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Stakeholders meet held for Gangtok Smart City Mission



GANGTOK, 11 Nov [IPR]: Gangtok Smart City Development Limited (GSCDL) convened a stakeholders' meeting at the mini conference hall of Chintan Bhawan in the capital today.

An open house discussion was also held during the meeting during which HoDs of concerned departments and stakeholders discussed the problems and challenges that lie ahead

in the deployment of the unique requirements of the project.

The meet was chaired by Secretary, Urban Development Department, Sarala Rai, who is also the State Mission Director of the Smart City Mission.

The meeting also had the presence of Director General of Police, AS Rao, Chief Executive Officer, GSCDL, Tarzan Subba, SP/East, SP/Traffic, HoDs and rep-

representatives of various line departments including Power, DESME, PHE, Health, Roads & Bridges, Education, Information Technology, NIC, GMC and other stakeholders.

In his keynote address, CEO, GSCDL, Mr Subba, gave a brief history of the Smart City Mission which was launched on 25 June, 2015 by the Ministry of Urban Development as a pan-city initiative with its core com-

ponent being area-based development.

He further informed that the Gangtok Smart City Proposal was selected under Smart City Mission in the third stage of the competition and that the Gangtok Municipal Corporation has incorporated a Special Purpose Vehicle - "Gangtok Smart City Development Limited" (GSCDL) - to implement the SCP.

The GSCDL will plan,

appraise, approve, release funds, implement, manage, operate, monitor and evaluate the Smart City development projects covering 17 Gangtok Municipal Wards. The funding for Gangtok Smart City will be 50:50 sharing basis between Government of India and State/ULB, he added.

Stressing on the objective of the mission to be provision of core infrastructure, sustainable environment and application of smart solutions in cities, Mr. Subba stated that the mission envisages projects embodying principles of participation, innovation, sustainability and technology to enhance the ease of living of the citizens.

The CEO further highlighted that the total area for area-based development under the Gangtok Smart City Proposal was 366 acres with a population

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NE Engineers underline three issues to be pursued with govts



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 11 Nov:

Indian Engineers Federation [INDEF], North East Region president, Benjamin L Tlumtea, informed today that the federation was primarily pursuing three issues with the concerned authorities in the interest of engineering community of the country.

Addressing a press conference here on Sunday evening, Mr Tlumtea stated that INDEF was asserting its demands seeking equal privilege for engineers at par with administrative service cadre, constitution of an Engineers Commission and that engineering departments be headed by engineers or technocrats.

He informed that the daylong annual council meeting of INDEF-NER organised by the State Engineers Service Association [SESA], Sikkim,

on Sunday deliberated and discussed these three issues along with other pertinent issues of the organisation and engineers.

He informed that representatives from the participating states placed their issues and activities and the meeting also passed state-wise resolutions.

INDEF-NER vice-president secretary general, Pulak Kumar Sharma, informed that the meeting was held for the second time in Sikkim after a gap of nearly 15 years. The council meeting was attended by 130 delegates representing all the north eastern issues.

Mr Sharma underlined that engineers shoulder a huge responsibility to carry out all developmental works and asserted that they should hence be provided at par privileges

and status as administrative services.

SESA-Sikkim president, CK Basnet, in turn thanked the present government for addressing the huge backlog of promotions of the engineers here.

SESA was indebted to the new government for providing promotion to around 400 engineers within four months of taking office, he added.

SESA Sikkim vice-president Tashi Wangyal Lepcha pointed out that most of engineering departments have been manned by engineers in the State, and while thanking the government for the same, he urged the government that even the remaining engineering-related departments should be manned by engineers.

He said that an engineers' commission would serve them well and resolve all issues.

China cries foul over US plan to take Dalai Lama's succession issue to UN



KJM VARMA
BEIJING, Nov 11 (PTI): China on Monday objected to the US' plan to take up the issue of the Dalai Lama's successor to the United Nations, accusing Washington of "misusing" the world body to interfere in its internal affairs.

China has been asserting that its assent to the Dalai Lama's successor is a must as the Tibetan spiritual leader turned 84 in July this year.

Sam Brownback, the US ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom who recently met the Dalai Lama at Dharamsala, said the US wanted the UN to take up the Dalai Lama's succession issue.

While China, with its veto power in the UN Security Council, would try to block any action, Brownback said the other countries could at least raise their voices at the United Nations.

"I think it's really important to have an early global conversation because this is a global figure with a global impact," Brownback was quoted by media reports as saying.

Asked for his reaction to Brownback's comments, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told a me-

dia briefing here that the "UN is a platform for international cooperation".

"The US is using the UN to interfere in China's internal affairs. This is against the purposes and principles of the UN charter. It is doomed to fail" and provoke opposition from the world, he said. "The 14th Dalai Lama is a political exile who has long been carrying out anti-China activities overseas using religion as a cover," Geng said.

China firmly opposes any contact with the Dalai Lama by any foreign official, he said. "The reincarnation of Living Buddhas as a unique institution of succession in the Tibetan Buddhism is governed by fixed rituals and historic conventions," he said.

"The Chinese government implements the policy of freedom of religious belief. The reincarnations system is respected and protected by Regulations on Religious Affairs and the measures on the Management of the Reincarnation of Living Buddhas," he said.

"The institution of reincarnation of the Dalai Lama has been in existence for several hundred years. The 14th (present) Dalai Lama himself was found and recognised following religious rituals

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BJP loses its oldest ally Sena

NEW DELHI, Nov 11 (PTI): The BJP on Monday lost its oldest and the only major Hindutva ally as the Shiv Sena, its partner for more than three decades, walked out of the Modi government at the Centre.

The decision of the Maharashtra party to snap ties came following years of unease in the alliance and reached a flash point after the recent assembly election results, with the Sena accusing the BJP of breaking "promise" of

equal division of power in the state. The BJP has asserted that it had never agreed to share the post of chief minister, as claimed by Sena president Uddhav Thackeray.

The divorce between the two parties wedded to the Hindutva ideology finally happened after an acrimonious relationship over the last five years. The first strains in their ties surfaced in the 2014 assembly polls when they fought separately after the Sena's refusal to part with the number of

seats the BJP wanted.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the BJP to an unprecedented win in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, it sensed an opening in Maharashtra to oust Sena from the position of senior ally, a position the party founded by Bal Thackeray had enjoyed till his reign.

The Sena was forced to become the junior partner as the BJP won 122 seats in the 288-member assembly while it won 63.

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- 5. The bands will be provided Travel Allowance (TA) for the District level audition & the Grand Finale.
- 6. The winner will represent the State in the 2nd North East Multi Media Competition scheduled on 18th December 2019 at Imphal, Manipur.

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ATHLIMA 2019 concludes



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

ATHLIMA 2019, a three-day annual inter-college/school meet, concluded at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology on 10 Nov, a press release informs.

More than 650 participants from various schools and colleges showed their athleticism in six events: Basketball, Badminton, Volleyball,

Football, Table Tennis and Cricket. This was an initiative of Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology, Sikkim, to bring all nearby colleges and students to participate in sports and spread the message of goodwill and friendship, the release mentions.

Former Indian football skipper, Bhaichung Bhutia, was the chief guest and he inaugurated the event.

CM's adoption of Amba as Model GPU formalized

PAKYONG, 11 NOV (IPR):

Co-ordination meeting with the Head of Departments on Model GPU, Amba under Rhenock constituency adopted by the Chief Minister was held at Community hall, Pakyong under the chairmanship of Area MLTA cum Chairman STCS, Bishnu Kumar Sharma.

Addressing the meeting, Area MLA extended his gratitude to the Chief Minister for adopting Amba GPU under his constituency as a Model Village. He stated that Model village does not end at new infrastructures or financial implications but proper coordination and positive attitude among the public and officials.

He appealed to the HODs to concentrate on Amba GPU with more resources and manpower in priority. District



Collector, East, Raj Yadav presented Action Plan of the Amba Smart GPU. He stated that education, health and drinking water facilities are the priorities and completion of pending schemes under GPU are the focus areas in the first phase.

He emphasized more on conversion schemes and proper utilization

of old structures by remodeling them with public participation which would also develop the sense of belonging.

Further, the DC urged the public of Amba to act like model villagers. Panchayat Member, Bishnu Sharma made a power point presentation detail report on Amba GPU with demands.

She also highlighted

few construction works awarded to the contractors after tender but with no allocated budget in the heads. She appealed the government to look into the matter in priority.

Certificate of Adoption of Amba GPU was also officially handed over to the panchayats of Amba by the Area MLA in the meeting.

First coordination meeting of Dzongu BLCPC and VLCPCs



MANGAN, 11 NOV [IPR]: Block level Workshop on child rights and child related legislations was held today at Passing-dang BAC for members of Village level Child Protection Committees of Dzongu Block. This was the first coordination meeting of Block Level Child Protection Committee (BLCPC) and Village Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) of Dzongu Block, North district.

The programme was held to sensitise the members of the Committees on child related legislations like JJ Act, 2015, POCSO (Amendment) Act, 2019, etc, and their roles as Child Protection Committees. It was informed by the DCPO, North, Wendy Lepcha that 4 Block

Level Child Protection Committees have been formed in all the four blocks of the District i.e Mangan block, Dzongu Block, Kabi Block and Chungthang Block. 25 VLCPCs have been formed in all the GPUs & Dzumsas of the north District.

All these GPUs have been declared & formed as "Child friendly GPUs" and the Village level Child Protection Committees (VLCPCs) will be monitoring the GPUs for effective implementation of the child protection mechanism in the community.

Chairperson, CWC, Mingma Doma Bhutia emphasised on the role of Child Welfare Committee as per Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and requested the BLCPCs and VLCPCs

to produce any child in need of care and protection before CWC and to report any case relating to child so that they can be assisted to find justice and in rehabilitation.

Chairperson, BLCPC, Dzongu, Samroo Ugen Lepcha jubilantly urged the VLCPC members to be active and vigilant committees for the protection of our children and work together, and fulfill their roles with utmost commitment for the betterment of the children in whose hands the future lies.

BDO, Dzongu, Tempa Rinzing Bhutia, introduced the members of BLCPC, Dzongu to all the VLCPCs and requested active support and participation in the Committee's roles in protecting children of Dzongu.

Grand welcome for Sikkim U-16 cricket team at Rangpo



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 11 NOV:

Following the historic performance by the Under-16 boys Sikkim Cricket Team in the ongoing Vijay Merchant Trophy, SICA organized a welcome event and dinner at Rangpo to congratulate the players, managers, coaches and staff who were returning to Gangtok following their unbeaten run in zonal rounds of the Vijay Merchant Trophy.

A press release informs that the president of SICA, Lobzang G Ten-

zing along with the executive members, members of media namely Sikkim Chronicle, Nayuma and other members of the Sikkim Cricket Association travelled to Rangpo to receive the Under-16 Sikkim Team who were returning from Odisha.

On their arrival, the manager, coach, support staff and the young players were offered khada by SICA. The president (SICA) congratulated the team on their historic performance and also informed the under-16 Sikkim Cricket Team that

they would each be given blazers to commemorate the success.

