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Another suspect arrested in Gauri Lankesh killing

BENGALURU, JUN 12 (PTI): Another suspect has been arrested in connection with the killing of journalist-activist Gauri Lankesh, police said today but denied speculation about him being the assassin.

The Special Investigating Team (SIT) of Karnataka police probing Lankesh's killing said it has arrested 26-year-old Parashuram Waghmare from Sindhagi in Vijayapura district of the state.

Waghmare was produced before the 3rd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court here which remanded him in SIT custody for 14 days for further interrogation, an official release said.

Inspector General of Police B K Singh, who heads the SIT, told PTI that nothing has emerged during the probe so far to suggest that Waghmare had shot Lankesh.

"No. That thing has not come in our investigation," he said amid speculation in the media **turn to pg02**

Court of Civil Judge/ Judicial Magistrate inaugurated in Yangang

NAMCHI, 12 JUN [IPR]: Chief Justice, High Court of Sikkim, Justice Satish Kumar Agnihotri, inaugurated the Court of Ld. Civil Judge cum Judicial Magistrate in the presence of Chief Minister Pawan Chamling at Yangang in South Sikkim today.

Also present during the occasion were State LL&PA Minister, RB Subba, as guest of honour alongside Judge, High Court of Sikkim, Justice Meenakshi Madan Rai, Minister Building & Housing Department, DT Lepcha, members of Sikkim BAR Association, various dignitaries and public at large.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Chamling extended his best wishes on the historic moment which is the establishment of the maiden court at Yangang sub-division. He also expressed his delight on the court being established at Yangang which is also his birthplace. He informed that the Yangang becomes the second sub-division in the South District to install a court which will holistically benefit the masses at large and can be termed as a giant leap for justice to be delivered to the people. He spoke in detail about the importance of law and the imperativeness of drawing out qualitative justice.

Mr Chamling also spoke about the role of law and the legal institute in reconstruction



of the State thereby elevating the socio economic status of the public. He underscored that the court should be justice oriented which in turn should aim for the realisation of values enshrined in the Constitution of India.

The construction of the court will embolden the public of the locality in securing an impartial justice which is also a significant fundamental right of the citizens, he added.

He stated that the judicial process is an indispensable part

of the judiciary process and that the courts are the most revered institutions in our country.

He encouraged the advocates to provide pro bono assistance especially to the needy and also be responsible in reflecting the peace and harmony of the state. He added that the lawyers play a decisive leadership role, who maintain the highest standards of professional ethics and spirit of public service.

Mr Chamling deliberated that the State Government has consistently

assured all logistical support to ensure that the working of the court remains robust.

Chief Justice, Justice Agnihotri detailed about the history of Judiciary in the State and brought to light the various courts set up in Sikkim. He emphasized how the State Government had assisted in development of the judiciary infrastructures in the State and elaborated that access to free and fair justice should be essential for everyone.

ICFAI Sikkim all set to welcome Vice President Venkaiah Naidu

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

ICFAI University, Sikkim, will be holding its convocation ceremony for the year 2018 on 15 Jun and will have Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, as chief guest. Governor Shrinivas Dadasaheb Patil, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling and Minister of Human Resource Development Department, RB Subba, will be attending the ceremony as guests

of honour, an ICFAI press release informs.

With regard to preparedness for the event, Vice Chancellor, Dr Jagannath Patnaik, held a meeting with the university professors and officers on 09 Jun at Chintan Bhawan.

In the convocation ceremony which is scheduled to be held in Chintan Bhawan, students from batches 2013-2018 & 2015-2018 will be awarded degrees, the release adds.

Heavy rain triggers flood in Mizoram

AIZAWL, JUN 12 (PTI): Heavy monsoon rain has triggered flood in Lunglei and Aizawl district of Mizoram today, officials said.

State School Education department declared today and tomorrow as holidays for all schools due to the heavy downpour. Over 1000 people have been evacuated to safer places in the two districts due to the flood, they said.

Over 250 families living along the Khawth-

langtupui river in Lunglei district were evacuated to safer places as around 180 houses were submerged in the flood triggered by heavy rain since Sunday night, police said.

The water level of the river continued to rise as heavy rainfall continued unabated today submerging over 100 houses in Tiperabagh and 70 houses in Serhuan village while around 30 houses were submerged in Tlabung town, they said.



FIFA World Cup fever strikes Gangtok

SAGAR CHETTRI
GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Gangtok is all set to celebrate the world's biggest sports festival of the year, the FIFA World Cup 2018, with series of events.

Football Clubs Association of Sikkim [FCAS] is organising an extravaganza – the World Cup Festival - here in front of the old Tourism Office at MG Marg from 4 pm onwards on 13 June.

An FCAS press release from its general secretary, Sumeet Thirani, informs that the celebration will include football skills competition including jugglery and others, Zumba, aerobics, performance by Sikkim police band, DJ show and a colourful march.

It is informed that festoons and flags of the participating countries in the World Cup 2018 will also be put up at MG Marg.

"Let us all unite and show Sikkim is a football loving state with its own cesspool of talent and glory in the sport. We would like to invite everyone to this event and the best one can do to support their teams is by donning their team jerseys," the FCAS has appealed.

The FCAS has invited all to be part of this festival which will kick off at 4 pm on 13 June. FCAS has also appealed to all sports bodies, associations and organisations to participate at the event with their members. **[Pic: Uttam Gurung]**

Rahul to face trial in RSS defamation case

THANE (MAHA), JUN 12 (PTI): Congress President Rahul Gandhi will face trial in a defamation case filed against him by an RSS worker, with a court here in Maharashtra today framing charges against him even as he pleaded not guilty.

The 47-year-old Congress leader appeared before civil judge A I Sheikh in Bhiwandi, who read out the charges levelled against him and



also the statement of the complainant Rajesh Kunte.

Kunte had filed the case in 2014 after watching Gandhi's speech at an

election rally in which he had claimed that the RSS was behind the killing of Mahatma Gandhi.

After reading out the complaint against Gandhi, the judge asked him, "Do you accept the charges?"

To this, Gandhi replied, "I plead not guilty."

The court then proceeded to frame charges against the Congress leader under IPC sections 499 (defamation)

and 500 (punishment for defamation).

Under section 500, a person found guilty of defamation faces simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine, or with both.

The court fixed August 10 as the next date of hearing, when the actual trial will begin.

Emerging from the court, Gandhi said if **turn to pg02**

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NCST asks State Govt for action taken report on L-T seat reservation in SLA

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

National Commission for Scheduled Tribes [NCST], Delhi has directed the Chief Secretary of Government of Sikkim and Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs, Delhi to furnish requisite information/comments along with the action taken report regarding Limboo-Tamang seat reservation issue in Sikkim Legislative Assembly.

A press release issued by Limboo-Tamang Voluntary Committee [LTV] informs that this was notified in an NCST letter dated 11 Jun received by LTV president, Yehang Tshong. This was in reply to the follow-up letter of LTV dated 27 Apr, 2018 pertaining to LT seat reservation issue in SLA, the release mentions.

The LTV, in the release, has stated that the committee is working continuously and following up on all the issues of LT communities at Centre and State and will continue working till the LT communities get justice.

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that Waghmare could be the assassin.

Waghmare's is the 6th arrest in connection with the killing of Lankesh, who was shot dead in front of her house here on September 5 last year. Lankesh was known for her strong views against hardline Hindutva.

"His role in the conspiracy and other details will be revealed later as it would affect the investigation at this stage," the SIT release said.

Waghmare was said to have links to right wing groups.

The SIT had earlier arrested five people-- K T Naveen Kumar alias Hote Manja, Amol Kale, Manohar Edve, Sajeeth Kumar alias Praveen and Amit Degvekar.

Naveen Kumar is from Maddur in Mandya district of Karnataka, while Kale and Degvekar are from Maharashtra. Edve and Sajeeth Kumar are also from Karnataka.

Naveen Kumar, who had founded the Hindu Yuva Sena, was the first to be caught in Bengaluru while attempting to sell ammunition.

The other four were arrested for planning to kill Kannada writer K S Bhagawan, also known for his anti-Hindutva stand. It was while probing this case that the police suspected their role in Lankesh's assassination.

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Meeting held on land compensation for PMGSY roads in Gelling

GYALSHING, 12 JUN (IPR): The meeting regarding compensation of land and standing properties, houses involved in the construction of PMGSY road from Upper Gelling to Middle Gelling was held today under the leadership of Minister for Health and IPR, AK Ghatani at Gram Prasashan Kendra of Gelling-Piplay GPU.

Addressing the gathering, the Minister informed that the cabinet has sanctioned the construction of 35 kilometres of new roads to GPUs. The work sanctioned upto Rs 2 crore will be directly given to the GPU. He directed the DC, SDM and BDO to give priority to the problems taken up by the CLC president and members.

The Minister said that there will be no compromise on quality of work and every work must be monitored by the Panchayats and public for the best outcome.

Mr Ghatani also informed about the upgradation of the Secondary Schools of Gelling and Piplay. The proposal has been submitted to the concerned department, he said.



He emphasised on the strict monitoring of illegal supply of non-organic vegetables from the neighbouring state.

DC West, Dr AB Karki, in his address, stated that the State has been very diligent in fulfilling the basic needs of the public.

He stated that the Sikkim Government has always made policies in favour of the public and has attended to their needs.

He also informed that the various works done by the Horticulture, Agriculture, PHE, Roads and other line departments would be

inspected by him in the days to come. Dr Karki further announced that the construction of 10 water storage tanks would be undertaken for the Gelling-Piplay GPU.

