



**GOVERNOR CELEBRATES  
DIWALI WITH JAWANS**  
pg 03

**INSULARITY IS UNFORTUNATELY A  
NATIONAL MALAISE. ADDRESS IT**  
pg 04

**SUICIDE SQUAD ACTOR JOEL  
KINNAMAN THROWS SHADE  
AT JARED LETO'S JOKER**  
pg 08



# SummitTIMES

Vol 04 | Issue 284 | Gangtok | Sunday | 27 October 2019

ON TOP OF THE NEWS

RNI No. SIKENG/2016/69420

Pages 8 | ₹ 5

## God Angel congratulates CM on by-poll victory



### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Master God Angel Om Nanda has congratulated Chief Minister PS Tamang [Golay] for his landslide victory in the recently concluded by-elections in the State.

He has further extended his best wishes to the CM for his future endeavors and work in the interest of Sikkim and its people.

Addressing a press conference here today, Vyasa Nanda Guruji of Heavenly Nirvana Path, while conveying this message, also congratulated the CM on behalf of the organization. He also thanked that State government and the CM for always working in the interest of the organization and its members.

He also thanked the State government and the CM, Speaker and Deputy Speaker, Ministers, MLAs and all dignitaries for their support and presence in a

recently-held spiritual programme, Blessing [Wang], by God Angel on 12 October at Jorethang in South Sikkim.

He also expressed gratitude towards representatives of different religious and social organizations and devotees from within and outside the State for their participation and grand success of the event.

Vyasa Nanda Guruji mentioned that Master God Angel Om Nanda was in Sikkim for ten days from 11 to 20 October.

He added that Master God Angel Om Nanda has been asserting Sarva Dharma for universal peace and love. He mentioned that the people wanted him to visit Sikkim again.

On the occasion, a Heavenly Nirvana Path, Sikkim, member, Meera Rai, read out the message of congratulations sent by Master God Angel Om Nanda to the CM on his victory in the by-polls.

## 'Jal satyagraha' against Omkareshwar dam water level



### KHANDWA, OCT 26 (PTI):

A Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) leader and nine displaced persons have launched 'jal satyagraha' in the Narmada river in Madhya Pradesh demanding that water level in the Omkareshwar dam be brought down to protect the 2,000 families living in the catchment areas.

The NBA leader Alok Agrawal and others have been standing in waist-deep water since Friday.

"Our protest in waist-deep water started on Friday and will end only after the water level in Omkareshwar Dam is brought down to 193 meters," Agrawal said at the protest site in Kamank-

heda village, 60 km from the Khandwa district headquarters.

He said the Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation (NHDC) on October 21 started increasing the water level in the dam, which flooded villages in the catchment areas.

Agrawal claimed that 2,000 families have been affected by this move.

As per a Supreme Court ruling the water levels in dams can be increased only after people living in the catchment areas have been completely rehabilitated, Agrawal said.

Despite repeated attempts, NRDC officials were not available for comment.

## All 12 MLAs at par for party, BJP clarifies

### NEXT STAGE OF BJP-SKM ALLIANCE EXPECTED TO BE DECIDED WHEN RAM MADHAV ARRIVES TO ATTEND CM'S SWEARING-IN AS MLA

#### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Bharatiya Janata Party's Sikkim Pradesh president, DB Chauhan, today asserted that for the party, all its 12 MLAs are at par. The party has also strongly condemned allegations that the 10 SDF MLAs who defected to BJP recently were sent there by the SDF president, former Chief Minister Pawan Chamling.

The BJP press release conveying Mr Chauhan's clarification comes clearly in response to yesterday's statement by SKM spokesperson, political secretary to the CM Jacob Khaling, that while the two BJP MLAs elected at the by-polls will sit on the treasury bench with the SKM, the 10

BJP MLAs who had crossed over from SDF will not be allowed to do so since they still carry the SDF tag.

This segregation will not sit well with SKM's seat-sharing alliance partner, the counter from BJP-Sikkim suggests.

In fact, the release goes on to state that since the BJP-SKM alliance delivered so well in the by-elections where it won all the three seats, this alliance will be further strengthened in the days to come to fulfill all promises and commitments made to the people in the run-up to the by-elections.

The release further states that the comments about the two sets of BJP MLAs being treated differently were the personal opinion of the SKM lead-

ers and that as far as the BJP was concerned, they were all equal.

The release adds that the nature and scale of the BJP-SKM relationship will be cleared and decided in the coming days as the matter will be discussed by the high command of the two parties.

The party informs that BJP national general secretary, Ram Madhav, and Sikkim in-charge, Nitin Nabin, will be arriving in Sikkim to attend the oath taking ceremony of the CM in a few days and various matters regarding the two parties will be discussed during this visit.

The release has also strongly condemned rumours that the 10 SDF MLAs were sent to BJP by Mr Cham-

ling and insists that these 10 MLAs joined BJP accepting the principles of the party and of their own free will and not on anyone else's directions.

The release goes on to point out that Mr Chamling campaigned against BJP in the by-election campaign as did BJP against SDF which refutes such allegations.

BJP-Sikkim has urged all not to get deceived or confused on these matters and retain faith in the party high command.

The release, while thanking the people for making BJP candidates victorious, has also thanks SKM and BJP leaders and party workers for their contributions towards this success.

## Normal life remains hit in Kashmir for 83rd day

### SRINAGAR, OCT 26 (PTI):

Normal life remained affected in Kashmir for the 83rd consecutive day on Saturday as the main markets were shut and public transport was off the roads, officials said.

Some shops opened for a few hours early in the morning in some areas, including in the commercial hub of Lal Chowk in the city here, but downed their shutters around 11 am, they added.

These shops witnessed a huge rush of customers and the increased number of private vehicles led to traffic snarls at several places in the city centre and the adjoining areas, the officials said.

However, the main markets and other business establishments remained shut across the valley, they added.

Authorickshaws and a few inter-district cabs were plying in a few areas of the valley, but other modes of public transport were off the roads, the officials said.

Internet services -- across all platforms -- continued to be snapped across the valley since the night of 4 August --

hours before the Centre announced its decision to abrogate Article 370 of the Constitution, which gave a special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and bifurcate the state into two Union territories.

The internet services were snapped, along with mobile and landline telephone services. While landline services were restored gradually first, postpaid mobile services were restored only last week. Pre-paid services continue to remain barred.

Most of the top-level and second-rung separatist politicians have been taken into preventive custody, while mainstream leaders, including two former chief ministers -- Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti -- have either been detained or placed under house arrest.

Another former chief minister and the Lok Sabha MP from Srinagar, Farooq Abdullah, has been arrested under the controversial Public Safety Act, a law enacted by his father and National Conference (NC) founder Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah in 1978 when he was the chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

## Water recedes from inundated Mumbai-Goa highway

### PANAJI, OCT 26 (PTI):

In a relief, water levels on several stretches on Mumbai-Goa national highway between Canacona and Margao receded on Saturday though heavy rains continued to lash Goa on the fourth consecutive day.

According to officials, the overall situation is normal in the coastal state which has been witnessing heavy rains since October 23.

In view of the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) prediction of heavy rains on Saturday, state authorities have issued a warning to fishermen and tourists against venturing into sea.

"Water levels receded

from several stretches on the national highway which were under water on Friday," an official said on Saturday. The Mumbai-Goa national highway was inundated at several places between Canacona and Margao on Friday following the heavy post-monsoon rains.

The IMD predicted heavy rainfall at one or two places over North Goa and South Goa districts on Saturday. In neighbouring Maharashtra, a depression over east-central Arabian Sea intensified into cyclonic storm "Kyarr" in the early morning of October 25, which is likely to bring heavy showers in coastal districts of Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg.

## NC hopes new J&K LG will appreciate people's sentiments

### JAMMU, OCT 26 (PTI):

The National Conference on Saturday hoped that Lt Governor-designate Girish Chander Murmu would appreciate the "sentiment and sensitivity" of the people and would accord priority to the restoration of the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

It also hoped the change of guard in the Raj Bhavan would usher a new era of confidence for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

Murmu, a senior IAS officer who worked closely with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat and is currently the expenditure secretary, was appointed the first lieutenant governor of Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the state becoming a Union territory next week.

## J&K, Ladakh to get equitable benefits: Union minister

### NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):

Union minister Jitendra Singh on Saturday said the two new Union territories -- Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh -- which will come into existence next week, will get equitable benefits, cutting across all sections of the society and regions without any bias.

He said over the last seven decades, a constant grievance across the state was that certain regions and sections of people were feeling discriminated against.

While Jammu always complained about the lion's share going to the Kashmir valley, Ladakh too felt neglected, the minister said.

"As a Union Territory, Jammu and Kashmir will get equitable benefits

after October 31, cutting across all sections of the society and regions, regardless of any extraneous considerations. The same would also apply to the Union Territory of Ladakh," he told reporters here, ahead of the formal bifurcation of the state.

The Centre had, on August 5, announced abrogation of the special status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution and bifurcation of the state into Union territories, which will come into being on October 31.

Singh, who hails from Jammu and Kashmir, said even in the Kashmir valley, while "certain families made a quick fortune overnight without any known

sources of proportionate income", the common man suffered in silence and was caught between terrorism on one hand and "state indifference" on the other.

The Union Minister for the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said since the UT of Jammu and Kashmir will come directly under the control of the Union Home Ministry, there will not only be an equal distribution of government resources, but also accountability for the same.

He said one of the greatest misfortunes of Jammu and Kashmir was the lack of transparency in governance and this too would gradually change for the better.

"The needless interference in the mainte-

nance of law and order and the role of the vested interests would also gradually recede," he said.

The most important benefit, Singh said, would be the change in the psychological attitude and mindset of the people of the region, with a greater degree of self-confidence and sense of belonging as citizens of India.

The benefits in terms of new breakthrough in higher education, professional colleges, industry and self-livelihood opportunities were going to gradually unfold with the passage of time and their ultimate magnitude was perhaps too difficult to imagine right now, he added.

## 176 newly-elected Maha MLAs facing criminal charges: ADR

### MUMBAI, OCT 26 (PTI):

As many as 176 newly-elected MLAs in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly are facing criminal charges, as per data released by an advocacy group on Saturday.

On analysing self-sworn affidavits of 285 of the total 288 MLAs, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) found that 62 per cent

(176 MLAs) have criminal cases pending against them while 40 per cent (113 MLAs) have serious criminal cases.

The ADR said affidavits of the remaining three MLAs could not be analysed as their completed documents were not available on the Election Commission's website. Comparing the present findings with the data

on outgoing legislators, the ADR said that in the 2014 elections, the state Assembly had 165 MLAs with criminal cases, of which 115 were facing serious criminal charges.

The advocacy group also found that the new Assembly has more number of millionaire MLAs than the outgoing one.

There are 264 (93 per cent) millionaire MLAs

compared to 253 (88 per cent) in the outgoing Assembly, the data stated.

"The average of MLAs' assets in the new assembly is Rs 22.42 crore, which was Rs 10.87 crore in 2014. At least 118 MLAs have been re-elected in 2019 elections and the average assets of re-elected MLAs in 2019 is Rs 25.86 crore," the release said.

**DEAR READERS,  
IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING YOUR COPY  
OF THE SUMMIT TIMES IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD,  
PLEASE MESSAGE OR WHATSAPP US YOUR NAME  
AND ADDRESS AT 9832556698 AND WE WILL  
ENSURE THAT THE NEWSPAPER REACHES YOU.**



## Five-day skill development training concludes at Central Pendam

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

The valedictory function for the five-day training on broom binding, paper bag making, basket making, flower vase making and flower bouquet making for the members of 61 SHGs under Central Pendam Gram Panchayat Unit was organised at Duga Gram Prasashan Kendra today.

The function was attended by Panchayat Director, Prabhakar Rai as chief guest, along with BDO Duga, IB Chettri,



Panchayat Coordinator, Keshang Bhutia, Assistant BPM, Bhavna Sharma, Senior VAA, Palden Bhutia. The four trainers

namely; Lata Sharma, Sujata Sharma, LP Acharya and Samuyal Sarkar were felicitated by Central Pendam Gram Panchayat

Unit. Trainees were provided with certificates.

This five-day training camp was organised by Central Pendam GPU.

## Social Science Week observed by Rangpo School

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Rangpo Senior Secondary School observed Social Science Week from 21 to 25 Oct, 2019. On the first day, History Day was observed which was followed by Economics on the second day. Similarly Geography day was observed on the third day while Sociology and Science day was observed on the fourth day. On the last day, Commerce Day was observed.

