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SKM extends support to demands of airport-affected families



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 11 Nov:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha will stand with the 350 families affected by the Pakyong Airport and support their demand for proper compensation for damages caused due to heavy construction of airport works, earth cutting on western side of the airport and vibrations caused due to blasting and use of other heavy machinery at the construction site.

SKM president, PS Tamang [Golay], today slammed the state government and the Chief Minister for not addressing the grievances of the aggrieved people despite their repeated petitions. He also claimed that the request of the affected people to meet the Prime Minister during his Sikkim visit last month was neither entertained, nor their demands raised.

Mr Tamang contended that the resettlement and compensation package for the 350 families would be peanuts for the Government of India

provided the State Government processed their demands in earnest. In this regard, he accused the State Government of insincerity towards the issue.

“If the CM’s relatives were among these 350 families, you will would have received better compensation and resettlement, but unfortunately no one was there,” Mr Tamang said, adding that if SKM is voted to power, it will solve and release compensation of all landed properties including the standing properties as per the 2013 Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation Act.

A study by IIT, Roorkee, has stated that the lands up to 500 meters above the western side of the airport were not feasible for any occupation and cultivation. After the report, the affected people of western side approached the Sikkim High Court in 2016.

After the High Court intervened,

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SAGAR CHHETRI
GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

Kenko Sone, Minister Economic & Development, Embassy of Japan in India, has expressed that Japanese cooperation with Sikkim will mainly focus on forest management.

He stated that since Sikkim has been focusing on the tourism sector, the collaboration in forest management will help conserve its biodiversity to promote eco-tourism in the State. Meanwhile, he added that Japan was also keen to expand its collaborations in the north-eastern region including Sikkim in the near future.

Kenko Sone is presently in Sikkim along with his team and attended the ongoing Temi Autumn Carnival at Temi Tea Estate in South Sikkim on Sunday. Addressing a press

Japan keen to expand collaborations in Sikkim



conference on Saturday evening, he appreciated the natural resources and scenic beauty of the State and remarked that Sikkim has lots of potential to expand even more in tourism. While sharing his excitement at attending the Temi Autumn Carni-

val, he mentioned that cherry blossom and tea were also very special to the Japanese people. He added that the State also has potential for collaboration in tea as well.

He further mentioned that the recent visit of Prime Minister Naren-

dra Modi to Japan was very successful and the main focus of India-Japan tie-up was cooperation in the north-eastern region of India. He added that his country was focusing to expand cooperation in various sectors in the region. He admitted that although

the collaboration in Sikkim may be limited at present, but it was the start of wider expansion in the future. He also assured to send representatives of Japanese companies in India to visit Sikkim and explore future collaborations. Kenko Seno mentioned

that the Japan Ambassador to India is scheduled to visit Sikkim on 15 November and will meet the Chief Minister.

On the same, he expressed hope that this visit would bring positive and fruitful outcomes. Likewise, Minister for Commerce & Industries and Tourism, Ugen T Gyatso Bhutia, stated that Sikkim has received such collaborations due to its goodwill and credibility.

He stated that Sikkim has been getting such support due to the good leadership and governance of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and everyone in the State needs to work together to take Sikkim to newer heights of development.

Temi Tea Managing Director, Mrinalini Shrivastava, gave a brief presentation on infrastructure, activities and other aspects of Temi Tea Estate.

Pick-up van driver killed in road mishap

SUMMIT REPORT
KALIMPONG, 11 Nov

The driver of a pick-up van, identified as Diwas Tamang, a 25-year-old from Rabongla in South Sikkim, was killed this morning when the vehicle plunged about 100 meters into the Teesta at NH-10 at Ravi Jhora about 3 KM from Teesta Brigde at around 4 AM.

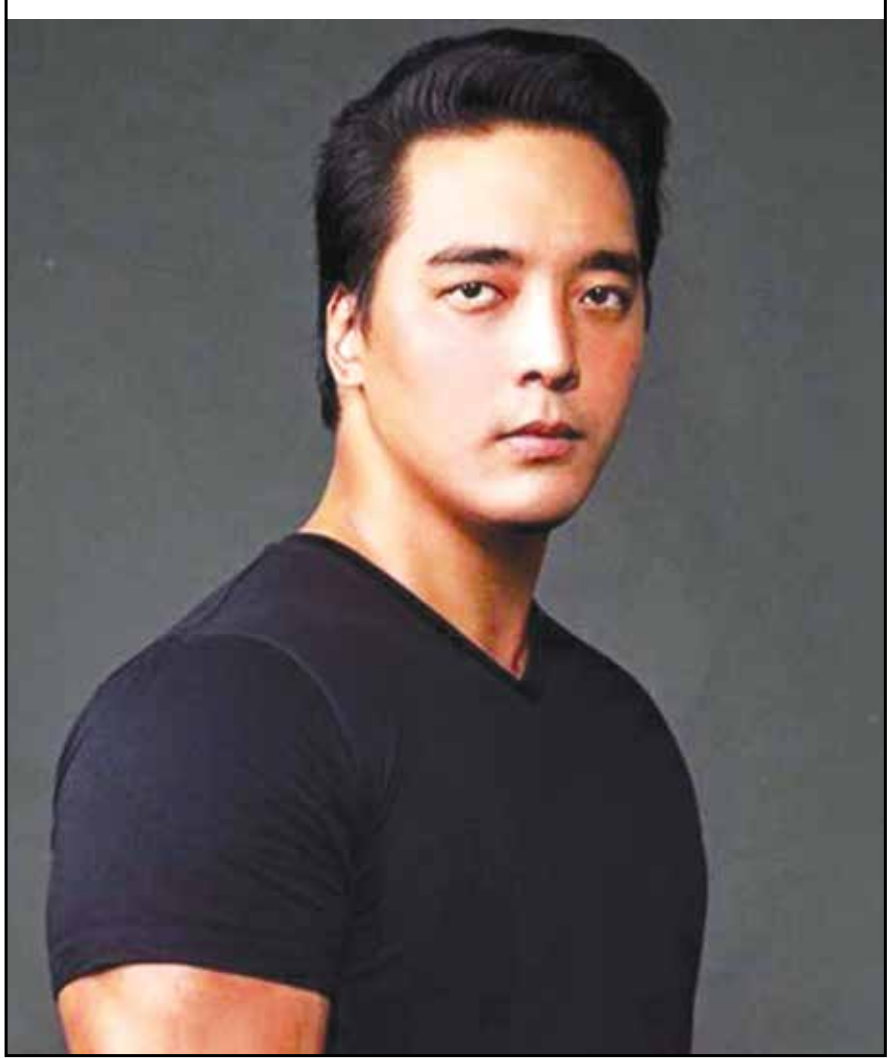
The vehicle, SK-04-1249, coming from Siliguri towards Gangtok was

carrying a load of dish supplies.

Police sources inform that the handy-boy, Azad Orawn of Haldibari, swam to safety and informed the police about the accident.

A fire brigade team from Kalimpong along with Teesta police and members of Rafting and Himalayan Disaster Management Society managed to find and recover the dead body. The vehicle remains untraced.

Danny Denzongpa’s son Rinzing to make acting debut with action-thriller



MUMBAI, 11 NOV:
SUMMIT REPORT

In the New Year, another star son will emerge on the big screen. Danny Denzongpa’s son Rinzing is set to make his acting debut with an action film titled “Squad”, a battle royale between special forces with a little girl at its centre, which is scheduled to go on the floors in April 2019.

Danny confirms the news, saying, “I’m happy that Rinzing has finally zeroed in on a script and a part that he is excited to portray. It is a proud moment for the family and me to see him start his career without any help from me. Filmmaking is a constant struggle to

achieve higher standards and actors are just a small part of the process. However, it’s the struggle and hard work that helps bring awareness and experience to the artiste. I hope Rinzing discovers new aspects of himself in this process and finds fulfilment in the line of work he has chosen.”

When quizzed on the project, the 70-year-old actor, last seen in Bioscopewala, admits that he has gone through the script. “It is a nice action thriller with a lot of subtle humour and a healthy dose of emotional moments. I met Nilesch (Sahay, producer, veteran actress Zaheeda’s son) recently when I was

in Mumbai. He is a well-informed and sharp young man. And since he is from the film fraternity, he knows the industry well and I’m sure he will come out with a sensible commercial product,” Danny asserts.

Nilesch, who is also the producer/director of the Hindi version of the Hollywood action-franchise, The Expendables, promises that Squad, the emotional journey of Rinzing, his leading lady and the child, will be one of the biggest action films of next year. He has yet to lock on the director and the leading lady but is all pumped up about his hero.

Pointing out that action as a genre requires physical attributes to sell,

he believes Rinzing has tons of it. “I was blown away by his presence during our first meeting itself. He’s going to be one of the biggest action stars in the coming years and will bridge the gap between India and the West with respect to male action heroes. He is India’s answer to Dwayne Johnson,” the filmmaker states confidently.

The man in question adds that while he has been approached for many films, his true love has always been action. “When I read this script, I was blown away by its scale and size. It’s a dream launch. Nilesch, who runs a successful action portal, represents most of the international talent in India and has a VFX company which will handle the visual effects, is the man for this genre. I’m super excited!” exclaims Rinzing, who towers at sixfoot-four-inches and is currently training twice a day for two hours. “That will increase when I start on fight choreography and flexibility training. I also leave for a special task forces programme soon,” he informs.

Danny, who had come down from Sikkim five decades ago to carve his own niche in Hindi cinema, on what sets Rinzing apart from the crowd, and he says, “For a parent, his child is always special. But it is the audience who will decide whether an actor has anything special to offer and that perception is influenced by his skills, personality and most importantly, how he conducts himself in life. I hope Rinzing will strive to live the

Indigenous tribal bodies in Sikkim demand NRC, ILP to solve influx problem

DIGAMBAR PATOWARY
New Delhi, Nov 11 (PTI): Various ethnic bodies of Sikkim have demanded that a National Register of Citizens (NRC) and Inner Line Permits (ILPs) be introduced in the state to curb the menace of influx, which according to them is posing a threat to their identity.

“The need of the hour is to check the ever-growing and uncontrolled influx. The National Register of Citizens exercise should be carried out in Sikkim as there are already thousands of people with dubious citizenship on record,” says Tashi Lhamu Lepcha, general secretary of Sikkim Indigenous Lepcha Tribal Association (SILTA).