The Minister presented cheques to 36 beneficiaries today in the meeting.



Data collection drive for PM's Swasthya Suraksha Mission concludes

YOGEN THATAL

SINGTAM, 12 JUN:

Two-day additional data collection drive [urban], under Prime Minister's Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission, finally concluded today here at the Community Hall of Singtam Nagar Panchayat, East Sikkim today.

The drive covered Dokey, Chisopani, Tinek, Sirwani, under Khamdong BAC, and five Wards under Singtam Nagar Panchayat.

Ration cards along

with phone numbers and details of each family member including newborn babies were collected for inclusion in the scheme. Under this mission, financial support of Rs 5 lakh will be provided for medical treatment at any hospital.

The enrollment list will be submitted to the District Hospital Singtam on 13 Jun.

ASHA workers, Swastika Darnal, Sabina Sundas, Bhakti Thapa and Meena Sewa, volunteered for the programme.



Vaccination programme held at Lingi Paiyong SS

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Lingi Primary Health Sub Centre conducted an awareness camp and vaccination programme at Lingi Paiyong Secondary School in South Sikkim today. Vaccination

sessions were held for TT and DPT for the students belonging to age 05yrs, 10yrs and 16yrs. During the programme, 18 students were vaccinated, a press release informs.

A counselling session on Cervical Cancer and HPV vaccine

was also conducted for the mother-guardian of girl students belonging to age group 09-14 years. Chandrajit Chhetri from Lingi PHSC and Arjun Koirala [Nodal Teacher] shared the importance of Cervical Cancer and HPV during the session.

India-Nepal joint military exercise ends in Pithoragarh

DEHRADUN, JUN 12 (PTI):

The 14-day-long India-Nepal joint military exercise in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh focusing on counter-terrorism and disaster relief operations ended today.

Lectures, demonstrations and drills related

to counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations, and disaster management were conducted as part of the SURYA KIRAN-XIII exercise to enhance the skills of troops, a defence press release said here. The

training ended with a 72-hour outdoor exercise in which troops of both contingents carried out a cordon and search operation in a mock counter-insurgency drill in a village. During the final-phase of the exercise,

Chief of Staff, Headquarters Uttar Bharat area, Major General Neeraj Verma, Brigadier Ajay Kumar Vig and Brigadier Ranjan Mallik were present as observer representatives of the Indian Army, the release said.



BJP Sikkim Pradesh tours Namcheybong constituency

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

A team of Bharatiya Janata Party Sikkim Pradesh led by its vice-president, JB Darnal, and east district president, YT Lepcha, toured Namcheybong constituency in East Sikkim for two days. The tour revealed that the people of the constituency have been deprived of basis amenities and have also been facing various problems, informs a BJP press release.

The release adds that Upper Sumin School has only three permanent teach-

ers. Further, people have also been facing shortage of drinking water and irregular power supply and inferior carpeting of roads in the area.

Additionally, houses around Madhya Bharat Power Corporation at Nimtar have sustained damages due to blasting and other works at the work site. The party has urged the Forest Department and State Pollution Control Board to take stringent legal action against the company for not following proper procedure.

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need be, he would be present in the court again.

"Let them (the BJP and the RSS) slap as many cases as they want against me. Ours is a fight of ideology. We will fight them and win," he told reporters outside the court.

On May 2, the court had asked him to appear before it today.

Gandhi, who arrived in Mumbai this morning, reached the magistrate's court at 11.05 am amid heavy security cover and was greeted by supporters who raised slogans in his favour.

He was accompanied by Maharashtra Congress chief Ashok Chavan and some other party leaders.

In the court room, Gandhi's counsel Narayan Iyer

and the complainant's lawyer Dharghalkar argued over the issue of the submissions made by Gandhi in the High Court where he had submitted the transcript of his speech made during the said election rally at Bhiwandi on March 6, 2014.

The issue of taking it on record in this court was hotly debated and remained inconclusive.

"As per the charge, you (Gandhi) on March 6, 2014, in a rally held for elections at Bhiwandi, Thane, defamed the organisation to which the complainant belongs," the judge said while reading out the charge.

"Your speech, which was telecast on channels and also published in newspapers, damaged the reputation of

the complainant and his organisation and you thereby committed an offence under sections 499 and 500 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC)," he said.

The judge also read out Gandhi's remarks which he had made at the rally and were cited by the complainant.

Gandhi left the court at 12.15 pm.

"On the next date of hearing, the court is likely to pass an order on whether certain documents, including the transcript of the video recording of Gandhi's speech submitted by the complainant, can be admitted as evidence or not," Iyer said.

Gandhi is not required to appear before the court on the next date of hearing, he said.

The court today also allowed an application filed by Gandhi last month seeking a summons trial, which would mean detailed recording of evidence, instead of a 'summary trial'.

While trials in such cases are normally held summarily, Rahul Gandhi filed an application last month seeking for it to be conducted as a 'summons trial'.

"A summary trial is short and will be completed by just submitting the written arguments. We have sought for a summons trial which would go into the in-depth recording of the evidence," Iyer said.

"The case relates to historical facts and hence, we need to rely on several documents and would like to record the evidence of experts," he said.

After the court proceedings got over, Kunte said, "I have full faith in the court and I am sure justice will be delivered."

Rahul Gandhi had earlier moved the Supreme Court seeking quashing of the case.

The apex court had in July 2016 said he should not have resorted to "collective denunciation" of an organisation, and would have to face trial if he did not express regret for his remark.

The Congress leader had declined to accept the suggestion and expressed willingness to face the trial.

In the court room today, Gandhi and the complainant sat at the extreme corners for about one hour while their counsels were examining the documents.

At one point of time, the SPG officials got annoyed as Gandhi was made to use a toilet, which was in dilapidated condition, instead of taking him to the bar room wash-room.

Kunte, on the other hand, alleged that the police had given special treatment to Gandhi while he and his counsel were whisked away and subjected to a thorough checking before they entered the court room.

The road leading to Bhiwandi had huge hoardings which said, 'Rahul Gandhi, Sangarsha Karo'.

The hoardings were later pulled down due to the model code of conduct in place for the MLC elections scheduled for June 25.

Gangtok on Wednesday, 13 June

Temp: 26°C/16°C
Forecast: Cloudy; a morning thundershower in parts of the area, then a couple of thundershowers.
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Sunset: 6:31 PM

Mamata for 'wider debate' before implementing lateral entry

KOLKATA, JUN 12 (PTI): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today said lateral entries might "dilute the sensitivity" attached to the functioning of the government and the issue needed a "wider debate" among the various stake-holders, before it was implemented.

The Centre has invited applications for 10 joint secretary-level posts from people, even from the private sector, with expertise in various areas such as economic affairs, agriculture, road transport and environment.

There should be no objection if talented persons joined the central government to improve its efficiency, but there were certain issues of concern, Banerjee said in a Facebook post.

"The officers from All India Services/Central Services presently hold positions of Joint Secretary and equivalent levels in the Government of India. These officers are inducted in government services through transparent recruitment processes by Constitutional bodies like the UPSC," she added.

Joint secretary-level officers are normally appointed from All India/Central services such as IAS, IPS, IFS and other allied services.

Banerjee said the officers were expected to be politically neutral while discharging their duties and any shift from such standards would not be good for the country.

The All India Services officers were working with sincerity, accountability and maintaining secrecy, where the paramount interest of the country remained supreme, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo said.

"Therefore, it is necessary to have wider debate and discussion with different stake-holders, including representatives of the All India Services/Central Services, before implementing the proposed induction of lateral entries into senior positions of the government," Banerjee said.

She also mentioned that she had come to know about the development from media reports.

The government recently published advertisements, saying it was looking for 10 "outstanding individuals", even from the private sector, with expertise in the areas of revenue, financial services, economic affairs, agriculture, co-operation and farmers' welfare, road transport and highway, shipping, environment, forests and climate change, new and renewable energy, civil aviation and commerce.

ICAR-sponsored Summer School students meet Governor

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Governor Shrinivas Patil today met a group of 28 participants of the ICAR-sponsored Summer School on "Adaptation of Energy Efficient Agricultural Technologies for Climate Change" being organised at College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology in Ranipool, a press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan informs.

Participants from 13 States are in Sikkim to attend the 21-day programme (04-24 June).

The group was led by Course Director, Dr Deepak Jhajharia, who provided a brief outline of the programme during the interaction with the Governor.

The participants, specialising in various allied activities related with the agriculture sector, shared their experience and expertise to facilitate the farmers in animal husbandry, fisheries, dairy



farming and nutritional issues.

The Governor, while addressing the participants of the Summer School, laid emphasis on the need to mitigate the impact of Climate Change by various sustainable measures in agriculture. He urged the agricultural scientists and policy mak-

ers to evolve the technology to ensure the minimum energy consumption.

He further stressed that the dependence on fossil fuels and traditional energy sources need to be minimised for reducing carbon footprint. He also underlined that adopting organic farming coupled with green

and environment friendly way of life will be the right step towards sustaining the ecosystem. This will mitigate the adverse impact of climate change in our life and especially in agriculture sector, he added.

The Governor also highlighted the steps taken by Sikkim such as

Paryaran Mahotsava, Ten Minutes to Earth, ban on burning crop residue, ban on chemical fertilizers, plastics, firecrackers and bringing entire agricultural land into organic farming towards making Sikkim a carbon neutral state. He also wished the participants a memorable stay in Sikkim.

State Govt preps for International Yoga Day



GANGTOK, 12 JUN [IPR]: International Yoga Day 2018 will be celebrated here at Paljor Stadium on 21 June in cooperation and coordination of various departments of the State Government and stakeholders.