The last day also included Social Science Exhibition wherein stu-



dents presented 12 models under Junior Category and 21 models under Senior Category. Chujachen Senior Secondary School & Linkey Secondary

School also participated and exhibited 3 models as Partner Schools under Hub of Learning. Rangpo SSS students offered handmade friendship

cards to the students of the Partner Schools.

Inter-house Rangoli Competition on the theme "Swachha Bharat" was also held.

## Security stepped up across Delhi ahead of Diwali

**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):** Police personnel have been deployed in large numbers in markets and other crowded areas in Delhi as a security measure in the run up to Diwali, officials said.

Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik has directed all senior officers to strengthen anti-terror measures in their respective areas, according to sources.

"Due to high footfall at Ghazipur market, extra force has been deployed and patrolling has also been increased in the area. Officers in civil dress are also there," Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Jasmeet Singh said.

According to Devesh Srivastava, joint commissioner of police (southern range), all senior police officers of south Delhi, including the DCP

and the additional DCP, have begun patrolling the district.

Police presence in markets and other crowded areas has already increased and extra forces are helping in patrolling. The number of CCTV cameras at markets and residential areas have also gone up and the footage is being constantly monitored, Srivastava said.

As the east police district has Ghazipur market, the northwest district of police has Azadpur mandi, which is Asia's largest wholesale market for fruits and vegetables.

"During festive seasons, we intensify the drive to check vehicles coming at these markets and also ask the agricultural produce market committee (APMC) representatives to hire more

private guards and contact police in case they witness any suspicious person or activity," said Vijayanta Arya, deputy commissioner of police (northwest).

The APMC representatives have also been asked to maintain a proper register to write down the names and other details of truck drivers visiting the markets while police are randomly checking the contents of the trucks, Arya said.

The security in bordering areas have also been intensified.

Joint Commissioner of Police (western range) Shalini Singh said patrolling had been intensified in markets and areas witnessing high footfalls across west Delhi.

"Police are trying to make people aware. The market associations and

residential areas have been informed to contact the police if they notice any suspicious person in their area," Singh said.

"We have dog squad which is monitoring all markets. The private guards at malls and markets have been trained on how to properly check vehicles entering the premises," she added.

Integrated pickets have been placed for surprise checking while the bomb squad is also helping the city police, she said.

"We are checking guest houses and verifying the identities of tenants in different areas across the national capital. Patrolling has been increased to keep a check on incidents of snatching and pick-pocketing at crowded areas," Singh said.

## Veteran Arunachal journalist Taro Chatung dies

**ITANAGAR, OCT 26 (PTI):** Veteran journalist Taro Chatung, dubbed as the pioneer of electronic media in Arunachal Pradesh, died at a hospital here on Saturday after a prolonged illness, family sources said.

He was 57 and is survived by his wife, three sons and a daughter.

Chatung's body was taken to his residence here for people to pay their last respects, following which it was moved to Arunachal Press Club, where journalists paid their tributes.

Later, it was taken to his native village at Ziro in Lower Subansiri district where his last rites would be performed on Sunday.

With his "News & Views" programme breaking all records of viewership, Chatung is often referred to as the "Father of the electronic media" in the state.



Condoling his death, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said, "It breaks my heart to know Chatung sir is no more with us. We grew up watching his 'News & Views' every evening on DDK Itanagar. It would be impossible to fill the void he has left behind as the omnipresent journalist."

Khandu hailed Chatung as a man of "immense historical and po-

litical knowledge of the state" and a person who was "grounded, sincere, straightforward, honest and witty".

"What made the Late Chatung sir stand out as a human being was his extreme love and dedication for his profession.

He could go to any extent to extract the truth and present it before the public," Khandu said.

The chief minister

said Arunachal Pradesh will always be grateful to Chatung, "who despite landing up with a prestigious government job, chose media as his profession and become its pioneer in the state".

Chatung was also one of the first persons in the state to direct and produce a full-length feature film in Hindi as it is spoken in Arunachal Pradesh

## NPS celebrates Parents' Day

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Namchi Public School, Namchi, celebrated Parents' Day Concert in the school's multipurpose auditorium today, a press release informs. Principal, Rev Fr Stany Sequeira, in his welcome address, thanked the parents for attending the concert.

A cultural show was put up by students of the school. English skit, Bishop's Candle Sticks was also performed. The school choir presented a few nostalgic songs which showcased the



choir's music repertoire, the release mentions.

The skit showcased

some of the budding acting talents of the school. A book fair was also part

of the day's program which ended with the school anthem.

## BJP's Haryana legislative party meeting starts; no swearing-in ceremony on Saturday

**CHANDIGARH, OCT 26 (PTI):** The BJP legislative party meeting to elect its leader began after Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar reached here from New Delhi on Saturday morning.

Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) general secretary Arun Singh also reached the UT guesthouse here to attend the meeting as central observers.

BJP general secretary (organisation) Suresh Bhatt told PTI that the swearing-in ceremony of the party-led government in Haryana would not take place on Saturday.

"The date will be announced later," he said.

However, sources in the saffron party said the swearing-in ceremony will take place on Sunday afternoon.

Khattar reached Chandigarh in a helicopter and drove straight to his official residence nearby. The venue of the BJP legislative party meeting is located close to his residence.

After being elected as the legislative party leader, Khattar will go to meet Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya and stake claim to form the government.

Dushyant Chautala,

the leader of BJP ally Jannayak Janata Party (JJP), is also expected to arrive here in the afternoon and meet the governor to submit his letter of support to the saffron party.

The BJP is all set to form the government in Haryana after clinching an alliance with the JJP, which won 10 seats in the 90-member Assembly, by giving it the post of deputy chief minister.

On Friday, BJP president Amit Shah told a press conference in New Delhi that the chief minister will be from his party and the deputy chief minister from the regional

party. Chautala was also present at the press conference.

Chautala, great grandson of former deputy prime Minister late Chaudhary Devi Lal, said his party believed that the alliance was necessary for political stability in Haryana.

The BJP's decision to win over Chautala underlines its quest to placate the Jats, a dominant community in Haryana, the members of which are believed to have voted mostly against the saffron party in the just-concluded Assembly polls, to ensure a smooth run of its government in the state.

## ICC has no relevance without BCCI: Anurag Thakur

**HAMIRPUR (HIMACHAL PRADESH), OCT 26 (PTI):** Former BCCI president Anurag Thakur on Sunday lashed out at the International Cricket Council, saying it "has no relevance" without the world's richest board, which used to give the ICC seventy-five percent of grants to run its affairs.

Thakur, a union minister of state for finance and corporate affairs, was in the town in connection with the Sansad Mahakumbh prize distribution function.

"The ICC has no relevance without the BCCI as it used to give it seventy-five percent of grants to run its affairs," said Thakur, who is the brother of newly-appointed BCCI treasurer Arun Dhimal.

He also expressed hope that the Sourav Ganguly-led new body of BCCI would take up the issue with the ICC and get its due.

Thakur said the appointment of Arun as the board's treasurer is a matter of pride for the state and he was hopeful that his brother would do the job honestly.

Recently, Arun also said that India not having a "say" in the ICC is a major concern for the new-

ly-appointed treasurer, who has questioned the very relevance of the world body if it doesn't have the country in a prominent role.

Though Thakur is not directly involved in the board's affairs anymore, he said he is open to guiding the BCCI on certain matters.

Earlier, he took part in the Khel Mahakumbh function, which he had started during his last stint as a member of parliament.

The tournament started last year and witnessed participation from over 42,700 youth and 1400 teams from the Hamirpur parliamentary constituency.

"I firmly believe that sports help in building character, shaping personalities and contributes immensely towards the holistic growth of an individual," Thakur said.

"Sansad Star Khel Mahakumbh was started with intent to identify grassroot-level talent, provide them with a platform and nurture them over the due course of the tournament. I have seen these players grow and some of them have transformed into great athletes and are playing at significant platforms.

### To book ad-space, contact SummitTIMES at GANGTOK:

For circulation details Contact: (Sandeep) 9734152451 & for Advertisement booking at 9933427505 or at office no 03592 208698. Mail us at advertise@summittimes.com

### SILIGURI:

Mr. Mani Rai, M/s. Space Ads, B.R. Ambedkar Building, Room No.7, 1st floor. Opp. Ganga Hotel. Hill Cart Road. Siliguri – 03. Ph. 9832318644/ 9800682989/ 9153035100 or mail at mani\_siliguri@yahoo.co.in.

### KOLKATA OFFICE:

Irshad Ali/ Imteeyaz. Synapse, 6, Madan Street, Mezzine – 2, 2nd floor. Kolkata – 700072. Ph. 033-22124348/ fax 033-22124337/ mob. 9830547774/ 983108397. E-mail: contact.synapse@gmail.com/ irshad\_ali123@rediffmail.com

### Kutshe Shegu



49 Days (Shegu) of late Phurba Tshering Lepcha (Mondal). S/O: Late Pensum Lepcha, resident of Upper Syari, Near Syari Junior High School, Kopi Bari, Gangtok, East Sikkim who left for his heavenly abode on 16 Sept, 2019 falls on 02 and 03 Nov, 2019.

**Wife: Sarita Lepcha, Daughter: Roseling Lepcha, Rongmit: 9564919258, Son: Palden Lepcha, Brothers: Pema Chewang Lepcha (Ex Zilla Panchayat) 9609851355, Akal Bdr.Rai (SAP), Sister: Lakhit Lepcha, Son in Law: Gokul Rai: 7407365085.**

## ~ SummitTIMES ~ CLASSIFIEDS

### GENERAL LAND FOR SALE

Roadside plots for sale at Adampool, Ranipool-Rumtek highway.

**For details contact: 9083826462**

### FLAT FOR RENT/LEASE

Fully furnished 3BHK flat available for rent/lease at Church Road near DPH. Roadside and five minutes walking distance from MG Marg.

**For more details: 9083826462 /9832556698**

### GENERAL LAND FOR SALE

General land 30X40 (3 Plots) available for sale at Tadong 6th Mile next to Harka Maya College. Flat Land no cutting required. Price 30 Lakhs (negotiable).

**Contact: 9800201335**

**visit us at: [www.summittimes.com](http://www.summittimes.com)**

**to book  
advertisements in  
SummitTimes, call  
03592-208698  
9734152541**



## East District holds Inter School Energy Clubs Competition

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

The State Designated Agency, Sikkim had organised District Level Inter School Energy Club Competition for East District on 25 Oct at Government Secondary School Aritar, East Sikkim.

Five Energy Club Schools i.e. Mulukey Secondary School, Dalopchand Secondary School, Rorathang Sr. Secondary School, Government Sec. School Aritar and Sudunglakha Secondary School had participated in the competition, a press release informs.

On the occasion, Panchyat President of 10 Aritar GPU, East Sikkim, Hem Kumar Pradhan, was the chief guest while Head Master Government Secondary School, Aritar, Sonam Zangpo Bhutia, was the guest of



honour.

Jury members were Superintending Engineer (Rongli), Ajit Pradhan, Superintending Engineer (SDA), Pemba Lepcha, and Junior Engineer (SDA), Nawang Choden Lepcha.

Also present were senior officers, Nodal Officer (SDA), Dilip Kumar Sharma, Panchayat members, Teachers, staff and students of different schools.

Power Point Pre-

sentation Competition was won by Sourav Gurung, Government Sec. School Sudunglakha followed by Pranay Subba, Government Sec. School, Mulukey and Nisha Chettri, Government Sec. School, Dalapchand in second and third positions, respectively.

In Essay Writing, the winner was Ayush Sharma, Government Sec. School, Sudunglakha followed

by Adarsh Rai, Government Sec. School, Rorathang and Anush Pradhan, Government Sec. School, Aritar in second and third positions, respectively.

In Elocution, Diksha Sharma, Government Sec. School, Dalapchand stood first

Followed by Sandhya Tamang, Government Sec. School, Aritar and Surakcha Chettri, Government Sr. School, Rorathang

in second and third positions, respectively.

In Skit, Government Sec. School, Dalapchand stood first followed by Government Sec. School, Aritar and Government Sec. School, Rorathang in second and third positions respectively.

Additional Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal Officer (SDA), Dilip Kumar Sharma, gave away cash prizes and certificates to the winners. The winners will be participating in state level competition on 14 Dec 2019 during Energy Conservation Day.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Tshering Yangzum Bhutia, members of SDA and program was anchored by Aswaria Sharma, Consultant (SDA).

## Governor celebrates Diwali with Jawans



**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Governor of Sikkim, Ganga Prasad attended a Diwali celebration programme at Libing Helipad today, a press release informs. The 17th Mountain Division hosted a Diwali celebration programme with Army

officers and Jawans.

