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North-East Zone Inter State Badminton Championship kicks off

SAGAR CHHETRI

GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

Yonex-Sunrise North-East Zone Inter State Badminton Championship, 2019 was inaugurated by Upper Tadong MLA, GT Dhungel here at indoor badminton hall in Paljor Stadium complex on Thursday. The four-day championship is being organised by Badminton Association of Sikkim [BAS].

A total of 160 shuttlers from all eight North-Eastern States are participating in the championship. The championship is also a rare opportunity for young shuttlers and people of Sikkim to witness the game of international and top ranking shuttlers of India from North-Eastern region.

India ranking No 2 and World ranking No 87, Ashmita Chaliha from Assam in women singles, India ranking No 1, Maisnam Meiraba from Manipur and India ranking No 11 and Bidyasagar Salam from Manipur in Boys singles U-19 and India ranking No 1 Dingku Singh Konthoiam and Manjit Singh Khwairakam from Manipur in boy's doubles U-19 and India international will be representing their respective states in the championship.

In his inaugural address, Mr Dhungel, who was present as the chief guest of the inaugural function, expressed his best wishes to all shuttlers from all north-eastern States. He also appreciated the efforts of Badminton Association of Sikkim in organising the championship in a grand and impressive manner. While mentioning that winning and losing is part of the competition, he encouraged the participating shuttlers to play in the spirit of the game and in true sportsmanship. The chief guest has also declared the championship open.

In his welcome address, BAS vice-president, Thendup Tseten Bhutia, who is also the organising secretary of the championship, mentioned that Sikkim was hosting this prestigious championship for the fourth time in the State after a gap of eight years.

He mentioned that the championship has 160 shuttlers accompanied by team officials from all north-eastern States. On behalf of the organising committee, Mr Bhutia expressed his best wishes to all participating teams.

On the occasion, students of Deorali Girls senior

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CM inspects Tsong landslide

RUDRA KAUSHIK

GYALSHING, 19 SEPT:

Chief Minister, PS Tamang [Golay], met the landslide affected families of Tsong village under Yuksom Tashiding constituency today and took stock of the damages. He interacted with members of the affected families at the relief camp set up near Yuksom bazaar.

Apart from the ex-gratia under State Disaster Response Fund [SDRF] norms, the Chief Minister announced Rs 1 lakh for fully damaged houses and Rs 50,000 for severely and partially damaged houses from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

He also handed over cheque of Rs 4 lakh from National Disaster Response Fund [NDRF] and Rs 2 lakh from CM's Relief Fund to the kin of Buddhi Maya Subba who succumbed to injuries from the landslide on 18 Sept.



The CM also distributed necessary items like sleeping bags, water

pipes and blankets to the landslide victims.

The CM directed the District Collector to disburse the ex-gratia

at the earliest and also mentioned that all affected households will be given ex-gratia depending on the damages.

It may be mentioned that incessant rain had triggered a landslide in Tsong village on 16 Sept. 76 families have been

displaced and rendered homeless due to landslides and many have lost their lands and livestock. During his visit, the

CM also said that those whose houses have been damaged will be provided houses under the Sikkim Garib Awaas Yojana.

Mines and Geology department will survey the damaged areas to determine the stability of the affected areas and based on the report of the department, decision will be taken on where to rehabilitate the people, Mr Tamang said.

The CM urged the Roads and Bridges Department to swiftly restore the damaged roads for smooth connectivity and transportation of relief materials to the Relief Camp located at Yuksom.

He thanked all the officials involved for responding to the disaster swiftly and the local people for helping coordinate relief efforts and remaining calm through the disaster.

North gets new Dist & Sessions Judge

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

Registrar General of Sikkim High Court, Nima Gyalpo Sherpa, is the new District & Sessions Judge, North Sikkim, at Mangan.

The High Court of Sikkim directed this transfer on 18 September. Registrar, High Court of Sikkim, Karma Wangchuk Bhutia, is the new Registrar General while Principal Secretary to the Chief Justice, Jyoti Kharka, has

been assigned additional charge of Registrar of the High Court.

Meanwhile, Suraj Chettri, who was handling the responsibilities of District & Sessions Judge at Mangan along with the charge of District & Sessions Judge, Special Division-I at Gangtok has been directed to continue as District & Session Judge, Special Division-I at Gangtok and Judge, Family Court, also at Gangtok.

With Munshithang snapped, vehicles to Lachen to ply through Army Ammunition Point for now

MANGAN, 19 SEPT (IPR):

With a view to open an alternative route for tourist vehicles plying towards Lachen and beyond at the Munshithang stretch ahead of Chungthang which has remained closed since 17 June due to a devastating landslide which washed away the bridge at Munshithang, District Magistrate [North], Tenzing T Kaleon, called a meeting with the Pion of Lachen, representatives from the Army, GREF, TAAS and Taxi Drivers Association at his office today.

The meeting unan-



imously decided that the approach road to Army Ammunition Point at Munshithang will be used as an alternative route till a new Bailey suspension bridge comes

up at Munshithang.

The stretch through the Army Ammunition Point being a sensitive site, the meeting decided that vehicles can only ply through it between 6AM

and 6PM, duly following the protocol decided by the Army. After 6PM, relaxations will be allowed for urgent situations.

In order to avoid traffic congestion at the Ammu-

nition Point stretch, Sr SP [North], Sonam Gyatso Bhutia, assured that adequate police personnel will be deployed at the site to ensure smooth vehicular movement.

Tourist vehicles will be allowed to ply through this area from 22 Sept onwards after upgradation of the existing bridge of the Army Ammunition Point.

OC/GREF, Major Prashant assured the meeting that the new Bailey Suspension Bridge at Munshithang will be ready by March 2020.

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Complainant wants State OBC Commission chairperson removed for political leanings

Govt serves notice to chairperson

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

The State Government, on 07 September, served notice to the Sikkim State Other Backward Classes Commission chairperson on a complaint filed by a Gangtok resident claiming violation of rules by the chairperson and disrespecting the institution by engaging as an active member of a political party.

In the notice, based on documents supplied by the complainant, the chairperson, TN Sharma, has directed to file a response within a week from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The complainant had also challenged his appointment and his continuing association with a political party despite holding a quasi-judicial post.

As per the provision of Resignation and Removal of the Chairman under Section 9 of Sub-Section (c)/(iv) and Sub-Section (d) of the related Act, should a Chairperson's continuance in office prove detrimental to the interests of the socially and educationally backward classes, the President or the Governor can remove the person from the office of chairperson or Member after giving him reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

The complaint filed against the chairperson alleges that he addressed the then ruling SDF party press conferences as spokesperson several times despite holding the post of chairperson and argues that this undermines the sanctity of being head of a quasi-judicial organisation.

Mr Sharma could not be contacted till the time of going to print.

Sources in the State Government further inform that he has not yet responded to the notice served to him.

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CBI holds searches for Rajeev Kumar, asks him to appear

KOLKATA, SEP 19 (PTI): CBI sleuths Thursday searched various locations across the city for top West Bengal police officer Rajeev Kumar in connection with the Saradha ponzi scheme scam and asked him to appear before it on Friday at 11 am.

Kumar, who is the additional director general of CID and is alleged to have suppressed crucial evidences required for preparing the final CBI chargesheet in the scam, has been evading the probe agency's summons to appear before it and his whereabouts could not be traced.

The CBI sleuths branched out to at the IPS officers's mess at Alipore and a five-star hotel on EM Bypass to search for Kumar, the former Kolkata Police commissioner, during the day.

The probe agency on Thursday also moved a city court seeking an arrest warrant against Kumar in the scam.

It had sent letters to the director general of West Bengal police, the chief secretary and the home secretary to help it in tracing Kumar.

The director general of police had said that Kumar has gone on leave from September 9 to 25.

He did not appear for questioning despite notices by CBI after the Kolkata High Court withdrew the protection given to him from arrest on Friday last week.

CBI has asked the West Bengal Director General of Police (DGP) to provide the contact details of former Kolkata police commissioner Rajeev Kumar, sources said on Thursday.

The West Bengal DGP in a letter on Monday, had told CBI that its notices were sent to Kumar's official residence and his response was awaited, they said.

In the letter, the DGP had said Kumar had intimidated him through his lawyer that he was on leave till September 25 and that he was exploring legal remedies available to him.

The Saradha group of companies had allegedly duped lakhs of people to the tune of Rs 2500 crore promising higher rates of return on their investments.

Kumar was part of a special investigation team set up by the state government to investigate the scam before the Supreme Court handed over the case to the CBI in 2014, along with other chit fund cases.



Bike rally on Poshan Maah flagged off at Mangan

MANGAN, 19 SEPT (IPR): Additional District Collector, Surat Gurung flagged off the bike rally on Poshan Maah (Nutritional Month) from Mangan Bazaar. Celebrating Poshan Maah, the bike rally was organized by the Social Justice and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim.

Sole aim of organizing said rally was to spread awareness on 'Five Sutras' of Poshan Maah viz. First 1000 days of life

child, Anaemia Mukht, Health and Sanitation, Paustic Aahaar and Diarrhoea Management. The said rally also witnessed two female riders.

Poshan maah (nutrition month) is a commendable initiative of Government of India to ensure a healthier future for women and children, this holistic nutrition campaign which started on 01 September.

15th Finance Commission to visit Sikkim

NEW DELHI, 19 SEPT (PIB): The 15th Finance Commission is scheduled to visit the State of Sikkim from 23 to 26 Sept, 2019. The Chairperson, NK Singh, members and senior officials of the Commission will be holding meetings in the State across these days.