In this connection, Chief Secretary AK Shrivastava, chaired a high level coordination meeting to assess the preparedness here at the conference hall of Chief Secretary's Office today.

The meeting was called by the AYUSH wing of Health Department which is the Nodal Department and was convened under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary.

The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, SC Gupta, Secretaries from Department of Health, Transport, Sports & Youth Affairs, Commissioner from Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Director from Department of Information and Public Relations, Additional District Magistrate and senior officials from various line departments.

The meeting was held to discuss the various works which are to be carried out by the line departments to accomplish a grand State level function of International Yoga Day.

All departments including HC, HS & FW, Youth and Sports, Information and Public Relations, Human Resource Development Department, Gangtok Municipal Corporation, Sikkim Police, ITBP, IRB and others present gave their assur-

ances of their assigned duties and stated that they will leave no stone unturned in making Yoga Day a successful event.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary called upon all the Heads of Departments and officials from various other agencies to work in proper coordination and co-operation to deliver the best results.

He reiterated that all the preparations have to be done on a war footing. He took detailed stock of the roles and responsibilities of each department and directed the officers from the line departments to put their best foot forward to ensure success of the programme.

Earlier, Secretary, Health Department briefed the meeting about the programme for the upcoming event and informed that the Common Yoga Protocol received from the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India will be followed.

It was informed in the meeting today that around 2000 participants from NCC, NSS, SSB, ITBP and students from various Schools and Colleges/Universities will take part in the event.

Discussing on the various inputs placed by senior officials during the meeting, Health Secretary extended his gratitude towards all departments and stakeholders for extending all possible help.

It was decided in the meeting that the rehearsal for the event will be held on 19 June at Paljor Stadium.



Compensation granted to land owners for PMGSY road construction in Soreng

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Land owners of Soreng-Chakung and Middle Mendogaon block, who had voluntarily donated their lands for the construction of PMGSY roads under RMDD, were granted compensation today at the SDM Office in Soreng, West Sikkim by Minister of Human Resource Development Department, RB Subba.

A press release informs that the link road between Soreng-Chakung and Middle Mendogaon is being constructed at a cost of Rs 1,23,06,507 and a sum of Rs 68,23,885 was granted today to the land owners in the form of cheques.

The programme also had the presence of Additional District Collector [Development], Gayas Pega, Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sonam Topgey Tashi, Panchayat president of Mendogaon and others.

In his address, Minis-

ter Subba said that Sikkim is the only State in the country where full compensation is provided to land donors. In this regard, he added that PMGSY roads in Sikkim have reached almost every nook and corner.

He also shed light on the current status of education in Sikkim and extended hearty congratulations to the students and teachers for the good results in Class 10 and Class 12 board exams this year.

English most sought-after subject in Delhi University

NEW DELHI, JUN 12 (PTI): English is the most sought-after subject in Delhi University, according to the varsity.

As many as 1,26,327 students have applied for the BA (Hons) English programme, followed by 1,05,818 students for BA (Programme), according to data shared by the varsity.

BA (Hons) Political Science course saw 1,05,590 applicants, while BA (Hons) Economics had 96,709 applicants.

The least number of

applicants were for vocational courses -- 49,378 applicants for BA(Voc) Tourism Management, followed by 53,207 for BA (Voc) Human Resource Management.

BA (Hons) Applied Psychology was the third least popular with 57,584 applicants.

The varsity threw open its admission portal for aspirants of various undergraduate courses on May 15. The registration for these courses ended on June 7.

The university has, for now, announced a total of five cut-off lists with the notification for the first cut-off scheduled to be issued on June 19.

The total number of male applicants are 1,44,248, women 1,34,297 and other applicants 29.

According to an official from the university, 2,78,544 aspirants have made payments.

Last year, around 2.20 lakh candidates had made payments.



Mevedir conducts training on vermicomposting at Tareybhir

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GANGTOK, 12 JUN:

Mevedir conducted Daylong Ward level farmers' training cum demonstration on vermicomposting at Tareybhir [Ward No. 04] of Rumbuk Gram Panchayat Unit, South Sikkim today.

The programme was attended by Ongdi Sherpa [Horticulture Department Officer], Dawa Sherpa [Block Technology Manager from ATMA] and PB Gurung [Village Level Worker, Rumbuk GPU] accompanied by specialist, RN Sharma, and Mevedir master trainer, Kamal Kumar Sharma, as resource persons, a press release informs.

The farmers were

taken to the compost site where resource person, Mr Sharma, outlined the technical aspects of vermicompost and highlighted important measures and precautions needed to be taken while preparing vermicompost.

Mevedir master trainer, Mr Sharma, gave a demonstration on vermicompost bed and heap preparation following which the farmers were given hands-on training on the same.

Block Technology Manager from ATMA, Mr Sherpa, thanked the 30 participating farmers for their active participation in the Organic Mission of the State.

ED seizes Rs 44.75 crore worth of Patna land of Lalu family

Patna/New Delhi, Jun 12 (PTI): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) today seized 11 plots of land in Patna worth Rs 44.75 crore, attached by the agency in the name of a firm linked to RJD chief Lalu Prasad's family, as part of the IRCTC hotel money laundering case.

The central probe agency was allowed to take possession of the seized assets by a designated PMLA authority recently.

Officials said possession documents were notified and a huge notice board, bearing the signature of Assistant Director of the Delhi zonal office-I, was today put up at the contiguous plots, measuring about three acres, in Danapur near the Bihar capital.

The central probe agency had provisionally attached the plots, valued at Rs 44.75 crore (market rate), in December last year under the PMLA, in connection with the IRCTC hotel allotment case.

The authority, in its recent order, had said that the assets were "involved in money laundering."

The land pieces are in the name of Delight Marketing Co Pvt Ltd, now Lara Projects LLP, whose managing partner is Lalu's

wife Rabri Devi, partners are his sons Tejashwi Yadav and Tej Pratap Yadav, and Meridian Construction India Limited promoted by Abu Dojana, an MLA of the former Bihar Chief Minister's party -- the Rashtriya Janta Dal (RJD).

When the ED attached these assets last year, a shopping mall was supposed to come up on these plots. It also had recorded the statements of Rabri Devi, Tejashwi, the former deputy chief minister of Bihar, and others in the case.

Before this, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had registered a criminal first information report and conducted multiple searches on the properties of Lalu Prasad and others.

The CBI FIR alleged that Lalu Prasad, during his tenure as UPA-I government, handed over the maintenance of two Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) hotels to a company in 2004 after receiving a bribe in the form of a prime land in Patna through a 'benami' company owned by Sarla Gupta, the wife of Prem Chand Gupta, a former Union minister and an RJD MP.

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If it's Yellow,
it Stinks

This mainstreaming of yellow journalism needs to end if free thought is to survive

The Cobra Post sting has reminded everyone that yellow journalism survives. And it stinks. Unfortunately, not too many are even finding it offensive. Yellow journalism, or “yellow press”, refers to an unethical, irresponsible brand of journalism given to hoaxes, altered photographs, screaming headlines, “scoops”, frauds, and endless promotions of the media itself and the agenda of its influencers. This term was first used in the 1890’s to describe the competition between two rival New York City newspapers - the World, and the Journal. In 1883, Joseph Pulitzer purchased the New York-based newspaper, the World. With its vivid, sensational reporting and excellent crusades against political corruption and social injustice, Pulitzer made the World, the largest circulated newspaper in the US. One of his most famous staff writers was Nellie Bly. Bly was best known for her “stunt” stories. An example of one of her “stunts” was when she pretended to be insane and committed herself to the New York Blackwell Island Asylum. When she was released after ten days, she wrote a story exposing the asylum’s poor conditions. The story sparked calls for reform from all around the US! All this is now in the domain of investigative journalism, but the brash, in-your-face style that it patented got branded yellow journalism and soon worked into its present meaning of intentionally biased reporting.

Yellow journalism, it must be borne in mind, is not about lying, anyone can challenge an obvious untruth; it is about insidious planting of stories which morph the truth to mean whatever the editor or whoever is backing/ planting the story wants projected as. In that sense, Yellow Journalists are more insidious than liars. They use rhetorical tricks to make insinuations look like facts and bias look like objectivity. Yellow Journalists have figured out the tricks of the trade well. They know that one can prove anything, depending on which evidence is conveniently ignored. They frequently omit details that could ruin their story by contradicting their preordained conclusions. Such deliberate omissions are much harder to counter than other journalistic fallacies. Such journalism uses “reliable sources” and terms such as “alleged,” “possibly” and everything else in the dictionary that can save them in the courts of law to lead a reader on to believe a supposition, even a mindless conspiracy theory, as a fact. Most readers, actually it is mostly viewers nowadays, skip through the reports and few bother to read (or watch) between the lines. When a paper decides to play dirty, this limited attention span can be exploited to its hilt. The first couple of paragraphs can be sensationalised and filled with conjecture while the “other side” can be included somewhere towards the end, tucked away in an innocuous page where the story continues but no one turns to. Any student of journalism would point out here that this is how a story should begin anyway, with the most interesting “angle” highlighted and centre-staged.

And this is exactly why yellow journalism is so difficult to tackle. The line dividing investigative journalism from activist journalism and then yellow journalism is very fine.

