead at the break and though Ashwini and Satwik clawed back at 14-14 and even held a slender 18-16 lead at one stage, their rivals were more composed to pocket the game.

In the second game, Goh and Shevon opened up a 5-2 lead but this time Ashwini and Satwik drew parity at 9-9 and then broke off to bounce back into the contest.

In the decider, the Indian pair was brilliant as it aggressively dominated the proceedings. They led 11-4 at the interval and continued in the same vein after the breather to storm into the quarters.

Facing big team is way to go: India's U-20 football coach

NEW DELHI, AUG 2 (PTI): Gearing up to play Venezuela in the COTIF Cup in Valencia, India's U-20 football head coach Floyd Pinto says it will be pivotal for the "development" of the team.

Floyd said, "It is a very big challenge for us to face the likes of Venezuela in a competitive environment and it provides us with an opportunity to grow and develop, while experiencing competition of the highest order."

"Facing teams like Venezuela is the way ahead for us as it speeds up the player development process."

In the COTIF Cup, the Indian U-20s have lost two matches -- against local club side Murcia U-20 and Mauritania U-20. And after facing Venezuela, the Colts will square off against Argentina U-20 on August 5.

Against Mauritania U-20, the Indian Colts missed five regular start-



ers as Rahul KP, Sanjeev Stalin and Rahim Ali had to sit out due to injuries and suspensions to the two central defenders Anwar Ali and Jitendra Singh further depleted India.

"We played without Jitender & Anwar who were suspended and missed regular starters due to injuries. It is never easy to play a game without two regular central

defenders but Narender and Sahil played well and gained valuable experience."

"The boys started off very well but Mauritania were very physical and direct. They took the lead in the first half but we kept pressing for the equalizer and we could have ended the match on level terms had we not conceded late," Floyd explained.

Goals in the 71st and 78th minute by the African side meant that they went on to win the match 3-0.

"The desire of the boys to match strides against a strong African team was there but we fell prey to complacency and conceded on the counter attacks and obviously we are disappointed to concede those two goals.

Burglars caught dancing on CCTV camera arrested in Delhi

NEW DELHI, AUG 1 (PTI): A gang of six burglars who were caught dancing on CCTV camera footage before committing robbery in north Delhi's Lahori Gate area have been arrested, police said today.

The unusual act was caught in a CCTV camera installed in the lane where a burglar apparently indulged in an impromptu victory dance after other members of the gang successfully broke into multiple shops and stole cash, electronic items etc, they said.

The accused were identified as Alam, Anand, Sahib Ansari, Mohammad Safeeq, Salman and Anil, Deputy Commissioner of Police (north) Nupur Prasad said.

One autorickshaw, two laptops, one LCD, some other electronic items and lock-breaking equipment were recovered from their possession, she said.

On July 10, an inci-



dent of burglary was reported in the Novelty Cinema area in which shutters of four shops were found broken and some electronic items and cash were stolen by a gang of burglars, Prasad said.

The CCTV camera installed there captured the burglars dancing on the street before breaking the shutters, he said.

During investigation, it was revealed that the accused used an autorickshaw with a tri-colour design at its rear. Further investigation was carried out on the basis of this clue, the officer said.

About 3,000 autorick-

shaws were short-listed with the help of RTO, Burari. Later, two autorickshaws of identical description were pin-pointed by the police team. The activities of these two autorickshaws' drivers were kept under surveillance, she said.

On the basis of a tip-off, the six accused were arrested along with the autorickshaws that was used in commission of crime, she added.

Police said the accused Alam is involved in 43 cases of theft and burglaries while his associate Anand is involved in six cases of theft and burglaries registered in Delhi.

Love for cricket helped me fight off-field problems: Shami

BIRMINGHAM, AUG 2 (PTI): Indian pacer Mohammed Shami says his love for cricket helped him battle the off field problems that pegged him back a few months ago as he made an impressive comeback in the ongoing first Test against England here.

On the opening day of the first Test here, Shami took 2-64 while R Ashwin returned with figures of 4 for 60 to help India restrict England to 285-9.

It was a fine return for the 28-year-old Shami, who was accused of domestic violence and extra-marital affair by his wife some months back. He also sustained injuries after being involved in an accident and later missed the one-off Afghanistan Test for failing the yo-yo fitness test.

"(The tour of) South Africa was a long time ago and there have been some off field issues after that. I had to fight a lot in between but my effort was that I have to keep doing what I love most and what is most important to me (cricket)," Shami said.