He assured that hard work and similar results on such national stage would not go unnoticed and the association on its part would not leave any stone unturned to provide the best of facilities to the team.

The Sikkim Under 16 Cricket Team will now travel to CSS Chennai for a 10-day conditioning camp prior to the announcement of the Vijay Merchant Trophy Knock-out stage.

Sundar defends World title as India secure 3 Tokyo Paralympic Games quota

DUBAI, NOV 11 (PTI): Sundar Singh Gurjar overcame a shoulder injury to defend his World Para Athletics Championships title in the men's F46 javelin throw event while also securing Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku, here.

Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot. Singh sent the spear to a distance of 59.46m to clinch the bronze while Rinku finished fourth.

"I am very happy. It was a relief. I came into this Championships with no training for the last one month. I got the injury in my training and so had to tap my shoulder today. When I was training, I felt the pain. But I was lucky at the finals, I didn't feel it. I felt my body was well rested. It was a blessing in disguise," Gurjar told Paralympic Committee of India.

"In my last attempt, I knew that I got it there. But never realized that it will be my season best. It was a good leap. This will motivate me to go for a medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics," he added.

Under International Paralympic Committee rules, the top four ranked athletes at the 2019 World Para Athletics Championships in each of the individual medal events on the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Programme (excluding Marathon) will each obtain one qualification slot for their respective country.

The 23-year-old Gurjar not only defended his London Worlds 2017 title here but also became the only second Indian to have clinched two World Championships medals after Devendra Jhajharia's gold and silver in 2013 Lyon and 2015 Doha Championships. Staying in the second place till his fifth attempt, Gurjar hurled the javelin to a distance of 61.22 metres in his sixth attempt, enough to jump to the top of the results table ahead of Sri Lanka's Dinesh P Herath Mudiyansele who was leading till then with his first attempt throw of 60.59m.

Stakeholders...

of about 30,000 and includes Lower MG Marg, Upper MG Marg, Deorali, Tibet Road, Arithang and Diesel Power House.

The pan city proposal is an integrated ICT-based solution for management, monitoring & control and e-governance system for municipal service delivery.

The CEO also highlighted the importance of planning and called for cooperation and active participation of all the stakeholders for effective deliberation of Gangtok Smart City Project.

Thereafter, Additional Chief Engineer, GSCDL, Rabi Narayan Sharma, gave a presentation on various ongoing projects under the Mission, including improvement of existing and construction of new footpaths, construction of multi-level car park plazas and construction of new roads to ease traffic congestion in town.

He also touched upon other projects like rain water harvesting, development of infrastructure in Wards, palace rejuvenation and redevelopment, road and junction improvement, and construction of a Convention Centre along with MLCP.

A presentation was also made by a representative from Bharat Electronics Ltd on Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) project for Gangtok Smart City.

He informed that BEL, in consultation with respective stakeholders, had conducted surveys of various track (smart) elements in order to identify feasible locations for betterment of citizens of Gangtok. These track elements include installation of CCTVs, Variable Message Displays (VMDs), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), smart poles and lights and a smart parking facility.

One of the key highlights of the proposed projects under ICCC was smart parking system wherein one will receive feeds on the status of parking across the town which in turn will be managed by the Smart Parking Command Centre. Through this system, one will also be able to avail information of available, non-available parking spots and functional, non-functional parking slots.

The BEL representative added that this facility will also help ease the ongoing major issue of traffic congestion in Gangtok.

Secretary, Urban Development, Ms Rai, while addressing the meeting, stated that the Smart City Mission was a complex and multifaceted concept that catalyzes smart solutions and enables a city identify its potential and challenges for a better quality of life.

With proper planning, implementation and consultation with stakeholders, the challenges can be effectively resolved in order to achieve a Smart Gangtok, she stressed.

She further informed that 50% of the Rain Water Harvesting projects under GSCDL have been completed. She also urged the stakeholders to implement the proposed project as per law and order of the State in order to avoid issues of land ownership and other hindrances that might challenge the work progress for which she directed the concerned to retrieve NOCs and clearances in time.

The Secretary also invited clarifications and suggestions from the concerned departments and sought cooperation and support from all the stakeholders in order to make the Gangtok Smart City project a success.

Earlier, the welcome address was delivered by the ACE, GSCDL while the vote of thanks was proposed by Nodal Officer, Gangtok Smart City, Deepankar Lama.

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China cries...

and historic conventions and his succession was approved by the then central government. Therefore, the reincarnation of living Buddhas including the Dalai Lama must comply with Chinese laws and regulations, follow religious rituals and historic conventions," Geng said.

In recent months, the Trump administration has stepped up the pressure on China to relax controls over Tibet.

In May, China rejected the US envoy to Beijing Terry Branstad's call to hold unconditional dialogue with the Dalai Lama.

Branstad, who was granted a rare permission to visit Tibet after US raised objections to the restrictions to its diplomats and journalists to Tibet, asked China to "engage in substantive dialogue with the Dalai Lama or his representatives, without preconditions, to seek a settlement that resolves differences."

"He also expressed concerns regarding the Chinese government's interference in Tibetan Buddhists' freedom to organise and practice their religion," a spokesperson of the US Embassy in Beijing was quoted as saying after the envoy's visit to Tibet.

Branstad was the first US envoy to visit Tibet since 2015.

BJP loses...

They joined hands to form the government, with the BJP's Devendra Fadnavis becoming the chief minister. The first and only saffron government in the state earlier between 1995-2000 was headed by Sena leaders.

The Sena, however, never reconciled to its reduced status as the lotus bloomed in one local poll after another and the BJP under Modi and its president Amit Shah also became the flag bearer of Hindutva with Thackeray's party following in its shadow.

Through its mouthpiece Saamana and sundry leaders Sena kept attacking the Modi government off and on and even blocked its leader Anil Desai from joining as a minister in the Centre.

That it was never given portfolios of its choice at either the Centre or the state always remained an irritant for the party.

With 18 members in Lok Sabha, the Sena was the biggest NDA constituent after the BJP but its departure will not make any difference to the government's stability as the ruling party alone has 303 MPs in the 543-member House.

While on the one hand Sena's severing ties with the NDA underscores the BJP's growing hegemony which forced an avowed secular party like the Congress to mull supporting a strident Hindutva party like the Sena, it also highlights how the ruling party's expansionist drive under Modi and Amit Shah has made its allies of decades uneasy.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, who heads the JD(U), hardly shares the same level of warmth with the BJP since his return to the NDA in 2016 that he did when he was part of the saffron alliance for more than 15 years before breaking ties in 2013.

Kumar's party has refused to join the Modi government as it believes that it was not offered its due share. Akali Dal- the second oldest BJP ally after the Sena- has often in the past expressed its reservations over its ally's policies.

The BJP in the last few years lost a major ally like TDP but also gained a big regional partner like AIADMK and several smaller allies in northeastern states.

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CS chairs meeting on Samrasta Diwas celebration

GANGTOK, 11 Nov (IPR): Chief Secretary, SC Gupta chaired a co-ordinating meeting with the HODs of various Departments today at Tashling, Secretariat.

The main agenda of the meeting was to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India and to pay tribute to the invaluable contribution of Babasaheb, Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and other founding fathers of the Constitution.

The Chief Secretary informed that a state-wide campaign would be launched from 26 Nov, 2019 and culminate on 14 Apr, 2020 which is the Birth Anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar celebrated as "Samrasta Diwas" as per the direction of Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, as the Nodal Ministry.

The Chief Secretary directed all the HoDs to organise activities as part of awareness campaign on constitutional literacy throughout the State along with the Gram Panchayat and Urban Local bodies.

A five-month campaign will be held with a number of activities to spread awareness about Fundamental Duties throughout the country and sensitize the citizens regarding the exalted values and precepts enshrined in the Constitution.

Lawyers' strike to continue in Delhi district courts

NEW DELHI, Nov 11 (PTI): Lawyers in Delhi district courts will continue to abstain from work on Wednesday to protest against their clash with police that took place on November 2, the bar association of all six district courts said on Monday.

Mahavir Singh Sharma, chairman of the coordination committee of the all district courts bar association said the decision was taken in a meeting held on Monday wherein the lawyers stuck to their demand that the police personnel, who allegedly fired at advocates, be arrested. On Monday too, the lawyers abstained from work in all district courts.

The courts will remain closed on Tuesday on account of Gaurpurab.

RK Wadhwa, president of the New Delhi District Court Bar Association and member of the district courts bar association which has called the strike, said no work was done in the district courts as the lawyers did not appear before the judges.

Meanwhile, advocates and personnel staff of the bar associations continued to carry out the security checks of people entering the Tis Hazari court premises. However, some of the entrances were left unguarded and litigants entered the premises without proper security checks. Fearing a possible confrontation with the lawyers, police personnel deployed at the courtrooms to assist the judges came dressed in civil clothes to avoid being recognised.

CRH observes National Education Day



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 11 Nov: On the occasion of National Education Day, an awareness programme regarding Alzheimer's Disease and Breast Cancer was conducted today at the Central Referral Hospital (CRH) under Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences (SMIMS)

premises here at 5th Mile Tadong by Medical Students Association of India (MSAI) Sikkim Members.

The programme was supported by Brig Dr VK Mehta (Dean, SMIMS), Dr Gautam Dey (medical Superintendent, CRH) and Dr Mingma L Sherpa (Head of Operations, CRH).

State Officer MSAI, Renuka Dhaka talked

about early signs of Alzheimer's such as memory loss, mood changes, difficult in performing day-to-day tasks and Local Officer Shampa Gupta stated the approach to Alzheimer's patients and how to differentiate it from memory loss with normal aging. Local Officer Simran Dhakal talked about Breast cancer and

importance of Self Breast Examination.

Volunteers taught Self Breast Examination to more than 100 ladies who visited CRH during the day. This event was chaired by Dr Nishant Kumar, Head, Department of Surgery, CRH who said Breast Cancer is the 3rd most common cancer prevalent in females therefore early diagnosis is essential for complete cure.

Dr Sanjiba Dutta, Head, Department of Psychiatry, CRH, stated that by 2040 Alzheimer's would be the new epidemic in the country since longevity is increasing due to new advances in diagnosis and treatment in medicine.

The event was conducted successfully reaching out to around 200 patients and patient parties.

Temi Tea Mr Sikkim 2019 finalist Vishal Anand Sharma

NITESH R PRADHAN

GANGTOK, 11 Nov:

Gangtok's Vishal Anand Sharma has the grit and determination to win Temi Tea Mr Sikkim, 2019 Manhunt. A mechanical engineer by profession and a model by heart, can this chance be his ticket to glory? **Why Mr Sikkim Manhunt?**

What I feel is everyday many people are born and many die but there are only few who can walk up the stairs of glory and fame, whose skills are acknowledged by the society and whose talent is appreciated by the world. I too want to be in the list of such men. Moreover I am here to make my own identity for name and fame, and most importantly to win the heart of Sikkim.

What are the qualities that make you stand out in a crowd?

Determination, staying focused at work and being creative at the same time are the qualities that make me stand out in a crowd.