In his brief address, the Governor extended Diwali greetings to Army officers, Jawans and their families. The Governor urged the people to celebrate Diwali festival with lights without bursting firecrackers to avoid pollution. He lauded the sac-

rice of the jawans and said citizens are celebrating the festival of lights in peace while soldiers are securing the borders.

During the programme, army jawans performed various drills and the Governor handed over prizes to the winners and visited stalls.

## Kabbadi Assoc of Sikkim calls on Governor

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Members of Kabbadi Association of Sikkim called on the Governor today and greeted him on the occasion of Diwali.

The delegation was led by its patron Narayan Bhattarai and president Tashi Ongdup Lepcha and comprised of PP Sharma (Vice President), Lalit Pokhrel Sharma (General Secretary), Kuber Nath Timsina (Joint Secretary), Sonam Wangdi Dorjee Bhutia (State Organisation Secretary), Rinzing Bhutia (Publicity Secretary) and Kabita Sharma (Executive Member).



KAS is a recently formed body registered as a state sports organization under the De-

partment of Youth and Sports Affairs, a press release informs.

The delegation ap-

prised the Governor about the activities of the Association and the upcoming three-day coach-

ing camp and selection trials to be held from 02-04 November being organized at Sikkim State Co-operative Union (SICUN), Assam Lingzey.

Arjuna Awardee Bishwanath Chakraborty and his team from Kolkata will be providing training to the Kabbadi aspirants of Sikkim. Over 100 students from different schools will be participating in the proposed camp.

The KAS is preparing to send a men's and a women's team to the upcoming National Kabbadi Competition being held in Delhi in the last week of November 2019, it is informed.

## Patrus Gurung elected UCWSS president again



**SAGAR CHHETRI  
GANGTOK, 26 OCT:**

Elder, Patrus Gurung has been elected as the president of the United Christian Welfare Society of Sikkim [UCWSS] for the second consecutive time. In the election for the post of UCWSS president held here at St Thomas Church on Saturday, Elder Patrus Gurung was declared the winner with 264 votes. Out of 681 votes cast in the election, other contenders, Stephen Raj Karki got 222 votes and Kiran Lougan secured 183 votes.

The election was conducted by a five-member election commission headed by Pastor, Renzino Lepcha as the chief election commissioner. More than 400 churches from all districts have participated in the polling. UCWSS is an apex body of all churches of Sikkim formed in year 1996.

In his short address after winning the election, Elder Gurung congratulated both his contenders and voters from across the State for taking part in the election process. He said that he

will sincerely deliver the responsibility given by churches of Sikkim. He urged leaders and members of different churches of Sikkim to come together to work strongly in the interest of churches of Sikkim.

Speaking to media persons, Elder Gurung expressed his gratitude to all churches of Sikkim for again giving him the responsibility of heading UCWSS as president. He assured to work on all pending works and issues of different churches in close coordination with the State government.

He informed that UCWSS is a common platform of all churches of Sikkim formed by heads of 21 big churches of Sikkim of different denominations in 1996. He mentioned that the state government recognized UCWSS as an apex body of all churches of Sikkim in year 2001.

The organisation has been speaking for different churches and working in the interest of Churches and its members since its inception, he added.

## VOICE campaigns against fire crackers in Gangtok and Namchi

**SUMMIT REPORT  
GANGTOK, 25 OCT:**

VOICE, an environmental awareness group, has been campaigning against fire crackers in Gangtok and Namchi. On 25 Oct, members of VOICE Gangtok chapter took to the streets of MG Marg requesting people not to burst firecrackers. They also walked

around and asked people about their views on people bursting firecrackers.

The main body of VOICE went around Namchi Central Park with a rally asking people about their views on people bursting crackers and also about the modification of the notification no. 187/FEWMD from 2014 which banned

the use, sale and manufacture of all types of crackers. According to VOICE, people from both the places, Gangtok and Namchi agreed that firecrackers are bad for the environment and needs to be strictly banned like it was last year. VOICE has appealed to people to support them in their efforts to save the environment.

### EXPO JORETHANG

STARTING FROM 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019

○ Kolkata Leather	○ Rajasthani Kurties
○ Mumbai Jewellery	○ Handicraft Items
○ Saharanpur Furniture	○ Delhi Curtains
○ UP Bed Sheets	○ Aurvedic Medicine
○ Bhagalpuri Silk	○ Delicious Food Items

VENUE : JORETHANG PLAZA, JORETHANG BAZAR

### Anthyesti Kriya

The Anthyesti Kriya of Late Punam Pradhan (sani) wife of Shri H.B. Pradhan, resident of Ranipool, Marchal near Keshang residency falls on 26th October 2019. All well wishers, relatives and friends and requested to join us in offering prayers for the departed soul at our residence at Marchak, Ranipool.

**FAMILY MEMBERS:-**

1. H. B. Pradhan (husband)	9733237157
2. Bikash Pradhan (son)	8370999122
3. Vasker Pradhan (son)	9593979628
4. Biswash Pradhan (Son)	9614829929
5. Manju Pradhan (daughter)	7407848003

## OBITUARY NOTICE

**LATE KAMAL  
PRASAD GURUNG**

**Born: 31 - 08 - 1937  
&  
Died: 18 - 10 - 2019**



You have left us for heavenly abode, but you will always be in our hearts and minds. Your kindness and generosity, your jovial and amiable nature endeared you with one and all who knew you. Your absence will always be felt deeply. We miss you now and we will miss you forever. Your love and affection will always be cherished. May your soul rest in eternal peace.

The family expresses gratitude to all the relatives, friends and well wishers who offered their condolences, support and sympathy at our time of grief. We would like to inform that the 7th (seventh) day "Kriya" will be performed at at our residence near St. Francis School, Jorethang on 25th October 2019 and the "Shergu" will be held on 6th December 2019.

**From:**

**Surja Gurung (Wife), Hiren, Saral, Subarna (sons), Tshering Yangchen and Elena (daughters-in-law), Grand Children, Brothers, Sisters, Cousins, In laws and host of Nieces and Nephews.**



## Meet the Others

### *Insularity is unfortunately a national malaise. Address it*

Identity, as in the perceptions of the outside, is a touchy issue among the marginalized communities. The ill-informed clichés, the pedantic, and almost always offensive generalizations remain sore points for the offended communities, and we live in a region that has lived with such broad-brush impoliteness for ever since we started interacting with the plains. And the brush paints both ways, one may add here.

While it is easy to take affront and fine to draft fresh introductions to correct the offending perceptions, it is definitely not okay to allow the chip on the shoulder to burden any heavier than is healthy. The more this perceived slight is allowed to fester, the more it diverts energy from pursuits that take communities forward. One refers to a “perceived slight” here because the clichés that hurt are products of ignorance and one should not really allow ignorance of others to justify withdrawals into cocoons by the othered. And defensive shells are not the best habitations from which to plan ahead because they keep thoughts and ideas rooted in a past that has lost its relevance for everyone except those who swoon in its fermented confusion. Also, while so enclosed, one fails to recognize changes elsewhere.

That said, it is important that the ignorance which has degenerated into disdain, mutual suspicion and distasteful stereotyping is lifted. One could argue that perceived slights are by nature pointless obsessions since they are born out of, well, perceptions which cannot really be tackled because, well again, they rest in perceptions and those are more difficult to address than actual instances of discrimination. They do, however, become worries when the perceptions start manifesting as actual attacks, like ones which triggered the exodus of NE people from the metros or the lynching which occurred in Nagaland a few years ago. And then there is the continuing parochialism everywhere else in the country and the reprehensible attempts at justifying such targeted attacks born out of Hate seeded in prejudices and stereotypes. These will repeat unless this country makes some earnest efforts at celebrating its much-vaunted diversity. 70 years as one nation and the citizens still don't behave as One People! This obviously needs to change, and the Supreme Court recently cracked the whip with its slew of directions, including the setting up of a three-member panel to “enhance the sense of security and inclusion of the people from the north-eastern states who faced violence and hate crimes”. The SC directive is the first step, an acceptance of sorts of a problem that exists. For it to be of any real consequence, wider, more collaborative initiatives will need to be taken.

The students provide the best opportunity to build the bridges which can span the chasms of mutual ignorance which feeds insularity among us. A simple and easily achieved course would be for the community/ state representative organisations of the students to become mediums which link communities, not strive to make them self-ensconced unit of self conscious groups. Take the freshers' welcome parties for instance. Instead of each community, each state or region hosting a welcome party for its own kind, they should use the funds to introduce the freshers to 'others' in the student community. Host the parties for 'your own' but invite guests from all other groups. Make celebrations the medium to proffer more congenial introductions and strike new friendships. Use the organisations to speak more often about the concerns of other groups and engage more earnestly in issues and challenges which face other communities. This openness is possible only with the idealism of youth, but is currently being stifled because student groups remain obsessively insular.

### WRITE US:

Readers are invited to comment on, criticise, run down, even appreciate if they like something in this paper. Letters carrying abusive/ indecorous language and personal attacks, except when against people responsible in this newspaper (who are fair game), will have to be ignored. Letters which carry forward a conversation or initiate a dialogue will command immediate attention and receive prominence. Mail us at: [news@summittimes.com](mailto:news@summittimes.com)

# Google and IBM are at odds over ‘quantum supremacy’ – an expert explains what it really means

TOBY CUBITT

THECONVERSATION.COM

Google claims to have demonstrated something called “quantum supremacy”, in a paper published in Nature. This would mark a significant milestone in the development of a new type of computer, known as a quantum computer, that could perform very difficult calculations much faster than anything possible on conventional “classical” computers. But a team from IBM has published their own paper claiming they can reproduce the Google result on existing supercomputers.

While Google vs. IBM might make a good story, this disagreement between two of the world's biggest technology companies rather distracts from the real scientific and technological progress behind both teams' work. Despite how it might sound, even exceeding the milestone of quantum supremacy wouldn't mean quantum computers are about to take over. On the other hand, just approaching this point has exciting implications for the future of the technology.

Quantum computers represent a new way of processing data. Instead of storing information in “bits” as 0s or 1s like classical computers do, quantum computers use the principles of quantum physics to store information in “qubits” that can also be in states of 0 and 1 at the same time. In theory, this allows quantum machines to perform certain calculations much faster than classical computers.

In 2012, Professor John Preskill coined the term “quantum supremacy” to describe the point when quantum computers become powerful enough to perform some computational task that classical computers could not do in a reasonable time-frame. He deliberately didn't require the computational task to be a useful one. Quantum supremacy is an intermediate milestone, something to aim for long before it is possible to build large, general-purpose quantum computers.

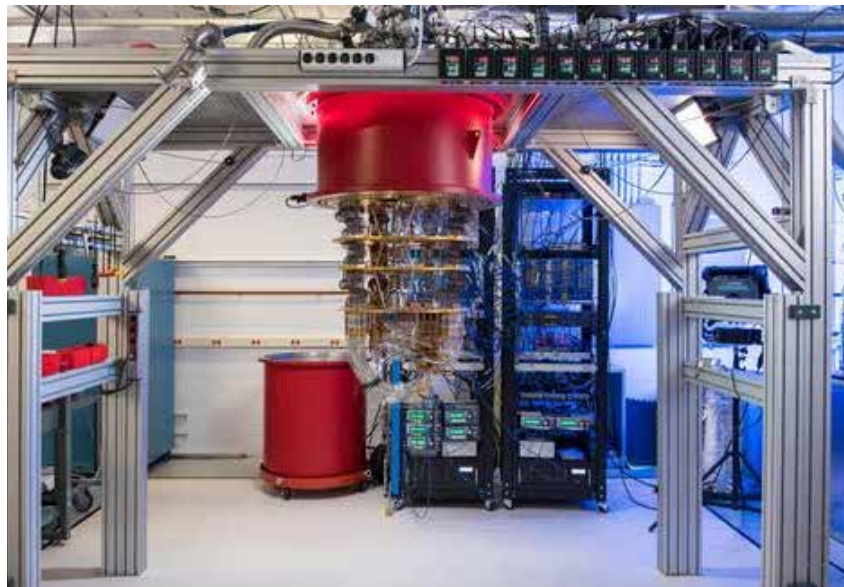
In its quantum supremacy experiment, the Google team performed one of these difficult but useless calculations, sampling the output of randomly chosen quantum circuits. They also carried out computations on the world's most powerful classical supercomputer, Summit, and estimated it would take 10,000 years to fully simulate this quantum computation. IBM's team have proposed a method for simulating Google's experiment on the Summit computer, which they estimated would take only two days rather than 10,000 years.

