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**Delhi's air quality on brink of turning 'severe' as ban on construction activities comes into force**

**NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI):** A ban on construction activities came into force in the national capital Thursday as Delhi's air quality was on the brink of turning "severe" due to stubble burning in the adjoining regions and unfavourable meteorological conditions, authorities said.

The overall air quality index (AQI) of Delhi was recorded at 393, which falls in the "very poor" category and is just seven points from turning severe, according to data by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Gurgaon, Faridabad and Noida recorded an AQI of 416, which falls in the "severe" category, while air quality was "very poor" in Ghaziabad and Greater Noida.

Eleven areas in Delhi recorded "severe" air quality while 16 areas recorded "very poor" air quality, according to the CPCB data.

The PM2.5 level was recorded at 217. Fine particulates can be a matter of more serious health concern than PM10 (particles in the air with a diameter of less than 10 micrometres).

As per the CPCB data, the PM10 level in Delhi stood at 368.

The Centre-run System of Air Quality Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) said the AQI of Delhi-NCR would continue to remain in the upper range of the "very poor" category in the next three days.

"This is mainly due to weather conditions as stubble contribution is marginal now. The moisture intrusion over Delhi and surrounding regions due to the westerlies disturbances will increase with effect from November 4 to enhanced holding capacity of atmosphere resulting in increase in PM2.5 levels," the SAFAR website said.

"Winds are calm and it is favourable for stagnation of pollution. Although upper air winds where transport takes place are from stubble burning site but speed and magnitude is low and hence unlikely to impact Delhi air quality significantly," it added.

## Domestic violence widely accepted in most developing countries: Study

London, Nov 1 (PTI): Domestic violence against women is widely accepted among many societies in developing countries, with 36 per cent of people believing it is justified in certain situations, a study has found.

Researchers at the University of Bristol in the UK analysed data from 1.17 million men and women in 49 low- and middle-income countries.

The findings, pub-

lished in the journal PLOS ONE, will help shape national and international strategies to prevent domestic violence, they said.

Surveys measured whether people thought a husband or partner was justified in beating his wife or partner if she goes out without telling him, argues with him, neglects the children, suspects her of being unfaithful, refuses to have sex, or burns the food.

On average, 36 per cent of people thought it was justified in at least one of these situations, the researchers said.

Attitudes towards domestic violence varied significantly across the 49 countries with only three per cent of people justifying it in the Dominican Republic, in the Caribbean, compared to 83 per cent in Timor-Leste, South East Asia.

Overall, the societal acceptance of domestic

violence was higher in South Asia with nearly half the population (47 per cent) justifying it and in Sub-Saharan Africa (38 per cent), compared with Latin America and the Caribbean (12 per cent), Europe and Central Asia (29 per cent).

In 36 of the 49 countries, mainly in South East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa, women were more likely to justify the behaviour than men, researchers said.

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## CM inaugurates Chenrezig statue at Pelling

*Sikkim has now become a 'Singkham' says Chamling*

**WANGCHUK BHUTIA GYALSHING, 01 Nov:** Chief Minister Pawan Chamling today inaugurated the 137-foot tall statue of Chenrezig at Pelling in West Sikkim.

The statue was consecrated with a special prayer "Chyaney" led by Dodrupchen Rinpoche, Lachung Rinpoche and Gonjyong Rinpoche with around 150 monks from Sanga Choeling and Pemayangtse monasteries.

Nestled in the snow-capped mountains of Sikkim, the new Buddhist pilgrimage site constructed at a cost of Rs 46.65 crore is expected to be a boon for tourism as well as for the devotees. Located on top of the hill near Sanga Choeling Monastery, the venue is roughly 1.5 kms away from Pelling.

Addressing the function, the CM said that Sikkim has now become a



'Singkham' [Chyosam] as the Chenrezig Shingkhaw Riwo Potala completes the 'Tsolung Turlum' of a Buddhist altar in the State with Guru Rinpoche statue at Samdruptse in Namchi and Lord Buddha statue [Tathagatha Tsai] in Rabongla.

The CM further stated that people of Sikkim have created history and should be proud of hav-

ing such project in the State. He also congratulated the officials from the concerned departments and added that some more works like construction of welcome gate, beautification of the premises, meditation hall, etc will be constructed in the second phase of the project with the budget to be sanctioned in the month of Mar-Apr

next year.

"Sikkim's democracy is one of the costliest democracies in the world. People should analyze what our government has done in the past 24 years," he stated.

The CM also said that 90% jobs will be provided to local unemployed youth in all the private sectors and further appealed to all to take ad-

vantage of it instead of allowing outsiders to do so.

The foundation stone for the project was laid by the CM on 25 Nov, 2009. The one-of-a-kind project is spread over an area of 9.5 acres and it houses the 135 ft statue of Lord Chenrezig as the center of attraction along with skywalk, grand stair case, water body with the magnificent eight-

pents [Klu- Chen- Gyel] and variety of religious artifacts, all designed and constructed as per the principles of Vastu Shastra.

The project was consecrated by the Dalai Lama in March earlier this year. It was funded and constructed under the supervision of the Departments of Cultural Affairs and Buildings

& Housing, the CM informed.

During the event, the CM also laid the foundation stone of 1.7 km long passenger ropeway from Pelling Senior Secondary School to Sanga Choeling and also inaugurated the skywalk at the premises.

Sanga Choeling and Pema Yangtse monks also felicitated the CM on the day.



## It's MMC Nepal vs Army [Red] for Governor Gold Cup



**SAGAR CHETTRI GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** Manang Marshangdi Club [MMC], Nepal, will take on Army [Red] in the finals of the 38th All India Governor's Gold Cup International Football Tournament 2018 here at Paljor Stadium on 03 Nov.

Exhibiting a very good game in the second semi-final match today, MMC registered a convincing 6-2 victory over ISL Team, ATK Kolkata, to secure a place in the finals of the tournament.

Army is already in the finals of the tournament after defeating home team Sikkim Aakraman Football Club by a lone goal in the first semi-final played on 31 Oct.

Today's match drew an almost packed crowd of spectators who cheered for Nepal team throughout the match. It is obvious for whom the stadium will be cheering on 03 Nov.

In the presence of good home crowd support, the Nepal team made an attacking start.

Anjan Bista snatched an early lead for MMC in the 8th minute of the match. The young squad of ATK also made some good attacks but could not breach the defense line of MMC.

While ATK players were putting in their best efforts to equalise, Dona Thapa doubled the lead of MMC in the 43rd minute. However, SK Azaruddin reduced the goal margin by scoring a goal for ATK in the additional time of the first half.

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## SICPA workers along with SKM approach Labour Dept with grievances

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** Sikkim Krantikari Majdur Morcha, the SKM's labour front, representatives accompanied by SKMM general secretary, Prem Raj Gurung, and workers of SICPA Private Limited, Rangpo, submitted grievances against SICPA in written to the Labour Department today.

An SKM press release informs that Joint Labour Commissioner conducted a hearing with SIC-



PA workers and SICPA company HR Executive, N Basu, wherein SICPA workers placed various demands with regard to

provision of increment on their basic salary as per labour laws, skill development training for on-job experience, provision of

House Rent Allowances [HRA], proper transport facilities, separate toilets for male and female workers and changing rooms for female workers.

The hearing concluded with the workers, company HR and Joint Labour Commissioner jointly signing the undertaking letter.

Further, SICPA management has been directed to solve and settle the workers' issues by 30 Nov, the release adds.

## A pop-up by Anupa Rai



We welcome you to CLAY PLAY, an exhibition cum sale of clay art by home grown artist Anupa Rai from Pakyong, Sikkim. The solo event showcases an array of home decor items and accessories, handcrafted with love. Anupa mostly draws her inspiration from nature.

Date: 2/11/2018 - 4/11/2018

Time: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Venue: Green Gangtok Boutique, Forest Colony Road, Gangtok.

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## DC South chairs Namchi Mahotsav prep meet

**NAMCHI, 01 Nov [IPR]:** District Collector, South, Prabhakar Verma, chaired a review meeting with all the concerned line departments, members of Namchi Mahotsav Celebration Committee and stakeholders to take detailed stock for preparations of the upcoming Namchi Mahotsav celebration at Central Park today.

Also present were Advisor, Power & Energy Department, Gagan Rai, Senior Superintendent of Police, South, Shammi Rai, Assistant Superintendent of Police, South, Linda Palmu, Additional District Collector, South,



Satyen Pradhan, heads of various departments and other stakeholders.

It may be mentioned here, the three-day-long celebration with the theme 'Explore the ethnic beauty' will com-

mence from 03 Nov and will conclude on 05 Nov.

Speaking during the meeting, the DC informed that extra organic stalls will be put up in and around the DC road in order to cater to increas-

ing demand of organic produce. Additionally, this year another major attraction will be a helicopter joy ride wherein visitors can take an exhilarating tour of Namchi and view the majestic

Siddheshwara Dham, Samdruptse and Tendon Hill. The helicopter ride is scheduled for 04-05 Nov for which one can contact at 9002396451, 9679264944 for further information.

Other highlights of the festival are Chrysanthemum competition cum exhibition, traditional stalls, rural sports, mountain biking, marathon, local talent hunt, traditional and modern cultural dance. On the concluding day of the Mahotsav celebration, renowned band 'Mountain Souls' will give their much awaited performance.

## China defends CPEC bus service as Pak rejects India's protests

**SAJJAD HUSSAIN AND K J M VARMA**

**ISLAMABAD/BEIJING, Nov 1 (PTI):** Pakistan on Thursday rejected protests by India against a bus service to China, passing though PoK under the ambitious CPEC project, even as Beijing defended the proposed service saying its cooperation with Islamabad has nothing to do with the Kashmir dispute and will not change its principled stance on the issue.

According to reports, the new bus service will be launched between Lahore in Pakistan and Kashgar in China via Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on November 3.

"We reject the Indian Ministry of External Affairs' (MEA) purported protest and statement regarding bus service through China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)," Pakistan's Foreign Office (FO) said.

India on Wednesday said it had lodged strong protests with China and Pakistan over a proposed bus service between the two countries through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

MEA spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said in New Delhi that the bus service will be a violation of India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Kumar said it has been India's consistent and well-known position that the "so-called Chi-

na-Pakistan 'Boundary Agreement' of 1963 is illegal and invalid, and has never been recognised by the Government of India."

"Therefore, any such bus service through Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir will be a violation of India's sovereignty and territorial integrity," he added.

The USD 60 billion CPEC, launched in 2015, is a planned network of roads, railways and energy projects linking China's resource-rich Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region with Pakistan's strategic Gwadar Port on the Arabian Sea.

Meanwhile, China on Thursday sought to defend the proposed bus service with Pakistan through PoK, saying its cooperation with Islamabad has nothing to do with the territorial dispute and will not change its principled stance on the Kashmir issue.

Its launch apparently is coinciding with Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's maiden visit to China starting on Friday.