How would you take win or loss in the competition?

If I win then I will work even harder than before so that I can represent Sikkim in other pageants as well and if I lose this competition then I will try to find my flaws and mistakes and I will do my best to correct them for future. **Define yourself?**

I am that kind of a guy who tries to put himself in difficult situations. I aim to do so as to test my strength not just physical but mental as well so as to come out a better person. I see challenges as an opportunity which is there for one's development and overall improvement.

What is that one thing that can unite humanity?

Surprisingly our answer is hidden in our question itself which is humanity. Our world is divided into various things whether its nationality, caste, gender, creed, culture, race and what not. It is thus because of humanity that a person is ready to trust and help someone irrespective of their caste, gender, nationality etc and these are the things that give strong message of unity and belief to the world.

Tell us something about yourself?

I have done Graduation in B tech (Mechanical engineering) from, Surendra Institute of Engineering and

Management (SIEM) College. I live in Gangtok and am 23 years young. What I feel is that people of my age have already moved to year 2021 and I am still living in the era of 1990's, because whenever I get free time I sneak out to watch my old favorite cartoons and animes which I still adore. Apart from that I love drawing action figures and portraits.



As far as sports and games are considered I enjoy volleyball a lot and love solving puzzles, Sudoku being my favorite.

There are few celebrities whom I admire and idolize, Keanu Reeves and Hugh Jackman are one of them. I am a big fan of them and their craft.

PCS AGM doubles Grameen Patrakarita cash award



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 11 Nov:

Press Club of Sikkim held its Annual General Meeting at its office, DPH road, Gangtok today. The meeting discussed various problems and achievements of PCS in the last financial year and also discussed future plan of the PCS which includes permanent infrastructure which will be soon be handed over to Press Club of Sikkim.

The meeting also suggested pursuing the matter of pension for senior journalists of the state and how to utilise the space in the new building.

This was the last general meeting called

by the current executive body under president Joseph Lepcha and general secretary, Puran Tamang. Today's meeting also unanimously resolved to hold election for new executive committee on 07 December after the National Press Day celebration.

Earlier, PCS general secretary, Puran Tamang presented the annual activities report while treasurer, Babboo Tamang presented the annual statement of accounts of the organization.

Babboo Tamang while presenting the annual statement of accounts of the organization, updated the house

on the Income, Expenditure, Bank Statement and Grants and Financial Supports received by the Press Club. There has been substantial support from different organizations, corporate and individuals, the treasurer said acknowledging all concerned for their support.

The executive members during the meeting also apprised about the increase in the amount of the Grameen Patrakarita award to Rs 20,000 which was earlier Rs 10,000 and also declared that this time the award will be conferred to Bhanu Raj Thapa of Rhenock, East Sikkim.

SU hosts National Seminar on Educational Psychology

GANGTOK, 11 Nov (PIB):

The Department of Education organized a two-day National Seminar on "Recent Trends in Educational Psychology" on 11 and 12 Nov, 2019. The inaugural session of the Seminar was held at the Cauveri Hall of the University on 11 Nov, 2019.

The chief guest for the inaugural function was Department of Education, Dr SM Sungoh, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong. The keynote address was delivered by Dr Vimal Kishore, Associate Professor and Dean, School of Education, Central University of Jharkhand. The proceeding of the inaugural function was presided over by Dean, Prof Jyoti Prakash Tamang, School of life Sciences and the officiating Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Educational Psychology is one of the branches of applied psychology. It is the study of the expe-



periences and behavior of learner in relation to educational environment. It helps in deciding the kinds of learning experiences desirable at different stages of growth and development of the learner so that these experiences can be acquired with greater ease and satisfaction.

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When Mountains Sweat, Pay Heed

And also make the young notice and learn

Not just experts, even lay people and mass media are now noticing the change in weather patterns all over the world. The mountains are getting warmer, the plains getting colder and weather hitting extremes at unexpected times, flooding is more severe and also more often at the wrong time. All these are symptomatic of Climate Change, a fact that cannot be denied or wished away anymore irrespective of what the intentionally ignorant in Trump-Land would have us believe.

Even as the debate continues over the developed world's attempts at browbeating the third world nations to sacrifice more to manage the world environment, and even as the largest consumer-polluter per capita has hightailed its way of commitments to the Earth, regions close to ice need to get more concerned and start undertaking studies and working solutions on their own. Ice caps – the polar caps and the glacial fields – feel the impact of climate change first. North and West Sikkim are crisscrossed by many glaciers which are the frozen fountains of life for the State. Most times, people do not realise the importance of glaciers to Sikkim since life does not directly depend on glacier-fed rivers in Sikkim and people tap instead into mountain springs for water. But such disconnect is only superficial and at the end of the day, the water cycle goes back to glaciers. Hence, the cultivation, the rivers and the hydel potential in them are all sourced from these glaciers and now that hydro-power has so much invested in it as the economic deliverer for the State, it becomes imperative that the source of this potential is studied better and understood in more detail.

Sikkim has had its glaciers studied, and while the commissioning of the study was welcome, it has to be a continuing effort and a dedicated glacier watch needs to be set up which extends to more ice bodies than are currently being "observed". Some of Sikkim's glaciers have reportedly increased in size, but even that is not necessarily good news. Elsewhere, Himalayan glaciers are receding at the rate of 10 to 15 metres on an average every year. The longest glacier in the Eastern Himalaya – the 10 mile long Zemu in north Sikkim is believed by many to not be in the best of healths. This glacier also feeds the Teesta on which the futures of many hydel projects rest. The glaciers of West Sikkim have also been in fast recession for nearly a century now and most of them are hanging high on the slopes and no longer course into a valley now; their section in the valley now just a litter of glacial debris.

Given the fact that 70 percent of the world's fresh water is frozen in glaciers, it is surprising that not enough is being done to save them and try and contain their recession. This is probably because the scientists and decision-makers prefer the plains and share their data only among their clique and have seldom made their findings coherent enough for the immediate stakeholders to understand. But the problem is already too clear and present to waste time pointing fingers. The findings of the study of glaciers commissioned by the State Government should now be considered for inclusion in school curriculums so that the young can grow up learning how things are and then hopefully develop a connection with the canaries of climate change and learn to take better care of the water towers.

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India's social media content removal order is a nail in the coffin of the internet as we know it

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In recent weeks, India's High Court of Delhi put another nail in the coffin of the internet as we currently know it. The court granted an order requiring Facebook, Twitter and Google to remove certain content globally, based on that content being defamatory under local law in India.

This decision underlines a worrying trend of a "race to the bottom" for internet freedom, where the scope of jurisdiction claimed by the courts is global.

If widely adopted, this may result in a situation where the only content that remains online is that which complies with all the laws of every country in the world.

ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL

In reaching its decision, the Indian court relied on a string of recent decisions from around the world. For example, it drew from the Canadian approach in *Equustek*, where the Supreme Court of Canada ordered Google to remove content globally.

It also referred to a 2017 Australian case in which the Supreme Court of New South Wales ruled Twitter must globally block any future posting by a specific user.

The most recent decision referred to was a ruling by the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in which the CJEU concluded the EU's e-commerce directive doesn't prevent courts in EU countries from ordering social media sites to block or remove information worldwide.

Following the CJEU's decision, several leading commentators argued that, while much has been made of the CJEU's apparent green light to global takedown orders, in reality this was just a decision about the dividing line between EU law and national law.

Even if this is true, headlines around the world

didn't communicate such a nuanced outcome. And with the current decision from India, we can see with complete clarity how that case is now being used by foreign courts. This shows how careful courts must be as to the messaging of their judgements.

It's of course possible to suggest this type of application of an EU law case is a mistake by the Indian court, rather than the CJEU - and there is certainly merit in such an argument. However, the CJEU's decision was a missed opportunity to clearly communicate a general stance against global orders as being standard.

A MISSED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN GEO-LOCATION TECHNOLOGIES

Geo-location technology may be used to block online content within a specified geographical area. This practice caters to a global internet while still respecting differences in laws, and in India's case could provide an alternative to a global blocking order.

However, more than once, courts have failed to understand how this technology operates. And at least on this occasion, errors could have been avoided since the court "had specifically directed the defendants to throw some light on how geo-blocking is done and to keep a technical person present in court to seek clarification on geo-blocking".

The court said none of the internet platforms had given a detailed explanation as to how geo-blocking is done.

As a result, the court clearly misunderstood the impact of geo-blocking:

"If geo-blocking alone is permitted in respect of the entire content, [...] the offending information would still [...] be accessible from India, [...] by accessing the international websites of these platforms."

Where geo-blocking is done by reference to

domain names, internet users can indeed use another country's version of the site in question and access the content. This seems to be the situation the court had in mind.

In contrast, with blocking by geo-location technology, the content is tailored to the user's location, regardless of which country's version of the site is accessed. It's highly unfortunate the court wasn't made to understand this important distinction.

SILVER LININGS, AND THE WAY ONWARD

Although the above probably makes clear that I see the Indian court's decision as a setback, there are also some positive aspects that ought to be highlighted.

In its decision, the court clearly acknowledged the importance of the scope of jurisdiction issue and the implications of global orders.

The court also devoted considerable effort to discussing case law from around the world. This is an important step if we are to see a global harmonisation in approach. That said, I'd like to add that currently harmonisation seems to be taking us in an undesirable direction, with global blocking/removal orders as standard.

Given the court had taken account of the international environment, it's disappointing, not to say odd, that it didn't properly engage with the international law issues raised by the defendants. For instance, defendants mentioned the doctrine of comity, which demands courts take the international impact of their decisions into consideration.

While the Indian court decision is currently under appeal, there's no point denying the future of the internet looks bleak when it comes to scope of jurisdiction.

The case discussed here sets an important precedent, not just for India but also the rest of the world. And much is at stake.

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Can Ne Zha, the Chinese superhero with \$1b at the box office, teach us how to raise good kids?

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There is a new challenger to Disney's hold on the global animation industry, and he is a Chinese demon child.

Ne Zha: Birth of the Demon Child, from Chengdu Coco Cartoon, tells the story of an unlikely hero. Released in China in July, and in Australia, New Zealand, and North America in August, the film has made over CN¥4.97 billion (A\$1.02 billion) at the box office.

It has set box-office records for non-English language and non-US animated films, and is the second-highest-grossing Chinese film ever.

But Ne Zha is much more than a cinema phenomenon: this children's film has a surprising story to tell about contemporary parenting and citizenship in China.

STORIES FROM LITERATURE

Animation in China began in the 1920s, and experienced a golden age in the 50s and 60s, coming to an end with the onset of the Cultural Revolution.

This century has seen increased funding for Chinese filmmakers. With stronger state support, animation is predicted to grow and films like Ne Zha that draw from Chinese literature are increasingly popular.

Directed by Jiaozi, the screenplay is loosely based on the 16th-century novel *Fengshen Yanyi* (Investiture of the Gods), a fantasy story of how the righteous King Wu defeats the ruler of the Shang dynasty.