Random circuit sampling has no known practical use, but there are very good mathematical and empirical reasons to believe it is very hard to replicate on classical computers. More precisely, for every additional qubit the quantum computer uses to perform the calculation, a classical computer would need to double its computation time to do the same.

The IBM paper does not challenge this exponential growth. What the IBM team did was find a way of trading increased memory usage for faster computation time. They used this to show how it might be possible to squeeze a simulation of the Google experiment onto the Summit supercomputer, by exploiting the vast memory resources of that machine. (They estimate simulating the Google experiment would require memory equivalent to about 10m regular hard drives.)

The 53-qubit Google experiment is right at the limit of what can be simulated classically. IBM's new algorithm might just bring the calculation within reach of the world's biggest supercomputer. But add a couple more qubits, and the calculation will be beyond reach again. The Google paper anticipates this, stating: “We expect that lower simulation costs than reported here will eventually be achieved, but we also expect that they will be consistently outpaced by hardware improvements on larger quantum processors.”

Whether this experiment is just



within reach of the world's most powerful classical supercomputer, or just beyond, isn't really the point. The term “supremacy” is somewhat misleading in that it suggests a point when quantum computers can outperform classical computers at everything. In reality, it just means they can outperform classical computers at something. And that something might be an artificial demonstration with no practical applications. In retrospect, the choice of terminology was perhaps unfortunate (though Preskill recently wrote a reasoned defence of it).

### IMPRESSIVE SCIENCE

Yet Google's work is a significant milestone. With quantum hardware reaching the limits of what can be matched classically, it opens up the intriguing possibility that these devices – or devices only slightly larger – could have practical applications that cannot be done on classical supercomputers. On the other hand, we don't know of any such applications yet, even for devices with a few hundred qubits. It's a very interesting and challenging scientific question, and an extremely active area of research.

As such, the Google results are an impressive piece of experimental science. They do not imply that quantum computers are about to rev-

olutionise computing overnight (and the Google paper never claims this). Nor are these useless results that achieve nothing new (and the IBM paper doesn't claim this). The truth is somewhere in between. These new results undoubtedly move the technology forward, just as it has been steadily progressing for the last couple of decades.

As quantum computing technology develops, it is also pushing the design of new classical algorithms to simulate larger quantum systems than were previously possible. IBM's paper is an example of that. This is also useful science. Not only in ensuring quantum computing progress is continually being fairly benchmarked against the best classical techniques, but also because simulating quantum systems is itself an important scientific computing application.

This is how science and technology progresses. Not in one dramatic and revolutionary breakthrough, but in a whole series of small breakthroughs, with the academic community carefully scrutinising, criticising and refining each step along the way. Only a few of these advances and debates hit the headlines. The reality is both less dramatic and more interesting.

[the writer is Reader (Associate Professor) in Quantum Information, UCL]

# Journalists must not allow themselves to be used by unscrupulous politicians

STEVEN BARNETT

THECONVERSATION.COM

Here are three questions that anyone interested in the health of UK democracy should be asking. Should reputable political journalists allow themselves to be exploited as conduits for the unfettered messages of political leaders? Where does accurate reporting end and uncritical stenography begin? Are the media's big name political editors – in particular the high-profile broadcasting duo of Laura Kuenssberg on the BBC and Robert Peston on ITV – exercising proper scrutiny of a ruthless Downing Street propaganda machine, or are they victims of it?

These are important questions because – as anxieties grow about “fake news” being spread by unmoderated and unaccountable social media sites, and as the national press becomes even more vocal in its partisan reporting – our broadcasters have become the last bastion of detached information and critical analysis. Research shows that broadcast journalism is still regarded as the most trustworthy media, and those entrusted with the task of reporting on our political leaders on TV and radio bear a particularly heavy burden in febrile political times.

They are also questions that, over the past few weeks, have become more urgent as Downing Street has sought to impose its own narrative on unprecedented political turmoil. When the UK Supreme Court announced its historic decision that Johnson's prorogation of parliament was unlawful, Kuenssberg immediately tweeted a thread from a “No 10 source” that the court had made “a serious mistake in extending its reach to these political matters”. This was not accompanied by analysis of the decision or the rationale for reaching it.

Seasoned journalists argue that the political lobby has been doing this for decades, only now it is exacerbated by the speed with which news cycles develop in the digital world. Maybe. But when Johnson and the German chancellor Angela Merkel had their now infamous telephone conversation on October 8, the Downing Street machine – and the breathless reporting that accompanied it – went into overdrive.

Sky's Kate McCann tweeted a number 10 source as saying: “If this represents a new established position, then it means a deal is essentially impossible not just now but ever”. Other respected reporters followed suit, including the BBC's Five Live with a faithful “a Downing Street source has

told the BBC ...”

It didn't take long for veteran observers of the diplomatic scene to expose this Downing Street version of events as, to put it politely, economical with the truth. Former Irish ambassador Bobby McDonagh tweeted: “If Downing Street ‘source’ wants people to believe a fictitious account of conversation with Merkel it should avoid attributing views to her which are palpably made up.” And Tony Connelly, Irish broadcaster RTE's experienced Europe editor, made it clear in a series of tweets that both the tone and language were completely out of character for Merkel, and that the view in Brussels was that Downing Street was kickstarting the blame game.

At this point, Twitter jokers decided to have some fun. LBC talkshow host James O'Brien tweeted: “A ‘senior Downing Street source’ has told me that the moon is, in fact, made of cheese.” Another wag followed up with “a Downing Street source has just told me I can lose a stone in a week using this one weird trick and earn 20 grand a month working from home”. And so it went, as some of the country's most revered commentators were lampooned mercilessly for parroting the Downing Street line.

### ‘DODGY STORIES’

It is, however, a profoundly serious problem which was brilliantly articulated by columnist Peter Osborne this week in an article for OpenDemocracy (which he said he was unable to place in a mainstream publication). Osborne described a number of worrying examples of deliberate smear campaigns being run by newspapers to discredit those who were not following the Johnson line, which were then followed up by broadcasters.

These “dodgy stories” started to appear, he said, after Johnson installed his media team in No 10. “With the prime minister's evident encouragement these Downing Street or government sources have been spreading lies, misrepresentations, smears and falsehoods around Fleet Street and across the major TV channels. Political editors lap it all up.”

Osborne specifically targeted Kuenssberg and Peston, suggesting that they may be too compliant in their eagerness to receive “insider” information which they report without challenge. This, he wrote, is “client journalism” which “allows Downing Street to frame the story as it wants. Some allow themselves to be used as tools to smear the government's opponents. They say goodbye to the

truth.”

He subsequently appeared on Channel 4 news to repeat his allegations that since Johnson took up residence at 10 Downing Street, largely thanks to the prime minister's senior adviser Dominic Cummings and a “group of other figures from the old Leave campaign ... that a total unscrupulousness has developed” about the way they used journalists across the spectrum to present information “much of which turns out to be false”.

In his rebuttal on the same site, Peston argued that anonymous briefings have always been part of political journalism, and that the job of a conscientious reporter is “to distinguish palpable nonsense spouted by aides from information that genuinely represents the policy of the government”. Democracy is served, he wrote, “when we know how those in power think and speak”.

Preston was joined on Twitter by fellow practitioners defending their colleagues on the basis that governments have always indulged in spin, and that lobby journalists were perfectly capable of distinguishing exaggeration from downright lies.

### LIES, DAMNED LIES

In the current environment, however, these arguments are increasingly unconvincing. Just as in the White House, so in Downing Street we have an embattled figurehead who is an acknowledged liar surrounded by cronies well-versed in the art of creating a political narrative that bears very little resemblance to the truth. Moreover, the time and financial pressures on journalism allow much less scope for fact-checking, thoughtful analysis, or critical appraisal of official briefings. In an environment where the issues are complex and the politics are brutal, it is surely incumbent on those political journalists who are being relied upon by voters to guide them through their leaders' machinations to spend more time on insights and explanations.

Print journalists have a longer history of partisan coverage and a weak regulatory framework which has never set much store by accurate reporting. Broadcast journalists, however, are immersed in a culture of impartiality and commitment to factual accuracy.

Whatever the temptation of being first, or being singled out for exclusive access, at a time when democracy itself is under immense strain they surely owe it to their viewers to spend a little more time challenging power and a little less in knee-jerk facsimile tweets.

[the writer is Professor of Communications, University of Westminster]



## Odisha rain toll increases to six

**BHUBANESWAR, OCT 26 (PTI):** The toll in the heavy rains in Odisha has mounted to six with three fresh deaths reported from the districts, officials said Saturday.

The state has been battered by heavy rains since October 23 under the impact of a low pressure area over Bay of Bengal.

It claimed human lives, caused extensive damage to crops and properties, threw life out of gear in many districts, caused severe waterlogging and local flooding in low-lying areas.

The three fresh deaths were reported from Ganjam, Kendrapara and Mayurbhanj districts since Friday, officials said.

A ten-month-old boy was killed and his parents injured after a mud wall of their house collapsed at Bajraguma village in Ganjam district on Friday, while an 85-year-old man died in a similar incident at Aul area of Kendrapara district, they said.

Wall collapse caused by intermittent heavy rains also claimed the life of a woman aged around 50 years in Rasgovindpur area of Mayurbhanj



district, they said.

Three others were killed on Thursday in the districts of Puri, balasore and Keonjhar districts, the officials said.

The state special relief commissioner P K Jena has asked district collectors to immediately assess the damage to private properties such as houses and agriculture caused by the heavy rains in the state and finalise the list of beneficiaries by November 4 so that assistance as per the SDRF norms can be paid to the affected expeditiously.

He said the Odisha government has already declared heavy rain as

state specific disaster within the local context for which expenditure on relief measures and immediate repair/restoration of damaged public infrastructure shall be met from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF).

Teams comprising members from departments concerned would be formed for the purpose and crop loss assessment must be carried out by the joint teams consisting of revenue, agriculture and horticulture personnel, he said.

The supervising staff will conduct test checks to ensure correctness in assessment, while photographic evidence of the

beneficiary concerned along with the damaged houses at the background is mandatory, Jena said.

In case of houses fully damaged or severely inundated for more than two days, the affected households may be provided with assistance for clothing and utensils in addition to the prescribed house building expenses, the SRC said.

Expedient steps may also be taken for sanction and payment of ex-gratia from the available funds to the next of kin of the persons who have lost their lives without waiting for allotment from the SRC, he added.

## New novel depicts Punjab from 1930s to 60s

**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):** A new book serves as a window to Sikh faith and history of Punjab from the 1930s to the 1960s and traces the effects of colonialism, war, independence, and Partition on the northern state.

Sohan S Koonar's "Paper Lions" also brings to focus marginalised and forgotten communities like the Bajjar nomads.

In its portrayal of realistic and complex Sikh characters, the novel

spans four decades and is about three individuals and two families.

Bikram, the only son of an impoverished family, enlists in the British Indian Army hoping to draw a modest income. But greed seduces him into wealth and violence, corruption, and a murky political career.

Basanti, a 12-year-old Bajjar girl, navigates fraught new boundaries with her nomadic clan to build life and home afresh. But destiny seems

always stacked against her beauty and idealism - until one frighteningly triumphant moment in which she reclaims her fate.

Ajit, the erstwhile landlord of a vast and thriving estate, also functions as the respected patriarch of a loving family. But tragedy strikes him in rapid succession; unmoored, he plunges into despair.

The lives of these characters intertwine in unexpected ways, play-

ing out against a canvas of intricate family dynamics, class struggles, the drama of politics and manipulation, and the tumult of Partition.

Publisher Speaking Tiger says Koonar writes a deft narrative of breath-taking tension: a riveting novel of deceit, calamity, intrigue, and resilience.

"As intimate in human drama as it is vast in scope, this is the big Punjab novel for our times," it says.

## Jharkhand govt hikes honorariums of Anganwadi workers

**RANCHI, OCT 26 (PTI):** The Jharkhand government on Saturday hiked the honorariums of Anganwadi workers in the state.

Addressing a programme here, Chief Minister Raghubar Das announced an increase in the monthly honorariums of Anganwadi Sevikas (servers) from Rs 5,900 to 6,400 and that of Anganwadi Sahayikas (helpers) from Rs 2,950 to Rs 3,200.

The monthly honorarium of servers of Mini Anganwadi Centres has been increased from Rs 4,200 to Rs 4,700.

A total of 73,074 Anganwadi workers will be benefited by the hike, he said.

The chief minister also distributed clothes and sarees to workers of the unorganised sector on the occasion of Diwali.