Asked about India's objections, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said in Beijing that he was not aware of New Delhi's diplomatic protest.

"But on the issue of Kashmir, China's position is clear cut. We made it clear many times," he said.

### It's MMC Nepal vs Army...

With maximum possession in the second half, MMC players made continuous attacks on the Kolkata side. Dona Thapa completed his brace in the 55th minute and his teammate extended the lead to 4-1 in the 76th minute.

Nepal striker, Dona Thapa, went on to complete his hattrick in the 84th minute and soon his teammate Sujal Shrestha extended the lead to 6-1 in the 88th minute.

Thomoyo Shimray of ATK tried to console the team with his goal in additional time of the match but it was not enough to stop MMC Nepal from entering the finals of the tournament.

MMC Nepal will take on Army Red in the finals of the tournament on 03 Nov at 1:30 pm.

### Domestic violence...

Country-level factors, especially the political environment, played an important role in the acceptance of domestic violence, they said.

For example, this attitude of acceptance was more prevalent in countries which have experienced frequent and severe political conflict within the past five years.

Furthermore, the societal acceptance of domestic violence among men was lower in countries with more democratic regimes.

"This is the first study of its kind and the insights it gives us into people's attitudes towards domestic violence in the Global South and the influence of country-level factors and environment are invaluable if we're to tackle this global problem," said LynnMarie Sardinha from the University of Bristol.

"The widespread justification of domestic violence by women in highly patriarchal societies suggests women have internalised the idea that a husband who physically punishes his wife or verbally reprimands her has exercised a right that serves her interest. They perceive this behaviour as legitimate disciplining, rather than an act of violence," Sardinha said.

## NHPC conducts free medical camp in Ralap



### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** Under its CSR-SD initiative, NHPC Limited, Teesta-V Power Station conducted a free medical camp cum awareness campaign at Government Secondary School, Ralap in East Sikkim on 31 Oct, a press release informs.

The camp was inaugurated by Chief Engineer In-charge, Teesta V PS, Sahadev Khatua, in the presence of Upadhyaksha, Zila Parishad, East Sikkim, Sharmila Chettri, president, Ladies Welfare Association, Teesta-V PS, Nibedita

Khatua, and Chief Medical Officer, Teesta-V PS, Dr LB Singh.

Addressing the gathering, Mr Khatua highlighted various CSR-SD initiatives of the NHPC in the vicinity of the power station and assured that many more such social welfare programmes will be taken up in the future.

A counseling session was also conducted wherein Deputy CMO, Teesta V PS, Dr Shatrupa Bhattacharya, delivered health talk to students and local villagers.

During the camp, the medical team from

NHPC comprising of four doctors and ten paramedical staff examined the patients for various ailments related to hypertension, diabetes, cardiac, etc. and prescribed suitable medicines.

Free medicines were also distributed to the patients who were advised to visit NHPC Hospital in Balutar for further consultation, if any.

Panchayat members and the local people appreciated the efforts of the NHPC Management and doctors for organizing such public welfare camps in the State.

## OTP authentication better than biometric for Aadhaar verification: HC told

**NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI):**

The Delhi High Court on Thursday suggested incorporating recommendations, like using OTP authentication instead of biometric, given by two amicus curiae to plug a "loophole" in the Aadhaar verification system that had been misused by a mobile shop owner to issue fresh SIM cards in the name of unwary customers for use in fraudulent activities.

The shop owner, during Aadhaar verification of a SIM, used to make the customer give his thumb impression twice by saying it was not properly obtained the first time and the second round of authentication was then used to issue a fresh connection which was handed over to some third party, the high court had earlier noted while initiating a PIL on the issue.

A bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice IS Mehta, on Thursday, took on record the report submitted by senior advocate Dayan Krishnan and advocate Rushab Aggarwal who were appointed as amicus in the case to assist the court.

The bench also asked the Centre, Delhi government and the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) to file their response to the report and listed the matter for hear-

ing on February 12.

"We feel it (suggestions) should be incorporated," the bench said.

In their joint report, the two lawyers have said that OTP authentication should be the preferred method instead of using biometrics where "security concerns are more pronounced" and "loopholes are easily accessible".

They said that biometrics should be only requested where it is essential.

The report also said there should be a "cooling off period" between authentications, "to ensure that if multiple authentications take place in quick succession the UIDAI systems would not respond, and thus effectively blocking loopholes as is highlighted in the instant case".

The other suggestions proposed in the report were that FIRs in such cases should be forwarded by the investigating agencies to UIDAI so that it has information of these loopholes and can create methods to address them.

The UIDAI should also file a complaint under the Aadhaar Act to ensure prosecution to the fullest extent of the persons who carry out such activities, the report said.

The two lawyers have also suggested that "incidents of this nature must be given wide publicity

through both the UIDAI and the investigating agency as the scope/nature of the breach cannot be adequately assessed without all concerned parties being put to notice.

"This would enable the general public to assess whether they were also victims and to take remedial action if necessary."

The report also recommended holding awareness programmes "to ensure that the public at large was aware of the sensitive nature of the data being provided, the potential for its misuse and how to protect itself from the same".

The loophole in question was first noticed by a single judge of the high court while hearing the bail application moved by the shop owner in a cheating case lodged against him.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva had noted that the "loophole can not only have disastrous consequences for the said individual but also raises serious law and order issues and could have serious repercussions on the safety and security of the nation".

Noting the scope of misuse of the sensitive personal data, the judge had on September 5 forwarded the matter to the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court to consider taking up the issue as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL).

## Former Forest Dept official accuses Govt of harassment, joins SKM

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** ACF [Forest Department], Karma Loday Bhutia, who took voluntarily retirement on Wednesday, has joined Sikkim Krantikari Morcha. He has accused the government of unnecessary harassment during the last six years of his career.

He alleged that the State Government tried to frame him in a disproportionate assets case and later on with disciplinary action with mala fide intention. However, the court gave him a clean chit as the authorities failed to find anything against him.

He had applied for voluntarily retirement on 01 Aug earlier this year and received the confirmation order on 13 Oct. However, his notice period was till 31 Oct.

Sincere government employees are being harassed for no reason and corrupt officials are kept on important positions, he said further alleging that the attitude of



the government itself is wrong and corrupt.

Speaking to SummitTimes, he said that he will join electoral politics choosing Sikkim Krantikari Morcha as his platform. He said that the State Government has zero respect for sincere officials, sportspersons and artists.

Mr Bhutia had earlier applied for voluntary

retirement in 2012 and just nine days before his notice period was to end, he was arrested and tried in a disproportionate assets case.

The Lokayukta and the trial court have not found me guilty and given a clean chit, he stated further adding that disciplinary action taken against him was also wrong.

## AXA holds free medical camp in Pakyong



### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** Association of Xaverian Alumni [AXA], in association with Lions Club, Gangtok, organised free health camp at Gram Prashasan Kendra hall in Pakyong Bazaar, East Sikkim on 31 Oct. Doctors and specialists from STNM Hospital and Sili-guri Greater Lions Eye Hospital conducted the camp, a press release

informs.

The eye section was taken care of by doctors and technicians of Sili-guri Greater Lions Eye Hospital. The logistics at the venue was arranged by the Pakyong chapter of AXA while the medicines were provided by CMS, Health Care Human Service and Family Welfare Department and Cipla Foundation.

More than 400 peo-

ple registered for the medical camp and received necessary medical advice.

AXA has extended gratitude towards the medical and technical team from the hospitals for supporting the event. The association has also thanked CMS and Cipla Foundation for providing medicines and the Panchayats of Pakyong GPK for their support.

## Mid-air collision avoided in Indo-Bangladesh airspace border

**KOLKATA, Nov 1 (PTI):**

Two IndiGo planes came too close for comfort before averting a mid-air collision at the border airspace of India and Bangladesh, Airports Authority of India (AAI) officials said Thursday.

With only 45 seconds before the possible collision, it was averted after the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower in Kolkata instructed one plane to turn right and move away from the other aircraft that had come at the same level on Wednesday.

"Both the aircraft, belonging to low cost carrier IndiGo, had come on the same level on Wednesday evening and posed a threat to both the aeroplanes," a senior AAI official at the Kolkata airport told PTI over phone.

"One aircraft was going to Guwahati from Chennai and the other from Guwahati to Kolkata. The planes had come close to each other around 5.10 pm," he said.

At that time, the Kol-



kata-bound flight was at 36,000 ft in Bangladesh airspace and the other one at 35,000 ft in Indian airspace.

The Bangladesh ATC had asked the Kolkata-bound flight to descend to 35,000 ft and when the aircraft followed the order, it came close to the aircraft which was at 35,000 ft, the official said.

An ATC official in Kolkata saw it and immediately ordered the Chennai-Guwahati flight to make a right turn and move away from the path of the descending aircraft, averting a disaster, he said.

"We have no such information as of now,"

an IndiGo spokesperson told PTI when contacted.

As per standard procedure, an investigation will be initiated, another AAI official said.

It is not known if the Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS) or the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), which are generally fitted in aircraft, had alerted the pilots or not, the official said, adding that everything will be found out during the investigation.

As per rule, the standard separation gap between two aircraft, both vertical difference and lateral difference, should be a minimum of 1000 ft, said sources at the airport.



**Gangtok on  
Friday,  
02 Nov**

**Temp:** 25°C/10°C

**Forecast:** Mostly sunny, a thunder-shower in spots in the afternoon.

**Sunrise:** 05:44 AM

**Sunset:** 04:54 PM

## Mary trades punches with Rathore in 'fun session'



**NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI):** Five-time world champion M C Mary Kom had an unlikely training partner on Thursday when Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore donned the punching mitts and sparred with her.

The diminutive 35-year-old was seen playfully aiming for the Olympic silver-medallist former shooter outside the ring in a one-minute video she posted after training at the IG Stadium.

The 48-year-old Rathore had a smile on his face as he successfully dodged the attacks launched by the Manipuri, at the end of which the two shared an embrace.

"Today, he came to the national camp and it was great for all of us. All the boxers in the camp felt motivated by his presence at the training. It was a nice gesture by him," Mary Kom, who is also a Rajya Sabha MP, told PTI about the "fun session".

While Mary Kom had her gloves on, Rathore wore the punching mitts, padded gloves that are generally donned by trainers to provide boxers with the counter-force while training. The audience included Boxing Federation of India President Ajay Singh among others.

The Olympic bronze-medallist and multiple-time Asian gold-medallist is gearing up for the world championships starting November 15 here. She would be aiming for a historic sixth gold in the 48kg category.

"He is taller than me, so reaching him was a challenge. But I think I did alright," she laughed.

But who challenged whom?

"It was actually the photographers who came to shoot, they wanted some action. We said 'ok we will give you action'. He was also enjoying himself and so was I," Mary Kom said.

Mary Kom has enjoyed a stellar year so far, claiming gold medals at the Commonwealth Games, the inaugural India Open and the International Tournament in Poland.