Ne Zha is a rebellious boy with supernatural powers who wreaks destruction. When his parents are faced with celestial punishment for his behaviour, Ne Zha takes his own life to save them. With the help of his mentor, Ne Zha is reincarnated as a boy-god and fights for King Wu.

This movie is not the first to draw upon this character: he appeared in the 1979 animation *Prince Nezha's Triumph Against Dragon King* and the 2003-2004 children's TV series, *The Legend of Nezha*. But unlike previous adaptations, which focus on Ne Zha's suicide as an act of self sacrifice, Jiaozi's film encourages young people to be masters of their own fate.

ANXIETIES ABOUT RAISING A 'GOOD' CHILD

Bad-tempered and foul-mouthed, Ne Zha is uncontrollable. His parents are anxious because he doesn't conform to expectations of the ideal *guai* child.

Loosely translated as "good", *guai* is a cultural concept that includes ideals of obedience, sensibility, and academic achievement. This centuries-old concept guides parenting in Chinese communities around the world.

Our research into film and TV representations of Chinese childhood shows *guai* carries mixed meanings. Chinese parents encourage *guai* children to be "useful" and contribute to their families, communities, and nation. At the same time, they require children to make their own decisions. Children should be obedient but also

make sensible choices.

Ne Zha's parents want their son to be *guai*. They argue about how they should raise him. Eventually, they trick Ne Zha into training with a mentor to become a demon-slayer like them. They want him to learn self-control and redeem himself.

Ne Zha's parents hope his mentor can tame their son. This desire echoes Chinese parents' belief education can guide their children into moral and successful citizens.

In mainland China, child-rearing has become increasingly complex. Parents want their children to prosper in a highly competitive and consumption-driven society, but still feel the need to instil moral values in their children.

They worry about raising children who lack important life skills. Psychologist Wu Zhihong controversially claims adults in China are "giant babies": they don't know how to take care of themselves and have trouble distinguishing between good and bad.

Like Ne Zha's parents, the question of how to raise a "good" child looms large in the minds of Chinese parents. The rhetoric used by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) reflects a similar desire.

RAISING 'GOOD' CITIZENS FOR THE STATE

People's Daily, the official newspaper of the CCP, upholds Ne Zha as a role model. It urges readers to be enterprising and persistent like him. This signals the party-state wishes to

cultivate *guai* citizens who will contribute to China's efforts to become a global player.

The irony is, in order to save his village, Ne Zha has to defy authority: the film's message about what it means to be *guai* differs from the CCP's interpretation. Ne Zha refuses to be bound by his fate. He decides to take matters into his own hands to demonstrate there is more than one way to contribute to one's family and community. Despite Ne Zha's flaws, he is ultimately a *guai* child.

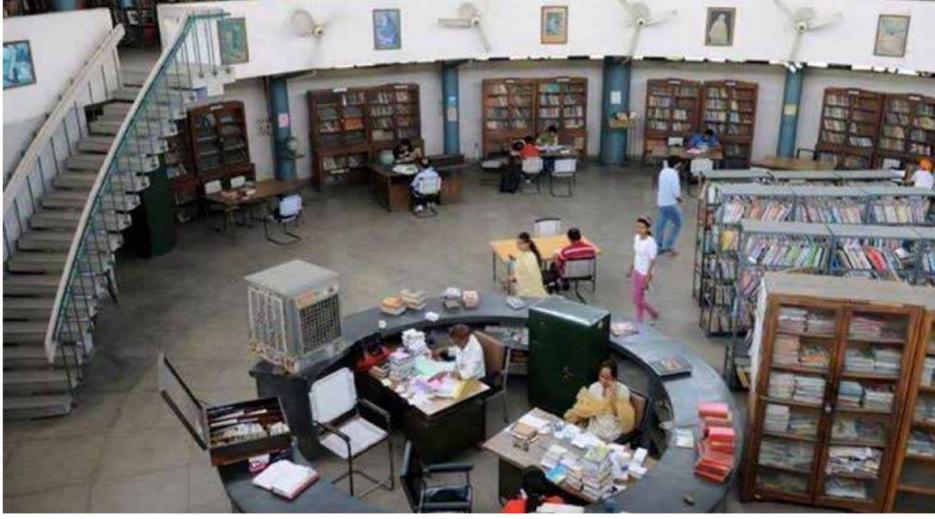
Ne Zha's choices point to an alternative to the CCP line. To be *guai*, is not necessarily to be a good citizen working only for CCP interests: it is to follow one's own path.

Serious themes aside, the film is great fun to watch. There are plenty of laugh-out-loud moments, and the abundance of fart jokes are bound to tickle the child audience. Older audiences will find the final showdown breathtaking. Some might shed a tear or two over the love between Ne Zha and his parents.

Nobody predicted Ne Zha's phenomenal box office success. He is a good demon boy with supernatural powers who also challenges authority. Beloved by millions of fans and endorsed by the government, Ne Zha has cemented his status as China's surprising new superhero.

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Bandana Sen Awards: Celebrating libraries, librarians



NEW DELHI, NOV 11 (PTI): The inaugural Bandana Sen Awards celebrated libraries and librarians, recognising the best practices in nurturing learning environments.

To facilitate world-class libraries across the country, OneUp Library, Bookstudio and Learning Lab launched this one-of-

a-kind award in memory of Bandana Sen.

The awards aim to motivate and promote library as a space for nurturing young students' imagination, critical thinking abilities and the development of collaborative spirit and innovation. There were 100 school entries from 15 states

spread across the country, the organisers said.

Shri Ram School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi won the award for its junior library while Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai received the award for its senior library. At the awards ceremony this weekend, noted children's

author Paro Anand spoke about the obstacles, challenges and the infinite joy of being a librarian with special focus of what an innovative librarian can achieve.

Advisor and theatre personality Sanjna Kapoor felicitated 25 trailblazer schools and announced the Community Library Grant

for The Community Library Project - Sikanderpur branch, Delhi.

The Jury Appreciation Awards for programmes specifically centred around reading, literacy and library, were presented by educationist Abha Adams to Shiv Nadar School, Noida (Senior Library), Abacus Montessori School, Chennai (Junior Library) and Shikshantar School, Gurgaon (Junior Library).

For her contribution to children's literature in India, Kavita Gupta Sabharwal, Curator, Neev Literature Festival was awarded the Thought Leader of 2019.

Dalbir Kaur Madan, founder of OneUp Library and initiator of the awards, said this is beginning of a conversation on the need for futuristic libraries, celebrating the unsung champions - the librarians and redefining libraries as exploratoriums of learning.

MMTC floats tenders for import of 4,000 tonnes of onion



NEW DELHI, NOV 11 (PTI): State-owned MMTC, which has been directed to import 1 lakh tonnes of onion, has floated two separate bids for import of 4,000 tonnes onion in order to boost domestic availability and check prices that have risen sharply up to Rs 100/kg in most places, including the national capital.

The government on Saturday decided to import 1 lakh tonnes of onion to control prices.

While trading firm MMTC will import onions, cooperative Nafed will supply the key kitchen item in the domestic market. The decision was taken at a meeting of committee of secretaries held on Saturday.

"The government has taken a decision to import 1 lakh tonnes of onion to control prices," Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan had said in a tweet on Saturday.

MMTC has been

asked to import onions and make it available for distribution in the domestic market between November 15 and December 15 period, he said, adding that Nafed has been directed to supply imported onions across the country.

Last week, Paswan had attributed the sharp rise in onion prices to 30-40 per cent fall in domestic production.

Onion prices have risen sharply for more than a month due to tight supply. Retail prices have increased up to Rs 100 per kg in the national capital and are ruling in the range of Rs 60-80 per kg in other parts of the country, as per trade data.

According to MMTC, one tender will close on November 14, while the other will close on November 18. The first shipment of 2,000 tonnes should arrive at Indian ports immediately, while the second

one can be delivered by December-end.

Bidders should quote for a minimum quantity of 500 tonnes. In case of inland container depot, the minimum bid quantity would be 250 tonnes.

The exact supply order will be regulated in units of 250 tonnes, depending upon the requirement.

Fresh onions can be imported from any country but the shipment should adhere to the phytosanitary and fumigation conditions, it added.

It may be noted that MMTC did not get positive response for its earlier onion import tender for 2,000 tonnes.

Meanwhile, the government is also trying to facilitate import of onion through private traders from Egypt, Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan, for which phytosanitary and fumigation norms have been liberalised till November 30.

WhatsApp snooping row: Baghel orders probe

RAIPUR, NOV 11 (PTI): Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has ordered a probe by a three-member committee into the illegal surveillance of some individuals in the state through WhatsApp using an Israeli-made spyware, officials said on Monday.

Baghel has also asked the committee to investigate complaints that the Israeli company NSO, which developed spyware Pegasus used to snoop on people, made a presentation of the software before state police officials two-three years back, they said.

On October 31, Facebook-owned company WhatsApp said Indian journalists and human rights activists were among those globally spied upon by unnamed entities using Israeli spyware Pegasus, leading to a furore over breach of citizens' privacy.

As many as five Chhattisgarh-based activists had also claimed that their mobile phones were targeted by the spyware.

"Taking serious cognisance of the illegal surveillance of smart phones of some persons in the state, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has ordered a probe into it," a Public Relations department official told PTI.

"It came to light through some media reports and others means, that smart phones of some individuals in the state were hacked. Besides, complaints were also received that Israeli

company NSO had made a presentation before state police about their software two-three years back," he said.

Citing that such complaints are of serious nature as it is a subject of infringement of freedom of citizens, the chief minister directed to probe these complaints, he said.

A panel headed by principal secretary of the Home department will be constituted for the probe, he said.

Inspector General of Police (Raipur range) Anand Chhabra and state Public Relations department's director Taran Prakash Sinha will be the other members of the committee, he said, adding that the panel will have to submit its report within a month.

The state Director General of Police (DGP) will extend every necessary assistance in the probe, he added.

State-based civil rights activist Alok Shukla, who claimed he was subjected to snooping, hailed the chief minister's decision to order a probe into the matter.

"It is important to ascertain who roped in the Israeli company NSO (which developed Pegasus) to snoop on people in the country. It is a threat to the privacy of citizens. The chief minister has taken a very important step to get the scandal probed," Shukla, who is convenor of the Chhattisgarh Bacaho Andolan, told PTI.

Manipur-based auto-lifting gang busted, 1 held



NEW DELHI, NOV 11 (PTI): A member of an auto-lifting gang operating in Manipur has been arrested for selling luxury vehicles using forged documents with the help of his associates in the Delhi-NCR, police said on Monday.

Mohammad Ajish Khan (27), belonging to Manipur's Thoubal district, was arrested on October 12 when he was driving a stolen car at NH-24, they said.

Khan, along with his associates, would come here to take luxury cars from auto lifters operating in the Delhi-NCR and

later deliver the vehicles to the kingpin, Juma Khan, in Manipur, the police said.

"Members of insurgent groups of Manipur and other north-eastern states were among the buyers of these cars," Deputy Commissioner of Police (East) Jasmeet Singh said.

The gang used to lift around 15 cars every month and has transported more than 100 cars to Manipur so far.