Das said while 13 lakh workers in the unorganised sector of Jharkhand

were registered in the last 18 years, an equal number were registered by the state labour department in the last one month, taking the total registered workforce in the state to 26 lakh.

"Just like we say 'Satyamaya Jayate' (truth alone triumphs), we should also say 'Shramamaya Jayate' (victory to labour) as construction (helps) raise capital that makes the state prosperous," he said.

The chief minister said while trade unions represent only around eight per cent of the total workforce in Jharkhand, the state government wants to become the voice of the remaining 92 per cent who are from the unorganised sector.

He asked the labourers to get themselves registered with the labour department to avail the benefits of various state government schemes.

## UP CM launches new emergency helpline number '112'

**LUCKNOW, OCT 26 (PTI):** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday launched an all-encompassing emergency helpline number '112' to access police, fire brigade, ambulance and other services under the Emergency Response Support System here.

He also launched a senior citizen safety initiative 'Savera', an official release said.

"This single helpline number 112 will reduce the response time. Route chart of 112 should be prepared and positioning at district, station level should be done," Adityanath said at the launch event.

He said people do not need to remember different numbers for different tasks now. All emergency services have been integrated for the task, he added.

He said many states



have adopted the emergency service 112, a changed name for 'Dial 100', which is being started in Uttar Pradesh.

"We need to carry forward 112 as an integrated emergency service. Efforts should be made to promote it from today itself," he said.

Talking of 'Savera' initiative, Adityanath said in many places, especially, the urban areas,

elderly couples live alone and they do not have any support.

"Savera initiative will instill new confidence in them. We should also take similar initiative for women safety as well and set up cell at police station-level, linked to women safety," he said.

Noting the initiative to link together 108, 102 medical service, 1090 women power helpline,

181 women helpline, CM helpline, ambulance and other such services, he said it can become a good example. The chief minister lauded the efforts of UP police for maintaining law and order across the state, besides the successful completion of Kumbh in Prayagraj, Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in Varanasi and Lok Sabha elections, the release added.

**KOHIMA, OCT 26 (PTI):** Days before another round of Naga peace talks on October 31, a top leader of NSCN-IM, along with 16 other members, quit the rebel group accusing it of being "insensitive" to the people's plea for an honourable solution to the vexed issue and joined the rival Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs).

In a statement issued Friday night, Hukavi Yeputhomi said the working committee of the NNPGs has been "practical and realistic" in its negotiation with the Centre.

"Without compromising on our history and identity, I, Hukavi Yeputhomi, former kilo kilonser (home minister) of NSCN-IM and currently a member in the ongoing negotiating team of NSCN-IM, along with 16 co-workers, on our own volition and with clear conscience, has joined the WC NNPG," he said.

A team of the Na-



tionalist Social Council of Nagaland, Isak-Muivah (NSCN-IM) held talks with the Centre's interlocutor R N Ravi on October 24 but the discussions remained inconclusive. The next round is talks is expected on October 31.

Sources said the demand for a separate flag and constitution for the Nagas has become the main contention between the two sides with the NSCN-IM, which had signed a framework agreement with the Centre in August 2015, strongly pressing for it.

Ravi, who is also the governor of Nagaland, had said last week that

the NSCN-IM has adopted a "procrastinating attitude to delay the settlement raising the contentious symbolic issues of separate Naga national flag and constitution on which it was fully aware of the government of India's position".

Yeputhomi asserted that the geo-political situation demands that the Nagas be more pragmatic at this juncture.

He accused NSCN-IM 'chairman' Q Tuccu and the outfit's 'ato kilonser' (prime minister) T Muivah of being "insensitive to the Naga people's plea for an honourable solution".

"We are convinced

that the interest, pursuit and potential of future Naga generations must not be jeopardised by unresolved symbolic issues when negotiating patters have long come to terms that sovereignty and integration were not possible at a present time," he said.

"My decision is based on our people's desire for a peaceful co-existence... We bear no malice against anyone and hope that our decision would be respected," Yeputhomi added.

The framework agreement, signed on August 3, 2015 by NSCN-IM and interlocutor Ravi in presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had come after over 80 rounds of negotiations spanning 18 years.

The NSCN-IM apart, NNPGs have also been holding separate talks with the Centre since 2017 and are willing to settle the vexed issue without insisting on a separate flag and constitution.

## Wildlife sanctuary tag for Tral for Hungul protection

**JAMMU, OCT 26 (PTI):** The Tral Wildlife Sanctuary will function as a protected wildlife corridor for the endangered Kashmir Stag, also called Hungul, with the Jammu and Kashmir administration issuing a notification in this regard, officials said on Saturday.

The sanctuary, spread over an area of 154.15 square kilometers, falls in the Pulwama district of south Kashmir and has come into being by merging Changed, Panyar-Shikargah and Khiram wildlife conservation reserves and few other forest compartments of Awantipora forest division, an official spokesman said.

"The sanctuary will function as a protected wildlife corridor for the Hangul population present down south in Shikargah-Panyer and Khiram conservation reserves with the main population in Dachigam National park in the north.

"The sanctuary will also help in creating a

buffer around the Dachigam National Park and Overa-Aru wildlife sanctuary leading to a secure, suitable and viable habitat for the last remnant Hangul population," the spokesman said.

The area also promises immense tourism potential which will play a significant role in boosting the rural economy by way of eco-tourism, the spokesman added.

The Kashmir stag is a subspecies of the elk native. Known for its magnificent antlers, which can have 11 to 16 points, Hangul is the only surviving Asiatic subspecies of the European red deer family, found only in Kashmir.

The area has the distinction of harbouring the Hangul population that exists outside Dachigam National Park in Srinagar. Besides, 15 species of mammals, including some rare ones are also found within the limits of the sanctuary.

It is also home to more than 200 species

of birds, the spokesman said.

By declaring Tral Wildlife Sanctuary, the sustainable conservation of the flora and fauna of the state will be ensured, he said.

From a population of around 3,000-5,000 in the first half of the last century, their numbers has been constantly declining over the decades.

The 2019 census of the endangered Hangul has revealed alarming decrease in the animal's population, with the lowest ever male-female and fawn-female ratios.

The census was conducted by the State Department of Wildlife Protection. The census, however, shows marginal increase in Hangul population from 214 in 2017 to 237 this year.

As per the data, there were 15.5 males per 100 females and 7.5 fawns per 100 females. The male-female and fawn-female ratios are quite alarming as these ratios are lower than ever.

## UP: Seven policemen hurt in stone pelting

**DEORIA (UP), OCT 26 (PTI):** Seven policemen, including two sub-inspectors, were injured when an irate mob blocked traffic and indulged in stone pelting following the death of an accident victim here.

On getting information that Ravindra (29), who had suffered injuries after being hit by a motorcycle on October 18, had succumbed to his injuries, local residents on Friday blocked traffic on Ramjanki Road, Circle Officer Varun Mishra said on Saturday.

They placed the body on the road and indulged in heavy brick-battling, he said.

They also smashed windowpanes of the police vehicle and someone from among them snatched the gold chain of SI Amit Pandey, Mishra said.

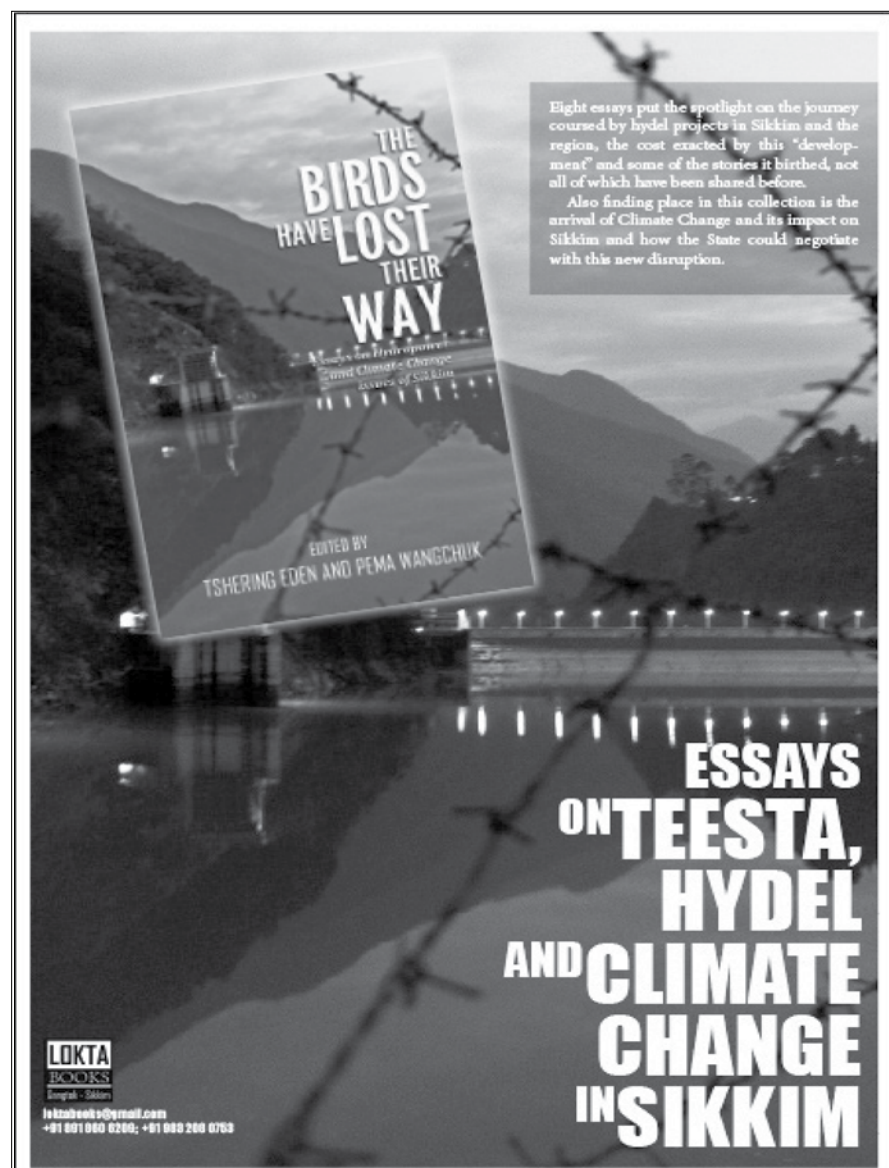
He said an FIR had been lodged against over 250 people, 14 of which had been named in it.

Some people have been taken into custody for questioning, the police officer said, adding that the situation was now under control.

The injured were undergoing treatment in a hospital, he said.

A local-level BSP leader had also been named in the incident, police sources said.

Contact Summit TIMES at  
9832556698, 9832369520  
news@summittimes.com  
advertise@summittimes.com  
summittimes16@gmail.com





# England dethrone New Zealand to reach Rugby World Cup final

ROBERT KITSON  
**YOKOHAMA, 26 OCT [THEGUARDIAN]:** Not since the 2003 Rugby World Cup has English rugby enjoyed a more stunning or significant moment. Eddie Jones's team are into their first final for 12 years but the manner in which they left New Zealand strewn on the canvas was as striking as the 19-7 scoreline. The All Blacks' dreams of becoming the first team to win three consecutive Webb Ellis Cups were not so much dashed as smashed.

As well as delivering New Zealand's first loss in 19 World Cup matches dating back to 2007, this was the equal of any England performance in modern times. The All Blacks, so dominant in the tournament en route to the last four, could cope with neither the power at England's disposal nor their defensive strength and tactical acumen after Manu Tuilagi's second-minute score had set the initial tone.

England's forwards knew they would have to play the collective game of their lives and duly did so. Maro Itoje was everywhere and along with Tom Curry, Sam Underhill and Courtney Lawes delivered a world-class performance when it mattered most. George Ford, taking over the kicking duties from a limping Farrell, kicked four vital penalties and, when the inevitable All Black fightback finally materialised, some of England's tackling, particularly from Underhill, was off the scale.

As an advert for rugby by the entire game more than lived up to its advance billing. From the moment England formed their own deliberate V-shaped arrowhead to greet the haka, encroaching slightly into the Kiwi half for extra effect, there was an edge to proceedings and the opening minutes saw a similar statement of intent.

It took England less than 98 seconds to make



their intentions crystal clear, a superb attacking sequence ending with Tuilagi plunging unstopably over by the posts. Farrell's conversion made it 7-0 and it was a full seven minutes before New Zealand could take anything remotely resembling a breath.