# International Conference on Synthetic Potent Molecule held at SMIT

## SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** A two-day-long International Conference on Synthetic Potent Molecule and Its Application [ICSPMIA 2018] was organized by the Department of Chemistry, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology [SMIT], in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry, Eastern India Section on 30-31 Oct, a press release informs.

The conference was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor, Sikkim Manipal University, Lieutenant General [Dr] MD Venkatesh, in the presence of Director, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad, Dr S Chandrasekhar, and Professor Paolo Scrimin from University of Padova, Italy as guests of



honour.

Also present on the occasion were Prof [Dr] Ashis Sharma [Director, SMIT], Prof Pankaj Das [Dibrugarh University] and Dr Chaitali Basu [Executive member, Royal Society of Chemistry, Eastern India Section] and other resource

persons.

Convenor, ICSPMIA 2018, Dr Satadru Jha, highlighted the theme of the conference and contribution of synthetic potent molecule in shaping human life and its wide area of application.

Respected personalities like Dr S Chan-

drasekhar [Director, CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad], Prof Paolo Scrimin [University of Padova, Italy], Prof Pankaj Das [Dibrugarh University], Dr Amiya Kumar Panda [Vidyasagar University], Dr Souvik Maiti [CSIR-IGIB, Delhi] covered topics like scarce natural product

relevant to health, Cooperativity in Chemistry, Synthesis of Au and Pd-nanoparticles and their application, Physicochemical studies of nonlipid carrier and Micro RNA.

Researchers from India and abroad participated in the conference and shared their research outcomes beneficial to the pharmaceutical and chemical sector during technical sessions.

Such conferences are being organized in SMIT to inculcate a research culture and to benefit the students.

Impressed by good infrastructure and research culture, invited eminent scientists have shown their keen interest in collaborating with SMIT for future R&D activities, the release adds.

## SC allows use of 5 more documents for claim to draft Assam NRC, extends deadline to Dec 15



**NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI):** The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed the use of five more documents by claimants for the draft Assam NRC, saying the premise "better to exclude genuine person than to include a wrongful person" can't be accepted.

It over-ruled the objections of state NRC coordinator that the documents to be relied upon to stake claim such as refugee registration certificate and ration card can be forged.

The claimants for draft Assam NRC can now stake claim with the help of total 15 documents provided in List-A of the claim form.

A bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice R F Nariman also extended to December 15, the earlier deadline of November 25, for filing of claims and objections for draft NRC.

The five new documents allowed by the bench to prove the legacy for the claimants include extract of names in NRC, 1951; extract/certified copy of Electoral Rolls up to the midnight of March 24, 1971 and Citizenship Certificate and refugee certificate issued by competent authority (up to March 24, 1971 midnight).

The other two legacy documents include Certified copies of pre-1971 Electoral Roll, particularly, those issued from Tripura and the ration card.

Rejecting the contention of Assam NRC coordinator Prateek Hajela, the bench said, "your contention that refugees registration certificate, certified electoral rolls and ration card can be forged to stake claim cannot be sustained".

It further said: "Your contention that it's better to exclude the genuine person than to include a wrongful person cannot be accepted. We don't

agree with you".

The bench noted that Hajela in its report filed in the court on October 4, had objected to the use of any one of the five documents saying that during the process of verification for inclusion of names in the draft NRC large number of forged documents were filed.

"It is our considered view that the mere possibility of filing of forged documents or that such documents were filed in the earlier exercise cannot be a ground to exclude the same from the impending process of filing of claims and objections," the bench said.

It added that all such documents must be subjected to a thorough process of verification and would be accepted only after due and complete satisfaction of the genuineness of the same.

The Assam government in its response has sought inclusion of these five documents for claiming the status in draft NRC saying that the apprehension of forgery of documents can be taken care of by adopting some different means.

The Centre has also taken a similar stand as that of the Assam government and said that these five documents could be allowed to be used for staking claim in draft NRC.

"In this regard, we permit Hajela to undertake through his team a vigorous process of verification and have additional layers of such verification to ensure that only and only eligible persons are included in the final NRC," it said.

The court also accepted the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) prepared by Centre and fixed the time line for various stage in publication of draft final NRC.

The bench said that

after the December 15, deadline for filing of claims, January 15, 2019 will be the deadline for issuance of notices by the competent authority to the claimants to accord them hearings and February 1, 2019 will be the deadline for commencement of the verification process.

It said that further details of the time schedule including the time for completion of verification/enquiry of the claims which will now be allowed will follow at the appropriate time and asked Hajela to file a report after December 15.

The court said that the documents filed by person belonging to state other than Assam shall also be accepted subject to back-end verification of the authenticity of such certificates.

Dealing with an application of Gorkhas, whose documents were not accepted by the authorities engaged in NRC work, the bench asked Hajela, "Do you have any problem with Gorkhas? Gorkhas are assets to the country. Include them in draft NRC".

The apex court had on September 5 had allowed use any one of the 10 of a total 15 documents provided in List-A of the claim form to be used by the claimants for proving legacy.

The ten legacy documents which were made admissible include land documents like registered sale deed, permanent residential certificate issued from outside the State, passport and LIC insurance policy of the relevant period.

The final draft NRC list was published on July 30 in which names of 2.89 crore of the 3.29 crore people were included. The names of 40,70,707 people did not figure in the list. Of these, 37,59,630 names have been rejected and the remaining 2,48,077 are on hold.

The first draft of the NRC for Assam was published on the intervening night of December 31 and January 1 in accordance with the top court's direction. Names of 1.9 crore people out of the 3.29 crore applicants were incorporated then.

## AR Rahman concert rescheduled for Feb next year



**GANGTOK, 01 Nov [IPR]:** Music director, composer, singer-songwriter, music producer & recipient of Padma Bhushan, AR Rahman, was declared the Brand Ambassador of Sikkim on 08 Jan during the Sikkim Red Panda Winter Carnival 2017-18 by Chief Minister Pawan Chamling.

In order to promote

Sikkim among the millions of his fans both at the national and international levels, the State Government had decided to hold a live concert of Mr Rahman in Gangtok on 17 Nov. However, due to a family tragedy of the organizer, the said concert has been rescheduled on 02 Feb, 2019 at Paljor Stadium.

## Sports Deptt to host mountain biking comptt on 25 Nov

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** Sports & Youth Affairs Department has announced plans to organize a mountain biking competition on 25 Nov to encourage youth towards biking sports in the State. The race will be flagged off from MG Marg and mountain-bikers will cover around 50 kms through Tashi View Point, Pangthang, Samdong, Upper Tumin, Khamdong, Sang Rumtek and Adampool.

Winners of the competition will receive cash prizes of Rs 30,000, Rs 20,000 and Rs 10,000 for first, second and third positions respectively along with certificates of participation for all the competitors.

Bikers can bring their own bikes or hire a bike. For the latter option, one can contact Assistant Director, Sports, Kunzang Gyatso, on his phone [9775921217] during office hours, the release adds.

## Mr Sikkim Manhunt finalists at AIDS awareness event



### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 01 Nov:** Sikkim State AIDS Control Society organized an awareness programme on HIV AIDS for the finalists of Mr Sikkim 2018 Manhunt on 31 Oct, a press release informs.

Project Director, SACS, Dr Uttam Pradhan, highlighted different aspects of HIV and AIDS and added that the Manhunt contestants could

play an important role in spreading awareness and help in removing the social stigma and discrimination attached with HIV and AIDS.

He informed there are over 430 cases reported in the state of Sikkim.

The contestants also underwent a voluntary testing session leading the way to encourage people to learn more about the virus.





# SummitTIMES

## Bees, neither Busy nor Buzzing

*At least the horticulturists should have noticed*

The Baramati sub-division under Pune district in Maharashtra is a rural belt of pomegranate and onion growers. Some of the farmers, those who became part of a pilot project - Madhu Sandesh - reported their first bumper crop in a while two years ago. In fact, not only had the volume of their produce grown substantially, the quality too was markedly better. The pilot project was launched in November 2015. For farms to report a substantial turnaround within a year should have gotten everyone interested. Unfortunately, it appears that no one elsewhere has been keeping track or taking notes.

Growers in Baramati reported harvests of around 12 tonnes from farms which used to otherwise yield between 7 to 8 tonnes. Sure, these could be cyclical variations, but traditional growers would know that. Hence, when they credit the improvement in volume and quality to honey bees, everyone should sit up and take note, especially horticulturists in Sikkim who continue to struggle with failing crops and poor quality.

Under the Madhu Sandesh project, farmers were trained to rear honeybees on their farms and use them extensively for pollinating their pomegranate and onion fields. So dramatic have the improvements been that more farmers are lining up to take the training and those who already have honeybee hives in their farms, are looking around to install more, even on rented patches!

There is nothing earth-shatteringly new in the Baramati experience given that colony collapse (of bees) and the resultant effect on fruit orchards across the world have been much discussed worries in these times of climate change and ecological distress. Unfortunately, not enough people are speaking of this phenomenon in Sikkim. But if one were to look around, the warning signs are aplenty.

Farmers from Dzongu have been complaining of falling produce in their orange orchards. Local orange produce could be in decline elsewhere as well. It has been several decades since the State lost its North Sikkim apples [although one hears off and on about attempts to revive apple orchards there]. Large cardamom plantations stand devastated across the State. Between an entire Board devoted to spices and a department charged to look after Horticulture, an explanation remains awaited which makes a durable solution even more distant. Although one hears often about mischievously named crop diseases afflicting the fruits and frequent reference to the advanced age of the [large cardamom] plantations, these only explain the symptoms which are manifesting in the fields and not the overall crop failure. There have even been reports of disease-resistant strains being developed and attempts to promote improved plantation management practices. What one does not hear being discussed as often is the health of pollinators in Sikkim's fields. Agriculture does not require pollination, but horticulture, every expert will agree, is not possible without pollinators. Fruit-bearing trees flower to attract pollinators, and the number of pollinating agents is directly proportional to the number and health of fruits borne. Bees are among the most prolific and important pollinators and the role of wild bees in pollinating large cardamom, as against the damage that honey bees can wreck, has been studied and documented. The same applies to oranges and apples, which are also serviced by a host of other insects.

Studies on declining produce in orchards elsewhere in the world have flagged shortage of pollinators as the main culprit. Bee populations are in unexplained decline across the world and even casual surveys will prove this to be the case here as well. It is perhaps important then that horticultural issues facing Sikkim should start at the basics by checking first on the presence and health of pollinators in the farms. Another good place to pick up some tips would be Baramati, and a study tour to that corner of Pune could be easy managed. The Bee experiment also ties in well with Sikkim's Organic Mission. In Baramati for instance, a substantial part of the training was on how to use pesticides and fertilizers without affecting the bees. That worry does not exist in Sikkim since chemical pesticides and fertilizers which are known to wipe out bee colonies are not used in farms here anymore. These are all ideas and suggestions and would be of some consequence if there was some follow-up.