When it comes to the powers that be, irrespective of how much they might complain about bias, yellow suits them very well, because this is the shade which is the most pliable. Tune into the television and the news that broadcasts is disgustingly slanted, shallowly packaged as nationalist (although even that is problematic when it comes to news) and offensively dismissive of crediting the audience with any intelligence. But TV noise seems to be working when it comes to selling manufactured positions as the only self-respecting option/ opinion available to citizens. And that is worrying, especially when this is backed by all arms of the State being deployed to muscle out any difference of opinion. What was done to the Roys of NDTV is wrong and condemnable, but much worse has been done along the margins where much stronger conflicts of ideology and developmental models have been playing out. There too, yellow is being backed against B&W, and continues to infect the public domain. One hopes that the media solidarity which kind of consolidated in the wake of the latest Cobra Post sting starts the process of cleansing yellow away from journalism all over the country, especially in places where facts and unbiased analysis are most desperately required.

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Memo to President Trump: Better ties between North and South Korea should come first – then get rid of nukes

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At President Donald Trump’s summit meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore, Kim may promise complete denuclearization, but Trump should know this goal won’t be achieved without progress toward Korean unification and increased contact between South and North Korea.

As a scholar of comparative politics and East Asian studies, I believe that two recent developments – not just one – demand new U.S. policy. So far, the world’s attention has been on the first development: the fact that North Korea has nuclear weapons. Less attention has been paid to the second one: recent displays of pan-Korean patriotism.

Let me explain why this second development deserves more scrutiny.

MOVING TOWARD ONE KOREA

Most South Koreans, remembering past Northern violence, welcomed the April 27, 2018, “Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity, and Unification of the Korean Peninsula.” Signing it with Kim, President Moon Jae-in articulated the South’s interests – and raised his domestic popularity – while restraining the U.S. from an attack on the North.

Moon did this once before. On August 17, 2017, he announced a U.S. agreement not to take military action against the North without the South’s prior consent. Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, confirmed that policy on the same day.

This lessens the chance of conflict. But it also creates a danger for the U.S. If war erupts, Kim might now prefer to hit Americans at bases in Japan, rather than fellow Koreans.

CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS STILL A HAZARD

While these early moves toward



stronger relations between the Koreas are a positive sign, the threat of the North’s conventional artillery against Seoul remains. Protecting Seoul is a key requirement for South Korea’s alliance with the United States.

Seoul has importance even for the North, because it is the traditional capital of the whole peninsula. The Joseon dynasty ruled there for half a millennium. Until 1972, the North Korean constitution held that Seoul rather than Pyongyang was legally the capital of all Korea.

So the South has “Korea’s Berlin.” Additionally, two-thirds of all Koreans live here and the South’s economy is 35 times larger than the North’s. Its air force and navy are stronger. From K-pop to electronics, the South has remarkable “soft power” too, while the North is addicted to the hard stuff. Pyongyang has multiple weapons of mass destruction.

And while the threat of combat exists, any action is unlikely. The costs of war, as distinct from rhetoric, are prohibitive. The South would suffer, as would the North, if the U.S. attacked Kim’s nuclear facilities. He might retaliate by using his artillery against Seoul. National security adviser John Bolton and others in Washington neglect our Korean al-

ly’s interests when they focus solely on eliminating North Korea’s nuclear and ballistic capacity.

President Moon, like leaders in Washington, Beijing and Tokyo, would prefer that Pyongyang implement “complete, verifiable, irreversible” denuclearization.

But Kim believes that Korea’s history of division by foreign powers gives him a right not to follow the usual rules. This is more important to him than keeping promises. The fact is that Pyongyang has sporadically in past years committed to denuclearization. It formally withdrew from the Nonproliferation Treaty only in 2003. The Kim dynasty, in other words, did not follow through on its commitment to shed nuclear weapons.

Total, verifiable, irreversible denuclearization is likely “a bridge too far” in the current context – Kim will not agree to it. In any case, complete verification depends on seeking violations, which is difficult in a dictatorial police state.

Complete denuclearization will be a matter for the future. Demanding it now will not lead to peace on the peninsula or internationally. It is Korean politics, not just Washington politics, that will affect what happens in both the short and long term. Few guess that Kim will fully surrender

his only serious power, no matter what he says.

FIRST, MORE SOUTH-NORTH CONTACTS

Kim cannot restrict the appeal to the North of the South’s lifestyle and prosperity forever. South-North contacts will slowly weaken Kim. His unreliability, the factor that makes him dangerous to the U.S., will be tempered as these contacts with South Korea strengthen. He, together with Moon, has let the genie of patriotism out of the bottle, and I don’t think he’ll be able to put it back.

Others have argued that a united Korea is a bigger threat to the U.S., but as I see it, progress toward Korean reunification would reduce the threat to America. A unified Korea would be safer for the U.S. than Pyongyang now is as an isolated nuclear power.

Northern elites cannot maintain their patriotic pretenses without talking about reunification, even though some there, as in the South, do not want it any time soon. Regime change will eventually come to the North. South Koreans know that more contacts with the North can raise their taxes, even as peace raises their security and reunites divided families.

Trump might willingly be persuaded to accept Kim’s claims about denuclearization, for the sake of advertising the best “deal” he can get. This would likely only slow Pyongyang’s program – not end it anytime soon. Negotiations would take multiple meetings, not just one “summit.” A period of South-North links should follow, according to protocols the Panmunjom Declaration has established.

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When does hungry become hangry?

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Have you ever been grumpy, only to realize that you’re hungry? Many people feel more irritable, annoyed, or negative when hungry – an experience colloquially called being “hangry.” The idea that hunger affects our feelings and behaviors is widespread – from advertisements to memes and merchandise. But surprisingly little research investigates how feeling hungry transforms into feeling hangry.

Psychologists have traditionally thought of hunger and emotions as separate, with hunger and other physical states as basic drives with different physiological and neural underpinnings from emotions. But growing scientific evidence suggests that your physical states can shape your emotions and cognition in surprising ways.

Prior studies show that hunger itself can influence mood, likely because it activates many of the same bodily systems, like the autonomic nervous system and hormones, that are involved in emotion. For example, when you’re hungry, your body releases a host of hormones including cortisol and adrenaline, often associated with stress. The result is that hunger, especially at greater intensity, can make you feel more tense, unpleasant and primed for action – due to how these hormones make you feel.

But is feeling hangry just these hunger-induced feelings or is there more to it? This question inspired the studies that psychologist Kristen Lindquist and I conducted at UNC-Chapel Hill. We wanted to know whether hunger-induced feelings can transform how people experience their emotions and the world around them.

NEGATIVE SITUATIONS SET THE SCENE FOR HANGER

An idea in psychology known as affect-as-information theory holds that your mood can temporarily shape how you see the world. In this way, when you’re hungry, you may view things in a more negative light than when you’re not hungry. But here’s the twist.

People are most like-

ly to be guided by their feelings when they’re not paying attention to them. This suggests that people may become hangry when they aren’t actively focused on their internal feelings, but instead wrapped up in the world around them, such as that terrible driver or that customer’s rude comment.

To test whether hungry people are more likely to become hangry in negative situations when they aren’t focused on their feelings, we designed three different studies. In the first two, run online with U.S. adults, we asked people – some hungry, some full – to look at negative, positive and neutral emotional images. Then they saw an ambiguous figure: a Chinese character or pictograph they’d never seen before. We asked participants whether they thought the pictograph meant something pleasant or unpleasant.

Hungry people who saw negative images thought the pictographs meant something more unpleasant. However, hungry people’s ratings after positive or neutral emotional pictures were no different than the not-hungry people.

This suggests that the hangry bias doesn’t occur when people experience positive or even neutral situations. Instead, hunger only becomes relevant when people confront negative stimuli or situations. But why would hunger only matter in negative situations?

Affect-as-information theory also suggests that people are more likely to use their feelings as information about the world around them when

those feelings match the situation they’re in. Hunger likely only becomes relevant in negative situations because hunger itself produces unpleasant feelings – making it easier to mistake the cause of those feelings to be the negative things around you, rather than your hunger.

TUNING IN TO YOUR FEELINGS

In the final study, we recreated in the laboratory a frustrating situation to test how hunger and awareness – or lack thereof – might cause hanger.

We assigned two random groups of undergraduate students to fast for at least five hours or eat a full meal before coming to our lab. There we assigned them to write a story that was meant either to direct their attention to emotional information, or to not focus on emotions at all. Then everyone did a long, tedious computer task. At the end of the task, we secretly programmed the computer to “crash.” The researcher blamed the participant for the computer malfunction and told them they’d have to redo the task once it was fixed.

It turned out that hungry people who hadn’t focused on feelings beforehand exhibited more signs of being hangry. They reported feeling more stressed, hateful and other negative emotions and rated the researcher as being more “judgmental,” compared to full individuals and the hungry people who did write about emotions earlier.

These findings suggest that feeling hangry occurs when your hunger-induced negativity gets blamed on the external world around you. You think that person who cut you off on the road is the one who made you angry – not the fact that you’re ravenous. This seems to be a fairly unconscious process: People don’t even realize they’re making these attributions.

Our data suggest that paying attention to feelings may short circuit the hangry bias – and even help reduce hanger once you notice it.

Although these studies provide a valuable glimpse into the ways that physical states, like hunger, can temporarily shape our feelings and behaviors, they are only a first step. For example, our studies only address hunger effects in

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DG rank IPS officer demoted to IG in Tripura

AGARTALA, JUN 12 (PTI): The Tripura government has demoted a senior IPS officer, who was allegedly given “illegal ad hoc” promotion despite the CBI filing a criminal case against him for “possessing” disproportionate assets, from the rank of the DGP to the IGP.