The sight of the diminutive Ford stripping the

All Black tighthead Nepo Laulala perfectly symbolised England's intent and it was the team in white who dominated virtually the entire first half. Even the multi-talented Beauden Barrett looked slightly rattled and New Zealand were fortunate not to concede a second try when Tuilagi intercepted an attempted long

pass from the full-back. When the ball arrived in Jonny May's hands on the wing 40 metres out there seemed only one outcome but the winger, who came off with a tweaked muscle against Australia in the quarter-final, could not outpace the cover on this occasion.

The All Blacks has an-

other let off when Underhill, having collected Kyle Sinckler's pass, charged over for a potential score which was subsequently chalked off because Tom Curry's decoy run had illegally cleared a defender from his path. Only with a limping Farrell clearly in discomfort did England's momentum slow momentarily but

they still spent over two thirds of the opening half in their opponents' territory and mostly forced New Zealand's dangerous backs to live off scraps. A 45-metre penalty from Ford extended England's interval lead to 10-0 and left Steve Hansen's team staring into the abyss.

Even the famously demanding Jones could hardly have wished for more, with his players having followed his precise gameplan virtually to the letter. As long ago as last November, after his side's 16-15 defeat to New Zealand at Twickenham, the head coach was already making clear exactly how England would handle any rematch in Japan. "If you're prepared to play a certain way against the All Blacks – and you can do it very well – you can make them uncomfortable. That hasn't changed since Adam was a boy."

This blank first half, even so, was noteworthy

as the All Blacks' first at a World Cup since 1991. Their predicament could have been even worse had England not had another potentially match-clinching try ruled out in the 46th minute, this time for a slight knock forward in the preceding maul before Ben Youngs dummied his way over for what would have been an outstanding finish.

A 50th-minute penalty from Ford made partial amends, only for an English lineout aberration close to their own line to gift Ardie Savea a soft 57th-minute try, converted by Richie Mo'unga. Could the All Blacks, who had previously lost just nine of the 105 Test matches they had played under Hansen, possibly escape and deny England a winner-takes-all date with either South Africa or Wales?

The answer was no, two more Ford penalties propelling the English chariot sweetly into next Saturday's final.

## Vardy and Pérez hat-tricks see Leicester smash nine against Southampton

BEN FISHER

**SOUTHAMPTON, 27 OCT [AP]:** By the time Jamie Vardy stepped up from 12 yards to add Leicester City's ninth and put the final nail in Southampton's coffin, the pocket of delirious travelling supporters, well on their way to revelling in a giddy record-breaking away win, were sarcastically singing for the goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel to take aim from the penalty spot. The only other time a team won by such a margin in the Premier League 24 years ago, another Schmeichel was on the winning side for Manchester United. Leicester fans toasted Vardy's hat-trick by feverishly waving white scarves bearing the name of their late owner Vi-chai Srivaddhanaprabha, whose death was a year ago on Sunday, but Saints had long since raised the white flag on a deeply sobering evening.

For Leicester, passage to the record books came after breezing to the biggest victory by an away team in the 131-year history of the English top flight and to second in the table. This victory takes them to 20 points from 10 games, one more than their total at this stage when they went on to win the league against all odds.

For Southampton, who had Ryan Bertrand sent off 12 minutes into this non-event, this was an ordeal from start to finish. The visitors shot



Saints to pieces, with Ayoze Pérez also helping himself to a hat-trick to celebrate his first goals in a Leicester shirt as Brendan Rodgers's boisterous side cantered to an embarrassing rout that laid bare his side's top-six credentials while exposing familiar flaws in the Southampton defence. By the time James Maddison curled a sweet free-kick beyond Angus Gunn for Leicester's eighth, Ben Chilwell and Yuri Tielemans, both of whom were irresistible throughout, had inflicted lasting damage. As Rodgers said, the relentless Harvey Barnes was unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet.

By the time the fourth official Andy Madley signalled for two minutes of second-half stoppage-time, thousands of Southampton supporters had headed for the exits after enduring nothing short of an ordeal. With 18 minutes and 34 seconds on the clock here,

home fans filtered out of St Mary's safe in the knowledge the visitors were cantering to victory. The retrospective red card awarded to Bertrand, whose studs caught Pérez on the shin, did not help matters but, in truth, Southampton were playing second fiddle from the off, long before the brilliant Chilwell opened the scoring from close range.

Rodgers insisted his purring side can improve and, on this evidence, that is a frightening assertion. Leicester ran riot and at times the suffering they inflicted on Southampton felt unfair. The gulf between the sides was alarming, reminiscent of a charity fundraiser whereby the scoreline is secondary. But, for Southampton, this capitulation does not only matter but it is also deeply concerning given Ralph Hasenhüttl's side have conceded 19 goals in their past five matches

and, unsurprisingly, have the worst home record in the division. Up next? The champions. Away. Twice: first on Tuesday in the Carabao Cup and then next Saturday in the league. "Manchester City, we're coming for you," came the ironic chant from crestfallen supporters before the final whistle. Hasenhüttl acknowledged his side must solve their wretched home form – they have won 15 of their past 62 matches at St Mary's – but by the time they were put out of their misery here, there was plenty more for the Austrian, forlorn in the dugout, to ponder.

To say Southampton's resistance was feeble would be pushing it. Their submission was meek. Tielemans drilled in Leicester's second after Yan Valery inadvertently prodded the ball into his path following a trademark marauding run by Chilwell. Ninety seconds later, Leicester were

wheeling away in celebration once more, with Tielemans again instrumental. Ricardo Pereira kick-started the move, which was finished by Pérez after a neat give-and-go with Tielemans. Hasenhüttl, whose grey tracksuit was drenched from the bucketing rain, could only grimace from the touchline. Valery did at least muster a Southampton shot on target after Danny Ings plucked Nathan Redmond's pass out of the bucketing rain, before Ings sent an effort wide, but the manner of Southampton's surrender was worrying.

Things went from bad to worse when Pérez fired home unmarked at the back post, ghosting in behind Valery. Then Vardy got in on the act, bamboozling Maya Yoshida after Chilwell's cross deflected into his path. The visitors, and Barnes especially, were toying with a brittle defence. Southampton kept a clean sheet for the first 12 minutes of the second half but then Gunn's net was bulging once more.

Pérez completed his hat-trick as he established a gaping hole between Kevin Danso and Yoshida and duly chested a flighted Barnes ball down before applying a thumping finish. Two minutes later, Gunn was fishing the ball out of his net again, with Vardy the culprit. The away end craved eight but got nine, by which point Southampton were broken.

## Chennaiyin aim to bounce back against Mumbai City

**CHENNAI, OCT 26 (PTI):** Two-time ISL champion Chennaiyin FC will aim to bounce back strongly with a win after a losing start in ISL-6 when it takes on Mumbai City FC in its first home game here on Sunday.

The CFC head coach John Gregory will be aware of the need to get going quickly as the team's fortunes went downhill after a few early defeats in the 2018-19 season. He would want the players to find form after a lacklustre performance in the loss to FC Goa.

The new-look CFC will look up to local star Dhanpal Ganesh to provide the spark in the midfield and drive the team forward in the absence of an injured Jeje Lalpekhlua.

The defence which included Eli Sabia and Lucia Goian was found wanting in the 0-3 loss

to Goa and will need to tighten up in the matches ahead. Gregory said as much after the team lost the opener and would want the defence up and running.

Also, the onus will be on the mid-fielders to press forward and feed the forwardline. How the promising Lallianzuala Chhangte, one of CFC's new signings this season, fares will be watched with interest. A lot would depend on how he and Ganesh fare in the games to come.

The Mumbai team on the other hand rode on Amine Chermiiti's debut goal to register a win against Kerala Blasters in Koli on Tuesday and will look to add to Chennaiyin's early season misery in the Diwali clash.

Chermiiti, a Tunisian international, who joined Mumbai this season, along with Sengal player Modou Sougou, are likely

to be key in the long season ahead and the CFC defence will have to find a way to contain the duo if both are picked for tomorrow's game.

Having eked out three points in its opener, Mumbai City will come into the CFC fixture with a lot of confidence and given the former champion's struggles, will fancy adding to its points tally.

Croatian central defender Mato Grcic and Indian internationals Rowlin Borges and Sarthak Golui will be the other players to watch out for.

After a nightmarish 2018-19 season, CFC is looking for redemption and the Marina arena, its home, probably provides the right setting to spark the revival. The festival crowd could do well to inspire Gregory's men, who have a lot to play for. (Match starts at 7.30 pm.)

## Maha polls: NOTA percentage goes up

**MUMBAI, OCT 26 (PTI):** The percentage of voters punching in None of the Above or NOTA option in recently-concluded Maharashtra assembly elections has seen a rise compared to 2014 polls.

In the October 24 verdict, the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena managed to retain power but ceded considerable ground--the saffron allies collectively lost 23 seats--to rivals NCP and Congress.

Analysis shows 7,42,134 voters opted for NOTA as against 4,60,741 votes who had chosen this option in 2014 polls. Collectively, the NOTA percentage stood at 1.35 per cent of the total votes cast as against 0.91% of the previous assembly polls.

The NOTA option, which indicates voters' disenchantment with candidates in fray, secured second place in two constituencies which are pocketborough of political heavyweights in the state, which comprises 288 Assembly seats.

The NOTA option, however, does not im-

pact the results of the elections.

In Latur Rural Assembly segment in Marathwada region, Congress candidate Dhiraj Deshmukh secured 1,35,006 votes (67.64 per cent) whereas NOTA clinched 27,500 votes (13.78 per cent) to secure the second position.

Dhiraj is son of late chief minister and Congress stalwart Vilasrao Deshmukh who hailed from Latur district.

In the Palus-Kadegaon Assembly constituency in Sangli district in western Maharashtra, Congress nominee Vishwajeet Kadam emerged a winner with 1,71,497 votes, while NOTA came in second with 20,631 votes.

Vishwajeet is son of Congress stalwart late Patangrao Kadam who had nurtured Palus-Kaedgaon constituency during his long political career.

Notably, Sanjay Vibhute of the Shiv Sena was relegated to third position in the seat with 8,976 votes.

In high-profile Nagpur

South West constituency from where Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis got re-elected by defeating his Congress opponent, 3064 electors or 1.59 per cent of the total votes cast pressed NOTA button. Fadnavis secured victory garnering 1,09,237 votes.

In another remarkable contest in Worli in Mumbai, from where Shiv Sena's Aaditya Thackeray made his electoral debut, 6305 voters (4.88 per cent of the total votes cast) opted for NOTA.

Thackeray won by polling 89,248 votes.

The NOTA option was first introduced in Maharashtra in the 2014 elections, following a Supreme Court verdict a year earlier.

The apex court had then observed that negative voting will lead to a systemic change in polls and political parties will be forced to project clean candidates.

On October 24, the BJP won 105 seats and the Sena 56 while the NCP and the Congress bagged 54 and 44 seats, respectively.

## AIBA ban can take away champions of future: Tyson Fury

**NEW DELHI, OCT 26 (PTI):** British heavyweight boxing star Tyson Fury believes International Olympic Committee's decision to ban world body (AIBA) will have a massive impact on amateur and professional boxing, saying it can potentially take away champions of the future from the sport.

"It will have a massive impact because it is potentially stopping stars of the future from getting a break," Fury said during an international conference call ahead of his WWE in-ring debut against Braun Strowman at Crown Jewel

in Riyadh next week.

"It is very important that amateur boxing continues so we can have professional champions of the future.

"If there is no amateur boxing, there is no professionals. I don't know many people who have turned professionals without being amateurs. It could have a big impact on the professional sport for sure. It could be taking away champions of the future."

Fury will join the likes of Evander Holyfield, Floyd Mayweather, Mike Tyson and Muhammad Ali when he takes on Braun

Strowman at the WWE Crown Jewel on October 31 in Saudi Arabia.

Fury was also impressed with Indian boxing and hoped star boxer Vijender Singh goes on to win the world title.

"India is a great boxing country. Boxing is very big in India. You have a great boxer in Vijender Singh and I hope he can go on to win the world title for India," said Fury, who is scheduled to face Deontay Wilder in the boxing ring in February in a rematch.

"I would love to come to India and fight there. Hopefully it will happen in future." Ahead of his WWE

debut, Fury said even though the two sports are different, he finds a lot of similarity between boxing and wrestling.

"The training is different, the preparation is different, WWE is much more physical. I can transfer footwork, agility, punches from boxing to WWE. There are a lot of similarities in boxing and WWE in the entertainment factor," he said.

"There is also the fitness and athleticism of boxing. But they are totally different games, like snooker and golf. Totally different!