Accusing the Sikkim government of taking a casual approach that led to the “phenomenal changes in the state’s demographic composition”, Tseten Tashi Bhutia, convenor of Sikkim Bhutia Lepcha Apex Committee (SIBLA), claims Sikkim has become a soft ground

for illegal migrants from neighbouring countries.

The tiny Himalayan state shares international borders with China in the north, Nepal in the west and Bhutan in the east. It shares its southern boundary with West Bengal and is located close to the country’s Siliguri Corridor near Bangladesh.

“The rise of influx has certainly added an extra burden on our land and economy. It has become absolutely necessary to restore and implement Inner Line Permit (ILP) system in Sikkim to safeguard the interest of the people of the state,” says Bhutia.

The state government, however, has said that as of now, it has no plans to introduce ILP and also no decision has been taken on NRC.

“Some organisations of Sikkim have been demanding introduction of ILP in the state. Till today, the government of Sikkim has no plan to introduce ILP in the state,” Pratap Pradhan, Special Secretary (Home) told PTI.

“After the NRC episode

in Assam, the Sikkim government has received petitions from many organisations for NRC in Sikkim. The government has not taken any decision regarding this,” he said.

The ILP is an official document issued by the Centre to allow inward travel of a citizen into certain areas for a limited period. At present, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram are the three states in the North-east where the ILP is in force.

According to Tshering Wangchuk Lepcha, general secretary of Nationalist Sikkim United Organisation (NSUO), Sikkim has off late, turned into a socio-political and an economic dustbin in all manners.

“If the influx continuously increases, then it may affect culture and heritage, socio-economic and demographic pattern of local tribes as well as pose a threat to their identity,” he says.

Phigu Tshering Bhutia, secretary of Bhutia Lepcha Protection Force (BLPF), feels the existing Bhutia-Lepcha seat com-

position of 37.5 per cent in the legislative assembly should not be disturbed.

He alleges that tactical efforts are being made by the Pawan Kumar Chambling-led government to reduce the seats further down to 30 per cent as it has proposed to increase the assembly seats from 32 to 40 seats.

“The existing proportion of the 12 Bhutia-Lepcha seats in the 32-member Sikkim Assembly is 37.5 per cent. We thoroughly insist that status quo of 37.5 per cent should be maintained,” he says.

After merger of Sikkim with the Indian Union as the 22nd state in 1975, the assembly had 16 seats reserved for Sikkimese of Bhutia-Lepcha origin and 16 for Sikkimese of Nepali origin.

In 1980, all the 16 seats reserved for Sikkimese of Nepali origin were eradicated keeping only 2 seats for Scheduled Caste (SC) as reserved seats while reducing the number of the 16 Bhutia-Lepcha seats to 12.

Sikkim Deanery celebrates silver jubilee with sports and music



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

As part of its silver jubilee celebrations, Sikkim Deanery organised a grand series of music and sports activities from 05 to 08 November here at Paljor Stadium. Members of CNI churches come under the Sikkim Deanery, and these along with members of CNI churches from neighbouring hills and EPCS, Gangtok, took part in the various events.

The celebration in-

cluded open marathon, football, mini Olympics, zumba and other sport activities in different categories.

The celebration also had musical presentation by individuals and groups along with performance by a guest band, Soul Winner, from Darjeeling.

The venue also shared space with food stalls and the Children's Park adjoining Paljor Stadium was also open for all on 07 and 08 No-

vember as the part of the celebrations.

Another highlight of the celebration was a cooking competition which witnessed enthusiastic participation.

Dean of Sikkim Deanery, Rev Jenus Lepcha, informs that Sikkim Deanery was established in year 1993 and that the silver jubilee celebrations started with a thanksgiving prayer service on 17 October and will conclude on Christmas with a thanksgiving prayer.

Rev Lepcha stated that the main objective behind organising this sports and musical gala was to bring all children, youth and elders together from different parts of the State in celebration.

"Another objective of the event was to provide a platform to the youth and children to showcase their talents and skills and then to encourage the talented ones to go further with their respective skills," he said.

RBI seeks time till Nov 26 to respond to CIC's show-cause notice

ABHISHEK SHUKLA

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 (PTI):

Slapped with a show-cause notice to its Governor Urijit Patel from the CIC, the Reserve Bank of India has sought time till November 26 from the commission, highest adjudicating body in RTI matters, for furnishing its response.

The case is likely to meet a dead end as Information Commissioner Sridhar Acharyulu will complete his term in the panel on November 20 which will be his last date of working, sources said.

Acharyulu had asked the RBI to furnish response by November 16, but the bankers' bank has now sought time till November 26, sources said.

The Central Information Commission (CIC) had issued the notice to Urijit Patel as the RBI refused to disclose the list of big loan defaulters in spite of orders of the Supreme Court (Jayantilal Mistry case in 2015) which had asked the RBI to abide by one of the orders of the then Information Commissioner Shailesh Gandhi calling for the disclosure of the loan defaulters under the Right to Information Act.

Acharyulu had said that such defiance of Supreme Court orders cannot be at the level of Central Public Information Officer.

He said the RBI governor should be considered as deemed CPIO under the provisions of the RTI Act for not disclosing

the information and explain why he should not face maximum penalty for obstructing information in spite of apex court orders.

Acharyulu overturned earlier position taken by a two-member bench of the commission comprising the then Information Commissioners Manjula Prasher and Sudhir Bhargava both former bureaucrats.

They were hearing a case of activist Subhash Agrawal who had also sought the list of defaulters of Rs one crore and above under the RTI Act.

In 2017, they said that matter cannot be decided till Supreme Court gives an order in Prashant Bhushan case filed in 2003 wherein he had sought details of loan defaulters of Rs 500 crore and above.

Ironically, the Bhushan case which is going on in Supreme Court is not about applicability of the RTI in the disclosure of the information as it was filed two years before the RTI Act was enacted.

The Supreme Court order in Jayantilal Mistry case, on which Acharyulu has relied to issue the notice to RBI governor, pertains specifically to disclosure of information of loan defaulters under the RTI Act.

In Mistry case in 2015, a two-member bench of the Supreme Court upheld a CIC order by Shailesh Gandhi directing RBI to disclose the information on loan

defaulters and rejected all the contentions of the bankers' bank against disclosure.

The bench however preferred to go with proceedings in Bhushan case where no final orders have been given.

"I had pleaded very strongly before the CIC bench (Prasher and Bhargava) to consider Mistry case judgement of the SC in 2015 but they thought otherwise to rely on Bhushan case which is pending," Agrawal said.

He said in the 2017 order they decided to keep matter pending till SC gave its order in Bhushan case in spite of clear directions of apex court in Mistry case in 2015 to disclose the information.

Although the Bhushan case pertained to seeking disclosure of loan defaulters of Rs 500 crore and above, it was not about applicability of RTI on such a list, he said. Even after three years, the Supreme Court bench which is hearing Prashant Bhushan case has not stayed operation of its two-judge bench order of 2015 in Jayantilal Mistry case.

The RBI has been denying the information citing the clauses of economic interests of the state, the commercial confidence and the information held in fiduciary capacity.

Hearing a petition of applicant Sandeep Singh, Acharyulu rejected the contentions of the RBI.

"The commission considers the Governor

as a deemed PIO responsible for non-disclosure and defiance of SC orders and CIC orders and directs him to show cause why maximum penalty should not be imposed on him for these reasons, before November 16, 2018," he had said.

He said great secrecy of vigilance reports and inspection reports was being maintained by the RBI with "impunity" in spite of Supreme Court confirming the orders of CIC in Jayantilal case.

Upholding the orders of the CIC to disclose list of loan defaulters and other issues, the Supreme Court in Mistry case had said RBI was supposed to uphold public interest and not the interest of individual banks.

"RBI is clearly not in any fiduciary relationship with any bank. RBI has no legal duty to maximise the benefit of any public sector or private sector bank, and thus there is no relationship of 'trust' between them. RBI has a statutory duty to uphold the interest of the public at large (the depositors) the country's economy and the banking sector.

"Thus, RBI ought to act with transparency and not hide information that might embarrass individual banks. It is duty bound to comply with the provisions of the RTI Act and disclose the information sought by the respondents," it had said.

Temi Autumn Carnival concludes



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GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

The three-day Temi Autumn Carnival concluded today here at Temi Tea Estate.

The event was attended by area MLA, Minister Roads and Bridges Department, GM Gurung,

and the Minister Economic and Development, Embassy of Japan in India, Kenko Sone.

In his concluding remarks, Mr Kenko Sone shared the emotional connect of Tea and Cherry Blossoms between Sikkim and Japan which is further

strengthened by the mutual love for nature.

His address was followed by a traditional Japanese tea ceremony performed by the Japanese Tea Ambassador Ms. Miki.

Minister Gurung appreciated the efforts be-

tween India and Japan to support North Eastern states.

The event saw a healthy attendance. A performance by Mantra was the highlight of the last day along with a display of bike stunts by Milan & Group.

India slams UNSC Sanctions Committees for 'opacity', 'lack of accountability'

UNITED NATIONS, NOV 11 (PTI):

India has slammed the UN Security Council's Sanctions Committees, saying they are opaque and lack accountability and never inform the reason for not acceding to requests for sanctioning terrorists, in an apparent reference to China repeatedly blocking New Delhi's bid to list Pakistan-based JeM chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist.

Addressing a UNSC debate on 'Strengthening Multilateralism and the role of the United Nations' Friday, India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin said even as the Council has spawned an entire range of subordinate bodies, the functioning of this "subterranean universe" of subordinate bodies has become "byzantine".

"In an age where informed publics increasingly demand transparency from public institutions, the Sanctions Committees are the most egregious examples known to multilateralism in terms of their opacity and lack of accountability," he said.

Akbaruddin said the Sanctions Committees "ostensibly" act on behalf of the entire membership of the UN, "yet, they

do not inform us (general members) that due to a negative vote cast by any of their 15 (veto-wielding) members, they have decided not to sanction an entity or individual proposed by any member state".

Though he did not mention the name of any country, it is well known that China, a veto-wielding permanent member of the UNSC, has repeatedly blocked India's move supported by the US, Britain and France to designate Azhar a terrorist under the Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee of the Council. The Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), founded by Azhar, is already in the UN's list of banned terrorist outfits.

Akbaruddin said it is obvious that the UNSC is facing crises of performance, credibility, legitimacy and relevance.