"I wanted to just keep doing my job and then see what happens to the rest of the stuff in my life. Whatever difficulties I face, first I wanted to play cricket and keep doing it. The result is in front of us."

Shami, who was India's highest wicket-taker with 15 scalps in the 2-1 loss to South Africa, said he was satisfied with his and team's efforts on the field on the opening day.

"As a bowling unit and as an individual I am very happy today. This is the thing I have worked hard for and we have been able to bring it forward successfully," he said.



"There are ups and downs in life and in your family. But when playing for your country there is a responsibility and when you do that job properly, I think that's the best thing. So I am very happy with today."

Joe Root struck his 41st Test half-century and put on 105 runs with Jonny Bairstow. Things were going fine until the third session when England collapsed from 216/3 to 285-9, losing six wickets for 69 runs.

It was the 63rd over of the innings

when Virat Kohli's direct throw ran out Root and that changed the momentum as England lost three wickets for eight runs in the next 25 balls.

"In the morning the wicket was a little slower and there was hard work for sure. On such wickets we have to maintain good line and length all day. It was a little tough initially because it was slow and a little damp. We didn't do anything extra during those overs," Shami said.

"Initially when you bowl on such

wickets here you get an idea how it will behave and what you need to keep doing. So there weren't many changes in our approach during the day but we tried to control line and length through the day, and tried not to give any width," he added.

Shami said the pacers gelled well with the lone spinner and they did not feel the need for a second spinner.

"If you see in a Test match, there is a lot of time and you can come back if there is

a good partnership. You bowl according to the wicket and batsmen, so as a captain or as a bowler, you get to think," he said.

"You can assess situation as per the wicket, and that's how you choose your bowling unit and then work on the basis of that. So you cannot say that we missed or will miss an extra spinner.

"We have to believe in the team selection and fight with the same group of bowlers, instead of thinking what you don't have," said Shami.

Shami also heaped praise on Ashwin (4/60) for registering his best figures in Test cricket across South Africa, England and Australia.

"He bowled very well today. Usually in English conditions, you see fast bowlers doing well. For a spinner to come early in the spell and do so well, it gave us confidence too," Shami said.

"Overall the fast bowlers did well and he combined well with us. So we didn't miss the second spinner as we had experience on our side and it can be seen in the results."

Shami said playing together in the last few overseas tours has helped the team to produce a quality bowling unit.

"Even when you are not able to take wickets, you dry up the runs. Ashwin bowled well from one end while the runs stopped from the other end to create pressure and the wickets came in the end," he said.

"This is the quality of our bowling unit which we have gained after playing two or three successive tours together. We are very happy as a bowling unit.

No decision on Trump's India visit yet: WH

WASHINGTON, AUG 1 (PTI): US President Donald Trump has received an invitation to visit India, but no decision has been taken yet, the White House said today.

"I know that the invitation has been extended, but I do not believe that a final decision has been made," the White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders told reporters when asked about reports that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has invited Trump to be the Chief Guest at the next year's Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi.

She said US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary James Mattis would be headed to New Delhi soon for the first India-US 2+2 Dialogue with their Indian counterparts External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Defense Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

"The 2+2 dialogue would begin discussion on the process of a presidential visit next year," Sanders said at daily press conference.

The United States and India have a deep and strategic partnership and "we are going to continue to build on that partnership" and advance co-operation.

"I think, you will see that in the meeting that would take place in September," Sanders said.

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Trump tweet on Muller probe "opinion not order": White House

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WASHINGTON, AUG 2 (PTI): President Donald Trump was expressing an opinion and not issuing an order in the tweet in which he declared his Attorney General Jeff Sessions should stop "right now" the high-profile probe by Special Counsel Robert Muller into the alleged Russian interference in the 2016 US presidential elections, the White House said today.

Trump expressed his frustration over the on-going probe by Mueller into the alleged Russian interference yesterday and asked Sessions to stop the "witch-hunt", a day after his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort went on trial.

In a series of tweets, Trump asserted that neither he nor his campaign had any collusion with the Russians, and all the allegations were a total hoax.

"This is a terrible situation and Attorney General Jeff Sessions should stop this Rigged Witch



Hunt right now, before it continues to stain our country any further," Trump said in the tweet.

"It's not an order. It's the president's opinion, and it's ridiculous that all of the corruption and dishonesty that's gone on with the launching of the witch-hunt the president has watched this process play out, but he also wants to see it come to an end as he stated many times and we look forward to that," White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said.

She told reporters at her daily news conference that Trump was not indulging in obstruction of justice by issuing such a tweet.