"Physically and men-



# Hong Kong court bans publishing police details, including photos

A Hong Kong court has banned people from publishing a wide range of personal details about police officers and their families, including photos, in a bid to halt "doxxing" by pro-democracy protesters.

The temporary injunction, uploaded on government websites overnight, was criticised by some on Saturday for its broad wording and for further shielding the identity of officers as they clash with protesters.

The semi-autonomous Chinese city has been battered by nearly five months of seething pro-democracy rallies in which police and protesters have fought increasingly violent battles.

The police force says many of its officers have had personal details leaked online -- known as "doxxing" -- and family members harassed as a result.

Lawyers for the force went to Hong Kong's High Court on Friday asking for an injunction forbidding people from publishing a slew of personal information including key details such as names, addresses, dates of birth and identity card numbers.



But they also sought a ban on publishing details about a police officer's Facebook and Instagram IDs, their car number plates and any photograph of an officer or their family without consent.

The court granted the injunction for 14 days pending a longer legal hearing.

The injunction also bans "intimidating, molesting, harassing, threatening, pestering or interfering" with any police officer or family member.

The current wording leaves no exceptions, including for media, making it unclear how it will be applied and whether it will restrict work by reporters.

Police did not respond to requests for clarification.

- 'Far beyond doxxing' -

Antony Dapiran, a lawyer who has written a book about the city's protest movement, described the ban as a "very alarming development".

"(It's a) serious restriction on freedom of expression and effectively criminalises a whole range of perfectly lawful acts which will now be punishable as contempt of court," he wrote on Twitter.

The Hong Kong Journalists Association said it was "extremely concerned" about the potential limitations to media freedoms and said it was

seeking legal advice.

Sharron Fast, a media law expert at the University of Hong Kong, said the injunction banned activity "far beyond doxxing".

"It would certainly capture the chants and name-calling that the police have long wanted to have legislative protection from," she told AFP.

She added that journalists and opposition figures had also been doxxed during the protests but the injunction did not extend extra protections to them.

Hong Kong's police have already faced criticism for hiding their identities during clashes by removing warrant card numbers from their uniforms, as well as us-

ing face masks and shining bright torches at reporters.

Earlier this month the city's pro-Beijing leader Carrie Lam used a colonial-era emergency law to ban protesters from wearing face masks.

But the ordinance was widely flouted by protesters incensed that police are still allowed to cover their faces.

Police counter that they are facing unprecedented levels of public anger and abuse and need to protect their staff from retribution and harassment.

Pro-Beijing lawmakers defended the injunction.

Hong Kong has been riven by seething protests for the past 20 weeks, with violence spiralling on both sides of the ideological divide.

Hardline protesters have thrown Molotov cocktails and bricks at police, as well as vandalised businesses perceived as being pro-China. Earlier this month an officer was stabbed in the neck.

Police have responded with increasing amounts of rubber bullets, tear gas and even live rounds in recent clashes.

## Over a million protesters demand Chile president's resignation

More than one million people took to the streets in Chile Friday for the largest protests in a week of deadly demonstrations demanding economic reforms and the resignation of President Sebastian Pinera.

The leader told the thronging masses that he had "heard the message" in a post on Twitter, characterizing the protests in a positive light and as a means towards change.

Demonstrators carrying indigenous and national flags sang popular resistance songs from the 1973-90 Augusto Pinochet dictatorship era as the country, usually seen as one of the most stable in Latin America, grapples with its worst violence in decades.

Santiago's governor Karla Rubilar described it as "a historic day" on Twitter, praising "a peaceful march... representing the dream of a new Chile."

Rubilar said more than a million were demonstrating around the country, while Santiago's town hall put the number of people marching in the capital at 820,000, citing police figures.

For the past week, Chileans' pent-up anger has spilled over in the form of protests against a socio-economic structure that many feel has left them by the wayside, with low wages and pensions, costly health care and education, and a big gap between rich and poor.

Pinera, a conservative billionaire, wrote on Twitter that "the massive, happy and peaceful march today, where Chileans demanded a more just and supportive Chile, opens great paths for the future and hope."

"We have all heard the message. We have all changed. With unity and help from God, we will travel the road towards a Chile that is better for all," he said.

Pinera apologized earlier in the week for

failing to anticipate the outbreak of social unrest and announced a raft of measures designed to placate people, such as increases in minimum pensions and wages.

He also announced a plan to end a deeply unpopular state of emergency and to lift a nighttime curfew, although both of those are now into their seventh day.

On Friday he called on legislators to "urgently approve these projects rather than arguing and debating so much."

Francisco Anguita, a 38-year-old artificial intelligence developer attending the demonstrations, told AFP the protests would probably "be the biggest ever. We're asking for justice, honesty, ethical government."

"It's not that we want socialism or communism: We want fewer private enterprises, more state," he said.

- Drop in violence -  
In an initial burst of violence, metro stations were destroyed, supermarkets torched and looted, traffic lights and bus shelters smashed, and countless street barricades erected and set alight.

Authorities deployed some 20,000 police and soldiers in Santiago, using tear gas and water cannons to disperse demonstrators.

Security forces have been blamed for five of the 19 protest-related deaths. Social media has lit up with accusations of torture and abuse.

The United Nations said on Thursday it was sending a team to investigate the allegations.

Serious incidents and arrests have decreased in recent days compared with the beginning of the movement.

But the violence has still been the worst since Chile returned to democracy after Pinochet's right-wing dictatorship. And the protests show no sign of abating.

As demonstrators

passed by the presidential palace in central Santiago, they hurled insults at Pinera and the military.

While the mass street movement may have appeared organized, it still lacks recognizable leaders and was mostly routed through social media.

Regular media has also found itself a target of protesters' ire with the distribution of leaflets calling for people not to turn on their televisions.

Earlier on Friday, cars and trucks took part in a protest against highway tolls, moving at snail's pace as they clogged autoroutes and formed long caravans on roads leading out of the capital city.

Luis Leiton, a participating taxi driver, said the toll system was expensive and abusive.

"If this is not resolved with concrete measures, this nation that has risen up is going to keep protesting," Leiton told AFP.

- APEC summit still on -

The latest demonstrations came after a two-day strike on Wednesday and Thursday arranged by Chile's largest and most powerful trade union, although in Santiago business continued as usual for the most part.

The national human rights institute -- INDH -- said 584 people have been injured, 245 by firearms, and 2,410 detained during the protests.

Soldiers have been guarding Santiago's metro stations as three of the seven lines -- which usually carry three million people per day -- have reopened.

The government said on Thursday that next month's APEC trade summit in Santiago would go ahead despite the protests.

US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping are among those expected to attend the November 16-17 meeting to discuss ending their trade war.

## Pentagon awards \$10 bn cloud contract to Microsoft, snubbing Amazon

The Pentagon said Friday it is awarding a \$10 billion cloud computing contract to Microsoft, following a highly scrutinized bidding process which Amazon had been favored to win.

The 10-year contract for the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure program, better known as JEDI, ultimately will see all military branches sharing information in a system boosted by artificial intelligence.

"The National Defense Strategy dictates that we must improve the speed and effectiveness with which we develop and deploy modernized technical capabilities to our women and men in uniform," Defense Department Chief Information Officer Dana Deasy said in a release.

"This award is an important step in execution of the Digital Modernization Strategy."

Amazon was considered the lead contender to provide technology for JEDI, with its Amazon Web Services dominating the cloud computing arena and the company already

providing classified servers for other government outfits including the CIA.

But the Pentagon earlier this year delayed awarding the hefty contract, saying the process would be reviewed by newly appointed Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Esper was selected by US President Donald Trump, who has lashed out at Amazon and company founder Jeff Bezos, who owns The Washington Post.

In July, Trump said he had heard "complaining from different companies like Microsoft and Oracle and IBM" over the JEDI bidding process.

"We're going to take a look at it. We'll take a very strong look at it," he said, raising concerns among observers that the process would be improperly influenced.

Amazon said late Friday it was "surprised about this conclusion."

"AWS is the clear leader in cloud computing, and a detailed assessment purely on the comparative offerings clearly lead to a different conclusion,"

the company said in a statement.

Microsoft did not immediately respond to a request for comment from AFP.

- Necessary evil? -

The contract has caused controversy over whether internet giants who say they want to make the world better should be involved in the defense industry.

JEDI critics have likened it to the nefarious "Skynet" computing overlord in "Terminator" films.

Microsoft was Amazon's only rival in the final bidding for the winner-take-all contract, despite employees urging it to drop out. "Many Microsoft employees don't believe that what we build should be used for wage war," company staffers wrote in an anonymous op-ed posted a year ago on Medium, which said it had verified the authenticity of the piece.

"The contract is massive in scope and shrouded in secrecy, which makes it nearly impossible to know what we as workers would be building.

## Iraq forces try to clear lingering protesters after bloodshed

Iraqi security forces fired tear gas to clear lingering protesters in Baghdad on Saturday morning, after dozens died in a bloody resumption of anti-government rallies to be discussed in parliament.

Since anti-government rallies first erupted on October 1, nearly 200 people have died and thousands were wounded in Baghdad and across the country's Shiite-majority south in violence condemned worldwide.

Almost a quarter of them, 42, succumbed on Friday alone from live rounds, tear gas canisters or while torching government buildings or offices belonging to powerful Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitary factions in several southern cities.

The storming of provincial headquarters, parliamentarians' workspaces or Hashed offices marks a new phase in the southern rallies but has yet to take place in the capital.

In Baghdad, a few hundred protesters dug in around the emblematic Tahrir (Liberation) Square on Saturday morning despite efforts by riot police to clear them with tear gas.

"It's enough -- theft, looting, gangs, mafias, deep state, whatever. Get out! Let us see a (functioning) state," said one protester, referring to perceived cronyism and corruption in the country.

"We don't want anything, just let us live," he added as puffs of smoke from tear gas rose behind him.

Oil-rich Iraq is OPEC's second-highest producer -- but one in five people live below the poverty line and youth unemployment sits at 25 percent, according to the World Bank.

The staggering rates of joblessness and allegations of corruption sparked the widespread protests on October 1 and the government has struggled to quell public anger by offering reform plans.

Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi has suggested a laundry list of measures, including hiring drives, increased pensions and a cabinet reshuffle.

New education and health ministers were approved by parliament in a session earlier this month, the only time it was able to reach quorum since protests began.

- 'They tricked us' -

But protesters seemed unimpressed.

"They told young people: 'go home, we'll give you pensions and come up with a solution'. They tricked us," said one of the rare woman protesters on Saturday, her young son at her side.

About 60 percent of Iraq's 40-million-strong population is under the age of 25.

Protesters have di-



rected some of their anger at the country's top Shiite religious authority, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, who is deeply revered among most Iraqis.

Others have been waiting for signal from influential populist cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who has thrown his weight behind protests.

On Friday, Sistani urged protesters and security forces to show "restraint", warning of "chaos" if violence resumed.

"Sadr, Sistani -- this is a shame," a protester in Tahrir said on Saturday.

"We were hit! It's enough," he said, waving a tear gas canister fired earlier by security forces.

Riot police had been trying to keep protesters around Tahrir from reaching the high-security Green Zone across the river, which hosts gov-

ernment offices including parliament.

Lawmakers are scheduled to meet there at 1:00 pm (1000 GMT) to "discuss protesters' demands, cabinet's decisions and the implementation of reforms."

Speaker Mohammed al-Halbasi said he had visited Tahrir overnight, but many demonstrators have shunned the participation of mainstream politicians whom they see as trying to co-opt their movement.

- Political plays -

There were calls for fresh protests in the south as well despite authorities announcing curfews across several provinces on Saturday.

Many expected a public outcry from the families of those killed the previous day as they prepared for their burials.

to book advertisements in SummitTimes  
call: 03592-208698, 9734152541, 9647102692  
advertise@summittimes.com





**TULLE TIME!** The model, Kendall Jenner rocks a super feminine mini dress on the runway in Italy.

## Selena Gomez Reveals Why She ‘Hopes’ Justin Bieber Listens To ‘Lose You To Love Me’ — Watch

Selena Gomez recently dropped a break-up anthem that certainly seems like it’s inspired by her lengthy on-again, off-again romance with Justin Bieber!

“For me, my intentions are never evil. They just aren’t,” Selena continued. “I don’t even know how to do that. My intentions can be a bit snappy but I always want to come from a place that’s genuine, and when I feel like some things haven’t been said, then, I get to turn things into art.” Selena followed up the dramatic ballad with “Look At Her Now” — an empowering anthem that also makes reference to the Justin romance. In the lyrics, she says the relationship was “shiny until it wasn’t” but that she “knows she’ll find love again.” Overall, the theme of the song is that she “dodged a

bullet,” re: being the one to marry Justin.