The Commission will begin its series of meetings with the rep-

resentatives of the Rural Local Bodies of Sikkim. This will be followed by a meeting with the representatives of the Urban Local Bodies and a meeting with the representatives of the political parties in Sikkim.

On the second day of its visit, the Commission will have a detailed meeting with the Chief Minister of Sikkim, Prem Singh Tamang, his

Cabinet colleagues and senior officers of the State. This will be followed by a meeting with the representatives of the Trade and Industry Bodies of Sikkim.

As part of its field visit, the Commission is scheduled to go to the Rumtek Monastery and Cymbidium Development Centre at Rumtek on the third and final day of its visit.

Govt issues ordinance to ban e-cigarettes



NEW DELHI SEP 19 (PTI): The Government on Thursday issued an ordinance to ban e-cigarettes, making the production, import, export, transport, sale or advertisements of such "alternative" smoking devices a cognizable offence attracting jail term and fine.

First time violators will face a jail term of up to one year and a fine of Rs 1 lakh. For subsequent offences, a jail term of up to three years or a fine of Rs 5 lakh, or both according to the ordinance.

The storage of e-cigarettes shall now be punishable with imprisonment of up to six months or a fine of up to Rs 50,000 or both.

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday decided to ban production, import, distribution and sale of electronic cigarettes, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

Sitharaman, who had headed a Group of Ministers (GoM) on the issue, said the Cabinet decided to ban e-cigarettes and

similar products as they pose health risk to people, especially the youth.

The ordinance also allows authorised officials to conduct searches in premises stating that where such searches are not permissible, authorities may attach properties, stocks of e-cigarettes or records maintained by the manufacturer, producer exporter, transporter, importer, stockist against whom a complaint has been made.

It also said that the owner or occupier of the place which stock of e-cigarettes shall voluntarily prepare a list of such stock in his possession and without delay submit the stock to the nearest authorised officer.

However, e-cigarettes promoting trade bodies, users and other stakeholders slammed the government's move to ban "alternative" smoking device through the ordinance route, alleging it was a "draconian" step taken in haste to protect the conventional ciga-

rette industry.

Association of Vapers India (AVI), an organisation representing e-cigarette users, also alleged that it is a black day for 11 crore smokers in India who have been deprived of safer options.

Asserting that the decision was taken, keeping in mind their impact on the youth of today, Sitharaman on Wednesday quoted data, which she claimed was largely derived from the US' experience, to highlight that there has been a 77.8 percent increase in the use of e-cigarettes among school students and that surprisingly, use of such products by middle school students has also seen a rise of 48.5 percent.

Many science-based journals have already said that nearly 3 million people in US are regular users of e-cigarettes and in a matter of four to five years, between 2011 and 2015-16, there has been over 900 per cent growth in e-cigarettes in US, she said.

Tabrez lynching case: Murder charge brought back on all accused



RANCHI, SEP 19 (PTI): Based on a fresh medical report, the Jharkhand police has brought back the murder charge against 11 accused in the mob-lynching case of Tabrez Ansari, eight days after it was dropped against them, an official said here.

On the basis of the medical report, the police on Wednesday filed a supplementary chargesheet before a court in Seraikela-Kharsawan district, retaining section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) against the 11 accused, the official said.

The police also filed a chargesheet against the remaining two accused, charging them with murder, after completing the investigation against them. Ansari was seen on national television being beaten up with rods while tied to a pole and forced to chant "Jai Shri Ram" over alleged theft in June.

The police had, on September 10, dropped the murder charge against all the 13 accused in the case and converted it into one of culpable homicide not amounting to murder (section 304, IPC) on the basis of the post-mortem, medical and forensic reports, which said 24-year-old Ansari had died of cardiac arrest.

While the quantum of punishment under section 302 is death or imprisonment for life and fine, the penalty under section 304 is imprisonment for 10 years or fine or both.

The official said as the previous medical report stating Ansari's death was caused due to cardiac arrest was not clear,

the police took a second opinion of specialist doctors from the MGM Medical College and Hospital in Jamshedpur.

"On the basis of the main findings, we opined that the fracture of bone was a grievous injury caused by a hard and blunt object and the combined effect of fracture of bone, pale organs and heart chambers full of blood resulted in cardiac arrest," the report by the specialist doctors said.

The police also did not find any distortion in the video that had gone viral on social media platforms, showing Ansari being beaten up by the accused, the official said. All the 13 accused have been arrested.

Ansari worked as a labourer and welder in Maharashtra's Pune and had come home to celebrate Eid when he was captured by locals at Dhatkidih village on the night of June 17 over suspicion of trying to steal a motorcycle.

He was tied to a pole and assaulted by a mob with sticks and iron rods. A video of the incident that went viral and was also flashed on television channels showed Ansari being forced to chant "Jai Shri Ram" and "Jai Hanuman" by his tormentors.

Though there was no evidence of the perpetrators' link to any Hindutva organisation, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) activists had protested against their arrest. A Special Investigation Team (SIT) was set up to look into the case after Ansari was declared "brought dead" by the doctors at the Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur on June 22.

Two policemen were suspended in connection with the incident.

Can't treat displaced people as 'guinea pigs', says HC



MUMBAI, SEP 19 (PTI): The Maharashtra government and the BMC cannot treat project-affected people as "guinea pigs" and make them stay in heavily polluted suburban Mahul on the assurance that air quality in the area may improve in the coming years, the Bombay High Court said on Thursday.

A division bench of Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog and Justice Bharati Dangre made the strong observation while hearing the applications of a group of people displaced following the demolition of their "illegal" houses.

The bench noted that the pollution situation has not improved in Mahul since 2015.

Some 15,000 families were displaced after their "unauthorised" houses near the Tansa pipeline were ordered to be demolished by the high court.

The HC had, while directing for the demolition, said encroachments on the Tansa water pipeline posed a risk to the lives of lakhs of residents if any untoward incident were to occur.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) had shifted the displaced people to a housing colony in Mahul, a polluted area that is home to refineries and chemical units.

However, several families refused to move to Mahul, claiming that

the air quality there was very poor and posed health risks.

The applications being heard by the bench were filed by such families.

The court had then asked the BMC to provide alternate accommodation to those persons or pay them rent so that they can themselves find a place to stay.

The bench on Thursday, after perusing a chart of studies carried out by various expert bodies on the air quality in Mahul, noted that the situation has not improved in the recent past.

"The situation does not appear to be very rosy. From 2015 till now, expert bodies have been monitoring but the air quality has not improved.

"In such a situation, can we make these persons stay there? You cannot treat them as guinea pigs," Chief Justice Nandrajog said.

The bench said it would on a later date pass orders on the matter.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had, in December 2015, noted that the air pollution in Mahul was severe. It had then directed for a study to be carried out periodically and suggested putting in place a comprehensive plan to improve the air quality in the area.

Around 200 of the 15,000 affected families have shifted to Mahul so far.

With Munshithang...

Meanwhile, additional media reports inform that the Lachen Pipon complained that people were facing serious hardships due to snapped connectivity and that BRO was neglecting Lachen's requirements and requested the DC to intervene.

Two earth movers and ten tippers will be pressed into service to clear the landslide at the Ammunition Point, it is further informed.

The Lachen Dzumsa has agreed to provide two tippers with two tippers each coming from the DC office and Chungthang SDM office while the remaining four will be provided by GREF.

North-East Zone...

secondary school presented Lepcha, Bhutia and Nepali dances.

The inaugural function was followed by commencement of matches in the championship.

Speaking to media persons, the organising secretary, Mr Bhutia mentioned that this prestigious championship was a qualifying championship for direct entry in nationals in team championship. He mentioned that as the championship was happening in the State so beginners, mediocre, amateur and professional shuttlers can see and learn from accomplished players participating in the championship.

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Fourth edition of Aesthetica Asia begins in Gangtok



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

The fourth edition of Aesthetica Asia, a conference on aesthetics medicine and surgery, got underway here on Thursday with the official inauguration of the 3-day conference by Health Minister,

Dr MK Sharma, scheduled for Friday.

Addressing a press conference here today, organising committee president, Dr Rathindra Nath Dutta, informed that eminent dermatologists, plastic surgeons and skin specialists

are participating in the conference.

He mentioned that the motto of the conference was, 'Together We Learn,' and that it was mainly a platform for doctors to share knowledge and expertise on the latest technologies

and treatment options.

He informed that this was an annual conference, the first edition of which was held at Kolkata, the second edition at Andaman and last year, in Jaipur.

Responding to media queries on why Sikkim

was chosen as a venue, Dr Dutta commented that Sikkim was an exotic place and an international tourism destination. He said that another reason behind organising the conference in Sikkim was to inform here about aesthetics dermatology.

He mentioned that the conference includes six workshops with senior consultants on new technologies and more than 12 scientific sessions and didactic lectures and interactive sessions on the last day.

He mentioned that the conference will discuss various problems related to skin and beauty and aesthetics.

Doctors also expressed the desire to hold a special camp for free in Sikkim by bringing the best dermatologists of the country if any local organisation of the State took the initiative.

ICFAI VC inaugurates Induction Training of National Youth Volunteers



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

Vice Chancellor, ICFAI University Sikkim, Dr Jagannath Patnaik, attended the 15-day Induction Training of National Youth Volunteers of NYK as special guest and inaugurated the program at Cooperative Training Hall, Saramsa today.

In his inaugural speech, Dr Patnaik said that the role of youth in nation building is very important.

"Youths can play a vital role in all round development of the nation. They can play major role in environmental protection and rural youth welfare," he said. He also said that NYV is one of the stepping stones for the youth to

become good leaders.