With his arrest, 11 stolen high end luxurious cars worth Rs 2 crores have been recovered in Imphal and Delhi, the

DCP said. The accused disclosed that Juma Khan tampered the chassis number and got the vehicle registered with transport authorities in Manipur and Nagaland on the basis of forged documents.

Role of officers of transport authorities cannot be ruled out, the police said, adding that investigation was on in the matter.

Raids were conducted at various places in Manipur but the operation was initially interrupted due to activities of under ground groups, the police said.

TMC takes out rallies to protest discrimination against regional languages in JEE



KOLKATA, NOV 11 (PTI): The Trinamool Congress on Monday took out rallies across West Bengal to protest against the central government's alleged bias against regional languages in conducting JEE (Main) examination for admission to engineering colleges.

The protest programme was, however, not held in areas which were affected by Cyclone 'Bulbul', with party workers engaged in relief work.

TMC supporters, carrying posters and placards, took out rallies in

all the blocks and districts and shouted slogans against the BJP government at the Centre, demanding that Bengali be also included as a language for conducting the JEE (Main) examination.

Chief Minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee last week had announced that her party would hold state-wide protests on this issue on November 11. The TMC leadership has also organised a mass rally at Mayo Road area in central Kolkata on Monday. Senior TMC leader and nephew of Ma-

mata Banerjee, Abhishek Banerjee, is likely to attend the rally. The TMC supremo is up in arms against the Centre over inclusion of only Gujarati language in the JEE (Main) examination.

Noting that she had nothing against Gujarati language, she had said that other regional languages should also have been included in the list.

She had claimed that states were not consulted on the decision, a charge dismissed by the National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the examination.

Kota collector, SP meet coaching students over coffee

KOTA, NOV 11 (PTI): The district collector and the superintendent of police have held a "Coffee with Collector" session with students taking coaching classes for competitive exams in this Rajasthan town, sharing life lessons with them.

Collector Om Kaseria held the interactive sessions at his official residence on Sunday evening. The students performed various cultural and art activities on the occasion.

Kaseria spoke about

how he failed to get a job during campus placement after completing his MBA even though he was a topper. He recalled he was later offered a job at a call centre which he rejected.

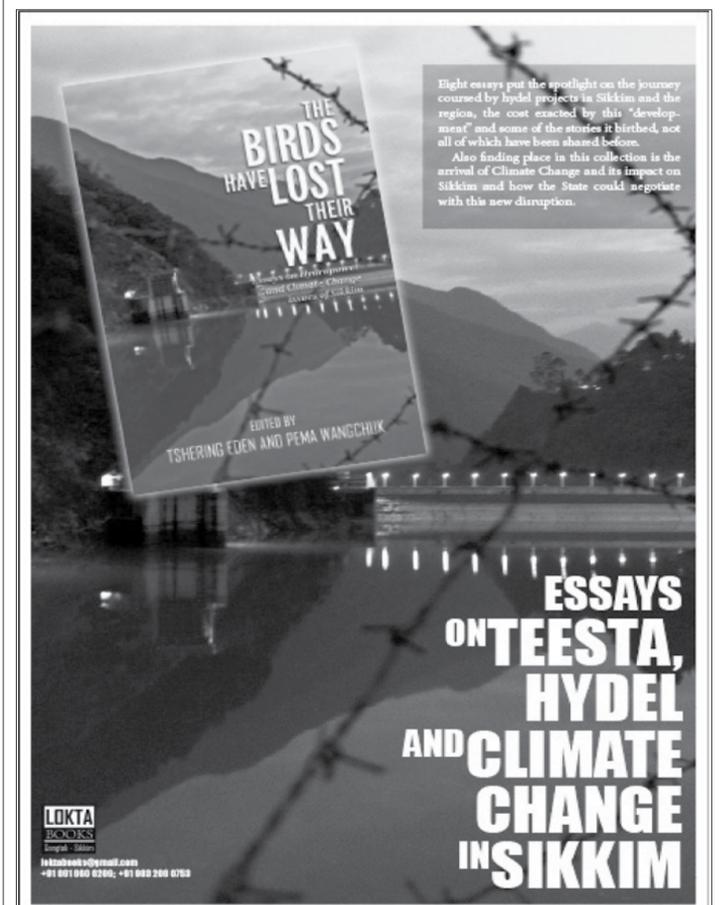
"Had I been selected in campus placement or accepted the call centre job for a monthly salary of Rs 8,000, I would not have been the collector today," he said.

Kota city SP Deepak Bhargava also shared his experiences from his school and college days.

He mentioned that he was a science student in Kota city only as his father was posted here.

He added that he made several attempts to gain admission to engineering or medical colleges but could not succeed, following which he chose to pursue a different career path and is now an IPS officer.

Around 1.75 lakh students from various parts of country are currently studying in Kota for medical and engineering admission tests.



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Gaurav Gill set for Rally of Australia this weekend

NEW DELHI, NOV 11 (PTI): India's top rally driver Gaurav Gill will be back on familiar territory when he returns to the Rally of Australia, the final round of the prestigious FIA World Rally Championship this weekend.

Gill, a three-time APRC champion and Arjuna Awardee, had taken part in WRC2 of this rally last year too and had come up with an impressive performance.

The 37-year-old Indian, donning JK Racing colours internationally with Macneall Glenn as his co-driver, made his debut as a registered driver in the Rally of Turkey and looked set for a Top 5 finish in his category.

But mechanical problems hurt him on almost each of the four days, eventually depriving him of the opportunity to excel on the world stage.

On the final day, with just 5 kms left to finish the rally, his R5 WRC2 car gave in after a gearbox failure.

He missed the Rally of Wales in between and is now set for the Kennards Hire Rally Australia from November 14 to 17.

"I have had very good testing here over the last few days. I have made a lot of changes to the chassis and the handling of the car and I have a good feeling about the new car," Gill said from New South Wales, shortly after a practice run.

"I can't wait to start the rally, since I've been here and have had top times in the past I'm confident of a positive result too.

"I'm loving all the support from rally fans in India as well as many well wishers on social media," he added.

Going by his last year's performance and the field, Gaurav stands a very good chance of making the podium. He needs to make sure that he completes the rally to become the first Indian to achieve this feat.

The Rally of Australia, however, may be shortened due to the raging fire in the forest stages around the city of Coffs Coast, New South Wales.

The organisers announced that they were in consultation with emergency services, authorities and local community and would take a final call soon. They were confident of staging the WRC on all four days, even if it's a shorter affair.

Gill was involved in a serious car accident which left three people dead during the Jodhpur round of Indian National Rally Championship in September.

Liverpool's symmetrical full-backs have turned them into world leaders

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It is the hardest thing in any sport to make astonishingly difficult things look astonishingly simple. With 13 minutes gone at Anfield Liverpool produced a piece of play that seemed to stop the day, a perfect little miniature of bold, simple lines, carved across the pitch, like a Miró line drawing.

It took six seconds, four touches and three diagonal movements for the ball to travel from right-back to left wing, back to inside-right, then back again into the left-hand corner of the net. The moment of ignition came from Trent Alexander-Arnold, who looked up and played one of those lofted cross-kicks, full-back to full-back.

Andrew Robertson took one touch and hared into the space ahead of him. His pass back across into Mo Salah's path had a gorgeous symmetry, 45 degrees back the other way and perfectly weighted, making Fernandinho hop and lunge, erased from the game by the precision of the delivery. Salah had time to measure his stride before nodding the ball back across Bravo in perfect symmetry with the angle of that first pass.

There will of course be an urge to talk about VAR, because there must always be an urge to talk about VAR. Perhaps Al-



exander-Arnold might have been called for a handball in the build-up to Liverpool's first goal. He wasn't. It wasn't. Perhaps Salah's finger might have been offside for the second (it wasn't, or it wasn't enough).

How far do we really want to go with this? Liverpool did not win this game because of marginal refereeing decisions. This is simply wishful thinking, subjectivity bending the lines and frying the brain. For all his misdirection, his insistence during the game that Manchester City had been wronged, robbed, betrayed by the gods of the video screen, Pep Guardiola will know this

better than anyone else. Perhaps he might also dwell on the way Liverpool's decisive strengths here, the key actors in that Miró ball goal, mirrored his own team's weaknesses. What kind of Pep-coached champion team comes to Anfield to play a game like this with a raggedy back-up goalkeeper, a makeshift centre-half, the remains of John Stones and a tyro left-back?

Guardiola's arrogance is one of the things that makes him successful. Guardiola's arrogance is also one of the things that makes him vulnerable. Why would you play Angeliño here, a left-back who has never been to Anfield, who has four

Premier League games behind him but found himself up against the strongest right-hand side in European club football?

City have signed one centre-half in the past two and half years. In that time one has retired. Another has gone. Nicolás Otamendi has fallen through the floor. Buying from a position of strength is always an optimistic tactic. Buying in a position of weakness when you aim to be the best club side in the world, well, that's just common sense.

And yet Guardiola hasn't bought, he has shown a kind of disdain for a position, a role that simply doesn't fire his

imagination. It is a failure of management, albeit one that comes from the same place as his strengths, the same will that allows him to build a team who play with such beauty when they have the ball.

Jürgen Klopp's achievement is to produce a team capable of exposing this weakness here, and doing so with a performance that owed much to another bravura display from the attacking parts of its own defence. Guardiola has been credited with revolutionising the role of the full-back. You wouldn't have guessed it here as his team were cleaved apart for that crucial second goal by Liver-

pool's own variations on the full-back as left- and right-sided playmakers.

Alexander-Arnold was, once again, sublime here. His range of passing from right-back is a thing of beauty. His calmness, his physical strength, his ability to cover the ground allow him to dominate his flank. He sees the whole picture from inside his own half.

One to pass and one to run: Robertson was an urgent, thrusting menace on the other flank, a £7m player coached into phenomenon at this level. Robertson and Alexander-Arnold played 21 long passes in this game, compared to seven by Kyle Walker

and Angeliño. Virgil van Dijk was, as ever, a wall. But either side of him it was Liverpool's full-backs who dictated the rhythms of this victory.

It should come as no great surprise. This is a team playing through a kind of golden haze right now. For Liverpool everything is illuminated. Fabinho and Georginio Wijnaldum made 40 passes between them in the first half. Only one went astray. For a while as City pushed back at them Sadio Mané came and played in front of Robertson as an auxiliary block on the left. He robbed Bernardo Silva and romped away with the ball. He turned away from Kyle Walker in a tiny sliver of space and dinked a lovely pass up the line to Wijnaldum. His goal in the second half, Liverpool's third, was just a garland to a performance of real authority.

There will of course be a temptation to call it now, to say Liverpool won the title here, that this is an impregnable lead. It should be resisted simply out of respect to the remaining six months of the season. But Liverpool did establish one thing beyond any doubt here. Right now, in this snapshot in time, this is the best football team in the world.

Best of all, and led from the flanks by those brilliant full-backs, they continue to make it look breathtakingly simple.

Cristiano Ronaldo 'leaves stadium early' after being substituted again by Sarri

Turin, 11 Nov [AP]: Cristiano Ronaldo reportedly left the Allianz Stadium before the final whistle of Juventus's 1-0 Serie A win over Milan last night after being substituted for the second match in a week.