"The president is not obstructing; he's fighting back. The president is stating his opinion, he's stating it clearly, and he's certainly expressing the frustration that he has with the level of corruption that we've seen from people like Jim Comey, Peter Strzok, Andrew McCabe," Sanders said.

"There's a reason

that the president's angry and, frankly, most of America is angry as well, and there's no reason he shouldn't be able to voice that opinion," Sanders said in response to a question.

She alleged that the entire investigation was based on "a dirty, discredited dossier" that was paid for by an opposing campaign and had a great deal of corruption within the entity which was overseeing it, investigators like Strzok, Comey and McCabe.

"We certainly think it should be completed. We'd like it to be completed sooner rather than later. It's gone on for an extensive amount of time. They've still come up with nothing in regards to the president. We'd like to see it come to a close," she said.

Mueller, a former FBI director, is investigating whether the Trump campaign aided or abetted an attempt by Russia to sway the 2016 presidential election, or tried to cover up the conspiracy.

Yesterday was the first day of his former campaign head Manafort's trial on charges of tax evasion and bank fraud which were brought by Mueller's team.

Trump's tweet had raised the concern that he may try to more directly bring Mueller's probe to a premature end.

Trump has repeatedly termed the probe as "a hoax". He also called it a "a disgrace to USA".

Indian among three foreigners abducted and killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, AUG 2 (PTI): An Indian national working for an international food services company in Afghanistan was among three foreigners killed by unidentified gunmen after they were abducted from capital city Kabul, the latest incident targeting foreigners in the war-torn country.

The three men -- one Indian, a Malaysian and a Macedonian -- were working as chefs for the French food services and facilities management giant Sodexo, the ToloNews said, citing a senior diplomat in Kabul.

The identities of the victims have not been disclosed.

They were abducted early this morning and their bodies were later found in Mussahi, a volatile area of the Afghan capital, the report said.

According to local media reports, the armed men took off the foreigners from their vehicle at around 8:30 am (local time) and abducted them

in a Toyota Corolla at the industrial park area of 9th Police District in Kabul city.

The driver of the foreign nationals after 20 minutes reached the office and informed the staff about the abduction, the report said.

Police launched a search operation and cordoned off the area. After around two hours, the bodies were recovered.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for the killings.

The Taliban militants group often claim responsibility behind the abduction although some of the kidnappings are done for ransom by criminal gangs. It is the latest incident targeting foreigners in the war-torn capital.

The incident came nearly three months after seven Indian engineers of an RPG group company working in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province were abducted by Taliban gunmen who apparently mistook them for government employees.

Imran Khan opts for simple oath ceremony, not to invite foreign leaders

ISLAMABAD, AUG 2 (PTI): Imran Khan has decided against inviting foreign leaders and celebrities to his oath taking ceremony as Pakistan's new prime minister as he wants to keep the event very simple, according to a media report.

Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) emerged as the single largest party in the elections held on July 25. The 65-year-old leader is expected to take oath on August 11.

His party had initially planned to invite several foreign leaders and personalities, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bollywood superstar Amir Khan and Indian cricketers like Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar and Navjot Singh Sidhu to the event.

However, in an apparent change of heart today, Khan has opted against a fancy ceremony, Dawn newspaper reported.



"The PTI chairman has directed to stage the oath-taking event with austerity," Dawn newspaper quoted PTI spokesperson Fawad Chaudhry as saying.

"He will take his oath in a simple ceremony at Aiz-e-Sadr (President House)," the spokesperson said.

"It has been decided that no foreign personalities will be invited to the ceremony it will be a completely national event. Only a few close friends of Imran Khan will be invited."

"There will be no show of extravagance at the event," Chaudhry said.

However, he added that some foreign friends of Imran will be invited to the event. "A few of Imran's friends are the only foreign nationals being invited to the event," he said.

President Mamnoon Hussain will administer him the oath of the office.

After his party's victory in the elections, Khan has pledged to take austerity measures to save taxpayers money.

He had announced that he would not move into the Prime Minister's House and a final decision on the fate of the building would be decided by the party.



Obama endorses Indian-Tibetan for November Congressional polls

WASHINGTON, AUG 2 (PTI): Barack Obama has endorsed Aftab Pureval, an American of Indian-Tibetan descent, for the Congressional elections in November as the former US President released his first endorsement list of over 80 Democratic candidates.

Pureval, 35, who is seeking to enter the House of Representatives from the first Congressional District of Ohio, is the only American of Indian-Tibetan descent in the list of 81 candidates running for various positions in the November mid-term elections.

