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WASHINGTON, May 8 (IANS): Democrat frontrunner Hillary Clinton is planning to form a 'Republicans for Hillary' group in an attempt to win votes over Donald Trump.

David Petraeus, and former US defense secretary Robert Gates. Both are Republicans, but have touted Clinton saying she would make a great president.



Clinton told CNN. Hillary Clinton seems to be adopting a more centrist policy in general, to win more voters: in particular, Bill Clinton, still quite popular among the working class, as the one to be responsible for creating jobs in economic black spots.

29 to May 5. 47 percent of Trump's supporters said they would vote for him only to avoid Clinton becoming president, another 43 percent saying they support Trump, and only 6 percent admitting they like the Republican US presidential candidate.

Iraqi forces shut down Baghdad amid political crisis

BAGHDAD, May 8 (IANS): Apprehending possible clashes during fresh protests, Iraqi security forces on Sunday blocked major roads and bridges across Baghdad to prevent followers of prominent Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr from reaching the Green Zone there.

Turkey kills 55 IS members in Syria

ANKARA, May 8 (IANS): Turkish military killed 55 Islamic State (IS) members in Aleppo province of Syria, the armed forces said on Sunday.

5 missing in China landslide

BEIJING, May 8 (IANS): Thirty-five people were reported missing after a landslide hit China's Fujian province on Sunday.



The landslide occurred at about 5.00 a.m. in Taining county, where about 100,000 cubic metres of mud and rocks flowed downhill, burying the construction site of a hydropower station and its office building.

Strike against Jamat chief's death sentence hits Bangladesh



DHAKA, May 8 (IANS): A two-day nationwide shutdown called by the Jamaat-e-Islami began on Sunday in Bangladesh against a Supreme Court verdict upholding the death penalty for its chief for the 1971 war crimes.

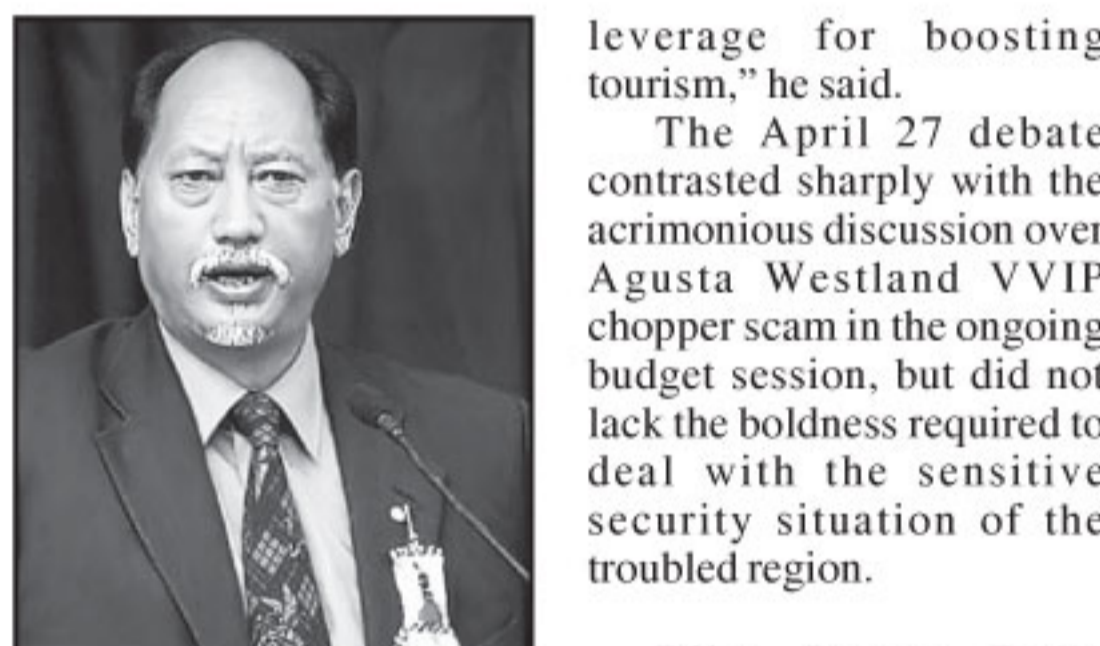
REGIONAL

Assam CM questions BJP's funding source in state polls

GUWAHATI, May 8 (IANS): Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Sunday questioned the source of BJP's poll funding in the recent assembly elections during which, he said, the party had 'spent money like water' while campaigning.

Great that legislators are concerned about North-east: Nagaland MP

NEW DELHI, May 8 (IANS): It's heart-warming for regional parties to be speaking in parliament on the problems faced by the 'long neglected' northeast, MP and former Nagaland chief minister Neiphiu Rio said on Sunday.



Biju Janata Dal's Sathpathy once claimed that Indian armed forces have killed over '50,000 civilians in the region'.