Dr Patnaik appealed to the National Youth Volunteers to work hard in bringing a sustainable change in the all round development of youth and creating awareness among them in education so that they can create a sustainable future.

He requested the State Director of NYKS that during the training programme one-day educational intensive certificate program could be offered at ICFAI University so as to provide them firsthand knowledge in leadership and capacity building.

He offered the youth, 50% scholarship to those interested to further their education in pro-

fessional programs while working as volunteers.

The State Director, Sibasis Banerjee while highlighting the program schedule, said that

the youth will be sensitized on enhancing capacities of young people to take leadership in community development and welfare activities. The workshop will also deal with the ways the young people may achieve employment avenues, he said.

The training was attended by 60 youths from different parts of Sikkim. The chief guest of the inaugural function was Chairman of SICUN who also spoke on youth development and importance of youth in the country's progress.

NDRF set to induct women personnel

KOLKATA, SEP 19 (PTI):

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) would induct women personnel in its new battalions within the next one year, a top official said. The Union government had in 2018 made a proposal to attach women contingents to NDRF battalions in the country.

"Earlier, we didn't have the barracks and other amenities for women personnel... But, we are now in a position to accommodate them and have already started the process of calling for women operators," Director General of NDRF, S N Pradhan, told PTI.

Pradhan was recently in West Bengal to inaugurate the 2nd Battalion of the NDRF HQ campus at Haringhata, about 55 km from here.

"We have made a specific request to the government that a certain number of women personnel must be sent for our four new battalions... This should happen within a year's time," he added.

The NDRF will have four new battalions in addition to the 12, and

they will be based in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and the National Capital Region.

The new battalions -- each having around 1,150 personnel -- will be drawn from the Assam Rifles, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Border Security Force, a government order had said last year.

Pradhan added that the new 64-acre campus at Haringhata is a part of NDRF's efforts to address on a "mission mode" certain "weak links" in terms of infrastructure-related work.

"Operationally, we are very sound. But, infrastructure base is a weak link; battalions were getting created but not completed, there were issues with getting handover of buildings for regional response centres after acquiring the land for them... We are trying to address these on mission mode," he said.

The NDRF is a specialised force that was raised in 2006 for specific tasks of relief and rescue during natural and man-made disasters or threatening situations.



Bhaichung donates Rs. 25,000 for Yuksom landslide affected

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 19 SEPT:

Former Indian football captain, Bhaichung Bhutia donated Rs. 25,000 to the Sikkim Helping Hands

group who are working to provide relief to the landslide affected people of Yuksom, West Sikkim today. The cheque was handed over to Sikkim Helping Hands president, T Lachungpa.

OBITUARY

Mrs. PhupuLhamu Tenzing, 99, of Central Point Lodge building, Gangtok, Sikkim passed away peacefully in her sleep on 17 Sept, 2019 at Manipal Referral Hospital. She is predeceased by her husband, late KezangTenzing, her eldest daughter, late Doma Pazo, two sons, late TN Tenzing (former DGP/Sikkim Police), late SW Tenzing (former Chief Secretary /Govt of Sikkim) and her grandson, late Tsewang Penjo Pazo.

A remarkable Lady who was ahead of her times, she firmly believed that a good education for her fatherless children would allow them to face the world on equal terms and they didn't disappoint her.

Fearlessly independent she lived by her principles till the end. We celebrate her long and fruitful life.

Special thanks to the doctors and staff of Manipal Hospital for their concern and compassionate care and to friends and relatives who visited and showed their concern during her brief stay in the hospital.

She is survived by her daughter, Wangmu Tenzing, daughter in law, Dr SaradaTenzing, grandsons - Jigme Pazo, Karma Gyurme, Kuncheok Tenzing and Tshering Namgyal and granddaughters - Tshering Palmo, Karma Choden Tenzing and Sonam Donka, daughters in law - Wawa Keditu, GuineeTenzing and great grandchildren - Rinchen, Jigmela and Aria. Her caretaker, Lal Bahadur Tamang.

The funeral is on Friday, 20 Sept, 2019 at 8.00am.



New book to mark Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary

NEW DELHI, SEPT 19

(PTI):

A new book by award-winning author Paro Anand will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by looking beyond the leader and his politics and into his way of life, publishers Harper Collins Children's Books have announced.

Titled "Being Gandhi", the book explores "not Gandhi the man or his life as a leader, but really the Gandhian way that must remain relevant to us."

"In 'Being Gandhi', I have tried to look beyond the man, beyond the historical events of that time instead, place Gandhian principles in the context of today's divisive world.

"In asking the question, 'Is Gandhi still relevant for young

people today?' I found unexpected answers," Anand said. The story revolves around a boy, Chandrashekhar, who is bored of doing projects on Gandhi.

But, a turn of events forces him to "dig deep and not just find his 'inner Gandhi', but become Gandhi. Not for a day or two. But, maybe even, for life."

"We have to find new ways to keep Gandhi's philosophy alive and relevant to children, not just today when we are marking his 150th birth anniversary, but for generations to come. "Paro's masterfully written 'Being Gandhi' is a step in that direction," Tina Narang, of Children's Harper Collins Publishers India, said. The book will hit stands on September 21.

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Blame Game

When the buck does not stop, nothing good can begin

Anyone who has been following political developments and public statements of public figures in Sikkim, or for that matter at the national level, would have noticed that everyone is quick to take the position of a victim. This propensity is not limited to those in the Opposition or in the minority and is as frequently adopted position even by those in power or in the majority as well. And this is not even a new ploy; in fact, it is a dated move. But it continues to remain in vogue because playing the victim presents the easiest recourse and offers a convenient way to dodge accountability – after all, if you sign up among the victims as someone [or some people] somehow wronged, you escape being lined up as a perpetrator. This dodge has worked consistently well and is hence so infectious; and need one add, dangerously counter-productive because it obsesses over denials and slights, real and imagined, but ignores individual and societal shortcomings which also contribute to the situation.

Politicians in power blame those in opposition of distractions and digressions which delay development, those in opposition blame the ones in power of corruption which siphons away progress, those new in office blame the previous incumbents, people blame each other for individual failures, locals blame non-locals of stealing away opportunities, non-locals accuse locals of sloth, doctors blame patients for having come to them too late and patients blame doctors of being too inept... Students blame teachers, teachers reciprocate, and the blame-game plays on and everyone sulks as a victim. Soon the role-play becomes so convincing that the young start buying in and now a generation is in grooming which is quick to blame everything on someone else, becoming intransigent and perfectly mirroring the very system and situation that they have issues with. Finger-pointing is a preferred pastime that the young see around them every day – leaders who fail to convince voters to trust them, blame money power or even the EVMs, parties which cannot attract an audience, blame intimidation of supporters; departments which scandalize with their inefficiency, blame blackmailing agents of spreading canards; panchayats who bungle, blame MLAs who blame Ministers who blame babus who blame political pressure... and the buck keep rolling.

The young always inspire hope and keep optimism alive and they do so by rebelling, by announcing that they will be different. Ominously for Sikkim, those claiming to speak for the young are screaming deeper colours of victimhood. When they should be open and pursuing excellence, they obsess over perceived slights, celebrate mediocrity, abandon reason and chase conspiracies. The young receive “attitude” from one side and condescending advice from the other, and very soon their issues get sidelined as the discussions move to places which serve politicking very well, but offer no resolutions. And when solutions can't be worked out, everyone collapses backing to playing victims of subterfuge.

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Over 3,000 killed by deadly virus in Democratic Republic of the Congo this year – and it's not Ebola

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Ebola outbreaks, such as the current one in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which has claimed 2,074 people's lives, are widely covered in the media. But another virus is ravaging the DRC with minimal publicity. That virus is measles.

Although measles has a much lower mortality rate than Ebola (around 2% compared with around 60%), there have been over 165,000 suspected cases of measles, with over 3,200 deaths in the DRC since the start of 2019.

In a recent speech, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of the World Health Organisation (WHO), said that he was “embarrassed to talk only about Ebola” in response to questions on recent developments in the DRC.

Measles is proving fatal at an alarming rate, far faster than Ebola. In the week ending August 11, 2019, 5,600 cases were reported, with 141 deaths. Figures in the same week for Ebola were 63 confirmed cases and 45 deaths, meaning that, on average, measles is killing around three times as many people per week as Ebola.

For a vaccination programme to be effective, at least 92-95% of the population must be immunised – this creates so-called herd immunity. Another approach is ring vaccination.

This is where clusters of people who are particularly at risk are vaccinated. This approach can help to contain the spread of an outbreak, but with aid organisations facing attacks, community mistrust and under resourcing, even ring vaccination approaches are proving difficult to implement in both outbreaks.

Many local communities in the DRC mistrust medical workers. It stems from years of regional isolation and conflict. In some areas, this mistrust has even led to violence against the “wealthy” and “foreign” humanitarian aid workers, resulting in treatment centres being closed and the containment response being stalled for both Ebola and measles.

Thanks to the combination of rumours of Ebola being fabricated, conspiracies around vaccination programmes, and deeply held traditional beliefs, the difficulties in delivering aid don't appear to be

ending any time soon.

The perception that the international response to measles is minimal compared with the effort mounted against Ebola also stirs mistrust and anger within the DRC. Measles poses less of a threat globally and specifically to wealthy countries, as vaccination programmes are widespread and ef-



fective (about 92% coverage in the US and about 86% globally). In contrast, isolated Ebola cases in the US and other wealthy countries during the 2013-16 West Africa epidemic caused widespread public fear and outcry.

