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Road to Mangan blocked again by landslide

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MANGAN, 29 MAY:

Landslide triggered by heavy rain has again blocked the North Sikkim high-

way at 4th mile today. Light vehicles plying to Mangan had to take a detour via Dzongu. Traffic is expected to be restored by Thursday morning. Some commut-

ers chose transshipment despite the risk while stranded tourist vehicles managed to cross the stretch after some restoration work was done.

Jacob Khaling appointed Political Secretary to CM

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 29 MAY:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha Spokesperson, Jacob Khaling, was appointed Political Secretary to the Chief Minister today. The notification

announcing his appointment also informs that the post will carry Minister of State rank. Also today, SKM's Bikash Basnet was appointed Confidential Assistant to the Chief Minister.

SPCC dismayed over SKM's over-eager support for BJP

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 29 MAY:

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee has expressed dismay over the present Chief Minister, PS Tamang's [Golay] announcement that his government was a part of the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), immediately after he called on the Governor of Sikkim, as per a press release.

"It is the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) party that has received the people's mandate and not the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and such hurried announcements immediately upon forming the government smacks of betrayal of the electorate's faith in them," the party has said.

SPCC extends its best wishes to the new government, and hopes they will work without compromising the provisions of Article 371F in any manner, and keeping the interests of Sikkim and the Sikkimese people in highest regard, the release adds.

Meanwhile, a review and analysis meeting of the party was held today at SPCC head office, 6th Mile, Tadong. The meeting was presided over by SPCC president,

Bharat Basnet, and was attended by SPCC office bearers, all candidates fielded by the party in the recently concluded elections, party workers and supporters.

The party expressed gratitude, appreciation and thanks to all its candidates, party workers and supporters for their active participation and hard work during the elections. The SPCC also thanked the Election Commission, all Returning Officers, law enforcing and security agencies, and all other supporting staff for conducting a peaceful, free and fair election.

President of SPCC, Mr Basnet has tendered his resignation from his post, on moral grounds, taking responsibility for the party's poor performance in the recently concluded assembly and Lok Sabha elections. A report has been forwarded to the All India Congress Committee regarding the current developments and the SPCC's proposal for re-structuring the party in the state. The present office bearers will continue with their respective responsibilities till further decisions are taken by the AICC, the release mentions.

Sikkim Chess team of 6-yr-olds leaves for National C'ship



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 29 MAY:

A four-member Sikkim Chess Association [SCA] team is leaving on Thursday to represent Sikkim in the 33rd Edition of National U-7 Open & Girls Chess Championship, 2019 to be held from 01-06 June at Kolkata in West Bengal. This is for the first time that a very young U-7 team from Sikkim is participating in the national championship.

The team members are six-year-old, Aaradhya Raj Adhikari, six-year-old, Pragyan Sharma, six-year-old, Atisha Chettri and six-year-old Manasvi Acharya. The

team is led by Leela Prasad Acharya as team coach-cum-manager. The team is also accompanied by parents of the state team members.

Speaking to media persons, SCA general secretary, Mahendra Dhakal mentioned that for the first time the association is sending a team with such young members. This is a good sign of the development of chess in Sikkim in all age groups, he said.

"This time, the team members will also be accompanied by their parents and this would be a motivation for players and the parents as well. This is a good sign for the further development of

chess," he said. Mr Dhakal stated that all team members performed well in the recent North East Chess Championship held in Sikkim. Aaradhya won a gold medal, Atisha won a silver medal and Pragyan and Manasvi won a bronze medal each in the north east championship.

He expressed hope for a better performance by the State team members in the national championship.

"This national championship would be a big exposure for these young players to test their performance among leading players of the country," he added.

Governor in Delhi for swearing-in of PM Modi

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 29 MAY:

Ganga Prasad called on Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh at his residence at Akbar Road, New Delhi this evening, a press release informs.

It was a courtesy call by the Governor wherein he extended his greetings and congratulated the Union Minister for historic mandate achieved by the Bharatiya Janata Party and National Democratic Alliance led by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in the recently concluded General Elections 2019.

The Governor is in Delhi on invitation from Rashtrapati Bhavan to attend the Swearing in Ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Council of Ministers for second consecutive time scheduled for Thursday evening at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

It may be mentioned



that Sikkim Krantikari Morcha president and Chief Minister, PS Tamang [Golay], Lok Sabha MP, Indra Hang Subba, Political Secretary to CM, Jacob Khaling and Confidential Assistant to CM, Bikash Basnet are also in Delhi for the swearing-in.