"I'm proud to endorse such a wide and impressive array of Democratic candidates leaders as diverse, patriotic and big-hearted as the America they're running to represent," said Obama yesterday as he released his first list.

One fourth of them are running for the US Congress.

Pureval is seeking to unseat an

11-term incumbent Republican Congressman Steve Chabot, with local media reports describing it as a toss-up race.

Pureval, whose campaign has gained momentum in recent weeks, said he was "fired up and ready to go".

"President Obama inspired me to get involved in public service. It is surreal and incredible to have his endorsement," he said.

"As he told us, we are the ones who have been waiting for. Change starts with us. And in 100 days, we're going to make it happen here," said Pureval.

If elected, Pureval would be the first Tibetan-American to enter the US House of Representatives.

He was the first Democrat to get elected as the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts in more than 100 years.

Born and raised in Southwest Ohio, Pureval worked at a law firm

and became a special assistant federal prosecutor where he worked with the FBI to prosecute crimes against children.

Before that, he had worked at P&G as the global brand attorney for Olay, supporting a billion dollar business.

As Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, he brought modern and professional reforms to the office, ended patronage and nepotism, launched a new website, cut fees for public records and put more services online.

"Pureval raised more than double what Chabot raised last quarter and is approaching the long-time incumbent's cash-on-hand total," said Sabato's Crystal Ball, weekly online political newsletter.

According to Dayton Daily news, Pureval raised USD 823,663 last quarter compared with USD 339,290 raised by Chabot.

Eight essays put the spotlight on the journey coursed by hydel projects in Sikkim and the region, the cost exacted by this "development" and some of the stories it birthed, not all of which have been shared before.

Also finding place in this collection is the arrival of Climate Change and its impact on Sikkim and how the State could negotiate with this new disruption.

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EFFORTLESS STYLE! Jessica Alba, 37, shows off her effortless style in pinstripe shirt dress as she leaves photo shoot in Los Angeles.

VOGUE INDIA CALLED OUT FOR NEPOTISM AFTER FEATURING SRK'S DAUGHTER ON COVER!

Vogue India is under fire for 'nepotism' after featuring Shah Rukh Khan's 18-year-old daughter, Suhana Khan, on its cover. Suhana was revealed as the face of Vogue India's August issue on Tuesday and raised several eyebrows.

Twitterati questioned the 18-year-old's accolades which landed her the prestigious magazine cover as Suhana is still studying and has never worked in a film.

It is obvious that children of Bollywood stars are privileged as they have more resources and connections at their disposal. The nepotistic nature of the film industry has been the unaddressed elephant in the room, and only became a discussion when actress Kangana Ranaut accused director Karan Johar of being the "flagbearer of nepotism".

Last year, Ranaut appeared on an episode of Koffee with Karan, a talk-show created by the director, when she openly criticised Bollywood for being unaccepting of outsiders.

Despite receiving a lot of



flak for her words, and being at the center of all jokes, Ranaut had made a point, and twitter users echoed the same sentiments today.

India is not scarce of talent but the common man has to face a lot of hurdles before they get successful.

@IamBumikaC went on a twitter rant and in a series of tweets, discussed how unfair the 'struggling actor' has it in Bollywood. She tweeted: "What happens when you are not dressed appropriately as per audition requirements? They ask us to come again another day.... Imagine going every day for a new test

and getting rejected over and over again due to XYZ reasons? And trust me, the reason isn't talent all the time. It varies."

Another user discussed how the media plays a part in giving fame to those who don't matter.

@VirtualReality said: "Nepotism is as much a product of newsmakers, as it is of celebrities. If #Vogue considers Suhana Khan to be worthy of cover, it is because of the collective 'media circus' which feeds us 'news' about her, Aryan, Sara, Taimur, Misha, Navya, Aaradhya, whatever every day."

The @EastIndiaComedy joked about the incident and predicted that at this rate, the next face of Time magazine would be Taimur Ali Khan, Saif Ali Khan's infant son.

Tweep, @bbabyje tweeted: "Suhana Khan getting her own Vogue cover because she is star kid. I mean my dad's a professor, where is my math text book with my face on it?"

Khan has expressed her desire to join the film industry in the future and Twitter will be ready for that day.

Demi Lovato set to leave hospital 'this week' . . .

The Sorry Not Sorry singer, who allegedly nearly died following a drug overdose last week, could be released 'this week', according to TMZ.