FUTURE-PROOFING HUMANITARIAN AID

Even countries with well-developed healthcare systems would struggle to contain an Ebola outbreak, while a measles outbreak in a country with widespread immunity would have far less social, medical and economic impact.

In July 2019, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared the current Ebola outbreak a public health emergency of international concern, partly in response to international pressure and fear of the disease spreading to other countries. Measles has been given no such status.

Although Ebola poses a greater threat than measles in wealthy countries, within the DRC measles is causing more illness and death, but has generated a smaller international response. The WHO has raised almost US\$114m for combating the DRC Ebola outbreak, while barely US\$2.5m has been raised to combat measles.

This is especially relevant when considering that an aspect of public resistance stems from the response teams only treating Ebola, whereas, from a community perspective, diseases such as measles and malaria are far greater threats to their lives. For example, malaria was responsible for over 27,000 deaths in the DRC in 2017.

How then should the international community respond to outbreaks to protect both the overall health of a community and the global spread of a specific disease? Perhaps the solution is as recently proposed by Doctors Without Borders and The Alliance for International Medical Action. They suggested that instead of the international community delivering targeted aid for only Ebola, resources should be deployed to strengthen local infrastructure and provide a decentralised capacity to provide care to all communities.

This may enable a country to contain an Ebola outbreak while still responding to outbreaks of other infectious and non-infectious diseases, providing better care for local communities. By using international resources to strengthen local infrastructure, it might be possible to create more resilient community health systems capable of responding to future outbreaks, possibly without needing international support.

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The partisan brain: cognitive study suggests people on the left and right are more similar than they think

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This is the age of partisanship. As our beliefs become increasingly polarised and digital echo chambers begin to dictate our realities, many of us are finding ourselves inadvertent partisans. In this time of filter bubbles, we have been taught to rely on the left-right political distinction as an essential tool for measuring who is likely to think like us and with whom we should bond.

But partisanship isn't just a matter of direction – that is, whether one's beliefs and identity lean politically left or right. Partisanship also has a second, often overlooked, dimension captured by the intensity or extremity of one's beliefs and identity.

For instance, a person could lean left in their political views and hold these beliefs strongly and dogmatically, and another could be politically right-wing but feel only a weak attachment to conservative parties and be receptive to alternative viewpoints. When we speak about political partisanship, the labels of “left” and “right” are therefore insufficient: we must consider both partisan di-

rection and extremity.

THE PARTISAN BRAIN

The American thinker Eric Hoffer believed we could generate deep insights about human history, psychology, and politics by examining how people come to hold extreme ideological identities.

In his famous book, *The True Believer* (1951), Hoffer argued that extreme adherents to an ideology or political party tend to have a particular psychological character that makes them susceptible to joining any ideological group, regardless of the specific beliefs it advocates. He wrote:

“All movements, however different in doctrine and aspiration, draw their early adherents from the same types of humanity; they all appeal to the same types of mind.”

What are the characteristics of the “type of mind” that is most susceptible to thinking in extreme and dogmatic ways? Hoffer hypothesised that low self-esteem and a sense of personal frustration are the key ingredients for ideological extremity. My colleagues and I at the University of Cambridge decided to take a different, more modern approach to answering this question, using the tools

of cognitive science.

We set out to investigate the psychology of the “ideological mind” and hypothesised that partisan rigidity and extremity might emerge from a general psychological tendency to process information in rigid and inflexible ways.

According to the neuropsychological literature, an individual who is cognitively rigid tends to perceive objects and stimuli in black-and-white terms, and this makes it difficult for them to switch between modes of thinking or to adapt to changing environments.

We reasoned that individuals with a tendency towards cognitive rigidity in how they perceive and react to the world generally might be more likely to be rigid and dogmatic about their political beliefs and identities as well.

In a recent published study, we invited 750 US citizens to complete multiple objective neuropsychological tests that allow us to measure their individual levels of cognitive rigidity and flexibility. We found that individuals who are extremely attached to the Democratic party or to the Republican party display greater mental rigidity on these cognitive tests relative to those who are only

moderately or weakly attached. Regardless of the direction and content of their political beliefs, extreme partisans had a similar cognitive profile.

This suggests that partisan extremity is psychologically significant – the intensity with which we attach ourselves to political doctrines may reflect and shape the way our mind works, even at the basic levels of perception and cognition. Notably, these findings would have remained hidden if we only considered whether participants were politically left- or right-wing.

LEARNING FLEXIBILITY

These results prompt many questions about the relationship between our minds and our politics. The first is a question of causality: does engagement with an extreme ideology lead to mental rigidity? Or does cognitive inflexibility foster a proclivity towards ideological extremism? The answer is likely to be – as for most complex phenomena – an interaction of both. Scientifically, we would need longitudinal studies that track people over long periods of time to determine cause and effect.

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Babul Supriyo ‘heckled’ at Jadavpur University



KOLKATA, SEP 19 (PTI): Union minister Babul Supriyo was shown black flags and allegedly heckled by a section of students at Jadavpur University (JU), where he had gone to address a seminar organised by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) - the student wing of the RSS. Supriyo was initially stopped from entering the campus for around one-and-half hours by members of two Left-leaning organizations - Arts Faculty Stu-

dents' Union (AFSU) and Students Federation of India - (SFI), who raised slogans 'Babul Supriyo Go Back'. The BJP leader faced another round of protests while trying to leave the campus around 5 pm. Sources said he is currently held up on the campus, with the protesting students blocking the way to his car. "I did not come here to do politics. But I am saddened by the behaviour of some of the students of the university, the

way they have heckled me. They pulled me by my hair and pushed me," Supriyo, who attended the seminar amid heavy security, told reporters visiting the campus. Describing the behaviour of the agitating students as "absolutely deplorable", he alleged that the protesters were trying to "disturb peace" at the institute by "instigating the students and seminar organizers to create a stampede-like situation". Supriyo also claimed

that the protesting students tried to "provoke him by openly calling themselves naxals". Sources said JU Vice Chancellor Suranjan Das, who rushed to the spot on being informed about the incident, tried to reason with agitating students, who refused to budge from the main entrance of the university. "It was unfortunate. I will send a report on the incident to the governor, who is also the chancellor of the university," Das said about the incident.

Metallica are now the "biggest all-time touring band"

A new study from Pollstar reveals the metal titans to be the kings of live music. Metallica have been crowned the "biggest all-time touring band" in a new study. The band have been taking their WorldWired Tour around the globe this year, and played a pair of recent 'S&M2' gigs in San Francisco. The new study, from Pollstar, makes a case for the band to be the most successful live band of all time, grossing \$1.4 billion in ticket sales since 1982.

The figures put the metal heavyweights ahead of Guns N' Roses, AC/DC and more.

The new study, called Tour & Destroy: The Case for Metallica as the World's Biggest Touring Act, uses stats dating back to the beginning of Metallica, revealing that the band have sold 22.1 million tickets to their shows. Also helping Metallica's case in the study is the fact that they've performed in 48 countries and on all seven continents (including Antarctica), which few touring bands can match.

They also lead merch sales, selling \$125 million in merchandise in North America since 1991. Their current WorldWired Tour has currently grossed \$430m on 4.1 million tickets.

Pollstar spoke to drummer Lars Ulrich for the study, and he explains what he thinks is behind Metallica's continuing reign at the very top of live music. "I keep thinking and forcing myself to think all our best years are still ahead of us," he said. "It's always, 'What's your favorite record?' It's the next one, the one we haven't recorded yet."

"It's always about the possibilities, always about what can be, what's coming.

At meeting with Shah, Mamata raises Assam NRC issue



NEW DELHI, SEP 19 (PTI): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee met Union Home Minister Amit Shah here on Thursday and raised the issue of the NRC in Assam.

After meeting Shah at his North Block office, the Trinamool Congress chief said many genuine Indi-

ans were excluded from the NRC in Assam and she requested the home minister to examine their cases as many of those excluded are Bengali-speaking people, Hindi-speaking, Gorkhas and even Assamese people.

"I have not come to discuss about the NRC in West Bengal, I have come

to discuss about the NRC in Assam," Banerjee said after the meeting.

She met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday and raised the issue of renaming the state.

Banerjee also invited the prime minister to inaugurate a coal block in the state.

De-stress plan for Kerala police personnel

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEP 19 (PTI): Police personnel in Kerala under stress can now avail the help of expert counselors, as authorities have unveiled a detailed plan to de-stress policemen and help them tackle professional strain.

The counselling period would be considered as duty hours and necessary allowances would be given to the police personnel, irrespective of their rank, as per the new initiative.

The state police had come in for criticism in the recent past for a range of reasons from custodial torture, indecent behaviour towards public, ill-treatment of junior officers and suicides following the alleged harassment of seniors.

Probably keeping this in mind, DGP (Law and Order), Loknath Behera has come out with

a special plan to make police personnel more people-friendly, improve their behaviour towards the public and ease their stress and strain with the help of counsellors.

In a recently issued circular, the DGP said facilities have been arranged at Help and Assistance to Tackle Stress (HATS) centre at the SAP camp here to provide counselling for those suffering from mental stress.

Steps are on to open similar HATS centres in all district headquarters and they are expected to be operational by next month.

The service of expert psychologists and counsellors would be made available for the police personnel there, he said.

"Those suffering from mental stress should be identified and sent to these counselling centres. The period of coun-

selling will be considered as duty and necessary allowances will be given for that," Behera said in the circular.

Sessions of yoga, meditation and breathing exercises should be arranged in police stations in tune with the duty schedule, it said.