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## The unimaginable costs of sexual assault

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What is the cost of sexual assault? The answer depends on whom you ask.

Social and behavioral scientists like me measure the consequences of sexual assault in terms of mental health, physical health and educational outcomes. We know that post-traumatic stress symptoms may last for years and even decades. Health is compromised indirectly, in ways unknown and unknowable to victims.

Economists measure the cost of health and mental health care and days of productivity lost.

Other costs, however, are intangible, harder to quantify. We might call them quality-of-life issues. What might these costs include?

### TWO DOORS

Dr. Christine Blasey Ford might put her desire to have two doors in the front of her house - and the couple's therapy bills that followed that panic-driven request - into the intangible category.

As for me, I have lived in a single-story house for 25 years. I have avoided leaving my home after dark so that I don't have to re-enter it. Errands I don't complete in daylight stray into the next day. I ask for restaurant seats against the wall, arrange my desk to face the door, and am always aware of the nearest exits. I have loved successive German shepherd dogs who gave me comfort while I slept and security to stroll my neighborhood.

Twenty-five years ago, I descended a staircase and encountered a man wielding a tire iron. He bludgeoned my head and tried to rape me.

I suffered multiple surgeries, endured years of therapy, and still startle more easily than a cat. But far from being damaged, I consider myself thriving, some might say flourishing - despite the costs I incur. I have fixed the problem of who lurks on the first floor by not having a second one. But the problem of entering my house after dark remains. I am wary of who may be there when I return, even with

multiple locks, an alarm system and those sweet German shepherds.

I do these things because I will never forget the depth of horror that invaded my mind, body and soul when I thought the man with the tire iron was going to kill me. I understand in ways I wish I could not why Ford's voice cracked when she gave voice to her realization that she could be suffocated.

Friends and family accommodate my quirks. I'm lucky I don't have to devise novel explanations for seemingly irrational behavior. Others bear an additional burden of creatively explaining away lasting fears.

### DESCRIBING AND MEASURING VIOLENCE

The heinous assault against me occurred in the midst of my doctoral studies on violence against women at the University of Virginia. Then, and many times later, I vowed to continue my research. If I changed focus, the man who tried to kill me would have silenced me. I persisted despite concerns I would be perceived as unobjective.

And yet, the nature of my research changed over time. I began to focus on the conceptualization and the measurement of aggression against women, a far more basic question than I had imagined for myself. Maybe this pivot to theoretical territory felt safer, less visceral. My goal was to name the various ways in which women were violated, to help the public understand myriad ways in which women lost autonomy due to violence and the threat of it.

I have written about the importance of language and naming in scholarly journals as well as in *The Conversation*. I wanted the problem to enter into the public discourse with less shame and stigma. In retrospect, maybe these goals were personally motivated.

In light of this work, it may seem surprising that the sustained and exponential growth of #metoo disclosures both on campus and off - and society's reaction - have shocked me. Often I am heartened by what I hear - particularly from the youth whose sexual values and ethics reflect substantial norms

change from my generation of Xers - but it has also taken a toll.

When Harvey Weinstein was arrested, I fell to the floor in tears. I cried most of the morning. You can bet it wasn't for Weinstein. It was for me. It was for other women. I was happy and grieving at the same time. The unimaginable was happening. Society was holding a man of great power and wealth accountable. His arrest was a chink in the stigma of sexual violation. I have lived to see happen what I never thought I would. Women who had much to lose by doing so were disclosing their experiences, and society was believing them.

But now, after Ford's testimony in front of the Senate judiciary committee, I myself am looking for a safe "second exit" - surprisingly, from research on sexual assault that has been my focus for so long. Has my work kept some healing at bay, or has it healed more than I know? Have I incurred costs I cannot name? Each new public or private disclosure is more wrenching for me than the previous. I turn the newspaper over, the radio off. I am nauseated, no longer in the abstract realm of theory, data and statistical inference.

I have worked for nearly 30 years on naming and identifying harms to women. I'm not sure what direction I will take next. If my work has, in some way, even indirectly, contributed to the social change we are now awash in, I feel an incredible sense of accomplishment. If just one woman is spared from blame for just being in her home, for inadequately locking a faulty glass door or for creatively saving her life, I have great return on my investment.

We will never be able to estimate the true cost of sexual assault. The ways in which women - even those who flourish - arrange their lives after an assault are impossible to imagine. Two front doors - who could have imagined? We can't measure what we can't imagine. But we can begin to name.

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## The World's Tallest Statue Celebrates Development at the Cost of the Environment

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the world's largest statue, the Statue of Unity in Gujarat, on 31 October 2018. At 182m tall (240m including the base), it is twice the height of the Statue of Liberty, and depicts India's first deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

The statue overlooks the Sardar Sarovar Dam on the Narmada River. Patel is often thought of as the inspiration for the dam, which came to international attention when the World Bank withdrew its support from the project in 1993 after a decade of environmental and humanitarian protests. It wasn't until 2013 that the World Bank funded another large dam project.

Like the dam, the statue has been condemned for its lack of environmental oversight, and its displacement of local Adivasi or indigenous people. The land on which the statue was built is an Adivasi sacred site that was taken forcibly from them.

The Statue of Unity is part of a broader push by Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to promote Patel as a symbol of Indian nationalism and free-market development. The statue's website praises him for bringing the princely states into the Union of India and for being an early advocate of Indian free enterprise.

The BJP's promotion of Patel also serves to overshadow the legacy of his boss, India's first prime minister, Jawa-



harlal Nehru. Nehru's descendants head India's most influential opposition party, the Indian National Congress.

The statue was supposed to be built with both private and public money, but it attracted little private investment. In the end, the government of Gujarat paid for much of the statue's US\$416.67 million price tag.

The Gujarat government claims its investment in the statue will promote tourism, and that tourism is "sustainable development". The United Nations says that sustainable tourism increases environmental outcomes and promotes local cultures. But given the statue's lack of environmental checks and its displacement of local populations, it is hard to see how this project fulfils these goals.

The structure itself is not exactly a model of sustainable design. Some

5,000 tonnes of iron, 75,000 cubic metres of concrete, 5,700 tonnes of steel, and 22,500 tonnes of bronze sheets were used in its construction.

Critics of the statue note that this emblem of Indian nationalism was designed by a Chinese architect, and the bronze sheeting was put in place by Chinese labour.

The statue's position next to the controversial Sardar Sarovar Dam is also telling. While chief minister of Gujarat from 2001 to 2014, Modi pushed for the dam's construction despite the World Bank's condemnation. He praised the dam's completion in 2017 as a monument to India's progress.

Both the completion of the dam and the statue that celebrates it suggest that the BJP government is backing economic development over human rights and environmental protections.

The statue's inauguration comes only a month after the country closed the first nature reserve in India since 1972. Modi's government has also come under sustained criticism for a series of pro-industry policies that have eroded conservation, forest, coastal and air pollution protections, and weakened minority land rights.

India was recently ranked 177 out of 180 countries in the world for its environmental protection efforts.

Despite this record, the United Nations' Environmental Programme (UNEP) recently awarded Modi its highest environmental award. It made him a Champion of the Earth for his work on solar energy development and plastic reduction.

The decision prompted a backlash in India, where many commentators are concerned by the BJP's environmental record.

Visitors to the statue will access it via a 5km boat ride. At the statue's base, they can buy souvenirs and fast food, before taking a high-speed elevator to the observation deck.

The observation deck will be situated in Patel's head. From it, tourists will look out over the Sardar Sarovar Dam, as the accompanying commentary praises "united" India's national development successes.

But let's not forget the environmental and minority protections that have been sacrificed to achieve these goals.

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# DRI seizes over Rs 6 crore worth gold; arrests 5 Bhutanese nationals

**NEW DELHI, NOV 1 (PTI):** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized 20 kgs of smuggled gold valued at Rs 6.4 crore, in two separate operations carried out here, according to an official statement issued Thursday.

In an operation conducted Wednesday, the DRI officers intercepted two passengers, who had arrived in the national capital by train

from West Bengal, and seized 10 kgs of foreign marked smuggled gold having a market value of Rs 3.13 crore from them, it said.

The gold had been smuggled into India from Bhutan and was being transported to Delhi, the statement issued by the DRI said.

In another operation conducted the same day, officers of DRI intercepted three passengers ar-

riving by train from West Bengal and seized 10.2 kgs of foreign marked smuggled gold having a market value of Rs 3.26 crores from them.

The modus operandi was similar in both the cases. "The gold was concealed in specially designed cloth belts worn by the passengers," it said.

In one instance, two gold bars weighing 1 kg each were concealed in

the shoes of one of the passengers, the probe agency said.

The seized gold had been smuggled into India via the land border with neighbouring countries and was being transported to Delhi for sale during the ongoing festive season, it said.

All five passengers are Bhutanese nationals and have been arrested, the DRI said.

There has been a

spurt in the number of seizures by DRI of gold being smuggled into India from China, Myanmar and Bhutan via the land border, it said.

Such smuggling of gold into India is expected to peak during the festive season due to increased domestic demand and high differential between the price of gold in India and the source countries, the DRI said.

## Water tanker hits Qatar Airways aircraft at Kolkata airport, none hurt



**KOLKATA, NOV 1 (PTI):** A water bowser hit a stationary Qatar Airways aircraft at Kolkata airport early Thursday when passengers were boarding the plane, but no one was injured, an official said.

The Boeing 787 Dreamliner was immediately grounded for assessing the damage caused by the impact, a spokesperson of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said.

At around 2.30 am,

when passengers were boarding the plane, the water cart hit the belly of the Doha-bound flight, near the landing gear, she said.

"All 101 passengers and 12 crew, including two pilots, of flight QR 540 have been provided accommodation at a nearby hotel. They will be taking the 3 am flight to Doha tomorrow (Friday)," the AAI official said.

She said the bowser was meant to refill the water tanks of the aircraft's washrooms.

Initial inspection suggests that the water cart had technical issues, the brake wasn't functioning properly, she said, adding that the damaged aircraft will be ready for operations after repair.

Meanwhile, a source in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) told PTI that an inquiry has been initiated into the incident.

"We will take corrective measures based on the inquiry report," he said.

## No plucking in several states from December 15: Tea Board

**KOLKATA, NOV 1 (PTI):** The Tea Board has asked gardens in many states in the east, north-east and north India -- except Assam -- to stop plucking from December 15.

The board's order in this direction will apply to all tea manufacturing units situated in the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, it said.

The last date for intimating to the Tea Board regarding closure of manufacturing is December 17, and that for completion of sorting, packing of CTC, orthodox tea and moving the packs to notified storage areas with invoice marking is December 27 (for CTC)

and December 31 for the orthodox variety, the order said.

The objective of the move is to reduce inferior quality of teas, a senior official of the board said.