"However, to blame multilateralism for the dismal situation of the Council, is, to use a New York sporting analogy, like 'blaming the Madison Square Garden for the failure of the New York Knicks in the NBA' year after year, for decades, he said.

He lamented that the Council's membership diverges from the distribution of global power

and is unable to accommodate contemporary realities. Large sections of global populations are left disenchanting and nursing a sense of historical injustice due to the anachronistic composition, he said.

"Nimble organisations seek to replace routines with initiatives, continuity with flexibility and rules with results. On one hand, the Council has expanded its remit by broadening definitions of violent conflicts, addressing issues of nuclear proliferation...and recognising a new generation of challenges relating to terrorism...On the other hand, it has remained rooted in the historical events that gave birth to it," Akbaruddin said.

"The Council's 'path dependency' is reflected in its aversion to reform its membership and work methods," he added.

India along with Brazil, Germany and Japan -- which constitutes the G-4 grouping -- has been seeking a permanent seat on the Security Council to make the powerful UN body more representative and reflective of the changing global order.

Akbaruddin also voiced concern that the

Council has failed to provide leadership on issues which are contested in spaces which no state controls, but all rely for their security and prosperity the global commons.

"The domains of maritime, outer space and cyberspace are the principal channels of flow of goods, capital, data, people and ideas all of which are key factors in our interconnectedness. They all cry for multilateral solutions. The Council, alas, is missing in action.

"Therefore, a patchwork of 'plurilaterals', minilaterals' and other regional fora are becoming the venues of convenience, sewing together codes of conduct, ad hoc coalitions of the willing and partnership agreements on issues of global peace and security," he said.

Akbaruddin called for renovating, reinvigorating and reforming the Council, warning that otherwise, instead of a world at peace, "we are likely to see a world order in pieces, even as the welter of piecemeal arrangements extend their sprawl to deliver partial measures of international cooperation and the Council courts obsolescence".

If you spit on Pune streets, be prepared to clean up the mess



PUNE (MAHA), NOV 11 (PTI):

In a bid to keep Pune streets clean, the city civic body has started punishing people spitting on roads by making them clean the spit, besides levying a fine on offenders, an official said Sunday.

The decision was taken after authorities found that only monetary fine was not adequate to check the menace of spitting, Pune Municipal Corporation's (PMC) solid waste management department chief

Dnyaneshwar Molak said.

The initiative was launched last week in five wards of Bibwewadi, Aundh, Yerawada, Kasba and Ghole Road, he said.

"In the last eight days, PMC sanitation inspectors caught around 156 people while they were spitting on streets. All of them were made to clean their spit immediately and a fine of Rs 150 was imposed on each of them," he said.

The objective behind

the punishment is to send across a message to people that when offenders are made to clean their own spit, they feel ashamed, and that next time, they will think twice before spitting on streets, he said.

Molak noted that in the 2018 cleanliness survey, Pune was at the 10th position whereas the Indore city of Madhya Pradesh was on the top.

"This time, we are aiming for the number one position.

The latest drive is

one of the initiatives taken by the civic body ahead of the Swachh Survekshan (survey) 2019," he said.

In the past, the civic body used to observe the Anti-Spitting Day every Wednesday, but it got discontinued, Molak said, adding that their aim is to resume it now.

"The drive will initially start on a daily basis but once sufficient awareness is created, it can be limited to one particular day," he added.

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the State government paid agricultural compensation for one year and had assured to pay house rent if they shifted to safer locations. However, after paying house rent for one year, the house rent is also not being paid to the affected families, inform Tara Prasad Adhikari and Rita Devi Dhakal.

They inform that the final hearing on their plea is set on 23 November later this month and hoped that they will receive justice from the Courts, adding that if they fail to get justice from the court of law, they will have no option but to sit in dharna on the runway itself.

She said, "We have lost everything, and if we do not get justice, we are ready to die rather than live in humiliation."

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Trippling stars party at Soul Food and Café



NITESH R PRADHAN GANGTOK, 10 NOV:

It was a starry affair at Soul Food and Café here on 09 Nov when some of the brightest emerging Bollywood actors checked in for a Diwali bash.

Some of those present are Sumeet Vyas, the lead actor from Veere di Wedding, Kunal Roy Kapoor from Delhi Belly, Ekta Kaul (lead actor

from daily soap Mere Ange Mein), Nidhi Bist, the creative head of TVF, Sameer Saxena, the director of Permanent Roommates and Tripling, Maanvi Gagroo from Tripling and Amol Parashar, the famous Chitvan.

The stars loved the food and ambience of the restaurant and couldn't stop raving about it.

They also admired the beauty of the state

and its people.

Soul Food and Café was started to help support creative talent in the State and has been steadily working towards its goal. They are now planning a grand celebration on 21 November which marks their first anniversary. Visit them for more happening events in town.

These artists from Mumbai were here for shooting of a web series, "Tripling".

Holy Cross students in top-5 of Bharat Ko Jano quiz comptt

SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

Two students from Holy Cross School, Hridaii Raj Chettri (XI), and Rishal Pandey Chettri (X), participated in the Zonal Finals for North-East Level of Bharat ko Jano Quiz competition held in Imphal, Manipur, today. They did Sikkim proud by featuring among the top-4 teams from among 10 lakh participating students from all over India. Laxuman Sharma escorted the team.



Unfair to blame Haryana for Delhi's pollution: Hry chief secretary

CHANDIGARH, NOV 11 (PTD): Haryana Chief Secretary D S Dhesi said Sunday it was unfair to blame the state for Delhi's poor air quality, saying that crop residue was burnt only on one per cent of the total sown area of paddy.

Dhesi alleged that the role of Haryana was being adversely publicised regarding the pollution in the National Capital Region.

"But, actually, crop residue was burned on only two per cent area of total sown area of paddy in Haryana during (the) last year whereas this year, the crop residue was burned on only one per cent area," he said in Hisar, according to an official release.

Dhesi said the role of Haryana and its farmers was negligible, but rumours were being spread in this regard. "It is being

projected that farmers of Haryana are burning crop residue in each and every agricultural field."

The chief secretary said in Haryana, paddy crop was mainly sown on 13 lakh hectares area in 10 districts.

"As per the data received from HARSAC (Haryana Space Applications Centre, Hisar) the crop residue burning cases were reported on 12,473 places in the state in 2017.

"Similarly, this year such cases were reported on 7,273 places which is only one per cent of the total area," he said.

Dhesi added that crop residue-based compressed bio gas plants would be established Kurukshetra, Kaithal and Jind. Apart from this, an MoU has

been signed between the Indian Oil Corporation and Renewable Energy Department, under which crop residue would be purchased from farmers for these plants and energy would be generated out of it.

Later, presiding over a meeting of administrative officers of Fatehabad, Sirsa and Jind districts, Dhesi said the seriousness of administrative officers and representatives of panchayati raj institutions would be evaluated on the basis of their contribution in curbing burning of crop residue.

Dhesi said the period between October 15 and November 25 was very crucial as this is the period when maximum cases of crop-residue burning are reported.

Jogi Gaon wins block-level volleyball tourney in Salghari

SUMMIT REPORT NAMCHI, 11 NOV:

A block-level volleyball tournament was organised by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Namchi, in collaboration with Daffodils Youth Club, Salghari, and Teens Club at Lower Dorop Salghari, South Sikkim, on 08 November.

The teams from Jogi Gaon emerged winner's with the runners-up

trophy going to Prativa Youth Club of Salghari.

The programme was attended by Parsuram Biswakarma, Board of Director member of Salghari Sikkim Harvest, Pradeep Biswakarma, president of Teens Club, and Hemant Rai, National Youth Volunteer of Namchi Block.

[from Hemant Rai NYV Namchi block]



Governor greets safai karamcharis on Diwali



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

In a brief programme held at the New Raj Bhavan on 07 Nov, Governor Gangga Prasad extended greetings to the Safai Karmacharis of Gang-

tok Municipal Corporation.

Gangtok Mayor Shakti Singh Chaudhary, Deputy Mayor Lhasey Doma Bhutia, Deputy Commissioner, GMC, Sonam Chopel and officers of Raj

Bhavan also attended the function.

While extending Diwali greetings and distributing Diwali gifts to the Safai Karmacharis, the Governor hailed them as Swachhata Yoddhas

whose contribution has transformed Gangtok as the cleanest hill station in India and a much sought-after tourist place.

Referring to them as brand am-

bassadors of Swachhata, the Governor also urged them to remain dedicated to their duty so that Gangtok can take its place as cleanest city in the country in the near future.



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Singtam goes smoking-free

YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 11 NOV:

District Hospital, Singtam, at a meeting convened here today, announced that Singtam was be a smoke-free town now.

Sonam Bhutia, District Health Education Office, made the announcement at a meeting also attended by local residents, NGO representatives, social

workers and Panchayat members of all five wards of the town along with the staff of District Hospital.

"If the government and the concerned department have to implement this rule, they should also provide alternative spaces," said one of the locals who was caught and fined Rs 200 for smoking in public.

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Promote Confidence, Not Anxiety

Leverage merit to play entitlement out of the public discourse

A seminar at Sikkim University some years ago grappled with the theme on how the North-East could be “re-framed”. The complications of identifying locals and othering the outsiders were expectedly a common thread running through most deliberations. And the more one learns of the “unique” situations that now beset the region, the more one realises that there is nothing very unique to any situation and that the conditions are common to every place with an identity-driven confrontation with only the protagonists differing.

Speak to people from the mainland and it gets confirmed that even they are confronted with this problem. This then is clearly a human condition, so why should it be discussed at regional levels and not resolved through wider collaborations? Maybe the time will come for that as well, but for now, it will be within smaller circles that the issue is discussed. Until wider deliberations happen though, localised discussions will have to do and should be encouraged because the sooner issues of identity and belonging are discussed more openly, even if within sub-regions, the fewer, hopefully, will be the feelings of resentment.