The DGP also urged district police chiefs and sub-divisional officers to take part in such sessions to motivate junior rank officers.

In the circular, Behera also directed to identify those misbehave with the public and use abusive language and keep them away from duties that demand constant interaction with people.

A number of incidents including the alleged brutal custodial torture and death of a man at Nedumkandam in Idukki has shown the Kerala police in bad light in recent times.

Arunachal ALG reopens after 3 years

ITANAGAR, SEP 19 (PTI): The runway of the Advance Landing Ground at Vijaynagar in Arunachal Pradesh has been made operational to re-establish military transport aircraft connectivity to the hamlet, close to the border with Myanmar and not too far from China. An AN-32 aircraft of the IAF touched down at the Vijaynagar ALG on Wednesday, after a gap of three years.

The approximately 4,000ft-long runway of the ALG is presently fit for only AN-32 operations, Shillong-based IAF spokesperson Wing Commander Ratnakar Singh said.

The resurfaced runway of the ALG was inaugurated by Air Officer Commanding in Chief of Eastern Air Command Air Marshal R D Mathur along with General Officer Commanding in Chief of Eastern Command Lt Gen Anil



Chauhan in Changlang district. Repair of the runway, which was coordinated by Air Force Station Jorhat, was a challenging task as Vijaynagar had no road connectivity and all the load had to be airlifted by helicopters, the spokesman said.

The movement of larger transport aircraft to and from the ALG would act as a catalyst for the development of the area and facilitate movement of the locals, he said. "The airfield is important not only for the local administration in ex-

tending their reach to the residents of this remote area but also crucial from a strategic point of view.

"The ALG will assist in effective management of our borders with Myanmar and facilitate launch of joint operations by the Indian Army and Air Force ...," the spokesman said. Later in the day, the AOC-in-C visited Aalo in West Siang district to felicitate civilians and award Rs 5 lakh to them and the local administration at a programme at Along ALG.


The Air Marshal disbursed the amount to the

local administration and civilian personnel to acknowledge their contribution in the search for an AN-32 aircraft, that had crashed on June 3, resulting in the loss of 13 lives.

The plane had crashed while on routine air logistics sortie from Jorhat to Mechuka ALG in Shi-Yomi district of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Air Marshal also commended five mountaineers, including team leader Taka Tamut, and village seniors from Payum, Gasheng and Gatte, for providing assistance in locating the crash site of the AN-32 aircraft, besides helping in recovering the bodies and other equipment from the site. The crash had resulted in the loss of life of all the 13 personnel on board.

The plane crash site was spotted on June 11, after nine days of vigorous search.



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Kieran Trippier delivering for Atlético Madrid and relishing new 100mph life

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Madrid, 19 Sept: Kieran Trippier took a step back, avoiding the red and white flowers at the south-east corner of the ground, laid there by Margarita Luengo as they have been before every home game since 1996, and then delivered another invitation. Atlético Madrid were into the 90th minute and losing 2-1. As the ball arrived, curling into the area, Héctor Herrera jumped to head it in and the place exploded. Diego Simeone skidded to his knees on one side; on the other, players piled on. As they broke, the Englishman clenched his fists, roaring. They had trailed 2-0 to Juventus but now, on his first European night, they were level.

“We didn’t stop, we didn’t change, we kept on going, we always believed,” Trippier said. “It shows great mentality to pull it back against a fantastic team. Since I came here, the mentality of the group, the coaching staff, Cholo [Simeone]: it’s immense. In training it’s 100 miles an hour, never stop, and we do the exact same in games. When we

went 2-0 down we knew we’d get opportunities. We kept on going and going. And the crowd were fantastic as well – I’ve never experienced anything like it.”

His first Champions League experience as an Atlético player had ended better than his last for Tottenham, in this same stadium three months earlier, but it might not have done: there was still time for a scare when, in the 95th minute, Cristiano Ronaldo escaped and flashed a shot inches past the post that could have won it. “Everybody knows how good Ronaldo is,” Trippier said. “You check your shoulder and then you check your shoulder again and he’s not there.” But by the time he spoke, wearing a smile, Atlético’s comeback was complete.

His time in Spain has been a striking success. He has found a house 8km from the training ground, he’s taking Spanish lessons three times a week, his son is starting nursery and the fans have been won over fast. Gareth Southgate has been out to see him, at Leganés before the last international break.



Happy to see a player in a new environment, the England manager will be back too.

It has also broken with the clichés. Trippier heard it said he would never cross the halfway line, but he knew better and he has been integral to Atlético’s play, sought

early and often. Here, he was pressed very high and very wide – one average position graphic for the period between the 15th and 30th minutes shows him partly off the pitch – and he attempted more passes than anyone. It has been a feature of his first month here, the

touch and technique impressing. Trippier talks eloquently of a structure clearly on display against Juventus, even if he was self-critical. “In the first half I thought we did very well; we had a lot of chances, especially from wide areas,” he said. “Personally, I could have

done a lot better. They’re very strong in the air and I could have just cut some back [instead of crossing].”

The defensive work is improving too. It had to, he admits, which is part of the reason he came. “It’s very different here, especially defensively,” he said. “I had said many times before I came that I needed to improve my defending. And there’s no better person to work under [than Simeone]. In the first training session [assistant coach Germán Burgos] was following me around, explaining in English where he wanted me to be. If you see

in games sometimes, when [Renan] Lodi’s got the ball, he wants me to tuck in, basically like a midfielder at times. It’s all about learning, about how to play.

“You see today with Thomas and Koke, I have got the licence to go forward. If we lose the ball, in the transition Thomas and Koke can slot into the right-back position and I have to get back as quick as possible. But you need to pick the right moments to go forward because with teams like Juventus, if I am too high and wide [it would be] like sometimes last season with Tottenham [when] I was getting exposed because I was too high. Then when we lose possession, I’m out of the picture. It’s about choosing the right moment.

“On the training field I’m learning so much. I had a really good pre-season. I feel like I’m picking up very quickly what the team expects from me, going forward and defensively. I’m aware of what they want from me and I’m just trying to deliver it.”

In the 90th minute of his first European night with Atlético Madrid, he did exactly that.

Dubey replaces Soni in India U-23 squad

LUCKNOW, SEP 19 (PTI): Left-arm medium pacer Saurabh Dubey was named as replacement for Dhrushant Soni in the India U-23 squad for the five-match One Day series against Bangladesh, starting here on Thursday.

Soni, who was originally named in the squad, has been ruled out of the tournament due to a medical illness, a BCCI media release said.

“The All-India Junior Selection Committee has named Saurabh Dubey as replacement for Dhrushant Soni in the India U-23 squad that is set to play a five-match one-day series against Bangladesh,” it added.

Updated Indian U-23 squad: Priyam Garg (Captain), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Madhav Kaushik, B R Sharath (wicket-keeper), Samarth Vyas, Aryan Juyal (wicket-keeper), Ritwik Roy Choudhary, Kumar Suraj, Atit Seth, Shubhang Hegde, Hrithik Shokeen, Saurabh Dubey, Arshdeep Singh, Ananta Saha, Harpreet Brar.

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Amnesty says migrant workers still being exploited in Qatar



theGuardian
QATAR, 19 SEPT: Thousands of migrant workers in Qatar are still being exploited despite repeated promises to improve workers’ rights in the lead-up to the 2022 World Cup, according to a new report by Amnesty International.

The Amnesty investigation into three Qatari companies involved in construction and cleaning – Hamton International, Hamad bin Khaled bin Hamad and United Cleaning – found that at least 1,620 workers had submitted complaints after their wages were stopped for several months before their contracts were ended.

While some workers were eventually given part of their wages in exchange for dropping their cases, hundreds went home with nothing and none received compensation through a committee meant to settle labour disputes.

Among those quoted in the 52-page report – titled “All work, no pay: The struggle of Qatar’s migrant workers for justice” – was a Kenyan employee of United Cleaning who told Amnesty: “For five months I had to live with very little food and no salary. My family was really affected. Tears

come to my eyes when I remember where we used to go to find food – in the bins. The company owes me a lot of money which they refuse to pay me.”

Amnesty believes the true scale of the problem is likely to be far bigger, with the US State Department estimating that more than 6,000 workers submitted complaints to Qatar’s new Committees for the Settlement of Labour Disputes last year.

The Qatari Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs told Amnesty it helped to negotiate many of the settlements and provided food and generators at workers’ camps. None of the three companies investigated responded when presented with Amnesty’s findings.

Stephen Cockburn, Amnesty International’s deputy director of global issues, told the Guardian the report showed that for all Qatar’s promises of labour reform, the rhetoric did not match the reality on the ground.

“Despite the significant promises of reform which Qatar has made ahead of the 2022 World Cup, it remains a playground for unscrupulous employers,” he said. “Either the reforms are being done very slowly, or

For decadent, deficient Real Madrid the problems start in midfield

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As Thomas Meunier and Juan Bernat capered through the open savannah that archaeologists believe was once populated by the Real Madrid midfield, the mind was drawn to another Parisian night two and a half years ago, when Ángel di María orchestrated an even more emphatic victory for PSG over a Spanish side. As it turned out, that 4-0 win over Barcelona didn’t turn out particularly well for PSG but, more generally, what on earth is going on with midfields in la Liga?

On a night when Atlético twice conceded goals on the break at home to Juventus, the issue seems particularly acute. Last season the big three Spanish sides leaked three or more in a game to Liverpool (Barcelona); CSKA Moscow and Ajax (Real Madrid); and Borussia Dortmund and Juventus (Atlético). In each case the major problem was the same: a ponderous midfield being shredded in transition. There had been glimmers of the issue the season before, in Real Madrid’s defeat at Tottenham and Barcelona’s embarrassing collapse in Rome, which itself had been foreshadowed by the problems they’d had against Chelsea in the previous round.