Swearing-in does not make Golay eligible: SDF

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 29 MAY:

Sikkim Democratic Front has today said that PS Tamang [Golay] being sworn in as the Chief Minister was no proof of his eligibility either for the post or even to contest elections. In this regard, the party has dismissed allegations that it had misled people on Mr Tamang's disqualification from contesting elections.

An SDF press release issued by its

general secretary [press & publicity], Kavita Subba, further states that even if the agencies tasked with holding up the constitution opted to ignore constitutional provisions on the matter, it does not mean that there are no higher agencies to address the issue. Law and truth will prevail sooner or later, the party states.

At the same time, SDF president, Pawan Chamling has congratulated Mr Tamang and his team, it is added.

Banks can use Aadhaar for KYC with customer's consent: RBI

MUMBAI, MAY 29 (PTI): Banks can use Aadhaar for KYC verification with the customer's consent, the Reserve Bank said Wednesday as it updated its list of documents eligible for identification of individuals.

The RBI specifies Know Your Customer (KYC) norms to be followed by banks and other entities regulated by it for various customer services, including opening of bank accounts.

"Banks have been allowed to carry out Aadhaar authentication/offline-verification of an individual who voluntarily uses his Aadhaar

number for identification purpose," the central bank said in its amended Master Direction on KYC.

In February, the Union Cabinet had approved promulgation of an ordinance to allow voluntary use of the 12-digit unique number as identity proof for opening bank account and procuring mobile phone connection.

The ordinance was necessitated as a bill, passed by the Lok Sabha on January 4 but pending in the Rajya Sabha, would have lapsed with the dissolution of the current Lok Sabha. The ordinance gave effect

to changes in the Aadhaar Act such as giving a child an option to exit from the biometric ID programme on attaining 18 years of age.

The RBI further said that 'Proof of possession of Aadhaar number' has been added to the list of Officially Valid Documents (OVD).

For customer identification of individuals, the RBI said those desirous of receiving any benefit or subsidy under direct benefit transfer (DBT), the bank should obtain the customer's Aadhaar and may carry out its e-KYC authentication.

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International Everest Day celebrated at Kupup

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GANGTOK, 29 MAY:

Rich tribute was paid to the first Everest, Tenzing Norgay Sherpa, on the occasion of International Everest Day which also marked the 105th birth anniversary of Tenzing Norgay Sherpa at Kupup in East Sikkim.

Tenzing Norgay Sherpa and Edmund Hillary had scaled Mount Everest on 29 May in 1953. Following the same, 29 May has been observed as the International Everest Day every year. The programme, which was organ-

ised by JN Road Sherpa Kiduk, was attended by Indian Army Commanding Officer, Col Anindya Ray, as chief guest accompanied by Everest Doma Sherpa as the guest of honour.

On the occasion, the organising committee felicitated Everest Doma Sherpa, Sikkim Herald Sherpa language editor, Tarbu Sherpa, Denzong Sherpa Association former president, Lha Tshering Sherpa and Traffic Police personnel, Pema Lhamu Sherpa.

The chief guest thanked the Sherpa

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ALL SMILES NOW! The actor, Tom Holland takes a selfie with some fans during the Spider-Man: Far From Home Pan-Asian Media Summit Bali event in Indonesia.

Kit Harington checks into wellness centre



LOS ANGELES, MAY 29 (PTI): It seems like the end of "Game of Thrones" has hit Kit Harington really hard as the actor has checked into a rehabilitation centre to receive treatment for stress, exhaustion and alcohol use.

According to PageSix, the 32-year-old checked into a luxury health retreat in Connecticut weeks before the finale aired on May 19. He played Jon Snow across eight seasons on the HBO's epic fantasy show.

Harington has been doing cognitive behavioral therapy, meditating, and practising other psychological exercises to better cope with stress related to the "Game of Thrones" ending.

Rose Leslie, the actor's wife and former co-star, is

"extremely supportive" of Harington. "The end of 'GoT' really hit Kit hard... He realized, 'This is it, this is the end'. It was something they had all worked so hard on for so many years. He had a moment of, what next?"

"He's in the clinic predominantly for stress and exhaustion and also alcohol. His wife Rose is being extremely supportive. Everyone close to him really wanted him to get some rest. Right now, he just needs peace and quiet," a source close to the actor told the outlet.