Who is local? Being a sensitive issue, emotional responses were expected, but the whole exercise is at risk of becoming a parody of itself with anyone wanting to have a say in the discussion, instead of engaging, forms an association/ organisation and begins issuing press releases expounding a fear or occupying a position. There is nothing wrong in holding an opinion, but before one foists it on the public, some basics have to be worked out. When something as sensitive as local issues are being debated, at least proper homework and due diligence to identify the fault lines need to be invested. Instead, it is increasingly being seen that “leaders” take the easier option of stoking the generalised fear that inflicts every community and person and then fans this into rage. The success rate of this approach is disturbingly high as is being proven with every electoral victory being reported from the around the world. All the more reason then to encourage engagement, even if uncomfortable to begin with, before things come to such a pass that confrontation becomes the only response that people find themselves equipped with. The casual arguments that consistently get played into the public domain nowadays has become a worrying strain that laces almost all the voices that one hears on the issue. The local-non local, insider-outsider debate, because those who understand issues better are not speaking up, is flirtingly close to becoming a Frankenstein that could soon run amok.

Now, to look at the effectiveness of the whole exercise. Making local protection the highlight of all aspirations is counter-productive. Government jobs, except in the very rare cases, are being given only to locals. Government jobs are also drying up. The challenge for Sikkim, specially the generation that calls the shots, is not so much to secure these jobs but to empower and train the generation in the making to find employment while competing against the best outside Sikkim. It will take more than protectionism and reservation to achieve this. To understand how government jobs have stemmed to a trickle, one needs to recall the number of years taken up from announcement of vacancies to holding of selection exams to interviews to appointments being made. Too many years get blocked and the years between these exams will also keep increasing. At the end of the day, even though every job in Sikkim is reserved for local candidates, the supply of jobs will still run short of the demand. To defend protection for locals is fine, but to prioritise it over everything else not only dulls the competitive edge of the youth, but also demeans their ability, compromises their confidence.

What Sikkim requires is not more protection or quotas - there is already enough of that - but more inspiration to compete harder. Focus on these, replace the system of patronage with meritocracy, and the debilitating sense of entitlement will play out of the public discourse... hopefully.

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Women candidates break records in the 2018 US midterm elections

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The 2018 midterms broke the records on female candidates in US elections. More than 20 women were on the Senate ballot, while more than ten times that number stood for the House of Representatives. If we also consider state elections for executive roles such as governor as well as state legislatures, the number of female candidates in 2018 rises by another 3,500. The results mean that several states (including Arizona and Tennessee) will now send their first ever women to the Senate, and more than 100 women will enter the House.

After the new senators and representatives are sworn in, Congress will be more diverse in terms of race and religion – with women making a major contribution to this shift.

Rashida Tlaib (Michigan) and Ilhan Omar (Minnesota) share the distinction of becoming the first Muslim women in Congress. Texas sends both of the first two Latina women to Congress, Sylvia Garcia and Veronica Escobar. Several states will send African American women to represent them in Washington for the first time, too, including Massachusetts (Ayanna Pressley) and Connecticut (Jahana Hayes).

These elections give further support to research that highlights the importance of party loyalty for women as well as men. In other words, all other things being equal, American voters will cling to their own parties, especially when they feel their party is under threat. So we should not be surprised that the combination of Donald Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton in 2016 and the numerous allegations of sexual harassment against him have motivated far more Democrat women than Republican women to run for office.

Nearly three-quarters of the women who declared their candidacy in 2018 were Democrats. Even after many contenders were eliminated in the primaries, there were still roughly



twice as many Democrat as Republican female candidates on the final ballots.

The mid-terms also demonstrate that women can overcome factors that are typically disadvantages for a candidate, such as being a challenger rather than an incumbent, having little or no experience of elected office, and promoting policy positions that are outside the mainstream.

In one of the most high-profile races in the country, New York's Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez defeated her Democratic primary opponent – an incumbent who had served ten terms in Congress – and went on to victory on November 6. This was despite her calls for policy changes that many described as radical, including government guarantees for universal health care, employment and housing. At the age of 29, Ocasio-Cortez is now the youngest woman ever to be elected to the US House.

CHANGING TACTICS

Many of the women running emphasised education and healthcare (traditionally regarded as “women's issues”). But they also prominently presented their views on “hard” policy areas such as national security, immigration, job creation and taxation. Women candidates have not hesitated

to be blunt in criticising the records and policies of their opponents, and have performed well in hard-hitting, one-to-one debates. The 2018 mid-terms demonstrate very clearly that there is no such thing as a one size fits all, women's style of campaigning.

These elections have also shown that, like men, women can leverage their military service records to appeal to American voters. Women veterans winning elected office is not completely new to American politics, but previous examples have been few – if high profile. Tammy Duckworth, a helicopter pilot who lost both her legs in Iraq, was elected to the US House in 2012 and the US Senate in 2016, and is famously the first Senator ever to give birth while in office.

The combination of increasing numbers of women serving in the US armed forces, the opening up of new military roles to women, and the continuous deployment of American troops in war zones since 2001 has created a substantial pool of potential female veteran candidates.

Much attention in this election was devoted to a handful of Democrat female veterans running for

Congress against incumbent male Republicans. These women – including Amy McGrath (Kentucky), MJ Hegar (Texas), Elaine Luria (Virginia), and Chrissy Houlahan (Pennsylvania) – had lengthy careers in different branches of the military. They were deployed overseas and used their veteran status to bolster their credibility as first-time candidates. Although their fortunes at the polls were mixed (Luria and Houlahan won; McGrath and Hager lost), all waged smart, well-crafted campaigns that pushed their opponents hard and ensured victory was decided by just a few percentage points.

There is still a long way to go before the US approaches both gender and racial equality in elected office, however. As this article is being written, African American Democrat Stacey Abrams continues her fight to become Georgia's governor amid allegations of voter suppression that disproportionately affects people of colour.

Her opponent, Georgia secretary of state Brian Kemp, refused to relinquish his role of overseeing the elections despite his candidacy. President Trump himself has weighed in on this election, describing Abrams as unqualified to be governor of the traditionally Republican state – despite her years as an elected representative in the state legislature and her PhD from Yale law school. If Abrams is successful, she will become the first African American woman ever to become governor, not just of Georgia, but of any US state.

Although Abrams may turn out to be among the unsuccessful women candidates of 2018, women's experiences of putting themselves forward for election is a formative one that can provide a foundation for future campaigns. It is unlikely that we have heard the last of these women.

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Great Pyramid: how my research on ancient Egyptian poetry led to an amazing discovery

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What began as an expedition to record the inscriptions of ancient Egyptian quarry workers produced a remarkable discovery about the Great Pyramid at Giza. My colleagues and I in the Anglo-French joint archaeological mission to the ancient quarry site of Hatnub recently revealed the existence of a well-preserved haulage ramp dating to the time of the Great Pyramid, roughly 4,500 years ago.

We think this could significantly change the theories about how the workers who built the monument were able to transport such large blocks of stone to great heights. It could even provide evidence that pulleys were invented hundreds of years earlier than previously documented.

The rock-cut ramp is flanked by two flights of rock-cut stairs, into which are cut post holes that would originally have held wooden posts, now long perished. The pattern of post holes is well enough preserved that we can begin to reconstruct a pulley system that would have been used to lift large blocks of alabaster out of the open-cast quarry.

While some quarrymen would have been stationed above the blocks, hauling them upwards directly, others would have stood below the blocks, pulling downwards. Their ropes would have been lashed round the post holes and attached to the alabaster blocks, so that both groups were exerting force to pull the blocks up out of the quarry.

This stone haulage system makes efficient use of the limited available space on the ramp, and it is reasonable to speculate

that this same pulley technology would also have been used in the construction of the Great Pyramid. While pulley systems are well known from Greek civilisation in the first millennium BC, the evidence from Hatnub pushes their use much further back in time, as it pre-dates the Greek evidence by some 2,000 years.

The Hatnub haulage ramp is also much steeper than most previous reconstructions of Egyptian haulage ramps. This is significant because one of the long-standing objections to the theory that the Great Pyramid was built using a single large ramp was the enormous volume of such a ramp (which would have had a greater volume than the Great Pyramid itself). With a much steeper gradient, the length and volume of such a haulage ramp would be much smaller, suggesting that this old theory needs to be re-evaluated more seriously.

Many other theories have previously been proposed for how the Great Pyramid was constructed. For example, a ramp might have coiled around the sides of the pyramid. There are also many suggestions involving levers and similar mechanisms. (And, of course, there are always those lacking in imagination who cannot accept a human explanation, and instead groundlessly evoke aliens or Atlanteans). The merit of our recent discoveries is that they give us solid archaeological evidence we can use to test previous theories.

ANCIENT GRAFFITI

These discoveries have emerged from the work of the University of Liverpool's joint expedition with the French



Institute for Oriental Archaeology in Cairo to Hatnub, which is some 20km from the Nile in the eastern desert of Middle Egypt. This quarry was the most prestigious ancient source of Egyptian alabaster, the milky white band-ed translucent stone that was used by the Egyptians to make vessels, statues, and architectural items.

Our original aim was purely to record the surviving inscriptions left by quarrymen 4,500 to 4,000 years ago. I began my career studying Egyptian poetry, but it turns out quarrymen could on occasion get quite poetic when writing their graffiti in the quarry. And so I now study these texts, written in a cursive version of the Egyptian script known as hieratic.

We have so far identified more than 100 previously unrecorded texts, offering a wealth of information about the organisation and logistics of the expeditions that came to the quarry to extract alabaster. They mention royal patronage, the hundreds (and, on occasion, thousands) of expedition personnel, the numbers of blocks mined, and the time

taken to ferry them to their ultimate destinations.

Some of the inscriptions take a more long-term point of view, and seek to convince future visitors to the quarry that their predecessors were good people, and deserve to be treated with respect (and offerings) after their death. In the 21st century, we are accustomed to talk of “posting” to “walls”. But at Hatnub we have an actual Bronze Age wall whose texts speak across the years, and create a solidarity among those who came to work in the quarry, generation after generation.

More recently we have expanded our work (and our team) to record the wider archaeological features of the extremely well-preserved Bronze Age industrial landscape around the quarry. We are collecting and analysing the stone tools that litter the site, offering insights into the process of extracting blocks from the bedrock. Through experimental archaeology we are learning just how rapidly alabaster needed to be worked before it dried and hardened after

extraction.

We are also studying the ancient road connecting the quarry to the Nile Valley, which is flanked by hundreds of simple dry-stone shelters used by workmen for accommodation and stoneworking. We have simple dry-stone religious cairns and other structures of possible ritual function. The recent clearance of debris from the haulage ramp leading out of the quarry has been part of our study of this wider context.

Our ultimate goal is to study all aspects of stone extraction and transport at Hatnub, integrating the rich textual and archaeological evidence to provide a more holistic understanding of quarrying in ancient Egypt. Few sites offer the range and diversity of evidence that survives at Hatnub. We have many years of work ahead of us; the potential for further exciting discoveries is huge.