In that sense Di María, a player who carries the ball on the counter as well as anybody in world football, is kryptonite to a Spanish midfield – or even, as Bayern found when Di María, still playing for Madrid, devastated them, to a midfield managed by a Spaniard. The sense lingers that Di María never quite gets the credit he deserves.

Although his contract demands were perhaps excessive, Madrid might have made more effort to keep hold of him had he been more obviously charismatic and not borne such a striking resemblance to Franz Kafka. Di María’s time at Manchester United was scuppered by the wider sweep of the club’s decline and struggles with settling in, exacerbated by a burglary at his home. With Argentina, he is a useful scapegoat, largely because he is almost always there, coaches liking his diligence even though the



team, not unreasonably focused on Lionel Messi, rarely play in a way that would get the best out of him.

With PSG, Di María is overshadowed by the star quality of Neymar, Kylian Mbappé and Edinson Cavani. Not for the first time, it was apparent without the three on Wednesday how much better they are when the celebrity worship is toned down and they function as a team. That said, Madrid did everything they could to make it easy for them.

The one-two that released Bernat in the buildup to the first goal was neat, but was it really enough to bypass Dani Carvajal that straightforwardly? Raphaël Varane was then drawn towards the full-back, leaving a huge gap for Di María to move into as Éder Militão, who had a dreadful game, failed to cover. Di María’s strike for the second was powerful and accurate but why was he afforded so much room five yards outside the box? These are basics of defending. By the time of the third, Madrid’s midfield had collapsed completely.

Drawing general conclusions is never without risk, and both Madrid and Barça have had problems refreshing ageing midfields (Frenkie De Jong should help), but there is a question here of how both have been allowed to sink into such decadence. Why have la Liga sides not exploited more such obvious deficiencies in midfield? Perhaps the gulf in resources, and the psychological barriers that erects, are simply too great; perhaps towards the end of last season, opponents

had begun to expose Madrid.

There may also, though, be a sense of the evolutionary wheel turning. The possession-oriented game of a decade ago has slowly yielded to something quicker and more rooted in the construction of rapid transitions. Success often breeds stagnation – why change something that works? – and it may be that after so much success – six Champions Leagues in the past nine years – Spanish football has slipped back into the pack.

Given how profound Madrid’s issues appear, Barça and Atlético will be the real test of that. Zinedine Zidane’s success as a manager, winning three successive Champions Leagues, always seemed a little freakish, the result less of any great tactical acumen – important as his substitutions often were – than of a talented squad that effectively ran itself, elevated by the goalscoring of Cristiano Ronaldo and capable of peaking at just the right moment.

The surgery Zidane demanded on his return has not happened and the result is a slow midfield that, with little support from a detached forward line, could not cope with a PSG side that, with Marquinhos, Idrissa Gueye and Marco Verratti together in the middle, played with real energy and aggression. Even in the good days, Casemiro sometimes struggled to hold the bridge alone. Here, with James Rodríguez weirdly uninvolved and Toni Kroos looking a decade older than his 29 years, he was overwhelmed.

Nirav Modi to appear via videolink for UK remand hearing

BY ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, SEP 19 (PTI): Fugitive diamantaire Nirav Modi, wanted in connection with the nearly USD 2 billion Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud and money laundering case, will appear before a UK court via videolink from his London prison on Thursday for a routine call-over remand hearing.

The 48-year-old, who is fighting extradition to India at Westminster Magistrates' Court, is expected to be given a confirmed date for his trial, expected in May next year.

No progress today, I'm afraid, Judge Tan Ikram said at the last call-over hearing on August 22, as he gave directions for the court clerk to seek a confirmation of the proposed five-day extradition trial to start on May 11, 2020.

There is also likely to be a case management hearing in the matter ahead of the extradition trial in Febru-



ary next year.

Modi has been lodged at Wandsworth prison in south-west London, one of England's most overcrowded jails, since his arrest in March on an extradition warrant executed by Scotland Yard on charges brought by the Indian government, being represented by the UK's Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in court.

Under the UK law, Modi is expected to be produced before the court within a 28-day period during his judi-

cial custody pending trial. Since his arrest, his legal team, led by solicitor Anand Doobay and barrister Clare Montgomery, have made four bail applications, which have been rejected each time due to Modi being deemed a flight risk.

In her judgment handed down at the Royal Courts of Justice in London on his last bail appeal in June, Justice Ingrid Simler had concluded there were substantial grounds to believe that Modi would

fail to surrender as he does possess the means to abscond.

Reiterating similar concerns as those previously raised by Westminster Magistrates' Court during earlier bail attempts, Judge Simler ruled that after considering all the material carefully, she had found strong evidence to suggest there had been interference with witnesses and destruction of evidence in the case and concluded it can still occur.

The applicant has access to considerable financial resources, supported by an increased [bail bond security] offer of GBP 2 million, the judge noted.

The High Court judge stressed that while it was not for her to take a "definitive view" on the evidence, she had proceeded on the basis that the government of India has acted in good faith in what is undoubtedly a serious case and a sophisticated international conspiracy to defraud, together with money laundering.

Modi was arrested by uniformed Scotland Yard officers on an extradition warrant on March 19 and has been in prison since. During subsequent hearings, Westminster Magistrates' Court was told that Modi was the "principal beneficiary" of the fraudulent issuance of letters of undertaking (LoUs) as part of a conspiracy to defraud PNB and then laundering the proceeds of crime.

Iran's Khamenei approved Saudi strike: report

WASHINGTON, SEP 19 (AFP): Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei approved last weekend's attack on Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure, CBS News reported Wednesday, citing an unnamed US official.

The report came after US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, flying to the kingdom, called Saturday's strikes which knocked out half of Saudi crude output an "act of war."

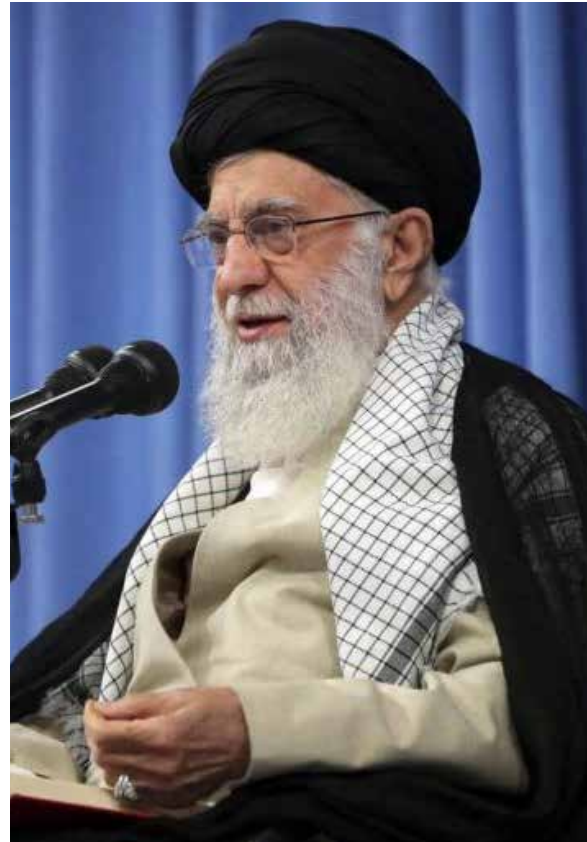
CBS, without giving specifics about the US official or how they obtained the information, said Khamenei approved the attack only on condition that it be carried out in a way to deny Iranian involvement.

US officials quoted said the the most damning evidence against Iran is unreleased satellite photos showing Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps making preparations for the attack at Iran's Ahvaz air base.

The significance of those photos only became clear later, the report said.

"We were caught completely off guard," the network quoted a US official as saying.

Iranian state media said Tehran had written to Washington through the Swiss embassy on Monday, denying any role



in the attacks and warning it would respond to any action against it.

Tehran-supported Huthi rebels in the kingdom's southern neighbor Yemen have claimed responsibility, but both Washington and Riyadh have ruled that out.

A US official, speaking on condition of anonymity, earlier told AFP the US administration has concluded the attack involved cruise missiles from Iran, and said evidence would be presented at the UN General Assembly next week. Vice

President Mike Pence reiterated President Donald Trump's comments that "we don't want war with anybody, but the United States is prepared."

Trump last year pulled out of a hard-won deal between Tehran and international powers that froze Iran's nuclear program in return for the lifting of sanctions.

Washington reimposed crippling economic penalties, including against Iran's vital oil sector, and Tehran began taking steps back from the deal.

Suicide bomb in southern Afghanistan, kills at least 20

KABUL, SEP 19 (AP): A powerful early morning suicide truck bomb devastated a hospital in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 90 others, an official said.

The Taliban took responsibility for the attack, which destroyed part of the hospital in Qalat, the capital of southern Zabul province, and left a fleet of ambulances broken and battered.

Residents, many of whom had come to see their sick family members, used shawls and blankets to carry the wounded inside the destroyed building, while authorities scrambled to take the worst of the wounded to hospitals in nearby Kandahar.

In the early hours after the explosion there were contradictory figures of the dead and wounded. The provincial governor's spokesman Gul Islam Seyal put the death toll at 12 but said authorities were on the scene sifting through the debris. Atta Jan Haq-bayan, head of the provincial council, put the death toll at 20.