Welcoming the decision, Rudra Chatterjee, Director of Luxmi Tea Co Pvt Ltd, said, "The crop quality generally starts deteriorating from November and gets worse by mid-December. To stop plucking and selling of the poor quality, the Tea Board has exercised its powers in this regard."

The Tea Board said any violation of the order would attract necessary action stipulated under the Tea (Marketing) Control Order, 2003.

## Congress MP advocates alliance with TMC in Bengal

**KOLKATA, NOV 1 (PTI):** Congress Lok Sabha MP Mausam Benazir Noor Thursday advocated alliance between Congress and Trinamool Congress in the next general election to stop the march of BJP in West Bengal.

West Bengal state Congress president Somen Mitra reacting to Noor's statement said the issue of alliance will be decided by the party high command.

"We (Congress) are trying to forge an alliance of all like minded opposition parties across the country to defeat BJP (in the next Lok Sabha election). In Bengal too I feel in order to stop the march of BJP, we should forge an alliance with TMC," Noor, niece of late Congress stalwart Gani Khan Chowdhury, said addressing a party

programme in West Bengal's Malda district.

"In our party everybody has the right to express their opinion. She has also expressed her opinion. The final decision on this issue will be taken by the AICC," Mitra later told PTI.

The TMC leadership too declined to comment on Noor's statement.

The BJP state leadership mocked the statement and said Congress is desperately looking for allies as it is "confident" that it will not be able to win a single seat on its own.

"Just like in other parts of the country where Congress is looking for allies, in Bengal too it is doing the same thing as it is confident that it won't be able to win a single seat on its own," BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said.

## East Bengal beat Shillong Lajong 3-1, go top of table

**SHILLONG, NOV 1 (PTI):** Kolkata giants East Bengal produced a second successful professional performance away from home, emerging 3-1 winners over Shillong Lajong in the I-League here Thursday.

In game eight of the 12th Hero I-League, EB rode on a first-half brace by Kerala striker Jobby Justin and a second-half strike from Bidyasagar Singh to thwart a spirited Shillong side, which got one back in the second half through left wing back Rakesh Pradhan.

Shillong's football remained attractive, dominating and flowing, but the inexperience of having nine under-22 players in their XI showed up eventually, after a fluent 2-0 win against Aizawl FC at home last week in their opening game.

EB go on top of the league standings with two crucial away wins to kick-start their campaign, after having beaten Neroca 2-0 in Game Week 1.

Alison Kharsyntiew, the Shillong coach, began with an unchanged starting XI while EB's Spanish coach Alejandro Menendez Garcia chose to begin with Brandon Vanlalremdika in midfield in place of Yomi Longwah, who had started in their opening encounter.

Shillong were on the ball from the word go as captain Samuel Lalmanpuia's super strike off a free-kick in the danger zone outside the box, ricocheted off the EB woodwork with goalkeeper Rakshit



Dagar soundly beaten.

Quite against the run of play though, it was EB who took an early lead. From Lalrindika Ralte's left-footed free-kick, Kerala frontman and Hero of the Match Jobby Justin leapt up to connect with a perfectly placed header, which beat Neithoville Chalieu in the Shillong goal.

The goal spurred the Shillong players and they put the EB side under sustained pressure with a wave of attacks. Samuel Lyngdoh's crisp strike from 25 yards out in the 23rd minute was blocked by Dagar and captain Lalmanpuia's punch after Kamalpreet had given the ball away inside the EB half, were notable in this period.

There was a spell when Shillong forced three corners in the space of 15 minutes but could not find the equaliser.

It was then in the 41st minute when Jobby helped EB double the lead from a counter attack. Mexican Enrique Esqueda who had a relatively quiet game, entered the box and his attempted cross hit a Lajong defender and looped up into the box.

Jobby rose first to head the ball down and it deflected off a Lajong defender towards Esqueda again who promptly lobbed back to Jobby who volleyed to

beat Neitho on the bounce and lodge the ball into the Lajong net.

After the break, Shillong carried on with their attacking forays. Lyngdoh created and missed the most for Shillong but he overall had a good game. In between EB missed a couple of chances through Brandon and Lalmanpuia Ralte.

In the 71st minute, Shillong got a goal back when the tireless left wing-back Rakesh Pradhan rose to connect a perfect header off a Nnamte corner. Shillong's joy was short-lived however as EB struck again a couple of minutes later through substitute Bidyasagar Singh.

## Book on Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay short stories in English

**NEW DELHI, NOV 1 (PTI):** Eight of the over 200 short stories from the rich oeuvre of legendary Bengali writer Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay's works have been translated into English and compiled in a book form.

Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay, many of whose works have been adapted into iconic films like "Pather Panchali", "Aparajito" and "Apur Sansar", also wrote 16 novels.

The tales in "Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay: Stories" have been translated by Rani Ray.

According to publisher Niyogi Books, the brilliance of Bibhutibhushan's stories lies in his preoccupation with a whole universe of human beings discovering



their destinies amid their complicated circumstances as well as for the feeling of intimacy he invokes among his readers, making even ordinary life seem extraordinary.

The stories included in the collection are "Ancestral Homestead" ("Patrik Bhita"), "The Call" ("Ahoban"), "The Colour of Mist" ("Kuashar Rang"), "The Phoolbaree of Benigi"

("Benigir Phoolbaree"), "Bangle from Tirol" ("Tiroler Bala"), "Nasu Mama and I" ("Nasumama ebong ami"), "Fakir", and "Travelling Salesman Krishnalal" ("Canvasser Krishnalal").

For Rani Ray, translating Bibhutibhushan was an awesome task.

"While I mourn the loss of lucidity and grace of the writer's original Bengali in my English rendering, I sincerely hope I have been able to do my best to preserve the tone and force of his writings," she says.

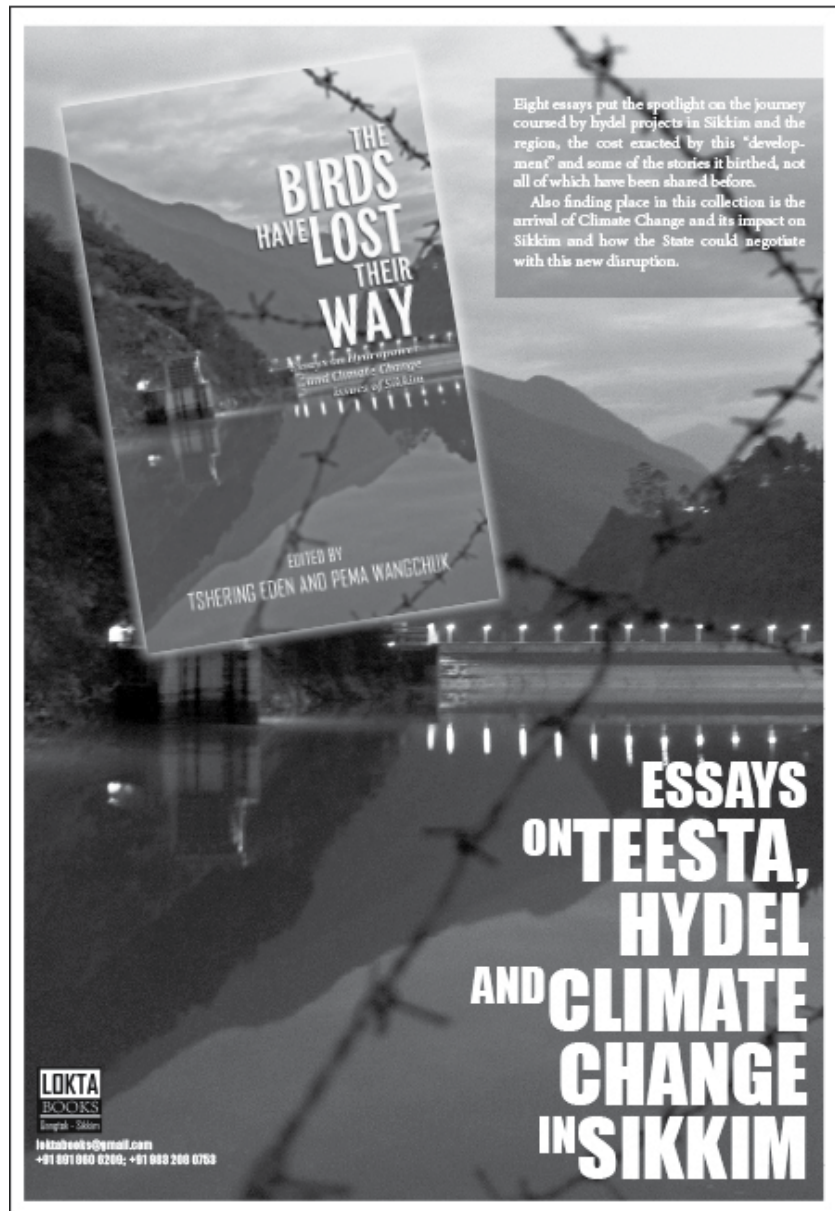
Bibhutibhushan's grandson Tathagata Banerjee, who has written the introduction to the book, says one thing common in his writings is his style of narration, the tone of his voice.

"Bibhutibhushan has

a unique style of speaking - homely and laid-back. Listening to his voice, one thinks of things like an informal gathering of friends, lazy afternoons, rainy spells, story-telling sessions and hookahs," he writes.

Banerjee says the stories in his volume are in no way representative of Bibhutibhushan (1894-1950) as no selection or anthology can be representative of him, because there is too little that is "typical" of him, and too much variety.

"However, there is a theme weaving in and out of most of these tales, discernible somewhere in plot and somewhere in character and lending them a semblance of unity, which, for lack of better expressions, can be called a theme of 'persistence', 'recalcitrance' or 'incorrigibility,'" he writes.





# ‘High need to achieve’ - Bolt joins Jordan in quest to switch sports

**SYDNEY, NOV 1 (AFP):** From Michael Jordan to Usain Bolt, a select few elite athletes have attempted the switch to another top-level sport in a trait psychologists see as a “high need to achieve” coupled with filling a gulf in their lives.

Sprint king Bolt is the latest example, with the eight-time Olympic champion on a mission to become a professional footballer, trying out with Australian team Central Coast Mariners after retiring from track and field.

It is a boyhood dream for the 32-year-old Jamaican, who remains the 100m world record holder. But his abilities have been questioned, with the fitness levels and skill-sets needed for soccer very different from being the fastest man on earth.

Martin Hagger, a world-renowned psychologist at Curtin University in Perth, said sports-hopping at the end of athletes’ careers was never easy.

“Athletes like Bolt have what psychologists call a high need to achieve, an innate drive that means they thrive on competition and the need to display to themselves (and others) high competence in a competitive arena,” he told AFP.

“This is also likely manifested in certain personality traits such as extroversion and conscientiousness.

“There is, of course, also the possibility of some level of narcissism, but that’s not necessarily an ingredient as many top athletes are not nec-



essarily self-involved egos.”