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Finding Momos in Shimla



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Whenever I would eat at a restaurant with my friends, I'd end up ordering momos. It is almost a default choice that my mind subconsciously makes, and if I can even share it as a starter while we wait for the main course I am a happy diner. My zeal for momos probably stems from childhood days when weekends and holidays meant momo time. I looked forward to these evenings when my father would've gotten

the minced meat and my mother would've put onions, ginger, soy sauce, coriander leaves, mixed with salt ready to make momos for us. We would sit around the table as my brother would make the round dough balls for mother, who would then use her rolling pin to flatten it into tiny wraps and pass it to me. I was already an expert in pleating the covers into crescent shaped momos and arrange it in our moktu –the three layered utensil with the bottom layer with juicy

bones in boiling water for the soup.
But during holidays when more family would be around, we would have more people with rolling pins, more people wrapping the meat and more than one moktu ready to feed the entire family. We'd have to steam batches and batches of momos because the first round would be over in just tasting the same. We would make so many momos for our 'momo competition' –the ultimate game for the night.
My older cousin once ate 50 momos and another cousin finished second with an impressive 48 momos. I think I gave up somewhere after 28 momos but mind you, our momos were not the small sized pop it in your mouth kind. It was filled with meat and came in a decent size and even the wraps felt a little too thick sometimes. But we were young and could manage momos like we were eating candies.
It was our all time favorite food. We didn't have to think twice about it. Not that we were al-

ready exposed to different kinds of food but momos were by default the best food. So if your classmate passed her slam book to you and you had to fill in "favorite food?" the answer was easy. Momos.
Between enjoying momos (without realizing) and being away from home, I was agast when we had to pay \$10 for ten momos at some Everest restaurant in DC some ten years ago. I won't be surprised if momos are priced higher than that today; but in India, momos have become every Indian's favorite food (I would like to think).
"The best momos are found in the streets of Delhi". My friend told me and we tasted some -it wasn't bad. Chicken momos, mutton momos and veg momos are the crowd favorite. But for someone like me, nothing beats the taste beef momos. But again one cannot expect beef momos in capital city when beef has been banned right?
In the last year or so, they even wanted to ban

momos at some point citing it was a "health hazard" and a "silent killer". It was strange because momos are actually very healthy. You just steam it for a good twenty minutes and a healthy snack (meal) is ready for you. I thought momos even had a chance in the vote for 'national dish of India' (that Kichdi won).
Having said that, the popularity of momos is self evident. People love it. From Nagaland house to Andhra house at Delhi haat, momos are on top of their menus. So, when I moved to Shimla, the first few months was rather difficult in finding a momo place.
I could not find any restaurant that sold momos. And if it was being sold, most were vegetarian momos. But I tried my luck with chicken momos at Dimsum and Aunty's –two popular Chinese restaurants in Mall road and middle bazar respectively. But was not satisfied. So every time I travel out of Shimla, I eat my share of momos and come back.
But in recent days, I

have found that Trishool bakers sells chicken and mutton momos along with its famous cakes and cookies they have been selling since 1959. I tasted both chicken and mutton and while it has a lot of masala and spice in its meat mix, I make sure I get my momo fix every time I go to town.
But I have also decided not to be a non-veg snob. I decided to give a shot at the veg-momos that is sold outside our institute gate, and its got me hooked. A young man sells soup, chowmein and veg momos from his make-shift stall and it is a popular joint for students, tourists and random momo lovers like me. He gets busy during lunch time but he is there every day and does not disappoint anyone. His momos aren't the best but it is the "small mercies" as my friend says that makes us make way to his stall and enjoy the vegetarian momos in Shimla.
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From the Hills to Hillocks: A journey of making friends



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Rucksack on my back, sleeping bag in one hand, and excited coz it was my first time travelling by train. We had prepared all things required for the field beforehand –the research design, schedule, field diary and census. Assured and ready for the travel all nine of us along with two of our assistant professors awaited the train at NJP, Siliguri.
My first field trip was in class twelve when the whole class was taken to Tagda tea estate for one day to observe how the Darjeeling tea was being processed. The second time fieldwork was in Demdema and Makar-subba village of Jalpaiguri during my graduation. At that time fieldwork was new to me and I did not have much idea of what was going on since these fieldworks were for a very short period of time.

After I joined post-graduation we were informed that we would be going to the field for a period of almost a month before our fourth semester. We would be going to Meghalaya to study the Khasi community. As we were the first batch of Anthropology students in Sikkim University, we had no seniors to take advices from, we all worked hard on our own questions for the field as we would be working on individual topics.
The train arrived and we all got on. But I could not find our seats as it was my first time and I did not know what to do. There were people sitting on our seats so we had to ask them to empty it and finally found seats for ourselves. It was an eight hour journey to Guwahati station which we reached the next morning. From there we hired a taxi and headed to Saiden village

in Meghalaya, a three hour journey from Guwahati.
Saiden village lies in the national highway 40 (NH40). On reaching the village, we met the village headman who welcomed us to the Dorbar Shnong (the village council). As under the sixth schedule most of the states of the North East region of India including Meghalaya have the privilege of Autonomous District Councils. People are allowed to follow their own traditional political institution and Saiden had its own too. The Dorbar Shnong at the village level was headed by a Rangba Basan (the headman).
We introduced ourselves to the headman and other village council members. To welcome us we were given kwai –betel nut that is almost a symbol of Khasi society. Some of my friends got a little tipsy consuming the fresh betel nut for the first time,

but soon we got accustomed to it and by the end of the field work we were consuming a lot of kwai.
The first thing we noticed was the language barrier. We tried to learn but were successful in only picking up few words. We learned the basic greetings, words for water, tea, etc. We were accompanied by the youths of the village who acted as our interpreters. Soon we all grew closer, and developed friendship out of the researcher interpreter relationship. As we worked on our own topics, I soon realized the drawbacks of my own. I had chosen to work on the status of women and it soon became clear that my topic was too broad. I managed to produce an average dissertation. But the time we spent there was the most significant, not just bonding with the people but with ourselves. We were allotted a primary school as our base. The village authorities had already readied two classrooms for us, one on the ground floor for the boys and one on the first floor for the girls.
We also had a bah (brother) who helped us with our breakfast, lunch and dinner. We would wake up early and help bah with our breakfast then start our field. The first two days we spent collecting the census of the village as to have a basic information of the

population, sex ratios, occupations, etc. We were split in teams of twos and threes for this task. After we had collected the census we then worked on our own topics in groups. We would go and collect data turn by turn each helping the other. In the evening we would help with dinner and do the dishes and cleaning and sit around the fire taking, discussing, then we would all write our field diaries. Some days would be tiring and we would keep our field diaries to be filled the next day.
Looking back at it now writing filed diary is one of the most essential fieldwork method, at least for me. Though I did not write all that was required then but now I make it a point to jot down every point in my diary as it helps me see things in a different level and keep a track of where my research is going and what is lacking in my methods. It helps me enhance my work.
As we spent more time, we took part in almost all the village activities. We participated in the cleaning program where each house participated to keep the village clean, and with their hard work the village was awarded the cleanest village in 2013. We also participated in the annual church convocations as the entire village followed Christi-

anity.
In between our fieldwork, we would also go on small trips as a break from work. We visited Barapani, a beautiful water body on the way to Shillong. It was huge and glittered as it reflected the sunlight. It almost seemed like melted gold moving lazily with the breeze, a sight that I will remember for the rest of my life.
Another occasion we took break and were taken to a fishery by our Khasi friends. It was almost a two hour walk from the village and we took turns to row a small leaking boat in the fishery. One of us would row and another scooped the water from the boat. It was exciting for all of us. We used to spent so much time talking to our Khasi friends, making fun of each other and calling names at each other. They used to call me and one of my friend "motu and patlu". Me being "motu". There were countless other names for us, one of which was "Kanyang" meaning cicada in Khasi was bestowed upon one of my friend, for talking too much. The boys bonded on their own level, and they used to play football everyday together in the school ground.
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Army, police should respect each other: Kiren Rijiju on Bomdila incident

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 (PTI): In the wake of a clash between Army and police personnel in Arunachal Pradesh's Bomdila town, Union minister Kiren Rijiju Sunday said both the institutions should respect each other as they are serving the nation.
In a Facebook post, Rijiju said the Army is country's pride which secures "our motherland" and police are the pillar of internal security. "We must respect

both great institutions. Every individual and institution functions under a system governed by law... Let's respect and strengthen each other," he wrote.
The minister's comments came in the wake of some soldiers allegedly vandalising the Bomdila police station, and assaulting police personnel and civilians last week.
During a visit to Arunachal Pradesh, Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Rijiju

took stock of the situation arising out of the clashes between Army and police personnel.
"Our uniform people sacrifice their personal comfort and family for the nation... There are always elementary human errors which can be taken care of and the matter will be resolved. I appeal everyone not to jump into the matter with loose comments without knowing the facts with prejudice mindset (sic)," he said.

Rijiju, who hails from the state, said the "spontaneous" decision of the defence minister to visit Bomdila, where she interacted with local people and district administration, has "generated a huge goodwill" among the residents.
Sitharaman met local people during a visit to Arunachal Pradesh to celebrate Diwali along with soldiers posted in the forward areas along the Sino-Indian border.

In a Twitter post, the Union minister of state for home said that due to "indecorous" acts at individual level, a "reprehensible" incident took place but the whole institutions can't be dragged along.
"My constituency people are peace loving. But some outside elements are making hateful comments on social media without any factual knowledge," he tweeted.
The Bomdila incident occurred when


a group of soldiers allegedly misbehaved with civilians and police personnel at the Buddha Mahotsav celebrations last week, officials said.
Following this, the local station house officer went to the spot and two soldiers were brought to police station. After that some soldiers allegedly vandalised the Bomdila police station, assaulted police personnel and civilians, they said.