Paulo Dybala replaced Ronaldo on 55 minutes with the Argentina striker going on to score the winning goal 22 minutes later to keep Juventus top in Serie A ahead of Internazionale.

Five-time Ballon d'Or winner Ronaldo looked glum as he came off and directed some words at his coach, Maurizio Sarri, before heading to the changing rooms.

Sky Sport Italia reported that the 34-year-old former Real Madrid and Manchester United forward had left the stadium three minutes before the match finished.

However Sarri said he did not know whether Ronaldo, who joined Juve from Madrid in a surprise move in the summer of last year for £88m, had left the stadium early.

"Disrespectful to his teammates? Like I said, I don't know," Sarri said. "If it's true that he left before the end it is a problem to be resolved with his teammates."

"I have no problem with Cristiano, he should be thanked because he made himself available despite not being in the best condition," said Sarri, the former Chelsea and Napoli head coach.

"In the last month he has had discomfort in his knee and this is a little problem for him."

Ronaldo had reacted furiously after being substituted in his team's 2-1 win against Lokomotiv Moscow mid-week which saw Juventus advance to the Champions League last 16.

"The important thing is that he made himself available. If he gets angry when he comes out this is part of the game," continued the Juventus coach. "It's only natural a player is going to be irritated about leaving the pitch, especially when he worked so hard to be there."

"All players who are trying to give their best will have at least five minutes of being annoyed when they are substituted, but a coach would in general be much more worried if he didn't seem upset."

Juventus, chasing a ninth straight Serie A title and unbeaten in all competitions under Sarri, who took over before the season started, moved to 32 points, a point ahead of Internazionale, who went top after a 2-1 home win over Verona on Saturday.

Milan's problems continued as they were left down in 14th place on 13 points after their ninth successive away defeat by Juve in Serie A. But they gave an improved performance and had the better chances in the first half. The misfiring striker Krzysztof Piatek headed wide from an unmarked position and Lucas Paqueta's looping header forced Wojciech Szczesny into a difficult save.

High time that Nike and the IAAF did the right thing by athletes

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What more can one say about Nike except that in a hotly contested field it once again leads the way in being the biggest hypocrite in global sport?

It urges women to Dream Crazy, throwing the spotlight on female stars who have shattered barriers and inspired the next generation, while also telling others, such as Allyson Felix and Alysia Montano, that they will pause or reduce their contracts when they get pregnant.

It talks a good game on anti-doping, yet it sponsors the twice-banned sprinter Justin Gatlin, and until recently had a CEO, Mark Parker, who saw nothing wrong with discussing testosterone experiments with Alberto Salazar, who until his four-year ban was head of the company's most prestigious training group.

And, as we were reminded again last week, it might sell a brand of Air Jordan trainers called Do The Right Thing but seems singularly incapable of taking its own advice.

Even when the former teenage phenomenon Mary Cain told the New York Times she was "emotionally and physically abused by a system designed by Alberto and endorsed by Nike", the company could not help itself.

Cain alleged that Salazar - who denies the charges - kept pressing her to get "thinner and thinner" and reduce her weight down to 8st 2lb. And that, as a result, she stopped menstruating for three years, broke five bones, started self-harming and had suicidal thoughts.

Yet, while the company insisted it was taking Cain's claims "extremely seriously" and that "these allegations are completely inconsistent with our values", it also remarked that Cain had asked to rejoin Salazar's Oregon Project training group as recent-



ly as April.

Someone, surely, in Nike's senior PR team should have pointed out that this not only made the company look petty but was also a deeply callous response to a very vulnerable young woman.

Cain's response, while heart-breaking, was also impressively powerful. "I wanted closure, wanted an apology for never helping me when I was cutting and, in my own, sad, never-fully healed heart, wanted Alberto to still take me back," she said. "I still loved him. Because when we let people emotionally break us, we crave more than anything their very approval."

Other female athletes have since made claims about Salazar's obsession with their weight. Yet where could they have turned, given Cain insists there was no dedicated nutritionist or psychologist at the Oregon Project?

The other tragedy in this is that Nike is by far the biggest corporate backer of track and field, sponsoring hundreds of stars and several national federations such as US Track and Field and UK Athletics. If it took its dollars away, the sport would be in an even bigger crisis. That gives Nike enormous potential power to do good, to admit any past failings and to promise to

lead the way in instituting reform. Yet it has chosen the other way. And so still it stumbles and fumbles and fails.

But it is not just at Nike where athletes' voices are not being heard by the powerful. It is all across the sport. Hours before Cain spoke out, athletics' governing body announced that it was removing (or restricting) the 200m, steeplechase, triple jump and a number of other events from its prestigious 2020 Diamond League schedule - which would also be reduced from two hours to 90 minutes.

The reason, according to IAAF president, Seb Coe, is to make a "faster-paced, more exciting global league that will be the showcase for our sport".

I have not found a single current athlete who agrees with the decision, which was reached after online research in China, France, South Africa and the US; post event surveys in Belgium, Great Britain and Switzerland; and click-throughs on Diamond League social media videos during 2019.

You could drive a Usain Bolt-sized hole through that methodology. If the IAAF had surveyed Kenyans and Ethiopians, I bet the 5,000m and steeplechase would have been among the most popular events. In Co-

lombia, it might have been the triple jump. It also seems very odd that the 200m will feature only occasionally, given it is the main event of both Noah Lyles, the US sprinter talked about as the next Bolt, and Britain's Dina Asher-Smith, whom Coe himself has talked up as a poster-girl for Tokyo 2020.

Coe is a keen football fan. He must know that any smart manager plays his star performers in their best positions. Chopping so many events is downright peculiar given the IAAF recently made great virtue of the fact that 43 countries won medals at the world championships in Doha.

Meanwhile, Cain has called for more protection for young female athletes as a key change the sport must make. "We need more women in power," she said. "Part of me wonders: if I had worked with more female psychologists, nutritionists, even coaches, where I would be today?"

Of course she is right. But it is not enough. Athletes also desperately need a powerful and independent union to represent and protect them. That will help to ensure sponsors and federations do not pay lip service to the right thing, and also that coaches who care more about winning than protecting their athletes are called out.

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'It's a sin': Cambodia's brutal and shadowy dog meat trade

Cambodian dog meat traders drown, strangle and stab thousands of canines a day in a shadowy but sprawling business that traumatises workers and exposes them to deadly health risks like rabies.

Khieu Chan bursts into tears when describing a job that haunts him as he goes to sleep: he kills up to six dogs a day, slitting their throats.

"Please forgive me. 'If I don't kill you, I can't feed my family,' the 41-year-old tells the 10 dogs awaiting their fate in a cage.

A cheap source of protein, dog meat is still eaten in several Asian countries from China and South Korea to Vietnam and non-Muslim communities in Indonesia.

Animal welfare activists say consumption has declined as the region's middle class has grown -- more people own pets, and there's greater stigma associated with eating dog.

But the brutal trade has flown under the radar in Cambodia where new research shows a thriving business involving roving dog catchers, unlicensed slaughterhouses and many restaurants in cities selling so-called "special meat".

An estimated two to three million dogs are slaughtered annually in Cambodia, according to the NGO Four Paws, which identified more than 100 dog meat restaurants in the capital Phnom Penh and about 20 in the temple town of Siem Reap.

"It has this massive



trade," says Katherine Polak, a Thailand-based veterinarian who works with the NGO, which recently presented findings to the government.

Officials were "shocked" by the magnitude, she claims.

Rabies crisis - Motorbike riders criss-cross northern Cambodia trading pots, pans and cookware for unwanted dogs, loading them into a heavy rectangular cage on the back seat and making deliveries to middlemen.

Live specimens fetch \$2 to \$3 per kilo, incentivising suppliers to collect as many as possible. Researchers say the dog meat trade is a public health crisis because it carries potentially infected animals all over the country.

Cambodia has one of the highest incidence rates of rabies in the world and most cases are from dog bites.

The trade also undermines local canine

immunisation efforts by removing and killing vaccinated dogs. Unsanitary slaughterhouses have no safety regulations as they aren't overseen by the government, and workers wear no protective gear.

"I got bitten by a dog but I did not get vaccinated because when I returned it was late at night," Pring That told AFP in a village in Siem Reap as he cooked dog meat stew with fermented fish paste.

Instead, the 33-year-old cleaned the wound with soap and lemon. Industrial-scale slaughterhouses in developing countries put some distance between workers and animals.

But the Cambodian dog trade is hands on.

After receiving delivery, shirtless men poke dogs with sticks into holding cages.

They are then hung, strangled with rope, clubbed over the head or drowned in a pit filled with fetid water. Just after sunrise in a village

in Siem Reap, one worker pulled a dog out of a cage and hung it on the branch of a tree near drying laundry.

After gasping for breath for several minutes, it stopped moving.

It was then placed in boiling water to remove fur and chopped into parts. "On a good day, I kill 10 dogs or 12 dogs," says former soldier Hun Hoy. "I also feel pity for them, but I have to strangle them," the 59-year-old adds.

"Hear their cries" - Suppliers can earn from \$750 to \$1,000 in a country where wages in garment factories are under \$200.

Productivity is crucial. "It's faster to hit them," explains Dara, 30, a collector, trader and butcher. "I know it's a sin," he adds.

Drowning is the preferred method of slaughter a few hours away in Kampong Cham and Kandal provinces. "By putting them in the cage

and drowning them in a pit, we don't have to hear their cries," said one woman. Meat and parts are sold onto restaurants, where they are a popular with day labourers as a barbecued snack or a \$1.25 soup.

The psychological trauma to bring cheap meat to the table is immense and those who find a better job take it.

Next to his dog cage in Takeo, Khieu Chan spoke about meeting Four Paws during their investigation of the trade.

In an unconventional twist, they gave him land for farming if he would close his restaurant.

One recent afternoon he helped the NGO gingerly take the sickly dogs out of the cage placed under a tree.

But before they were removed and sent to Phnom Penh for treatment, he knelt by the bars to say goodbye.

He says: "Now you have freedom. You are spared from death."

Springboks celebrate victory at legendary Mandela site

South Africa's rugby stars on Monday hoisted the World Cup before thousands of ecstatic fans at Cape Town's City Hall, where Nelson Mandela made his first speech after his release from prison.

The Springboks' final stop on their victory tour pounded home the message of unity in a country still nursing the wounds of apartheid a quarter-century after its end.

"Look how we are all different, different races, different backgrounds, and we came together for South and we made it happen," Siya Kolisi, the Springboks' first black Test captain, told thousands of fans.

"I'm saying to you today, just take a look around you, there is different races, different people with different backgrounds, but look how you are making it special for us."

"It's time for us South Africans to stop fighting, to stop arguing... and move forward as a country," he said, to wild applause from fans in the vast square.

It was in that same square in front of City Hall on February 11, 1990, that Nelson Mandela spoke to euphoric crowds hours after his release from 27 years in prison.