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Four poachers nabbed near Kaziranga Park

GUWAHATI, May 8 (IANS): Four poachers were on Sunday arrested near the Kaziranga National Park in Assam.

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'One Night Stand': Not hard hitting enough

Cast: Sunny Leone, Anuj Virwani, Nyra Banerjee, Khalid Siddiqui. Rating: 2.5

With its catchy, stereotypical characters, 'One Night Stand' is a bland take on the casual hook-ups-attached sexcapade between strangers. The tale navigates in emotional tangles after the two accidentally meet the second time.



Bhavanjiyer, the plot is said to be a perfect blend of superficial screenplay. The characters are shallow as they are lazily crafted. The dialogues, written by Niranjan Iyer are casual, run-of-the-mill and don't leave any impact.

Nyra Banerjee is a pleasant surprise. Naina Kamath and Narendra Iyer as Virvi's colleagues, along with Khalid Siddiqui as Sunny's husband Adraj Kapoor, and the rest of the supporting cast are all stock characters.

After a quick flirtatious chat, the two strangers end up having a hot kissing time, which includes moments spent in the bedroom, and soon they part ways.

Back in Pune, Virvi heads a busy life with her husband Sunny (Sunny Leone). A few days before his fifth wedding anniversary, while driving to his office, she happens to see a car walking down the street in Pune. Soon her mind gets diverted towards her - and she chances to meet another event for her life.

Adapted from the 1997-released English film of the same name, director Jasmin Moses D'Souza's maiden directorial venture is pleasingly charming. It rolls on directly into the subject and gradually negotiates a path of obsession, guilt, trip, role-plays and gender-bias to the awkward relationship.

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Taylor Swift highest earning musician of 2015

Singer Taylor Swift was the highest earning musician of 2015 despite Adele selling more records than her. The 26-year-old singer, aged 26, raked in \$73.5 million, thanks to her 1989 World Tour, which earned her \$61.7 million.

Billboard, which compiled the figures, said it showed how important touring has become to musicians instead of just selling music, reports mirror.co.uk.

Adele, 28, sold the most albums in 2015, yet she could only make it to the place with \$20.5 million. In this, \$16.3 million was from album sales and nothing from touring.

Despite Zayn Malik's exit in early 2015, band One Direction raked in \$19.6 million. They came fifth in the earnings chart, making \$24.2 million. They topped the chart last year.

Billboard used data from US sales and hours only to calculate its numbers. The actress, who will be seen portraying Mohammad Azharuddin's second wife Sangeeta Bhatia in the film 'Azhar', feels that with stardom comes responsibility.

With moderate production values, the film is visually sleek. Cinematographer Rakesh Singh manages to give us some good glossy shots that convey the milieu of the characters' lives effectively.

'One Night Stand' is a bit of a disappointment as the lyrics of the songs, 'Do Peg mara aur bhool jao' - 'Do just that.'



The Big Picture

White Hot: Selena Gomez rocked the night while performing the opening night of the Revival World Tour in Las Vegas.

BUSINESS

Bankruptcy Code positive reform for financial sector: Report

NEW DELHI, May 8 (IANS) India's Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code is quite a positive reform for the financial sector, especially for state-run banks heavily burdened with stressed assets, said a report.



whose benefits will be visible in coming years. It should make lenders more confident in lending and borrowers more accountable, it said.

expected to take time as the entire institutional structure needs to be established, it said. Following its passage in the Lok Sabha earlier this week, the bill will go to the Rajya Sabha.

SEBI plans training module for police on financial crimes

NEW DELHI, May 8: SEBI is working on a financial market training module for police and plans to enhance its engagement with law enforcement and investigative agencies to help them better understand the contours of financial crimes.



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complaints from the general public and other quarters that investors find it hard to explain to the police the finer details when they get to file complaints about certain financial market dealings, including fraudulent activities, senior regulatory official said.

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SEBI, entrusted with the mandate to supervise and regulate the entire gamut of capital markets in the country, has set up NISM (National Institute of Securities Management) to impart training in various aspects of securities market.

Further education and training programmes for specific target groups such as police officials have been proposed to be undertaken, the regulator said.

China's exports rise, imports drop in April



BEIJING, May 8 (IANS) China's exports rose 4.1 percent year-on-year in April while imports slipped 7.7 percent, customs data showed on Sunday.

The export growth in April was milder than the 8.7 percent increase in March, while imports fell at a faster pace compared with the 7.7 percent fall in the previous month.

What the planets have for you today

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) Love is very real to you. You're apt to take it very seriously, perhaps even too seriously, Aries. This is one of those emotions that eventually takes over your brain and leaves no room for rational thoughts on the topic.

Raghuram Rajan says RBI no paper tiger, compliance to norms a must

NEW DELHI, May 8: Asserting that tax hailing apps like Ola and Uber must comply with norms, Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan on Saturday said the central bank is not a 'paper tiger' and will enforce all regulations irrespective of whether they are 'good, bad or ugly'.