In an order, issued last week, the Tripura government said K Nagaraj, a 1983 batch Indian Police Service officer, had been promoted to the rank of Director General of Police despite the fact that criminal and disciplinary proceedings were pending against him.

Therefore, in the public interest, the Tripura governor is pleased to cancel the ad hoc promotions granted to Nagaraj and revert him to the post of Inspector General of Police, an order issued by Additional Secretary in the Tripura government Santosh Das said.

The order came in the wake of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, the cadre controlling authority of the IPS, had made serious objections to such “illegal ad hoc” promotions granted to Nagaraj and directed the Tripura government to take corrective measures and to revert the officer to the post of Inspector General of Police.

“After careful review and considering all facts on records related to his promotion, the government of Tripura has come to the conclusion that the promotion given to K Nagaraj, IPS, was in complete violation of IPS promotion guidelines and extant rules,” the order said.

Nagaraj was suspended in 2005 when he was serving as the Deputy Inspector General in the CRPF, Hyderabad after the CBI had filed a criminal case against him for possessing disproportionate assets.

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Assam lynching: CM to introduce sensitisation programme

GUWAHATI, JUN 12 (PTI): The Assam government plans to introduce an awareness programme in all development blocks and panchayats of the state in the wake of incidents triggered by superstition and rumours, including the lynching of two persons in Karbi Anglong district recently.

A decision to this effect was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal here last evening, an official release said today.

Two friends - Nilotpal Das (29) and Abhijeet Nath (30) - were on Friday pulled out of their vehicle at Panjuri in Karbi Anglong district and beaten to death by a group of irate villagers, who suspected them to be child-lifters.

The incident was recorded by locals on their mobile phones and circulated on social media.

A total of 24 people have been arrested in connection with the assault.

Sonowal asked the authorities to frame modalities and a roadmap for implementing the awareness programme ‘Sanksaar’ at all levels, in coordination with local bodies, women organisations and media



persons.

“Assam is known all over India for its unique hospitality and people coming from all over the country must feel an ambience of friendliness where ever they go in the state,” the release said quoting the chief minister.

Giving details of the investigation process, a police spokesman said a man was picked up this morning from Karbi Anglong district during a

search operation for his involvement in the lynching episode.

Five others were also apprehended today from Diphu town of Karbi Anglong district for misuse of social media in connection with the incident, he said.

“Those arrested from Diphu town were involved either in recording the incident on mobile phones or circulating the video clip on social

media with statements and comments to incite hatred between communities,” the spokesman said.

The crackdown on the misuse of social media was launched by the police after initial investigations suggested that messages posted on social media about child-lifters entering the state from outside may have led to the lynching.

The police have also issued an advisory asking people to refrain from spreading rumours on social

media.

Meanwhile, RTI activist and peasant leader Akhil Gogoi today demanded a CBI probe into the episode and accused the RSS-BJP of “indulging in politics” to divert peoples’ attention from “real issues”.

“What has happened is an unbelievable ghastly act.

Strangely, the government has formed an SIT headed by the Karbi Anglong SP, who was responsible for jurisdiction of the area where the crime took place. It will be a mockery of probe. We demand a CBI enquiry into the case,” Gogoi told PTI.

The RSS and the BJP are indulging in “politics of superstition and rumours”, he said.

“The saffron parties are the ones spreading rumours and communally polarised fake news. These two youths have become the victims of such rumours spread through social media,” Gogoi added.

Earlier in the day, the parents of Nilotpal Das urged people to desist from politicising the issue.

“We are grateful to all for extending their support to us in this hour of grief but we appeal to all to maintain peace and calm,” they said in a statement issued here.

Bihar cabinet rechristen ‘Excise service’ as ‘Prohibition service’

PATNA, JUN 12 (PTI): The Bihar cabinet today approved a proposal to rechristen “Bihar Excise Service” as Bihar Prohibition Service” in view of the New Excise Policy, 2015 that enforced complete ban on sale and consumption of liquor in the state.

The cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar also gave its nod to rename “Bihar Excise Non-Gazetted Cadre” as “Bihar Prohibition Subordinate Service”.

The meeting accepted proposal of the Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department in this regard, Cabinet Secretariat department’s Principal Secretary Arun Kumar Singh told reporters.

The prohibition law is enforced in the state for past over two years by this department.

The cabinet also gave green signal to Home department’s proposal to upgrade and establish a full fledged rail police stations at Hajipur and Sitamarhi under Muzaffarpur rail district, Singh said adding the two places at present have rail police posts.

It approved creation of 43 and 38 different posts for the newly up-

graded rail police stations at Hajipur and Sitamarhi respectively, he added.

The meeting also okayed setting up a private university- Al Karim University- in Katihar district of the state.

“Under the provisions of Private University Act, Al Karim University had made an application to the education department for approval to set up and run a private university at Katihar. The department, which found the application as per norms, granted recognition to Al Karim University to run it as private university,” Singh said.

The state cabinet also provided go ahead for construction of multi-purpose Muhane river medium irrigation scheme at an estimated cost of Rs 143.80 crore, he said.

The scheme would not only provide irrigation facility but would also help in water conservation, flood control besides providing transportation facility, Singh said adding that four dams, 20 inlet and 22 outlet would be constructed under the scheme which will be ready by December 2020.

TMC terrorising people in West Bengal's Junglemahal area: BJP

KOLKATA, JUNE 12 (PTI): Accusing the Trinamool Congress (TMC) of “unleashing terror” in Junglemahal area, the West Bengal unit of the BJP today said people there would give a “befitting reply” to the ruling party in next Lok Sabha polls.

The TMC is trying to “terrorise” Junglemahal people as they had voted against the party in the Panchayat polls, BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said.

“The ruling party is trying to suppress the voice of the people,”



Ghosh told reporters.

The Junglemahal area, comprising forested areas of West Midnapore, Purulia and Bankura districts, disturbed the TMC’s near-sweep trend in the polls, with the BJP bagging a chunk of the panchayat seats in the region.

The TMC is trying to

“wipe out” every sign of opposition from West Bengal, Ghosh alleged.

“Our workers are being killed every day. But we will continue our democratic fight till we end the misrule of the TMC government, he said.

Taking a dig at the TMC’s recent comment about winning 42 Lok Sabha seats in next general elections, Ghosh said the ruling party should

calculate after keeping aside the four parliamentary constituencies of Junglemahal - Jhargram, Purulia, Bankura, Medinipur.

Once hit by Maoist insurgency, the three districts of Junglemahal had witnessed violent clashes during the panchayat polls.

Ghosh yesterday met family members of two partymen, who were allegedly killed in the violence.

Days after the results of panchayat polls were declared, two BJP activ-

ists - 35-year-old Dulal Kumar and 20-year-old Trilochan Mahato - were also found hanging under mysterious circumstances in Balarampur area of Purulia district.

Demanding a CBI inquiry into the two incidents, the saffron party alleged that the deaths were “political murders” committed by the TMC, a charge denied by the ruling party.

BJP national president Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Purulia on June 27 to hold meetings with district leaders.

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healthy populations where individuals eat regularly. It would be interesting to look at how feeling hungry could change with long-term dieting or conditions like diabetes or eating disorders.

These studies alongside other emerging science suggest that our bodies can deeply shape how we think, feel and act – whether we realize it or not. We’re generally aware that emotions like feeling stressed can influence our health, but the reverse direction is also true. Our bodies and physical health have the power to shape our mental lives, coloring who we are and the way we experience the world around us.

WARDING OFF HANGER

Here are three pro tips to help keep your hunger from going full-blown hungry.

First, it may seem obvious, but pay more attention to your hunger. People vary a lot in how sensitive they are to hunger and other bodily cues. Maybe you don’t notice you’re hungry until you’re already ravenous. Plan ahead – carry healthy snacks, eat a protein-filled breakfast or lunch to give you lasting energy – and set yourself reminders to

eat regularly. These basic precautions help prevent you from becoming overly hungry in the first place.

But what if you’re already super hungry and can’t eat right away? Our findings suggest people are more likely to be biased by hunger in negative situations. Maybe you’re stuck in bad traffic or you have a stressful deadline. In these cases, try to make your environment more pleasant. Listen to an amusing podcast while you drive. Put on pleasant music while you work. Do something to inject positivity into your experience.

Most importantly, your awareness can make all the difference. Yes, maybe you’re hungry and starting to feel road rage, overwhelmed with your task deadline, or wounded by your partner’s words. But amid the heat of those feelings, if you can, step back for a moment and notice your growling stomach. This could help you recognize that hunger is part of why you feel particularly upset. This awareness then gives you the power to still be you, even when you’re hungry.

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Bangladesh women cricketers get cash promise after Asia Cup

DHAKA, JUNE 12 (AFP): Bangladesh showered its women cricketers with cash rewards Tuesday for their upset triumph over India in the Asia Cup Twenty20 tournament.

The women's team defeated six-times champions India by three wickets in Sunday's final in Kuala Lumpur to claim their maiden title. Bangladesh became the first side ever to beat India in the group phase of the tournament before repeating the feat in the tense final.

The team returned late Monday to a heroes' welcome. The Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 20 million taka (236,000) cash reward for the team and promised to review salaries.

"Each player will get one million taka (14,800) as a cash reward," BCB spokesman Jalal Yunus told AFP on Tuesday. About 75,000 will be shared by the coaching and management staff, he added.

The BCB will review the salary and match fees of contracted women players this week, Yunus said. Currently they earn a maximum 30,000 taka (445) each month plus 100 as match fee for an international.

On their return the women players were garlanded by a welcoming committee that included government officials and members of the Bangladesh men's team.