Retirement can be a tough moment for many professional sportsmen and women, with life as they know it changing completely.

The adoration from fans is gone, as is the adrenaline rush of victory. Many have struggled out of the limelight, notably Australian Olympic swim stars Ian Thorpe and Grant Hackett, who both battled their demons, including depression, after hanging up their goggles.

**‘I NEED TO COMPETE’**

Hagger said this was part of the reason some attempt comebacks, or try to crack a new sport. “The high need for achievement can also lead to a substantive gulf in the life of an athlete when they retire,” he said.

“For many, they find other means to channel their competitive needs, such as in management and coaching, or in other

areas.

“However, some feel that need can only be fulfilled in the sport arena and hence they either make high-profile comebacks (with varying degrees of success) or they seek to cross over to other sports.”

Examples include England cricketer Andrew Flintoff and former Manchester United footballer Rio Ferdinand, who both had a go at boxing. Eight-time Grand Slam-winner Ivan Lendl tried his hand at golf after retiring from tennis, playing a handful of professional tournaments.

“Golf gave me something that tennis couldn’t give me any more,” Lendl told The Guardian in 2008.

“I need to compete. I had been trained to compete all my life and I couldn’t just walk away from that. I would have bitten my dog.”

There have also been success stories, most of

them achieved mid-career. Gifted New Zealand star Sonny Williams seamlessly transitioned to the boxing ring, winning all his heavyweight fights while maintaining his elite rugby career. And multi-talented Ellyse Perry played for Australia at both the cricket and football World Cups.

**‘SMALL EXISTENTIAL CRISIS’**

Perhaps the most high-profile sport-swapper was Jordan, considered the greatest basketball player of all time. He famously signed for the Chicago White Sox baseball team after retiring in 1993, and was given a minor league contract. But his baseball career never took off and he returned to the hoops a year later.

The American claimed he had lost the desire to play basketball after his father’s death and wanted to do something different. Fleur van Rens, a sports psycholo-

gy lecturer and academic chair of the Elite Athlete Program at Murdoch University in Perth, said athletes changed sports for a multitude of reasons, including identity loss after retirement and even exercise dependence.

“Upon athletic retirement, the athletic identity disappears. Those athletes who have not developed another identity tend to find themselves in a small existential crisis -- they need to figure out who they are beyond their sport,” she told AFP.

“This makes the athletic retirement process detrimental to the well-being of some former athletes... and could cause them to consider a comeback or a pursuit in another sport.”

Lack of self-worth may also play a part, but it could simply be enjoyment of sport or to fulfil a long-held dream, as in the case of Bolt. Many top athletes excelled at other sports when they were young, but had to make a choice -- Rafael Nadal was a talented footballer before focusing on tennis, while Roger Federer was a decent skier.

Bolt was football-mad growing up, but track and field took priority. Where he goes from here is unknown. He has previously tried out at other clubs to no avail and is at an impasse after being offered a contract by the Mariners for far less than what he was seeking.

He is no longer training, and must decide whether he wants a football career -- and an extended life in sport -- badly enough to accept cut-price wages.

## Arunachal to host Indian National Rally Championships

**ITANAGAR, NOV 1 (PTI):** The third round of the Indian National Rally Championships -- the country’s premier motorsports event -- will be held here from Friday.

The November 2 to 4 event will be flagged off by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu.

Top motorsports competitors from across the country will participate in the rally that is being hosted by the Motorsports Club of Arunachal, which has been affiliated to the Federation of Motorsports Clubs Of India (FMSCI)-- the apex governing body of motor-

sports in the country.

“The event will also witness the launch of Arunachal Tourism Police, the first such force in Northeast India aimed exclusively at helping tourists and providing a safe environment for visitors to the state,” the organisers said in a press release.

The rally teams from major automotive companies such as Volkswagen, Mahindra and Yamaha will be participating in the race.

The Mahindra team of ace rallyist Gaurav Gill - the first Indian to win the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship-- and Am-

arjit Ghosh will be the top draws.

The rally will also feature three teams from Nagaland and one from Arunachal Pradesh. The special stages on November 3 and 4 will be held along National Highway 425 from Chimpu to Holongri near Itanagar.

The Motorsports Club of Arunachal (MSCA) earlier hosted the MRF FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship in 2017.

Apart from MRF and FMSCI, the Arunachal Pradesh Police and Arunachal Tourism are also co-organisers of the Rally.

## India at the UN supports lifting of US sanctions against Cuba



**YOSHITA SINGH UNITED NATIONS, NOV 1 (PTI):**

India reiterated its support for the lifting of all sanctions imposed five decades ago by the US against Cuba, saying the continued existence of the embargo undermines multilateralism and the credibility of the UN itself.

Diplomats representing more than 135 countries including India overwhelmingly called on the Trump administration to end its economic, commercial and financial embargo against the Caribbean island, saying the nearly six-decade-long blockade impedes Cuba’s right to development and its ability to participate fully in the global economy.

“People to people contact holds immense possibilities for fostering better understanding between nations. The international community needs to intensify its efforts to promote an environment free from sanctions and embargoes. India hopes that the embargo will be withdrawn at the earliest,” India’s Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Tanmaya Lal said Wednesday.

Lal was participating in the General Assembly session on ‘Necessity of ending the economic,

commercial and financial Blockade against Cuba’.

The representatives stressed that the US must heed the Assembly’s repeated calls to lift its restrictive policies. Delegates noted that from April 2017 to June this year, the impact of the US embargo on Cuba’s foreign trade amounts to more than USD 4 billion.

Lal said that every year, the General Assembly rejected the imposition of laws and regulations with extra-territorial impact and all other forms of coercive economic measures that hurt the progress and prosperity of the people the world over.

Last year, 191 member states voted in favour of the resolution, expressing their strong support to lifting of the embargo.

He said the General Assembly has also called upon all states to refrain from promulgating and applying and to repeal and invalidate laws and measures that have extra-territorial effects affecting the sovereignty of other states, in conformity with their obligations under the UN Charter and international law.

“There can be little doubt that the continued existence of this embargo, in contravention of the overwhelming world opinion as expressed by

this Assembly, undermines multilateralism and the credibility of the United Nations itself,” Lal said.

He said that India stands in solidarity with the General Assembly in its unambiguous rejection of domestic laws having extra-territorial impact.

“Such embargoes have the effect of impeding the full achievement of economic and social development by the population of the affected country, in particular children and women. They also hinder the full enjoyment of human rights, including the right to development, food, medical care and social services among other things,” he said.

Lal noted that the embargo, particularly through its extra-territorial effects, has adversely affected the Cuban people and the development efforts of the country and stressed that the continued embargo would severely impact Cuba’s ability to implement the comprehensive 2030 Agenda.

Speakers also voiced concern over the recent policy shifts in Washington that are undoing progress made in 2015 and 2016 to normalise bilateral ties with Cuba.

The current US administration is pursuing efforts to strengthen the blockade, they added.

## Environment ministers of Punjab, Haryana, UP, Raj skip meeting on air pollution in Delhi

**NEW DELHI, NOV 1 (PTI):** Environment ministers of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan skipped a crucial meeting called by Union minister Harsh Vardhan Thursday to discuss measures that could stop further deterioration of air quality in the National Capital Region.

Instead of the environment ministers, senior officials from the states joined the meeting.

Delhi Environment Minister Imran Hussain was the only state minister to attend the meeting. He later told reporters that the neighbouring states of Delhi should also show seriousness in curbing the

increasing air pollution in the national capital.

The air quality is expected to deteriorate further around Diwali due to local factors and regional causes such as stubble burning, mainly in Punjab and Haryana.

Delhi’s air quality was on the brink of turning severe Thursday. The overall air quality index was recorded at 393, only seven points shy of falling in the severe category.

The Uttar Pradesh government has asked its western districts, close to NCR, to suspend all construction activities between November 1 and 10 and shut for a week industries using coal

and biomass fuel to check a rise in air pollution.

Vardhan, the Union environment minister, said the issue of air pollution should not be “politicised” and everyone should give their full cooperation to protect the environment.

He flagged off 52 teams which would monitor violations that may result in rise in air pollution in Delhi.

On Wednesday, the Central Pollution Control Board directed state pollution control bodies of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi to start criminal prosecution against agencies or individuals who do not comply with directives to check air pollution.

## Dravid inducted into ICC Hall of Fame



**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOV 1 (PTI):** Former India captain Rahul Dravid was Thursday inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame at a brief function here ahead of the final ODI between India and the West Indies.

Dravid became only the fifth player from India to be named in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame.

Legendary opener Sunil Gavaskar presided over the formalities.

The ICC, on July 2, announced his induction into the Hall of Fame.

Dravid joins an elite list that includes Bishan Singh Bedi, Kapil Dev, Gavaskar and Anil Kumble.

Dravid, who played a solitary Twenty20 International, was also a brilliant slip fielder and finished his Test career in 2012 with 210 catches, which is a world record.

“It is a matter of great honour to be named by the ICC in the Cricket Hall of Fame. To find your name in a list of all-time greats across generations is something one only dreams of while setting out on a cricket career and the kind of recognition that would delight any player,” Dravid was quoted as saying in an ICC media release after the induction.

## Cricket Australia chairman quits after ball-tampering outcry

**SYDNEY, NOV 1 (AFP):** Cricket Australia chairman David Peever quit Thursday after coming under intense pressure over a ball-tampering scandal which has triggered an exodus of senior figures and long bans for three players.

The former Rio Tinto mining executive was only voted in for a new three-year term last week, days before an independent review following the cheating scandal slammed the governing body.

Calls have been mounting for Peever to go after it emerged that the CA-commissioned report was withheld from the country’s states that re-elected him.

He was also widely criticised after an interview with broadcaster ABC in which he referred to the ball-tampering affair, which caused an outcry among the Australian public, as a “hiccup”.

“Cricket Australia has today confirmed that Mr. David Peever has announced his resignation as chairman of the board of Cricket Australia, effective immediately,” the governing body said in a statement.

His deputy Earl Eddings was appointed as interim chairman.

The review by the Sydney-based Ethics Centre slammed CA’s



conduct leading up to the tampering incident in March, when players were caught using sandpaper to alter the ball at a Test match in Cape Town.

It found that an “arrogant” and “controlling” culture within the governing body contributed to players cheating in the pursuit of victory.

Peever had until now kept his job despite the exit of CA chief executive James Sutherland, coach Darren Lehmann and team performance boss Pat Howard.

Then-captain Steve Smith and his deputy David Warner were banned for 12 months, and batsman Cameron Bancroft for nine months for their roles in the incident.

“We look forward to continuing the important process of recovering and rebuilding for Cricket Australia and Australian cricket,” Eddings said.