APPSC exam held amid protest

ITANAGAR, NOV 10 (PTI): A recruitment examination organised by the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) was held on Saturday amid protests by a section of the aspirants who were dispersed by the police using water canon here, officials said.
The incident occurred near a school where the mains examination of the Arunachal Pradesh Public Service Commission Combined Examination (APPSCCE) was going on.
A section of the candidates protested outside the school demanding postponement of the mains examination on the ground of court cases related to the examination.
APPSC secretary Taru Talo said 900 out of total 1336 candidates appeared in the first day of the mains exam.
The Commission on Friday night notified that it would conduct the examination according to schedule from November 10 to 20 after the Itanagar

bench of the Gauhati High Court vacated a stay order on November 8 on holding the examination.
However, the court ordered that the result of the examination will be kept in a sealed cover and will be subject to the final outcome of the writ petition filed by some candidates.
The Court has fixed the next joint hearing for November 14 next.
A section of the candidates decided to boycott the examination saying they are not in a mental state to appear for the examination, owing to the ongoing fiasco.
They demanded that the mains examination be held only after the final verdict of the high court is out.
The APPSC has rejected the demand. The fiasco began in November last year, when the APPSC held the APPSCCE preliminary examination.
Following objections by students over alleged anomalies in selection of questions, the preliminaries were rescheduled and held in July this year.

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Saha India's best wicketkeeper in last 5-10 years: Ganguly



KOLKATA, NOV 11 (PTI): A shoulder injury has forced Wriddhiman Saha out of action as of now but he has been India's best wicketkeeper in the last five to ten years, reckons former captain Sourav Ganguly.

The 34-year-old Saha, who has been India's number one wicketkeeper in Test cricket since MS Dhoni's retirement in December 2014, is undergoing rehab for his shoulder surgery.

"He's out of the team for about a year now but I think in the last five to 10 years' he has been India's best glovesman. Hope he recovers soon," Ganguly said.

The former captain spoke during the launch of 'Wiki', a sports fiction written by senior journalist Gautam Bhattacharya. The book chronicles the journey of

a struggling wicketkeeper and how he makes it big.

Young Rishabh Pant has made an impressive start to his Test career and he will take flight for the upcoming Australia tour. Parthiv Patel is also in the squad as a backup to Pant.

Saha, who has played 32 Tests and scored 1164 runs including three hundreds, last played in the Cape Town Test earlier this year. With India not playing any Tests after the Australia tour till July 2019, the Bengal wicketkeeper's future remains uncertain.

"Injury is not in your hands. Wicketkeeper has to dive and he got injured while diving. It takes a certain time to recover. The faster he recovers, the better it is," said Ganguly.

MILAN, NOV 11 (AFP): Spanish midfielder Fabian Ruiz and a late Davide Biraschi own goal rescued a 2-1 win for title-chasing Napoli in a rain-hit Serie A game at Genoa.

Ivorian Christian Kouame had shocked Carlo Ancelotti's side by opening the scoring after 20 minutes in a match which was suspended for 13 minutes around the hour mark because of torrential rain on Saturday.

But substitute Ruiz pulled Napoli level immediately after play resumed, with defender Biraschi piling the misery on the hosts by turning into his own net three minutes from time.

Napoli move up into second place, three points behind champions Juventus who travel to AC Milan on Sunday, and three ahead of third-placed Inter Milan who play at Bergamo side Atalanta.

"This success is worth even more than three points, because it was achieved on a difficult pitch made heavy by the rain," said Brazilian midfielder Allan.

"We won and that's what is important. It gives us peace of mind before the (international) break."

Ancelotti's side proved wasteful in the first half with Lorenzo Insigne hitting the post and Poland's Arkadiusz Milik being denied in front of goal.

Dries Mertens started

on the bench, with Polish pair Milik and Krzysztof Piatek up front for the visitors.

Insigne rattled the post on 11 minutes with Argentina defender Cristian Romero deflecting away a Zielinski strike.

But Kouame broke the deadlock from a Romulo cross, rising highest to nod in his second goal this

season.

Home goalkeeper Andrei Radu punched a dangerous Insigne cross off the head of Jose Callejon, before denying Milik with 10 minutes left of the first half.

Ancelotti's side had already lost in Genoa this season when they fell 3-0 to Sampdoria, and another defeat was looming as the rain came down.

But Ruiz found a way through when Allan crossed to Mertens whose clever backheel in the penalty area set up the Spaniard to beat Radu.

Biraschi worsened Genoa's current crisis amid a scramble in his own goalmouth, as they slipped to a third straight loss after last week's 5-0



thrashing by Inter.

"It hurts to lose to a late own goal," said Genoa coach Ivan Juric.

Earlier, promoted Parma came away with a 2-1 win from Torino to move level on 17 points with their rivals for a Europa League spot, who sit in eighth.

Walter Mazzarri's side are unbeaten since losing to Napoli on September 23.

Former Arsenal winger Gervinho scored his third goal this season after a defensive mix-up from Armando Izzo and Cameroonian Nicolas Nkoulou saw the Ivorian surge forward with a brilliant solo run after nine minutes, with Roberto Inglese adding a 25th-minute second.

Daniele Baselli pulled one back for Torino eight minutes before the break.

Cagliari came from two goals down to grab a point at SPAL.

Andrea Petagna headed in after less than three minutes for SPAL with captain Mirco Antenucci drilling in the second on 71 minutes.

But Cagliari battled back w and five minutes later were level as Leonardo Pavoletti headed in a corner and Artur Ionita equalised with a quick turn and shot.

'Newtons' on Chhattisgarh poll duty feel like Bhagat Singh



JATIN TAKKAR, NOV 11 (PTI): Crossing rivers barefoot, wading through jungles just sanitised by the accompanying security personnel and even airdropped by choppers into the Naxal-affected interiors, many on poll duty in Chhattisgarh feel like the real-life version of the protagonist from Bollywood dark comedy "Newton", while some say they feel more like a revolutionary such as Bhagat Singh.

They are public sector undertaking (PSU) employees, teachers, anganwadi and panchayat workers, among numerous others braving the treacherous terrain of the infamous Bastar region, which appear even more dangerous after a recent spurt in Naxal attacks ahead of the polls.

Many areas of Chhattisgarh will vote for the first time in 20 years, while some security and local administration officials proudly declare that a few of those are yet to make it to the Google Maps.

Talking to them, the immediate recollection is of Rajkumar Rao-starrer "Newton", a film that took

a satirical look at the Naxal problem through the eyes of a poll officer.

From walking up to 10 kms to crossing rivers and spending nights in Naxal-hit areas, the poll officers will have to go past numerous hurdles and face life-threatening challenges to do their duty, but none of them is complaining.

A few of them admit that they are a bit afraid, but they also assert that they still want to do this.

A 25-year-old anganwadi worker, the mother of two children, from Sukma district, says she is doing this for her father and brother, both of whom were part of the Salwa Judum and killed by Naxals.

Salwa Judum (meaning "Peace March" or "Purification Hunt" in Gondi language) was a militia mobilised and deployed as part of anti-insurgency operations in Chhattisgarh, aimed at countering Naxal violence in the region. The militia, comprising local tribal youth, received support and training from the Chhattisgarh government. It was banned by a Supreme Court order in 2011.

"I always wanted to do something revolutionary like my father, so I am

doing this for him and my brother. We need peace and hopefully, a successful election will lead to that," the woman, whose husband is in the police and who has left her kids with her mother-in-law, said.

"This is no less than a revolution for me, she added with tears in her eyes.

For another 22-year-old panchayat worker from Sukma, who has been asked to go to the hypersensitive polling booth at Chintalnar, it is a moment of pride as he will be the first person from his village to sit in a chopper.

"I am the only person from my block panchayat who is taking part in this exercise as my other colleagues are married. Being a bachelor, I was chosen. I am scared, but it is okay as I will be the first person from my village to sit in a chopper," he said with a broad smile on his face.

The poll parties going to the hypersensitive booths on the 80-km stretch from Dornapal to Jagargunda were mostly airlifted and had reached their respective destinations a day or two before the polling day, Sukma Collector Jai Prakash Maurya said.

RBI vs Govt: The 18 wise men tasked with supervision of the Mint Street



MUMBAI, NOV 11 (PTI): As an unprecedented fight plays out between the RBI and the government, it is the central bank's 18 board members who are being keenly watched for their next course of action -- they are not only central bankers and government officials but also business leaders, economists and activists. The RBI board is scheduled to meet next on November 19 amid an ongoing tussle with the government on multiple fronts.

Going by the public utterances of the RBI and government officials so far, the contentious issues are how to manage the huge surplus the RBI has accumulated, how should it deal with errant lenders and borrowers amid a persisting bad loan crisis and what could be the 'public interest' for the government to dictate directions so that it is not seen as an attack on the central bank's autonomy.

As per the RBI website, its central board currently has 18 members, though the provision is that it can go up to 21.

The members include Governor Urjit

Patel and his four deputies as 'full-time official directors', while the rest 13 have been nominated by the government, including two Finance Ministry officials -- Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg and Financial Services Secretary Rajiv Kumar.

There are also Swadeshi ideologue Swaminathan Gurumurthy and cooperative banker Satish Marathe, nominated by the government as "part-time non-official directors".

The entire board is appointed by the government under the RBI Act, which mandates the central board with "general superintendence and direction of the Reserve Bank's affairs".

The government can nominate 10 'non-official' directors from various fields and two government officials. The four non-official directors are one each from the four regional boards of the RBI.

Besides Patel, the four official directors are N S Vishwanathan and Viral Acharya, both of whom have gone public with their direct or indirect criti-

cism of any attempt to undermine the RBI's autonomy, as also B P Kanungo and M K Jain.

Patel became Governor in September 2016 after serving as Deputy Governor since January 2013. Previously, he had served at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and was also on deputation from the IMF to the RBI during 1996-1997.

He was a Consultant to the Ministry of Finance from 1998 to 2001 and has a PhD in economics from Yale University, an M Phil from University of Oxford and a BSc from the University of London.

Acharya is a New York University Professor of Economics, while Kanungo and Vishwanathan are career central bankers. Jain was appointed as a Deputy Governor in June 2018 and previously headed IDBI Bank and Indian Bank, among other professional banking roles.

The business leaders on the RBI board include Tata group chief Natarajan Chandrasekaran, former Mahindra group veteran Bharat Narotam Doshi, Teamlease Ser-

vices co-founder Manish Sabharwal and Sun Pharma chief Dilip Shangvi.

The other members are Sudhir Mankad (retired IAS officer whose last assignment was as Gujarat government's Chief Secretary), Ashok Gulati (agricultural economist), Prasanna Mohanty (ex-IAS officer and economist), Sachin Chaturvedi of Delhi-based think-tank Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Revathy Iyer (a former Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General).