A video of the male cricketers celebrating in the dressing room at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, after bowler Jahanara Alam hit the winning run, went viral on social media.

Sikkim Himalayan SC secures 2-star accreditation for I-League

REBYNA RANA GANGTOK, 12 JUN: Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club [SHSC] has secured two-star accreditation from All India Football Federation [AIFF] for the prestigious I-League U-13, U-15 and U-18 tournament.

It may be mentioned here, an AIFF official had visited Gangtok recently to inspect the club facilities for the academy certification.

On 06 Jun, following the inspection, the SHSC was notified about the accreditation through an email sent by AIFF stating that the club has secured a total of 175 points, thus receiving a two-star rating.

Expressing joy over the AIFF accreditation, SHSC founding president, Tenzing Lamtha, present club president, Zigmee Y Lepcha, and executive member, RK Pradhan, have informed that with this accreditation, SHSC can now participate in the I-League U-13, U-15 and U-18 categories organised by the AIFF.

Mr Lamtha mentioned that the club was formed in 2012 to promote local football talents of Sikkim while providing them a bigger platform in Indian football.

The SHSC won the State League B Division in 2013 and went on to become the champion of Sikkim Premier Division League in 2014. The club also played the prestigious I-League 2nd Division in 2015-16 and finished the league on the fourth position.



Mr Lamtha further added that while playing across the country, the club realized the importance of having an academy playing in youth leagues of AIFF to produce professional footballers from the State.

Stating that the I-League is the doorway for professional football, Mr Lamtha informed

that it will be beneficial for the club to play in U-13, U-15 and U-18 leagues organized by the AIFF.

"Our kids are talented and we must focus on grooming them at the grassroot level," said Mr Lamtha.

He also informed that the accreditation is for a period of one year and that they will

be required to reapply for the same next year as well.

"The AIFF has given us suggestions on infrastructure and technical areas that need improvement and we must comply with it so that our accreditation is not cancelled next year," he added.

It is to be informed here, SHSC is a residential academy with 50 young players between 05-18 years of age. With some staying at their respective residences and some as boarders in the academy's hostel, these players train at Guards Ground in the morning and evening while attending school during the day.

Mr Lamtha also informed that the SHSC will be holding selection trials in the coming days for selection of best players for the U-13, U-15 and U-18 leagues.

He has appealed to the corporate sector of Sikkim to come forward as sponsors.

"We are worried about sustaining the academy for the coming junior leagues of the AIFF. This is a golden opportunity for the kids of Sikkim and we appeal to good samaritans to come forward and help the club by taking membership and paying monthly fees," he expressed.

He has also urged the State Government to provide special aid as annual participation in junior leagues are very expensive with additional investment on providing training facilities and equipments for the players.

Neymar is star attraction as fans swarm to Brazil training

SOCHI, JUN 12 (AFP): Brazil attracted an army of excited youngsters -- including one who managed to break onto the pitch for a selfie -- as they held their first training session on Russian soil ahead of the World Cup.

Around 5,000 locals turned out to watch the relaxed session at the Yug-Sport Stadium, next to the Brazilian squad's hotel in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi.

Tuesday is a national holiday in Russia and many fans opted for vantage points along the road leading to the stadium, while others filled the stand.

One young boy broke through security barriers and managed to get close



to a group of Brazil players including Neymar, taking a photograph before being led away.

However, most fans contented themselves

with chanting the name of the world's most expensive player, who arrived with his teammates in Russia in the early hours of Monday fresh

from scoring in a 3-0 friendly win over Austria in Vienna.

Members of the Selecao also had a treat in store for Philippe Coutinho, marking the Barcelona midfielder's 26th birthday by pinning him to the ground, breaking an egg over his head and covering him in flour.

Those who started the final pre-World Cup warm-up against Austria spent most of Tuesday's session apart from the rest of Tite's squad, while Manchester United-bound midfielder Fred was not involved as he continues to nurse an ankle injury.

Brazil play their opening game at the tournament on Sunday, when they take on Switzerland in Rostov-on-Don. They will also come up against Costa Rica and Serbia in Group E.

US to stop 'war games' with South Korea: Trump

SINGAPORE, JUN 12 (PTI): President Donald Trump today announced that the US will stop the "very provocative" and costly military drills with key ally South Korea after his historic summit here with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un, widely seen as a concession to a jittery Pyongyang.

The US and South Korea are security allies, with about 30,000 American troops based in country to defend it from its northern neighbour, which launched an invasion in 1950.

They hold joint military exercises every year that anger North Korea which has long demanded an end to the drills and frequently responds with volatile steps of its own, leading to a spike in tensions.

"We will be stopping the war games which will save us a tremendous amount of money," Trump, also the commander-in-chief of the US military, told reporters, adding he had agreed to stop the "war games" because he considers them "very provocative".

Trump's declaration that the US would end joint military exercises with South Korea, fulfils a major demand by North Korea that has long claimed they are invasion rehearsals.

The US president, however, said the sanctions on North Korea for its nuclear tests will remain for now.

Trump also said he wants to withdraw American troops stationed in South Korea, like he had promised during his election campaign.

"I want to get our soldiers out. I want to bring our soldiers back home," Trump said, adding "But that's not part of the equation right now. I hope it will be eventually".

Trump's assertions could alarm South Korean conservatives who have urged him not to jeopardise their country's security.

"I think it's very provocative. Under the circumstances we are negotiating a complete deal," Trump said, adding "It is inappropriate to have war games. Number one, we save money. A lot. Number two, it is really something they very much appreciated".

The move appears to be based on the 'freeze for freeze' proposal mooted by China, under which North Korea would stop nuclear and missile tests in exchange for a halt to the military exercises.

Reacting to Trump's statement, the US Forces Korea said it had received no instructions to stop upcoming military drills, according to a report from Stars and Stripes, an unofficial military newspaper.

"In coordination with our [South Korean] partners, we will continue with our current military posture until we receive updated guidance from the Department of Defense ... and/or Indo-Pacific Command," spokeswoman Col. Jennifer Lovett told Stars and Stripes in an email.

The South Korean President's office said it was still trying to figure out what Trump meant in his military comments.

"At this moment, we need to figure out president Trump's accurate meaning and intention," a South Korean statement said.

Kim has earlier declared a moratorium on testing, saying North Korea has completely developed its nuclear arsenal.

Trump and Kim today met for an unprecedented summit aimed at normalising bilateral ties and complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula.

Akinfeev out to save host Russia's World Cup blushes

MOSCOW, JUN 12 (AFP): Russia's love for Igor Akinfeev, their goalkeeper who spends much of his time picking balls out of the net, speaks volumes about the home team's World Cup chances.

Now Akinfeev wants someone who can score to share the fame when the men in red get the party started against Saudi Arabia on Thursday.

"The team have to come out and play," Akinfeev said after a 1-0 loss in a friendly to Austria on May 30 in which Russia did not register a single shot on target.

"If they do not, the score is not going to change." The 32-year-old CSKA Moscow veteran is the World Cup star you may very well have never heard off.

The Russian captain has played more games for club (565) and country (106) than Soviet goalkeeping legends Lev Yashin and Rinat Dasayev.

He has won six league titles and been named Russia's top 'keeper 10 times.

Yet an injury in the early bloom of his career thwarted his move to the bright lights of the English Premier League and consigned him to a life of domestic accolades.

Akinfeev will guarantee himself international renown if he manages to see the hosts make the unlikely of impacts on the beautiful game's biggest stage.

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Russia's performance entering the World Cup has not just been poor, it has been historically so.

Coach Stanislav Cherchesov's men enter the World Cup as the first Soviet or Russian side to go winless in seven matches.

They became the lowest-ranked of the 32 teams in the tournament by sliding to their lowest FIFA ranking ever, 70th.

Fans let their frustration show by whistling them off the pitch after they drew their final warm-up against Turkey 1-1 in Moscow on June 5.

"Your job is to believe in us," Cherchesov told sceptical reporters after the match.

Things were not always this bleak. Cherchesov was Russia's goalkeeper when the squad still had Soviet-era talent and were ranked in the top five for parts of the 1990s.

They showed flashes of brilliance in reaching the semi-finals of Euro 2008.

Most of the decade since was supposed to have been spent building a team that could make the nation proud at their first home World Cup.

Cherchesov will point out that his squad were coming along nicely until getting hit by a head-shaking rash of injuries in the spring.

Russia lost a starting striker and

Edinson Cavani.

A top-two finish would see Russia progress to the last 16 and a likely matchup against either Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal or high-octane Spain.

Akinfeev is the type of flashy reflex savemaker who just might give Russia a chance to put together a memorable run -- should they also not forget to score.

"He is the national team's best player," said football federation vice president Nikita Simonyan.

"And another reason I like him is that he is simply a very good person. He is someone everyone respects.

four big defenders within a matter of weeks.

The problems got so dire that Cherchesov had to ask 38-year-old Sergei Ignashevich to come out of international retirement and shore up the defence.

The coach's critics counter that Russia were losing friendlies against modest competition even while healthy last year.

Akinfeev's role in proving Cherchesov right is made especially big by the group in which Russia were drawn.

They will play their second match against an Egyptian side hoping to get super striker Mohamed Salah back from an injury he suffered in Liverpool's Champions League loss to Real Madrid.

Russia conclude their campaign against Uruguay's fearsome duo of Luis Suarez

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Kim promises complete denuclearisation of Korean Peninsula in return for security guarantees from Trump

SINGAPORE, JUN 12 (PTI): North Korean leader Kim Jong-un today agreed to work toward “complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula” in return for security guarantees from the US as Donald Trump wrapped up his historic summit which he described as “honest, direct and productive.”