After Justin reunited with Hailey, things quickly escalated: the pair were engaged and then legally married by Sept. 2018! The move seemed like a rebound to some, but Justin and Hailey very much stayed together and had their official wedding ceremony in South Carolina just last month!

Selena Gomez, 27, wants Justin Bieber, 25, to hear her new music! “Yeah, I do [want him to listen],” she revealed in an interview on the Zach Sang Show on Oct. 25. “And here’s the whole point: being able to say something on your own, and being able to say something that actually is beautiful.” Selena recently dropped the dramatic ballad to “Lose You To Love Me” — which, unmistakably, makes reference to her

lengthy on-again, off-again romance with Justin. In the song, she states “you replaced us in two months,” which fits with the timeline: Justin and Selena last broke things off in Mar. 2018, and he was already back with Hailey Baldwin, 22, in June.

“So naturally, for sure [I want him to listen],” Selena continued. “In general, the most important part is that the world got to hear it, and relate to it, and know that they aren’t alone because this feeling that everyone goes through in life is so real. And you just get destroyed. So, sure.”

Justin has yet to respond to the new music, but many believe Hailey did by posting a screenshot of Summer Walker’s “I’ll Kill You” — but Hailey later denied that’s what she was doing.

## The World Series is finally in D.C., and Navy Yard is the place to be — even if you don’t have tickets

Wednesday night started with massive lines outside Nationals Park’s center field gates. Crowds spilled out of nearby bars, where there were no seats to be found. Inside the park, more than 14,000 fans helicoptered red rally towels over their heads and shouted themselves hoarse, even though the action was taking place 1,200 miles away in Houston, and they were watching Game 2 of the World Series on the stadium’s large videoboard.

Imagine what it will be like Friday night, when Washington hosts its first World Series game since 1933.

As the number of curly-W caps on the Metro has steadily grown, so have the crowds at game-watching parties at D.C. bars, especially around Navy Yard and Yards Park. This is already one of the most vibrant areas in the city, with a mix of upscale restaurants, fast-casual eateries, waterfront bars, attractive outdoor parks and gleaming new condo buildings. During the playoffs, the neighborhood has been filled with those holding precious game tickets and those, lured by an unseen force, who just want to bask in the glory.

“For home games, we’re very busy,” says Jeremy Gifford, the owner of Walters Sports Bar, located across N Street SE from the ballpark. “For away games, we’ve been even busier.” And this weekend? “We’re expecting to be at capacity starting at noon” on Friday, he says. “We’ve been at capacity since Day One of the playoff run.”

With tens of thousands expected to descend on the area around Yards Park for city-led pep rallies, viewing parties and, of course, the games, bars have to do more than make sure the keg room is full and they have enough bartenders: They’re stockpiling napkins and toilet paper, hiring extra security to handle huge crowds and making plans to have a truck full of ice on hand.

The Budweiser Clydesdales are expected to arrive at Mission Navy Yard, a two-level restaurant and bar, at 7 a.m. Friday, where Fox 5 will be broadcasting live. Around 11 a.m., the restaurant will begin serving brunch with bottomless chips, margaritas, bloody marys and Dos Equis. From there, says owner Fritz Brogan, it will just get crazier. Even though Mission has hundreds of seats, waits of an hour and a half to two hours have been common during the playoffs. On Wednesday night, a crowd of thirsty patrons was two rows deep around the 150-foot bar, with many sipping from glasses of Mission’s signature margaritas. And that is what Brogan is worried about.

Before the World Series, he says, he asked his landlord for permission to keep a refrigerated van full of ice in the building’s loading dock, just to make sure bartenders don’t run out. “We have big ice machines, but they can’t keep up” when you’ve got a full house of people drinking from 11 a.m. to 3 a.m., “and we can’t get delivery because of the road closures.”

Nationals Park has hosted major events before — the All-

Star Game and Home Run Derby last summer, the NHL Winter Classic in 2015, Taylor Swift’s 1989 tour — that led to major spillover for the bars and restaurants in surrounding blocks. But this is different: The passion is palpable, and not just during the “LET’S GO NATS” chants that ring out at Bluejacket or the Bullpen.

“The whole thing is kind of surreal,” says Paul Holder, one of the owners of the Salt Line, the seafood restaurant across from the first base gate. “It’s been an exciting thing to watch up close.” (The Salt Line’s ownership includes Nationals first baseman Ryan Zimmerman, and the team brought the National League Championship Series trophy to the restaurant after sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals.)

“There’s so much wanting to be a part of this” in the city, Holder says. “That’s different from the casual interest in the All-Star Game. Just to be down here is something special for a lot of people.”

The Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District certainly hopes so. Friday at 6 p.m. in Yards Park, the BID kicks off “Watch Party Weekend” with a pep rally starring the Eastern High Marching Band, lawn games, food and drinks and live bands, followed by a viewing of Game 3 on a 18-foot LED screen.

On Saturday and Sunday, the party moves to the Yards Lot, the grassy expanse at the corner of M Street and New Jersey Avenue SE. The BID has held pep rallies for Nationals playoff games before, explains BID communications director Bonnie Trein, but this one “is different than what we’ve done in the past. Those were in the early rounds,” and there was less excitement. Around 4,000 can fit in Yards Park, Trein says, while the capacity at the Yards Lot is 8,000. (As a point of reference, around 11,500 people live in the neighborhood, Trein says.)

Most bars and restaurants near the park will be first-come, first-seated this weekend, but some enterprising fans managed to make sure they can experience as much of the atmosphere as possible. Walters uses Open Table to manage its restaurant reservations, and to prevent people from scoring tables for large groups, Gifford says the ability to make reservations was suspended before Nationals won the pennant. Still, he says, some fans got through early enough to make reservations for Friday, starting at noon, “with notes saying that they were going to stay until they were going to the game,” Gifford says. He’ll honor those reservations — “I don’t think we’re allowed to drag people out of their seats” — but won’t take any others, even though he’s being bombarded with requests via email and social media.

Before he worries about that, however, he has to go buy some flowers for the boxes outside Walters. “This is going to be a weekend where the eyes on the District of Columbia are going to be magnified,” he says. “We want to look good.”

## Suicide Squad Actor Joel Kinnaman Throws Shade at Jared Leto’s Joker

Joel Kinnaman is hard at work prepping his scenes in The Suicide Squad. Before that premieres in two years, however, Kinnaman will appear in Apple TV’s For All Mankind, due out next Friday. During a press stop in support of the show, Kinnaman was asked his thoughts on Joker, and that’s when some shade was thrown out at Jared Leto. On the latest episode of The Big Ticket with Marc Malkin, Kinnaman quickly aired his thoughts on Leto’s performance as the Clown Prince of Crime before raving about Joaquin Phoenix’s takeover.

“No. Who?” Kinnaman said when Malkin asked him about ‘cheating’ on Leto. “Joaquin just crushed. I mean, wow. He’s incredible. He’s such an actor. It’s surprising to see something have that kind of performance that has a DC wraparound because it’s a real art film. I have a sister who’s a schizophrenic and I’ve drawn on some of her behavioral things in some of the things I’ve done earlier and I was really struck by how accurate his performance was. I think he’s really one of the best of all time.”

Joker is now the highest-grossing R-rated film to ever hit theaters and is expected to return to the top spot at the box office this weekend after a few off-weeks. Throughout the lead up to the movie’s debut, filmmaker Todd Phillips was embroiled in controversy after making certain comments on “woke” culture.



“We didn’t make the movie to push buttons,” Phillips said during an interview. “I literally described to Joaquin at one point in those three months as like, ‘Look at this as a way to sneak a real movie in the studio system under the guise of a comic book film’. It wasn’t, ‘We want to glorify this behavior.’ It was literally like ‘Let’s make a real movie with a real budget and we’ll call it f-ing Joker’. That’s what it was.”

He later added, “I think it’s because outrage is a commodity, I think it’s something that has been a commodity

for a while. What’s outstanding to me in this discourse in this movie is how easily the far left can sound like the far right when it suits their agenda. It’s really been eye opening for me.”

You can see Phoenix in Joker, out now in theaters.

Upcoming DC Films movies include Birds of Prey (And the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn) on February 7, 2020, Wonder Woman 1984 on June 5, 2020, The Batman on June 25, 2021, The Suicide Squad on August 6, 2021, and Aquaman 2 on December 16, 2022.

### Aries:

Sometimes things reach a point of va-va-voom immediately (just the way you like it!). At other times, you need a little longer to get to know each other. You’re coming to realise that connections that build slowly are not necessarily a bad thing. Coupled rams are likely to feel the feels now more than ever. .

### Taurus:

Let’s talk about addictions, Taurus. While we’re at it, let’s address the negative thought patterns and unhealthy behaviour. Where do you think they are stemming from? And what do you think you are compensating for? If you think something outside of you can fill the void that’s growing inside of you, think again, wild one. This weekend, dedicate a few hours each day to address the old wounds and the trauma from a day long gone. The cliché of ‘feeling is healing’ holds true for where you are in your journey right now. Gemini:

Let’s talk about that inner glow, Gemini. One that comes from loving yourself hard (yes, despite the so-called flaws), being your most authentic self, believing in your abilities, and having the cour-

age to share your gifts with the world. Where are you in your journey of self-love? Every time you make a breakthrough, how is that you go back to being the person said you have outgrown? Daily reminder:

### Cancer:

Aren’t you getting tired of the drama that’s playing out in your own head? Then why do you keep returning to the land of your personal demons? Reflect upon the self-negating patterns and the unhealthy beliefs that are keeping you from experiencing bliss.

### Leo:

We are a part of a benevolent Universe, Leo, one that wants you to live your best life. Don’t feel bogged down by your situation. Step outside of yourself for a while in order to find creative solutions. Remember, you are not alone in this journey. You have friends and loved ones who’d rush to your side, if only you will allow them to. Some of you could be at odds with your personal demons. Don’t hesitate to approach a healer or therapist. You matter and so does your mental health.

Tip: Open yourself to help.

### Virgo:

You’ve come a long way, Virgo. Now, get ready for your next big move. There’s a whole world out there waiting to be conquered. Check in with your vision board before you step forward. The good news: the obstacles that stood in your way are now being cleared. Remember, there’s a lot your experiences have taught you. When people come seeking wise counsel, trust yourself to guide them on their path.

### Libra:

It’s never too late to get a bob, change your style, make your passion your profession, learn scuba diving simply, unveil your masterpiece or move the hills. If you’re in the mood to make drastic changes, you have your stars to blame. I feel inspired to say something I already have: Libra, it’s never too late! Remember, your age is nothing more than a number. You are allowed to start over when your soul feels ready. Don’t allow yourself to be influenced by those who are advising you against following your heart. They know nothing about your journey. They never will.

Tip: Get out of your own way.

### Scorpio:

Commitment with a capital ‘C’—brace yourself for the best kind of surprise this month. If you’ve been in the ‘may be’ and ‘let’s see’ zone with somebody, just say ‘yes’! Sure, there’s a good chance it won’t work out. But, there’s an even better chance that everything in your reality will start to feel like a motion picture in technicolour—with impromptu dance sequences added to the mix.

### Sagittarius:

Sometimes things don’t unfold the way we imagine they would. In your case, that can only be a good thing, Sagittarius. Today, the Universe is in the mood to intervene and throw a whole bunch of surprises your way. We’re talking about serendipitous encounters and synchronic messages, all of which reiterate the message that you are on the right track. Your romantic life isn’t devoid of that magic! either.

### Capricorn:

What is this stormy weather everybody is speaking of? You are exactly where you need to be and you are surrounded by the ones you love. Expect an expected change in your interpersonal

relationships. If the Universe has kept you and somebody you love apart, trust that big change is headed your way now. Remember, the Universe talk to us in signs and symbols.

### Aquarius:

To say that this day feels like an emotional roller coaster would be an understatement. That’s the thing about the dark moon (also known as Amavasya). It urges us to retreat into our sacred space and address the shadows. The pain and the shame that’s keeping us chained to the darkness and preventing us from accessing our magic! Two words, Aquarius: cleanse and purge. Tip: Let go of the emotions that are keeping you from accessing your magic.

### Pisces:

The more you try to push the so-called negative thoughts away, the more they will haunt you. Express, don’t suppress. Let things come to the surface. Learn to watch what’s coming up rather than engaging with it. This is the secret to freeing yourself from self-sabotaging patterns, Pisces. Some of you may find that your anxiety is especially triggered at this point.