“The board is keenly aware that we have a



# Protesters on the boil in Pak against acquittal of Christian woman in blasphemy case

**SAJJAD HUSSAIN**

**ISLAMABAD, Nov 1 (PTI):** Radical Islamists burnt tyres and blocked major roads as they held protests across Pakistan for the second day on Thursday against the acquittal of a Christian woman sentenced to death for committing blasphemy, defying Prime Minister Imran Khan's stern warning.

Asia Bibi, 47, was convicted in 2010 after being accused of insulting Islam in a row with her neighbours. She always maintained her innocence, but has spent most of the past eight years in solitary confinement.

The apex court's judgement, which was pronounced Wednesday, triggered protests across Pakistan with protestors led by Islamic political party Tehreek-i-Labaik Pakistan and other groups blocking major highways and roads in different parts of the country.

Prime Minister Khan and Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa held a meeting Wednesday night to discuss "the overall situation in the country and other important issues", according to Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry.

On Wednesday, following the protests, Section 144 was imposed till November 10 across Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan barring the gathering of more than four persons in public places as well as pillion



riding.

Traffic officials said major disturbance was witnessed on Thursday in Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad where dozens of protestors were enforcing the blockade of major roads and burning tyres. Traffic was also suspended on major motorways due to the presence of demonstrators.

The largest province of Punjab, which was facing major protests, decided to close down schools for a day and also cancelled supplementary Secondary School Certificate examination.

Private schools in Sindh and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces also remained shut. However, educational institutions were open in Islamabad.

Hospitals were on high alert due to fear of clashes as police and paramilitary forces tried to contain the disturbance. Long queues of

traffic were witnessed in Lahore, Islamabad and other cities due to blockade of several major roads. Mobile phone and internet services were also suspended in different parts of the country.

There was no official word on the plan to clear the protesters but security sources said all options were being considered.

"We are ready to take action and restore the writ of the state," a senior police official told PTI.

The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) advised passengers to report at least four hours prior to their flight departure as roads have been blocked in major cities across the country.

Protests were also being staged in Gujranwala, Mansehra, Faisalabad and other cities across the country.

Meanwhile, Bibi's husband Ashiq Masih has

reached Pakistan along with his family from the UK to shift her abroad, The News reported quoting sources.

Masih was provided complete security by the law enforcement agencies, it said.

Officials also said Bibi might be flown out of Pakistan due to threat to her life.

However, it was not clear where she will go as several countries, including Canada, have offered asylum to her.

The timing of her release was not been shared due to security reasons. She was kept in Sheikhupura jail near Lahore.

Bibi's case has been deeply divisive in Pakistan where there is strong support for the controversial blasphemy laws.

Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Saqib Nisar said blasphemy is not acceptable to anyone, but the judiciary cannot punish

someone if there is no proof against that person.

Talking tough, Prime Minister Khan Wednesday told hardliners not to "confront the State" and refrain from vandalism.

The opposition on Thursday criticised Khan's address to the nation.

Speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) leader Khurshid Shah accused Khan of "running away" from the parliament at a time when the country is threatened by unrest, and said his body language was "aggressive" when he addressed the nation.

"Prime Minister Imran Khan should have been [here in the Parliament] today. The roads are blocked, people have been restricted to their homes, there is [violence]. He should not be running away. The prime minister and the interior minister should have been present

here today, Shah said.

"Khan was aggressive in his speech, his body language suggested he was about to fight. Peace will not happen this way," the veteran PPP leader said.

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Saad Rafique, voicing similar views, said a ruler's attitude should not be so aggressive and the prime minister should have taken the House into confidence over the matter.

"The religion card that you used against [the previous government] in the past, is now being used against you," Rafique said while addressing the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government.

"You used to talk of lockdowns and blocking roads. Now it's being said that blocking the roads is not in the interests of the nation," the PML-N leader said.

## Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena lifts suspension of parliament

**COLOMBO, Nov 1 (PTI):**

Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena has lifted the suspension of parliament and summoned a meeting of the legislature on Monday to end the current political stalemate in the country over the sudden sacking of prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, officials said Thursday.

Sirisena replaced Wickremesinghe with former president Mahinda Rajapaksa in a dramatic turn of events last Friday.

Sirisena also suspended Parliament until November 16, which experts said was meant to buy time to engineer crossovers from Wickremesinghe's side to Rajapaksa in the 225 member parliament to reach the 113 majority mark.

He was under increasing political and diplomatic pressure to reconvene Parliament and resolve the crisis.

The president has agreed to call a parliamentary session on November 5, officials at Rajapaksa's office said.

Sirisena and parliament Speaker Karu Jayasuriya discussed the issue yesterday. Sirisena later indicated that he may call the session next week.

Jayasuriya's office, however, said that seat for the prime minister in the assembly would be reserved for Rajapaksa as the parliamentary officials are bound by the government gazette issued naming as the premier.

Sirisena swore in a new Cabinet under Rajapaksa on Monday despite a warning from the parliament speaker of possible violence if lawmakers were not summoned immediately to resolve the crisis.

Wickramasinghe, who has refused to accept his dismissal, argues



that he cannot legally be removed until he loses the support of parliament.

He has called for a floor test to prove his majority in parliament.

Rajapaksa has so far managed to rope in five lawmakers from Wickramasinghe's party to bolster his strength to 101. Despite the cross-overs, it was unclear if Rajapaksa has the 113 votes he requires to prove the majority. Prior to the crisis, Wickramasinghe's United National Party (UNP) had the backing of 106 parliamentarians, and Rajapaksa had 95 legislators of the United Peoples' Progressive Alliance (UPFA).

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) has 16 seats in the house and the People's Liberation Front (JVP) has five legislators.

On Tuesday, angry protests rocked Sri Lanka's capital as thousands of demonstrators gathered for a rally organised by deposed prime minister Wickremesinghe's party against what it said was a "coup" by President Sirisena.

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## One 'black box' recovered from crashed Indonesia jet: official

**JAKARTA, Nov 1 (AFP):**

One black box from a crashed Lion Air jet has been recovered, the head of Indonesia's National Transportation Safety Committee said Thursday, which could be critical to establishing why the brand new plane fell out of the sky.

"We found one of the black boxes," Soerjanto Tjahjono told AFP.

"We don't know yet whether it's the FDR (flight data recorder) or CVR (cockpit voice recorder)." The device record information about the speed, altitude and direction of the plane as well as flight crew conversations.

They could be a key piece of evidence in determining why the Boeing-737 MAX 8, which went into service just a few months ago, plunged into the Java Sea off Indonesia's northern coast on Monday, killing 189 people. Images from the crash site showed two divers swim to a support vessel and place an orange-coloured device into a plastic tub, which was then carried onto the boat.

Despite their name, black boxes are typically bright orange.

## Australian nun who angered Duterte to leave Philippines

**MANILA, Oct 31 (AFP):**

An Australian nun who battled a government bid to expel her from the Philippines after she angered President Rodrigo Duterte, said Wednesday she will leave rather than face certain arrest and deportation.

Sister Patricia Fox's abrupt announcement came because immigration authorities refused hours earlier to extend her tourist visa and ordered the 71-year-old out by Saturday.

Fox, who has spent nearly three decades advocating for the Philippines' poorest, has become a symbol of understated resistance during her seven-month administrative fight to stay.

But with her legal options all but exhausted, the soft-spoken nun decided to return to Australia rather than take the risk of being removed forcibly.

"I've been given an ultimatum that if I don't leave by 3 November, they will send people to chase me," she told AFP. "There is no point being arrested and deported and I don't have any choice." Her supporters condemned the denial and pledged to keep up their legal battle to allow her to return.

"We will not allow the government to forcibly expel Sr. Fox," the National Union of People's Lawyers said in a statement. "Our fight is not yet over."

She apparently angered the president by

joining a fact-finding mission in April to investigate alleged abuses against farmers, including killings and evictions by soldiers fighting guerrillas in the southern Philippines.

In Duterte's hometown of Davao, Fox went to see farmers detained on charges of possessing explosives, and attended a press conference by workers who were fired after demanding better wages and conditions.

Shortly after that she was arrested briefly on charges of violating her visa's terms against activism and the slow turning wheels of the Philippine bureaucracy began moving to strip her of her papers.

It coincided with a crackdown by Duterte against foreigners whom he accuses of meddling in his nation's affairs.

In April, Manila also expelled Italian Giacomo Filibeck, deputy secretary general of the Party of European Socialists, who had condemned Duterte's anti-drug war.

Four months later Australian rights activist Gill Boehringer, 84, was

barred entry for having attended a protest in 2015, allegedly in violation of immigration laws.

Duterte accused Fox of "disorderly conduct" and said: "Don't let her in because that nun has a shameless mouth".

She landed in the Philippines in 1990 as a member of the Sisters of Our Lady of Zion, a



# Bingeing on Netflix, Prime? You might be an addict, need help

TRISHA MUKHERJEE

**NEW DELHI, NOV 1 (PTI):** Long hours before the screen, bingeing on your favourite show as the night slips into dawn and another day beckons that this all too familiar scenario can spiral into a medically certifiable addiction is already in evidence, say doctors.

There is increasing anecdotal evidence of people getting hooked to multiple screens television, computer and phone -- with online video streaming platforms like Netflix, Hotstar and Amazon Prime offering entire seasons of television shows and thousands of films at the touch of a button.

Now, in what could be India's first such case, a 26-year-old in Bangalore is being treated for "Netflix addiction".

The young man, being treated at Bangalore's Na-

tional Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), reportedly turned to the online video streaming platform to keep himself occupied during a six-month period of unemployment before he realised he just couldn't stop.

"He used to watch (online series) for seven hours, and sometimes it would go up to 10 hours per day. It led to loss of control, withdrawal. When his parents asked him not to watch, he would get angry and irritated," Manoj Kumar Sharma, who is treating the man, told PTI.

Netflix, which came to India two years ago, said they did not have a comment on the incident.

According to Mumbai-based psychologist Harish Shetty, addicts of online television can be spotted by their behavioural and view-



ing patterns.

Much like drugs, addicts of online television feel the need to watch shows every day, gradually withdrawing from their environment. This often results in strained and dysfunctional relationships in both the personal and professional spheres.

"One begins to crave for it (shows), getting angry when he/she is unable to do

what he wants. There is very little communication with the people around," Shetty told PTI.

What initially starts as an entertaining activity soon turns into a habit, so much so that addicts begin prioritising television over relationships and work.

Kasturi Roy Bardhan agreed with Shetty's premise. Binge-watching shows,

said the 28-year-old, has helped her switch off when something sad or upsetting might be happening in her life. Like the NIMHANS patient, she has, in the past, focused her attention on online shows to shut out reality.

The longest she sat in front of the screen was when she finished an entire season of the British crime drama Broadchurch. A season comprises eight episodes, each 45 minutes long that's six straight hours of television watching.

But the UK-based research student said she is not an addict. She admitted to neglecting relationships and work in the past due the kind of time she spent on Netflix, but said she withdrew when she realised the damage it was doing.