Harington's representative said that the actor has "decided to utilise this break in his schedule as an opportunity to spend some time at a wellness retreat to work on some personal issues".

The actor had previously admitted that he had to resort to therapy to deal with his character's death in the show, which he said was his "darkest time".

"It wasn't a very good time in my life. I felt I had to feel that I was the most fortunate person in the world, when actually, I felt very vulnerable. I had a shaky time in my life around there - like I think a lot of people do in their 20s," the actor told Variety recently.

"That was a time when I started therapy, and started talking to people. I had felt very unsafe, and I wasn't talking to anyone. I had to feel very grateful for what I have, but I felt incredibly concerned about whether I could even f***ing act," he added.

Don't hate anyone: Arjun to woman who accused him of disliking Sridevi



MUMBAI, MAY 29 (PTI): Arjun Kapoor, who recently made his relationship with Malaika Arora official, gave a befitting reply to a woman who accused him of showing hatred towards the late actor Sridevi, his father Boney Kapoor's second wife.

Arjun, 33, and Malaika, 45, initially kept their relationship under wraps, but are more open now. Malaika was married to actor-director-producer Arbaaz Khan but got divorced in 2017. The woman, who claimed to be a fan of actor Varun Dhawan, on Tuesday accused Arjun of "double standards", saying that he used to hate Sridevi but has no problem dating Malaika. "You hate your father's second wife because your father left your mother, and now you are dating a woman who is 11 years elder to you and has a teenage son. Why double standards @arjunk26 ????" the woman wrote on Twitter.

Sridevi, who died in February 2018, was Boney's second wife. The producer was previously married to Arjun's mother Mona Shourie Kapoor. Replying to the woman, Arjun said he used to maintain distance from the late actor and had he hated her, he would not have been present at her funeral.

"I don't hate anyone... We kept a dignified distance, if I did I wouldn't have been there for my dad, Janhvi & Khushi at a sensitive time... It's easy to type & judge, think a little. You're @Varun_dvn fan, so I feel I should tell you don't spread negativity with his face on your DP," he wrote.

The woman later deleted her posted and in another tweet, she apologised to the actor.

"I apologise if I have hurt anyone's sentiments. I meant to do no harm. Extremely sorry to all @arjunk26 Fans.... Please Forgive me. It was just my opinion. Have nothing against @arjunk26 Sir or #MalaikaArora Ma'am. . SORRY SIR @arjunk26," she wrote. Varun said he is "glad" the woman and added that Arjun has a very big heart. "I'm glad you apologised. It's okay, Arjun is not upset. Lets just all live our own lives. Arjun has a big heart like I always say. I don't want any of my fans to talk bad about any actors #keepiteasy" he posted.

Shashank Khaitan puts Varun's action film on backburner



MUMBAI, MAY 29 (PTI): Shashank Khaitan was gearing up to make an action adventure film with Varun Dhawan but the director has now put a hold on the project as he was not finding "anything new to say" with it.

Last year, Shashank revealed he was working on the film which would have terrorism as its backdrop. Dhawan, who worked with the filmmaker on "Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania" and "Badrinath Ki Dulhania", was set for the lead part. The director said he wrote a lot on it and felt he had cracked a great first half but then "somewhere along the second half I became very rehearsed."

"As a writer director, you can't live in isolation. Everyday there's so much material coming out on shows, films and TV on this (subject), that if I don't have anything new to say, I shouldn't say it.

"That's what happened with that film, at least as of now, that I'm not finding anything new to say. So I've kind of kept it on the backburner," Shashank told PTI.

The director, who last directed Dharma Productions' "Dhadak", said he did not want to tell a story "just because it'll be a cool action film". "There needs to be a story to tell.

But right now I'm not finding enough purpose in the story. You need this honesty because even before a filmmaker, I'm a consumer.

"I see movies, digital content all the time and when I'm seeing these shows being made and if I don't have a newer perspective then what's the point of telling a story."

Before the untitled film was announced, Shashank was set to make his ambitious warrior film "Rannbhoomi", featuring Varun.

The director says the film will take a lot of time due to the research and VFX.

"It's not a film that I can depend on others to do it. Every person who comes on board I need to learn from them and say this is what I want to do. It's something which unfortunately I can't give a timeline too.

"However excited we are about it and the script which we -- Varun, Karan (Johar) and me -- love a lot, we cannot commit to it immediately till we have more clarity on when are we going to execute it. Till we are not clear on budgets and VFX, we can't give a timeline."