In the past also, the RBI's board has had several business leaders such as Ratan Tata, Kumar Mangalam Birla, NR Narayana Murthy, Azim Premji, G M Rao, Y C Deveshwar and K P Singh.

Recently, the tenure of board member Nachiket Mor, who had previously been an executive director at ICICI Bank, was cut short -- nearly a year after he was re-nominated by the government in August 2017 for a second term of four years.

The central board members in the past also included Kiran S Karnik, Y H Malegam, Ela Bhatt, V Rajeev Gowda, Suresh Tendulkar and Suresh Neotia.

The RBI was established on April 1, 1935 and the appointment and tenure of the board members are governed by Section 8 of the RBI Act.

It is Section 7, which has been in news lately, that provides that the "Central Government may from time to time give

such directions to the Bank as it may, after consultation with the Governor of the Bank, consider necessary in the public interest".

"Subject to any such directions, the general superintendence and direction of the affairs and business of the Bank shall be entrusted to a Central Board of Directors which may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Bank," Section 7 further says.

It also provides that "save as otherwise provided in regulations made by the Central Board, the Governor and in his absence the Deputy Governor nominated by him in his behalf, shall also have powers of general superintendence and direction of the affairs and the business of the Bank, and may exercise all powers and do all acts and things which may be exercised or done by the Bank".

Though originally privately owned, since nationalisation in 1949, the Reserve Bank is fully owned by the Government of India.

The RBI is mandated "to regulate the issue of bank notes and keeping of reserves with a view to securing monetary stability in India and generally to operate the currency and credit system of the country to its advantage".

It is also required "to have a modern monetary policy framework to meet the challenge of an increasingly complex economy, to maintain price stability while keeping in mind the objective of growth.

New statue in France commemorates role of Indian soldiers in World War I



PARIS, NOV 11 (PTI): A new statue commemorating the role of Indian soldiers in World War I was unveiled in the town of Laventie in France on

Sunday to mark Armistice Day when the war ended in 1918.

The seven-foot bronze statue is the first of 57 similar commemorative

sculptures planned by the Inter-Faith Shaheedi Commemoration Association (IFSC) to be unveiled near cemeteries around France where

soldiers who fought for the British Indian Army were buried.

The site in Laventie was chosen after the remains of two soldiers were identified as belonging to the 39th Royal Garhwal Rifles and reburied with military honours last year.

"This marks the commencement of our project to establish 57 such statues near all cemeteries where our Indian soldiers lie buried in France," said Col (retd) Deepak Dahiya, who served for 23 years in the Indian Army and is now based in Paris to facilitate the IFSC project as its vice-president.

The statue was unveiled at a spot allocated by the Mayor of Laventie, Jean-Philippe Boonaert, adjacent to a 12th century church, St Vaast, in the French town.

The unveiling on Sunday sets the ball rolling for a series of events planned by IFSC to honour the memory of thousands of Indian soldiers, who largely went undocumented as the forces sent from the subcontinent at the time tended to be British Empire soldiers or soldiers of Indian princely states.

"The First World War is a relatively unnoticed event in an otherwise historic timeline of Indian events. This colossal effort in the most diffi-

cult circumstance is not entirely forgotten nor actively remembered and needs to be portrayed in the correct perspective globally and in India," said IFSC president Ramesh Chander Vohra, who has written a book on the subject titled 'Unsung Indian Heroes of World War I', which is set to be released next year alongside an exhibition of newspaper articles from the World War I period of 1914-1918.

IFSC has also commenced work to establish a 12-tonne brass statue adjacent to the Indian war memorial at Neuve Chapelle in Richebourg, France.

The memorial commemorates over 4,700 soldiers and labourers from British India who lost their lives on the Western Front during World War I and have no known graves. A spot has been allocated by the local French authorities for this large sculpture, which is also expected to be unveiled in 2019.

A series of commemorative events have been taking place across UK and Europe in recent weeks to mark the contribution of Indian soldiers in the war effort, alongside millions of others from around the world. This included a special event at Westminster Abbey in London earlier this week attend-

ed by Prince Harry, who witnessed a wreath of marigolds shaped in the symbol 'Om' laid in honour of Indian soldiers.

"The Duke of Sussex (Harry) was extremely gracious as he admired our marigold tribute at the 'Indian Army pre-1947 Memorial Plot' at the Abbey," said Satya Minhas, co-chair of Hindu Council UK.

A special event organised by the South Asia Centre of the London School of Economics (LSE) celebrated the launch of the commemorative Khadi poppy to mark the centenary of the end of the war on November 11, 1918, or Armistice Day.

"The hand-woven fabric synonymous with India's independence movement is a highly appropriate gesture to recognise the outsized contribution of Indian soldiers," said Lord Jitesh Gadhia, the Indian-origin peer behind the initiative alongside the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal fundraising drive in aid of war veterans held in the lead up to Armistice Day.

Nearly 2 million Indian servicemen, workers and labourers travelled West for World War I as they helped secure victory for the Allied Forces Britain, France, Russia, Italy and the US.

California fire death toll rises to 23

PARADISE, NOV 11 (AFP): The death toll from the most destructive fire to hit California rose to 23 on Saturday as rescue workers recovered more bodies of people killed by the devastating blaze.

Firefighters are battling raging fires at both ends of the state, but there is little hope of containing the flames anytime soon.

"Today, 14 additional bodies were located, which brings our total number to 23," Sheriff Kory Honea told a news conference.

Ten of the bodies were found in the town of Paradise while four were discovered in the Concow area, both in Butte County, Honea said.

Rescuers could be seen removing remains over a period of several hours in Paradise and placing them in a black hearse. Pieces of bodies were transported by bucket, while intact remains were carried in body bags.

So far, a total of 19 of the people killed in what authorities have dubbed the "Camp Fire" have been reported in Paradise, where more than 6,700 buildings -- most of them residences -- have been consumed by the late-season inferno.

From miles around, acrid smoke could be seen in the sky around Paradise, the sun barely visible. On the ground, cars were reduced to metal carcasses, while power lines were also gnawed by the flames.

Locals fled the danger, but police told AFP some farmers returned to check on their cattle.

"The magnitude of destruction we have seen is really unbelievable and

heartbreaking, and our hearts go to everybody who has been affected by this," said Mark Ghilarducci, the director of the California Office of Emergency Services.

Governor-elect Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency to provide assistance to the hardest-hit areas in the fire-prone state.

The fast-moving Camp Fire blaze in the north broke out early Thursday.

Fanned by strong winds, it has so far scorched 100,000 acres (40,500 hectares) and is 20 per cent contained, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) said Saturday. So far, three of the more than 3,200 firefighters deployed have been injured.

They estimate they will need three weeks to fully contain the blaze.

Local power authorities have told state officials an outage occurred near the spot where the fire erupted, The Sacramento Bee reported, but there is still no official cause of the Camp Fire blaze.

Trump, who was in France for World War I commemorations, drew criticism online for his somewhat unsympathetic reaction to the devastation earlier on Saturday.

"There is no reason for these massive, deadly and costly forest fires in California except that forest management is so poor," Trump tweeted. pray the winds are in our favor."

Major oil producers to consider cuts after price slide

DUBAI, NOV 11 (AFP): Major oil producers meet in Abu Dhabi on Sunday to consider reverting to output cuts after a sharp slide in crude prices revived fears of a 2014-style crash.

Oil prices shed a fifth of their value in just one month after surging to a four-year high in early October, driven by a combination of factors centred on higher supply and fears of sluggish demand.

Brent crude dropped below USD 70 a barrel on Friday for the first time since April while the New York's West Texas Intermediate (WTI) sank below USD 60 a barrel, a nine-month low.

The United States

has upped production of shale oil, while Saudi Arabia, Russia and others have raised supplies of crude amid signs of slowing demand.

The slide also comes during signs of a softer-than-expected impact from US sanctions on Iran oil exports.

"Prices have been falling amid a continued rise in crude supplies from big producers, such as Saudi Arabia, Russia and the US, more than compensating for lost Iranian barrels," Forex.com analyst Fawad Razaqzada told AFP.

"With the Iranian sanctions not being as severe as initially feared, officials from the OPEC and non-OPEC producers may

discuss at the weekend the need to bring compliance back down towards the 100-percent level or risk another 2014-style slide in prices," he said.

Energy ministers of top producers Russia and Saudi Arabia will join other OPEC and non-OPEC officials for the meeting of the Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee, which oversees production levels.

The world's second and third crude producers -- after they were overtaken by the United States thanks to shale oil -- Russia and Saudi Arabia are the core of an alliance of producer nations that succeeded in solidifying oil prices af-

ter the 2014 crash.

Through large production cuts starting at the beginning of 2017, they managed to push up oil prices from below USD 30 a barrel to over USD 85 a barrel in October, strongly improving their revenues.

But the producer nations eased the output cuts in June after signs of a tight market and higher prices, allowing hundreds of thousands of extra barrels into the market.

Saudi Arabia raised its production from around 9.9 million barrels per day in May to around 10.7 million bpd in October, according to Energy Minister Khalid

al-Falih.

Kuwait, Iraq, Russia and the United Arab Emirates also boosted their output.

Cailin Birch, analyst at the Economist Intelligence Unit, said a slowing oil demand is beginning to appear in China, the world's largest importer of crude oil.

"The recent drop in oil prices reflects a combination of factors. For one, signs of slowing oil demand are beginning to appear; the rate of GDP growth in China is beginning to ease," Birch told AFP.

The meeting, which will also be attended by the oil ministers of Kuwait,

Venezuela and host nation the UAE, is not due to make decisions but will likely send signals.

The JMMC, a technical committee, is expected to make important recommendations on production cuts to a key ministerial meeting in Vienna next month for the OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

Commerzbank, Germany's second-largest lender, said Friday oil producers must act to prevent a free fall of prices.

"If they fail to signal any intention to reverse the latest increase in production, oil prices threaten to slide further," the bank said in a note.

At least 61 killed in clashes in Yemen's Hodeida

HODEIDA, NOV 11 (AFP): At least 61 combatants have been killed in clashes in Yemen's flashpoint Hodeida, medics and a military source said Sunday, and dozens of wounded taken to hospitals outside the city.

Medics in the Red Sea city reported 43 Huthi rebels and nine loyalists killed in clashes over the past 24 hours. Another nine loyalist fighters were reported killed by medics at a hospital in government-held Mokha, south of Hodeida. A government

military source confirmed the toll.