A few months ago I was binge watching Downton

Abbey' instead of writing my dissertation which was due in a month's time. Now, I sit on Netflix once every two days, Bardhan said.

According to comparison website Finder India, Netflix's India library, which began with 826 titles, is among the most extensive in the world. It now has 4,706 titles -- 3,342 films and 1,364 TV shows.

Research firm Media Partners Asia noted in its July 2018 report that India's on-line video market, driven by competition among well-capitalized global and local platforms, was growing rapidly and the trend was expected to continue for the "next three years".

"India's 14 per cent annual growth in video content investment was a standout in 2017," the report stated.

With so many options available at the push of a but-

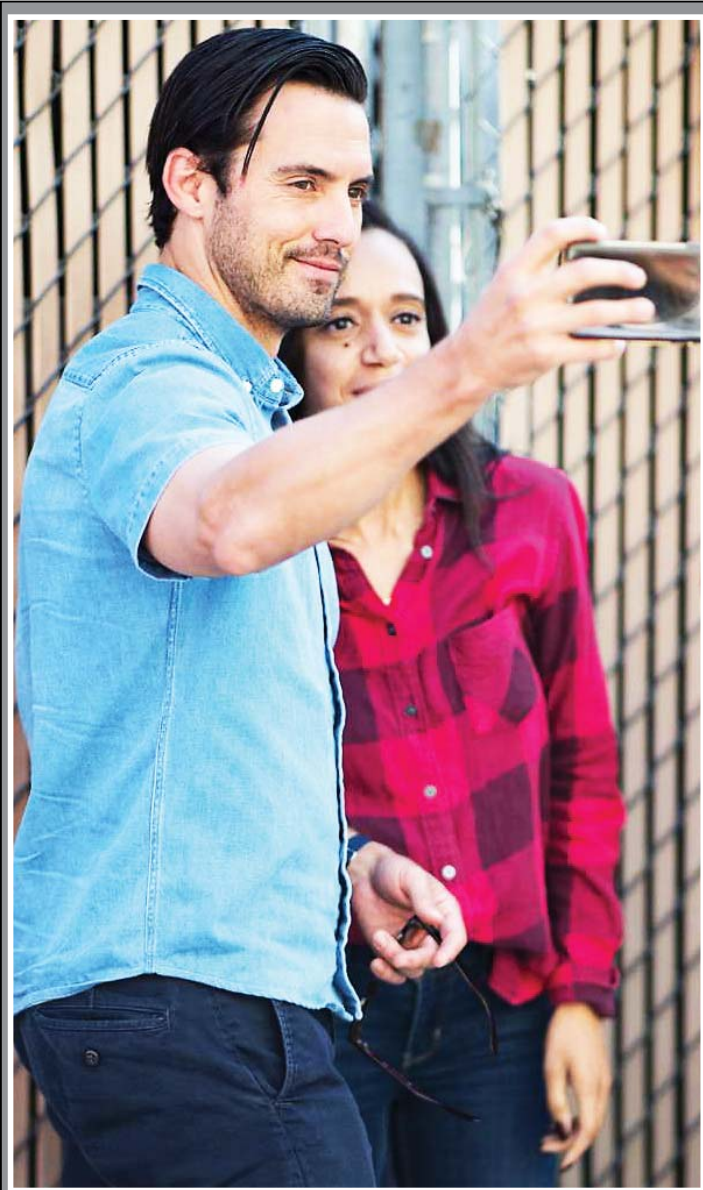
ton, Shetty said people often found themselves in front of their screens for long hours and get anchored to it sooner than they realise.

Addicts start watching shows through the night, and anchoring happens, he said, adding that the health impacts were dangerous.

Media agency Zenith, in its Online Video Forecasts 2018, predicted that consumers of online videos globally were expected to spend an average of 67 minutes a day watching online video this year, up from 56 minutes last year.

Depression, anxiety, high blood pressure and psychosomatic illnesses are some major consequences of binge watching.

The NIMHANS patient reported eye strain, and also complained of fatigue, Sharma said.



**LUCKY FAN!** The This Is Us actor, Milo Ventimiglia, stops for selfies on his way into Jimmy Kimmel Live! in L.A.

## Josh Whitehouse to star in 'Game of Thrones' prequel

**LOS ANGELES, NOV 1 (PTI):** Actor Josh Whitehouse has been cast in the prequel of HBO hit series "Game of Thrones".

Whitehouse, best known for BBC series "Poldark", joins Naomi Watts in the prequel's pilot episode, reported Variety.

However, the details of his character are not known yet.

The actor is currently working on the remake of 1983 romantic comedy "Valley Girl".

Watts, 50, who joined the series on Wednesday, will be playing a "charismatic socialite hiding a dark secret".

According to the network, the new show will be set thousands of years before the events of "Game of



Thrones".

It will chronicle the world's descent from the golden Age of Heroes into its darkest hour. From the horrifying secrets of Westeros's history to the true origin of the White Walkers, the

mysteries of the East to the Starks of legend, the official logline of the show read.

The as-yet untitled project hails from creator Jane Goldman and author George RR Martin.

The show's pilot is based on a story from Goldman and

Martin, with teleplay credited to Goldman.

The duo will also executive produce the show alongside James Farrell, Jim Danger Gray, Vince Gerardis and Daniel Zelman.

Martin and Goldman's "GOT" prequel is the first of several potential series set in the world of Westeros to move forward at HBO beyond the script phase.

In May 2017, a multitude of writers were announced by HBO to be working on what Martin described as the "successor shows".

The other writers working on the potential spin-offs are Max Borenstein, Brian Helgeland, Carly Wray, and Bryan Cogman.

## 'Female-oriented' films will be a thing till they become a norm: Richa Chadha

RADHIKA SHARMA

**BENGALURU, NOV 1 (PTI):** Richa Chadda despises the term "female-oriented" films but the actor says the phrase will continue to be relatively novel till such movies become a norm.

The 31-year-old actor says she started hearing the term when Sridevi's "English Vinglish" released in 2012 but adds actors like Nutan to Rani Mukerji have been the face of their films from a long time.

"I never buy this 'women-oriented' term. I don't like it. I have been hearing this term since 2012 that 'English Vinglish' is coming. I always turn around and say 'You never call the other things male-oriented'. But I guess it'll be a thing, till it becomes a norm.

"Be it Nutan, Nargis Sridevi or Rani (Mukerji), these women have done films which they have carried on their shoulders completely. There was an entire alternate cinema movement with Smita Patil, Shabana Azmi, Deepti Naval, Mita Vashisht and Neena Gupta... These are great actresses and they have done some excellent work," Chadha told PTI in an interview here.

The actor is currently in the city shooting for her next, "Shakeela", the eponymous biopic on the popular Malayalam adult star.

Directed by Indrajit Lankesh, the film narrates the rags-to-riches-to-rags story of Shakeela Khan, who ruled the South Indian cinema of the '90s. She has acted in several adult films in languages spanning Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada.

Year 2018 saw films like "Padmaavat" and "Raazi", fronted by women, emerge as some of the biggest money-spinners and Chadha says the audience has always been ready for a female star who would drive the crowd towards the theatres.



"I think it's the producers, distributors and exhibitors who have not been ready. It is an issue.

"Men control the business and they say the film is female-oriented and it won't work till its ti\*s and as\*. But you don't know, a good story connects somewhere," she adds.

"Shakeela" is already being compared to Vidya Balan's critically-acclaimed hit "Dirty Picture".

Inspired by southern star Silk Smitha's life, the 2011 film explored the journey of a woman who dreams to be a star, goes on to become a sex symbol and following repeated failures, commits suicide.

Many claim that "Shakeela", the film appears to have been cut from the same cloth but Chadha disagrees.

**ARIES:** Self-image could be a difficult issue for you. Perhaps you've painted a false picture of yourself lately. In an effort to cover your insecurity, you may not have expressed how you feel to some people. When you look in a mirror, you may find that the person you see is quite different than the person other people see. This conflict may put you in some uncomfortable situations.

**TAURUS:** You may feel like there's absolutely nowhere to turn. Reality is a scary thing to face. The last thing you want to do is be serious. But you're finding it difficult to get satisfaction from your fantasy world. Your dreams beckon to you, but you're afraid to give in to that temptation because you feel a strong sense of duty to other people and places.

**GEMINI:** You have a strong sense of self. You take charge of situations instead of letting them take charge of you. But this sense of independence and self-confidence may threaten other people. There are some who feel secure knowing that you rely on them. This is one of those days when you may feel a few growing pains as shifting personalities clash with comfortable behavior patterns.

**CANCER:** You may feel like a mediator between two camps, or you may be the one in a struggle that needs mediation. The big problem with the tension today is that one side could be headstrong and bound to the facts and the truth, while the other is bound to a broader perspective, not necessarily a realistic one. Facts could get twisted in all directions depending on who's

delivering them.

**LEO:** Be careful about taking everything as a personal offense. Others' inconsiderate actions may hurt you emotionally, but they don't have to. As long as you're able to maintain a healthy perspective on the situation, you'll see that many of the behaviors that upset you result from someone else's insecurities as opposed to their lack of affection for you.

**VIRGO:** Difficult tension may be frustrating for you to handle. You may wonder why everyone can't just get along. The answer may seem simple to you, with your easygoing attitude. Unfortunately, there are big egos and unrealistic attitudes involved that make it difficult for other people to see things so simply. You may find that the best you can do is take a step away from the fire.

**LIBRA:** Tension may arise among friends when someone suddenly feels like an ignored third wheel. People tend to pair up. Do what you can to stay on topics to which everyone can contribute equally. Staying united is key. Together you're extremely powerful allies, while divided you're each other's worst enemies.

**SCORPIO:** Your lively, imaginative spirit is in tune with the collective. The need for a worldly consciousness and evolving humanity has become more obvious to you as time goes by. These issues come up today, but don't be surprised if you get a reality check. Your dreams may be unrealistic. Someone could try to burst your bubble, so be careful. Don't lose sight of your goals.

**SAGITTARIUS:** Just when you

slow down, simplify, and plan, things start to pick up again. Your imagination starts to fly. Stabilization hinders your creative spirit. The last thing your artistic mind wants to do is slow down. Resolving this inner conflict may be hard, but it's possible. These two sides are on the same team, not opposing ones. If they work together, you can both achieve both goals.

**AQUARIUS:** Gadgets and new

devices that are supposed to make it easier to accomplish certain tasks may actually cause more confusion. You're often a big fan of doing things the old-fashioned way. Even though people may laugh at you, you tend to insist that the old way is the best way. Take your time to complete chores and tasks today.

**PISCES:** Be careful about going overboard with your sarcasm. Some people take your comments seriously. Not everyone understands your humor. This could make communication unclear at times. Deliver a straight story without exaggeration or embellishment thrown in to make things juicier. Don't just tell the truth - tell the whole truth. You'll feel better about the situation.