The director, meanwhile, will be seen as a judge on the second season of Colors dance reality show "Dance Deewane", scheduled to air from June 15.

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THE DAY AHEAD

ARIES: Are you still hanging on to THAT one, Aries? Under today's moon-Neptune connection, you can finally surrender and free yourself a toxic tie. You don't have to justify wrongdoing, but through forgiveness, you release yourself from being controlled and limited by resentment. Have you developed self-protective armor in response to a past hurt?
TAURUS: Supportive friends surround you today, Taurus, so reach out if you're feeling overwhelmed. An act of kindness from your inner circle could touch your heart, reminding you that it's the people in your life, not the material stuff, that really matters. Make sure you put the same caring energy out there, too. When someone is struggling, your first instinct might be to dish out tough love.
GEMINI: Hello, influencer! Your creative ideas are welcome at the boardroom table today, so share those unconventional visions. The moon and imaginative Neptune meet in Pisces, your tenth house of career, aligning ambition and inspiration.

Your ability to "think different" could make you stand out from the crowd, tapping you as a thought leader among your cohorts.
CANCER: Ask, believe, receive. Today, the soulful moon unites with intuitive Neptune in Pisces and your broad-minded ninth house. This is the day to imagine what you want, because you can magnetize your dreams to you through creative visualization. The ninth house is all about expansion, so don't just aim for the "safe," low-hanging fruit. Go bigger, Cancer! Feeling out of touch with your power to manifest? Try writing up a gratitude list. When you recall all the things you're thankful for, you'll begin to attract more abundance.
LEO: You SAY that you want happiness, love and freedom, but do you actually believe that your desires are possible, Leo? Today's moon-Neptune conjunction in your mystical eighth house encourages you to examine your own limiting beliefs. Since you may need tangible proof to REALLY change

your mind, hunt for people who are living the life you want for yourself.
VIRGO: Relationships can be hard work, we know, we know. But they can also be a haven from stress and struggle so stop telling yourself that you don't need people. Today, the moon and compassionate Neptune align in Pisces and your partnership house. The tranquilizing effect can be beneficial to your bonds with the ones who matter most. Soften your stance with your partner, and be gentler in your interactions with close friends.
LIBRA: Pampering and self-care are hi-pri items on your agenda and today's stars give you a free pass to luxuriate as only a Libra can. With the moon and sensual Neptune aligned in Pisces and your sixth house of wellbeing, look for healthy ways to indulge. Dip into the steam room after your work-out or spend the evening getting soaked and scrubbed at a traditional Korean spa.
SCORPIO: Still musing over the weekend's romantic escapades? Don't rush to "back to business" mode. Today, the moon

and quixotic Neptune embrace in your fifth house of passion, adding a sensual spin to your agenda. An attraction could spark, or you could be feeling especially amorous. Nobody to side up to (yet)? Get glamorous for yourself, Scorpio.
SAGITTARIUS: Home is where your heart is today, as the moon conjoints with sensual Neptune in your domestic fourth house. If you must trek into the office, bring the cozy vibes with you. Keep an open-door policy so coworkers can plop down and share tales of their weekends. (That expense report can wait).
CAPRICORN: Straight to the point? Not today, Capricorn. The reflective moon and compassionate Neptune meet in Pisces, your communication house. Doling out tough love and stern reprimands will get you nowhere. Validating the other person's emotions and experience? That will help you feel connected. Sometimes, a person just needs to be heard before you rush them into problem-solving mode. Instead of being empathic, be empathetic. Catch yourself if you're being too hardcore, and dial back the intensity.

AQUARIUS: Sprinkle some practical magic into your Monday as the moon and psychic Neptune aligned in your pragmatic second house. Neuroscience is starting to show that our thoughts and intentions CAN shape our reality. Cultivating a mindset of abundance could attract legit prosperity for you, Aquarius. If you've gotten caught in scarcity thinking, shift your mindset. Clear your space of blocks: unpaid bills, parking tickets, a cluttered inbox of unanswered emails. Out with the old means making room for new opportunity to flow in.
PISCES: BWant effortlessness and ease as a way of life? Stop swimming upstream and go with the flow. The moon and your ruling planet Neptune align in Pisces, sharpening your intuition and giving you the astrological It Factor today. You're radiant and magnetic, so make that "big ask" now while your powers of persuasion are this irresistible. This is the day to forward one of your personal goals, and you won't have to struggle to do it. You could turn heads without even trying, too, as Neptune gives you extra dazzle.