The gossip site also reported that the 25-year-old's entourage have threatened to quit if Demi doesn't check herself into rehab, saying "She could die if she doesn't, and that's not going to be on my watch that we did nothing."

The Confidence crooner has been under medical supervision for over one week. Demi is still recovering in Cedars-Sinai hospital in Los Angeles as she suffers from a very high fever and extreme nausea.

And friends have told People that they think the only way Lovato can get better is to completely quit show business. "She needs to get out of this whole system that she has been in since she was 13," says a friend.

Demi started working for Disney as a child. The pal added, "Demi never had a day off."

And another source said that her mother Dianna De La Garza, who has been looking after her, has no power in the star's world because Demi earns her own money and does what she wants.

"Dianna loves her daughter and wants her to get better. But if she wants to survive, she needs to get out of this business. Right now her health and her life are at stake," said the friend.



Also by her side is ex Wilmer Valderrama who has visited her nonstop and been 'a rock' for her.

The source added that Demi will have to make some good decisions: "In the end she has to want to get help. She can't be forced into treatment. It won't work. It's too soon to say what the next steps are in terms of treatment. Everyone just wants to help get her to a health place."

And Lovato is reportedly 'too ill' to discuss returning to rehab as she remains at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles eight days after suffering a serious opiate overdose.

The troubled star is being treated for complications including 'extreme nausea and a high fever,' but she is 'expected to make a full recovery' - according to TMZ.

People close to the former Disney Channel starlet - who did a 2011 stint at Timberline Knolls - have 'urged her'

to return to rehab, but she's the one who has to decide to go, although sources told the website she is 'too ill' to discuss rehab.

The website also reports that the close pals have not broached the subject with the Skyscraper hitmaker due to her medical condition.

It was also claimed that people who are in contact with Demi do not know how she will receive the message that she needs rehab, saying: "We just don't know where her head is at."

Paramedics revived 'unconscious' Lovato last Tuesday with the opiate antidote Narcan after responding to a 911 call from the \$8.3M four-bedroom Hollywood Hills mansion she bought in 2016.

Demi's visitors have included her mother, her 16-year-old half-sister Madison De La Garza, and her on/off boyfriend Valderrama, whom she split from in 2017.

Social media supporters include Lady Gaga, Keith Urban, the Jonas Brothers, Ariana Grande, Bruno Mars, Ellen DeGeneres, Kesha, Tyra Banks, Halsey, Mario Lopez, Emmy Rossum, and Ruby Rose.

The New Mexico-born beauty's medical crisis came four months after she triumphantly announced she 'turned 6 years sober' to her captive, combined 162.8M Lovatics.

Don't treat childless women like they are damaged goods, says Jennifer Aniston

Jennifer Aniston has delivered one of her most candid interviews to date about her personal life, hitting back at her critics and declaring her 'purpose on this planet' may not be 'to procreate'.

The 49-year-old Friends vet, who was interviewed by Jimmy Kimmel's wife Molly McNearney for the September issue of InStyle, also revealed she is not heartbroken after her split from Justin Theroux.

Jennifer also hinted that a 'medical' issue may have played a role in why she never got pregnant and said it is unfair that women who do not start a family are considered 'damaged goods'.

The star does not stop there. The Emmy winner also touched on harassment in Hollywood and how she feels women are treated unfairly in the media.

"It's pretty crazy. The misconceptions are 'Jen can't keep a man' and 'Jen refuses to have a baby because she's selfish and committed to her career'. Or that I'm sad and heartbroken. First, with all due respect, I'm not heartbroken," said the star.

Jennifer split from Justin earlier this year and they are currently working on their divorce. She was also married to Brad Pitt for five years and has dated Vince Vaughn as well as John Mayer.

The Cake star has mercilessly been scrutinized for not having children, often being compared to Pitt's estranged wife Angelina Jolie, 43, who has six children.

"No one considers how sensitive that might be for my partner and me. They don't know what I've been through medically or emotionally," she added, hinting she may have had trouble conceiving.

The cover girl seemed to be in the mood for serious topics as she also touched on sexism.

"I've definitely had my fair share of sexism in the media," Aniston said. "Women are picked apart and pitted against one another based on looks and clothing and superficial stuff. When a couple breaks up in Hollywood, it's the woman who is scorned. The woman is left sad and alone. She's the failure. F that. When was the last time you read about a divorced, childless man referred to as a spinster?"



Nick Jonas, 25, 'is not fazed by age gap with Priyanka Chopra, 36'

Nick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra are not at all fazed by their 11 year age gap. The singer, 25, who reportedly popped the question to the Quantico actress, 36, last week, is actually very attracted to the fact Priyanka is older to him, a source told People.