That was Mandela's first major speech as a free man and a key moment in South Africa's rebirth as white-minori-

ty rule crumbled. The Springboks beat England 32-12 victory against England in Japan on November 2, earning their third world crown in rugby's paramount tournament.

But this team broke new ground, being the most racially-mixed in a national sport which was once the preserve of the white elite.

- 'Reach for the stars' - Earlier Monday, the Springboks visited anti-apartheid icon Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who sported a green Springbok jersey.

"What this group of youngsters has achieved speaks, beyond rugby, to the possibility of what we can be. No matter where we come from, if we reach for the stars, we can actually touch them," said Tutu in a statement.

Dwarfed by most of the squad, Tutu appeared particularly impressed by Trevor Nyakane and Tendai Mtawarira's size -- while scrum half Faf de Klerk gave the archbishop a glimpse of his "famously patriotic underwear he revealed to Prince Harry after winning the cup" eight days earlier, said the statement.

The Springbok also met lawmakers outside the parliament building.

The speaker of the legislature, Thandi Modise, told the triumphant squad: "You have enabled South Africa to recall who we are". "You have again made

us able to forget our racial tensions, to forget the gender-based violence and to focus on that which makes us great as South Africa."

She urged them to "continue to unite this country."

"If politics fails, our fallback is sports, because there... we understand the rules of the game, we understand who and what makes us a people," Modise said.

In a brief response to the members of parliament building, Kolisi said "we hope that we make you proud and we hope that we have inspired you".

Team members wore yellow T-shirts with inscription "stronger together".

Three decades ago, the Springboks were widely viewed as a pawn or a symbol of white-minority apartheid regime.

Their victorious homecoming tour, aboard an open-topped bus, has taken them to Soweto, a township near Johannesburg where they were once reviled, and to the seat of government in Pretoria where they met President Cyril Ramaphosa.

They also took the trophy to Durban, East London and Port Elizabeth, Kolisi's home town.

Throughout the tour, thousands of South Africans, from all backgrounds, have come out to cheer the national team.

Turkey begins deporting foreign jihadists

Turkey said Monday it had begun sending back foreign jihadists to their countries of origin, with an American already expelled and more than 20 Europeans in the process of deportation.

A "foreign terrorist fighter" from the US was deported early on Monday, with two more -- from Germany and Denmark -- due to be expelled later in the day, interior ministry spokesman Ismail Catakli told state news agency Anadolu.

Seven more Germans were due for deportation on Thursday, he added, while 11 French citizens, two Irish and at least two additional Germans were also being processed.

Turkey has criticised Western countries for refusing to repatriate their citizens who left to join the Islamic State group

(IS) in Syria and Iraq, and stripping some of them of their citizenship.

Interior Minister Soylu said last week that Turkey had nearly 1,200 foreign members of IS in custody, and had captured 287 during its recent operation in northern Syria.

It was not clear if all those being deported this week were captured in Syria, or in Turkish territory. "There is no need to try to escape from it, we will send them back to you. Deal with them how you want," Soylu said on Friday. Turkey has frequently sent back captured jihadists in recent years, but has lately increased pressure on Europe to take responsibility for the problem.

It follows its offensive last month in northern Syria against Kurdish militants who were hold-

ing thousands of IS fighters and their families. Turkey said it would take control of captured jihadists in areas that it seized from Kurdish groups, but demanded greater assistance from Europe.

It remains unclear, however, whether Turkey will be able to repatriate those who have lost their citizenship.

Over the weekend, a French foreign ministry source told AFP that jihadist suspects were frequently repatriated to France under a 2014 agreement with Turkey, and that the system was functioning well.

"Jihadists and their families are regularly sent back to France and arrested as they leave the airplane. Most of the time it is done secretly. The news is not published, or released much later," the source said.

Police shoot protester, man set alight in day of Hong Kong fury

A Hong Kong police officer shot a masked protester in an incident shown live on Facebook Monday while a man was set alight, during one of the most violent days of clashes seen since pro-democracy unrest erupted more than five months ago.

Protesters, who had already begun a city-wide day of action aimed at paralysing the international financial hub, reacted to the morning shooting by rampaging through train stations, barricading streets and vandalising shops.

A masked assailant also doused a man with a flammable liquid and set him ablaze during an argument. The horrifying scene was captured on mobile phones and quickly went viral.

Police said a protester carried out the attack, and accused black-clad "rioters" of an array of other violent acts, including throwing a petrol bomb inside a train carriage.

Protesters voiced fury at what they said was excessive force used against them.

"Continuing this rampage is a lose-lose situation for Hong Kong," police spokesman John Tse said at a press conference in which he showed



the video of the man being set alight, as well as a fire inside a train.

The footage of the shooting -- broadcast live to Facebook by a bystander -- showed a police officer drawing a pistol as he tried to detain a masked person at a junction that had been blocked by protesters.

Another unarmed masked individual then approached the officer and was shot, quickly falling to the ground.

Seconds later, two more live rounds were fired as the officer scuffled with another masked protester, who fell to the floor. Both were detained by officers.

A pool of blood could be seen near the first man, whose body initially appeared limp, although he was later filmed conscious and even trying to make a run

for it. The second man was conscious, shouting his name to reporters as he was handcuffed.

Hong Kong police confirmed one person was struck by a bullet, while hospital authorities said a 21-year-old man was admitted with a gunshot wound.

The man attacked by being set alight was taken to hospital in a critical condition, according to Tse.

- Increasing violence -

Hong Kong has endured 24 straight weeks of increasingly violent rallies aimed at securing greater democratic freedoms from China, which has ruled the city under a "one country, two systems" framework since its handover from the British in 1997.

The protesters are desperate to stop what they see as Beijing's tightening control over

Hong Kong and its reneging on its handover commitment to allow greater liberties for the city than those on the mainland.

But Beijing has refused to give in, and instead warned it is prepared to impose even greater security measures.

Protesters have been incensed at what they see as police brutality and Monday's shooting only fuelled the tinderbox atmosphere.

"I don't understand why the police has to use that kind of brutality to hurt innocent people. I think it's just out of sense, out of control," a 22-year-old IT worker, who gave her surname as Chan, told AFP as she joined angry crowds in Sai Wan Ho after the shooting.

Monday's shooting was the third time protesters had been shot

with live rounds by police. None of the shootings have resulted in deaths. Tensions in Hong Kong were already high following the death on Friday of a 22-year-old student who succumbed to injuries sustained from a fall in the vicinity of a police clearance operation a week earlier.

After a weekend of clashes and huge vigils, Monday's chaos began with small groups of masked protesters hitting subway stations and roads during the rush hour commute.

But as footage of the shooting went viral, the protests snowballed.

During the lunchtime break in Central, a downtown district that hosts blue-chip international conglomerates and luxury retailers, police fired tear gas to disperse thousands of protesters, many dressed in office attire, chanting "murderers" and "Triads".

Tear gas and rubber bullets were fired in multiple districts throughout the morning, including at two university campuses.

One video circulated by protesters on messaging channels showed a police officer trying repeatedly to drive his motorbike into protesters who had gathered on a road.

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Kristen Bell on the 'Acts of Service' Dax Shepard Has Mastered to Make Their Marriage Work

Kristen Bell is opening up about the small things her husband, Dax Shepard, has learned to do to keep the spark alive.

ET's Keltie Knight sat down with Bell -- along with her Frozen 2 co-star Idina Menzel -- at a press day for their their long-awaited Disney sequel in Los Angeles on Saturday. The Good Place actress revealed the way Shepard expresses his love for her after years together.

"Acts of service are huge for me," Bell said, referring to all the little chores and helpful gestures that seem innocuous in a marriage, but show that you really care.

"My husband literally said to me this morning -- I mean, were 13 years in but he's gotten it now -- he woke up 10 minutes after I did and I was scrambling to get out of the house and he said as he was like, rising out of bed, he said, 'Is there anything I can help you do to help you get out of the house on time?'" Bell recalled. "And I was like, 'Are you trying to make me horny right now? What are you doing?'"

"Acts of service to other people are also very sexy, but if you pour your coffee and hand me a mug as well, I'm there," she continued, adding that there are "a lot of different acts of service that would qualify under that umbrella."

As for Menzel, when it comes to her husband, Aaron Lohr, it's all about connection and a feeling of safety.

"He really looks me straight in the eyes and I find that extremely sexy and disarming but in a great way," Menzel said of her husband, whom she wed in September 2017. "He's a therapist too, so I just feel really seen all the time. I can't get away with anything but I also feel seen and very protected."

"It's nice when you have a man in your life that actually is there and protects you and can take care of things once in a while," she added. Love and

romantic expression also play a role in the upcoming Frozen 2, which fans have been waiting six years to see. However, it seems the primary themes of the long-awaited animated adventure focus on finding your own purpose in life and discovering who you are and what you're meant to do.

According to Bell, she found her

she added. As for Menzel, it was her grandfather who sparked the acting bug when she was just a little girl.

"[He] used to make up stories in the living room and he introduced me, and I'd be behind the couch, and he'd say, 'Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome to the stage Idina Menzel!' And I'd come out and we'd do a musical version of the



calling early on when she learned how much she enjoyed entertaining.

"I definitely got a high off of making people laugh cause I was just a weird kid," Bell shared. "I was weird and quirky before I realized Disney was comedy and that was like a skill I could hone."

"I would, like, ask for my dinner next to the dog dish and just eat it with my face 'cause I liked my dog so much more than I liked everyone else. And my mom was just like, 'Great. She's... that's what we got. [And] we love her,'" Bell recalled. "I realized that owning that made people giggle and when you make someone giggle, to me, there's no better feeling in the world."

"I kind of owned how quirky I could be and try to use it wherever possible,"

story we made up," she shared. "He's not with us anymore, but that's the first time I realized I could make somebody happy." Menzel and Bell have definitely made a lot of children, and adults, happy with their work on both Frozen films, and the question remains if fans should get their hopes up for another movie in the future.

"I would like to take this opportunity to announce Frozen 3, 4 and 5," Bell joked. "I don't know that Disney knows that yet, but I'd like to formally announce it and hopefully corner them, because we would love to be back."

Whether or not those future installments come to fruition, fans will finally get a chance to see Frozen 2 when it hits theaters Nov. 22.

Roman Polanski Denies Rape Allegation by Valentine Monnier

Responding to French actress Valentine Monnier's accusation of rape, a lawyer for Roman Polanski has issued a statement saying that the filmmaker denied the allegations and was considering suing the newspaper that published Monnier's story.

In an article in Le Parisien on Friday, Monnier alleged that Polanski raped her violently at a ski chalet in Gstaad, Switzerland, in 1975. The allegation cannot result in any criminal charges because Switzerland's 20-year statute of limitations has passed.

In a statement issued to Agence-France Presse on Sunday, Polanski's French attorney, Hervé Témime, said that the filmmaker "most firmly contests the accusation of rape...We are considering taking legal action against this publication." Témime said Polanski "will not participate in the media trial, and me neither."