The Taliban, who have been carrying out nearly daily attacks since peace talks with the United States collapsed earlier this month, said the target was a nearby government intelligence department building was the target.

Haq-bayan said the wall of the National Security Department (NDS) building was damaged. He couldn't say whether any personnel were among the casualties.

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Trump calls new border wall a 'world-class security system'



SAN DIEGO, SEP 19 (AP): President Donald Trump signed his name Wednesday on a newly constructed section of the U.S.-Mexico border wall, calling it a "world-class security system" that will be virtually impenetrable.

Trump toured a section of the border wall in San Diego's Otay Mesa area. It was a return trip for the president, who traveled there in March 2018 to see border wall prototypes that authorities later destroyed to make way for 14 miles (22.4 kilometers) of steel, concrete-filled bollards currently under construction.

Before construction began, the border in Otay Mesa was protected with low fencing.

"It was like a sheet metal and people would just knock it over like just routinely," Trump said, standing with construction workers and top Customs, Army Corps of Engineers and homeland security officials.

Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said that since construction has begun on the new barrier, 30 to 50 people a day are trying to cross there instead of 300 to 500.

"The traffic in this sector has dropped dramatically," Morgan said.

Morgan defended the project, dismissing those who call it the "president's vanity wall." "I'm here to tell you that's false," he said, telling reporters that Trump reached out to border experts to find out what they needed. "You listened to the agents," he told Trump.

Trump highlighted features of the wall, which he said have been studied by three other countries. He said the wall absorbs heat "You can fry an egg on that wall."

The concrete goes deep into the ground to prevent tunneling.

And agents can see through it to spot possible threats on the Mexican side of the border, he said.

"When the wall is built, it will be virtually impossible to come over illegally, and then we're able to take border control and put them at points of entry," Trump said. He heaped praise on the Mexican government, especially for sending tens of thousands of troops to its northern and southern borders to help slow the flow of migrants headed toward the United States.

He said President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador "has been great." "We're all thrilled," Trump said. "You know Mexico has never done anything to impede people from pouring into our country and now they're doing just the opposite. They've really been incredible."

The president reveled in details of construction, saying Border Patrol and military officials persuaded him to adopt more expensive designs. He said he dropped a preference for solid concrete, instead opting for concrete-filled steel bollards that allow agents to see through to Mexico to spot as-sailants throwing rocks or other projectiles.

He agreed to go along with barriers that are 30 feet high and double-layered in heavily traveled areas.

"It's the Rolls-Royce version," Trump said.

When Trump asked Army Corps Lt. Gen. Todd Semonite to explain how technology embedded in the wall alerts agents to illegal activity, he was told,

"Sir, there could be some merit in not discussing it." Semonite offered new details on the pace of construction that underscored how quickly the administration plans to move.

It has built 66 miles (106 kilometers) so far, has 251 miles (403 kilometers) in various stages of construction at 17 sites and contracts for 163 miles (262 kilometers) planned in the next 90 days, the general said. Additional land on private property is expected to take more time.

Crews are installing 270 panels a day, each one with eight bollards.

Trump, whose construction targets have shifted, said he expects to build up to about 550 miles (885 kilometers) of wall along the 1,954-mile (3,126-kilometer) border and said the administration will pause at about 400 miles (643 kilometers) to assess what more is needed.

Trump said cost concerns led him to put aside his preference to paint the wall black, which absorbs heat. He said the wall was "a good, strong rust color" and could be painted later.

Trump is riding a string of wins on the wall and on immigration in general. Arrests on the Mexican border arrests plunged in August, well beyond the usual summer dip, from a 13-year high reached in May.

Arrests are still relatively high, topping 50,000 in 10 of the last 11 months, compared with only eight months over the previous decade.

Last week, the Supreme Court gave Trump a green light to deny asylum to anyone who passes through another country on the way to the U.S. border with Mexico without having first sought protection in the third country.

The Pentagon recently diverted 3.6 billion from 127 military construction projects to build 175 miles (280 kilometers) of barriers on the border.

Trump had promised during the 2016 presidential campaign that Mexico would pay for the wall.

Manchester United's Greenwood 'one of best finishers I've seen', says SolSKjær

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One Gunnar SolSKjær has described Mason Greenwood as one of the best finishers he has seen and is ready to give the 17-year-old a first senior start of the season in the Europa League group game against Astana on Thursday.

The Manchester United manager intends to make several changes, with one or two regulars nursing injuries and a testing game at West Ham in the Premier League on Sunday. Daniel James has joined Paul Pogba, Luke Shaw and Anthony Martial on the sidelines after picking up a knock in the last league match against Leicester, and SolSKjær hinted that Axel Tuanzebe, Diogo Dalot, Jesse Lingard and Fred are likely to face the Kazakh champions at Old Trafford.

"It's a process at this club: some of the younger players need to grow and take their first steps," SolSKjær said. "If you don't throw them in at some point you don't know what you've got. I've always done this wherever I've been, and if you have good young forward players they will win you games."

Marcus Rashford came through early as a result of being blooded through necessity in the Europa League under Louis van Gaal, and SolSKjær is confi-

dent Greenwood can follow Rashford's example. Greenwood's first start for the club came at Cardiff at the end of last season, and in coming on against Paris Saint-Germain in March he became United's youngest European debutant since Norman Whiteside.

"He's still very young but he's been maturing in the last six months," the United manager said. "When I first came here I found a kid who just wanted to play with his mates in the under-18s, but now he's knocking on the first-team door and his appetite is growing. I don't want to put too much pressure on him at this stage, I just want him to go out there and enjoy himself. He'll be all right when the ball lands at his feet because he's one of the best finishers I've seen, but the game is all about working hard and closing down when you don't have the ball. "Finishing might look as if it comes naturally to Mason, but I don't actually believe you get gifts like that from birth and I've seen how hard he works in training. His technique is brilliant, and that is a result of constant practice and repetition."

Although United earned a Champions League slot through winning the Europa League in 2017, SolSKjær prefers to keep his selection options open in the knowledge that wholesale changes can be a risk.

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You don't have to live up to an image to be a man: Sunny Deol

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NEW DELHI, SEP 19 (PTI): The father-son may be mostly associated with their "He Man" personas in films down the decades, but Dharmendra and Sunny Deol have always been unapologetic about showing their emotional, gentler side off screen.

Crying in public doesn't denote being strong or weak, said Sunny, who is all set to launch his son Karan Deol in the romance drama "Pal Pal Dil Ke Paas" presented by Dharmendra. "We are so connected with our family. I'm getting emotional while talking about it. I can't help it. We are like that. A man is a man. You don't have to live up to an image to be a man. You are a man anyway, so what do you have to live up to?"

"That's the way I have always been, my family has been. We aren't bothered. Who cares? They say men don't cry. Crying doesn't mean being strong or weak. It's a release of an emotion. Why stop it?" the actor told PTI in an interview here. His new film, also starring debutante Sahsher Bambaa, releases this Friday. Romance seems to be the go-to genre to launch new talent agrees the actor-director. Sunny believes a fresh and innocent romance can be only captured in the youth.

"I don't think there's any beauty to it later. As you get older, an actor won't be able to give you what he/she could give you in the first film. The subject is also based on what their age is right now," he said. "Playing a teenager after the age of 35-40 is

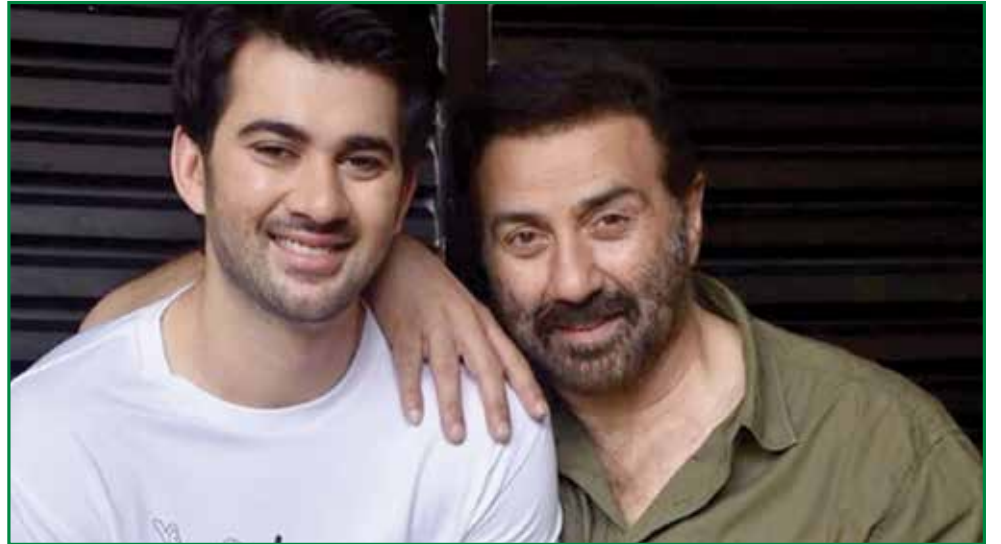
something so stupid. So this can only be done now... It becomes easy to get those things out from them (youngsters), rather than putting them in a complex situation right from the beginning. Everybody loves love stories. I love love stories. 'Love is my drug' is my caption on social media," he added.

Discussing his new film, Sunny said it revolves around just the relationship of the two characters and does not have

forward and take it to the end. Would they be together or not? So, that's interesting," he said. A self-proclaimed "romantic person", Sunny is aware his filmography isn't really rosy with love stories.

However, the 62-year-old cites "Gadar: Ek Prem Katha" as the biggest example of a "true love story". All his films have had a romantic angle, he said.