Trump also said that the US would end joint military exercises with South Korea, fulfilling a major demand by North Korea that has long claimed they are invasion rehearsals. The president, however, said the sanctions on North Korea for its nuclear tests will remain for now.

Trump and Kim conducted a comprehensive, in-depth, and sincere exchange of opinions on the issues related to the establishment of new relations between the two countries and the building of a lasting and robust peace regime on the Korean Peninsula, according to a joint statement signed by Trump and Kim at the end of the summit.

“President Trump committed to provide security guarantees to the DPRK (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea), and Chairman Kim Jong-un reaffirmed his firm and unwavering commitment to complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula,” the statement read.

It said the two sides committed to recovering POW/MIA (prisoners of war and missing in action) remains including the immediate repatriation of those already identified.

The document was signed after the two leaders had a one-on-one meeting,



with translators only, followed by an expanded meeting including their top aides and a working lunch at Capella Singapore hotel in Sentosa Island after months of diplomatic twists and turns.

“We signed a joint statement that is an unwavering commitment to complete denuclearisation of North Korea,” Trump told reporters after the summit - the first between a sitting US president and North Korea’s top leader.

He said the US is ‘prepared to start a new history’ with North Korea.

“Kim told me that North Korea has already destroyed a major missile engine testing site,” he said, without elaborating on it.

In response to a question about denuclearisation, Trump said, “We’re starting that process... very quickly.”

Trump said there will be a meeting next week to go over the details of the denuclearisation process.

“We are working with the regional countries on getting this deal going. We are sitting with John Bolton next week to go over the details, to get this stuff done. We are working with South Korea, Japan, China to a lesser extent,” he said, while addressing an hour-long press conference.

Trump, however, said the US sanctions would remain in place until Washington had seen progress.

When asked about North Korea’s fu-

ture economic model, Trump said it is for the country and its people to decide. He pointed out the real estate potential of its “great beaches” which can be seen on mis-sile test footage.

Earlier, Trump said the summit went “better than anybody could have expected.”

“We have decided to leave the past behind,” Kim said through a translator, after signing the statement. “The world will see a major change,” he added.

Trump said he was very proud of what took place today and the two leaders would “take care of a very dangerous problem for the world.”

The 71-year-old Trump said the summit worked out far better than expected and he’s developed a “very special bond” with 34-year-old Kim.

Trump said Kim is “a very talented man” and he will invite him to the White House at the “appropriate time”, and he will also travel to Pyongyang at a certain time.

Earlier this morning, the summit began with the two leaders arriving separately at the luxurious hotel.

They walked towards each other, stood face to face for the first time and shared a 12-second handshake against a backdrop of American and North Korean flags. They then appeared to share a few light-hearted words as they walked down a corridor to the hotel’s library.

In brief remarks to the media before the start of their meeting, Trump hoped that the historic summit would be “tremendously successful.”

Kim then said there were a number of

“obstacles” to the meeting taking place in Singapore today. “We overcame all of them and we are here today,” he told reporters through a translator. Trump responded, “Thank you very much.”

The two leaders held one-on-one meeting for around 45-minutes with just translators present.

According to North Korean media, Kim actually arrived at the venue 7 minutes earlier than Trump to show respect as it’s cultural, the young one should arrive earlier than the elder one. The red tie that Trump wears may also show some respect to Kim as well, it’s the colour that North Koreans like.

Later, they held delegation-level talks.

Kim was asked at least three times if he would give up his nuclear weapons. In response, he just smiled.

“There will be challenges ahead but we will work with Trump. We overcame all kinds of skepticism and speculation about this summit and I believe that this is good for the peace,” Kim said.

After the delegation-level meeting, Trump joined Kim for a working lunch which had a mix of Western and Asian dishes, such as Korean stuffed cucumber and beef short rib confit with some Haagen-Dazs ice cream to top things off.

The two leaders then took a post-lunch stroll in the courtyard of the hotel.

On the eve of the summit at Sentosa, the US had offered “unique” security guarantees to North Korea in return for a “complete, verifiable and irreversible” de-nuclearisation.

Nepal delegation in China to seal transit, transport deal

KATHMANDU, JUN 12 (PTI): A Nepali delegation is in China to seal a deal for linking more border points of the land-locked country with highways in Tibet, ahead of Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli’s visit to the country next week.

The team comprising officials of Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport will hold talks with the Chinese side to link more border points with Tibetan highways so that people living in northern parts of Nepal have better access to supplies, the Kathmandu Post reported.

Nepal currently uses three border points Kerung, Kimathanka and Tatopani linked with Tibetan highways, for transportation of goods from China. The Tatopani border point has remained closed since the 2015 earthquake.

The Nepali side is proposing opening of at least nine more trading points bordering Tibet. Nepal and China agreed in 2015 to open seven new trading points between Nepal and Tibet, the daily said.

Another team comprising officials from Commerce Ministry will visit China within a day or two to pursue a deal on the transit and transport agreement, it reported.

Nepal and China signed the agreement in 2016 for using Chinese sea and land ports for Nepal’s third country trade. Due to some technical differences, the two sides have yet to reach an agreement on a common text. The two sides are planning to sign more pacts related to connectivity, trade, investment, energy and tourism, among others, during the prime minister’s visit scheduled to begin on June 19, the daily said.



Heavy rains have caused severe structural damage to camps in Bangladesh hosting over one million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, the UN has said. Some 700,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled Myanmar’s Rakhine State to Bangladesh since August last year when the army launched a violent crackdown, resulting in a major crisis in neighbouring Bangladesh. So far, more than 9,000 have been affected and the number is expected to rise as the monsoon rains, which lashed the camps for the last two days, continue, the UN’s International Organization for Migration said. More than 30,000 camp residents are still living in areas considered to be at high risk of deadly flooding and landslides, it said. The rains began on Saturday and within 24 hours incidents including landslides, water logging, extreme wind and lightning strikes were recorded. The UN agency and its partners are also ensuring that the refugees will continue to receive assistance such as access to water, sanitation and health. However, it warned that risks remain huge, given the vast size and the nature of the makeshift camps.

14 killed as landslides sweep away Rohingya shelters in Bangladesh

DHAKA, JUN 12 (PTI): At least 14 people were killed and several others went missing today as torrential rains triggered landslides near camps housing over one million Rohingya refugees in southeast Bangladesh.

The landslides triggered by heavy rains washed away several homes and shelters in the districts of Cox’s Bazar and Rangamati - both bordering Myanmar from where some 700,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled into the country due to a military crackdown.

Heavy rains have caused severe structural damage to camps. So far, more than 9,000 have been affected and the number is expected to rise as the monsoon rains, which lashed the camps for the last two days, continue.

At least twelve people were killed in landslides in different areas of the hilly district of Rangamati while two people were killed in Cox’s Bazar.

Rangamati Civil Surgeon Shahid Talukder said the victims



could not be identified yet and rescue and relief teams were struggling to reach people due to difficult terrain.

Most of the victims were buried under mud when surrounding hills gave way after a deluge.

Officials said that the death toll could increase in Rangamati district, which has been cut off from the rest of the country due to debris on the roads caused by landslides.

A senior official in Bangladesh’s refugee relief and repatriation commission, said that around 1,500 shacks have been damaged or destroyed since the weekend due to the rain.

More than 30,000 camp residents are still living in areas considered to be at high risk of deadly flooding and landslide.

On this day a year ago, landslides struck the Rangamati district killing more than 100 people.

The Rohingyas are a Muslim minority community in Myanmar, where most citizens are Buddhist. The majority of those in Bangladesh began arriving in the wake of violence in Myanmar’s Rakhine state which began last August.

Prominent secular writer, publisher shot dead in Bangladesh

DHAKA, JUN 12 (PTI): A prominent Bangladeshi writer and publisher was dragged out of a shop and shot dead by unidentified attackers in central Bangladesh, ending a lull in the killings of secular bloggers and activists in the Muslim-majority country.

Shahzahan Bachchu, 60, an outspoken proponent of secular principles and owner of a publishing house ‘Bishaka Prokashoni’ that specialised in publishing poetry, was gunned down in his ancestral village Kakaldi in Munshiganj district last evening by five assailants.

Bachchu had gone to meet friends at a pharmacy shop near his home before iftar, when the five attackers on two motorcycles came into the area. They blasted a crude bomb outside the pharmacy, creating panic, the Dhaka Tribune reported.

They then dragged Shahzahan out of the shop and shot him, a senior superintendent of police was quoted as saying by the daily.

Although no group has claimed responsibility, police officials from the counter-terrorism department are investigating the murder as a possible targeted attack by Islamist extremists.



Bachchu had previously received threats from extremist groups due to his outspoken support for secularism.

Bachchu was a former district general secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh and was known as a free-thinking writer. His publishing house Bishaka is based in Dhaka’s Banglabazar area.

Deaths of secular writers, bloggers, online activists and a publisher in attacks by suspected Islamist militants shook Bangladesh for months after the murder of atheist writer and blogger Avijit Roy in Dhaka on February 26, 2015.

Avijit’s publisher Faisal Arefin Dipan was also hacked to death on October 31 the same year.

Militant groups claimed responsibility for most of these attacks and the law enforcers arrested many radical Islamists in connection with the attacks.

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TWINSIES! Kim Kardashian, 37, and Kylie Jenner, 20, look like clones as they show off their IDENTICAL figures in skintight outfits and stilettos in Calabasas.