The lawyer added that the allegation "concerns facts that are 45 years old. Never has this accusation been brought to Polanski's knowledge, and neither to a judicial institution, except for a letter sent to the California prosecutor two years ago, according to Le Parisien." Témime said that "it's impossible after so much time to gather all the necessary elements to

conduct a [proper] investigation." Polanski has been living in exile in France since fleeing the U.S. in 1978, before he could be sentenced after pleading guilty to having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Numerous efforts over the years to resolve the case with Los Angeles prosecutors have gone nowhere, as Polanski has refused to return and submit to U.S. jurisdiction.

In spite of the controversy that has surrounded Polanski for the past decades, he was able to get his new film, "An Officer and a Spy" ("l'accusé"), financed mainly out of France with a budget of \$21 million, making it one of the country's most ambitious films this year. But the new allegation by

Monnier has cast cloud over the film's imminent release in France on Wednesday on more than 500 screens. On Sunday, the movie's leading actor, Oscar-winner Jean Dujardin, canceled an appearance on a primetime newscast to promote the film.

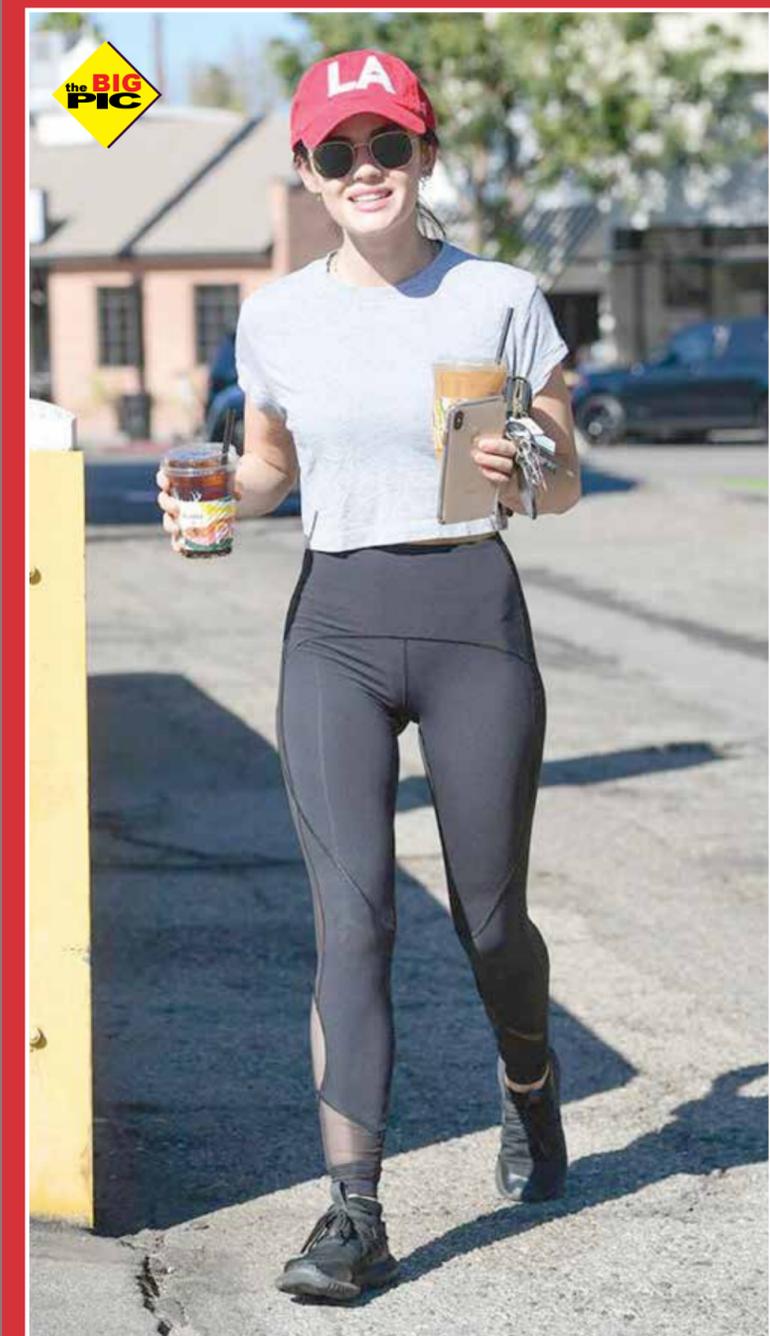
On the critical front, "An Officer and a Spy" has been applauded. It world premiered at the Venice Film Festival, where it won the Silver Lion Grand Jury Prize, and has just garnered four European Film Awards nominations. "An Officer and a Spy" has also been bought by distributors in several territories.

Drake booted off stage at Tyler, The Creator's Camp Flog Gnaw festival

It's thought fans were disappointed that Frank Ocean wasn't a surprise guest. Drake was forced to cut short his surprise headline set at Tyler, The Creator's Camp Flog Gnaw Festival, after the rapper faced unrelenting booing from fans.

The Canadian rapper made a surprise appearance at the event on Sunday evening in a headline slot which was also split between Lil Uzi Vert and A\$AP Rocky. However, footage on social media seemingly shows Drake choosing to bring a premature end to his slot, after facing relentless criticism from fans. "I'm here for you tonight. If you wanna keep going, I will keep going," Drake tells fans in one video.

A large section of fans are then heard delivering a resounding "NO!", before Drake eventually pulls the plug on the set. "Look. It's been love. I love y'all. I go by the name of Drake, thank you for having me." Although the reason for the hostility from fans is yet to be properly established, some claim that they were expecting Frank Ocean to be the secret headliner -- sparking anger at Drake's arrival.



Broadway Actress Laurel Griggs Dies at Age 13

Laurel Griggs made her Broadway debut at age 6 as Polly in Rob Ashford's musical production of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Broadway star Laurel Griggs has died, according to multiple reports. She was 13.

Griggs died on Nov. 5 and a funeral service was held three days later, according to her Dignity Memorial page.

Her family told The Post that she died on Nov. 5 in New York City after suffering a "massive asthma attack," according to Page Six. The teenager was rushed to Mount Sinai Hospital, her grandfather, David B. Rivlin, told the outlet. Doctors were unable to revive her.

Griggs made her Broadway debut at age 6 as Polly in Rob Ashford's musical production of Cat on a Hot Tin Roof in 2013, opposite Scarlett Johansson, according to her IMDb page.

She is best known for her role as Ivanka in the Tony Award-winning musical ONCE. She performed the role for 17 months between 2013 and 2015.

In 2016, she appeared in the romantic

comedy Cafe Society alongside Steve Carell, Blake Lively and Kristen Stewart. She was also featured in several episodes of Saturday Night Live.

Actress Eliza Holland Madore, who also played Ivanka in ONCE, paid tribute to Griggs on Instagram. "I am deeply saddened by the sudden loss of one of my Ivanka sisters. Laurel- you were always smiling and always made other people laugh," Madore wrote. "I'm so incredibly grateful that I got to know you. You will never be forgotten, and we will never stop loving you. Everybody in the Once Family is going to keep you alive through us. R.I.P. My heart goes to her family."

Following news of Griggs' death, Young Broadway's Twitter account shared a tribute to the rising star.

"We are saddened to share that Laurel Griggs passed away this week at the age of 13," they wrote. "Laurel was a brilliant young lady who appeared on Broadway in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof and Once. We send our condolences to her loved ones at this difficult time."



ARIES: Today brings with itself big breakthroughs on the emotional front, especially for those who have put in the work. Losing something or somebody is seldom easy, but you're beginning to understand the transient nature of everything. Letting go is an important part of the human experience, wild one.

Tip: The cup is more than just half full.

Taurus:

Each action has a consequence, Taurus. Keep that in mind as you examine the pathways that are opening for you. Choosing the easier one will make your life easier, but it will also take you a few steps back on the evolution ladder. Challenge yourself, Taurus. Focus on long-term returns rather than short-term gains. This is the secret to making space for bigger and better opportunities.

Tip: Make choices in alignment with your higher goals.

GEMINI: You can spend all the time you want planning and strategising, but it's the action you take that will turn the wheel of fortune around. Take charge of your destiny, Gemini. A concrete plan is the need of

the hour. Today also brings with itself the reminder to start playing bigger. This will mean saying yes to opportunities that may be outside of your comfort zone.

Tip: It's time for you to make choices in alignment with your highest goals.

CANCER: "You're always on your way to somewhere. The key is: find a way to be happy wherever you are now, on your way to where you want to be." An Abraham Hicks quote to help you stay woke in the midst of the turbulence. Cancer, find comfort in the discomfort. Embrace the delays and difficulties. Happiness is ultimately your highest goal and you're being asked to choose it consciously.

Tip: The journey is as beautiful as the destination.

LEO: Your mood: building an empire, creating art, making magic, living consciously, and inspiring others to achieve their highest potential. This is the start of a brand new adventure for you, Leo. Trust that each day will be better. The only thing you want to be mindful of: the choices you make. It will

be easy to get carried away given the number of doors that are opening up. To simplify things, choose the one that will take you closer to your long-term goals.

Tip: Check in with your higher self before you make that choice.

VIRGO: When everything within is at peace, you are unfazed by the chaos around you. Wayne Dyer said, "Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than as you think it should be." Let things happen as they are and do not allow yourself to be dragged into petty conflicts.

Tip: Stay centred.

LIBRA: The wheels of destiny are beginning to turn again, bringing some unexpected but pleasant change. It is okay to feel apprehensive, and a bit cynical as well. Truth is, the path ahead isn't going to be easy. But there is no growth without challenges. Remember to stay centred as you go about Mission World Domination. This will give you the strength you need to move ahead despite the challenges.

Tip: Everything you desire is now within

your reach.

SCORPIO: Scorpio, you are a leader par excellence, one who is not only living her highest potential, but also inspiring those around you to do the same. There's a reason they are in awe of you! This chapter of your life requires you to find a balance between your head and heart so you can make impartial decisions. Remember, there will be important choices to make.

Tip: Make choices in alignment with your highest goals.

SAGITTARIUS: "Dying to your own attachments is a beautiful death, because this death releases you into real life. You have to die as a seed to live as a tree." Let Mooji's golden words enlighten you on your path to awareness. Sagittarius, this phase of your life is about truth and awakening. You are learning to transcend the ego as you move closer to your true self.

Tip: Transcend the ego.

CAPRICORN: The thing about travel is that it opens our minds to new possibilities and makes us look at the world through a

new lens. The places you have visited will be your biggest muse this week. See how you can assimilate your learning to create your very own masterpiece. For some, moving to a new address or expanding the business may be on the cards.

Tip: Think expansion.

AQUARIUS: This week finds you living your sacred purpose, vibrating at the frequency of joy and abundance, inspiring those around you, and spreading them good vibes—while looking like the most radiant version of yourself. Get your creative juices flowing. The project you're working requires you to think on your feet.

Tip: You are deliberately creating your destiny.

PISCES: Creativity with a capital C. This is the month to make magick by pushing your boundaries. When you're in the mood to achieve the impossible, no force in the world can come in your way. Experimentation is going to be a major theme as well. Remember, age is not a factor. No matter where you are in your journey, you are allowed to start over.

Tip: Express your creativity fully.