"But because of the villain and wanting to fight for his family so strongly, it's



the traditional tropes of parents, society or class playing spoilsport.

"The film has nothing to do with issues of religion or caste or any of those kinds of things. The film is about the way the youngsters are today. We spend a lot of time to understand what love is.

"How do we place it, what are these two doing in their world and how to bring them together. Romance develops over a lot of things. We wanted to bring a journey

the aggression that people remember the most, rather than the innocence and the romance of it," he added. Sunny, whose last release as an actor was "Blank", said he will always choose acting over direction. "People feel as I'm from the fraternity, things pan out very easily. It's not like that. I want to do the most and there's a lot to be done. Time is of the essence. It doesn't matter how much you rush after it. Hopefully some things will follow.

Did '83' as families of athletes are not given enough credit: Deepika Padukone

MUMBAI, SEP 19 (PTI): Actor Deepika Padukone says she gave her nod to Kabir Khan's "83" as she believes the contribution of the family or the spouse of a sports person is not recognised.

Deepika will essay the role of Romi Dev, wife to cricketing legend Kapil Dev, to be played by her real-life husband, actor Ranveer Singh.

This will be the duo's fourth collaboration after 2018's "Padmaavat".

"Kabir thought of me for the film. It's a very small role but a very special role because I feel like the role

of a spouse or family is not always given enough credit," Deepika told reporters here.

"When you look at athletes and when they win and perform on an international stage and platform, the family gets very little recognition. Keeping that in mind I wanted to do the film," she added. The actor was speaking at the 20th edition of IIFA awards.

"83" will chronicle India's win under Kapil's captainship, when the team defeated West Indies in the final to clinch their first-ever World Cup trophy in 1983.

The much-awaited film will release on April 10, 2020.

I'm going to work with Bhansali soon: Alia

MUMBAI, SEP 19 (PTI): Sanjay Leela Bhansali's "In-shaa-allah", featuring Salman Khan and Alia Bhatt, may have been shelved, but the actor says she will be working with the celebrated filmmaker "very soon".

The project, a co-production between Salman and Bhansali's banners, marked the director-actor duo's first collaboration in two decades where Salman, 53, was supposed to play the lead.

It was, however, announced last month that the film has been shelved. When

asked about it, Alia told reporters, "I was very excited to work with Sanjay Leela Bhansali and Salman as well, I believe sometimes certain things happen which are not in your control.

"They say if you want to make God laugh, tell them your plans. Plans never really go 'as per plan' but I can give it to you in writing that I am going to work with Sanjay Leela Bhansali very soon," she added. She was speaking at the 20th edition of IIFA awards. Alia will be next seen in "Brahmastra" and "Sadak 2".

A film will definitely come on Eid: Salman Khan



MUMBAI, SEP 19 (PTI): Superstar Salman Khan says he will definitely come with a movie during Eid next year after his collaboration with Sanjay Leela Bhansali, "In-shaa-allah" got shelved. After it was announced that "In-shaa-allah"-- scheduled to release on Eid 2020--won't be going on floors, Salman had posted a cryptic tweet, writing "Itna mat sochna mere baare mein, dil mein aata hoon.. aur Eid pe bhi," alluding to a possible film release.

When asked about it, Salman told reporters, "A film will definitely come on Eid. First, it (Dabangg 3) will come on December 20, then a film will come on Eid also." The actor was speaking at the 20th edition of IIFA awards on Wednesday night. Salman further said that the movie, which would have marked his first with Bhansali in two decades, will not happen with him.

"In-shaa-allah" is not happening now. 'Insha-Allah' kuch aur banegi (some other film will be made). It is not happening with me now." At the ceremony, he came with actor-filmmaker Mahesh Manjrekar's daughter, Saiee who will be making her debut in his "Dabangg 3".

"She is very good hence she is in 'Dabangg 3'. Her father was in the first 'Dabangg' Strange thing is, many years ago, even Sonakshi was introduced in IIFA on a ramp and today its her." Directed by Prabhudheva, "Dabangg 3" is scheduled to release on December 20.



LEGS FOR DAYS! The model, Hailey Bieber dressed to impress and rocked some white boots while leaving a business meeting in Beverly Hills.



Marvel Is Introducing a New Spider-Man

J Abrams comes to Marvel in this week's Spider-Man #1. He co-writes the new series with his son, Henry Abrams, with Sara Pichelli providing the artwork. The story turns out to be not what most fans were likely to expect. Abrams is known for throwing curveballs at audiences, and his first issue of Spider-Man is no different. From the first few pages, it's clear that this is a different take on Spider-Man. Not only that, but this story looks to be in a large way about the birth of a brand new Spider-Man, although one closely tied to Peter Parker. SPOILERS for Spider-Man #1 follow.

Spider-Man #1 opens with Spider-Man, Peter Parker, fighting the mysterious new villain Cadaverous and his minions. Mary Jane goes and finds him out on the battlefield. She's soon impaled by the villain.

ARIES: How far have your fast and furious romances taken you? It's time to step back and examine your patterns in love. If you want things to last this time around, make a conscious effort to move slowly and mindfully. This will help you understand each other better. Remember, the other is not psychic. Make it a point to communicate. This will help you understand the other side of the story better. Single Ariens, set your intentions and act in accordance. Let patience become your superpower.

Tip: You want to build the foundation of lasting love.

TAURUS: The past does not make for a pretty accessory, Taurus. Be aware of what you are holding onto and how it is sabotaging your present. Today, brings with itself the opportunity to cleanse and purge. Listen to your inner wisdom. Some of you may find yourself struggling with responsibilities. Have you taken on the load of others? Draw boundaries where you need to, lest your body and mind have to bear the brunt of your decisions.

Tip: Letting go of the past baggage will help you make room for love.

GEMINI: You are standing at a crossroads,

Gemini. How things will progress depends on the direction you take. The Universe is giving you a chance to deepen your commitment. Happily-ever-after is not a Utopian concept. But it does require you to embrace both the rose and the thorns. On a lighter note, an opportunity of spontaneous travel could open up for some. Let your adventurous side take the reins from here.

Tip: Embrace both the rose and the thorns.

CANCER: There's no doubt that you are experiencing pain and heartbreak. What you need to remember when things get tough: everything is but transient. Don't make the mistake of labeling your emotions as negative or positive. Instead, let it all come to the surface so it can be released. A Dumbledore quote to put a smile where it belongs, "Happiness can be found in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."

Tip: Release the pain.

LEO: How do you feel about whirlwind romances, Leo? Doesn't matter. You won't have the time to gather your thoughts today. The Universe is surprising you with an escapade that you will remember will put your favourite romcom to shame. Remember, forever is a long time. It may or may not exist. What matters is the now. So embrace the blessings you are being showered with in this moment.

Tip: A passionate love affair is on the cards.

VIRGO: Good things take time: a Universal fact you've learned to trust. The physical, emotional, and financial support you are receiving now is something you could only dream of. A prayer of gratitude will only give the good stuff more power. On the downside, you may find your partner is more invested in their career than they have ever been. This doesn't have to be such a bad thing if you're both make a habit out of supporting each other's dreams.

Tip: Continue to support each other in every phase of your life.

LIBRA: Libra, you are exactly where you need to be creating exactly the kind of life that is supporting your growth. Trust. Embrace your single status with a vengeance. Consciously curate the kind of life that brings you joy and abundance. Remember, it's not always about saving the world or being a catalyst for social change. It's the small things that matter too - gardening, painting, cooking, and dancing, for instance.

Tip: "I am worthy of joy, happiness, abundance, and love."

SCORPIO: What is this obsession with "settling

down" and why does it sound like such a dirty phrase? You do you, Scorpio. If that involves being wild and free, then so be it. Already merged with the one you love? Don't let that stop you from exploring yourself. The more you support each other's dreams, the more you will grow as individuals and as a couple.

Tip: Hold space for each other to grow.

SAGITTARIUS: Adultery. Also known as the process of knowing when you pack your bags and leave. The cycle is ending, Sagittarius. Don't try to hold on. When in doubt, remind yourself that they would be a part of your life if they wanted to. Some of you may be recovering from a physical illness of sorts. Don't take your body for granted, wild one. Indulge in the kind of therapy that alleviate the healing process.

Tip: Brave the endings.

CAPRICORN: What's a few wrong turns in the grand scheme of things? Prince(ss) Charming is ready to make a grand entry *and* sweep you off your feet. It's okay to get carried away once in awhile, Capricorn. For some of you, the opportunity to "merge" may arise in the workspace. Who are you to say no when the Universe is in the mood to give? Remember, eternity is just a

word. Be grateful for what you are being offered in this moment.

Tip: This is the season to love and be loved!

AQUARIUS: It's not this or that, waterbearer. Don't deny yourself any part of this beautiful human experience. Find a way to coexist between the material and the spiritual. That glass of wine is just as sacred as your incense sticks, if you think about it. Your relationships are reflecting your inner balance. The centre is the doorway to each other's inner world, so tread lightly. There is potential to form a deep, and long-lasting connection.

Tip: You are exactly where you need to be.

PISCES: The season to swipe right is upon us, Pisces. If you like their vibe, consider taking things offline. Not a fan of virtual escapades? Ask the friend who's always out and about to set you up on a date. Even better, put your best shoes on and play your own Cupid. You never know who you may lock your eyes with on the way to the dancefloor. Coupled Pisceans will find that they are in the mood to get their freak on. Could a pinch of salt be the secret to taking your intimate life to the next level? We sense a Vicky Christina Barcelona 2-in-the-making.

Tip: Play your own Cupid.