SLASH AGREES TO PAY ESTRANGED WIFE \$6.6 MILLION

The legendary Guns N' Roses guitarist submitted a proposed settlement agreement to the court in an effort to help speed up his divorce from estranged wife Perla Ferrar.

According to documents obtained by The Blast Slash claims, "Perla has been slow responding, or has deliberately drawn out responding, throughout this matter." He then makes it clear, "I want to move on with my life."

The former couple have been married since 2001, and have two sons, London, 15, and Cash, 13.

The 52-year old musician first filed for divorce in 2010 but they reconciled just two months later. He again filed for divorce in December 2014 but it has been lagging in the courts since then.

Two months after Slash's second divorce filing Ferrar told TMZ that the breakup of her marriage was 'pretty amicable' adding that "there is no bad blood- at least not yet".



Here's how Slash's proposed deal breaks down: Ferrar will maintain primary custody of the couple's two children but both of them will share joint legal custody.



Did Nick Jonas officially introduce Priyanka Chopra as his girlfriend?

Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas continue to fuel relationship rumours after the actor appeared as the singer's date for

his cousin's wedding.

They were photographed walking arm-in-arm at Jonas's cousin's nuptials near Atlantic City over the weekend, TMZ reported.

The "Quantico" star was wearing a gold dress, the "Jealous" hitmaker looked dapper in a suit with white sneakers, sans socks.

A TMZ source reveals how the couple wasn't even shy in indulging in PDA while hanging out

with Nick's family. In fact, Nick is said to have also introduced Priyanka to his brother Kevin, and his wife, Danielle, further proving what PC means to him.

They were also snapped heading to the JFK Airport when they were travelling together for the wedding.

The duo sparked dating speculations early this month. Chopra, 35, and Jonas, 25, were photographed for the first time

since reports of their alleged relationship went viral on the social media.

They have been spending a lot of time together lately and were seen enjoying multiple dates over Memorial Day weekend.

They first came together when they posed for photos on the red carpet together in Ralph Lauren designs at the 2017 Met Gala.

This wedding attendance is

definitely a big thing! As per reports, the two have been spotted attending an LA Dodger's game, a yacht trip with Nick's friends and a Beauty and the Beast concert. They followed this consecutive three-day meet-up with a formal date in a hip restaurant in West Hollywood.

Chopra and Jonas are yet to comment on their relationship status.

THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: Today you might feel as if you're walking around in a daze, Aries, but it's a good daze. Your imagination and artistic abilities are sharp. Your intuition is especially attuned, and the thoughts and feelings of others are more apparent to you than they realize. You might feel unusually restless at some point and consider going for a workout, or at least a walk. Do it. Get those endorphins flowing.

TAURUS: A group with which you're affiliated with could suddenly seem to grow closer, and a family feeling could develop among its members. One of the members could suddenly appear to you in a new light, Taurus, and a romantic attraction might develop. Whether you pursue it or not depends on your situation, but you'll still feel closer to your friends now. Some intimate conversations could take place amid discussions of other matters.

GEMINI: Family members might want to get out in the world today, perhaps to attend a festival or rally. This is an excellent day to do this sort of thing, Gemini. You should be feeling especially energetic and enthusiastic, and you're likely to attract some interesting new people your way. Expect your mind to be stimulated by lectures or speeches given by public figures. Hop in the car, get out, and have some fun.

CANCER: Family members who live far away might be planning a visit, and you could discuss it at some length today, Cancer. A lot of phone calls or emails could be exchanged. You might be considering a move to another state or country, but you aren't likely to make definite plans now. Whatever your plans, however, they're likely to prove exciting and cause you to anticipate the future. Enjoy your day.

LEO: Insights shared by a family member could lead to possible ways to increase your income. Expect to handle a lot of paperwork regarding money, Leo, but this is a positive development and definitely should leave you feeling good about your situation. This is a great day to do in-depth research. Your intuition is high and you're apt to see right through superficial appearances to the heart of any matter that interests you.

VIRGO: If you need to execute legal papers of any kind, Virgo, you couldn't find a better day to do it. Relationships, particularly romantic ones, should be especially warm, supportive, and rewarding. New and interesting people could cross your path. You might feel an instant bond with at least one of them. If you aren't currently romantically involved, you could well meet someone exciting today. Social events are gratifying and stimulating.

LIBRA: Home and family are apt to be your primary focus today, Libra. Work around the house might take up a lot of your time. You might want to spruce up the place and make it more beautiful. Gardening could be especially rewarding now. If you've wanted to try some recipes from a new cookbook, this is the day to do it. Your creative impulses regarding food are at an all-time high.

SCORPIO: Today a strong sense of destiny could lead you to someone new - either a potential close friend or prospective romantic partner. You're apt to feel especially protective toward this person, Scorpio, and even though he or she is new to you. You could feel as if you've known this person forever. Artistic activities benefit from increased intuition and physical and mental energy. Expect to shine! Enjoy your day.

SAGITTARIUS: Volatile emotions may come to the surface among the members of your household today. This could prove irritating for you, Sagittarius, but try to avoid becoming involved in others' quarrels. At times like this, a lot could be said that shouldn't be said, and apologies won't necessarily wipe it out. This is a great day to get some work done around the house, as your physical energy is high. Make use of your good aesthetic sense.

CAPRICORN: Someone distraught or angry, perhaps a relative, might phone you today expecting a sympathetic ear and soothing words. You'll be more than able to provide them. This is a great day for writing, whether a letter to a friend or the first chapter of a novel. Your ability with words is operating at a high level. If you're planning to teach or speak to a group, know that words will flow freely.

AQUARIUS: A lost possession could be recovered today. A gift, either money or a long-desired item of some kind, could bring tears to your eyes, Aquarius. Your sense of self-worth should be high at his time, and could cause you to feel nurturing towards everyone around you who doesn't have your self-confidence. New opportunities for increasing your income could come your way. Make the most of them.

PISCES: Today should prove to be a wonderful day, Pisces. Your physical energy is good, and you should be looking and feeling wonderful. Though you'll probably want to spend most of the day at home, you're likely to attract lots of interesting people in intriguing fields into your aura. Your ability to express your feelings is also high, so expect some stimulating conversations about whatever strikes your fancy. Enjoy your day.

Jodie Foster accepts honorary degree from American Film Institute!

The American Film Institute conferred an honorary degree on her this Monday. And Jodie Foster beamed as she accepted the bauble, rising to the lectern to give a speech at the AFI's Conservatory Commencement Ceremony.

The 55-year-old Oscar-winner was decked out in graduation robes for the occasion, which was held at the iconic TCL Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.

Jodie, who rose to fame as a child star and whom the deranged John Hinckley Jr. shot Ronald Reagan to try to impress, glowed as the cameras snapped her.

She posed in front of a red curtain at the ceremony, both solo and with the robes-clad movie editor Matt Chesse, her old collaborator.

Matt was the editor of Money Monster, a Wall Street thriller directed by Jodie and starring a formidable cast including George Clooney and Julia Roberts.

Jodie, who married photographer and filmmaker Alexandra Hedison in 2014, planted a kiss on the grinning Matt's cheek as they posed in front of the red curtain.

Matt earned his one Oscar nomination for editing the J.M. Barrie biopic Finding Neverland, whilst Jodie has been nominated four times, winning twice.

One of her wins was for The Silence Of The Lambs, which is among only



three films to have won the top five Oscars - for directing, writing, its two lead performances and the most prestigious award, Best Picture.

The other was for the 1988 film The Accused, in which she plays a gang-rape victim who works with a district attorney to try and get justice.

According to The Hollywood Report-

er, Jodie was not the only recipient of an AFI honorary degree Monday - one also went to production designer Dean Tavoularis.

Dean has been nominated for five Oscars - four of which were for films directed by Francis Ford Coppola - and won in 1975 for his work on The Godfather Part II.

Paris Hilton may televise her lavish wedding in reality TV comeback

Her beau, Chris Zylka, 33, hopped the question with an eye-watering \$2-million engagement ring while on the slopes of Colorado. And Paris Hilton has hinted she will televise her wedding to her fiancé after being inundated with offers from networks.

The hotel heiress, 37, who starred in The Simple Life with Nicole Richie 10 years ago, could make her return to reality TV and let fans into her big day.

She told E! News: "We've been getting a lot of calls and a lot of offers from different networks, pitching that show so maybe", before the reality star coyly said "yes" when asked if she would ever take up one of their offers.

The socialite then gushed about her husband-to-be, as she said: "It's the best feeling in the world just to find the one person who is your best friend, I trust him so much. He's so supportive and loving and like an angel, I feel like he saved me and I can't imagine my life with anyone else."

The star also revealed



the couple's next step in life was to have babies, so her children could play with her sister Nicky's two daughters.

Of her television offers, she previously told DailyMailTV: "We'll see what happens. Every day, we're getting different calls, because everyone is obviously really excited about the wedding,

ary 2017.

Family insiders told DailyMail they will wed in the same church that her parents were married in nearly 40 years ago.

While Paris has remained quiet over the details of her upcoming wedding, the source revealed the couple, will say "I Do" at the historic Roman Catholic 'Church of the Good Shepherd' in Beverly Hills, on November 11.

Paris previously told DailyMailTV that she had picked her 'Disney inspired', custom made wedding gown, calling it 'iconic' and adding: "I can't wait for everyone to see!"

She also revealed that she will wear a different dress for the reception by Moschino creative director and designer Jeremy Scott.

Paris has insisted that having Zylka by her side 'every night' for globe-trotting work events has drastically changed her life in the lime-light. She admitted her fame has been a living nightmare at times, often being surrounded by strangers in foreign cities.