Dozens of wounded rebels were transferred to hospitals in the provinces of Sanaa and Ibb, further inland, a source at the Hodeida military hospital said.

A pro-government alliance, led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, are pushing to seize Hodeida from Yemen's Shiite Huthi rebels, who are linked to Iran.

More than 400 combatants have been killed in 10 days of clashes in Hodeida,

a city on Yemen's Red Sea coastline that is home to the impoverished country's most valuable port.

Government forces have pressed further into the strategic port city, seizing its main hospital in heavy fighting Saturday, as they try to advance on Hodeida's vital docks. Hodeida has been controlled by the Huthis since 2014, when the rebels seized the capital Sanaa and a string of port cities.

The World Health Organisation estimates nearly 10,000

people have been killed since 2015, when Saudi Arabia and its allies joined the government's war against the Huthis, driving the insurgents from the Red Sea coastline but failing to retake Hodeida.

Other rights groups believe the toll may be five times as high.

The conflict has triggered what the UN calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with 14 million Yemenis facing mass starvation.

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SNAKE CHARMER! The Aquaman star, Jason Momoa, makes a new friend at Celebrity Fan Fest in San Antonio, Texas.

Stardom easiest way for an actor to get corrupted: Naseeruddin Shah



JUSTIN RAO

MUMBAI, Nov 11 (PTI):

Naseeruddin Shah has no qualms in accepting that he has worked for money in some films but says the more tempting way for an actor to get corrupted is by becoming a star.

"The easiest way for an actor to get corrupted is by becoming a star. Then you start believing your own myth. You start believing what the press writes about you. That's very dangerous," Naseeruddin told PTI.

The actor says, no matter what position one holds in the industry, it is impossible to foresee the heights one can reach before signing a film.

"There's no way anyone can ensure what will be the quality of a film when you read a script. You have to go by instincts and do it. Sometimes it goes right and sometimes wrong," he adds.

The actor says in his film career of more than four decades, he has taken up films purely "to run the kitchen" and says one should not be ashamed of it.

"I've worked for money and there's no shame. I need to run my kitchen. That's what I tell younger actors. Don't be afraid to do things for money. What are we all working for? Aren't we working to feed ourselves. I've done films for money but not too many films."

The "A Wednesday!" actor started his career fea-

turing in several prominent films such as "Masoom", "Sparsh", "Nishant" among others.

The 68-year-old says he was fortunate to be a part of the movement where the independent cinema was thriving, and contrary to his decisions later, he worked for free "several times."

"I was just an actor these filmmakers used. I admired the fact that the filmmakers were trying to do this and I'm honoured I became a centre of that movement. Some cynical friends used to say they want me in their films because I am ready to work for free.

"On many occasions I was told there would be no payment, a lot of times I was promised chicken feed amount like Rs 5,000, Rs 10,000 which I never got by these so-called serious filmmakers," he adds.

The actor, however, continued to work with people he had faith in and cut off ties with those who took everyone for a ride.

"That did not embitter me because at the same time there were people like Shyam (Benegal) who was extremely generous and always very fair to everyone in his unit. I cut off relations with a lot of those filmmakers who I knew were taking everyone for a ride, not just me," he adds.

'Baazigar' was shot with two endings, reveal Abbas-Mustan



KOMAL PANCHAMATIA

MUMBAI, Nov 11 (PTI):

Shah Rukh Khan starrer "Baazigar" faced quite a few hurdles from delay in shoot due to communal riots, to not getting a hero to play a negative role but as the film completes 25 years, the director duo Abbas Mustan are happy as it is regarded one of the best Bollywood thrillers till date.

Released on November 12, 1993, "Baazigar" featured Shah Rukh as an anti-hero. The thriller, also Kajol's one of the earliest successes and Shilpa Shetty's debut, became a blockbuster thanks to its plot and chartbuster music by Anu Malik.

As the film completes 25 years, Mustan, in an interview with PTI, talks about the obstacles the team faced, why Salman Khan and Anil Kapoor turned down the anti-hero role and why they shot two different climax scenes for the movie.

"People still like the film and it is a big compliment to the entire team. The important thing is the maker should be convinced with his own vision as that will reflect on screen. We had a hero playing a negative role. Though it led to the hit pairing of Shah Rukh and Kajol, it was

not a romantic film. But it all worked well," Mustan told PTI.

He recalls the movie received overwhelming response across the globe and they witnessed it during the film's US and UK screenings.

The birth of the film, however, was difficult. The mahurat of the film was done in December 1992 and the shoot was scheduled to start soon, with the aim to wrap it up by January-February.

The film hit a roadblock after communal riots broke in different parts of the country post the demolition of Babri Masjid on December 6.

"There was a tense moment due to riots, people were scared and were not going out. But Mumbai is a city that bounces back like never before. Once things

got cleared, work began as usual.

"We started shooting sometime in late March and wrapped it by May-June and decided to release it on Diwali. The film was earlier set to release in June-July."

"Baazigar" chronicled the story of a young man with a vendetta against a business tycoon and how he plots to destroy the rest of the family.

Mustan, an ardent fan of Manmohan Desai's cinema, was inspired by the filmmaking style of the renowned director to form the crux of "Baazigar" as a mother-son story with revenge as backdrop.

"In his films, the character of a mother was of utmost importance. We wanted to have that element in our film. It is all about bringing the right emotion

for a film.

"If the mother-son relationship is explored and justified properly on screen then it definitely strikes a chord with audience. If a son is taking revenge for his mother then his every sin is forgiven. And it worked well with the audience."

The makers felt veteran actor Rakhee Gulzar was the perfect choice to play a distressed mother to Shah Rukh. It was Rakhee, who had told the director duo to change the climax of the film.

"Rakhee ji said yes but wanted the ending to be changed as she felt audience should not be let down. A lot of distributors said the hero should not die in the end and instead the police should come and arrest him.

"So we had shot both the endings. We felt the ending

where the police comes and takes SRK will not work as the emotional graph of the character would not be conveyed correctly."

When the first copy came out, Mustan says, both, the distributors and Rakhee eventually agreed to go with the duo's vision of the climax.

The film is said to be a remake of "A Kiss Before Dying" but Mustan insists only one scene is inspired from this 1991 Hollywood film.

"Our film is completely different from this Hollywood movie. Only one shot where a man throws a girl off the terrace, we just had that scene where Shah Rukh's character throws Shilpa off the terrace to her death. That film has no track of mother-son, it is there in our film," Mustan says.

Shah Rukh, now regard-

ed as the King of Romance, played the anti-hero effortlessly, but he was not the first choice for the film. Mustan says, the producers had approached Salman, who at that point was doing Sooraj Barjatya's film and felt the negative role might not work for his good boy on screen image.

While, Anil Kapoor, according to Mustan, felt he may not be able to carry the negative role.

Mustan recalls, Shah Rukh had come to meet producers at Venus company for the narration of a film, which he did not like, but a chance encounter with the director duo, got him "Baazigar".

Describing SRK as a director's actor, Mustan says, "He used to shoot one scene in four-five different ways. He has a huge range as an actor."

ARIES: You may have your mind set on some big plans that you've been working on for some time now, Aries. The problem is that today there is some conflict with something or someone with a large ego who suddenly wants a piece of the pie. Either that or this person wants to burst your bubble. Don't give up hope on your dreams. Realize that this opposition is just part of the adventure.

TAURUS: You may have been feeling more emotional lately, Taurus. Today a fanciful energy could sweep you off your feet and into another realm entirely. Feel free to take off for at least a little while in order to gain a better perspective on the issues at hand. Strong, forceful powers are urging you to let someone else take the

reins on a particular project.

GEMINI: People and situations that you were counting on may suddenly run into opposition today, Gemini. Don't be surprised if the seat you're sitting on is suddenly pulled out from under you. Make sure you have some extra padding, since it could be a rather hard fall. More than likely, however, you will be able to take it in stride.

CANCER: Your ego has probably been feeling strong lately, and you may feel an extra boost of self-confidence, Cancer. Don't be surprised if your ego gets threatened by someone who appears out of the blue with an aggressive, opinionated attitude, someone who isn't on quite the same track as you. You may find it hard to deal with people today, since they could be a bit spacey.

LEO: If you knew the truth of all the things that are going on outside your world, you'd be appalled, Leo. You shouldn't take things at face value today. It's important to simply go and see things for yourself. Don't trust another's word on what is true and what isn't. Question what you see. Make sure you don't let others pull the wool over your eyes.

VIRGO: It isn't a good idea to try to fit people into a mold today, Virgo. This will only annoy others and frustrate you. It's important that you relax and simply let people blossom into the people they want to be. If you have a preconceived notion of who they should be, you're only setting yourself up for failure and disappointment, as well as anger from the other party.

LIBRA: Consider subscribing to an alternative newsletter of some sort, Libra. You will find some amazing information that the general public doesn't necessarily know. Knowledge is power. For the most part, common knowledge is quite limited. Make an effort to seek news from a wider community. Some mainstream information is pretty unreliable.

SCORPIO: Don't expect others to take much notice of your emotions today, Scorpio. You're more respectful of theirs than they are of yours. Find peace among all you encounter. This could be difficult, since other people's wills are involved. In that case, people aren't likely to back down. Others think they're right and refuse to see things any other way.

SAGITTARIUS: Your aggres-

sive attitude is likely to start a fight that might be difficult to settle now, Sagittarius. There are extremely stubborn forces at work, and you may find that no one is willing to budge from their position. The thing that is apt to make this even more difficult is that people may misinterpret certain pieces of the puzzle. Try to bring understanding to the situation instead of more aggression.

CAPRICORN: People may be difficult to deal with today, Capricorn. You may soon discover that they're just as stubborn as you are. Try to give others the benefit of the doubt or there will be a stalemate in just about every corner of your life. Don't consider it a loss or failure of character if you find you need to make some concessions in order to get things to work.

AQUARIUS: Your ego may be under some stress today, Aquarius. The tricky part is that the threat you feel is probably a result of something that isn't even completely real. It could be that someone is acting on false information that has no bearing on the reality of the situation. You might be swept away by someone else's false impression of who you really are.

PISCES: You could develop a stomachache if you try to sort out all the confused issues of the day, Pisces. There are apt to be too many matters for you to handle alone, so don't even try. It's one of those situations in which you start to untangle one knot only to create another somewhere down the line. It's best to just let the ball of string lie where it is for now.