"Nick loves dating older women, and if anything it makes Priyanka even more attractive to him," the insider said.

"The age difference is not a big deal to them whatsoever," insisted the source, who called Nick 'an old soul'.

Either way, Nick has been all about Priyanka from the start of their romance.

"Nick has been obsessed with Priyanka since they

started dating," the source said of the singer.

People claimed last week that Nick proposed to Chopra, 36, as they celebrated Priyanka's 36th birthday in London last week.

Following the recent celebrity quick engagement trend, the couple had only been dating since May.

She was introduced to his family in June shortly after their relationship began when she joined him at the wedding of his cousin Rachel Tamburelli. Then, on June 22, Nick and Chopra travelled to India where they met her mother Madhu, People reported.

The couple first sparked dating rumors back in 2017 when they attended the Met Gala together.

ARIES: Cool your jets today, Aries. This is a good time to stop and focus on you. Make sure to give your body the respect it deserves. Make sure you're fostering the kind of character you wish to become. Base your self-image on something internal rather than an external craving for attention from others. Your true beauty lies within.

TAURUS: Your brain and warrior instincts are in agreement today, Taurus. Team up with others who share similar thoughts and desires. Conversations can be extremely rewarding. You're apt to learn a lot about yourself. Don't be afraid to share deep thoughts and emotions. Your willingness to express yourself demonstrates how comfortable you are with your actions and feelings.

GEMINI: Something or someone

could confront you today, Gemini. Try not to assume things about the situation before you know all the facts. If a piece of the puzzle is still in question, face the issue right away. Your sensitivity is precious, whether you realize it or not. Small things can slowly eat away at your psyche until they're addressed and dealt with.

CANCER: Have no fear today, Cancer. You have the power and mental capacity to cut through just about anything. Don't let fear or regret hold you back. Clear the path and be strong in your approach to the new and different. Stay on target and be bold in your actions. You have the ability to conquer new literal and figurative lands. Release mental blocks that might hinder your success.

LEO: Don't worry about not being on the right path, Leo, because you are. You seem to always be in the right place at the right time. There's no need to feel regret or shame about things that have happened in the past. Turn negative experiences into lessons for a better future. Even though you may not be able to change a certain situation, you can at least change your reaction to it.

VIRGO: A war could be brewing in your world today, Virgo. Emotionally charged arguments shoot back and forth with conviction. Try not to get discouraged. Don't burn any bridges either. Remember that your words may fall on extremely sensitive ears, so use them with care. There's a very active part of your psyche that needs to be heard. Feel free to say your peace openly and honestly.

LIBRA: An inner voice is warning you to slow down, Libra. It's probably best if you take a break and let someone else take the lead. Concentrate on matters at home and take care of issues that crop up among loved ones. It's quite possible that an argument is brewing. Whether you realize it or not, there are serious issues that need to be addressed.

SCORPIO: Today is a fantastic day to take action, Scorpio. Your eagerness to strike out for new territory is heightened by a drive to experience the unknown. Take an internal journey and see what kind of wonderful things you can discover. There's a tremendous strength inside you that doesn't always get to show itself. This is the perfect day to prove your courage to the world.

SAGITTARIUS: Think before you

act today, Sagittarius. Rash moves are likely to get you into trouble. An annoying interruption in your daily routine could throw you off guard. Sit down and think about the situation before you act too hastily. Bumps in the road are often messages from the Universe that you're moving too quickly and carelessly. It's time to slow down.

CAPRICORN: Today is a great day to act on things that have been brewing in your brain for quite some time, Capricorn. Perhaps you've been feeling unsure of yourself. It's OK to surrender and admit that you just don't have all the answers. Use this as an opportunity to restructure and rebuild. Embrace the unknown rather than fear or resist it. This is a great time to move toward it.

AQUARIUS: Be a bit more sensi-

tive with your words today, Aquarius. Your mind is apt to be especially active and even a bit restless. This is more than likely a signal to get more of your opinions out into the world. As you do, make sure you take into account the feelings of others. People might have quite a different reaction to the same situation. Respect opposing viewpoints.

PISCES: Your mind is clear and your sensitivity focused, Pisces. Now is a good time to make a move. Don't let insecurity or fear keep you from pursuing your dreams. Realize that action you take today doesn't need to be a bold outward movement in order to be effective. In truth, quite the contrary is true. You can accomplish a great deal by turning thought and energy inward.